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## School board won't try safe parking program for homeless students

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By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View Whisman School District board members rejected the idea of offering homeless students a safe parking program at one of the city's middle schools, citing the logistical challenges of supporting families living out of RVs and trailers.

The decision came after hours of deliberations during a study session Saturday morning, Sept. 21, less than three days before the Mountain View City Council approved an all-hours ban on oversized vehicles parked along most of the city's streets.

Though the ban could push homeless students out of the school district, trustees agreed that providing a haven for RVs at either Crittenden or Graham Middle School would be fraught with challenges. The district would have to abide by the city's strict regulations on safe parking programs, get buy-in from neighbors and convince homeless families to self-identify and participate in the program.

Board president Tamara Wilson said the school district's core

mission is making sure students get a solid education, and she felt the board was getting ahead of itself trying to take the lead on a safe parking program.

"We all agree it's the morally right thing to do — to house people and give them a stable place to land," Wilson said. "How we do that is exceedingly challenging."

The idea of a school-sponsored safe parking program was first floated in June by Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph, who suggested that RVs housing homeless families with children in the school district could be moved off of city streets and onto school parking lots. Of the close to 300 occupied vehicles in the city, 21 district students are living in 16 RVs and two more children are living in one car, according to data collected by the school district earlier this month.

A total of 142 students in the district are deemed homeless according to state guidelines, a majority of whom reside with more than one family in the same home. Most homeless students attend Castro Elementary and

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Meghan Fraley and fellow protesters chant "Stop the ban" as they march into City Hall for the Mountain View City Council meeting Tuesday. A narrowly divided council voted to ban RV parking on most city streets, affecting homeless people who live in the vehicles.

## Amid protests, Mountain View council passes RV parking ban

By Mark Noack

The Mountain View City Council passed a sweeping ban that would close off most city streets to oversized vehicles. The new ordinance was presented by city officials

as a traffic safety measure, but the action was widely perceived as an effort to push the hundreds of people living out of RVs and trailers into the city's industrial areas.

At its Tuesday, Sept. 24, meeting, the City Council threw its

support behind the parking ban, but delayed its start date to June 2020 in order to provide more time to study its impacts. The ordinance was approved in a 4-3 vote, with council

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## Council waives more rules to stoke North Bayshore housing

CITY EASES TRAFFIC CAP ON SOBRATO PROJECT AFTER RELENTING ON SCHOOL, PARK FEES

By Mark Noack

The city's trial balloon for housing in North Bayshore is experiencing another bout of turbulence.

A 635-unit housing project

on Pear Avenue is the first in a wave of new residential projects envisioned for North Bayshore, but the development has already faced a series of challenges meeting the city's requirements amid its financing and timing

constraints.

The situation was no different at the City Council's Sept. 10 meeting, when city staff and the developer, the Sobrato Organization, reported that the project could end up violating the city's

so-called trip cap, a strict congestion limit on the number of vehicles coming into the area.

Along with the hundreds of homes, Sobrato wants to also build a 231,000-square-foot office building that would draw

in many more commuters. The problem is all a matter of timing, city staff said. Sobrato officials wanted to immediately start on the office construction, but that

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The annual Great Glass Pumpkin Patch, held Sept. 28-29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, features thousands of colorful glass pumpkins on display. The event, presented by the Bay Area Glass Institute (BAGI), the Palo Alto Art Center, Community Services Department, Division of Arts and Sciences, city of Palo Alto, and the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation, is a fundraiser for the arts groups. In addition to the impressive display of glass pumpkins for sale, the Great Glass Pumpkin Patch will feature glass blowing demonstrations each day and a chance to meet some of the pumpkin artists as you peruse the patch.

Admission is free. Go to [greatglasspumpkinpatch.com](http://greatglasspumpkinpatch.com).

—Heather Zimmerman

## 'ADMISSIONS'

High-achieving students with Ivy League dreams. Helicopter parents with ostensibly liberal views in public but NIMBY tendencies in private. Though it's set in New Hampshire, the world of Joshua Harmon's "Admissions," presented for one more weekend by Los Altos Stage Company, is sure to resonate with local audiences.

In "Admissions," Sherri Rosen-Mason (Kristin Walter) is the white, liberal admissions director of Hillcrest, an elite New England prep school. For years, Sherri has dedicated herself to increasing the diversity of the school's student population. Her husband, Bill (Michael Champlin), is the head of the school and shares her commitment to progressive values. Sherri and Bill's son, Charlie (Quincy Shaindlin), is a senior at Hillcrest and one of its top students. When Charlie experiences disappointment that he blames on affirmative action run amok, he goes on an intense diatribe

about the unfairness of it all (his rant expanding into sexism as well as racism).

Fast forward a few months, after Charlie's done some soul searching and realized just how much Hillcrest (and the world in general) is a bastion of privilege for the white, rich, male and powerful, he makes a startling decision.

"Admissions" in the academic sense shifts into admissions of certain beliefs and attitudes. When it comes to their own precious son, Bill and Sherri prove somewhat hypocritical. It's entertaining, timely (given the schadenfreude experienced by many with the recent elite college admissions scandal) and a good reminder to check one's own privilege — even while mocking others. "Admissions" runs through Sept. 29 (Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m.) at the Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Tickets are \$20-38. Go to [losaltosstage.org](http://losaltosstage.org).

—Karla Kane

## FILOLI HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Filoli Estate (86 Canada Road, Woodside) is hosting its well-loved, family-friendly Harvest Festival in the meadow on Filoli's grounds. Visitors can take part in pumpkin-themed crafts and sample cider, fruit and beer. There will also be autumn festival crafts with Sound of Hope Radio Network and a chance to join the Peninsula Jewish Community Center in decorating a sukkah (a tent used to celebrate the harvest holiday of Sukkot). Learn about bees and beekeeping from the Beekeepers' Guild of San Mateo County. Other events include line dancing and a petting zoo. Admission is \$30 adults (\$20 Filoli members); \$13 youth 5-17 (\$10 members); \$5 children 3-4; and free admission for ages 2 and under. Tickets include the cost of Filoli admission. Go to [filoli.org/event/harvest-festival](http://filoli.org/event/harvest-festival).

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### ■ CRIME BRIEFS

#### EMBEZZLEMENT SENTENCE FOR EX-MOFFETT ARMY RESERVE EMPLOYEE

The U.S. Department of Justice sentenced a former Army Reserve employee working at Moffett Field to 18 months of prison Tuesday after he admitted to bilking the 63rd Regional Support Command of \$414,000 using fake invoices.

Ramon Torry, a 55-year-old Irvine resident, pleaded guilty to wire fraud and theft of government money between December 2015 and October 2017, according to a statement released by the department. As part of the sentence, Torry was ordered to forfeit \$303,000 and pay an equivalent amount in restitution.

As part of a scheme to steal money from the command, Torry created fake invoices for services supposedly carried out by an unnamed California production company, which was responsible for creating Public Service Announcements (PSA) touting the accomplishments of the reserve.

Torry also produced fake invoices for training and other services that were never performed, according to the statement.

Using wire payments and government purchase cards from other members of the command, Torry sent the \$414,000 in payments to the production company. From there, an unnamed accomplice described as "Person A" kicked back more than

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### ■ POLICE LOG

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#### GRAND THEFT

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500 block San Antonio Rd., 9/16  
800 block E. Dana St., 9/16  
100 block Mayfield Av., 9/16  
1000 block Space Park Way, 9/17

2500 block California St., 9/17  
100 block Ortega Av., 9/18  
800 block California St., 9/20

#### RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

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500 block San Antonio Rd., 9/20  
500 block S. Shoreline Blvd., 9/22

#### ROBBERY

300 block Easy St., 9/19

#### THREATENING AN OFFICER

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#### STOLEN VEHICLE

1300 block San Domar Dr., 9/22

#### VANDALISM

N. Shoreline Blvd. & Wright Av., 9/17  
400 block Moffett Blvd., 9/18

### ■ CORRECTION

In the review of Oak + Violet restaurant in last week's (Sept. 20) issue, several sentences on page 16 were omitted due to a production error. They should have read:

According to Mabalot, chef Simona Oliveri's menu features a mere five "large plates" to ensure consistent, masterful preparation. I savored the pan roasted king salmon (\$34), perfectly prepared to a medium pink. Juices from the filet combined with the accompanying seasonal vegetables — which included fava beans, bok choy and potato leek nage — to form a savory stew at the base of the bowl.

Though it's the sole non-meat main course on the menu, vegetarians have little need to venture beyond the superb toasted farro risotto (\$23). I relished the nutty-flavored, slightly chewy ancient grain which was layered with spinach, English peas, asparagus and Pecorino Romano.

Also, the name of the panko-fried duck egg dish was misspelled in the photo caption. It is called uovo perfetto.

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Scott Vanderlip, Tour De Coop organizer, feeds his chickens in his backyard in Los Altos Hills on Sept. 20.

## Outbreak of Newcastle disease sidelines this year's Tour De Coop

By Angela Swartz

Since 2012, locals have biked around Silicon Valley every fall to get a peek inside residents' backyard chicken coops.

But this year, organizers of the Silicon Valley Tour de Coop opted to cancel the annual daylong chicken coop tour, which was scheduled for Sept. 14, because of a disease spreading among chickens in California.

"Sadly, we are canceling the Silicon Valley Tour De Coop for 2019 due to safety concerns of the highly contagious chicken

virus call[ed] Newcastle," organizers told prospective attendees in an Aug. 1 email. "There is a 120-day restriction waiting period since the last recorded find of the virus, and the date when restrictions could be dropped does not come until October 2019, after the scheduled coop tour event."

Virulent Newcastle disease is spread by direct contact between birds through coughing, sneezing and droppings. Although the disease rarely affects people, they can spread the virus by moving infected birds,

equipment and bird feed, and by wearing clothing and shoes that have been in infected areas. It's especially easy to pick up the disease at bird feed stores, since people often don't change their clothes or shoes between stepping into their coops and walking in the store, said Dr. Rodrigo Gallardo, an associate poultry medicine professor who studies avian diseases at the University of California at Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. The disease can cause swelling around

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## Council seeks stricter gun control

By Mark Noack

Following a spate of mass shootings this year, Mountain View City Council members are interested in passing stricter gun-control measures at a local level, but they are worried the task could become overwhelming.

Throughout the U.S., mass shootings have become more frequent, deadly and devastating. The deadliest years on record for mass shootings were 2017 and 2018, and this year is showing

signs of following that trend. In Mountain View, local leaders were particularly alarmed by the shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival on July 28, which resulted in three people killed and 12 injured.

Prior to the Gilroy shooting, Mountain View council members were already interested in drafting gun-safety measures. Last year, the city banned the sale of semiautomatic rifles to anyone under the age of 21. But the incident underscored the need for more action. Earlier this month

the council unanimously agreed to have city staff quickly return with some ideas.

At the Sept. 17 meeting, the council took a high-level view of current regulations in state and federal gun laws. California is generally regarded as having the strongest gun regulations in the nation, leading some City Council members to suggest that going further with local action might not be the best use of the city's resources.

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## Supervisors replace \$500K Planned Parenthood lost to abortion gag rule

CALIFORNIA CLINICS POISED TO LOSE \$23 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER TRUMP ADMINISTRATION RULE

By Kevin Forestieri

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors agreed Tuesday to backfill funding Planned Parenthood lost due the Trump administration's gag rule preventing clinics receiving federal funds from making referrals for abortion services.

The federal restrictions, which went into effect this summer but have been challenged in court by 22 states, prohibit any clinics that receive money through the Title X grant program from referring pregnant women for abortion services. A panel of judges for the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard oral arguments on the case Monday.

Clinics have always been barred from spending Title X funding on abortions, but the new regulations break from a long-standing precedent by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that allowed doctors to counsel women and provide referrals for all medical options.

Rather than abide by the rules, Planned Parenthood and other organizations opted out of the \$286 million program, amounting to a \$23 million loss across 350 clinic sites in California. Santa Clara County, which has six Planned Parenthood clinics serving 36,274 patients, faces a \$482,000 annual shortfall.

Title X grant funds are used for a broad range of family planning and other services, including contraception, pregnancy testing, counseling, cancer screenings, infertility services and the testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

"We're talking about the most basic health services for women: birth control, pregnancy tests, mammograms, pap smears, cancer screenings," board member Cindy Chavez said at a Sept. 10 meeting.

She described the Trump

administration's actions on Title X funding as both irresponsible and cruel. "At a local level we're trying to step up for the women in our community," she said.

Restoring Planned Parenthood's funding has been a recurring topic for supervisors going back to March, who hoped that the new regulations would be abandoned, relaxed or blocked in court. With dwindling optimism that the Trump administration's rule change will be overturned, supervisors voted unanimously to approve the \$482,000 in funding at the Sept. 24 board meeting.

Though the county is specifically providing funding to Planned Parenthood to keep its programs afloat from September this year through June 2020, supervisors acknowledged that the agreement may need to become an ongoing, annual expenditure.

"This is a one-year resource and we are going to need to be thinking about how to address this over multiple years, potentially," Chavez said.

Planned Parenthood is the only health care provider in the county that can provide comprehensive medical services for family planning and tap into the full potential of Title X, said Lupe Rodriguez, director of public affairs at Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, which operates over 30 clinics in California and Northern Nevada, including in Mountain View and Redwood City. She said the clinics provide information about all services around family planning through the grant program, which would be lost without financial assistance from the county.

Although Planned Parenthood and other former Title X recipients could have tried to stick to the new rules and avoid any mention of abortion services, Rodriguez said doing

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**'We're talking about the most basic health services for women.'**

SUPERVISOR CINDY CHAVEZ

# Federal rule change could leave thousands of county residents hungry

SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COUNTY SUPERVISORS FORMALLY OPPOSE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION CHANGES

By Kevin Forestieri

Three million Americans could lose access to federal food assistance programs under new rules proposed by the Trump administration, including thousands of residents in Santa Clara County.

The changes, proposed in July and still receiving public comments, would impose restrictions on eligibility for those seeking benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps. It would also prevent cross-qualification for children to receive free and reduced-price meals at school, which is estimated to take 2,000 students off school meal benefits in Santa Clara County.

A growing number of local elected officials and nonprofit leaders have come out denouncing the proposed changes in recent weeks, arguing that they would create more bureaucratic red tape while throwing impediments in the way of people who can't afford food in the Bay Area.

"We're very concerned about

this rule change," said Tracy Weatherby, vice president of strategy and advocacy for Second Harvest of Silicon Valley. "This attempt to choke off some of these nutrition benefits is really difficult for us to see."

Though SNAP's benefits are technically cut off for families making above 130% of the federal poverty level, families making too much money can still qualify through what's called categorical eligibility. This allows states, including California, to screen clients who make up to twice as much the poverty level, and grant food benefits to families spending a large portion of their income on housing and child care expenses.

SNAP's framework also allows families to cross qualify for assistance, meaning those who receive benefits are automatically enrolled in free and reduced-price meal programs for their school-aged children.

Under the proposed changes, 130% of the federal poverty level — or \$32,640 annually for a family of four — will be a hard cutoff for SNAP, and families must file separately to qualify for school

meals. Estimates from Second Harvest and Santa Clara County show that a total of 7,000 people in the county would lose benefits, including 1,850 seniors and 2,850 children.

The changes would be particu-

## 'Kids can't learn when they're hungry.'

LAURA BLAKELY, MVWSD TRUSTEE

larly challenging for areas with a high cost of living, where families making up to 200% of the federal poverty level — about \$50,000 — still struggle to afford groceries, Weatherby said. And while her organization is speaking out about the rule changes and the potential harm to families benefiting from food assistance, she said it might not be compelling to the Trump administration; its stated goal is to remove 3 million people from SNAP.

"It's literally their goal to get people off of nutritional benefit programs," Weatherby said. "We don't understand how that helps

people get on their feet and thrive and be helpful members of the community.

"Even though we don't have a super high unemployment rate, it's hard for people to get by here. They may need to come to us that last week of the month so they can pay the rent," she said.

For families that remain eligible, the rule changes will mean "additional administrative burdens" on families who will need to apply for state and federal assistance programs separately. Someone who goes through the arduous process of applying for CalWorks can be cross-qualified for CalFresh, California's SNAP program. County officials say it will be more expensive and take longer to process more applications, delaying access to food.

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted to oppose the changes on Sept. 10. Last month, Mountain View Whisman School District's board of trustees took a similar stance in opposition, unanimously approving a resolution calling out the changes for "potentially denying meals to the poorest of our county's students."

"I don't think there should be impediments to a student's ability to receive a free or reduced (price) lunch if the family needs assistance," said trustee Laura Blakely shortly before the Aug. 22 vote. "Kids can't learn when they're hungry."

Along with cracking down on eligibility for food assistance, the Trump administration released a detailed proposal last month on how it would expand the definition of "public charge," which would make it more difficult for immigrant families reliant on any form of public assistance to gain permanent status or citizenship.

Though many forms of government assistance would remain available to families — particularly those with children who are U.S. citizens — advocates argue that the the move has had a chilling effect, scaring families away from subsidized food, health care and other programs.

At this point it's not clear whether the federal government wants to change public charge rules or just stir up anxiety, said

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## SAFE PARKING

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Graham and Crittenden middle schools.

Despite bringing up the idea in June, Rudolph was skeptical that the district could make it work. At the Saturday meeting, he pointed out that the school district would likely have to abide by the city's safe parking ordinance, which limits the hours of operation from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m., forcing occupants to move their vehicles during the day — something that he believes many families wouldn't be willing to do.

Even if the school district could negotiate a deal to keep RVs on-site for a full school year — which some trustees favored — it would trigger a whole host of requirements, including access to water and waste removal, Rudolph said. It's also unclear whether all 16 RVs could fit at Crittenden or Graham, as the city is seeking to impose 10-foot buffers between vehicles and 25-foot buffers from neighboring residential properties.

Perhaps one of the biggest hurdles is that many of the families don't own the RVs and are renting them from a third party for anywhere from \$500 to \$800 month, Rudolph said. Those families aren't in control of where the vehicle sits, which is where the idea of the safe parking program truly breaks down. He said the more he considered the idea, the more red flags came up and the less confident he was that the district could take the lead.

"My gut is telling me that yes, morally it is the right thing to do. But logistically and from a liability standpoint, it's not the place the district should be in," Rudolph said. "We should look at other avenues."

As homelessness continues to increase across the Bay Area, several cities and faith-based organizations have sought to create safe parking programs for those residing in cars, RVs and trailers. State lawmakers considered and ultimately tabled legislation this month that would have cleared the way for safe parking programs at community college campuses, but Rudolph said he was aware of only one



MAGALI GAUTHIER

**A Mountain View boy works on his science homework at a collapsible table in the family's RV on March 8.**

K-12 district in the region that had even considered the idea.

Mountain View Whisman board members generally agreed that they wouldn't want to pursue safe parking without knowing whether homeless families would even be willing to participate. A majority of the 142 students have yet to be re-identified by the district as homeless for the 2019-20 school year because the parents are hesitant to communicate with any government agency, said Priscila Bogdanic, the district's liaison for homeless students and foster youth.

If the families are hesitant to disclose that information confidentially, Rudolph said they may be reluctant to plant themselves on Graham Middle School's parking lot over the course of the school year. The parking lot would be in view of the athletic fields, and students could easily be identified as homeless by their peers.

In lieu of a safe parking program, trustees said they want the school district to play an advocacy role, assisting homeless families and linking them to other safe parking programs. Some trustees floated the idea of giving families with kids priority status for safe parking sites operated by the city or faith-based organizations.

Throughout the study session, board members also mulled whether to create a more formalized support system for homeless students. While the district often acts as the "first line of defense"

in helping homeless families with children, Wilson said it lacks an overarching strategic plan to help its most vulnerable students.

"I think this is especially important for this specific homeless population," she said.

Bogdanic said the district connects families who identify as homeless with donated sleeping bags, backpacks, clothes and information on resources like the Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos (CSA). Through contributions from school PTAs, the district also provides gift cards to families in need, the most useful of which are for Target and Safeway.

"It really goes from clothing to referrals to CSA," she said. "I've taken families to CSA directly and helped with the younger children while the mom is with a case manager."

Schools also provide help on a case-by-case basis depending on what homeless families need. On a recent Friday, for example, Bogdanic said one of the students had lost or broke his glasses and needed a replacement.

Looking to the future, the district may establish a homework center available for needy students after school, though finding volunteers can be challenging, Bogdanic said. On early Thursday release days in particular, she said it's tough to find people who can be available from noon until 5 p.m.

The oversized vehicle ban is set to take effect on June 30, 2020. ■

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of getting citizenship.

"Just the very mention of passing a policy like this just makes it so people who should be getting the service just end up refusing to enroll out of fear, which ends up hurting them," Nosich said.

CSA, which offers food pantry services, may have an even more important role to play if the U.S. Department of Agriculture moves forward with the rule changes. Unlike SNAP benefits, which are

based on the federal poverty level and are difficult to attain in the Bay Area, CSA and other nonprofits grant food access based on the area's median income, Nosich said.

"We know in Santa Clara County there are many households with food insecurity who already did not qualify for CalFresh," she said. "So putting more limitations on eligibility does not make any sense." ■

## FOOD STAMPS

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Nicole Fargo Nosich, associate director of Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos. But she said the consequences have already been felt: children who are citizens aren't getting benefits they are entitled to because their parents are afraid, either because they are undocumented or in the process

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## RV BAN

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members Chris Clark, Alison Hicks and Lucas Ramirez voting no.

As written, the rules would close off about two-thirds of the city's streets to oversized vehicles, estimated Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga. She insisted the rules are needed to ensure traffic safety, and said that homeless people will still have a place to go within the city limits.

"We don't want to wait on doing something until after an accident happens. We want to be preventative," Abe-Koga said. "If we have safe parking lots opening up and some streets still open, then I don't see this as displacing that many folks."

The new parking restrictions represent the most significant clampdown to date after nearly

four years in which Mountain View city officials have struggled to address a surging homeless population. Since 2015, the number of homeless individuals in Mountain View has more than doubled, and several neighborhoods in the city have turned into de facto car campgrounds with people sleeping in vehicles. Police officials say there are nearly 300 inhabited vehicles in the city, including more than 200 RVs at last count.

The city's new ordinance would curtail these encampments by restricting so-called oversized vehicles, defined as any auto or trailer more than 7 feet high, 7 feet wide or 22 feet long. City officials say they can create traffic hazards by obstructing street visibility when they park along the curbs.

In June, the City Council held off on approving a similar ordinance that would have banned oversized vehicles from 2 a.m. to

6 a.m. At the time, elected leaders wavered because they wanted to tailor a parking ban that would restrict parking in the city's residential neighborhoods.

The ordinance that came back on Tuesday night was far more sweeping, but its full impact was less clear. The rules drafted by city staff were modified to prohibit oversized-vehicle parking for all hours of the day along roads with bike lanes, or streets deemed too narrow because they are less than 40 feet in width. The bike-lane restrictions were approved unanimously by the council, but the narrow-street ban spiraled into a long debate.

According to the city's prepared maps, this change would result in banning RV parking on dozens of miles of streets across Mountain View. The city maps indicated all of the city's suburban neighborhoods, including Waverly Park, Cuesta Park and Old Mountain View, would be off-limits for large vehicle parking.

But city staffers warned that they still needed to survey each individual street to see which ones measure more than 40 feet wide. Mountain View public works officials say they designed the street maps using the city's GIS database, but they could not explain to the *Voice* how this data was used.

The city's maps also implied that any streets that weren't deemed narrow would be available for parking, but these roads could have other restrictions, such as two-hour limits or no-parking rules.

Ahead of the meeting, a coalition of civil rights attorneys warned they were ready to sue if the city went forward with the parking ban. In a letter sent to the council, groups including the ACLU and the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley argued the city's narrow streets rule was essentially the same thing as banning all parking citywide for large vehicles. They accused city officials of using traffic

safety as a pretext to drive away the homeless without having to admit it.

"This proposed ordinance would leave virtually no space in the entire city of Mountain View for oversized vehicles to park," said Law Foundation attorney Michael Trujillo. "We urge the City Council to heed the concerns of vehicle residents and move forward in a way that doesn't involve unconstitutional parking restrictions."

**'This issue isn't about safety. It's about not wanting the blight of people in motor homes.'**

LENNY SIEGEL

To their point, the attorneys noted the city did not provide any evidence that oversized vehicles are actually causing traffic hazards, especially along narrow streets. Traffic accidents have been on the rise throughout Mountain View, but police have not cited oversized vehicles as a contributing factor. Most accidents were the fault of distracted or speeding drivers, officers said.

The parking ban also prompted other warnings of consequences. Speaking in public comment, former Councilman Lenny Siegel pledged that the Housing Justice Coalition group would work to overturn any city parking ban that tacitly discriminates against the homeless. "This issue isn't about safety. It's about not wanting the blight of people in motor homes in Mountain View," Siegel said. "We're not going to allow that to happen."

Siegel asked the audience who would support a future ballot measure to repeal a parking ban. About 80 people, a majority of

the crowd in the council chambers, raised their hands.

Several council members advocated for a gradual phase-in of the parking rules, particularly to give more time for safe parking lots to come online. These safe parking sites would be designated lots where people living out of their vehicles could stay for the night.

For years now, Mountain View political leaders have held off on stepping up enforcement of inhabited vehicles under the idea that the city needed to first provide some viable alternative. This wasn't simply a matter of compassion — recent federal case law has underscored that cities can't make it illegal to sleep on public property without providing some alternative, such as a shelter.

In a separate agenda item, the City Council approved a set of new rules intended to facilitate the creation of more safe parking sites throughout the city. Currently, there is space for only eight vehicles, but city officials say by the end of the year they should be able to accommodate about 90 vehicles, including about 70 RVs. A portion of this parking would be available only during the winter months.

Hicks urged her colleagues to be patient for a little longer and to adopt a gradual approach.

"We may be on the verge of positive solutions and I'd like to get the timing right," Hicks said. "I would hate that with these positive steps forward, that we still miss the boat."

Hicks, Ramirez and Clark urged the council to wait until next June when the city would consider whether to renew a shelter emergency passed earlier this year. If the shelter emergency was resolved, then it made sense to begin parking enforcement, they said.

Going that route would mean "kicking the can" once again on an issue that the city has dithered on for years, Abe-Koga said. She insisted the council needed to tie the ban to a specific date.

"Let's motivate people to take action now," she said. "If there's no sense of urgency, then I don't know if there's going to be any buy-in."

The swing vote of the night was Councilwoman Ellen Kamei, who initially supported postponing the oversized vehicle ban to June 2020, and tying it to the shelter crisis. She switched her support after Councilman John McAlister made a substitute motion to make the shelter crisis irrelevant to the parking ban. ■

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## TOUR DE COOP

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a chicken's eyes, a fluid buildup in beak and nasal areas and sometimes sudden death, according to the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

The disease broke out in Southern California in May 2018, and the first case in Northern California stemming from that outbreak was reported in Alameda County last March, according to state and San Mateo County officials. As of Sept. 11, the U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed that 451 premises in California have been infected since the outbreak began. The disease was last detected in the state in early June.

The last outbreak in the U.S. occurred in Southern California in 2002, resulting in the death of 3.2 million birds and a response

cost exceeding \$160 million, according to the state Department of Food and Agriculture.

To limit the spread of disease, the department is asking backyard chicken owners to take extra precautions, such as disinfecting their bird supplies and asking visitors to disinfect their shoes before entering a coop.

The Tour De Coop, a free self-guided tour founded and organized by Los Altos Hills resident Scott Vanderlip, encouraged residents to bike to participating chicken coops in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties one day each fall to learn about urban farming and “gardens, bee hives, hoop houses, and (the) coolest Silicon Valley urban homesteads,” according to the event website. In previous years the tour included stops at properties in Portola Valley, Mountain View, Palo Alto,

Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

Vanderlip decided to cancel the tour with input from coop hosts, called “coopsters.” He hopes to host the event again next fall, but decided he would rather be “safe than sorry” this year, he said.

“To me, it’s a fabulous tour that brings together the backyard farming community,” said Vanderlip, who keeps eight chickens and a hive of bees in his backyard. “A lot of people have been hosting their coops on the tour for many years and love to share the benefits of backyard chickens.”

Vanderlip also runs Slow Food South Bay, an organization that promotes locally and sustainably produced food.

Anke Schumann has opened her South San Jose backyard, which includes chickens and bees, twice for the tour and was disappointed it was canceled this year.

“I loved past events and think it’s important to increase awareness for local farming on a small scale,” she said in an email. “Raising chickens are a great entry way to introduce the food chain back into people’s lives. Eggs and honey are just a byproduct of raising chickens and keeping bees. There’s great lessons for all ages in taking care of living beings, feeding and tending to them, and experiencing the joy of clucking and buzzing.”

About 11 coops participated in the first year of the tour, and it covered roughly 20 miles, according to the event website. By 2014, in its third year, organizers recruited 29 coop owners over 250 miles, and had nearly 1,500 registered attendees, according to the website. About 1,781 registered to visit coops last year.

The tour has always had safety

measures in place to prevent cross-contamination from flock to flock, but in past years, the current level of concern for bird health was not present, Vanderlip said. Coopsters would ask visitors to wear disposable protective shoe covers when visiting their coops, according to the event website. The shoe covers were disposed after each visit and weren’t reused at another coop.

Even without an outbreak of disease, Gallardo notes, it’s best for people to wear new shoe covers at each flock they visit. It’s also safest for the birds to have people observe the flocks from outside the coop, he said.

“If you’re going to have these kinds of events (coop tours) — something the community really enjoys — take precautionary measures,” Gallardo said. ▀

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so would be irresponsible for health care providers charged with giving patients holistic health care services and the best advice they can provide.

“We feel that not providing full information for our patients about all their options is bad medicine,” she said. “It’s

dangerous and we don’t want to be bound by that rule. More than that, we just don’t want to do it on principle.”

Speaking on behalf of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte at the Sept. 10 board meeting, Rodriguez said the funding would bring continuity of services that simply aren’t available anywhere else.

“It would be a great loss to the

county to lose us as a Title X provider, and we’re thankful to you for looking into the issue and the dearth of care if we weren’t able to provide it,” she said.

Planned Parenthood’s six county clinics includes one on San Antonio Road in Mountain View, which is the only location operated by the organization between Redwood City and San Jose. In addition to

family planning services, the clinic provides primary care to thousands of patients each year, many of whom are low-income families.

The Mountain View clinic is being forced to move following plans by the developer Greystar to raze the single-story commercial buildings and construct a 632-unit apartment complex at the corner of San Antonio Road

and California Street. The plan was to relocate down the street to 2500 California St. this month, but the date was pushed back as the organization waits for permits from the city of Mountain View to operate an elevator in the building. The clinic is now set to open in late October. ▀

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## GUN CONTROL

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Gun control is important, said Councilman John McAlister, but he expressed doubt that the city could take meaningful action, at least not without burning through considerable staff time.

“I don’t think anything that we can pass here will ever prevent anybody if their mind is set on doing something,” he said. “Yes, it’s important but there’s a lot of laws. I want to get a big bang for the buck.”

To his point, city staff said that prioritizing gun-control regulation could mean that other city goals would need to be postponed or canceled. It all depends on what the council wants to achieve, said City Manager Dan Rich.

As the council’s main proponent of gun restrictions, Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga urged her colleagues to keep considering some kind of

measure. Some state gun laws are being challenged in court, and she suggested that local restrictions could provide a backstop if those regulations are found to be unconstitutional. At best, she said that the city could enforce stricter rules on the nearby gun retailers, prohibiting them from operating in certain areas of town.

“I think it’s safe to say that our community is in favor of gun-safety measures,” Abe-Koga said. “Our young people are asking for this.”

City Council members were cautious but open to hearing some ideas. Several council members urged city staff not to reinvent the wheel, and to instead borrow ideas from gun safety organizations.

City staffers say they will try to return with a report on options sometime in early 2020. ▀

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**NORTH BAYSHORE**

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would be in violation of the city's strict limits on building in North Bayshore. Technically, city staffers are supposed to bring all commercial development to a halt as long as the trip cap limits are being exceeded. Like other developers, Sobrato officials say the offices are necessary to fund the housing development.

So the question came to the council: Should Sobrato get an exception to start building the offices early? Public Works Director Mike Fuller suggested it made sense to grant a one-time waiver. He estimated the Shoreline Boulevard trip cap would only be about 50 vehicles over its limit.

In particular, he pointed out that a series of traffic improvements are scheduled to get finished just after the offices would be ready for occupancy in late 2021.

"Staff did some analysis, and we found that the transportation improvements and the office occupancy are closely aligned," Fuller said. "When these alignments are complete, the (traffic in excess) disappears completely."

Among those improvements, the city is building a dedicated lane for shuttles and buses along Shoreline Boulevard. Meanwhile, connections to Shoreline Boulevard from Plymouth Street and Highway 101 are both being realigned to allow traffic to move through much more quickly. All of these improvements won't be done until early 2022.

While Sobrato's trip cap issue was relatively minor, it rankled City Council members because it was the latest in a series of special concessions needed to make the project pencil out. Back in March, the city agreed

to allow Sobrato to build a 1-acre private park in lieu of about \$8 million in required fees. Similarly, about \$24 million in school fees were cut in half in order to ensure Sobrato's project would go forward.

As those special exemptions were granted to Sobrato, city officials emphasized that these were one-time waivers and that they would be sticklers on the rules for any future projects. That message was intended for an audience of one: Google. The tech company is also planning thousands of homes in North Bayshore, but looming in the background have been questions over the city's fees.

Earlier this year, Google officials scaled back plans for housing in North Bayshore to 5,700 units, explaining that the city's various fees and requirements were making it too cost-prohibitive to build.

In contrast to past meetings, City Council members on Sept. 10 described Sobrato's project as essentially setting a precedent that Google was sure to follow.

"If we grant this waiver, I'll guarantee you that we'll have other waiver requests. Whatever we do tonight will set the standard," said Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga. "That's why I want to figure out what is the value of this waiver."

Abe-Koga strongly opposed the staff suggestion of giving Sobrato a pass on the trip cap rules. Instead, she proposed forcing Sobrato to wait on its office construction until the roadway improvements are finished, and either penalizing the company to the tune of \$3 million to \$6 million if traffic patterns don't get better, or forcing it to pay for a congestion study.

Other council members were less enthusiastic to freeze

development. Councilman Chris Clark pointed out that some of Sobrato's new housing is slated to be finished well in advance of the offices. That housing should reduce traffic congestion by allowing workers to live within walking distance of their jobs, he said. Plus, he noted the various transportation upgrades needed to solve the traffic snarls are being funded by new developments.

"I was on the council that really wanted these transportation improvements; they're not going to happen unless we approve developments," he said.

Trying to craft a compromise, Clark made a motion to restrict Sobrato from occupying its offices until the company is nearly finished with the housing. Alternatively, the company would wait until August 2022, when the Highway 101 off-ramp is finished. Sobrato could still move into the offices sooner, but it would have to pay \$1 million to address transportation congestion, Clark said.

It was a motion that Clark acknowledged was complicated because it tried to account for different scenarios for how the construction schedules could play out.

Pointing to that uncertainty, Councilman John McAlister said the city shouldn't be penalizing Sobrato for things outside of its control.

"To penalize them for things that occur two years down the road that they don't have certainty on, I find that unfair," he said.

In a 6-1 vote with McAlister dissenting, the council agreed to allow Sobrato to begin office construction with some conditions on when it could lease out the space. ■

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Montserrat Mendez was one of about 50 Los Altos High School students who walked out of class on Friday, Sept. 20, as part of worldwide Climate Strike demonstrations calling for more urgent action on climate change. Students carrying homemade signs marched to downtown Mountain View, where they met up with eight Mountain View High students and community members in Civic Center Plaza for speeches on climate activism.



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# St. Francis seeks to rebuild aging campus

UPDATE IN WORKS FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL'S 60-YEAR-OLD FACILITIES

By Kevin Forestieri

St. Francis High School is planning a major update to its Mountain View campus in the coming years, remodeling and replacing buildings dating back to the founding of the school 65 years ago.

Still in the early planning stages, the private Catholic high school is seeking to construct two new buildings — a science- and technology-focused classroom wing and a dining commons — totaling 94,000 square feet, according to a city staff report released last month. The report also suggests St. Francis is requesting to increase the number of students through an updated permit, but school officials say there are no plans to increase enrollment in

the coming years.

The private high school, founded in 1954, has been gradually replacing its original brick-and-concrete facilities over the last two decades, putting a state-of-the-art library and athletic facilities right next door to relics of the past. The buildings slated for replacement in the upcoming round of construction date back to the 1950s and '60s, built by the Brothers of Holy Cross with the original art decorations still intact, said Tim Houlihan, the school's planning and facilities director.

While the goal is to preserve the art and emulate some of that old architectural style, Houlihan said the buildings are well past their prime and not meant to handle today's enrollment, now at 1,762 students. The dining facility, for

example, was meant to serve only about 400 students.

"We're trying to bring these buildings up to speed," Houlihan said. "When the school was first built, I don't know if they intended to grow to this size."

The new classroom wing, referred to as the "Center for Innovation" building, will include biology and chemistry labs, engineering classroom space and thousands of square feet devoted to robotics. The front office along Miramonte Avenue will be replaced with a dining commons and administrative building for department work space and a faculty lounge. All told, the construction will bring a net increase of 52,000 square feet, according to the city staff report.

Despite the added space and



COURTESY OF ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

St. Francis High School in Mountain View is in the midst of replacing its original brick-and-concrete facilities that date to the 1950s and '60s to help accommodate its current student body.

city documents stating the school is requesting to increase the number of students it serves, St. Francis High School president Jason Curtis told the *Voice* that enrollment has been flat for four years and there are no plans to admit additional students after the new buildings are constructed. Plans

to replace the school's oldest infrastructure started seven years ago, he said, and were meant to support existing students with an ever-growing list of school activities, groups and clubs.

"The intention of the building is not to increase enrollment, it's to serve our existing needs," he said.

Curtis, who became St. Francis' new president in July, said it's clear that the school community may be reluctant to part with the old single-story architecture that was previously surrounded by orchards on the roughly 30-acre school site. Sitting inside his office on campus — located in a ranch house estimated to date back to the 1930s — he said it's rare to encounter something in Silicon Valley that's been around for 60 years.

As the building designs are refined, Curtis said his goal is to strike a careful balance between the school's history and aspirations.

"Our design needs to have both," he said.

Unlike public schools, which rely on bonds to pay for new school construction, St. Francis will have to embark on a rigorous campaign for donations from current families, alumni and community members willing to pitch in. Part of the costs will be offset by the district's venture fund, which has helped finance school programs since 1990 by investing in private companies. The school made national headlines when the fund's early \$15,000 investment in Snapchat became a major windfall when the company went public in 2017. Though the school was hesitant to reveal how much it made on the investment, it reportedly sold shares worth roughly \$24 million at the time.

Nearly residents have been informed of the upcoming construction plans, and there will be community meetings as the building plans are developed, Curtis said. No formal donation page has been set up yet, and anyone interested in supporting the campaign is advised to watch for updates on the school's website, sfhs.com. ■

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### Proposed Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure NASA Ames Area of Investigation 4- Moffett Field, Mountain View, California

Public Comment Period: September 27 – November 14, 2019

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is overseeing ongoing operation and maintenance (O&M) at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Ames Research Center, Area of Investigation (AOI) 4 (Site), located at Moffett Field, Mountain View, California 94035. A Draft Underground Storage Tank Low-Threat Closure Evaluation has been prepared describing investigations and groundwater monitoring conducted at the Site. The Low-Threat Closure Evaluation describes how the Site meets criteria for case closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank (UST) Case Closure Policy. DTSC invites you to review and comment on the Low-Threat Closure Evaluation.

**HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?** During the public comment period, from September 27 – November 14, 2019, we encourage you to review the Proposed Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure and provide comments. Please send comments to Sagar Bhatt DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710, Sagar.Bhatt@dtsc.ca.gov

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# Tempers flare as Stanford's growth plan hits critical phase

COUNTY SUPERVISORS SKEPTICAL; MOUNTAIN VIEW OFFICIALS LAUD PLAN FOR ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

By Gennady Sheyner

With Stanford University's bid to dramatically expand its campus entering a critical phase, the university doubled down Tuesday on its demand for a development agreement with Santa Clara County and suggested that it would not accept the county's approval of its growth plan without such a deal.

Stanford made the bold announcement during Tuesday's meeting of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, which is scheduled to review Stanford's proposed general use permit over a series of three hearings between October and early November. The Tuesday workshop on the permit gave the supervisors and the community a chance to gather some background about Stanford's growth proposal before the formal public hearing begins on Oct. 8.

If approved, the permit would allow Stanford to construct 2.25 million new square feet of academic development along with 2,600 student beds, 550 housing

units for staff and faculty and 40,000 square feet for child care centers and trip-reducing facilities. In June, the Planning Commission recommended approving the growth plan but with one key and controversial provision: A requirement for Stanford to build at least 2,172 new housing units, which roughly quadruples the number the university outlined in its proposal.

One major sticking point between Stanford and the county was whether or not the two sides should move ahead with talks of a development agreement — a negotiated contract that would allow both sides to propose requirements and community benefits that go beyond the county's regulatory requirements. The county agreed last year to authorize two of its supervisors — President Joe Simitian and Supervisor Cindy Chavez — to enter into negotiations with Stanford over such an agreement. The negotiations fell apart last April, however, when Stanford reached a separate agreement with the Palo Alto Unified School District on a package of benefits

worth an estimated \$138 million.

That deal hinged, however, on the county's approval of a broader development agreement with Stanford — a condition that Simitian and Chavez saw as Stanford's attempt to get leverage over the county. Once news of the school deal broke, the two supervisors abruptly halted the negotiations over development agreement. Since then, the county has continued to review Stanford's application through its typical process, which involves certifying the Environmental Impact Report, imposing conditions of approval and going through public hearings in front of the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

But while the Board of Supervisors wasn't planning to discuss the aborted negotiations over the development agreement Tuesday, the topic returned to the board with a vengeance when Supervisor Dave Cortese attacked county staff for failing to negotiate with Stanford in good faith. After learning that the development-agreement negotiations were led by the ad hoc committee of

Simitian and Chavez with little participation from county staff, Cortese accused County Executive Jeff Smith of "running a rogue operation."

"That's about as derelict as anything I've ever heard from anyone in government that I've ever been in a governance position to supervise ... or keep on my payroll," Cortese said.

Cortese said he was frustrated by the fact that the board hasn't been updated about the negotiations with Stanford since it appointed the committee to negotiate with the university.

"I don't like being in the position of being in the dark as to what's going on," Cortese said.

County staff, for its part, has consistently held the position that while it is authorized to negotiate a development agreement, it is not required to do so. Stanford's prior general use permit, which the county approved in 2000, did not require a development agreement and neither has any other development that the county has ever reviewed.

The development agreement, which Stanford strongly hopes

to achieve, would dramatically change the dynamic in the tense negotiations between the university and the county, shifting the county's role from that of a regulator to that of a partner. County staff has been loath to make that shift, arguing that it would be important to first determine the requirements that Stanford would have to meet before deciding what other benefits and concessions the county should consider in a development agreement negotiation.

Smith said Tuesday that he believes development agreements are "only useful and good where it's fairly clear exactly what other requests are being made outside the normal process going through planning."

"In this situation, we have a complex and very complete planning document with lots of conditions of approval. It already went through the Planning Commission and is coming to the board for action. Trying to superimpose the development agreement on top of that is a formula for confusion and not a good approach, in my opinion," Smith said.

After hearing Smith's response, Cortese said he thinks it's

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## Nonprofit teams up with Foothill to train early childhood teachers

By Angela Swartz

San Mateo County will need to fill about 2,500 teaching spots by 2025 to keep pace with the growing need for early childhood education programs, according to a 2016 early learning facilities needs assessment for the county. During that same period, there is a projected shortage of about 14,000 slots for children in early education classrooms, according to the assessment.

With these statistics in mind, Menlo Park-based nonprofit Community Equity Collaborative partnered with Foothill College in Los Altos Hills in 2018 to create the Teacher Pipeline Program. The aim: to boost the number of high-quality early education teachers in the area. The program for this school year began this week, and includes early childhood education courses through the community college, along with meals, child care, coaching and loaner laptops, all free of charge.

“The Teacher Pipeline Program has the potential to become a model for how we can successfully bring new educators into the workforce to address the teacher shortage, expand our capacity to serve more children and professionalize the field,” said Peggy Pizzo, director of Stanford University’s Early Learning Project, in a statement. “The benefits of such

collaborative efforts go beyond its participants or partners as many are watching and hoping for archetypes that can be replicated and scaled.”

During the first year of the program, students took classes in Redwood City through Foothill’s child development department. This year, students can also take classes, which run from September to June, at the Menlo Park outpost of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula. Students can participate in the program to simply bolster their skills, or they can follow one- and two-year pathways to becoming an assistant teacher or a teacher in early childhood classrooms, respectively. Courses include child growth and development, prenatal through early childhood; positive behavior management; and how to plan art activities.

For Olivia Saachi, a teacher’s aide at the Early Learning Center preschool in Menlo Park, the program offered her a chance to brush up on her prior early learning training and the latest best practices in early childhood education. Saachi, one of the 40 students who took classes in the program last year, plans to enroll in classes this year as well.

The classes “made me much more mindful about how I would talk with children,” she said.

Program organizers provide students and their families with

dinner 30 minutes before week-night classes and offer snacks on Saturdays. The Boys and Girls Club provides programming for children ages 6 to 12 and child care for infants to 5-year-olds on weekday evenings.

One student said the child care and meals helped make it possible for her to take the classes.

“For a single mother, the fact (that) I can go to school and have my child at the school day care is phenomenal,” she said in a statement from the Community Equity Collaborative.

This student’s story illustrates why Community Equity Collaborative leaders thought the program would help bring more people into the early childhood learning field: its access to child care for people who otherwise might not be able to complete such coursework.

“The ROI (return on investment) is pretty remarkable,” said Dayna Chung, co-founder of the Community Equity Collaborative, which was formed in 2017 to organize local groups to solve educational inequities. “Communities are paying the price by not having as many women engaged in the workforce and people are definitely needing these child care spaces.”

The Redwood City and Menlo Park City school districts are also partners in the collaborative, helping to spread the word about the program. Pati Ortiz, the Redwood City district’s community-school partnerships director, helped connect program organizers with Spark-Point, which offers individual online financial and career coaching, Chung said.

This school year, the program is operated through \$125,000 in private donations, according to Heather Hopkins, a Community Equity Collaborative co-founder. Half of this funding goes toward tuition costs, she said. These funds also go toward child care expenses, meals and other program expenses.

The nonprofit is pursuing grants to help fund the program that could be used during the second half of the school year, according to the group. ■

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“absolutely absurd,” given the Board of Supervisors’ direction from a year ago, for staff not to take a more proactive approach on the development agreement and by not making a counterproposal to Stanford.

Stanford has also consistently pressed the county to negotiate an agreement, which university officials argue is the best way to provide the community with “front-loaded benefits” and provide Stanford with long-term certainty that it will be able to grow. On Tuesday, Catherine Palter, Stanford’s associate vice president for land use and environmental planning, suggested that such an agreement would be a necessary component of whatever gets approved.

“Since many of these community benefits will need to be provided upfront, we have concluded that it will not be possible to accept a new general use permit without a corresponding development agreement,” Palter said. “Such an agreement will enable us to satisfy the county’s requests and provide the kinds of significant benefits our neighbors seek.

“In return, Stanford receives the predictability that a development agreement affords. We see a permit and the development agreement as a package.”

While some residents touted Stanford’s academic reputation and argued that the university shouldn’t be treated like other developers, Simitian pointed out that Stanford already gets special treatment. The general use permit process, which effectively allows the university to build any

project it wants within a 10- to 20-year period without getting the county’s approval (provided the project is consistent with the permit), is a tool that exists only for Stanford, he noted.

Stanford has always been able to get the approvals it’s been seeking from the board. The county, he said, has a “128-year history where every single application (from Stanford) has gotten a yes.”

“It seems to me there’s a pretty good track record and a case to be made for pretty responsive if not generous spirit by folks here at the county with respect to the mission of the organization and the development requests,” Simitian said, referring to Stanford.

**Nearby cities weigh in**

The board’s discussion followed comments from a few dozen public officials and residents, most of whom urged the board to make sure Stanford’s expansion doesn’t aggravate the area’s already considerable housing and traffic problems.

East Palo Alto Vice Mayor Regina Wallace-Jones lauded Stanford as an educational institution but warned about the traffic and housing challenges her city is already experiencing. She said her city would like to see Stanford contribute \$20 million for construction of affordable housing in her city and another \$15.5 million to help fund necessary transportation projects.

“As we delved into the plan for housing, a lot of the workers, some of which are part time, some of which are faculty, are not accounted for in the housing. And many of those housing units are sought in the city of East Palo Alto.”

Menlo Park City Councilwoman Betsy Nash said her city, like others, “struggles every day with two large and growing issues: One is inadequate housing availability and housing affordability and the other is traffic congestion that chokes our streets.

“Menlo Park residents, like others in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, are fed up with the situation and they elected us to do something about it,” Nash said.

Mountain View Mayor Lisa Matichak lauded the proposal in her letter to the Board of Supervisors. Providing on-campus housing, she wrote, “would be a leading step by Stanford to help address our region’s housing crisis and reduce potential transportation impacts by allowing faculty, staff and students to walk or bike to work.

“If new housing is not constructed on campus, then there would be greater housing and transportation impacts to the city of Mountain View and other nearby cities,” Matichak’s letter states. “The city appreciates Stanford providing all of its housing on-campus to fully mitigate the significant residential impacts from its proposed academic facility expansion.”

Palo Alto Mayor Eric Filseth focused on the potential traffic impacts of Stanford’s expansion and suggested that the university be required to make significant contributions to big-ticket transportation projects.

“There is no dispute that the city of Palo Alto will be significantly burdened by the addition of nearly 3.5 million square feet of new development,” the letter

signed by Mayor Eric Filseth says. “Most acutely, the city will experience an increase in commuter congestion on its roadways and multi-modal networks that will extend travel times and exacerbate commuter frustrations.”

The letter argues that to fully mitigate its impacts, Stanford needs to provide “fair share” payments toward separating the Caltrain corridor from streets at intersections (the city estimates that Stanford’s share in the project should be \$159 million), improving the downtown transit center (\$99 million) and performing roadway maintenance on city streets that serve the campus (\$1.2 million).

School impacts are also an area of concern in Palo Alto. School board President Jennifer DiBrienza and Vice President Todd Collins both stressed the importance of having Stanford contribute to local education,

given the number of new students that the university’s expansion would bring to the district.

“We need to make sure the expansion of one great educational institution doesn’t drag down another,” Collins told the board. “Please, please insist on an agreement that protects Palo Alto schools.”

The topic of school impacts is expected to take center stage at the Oct. 22 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, which will take place in Palo Alto. In preparation for that meeting, Simitian and Chavez issued a memo asking staff to determine the expected enrollment increase in the Palo Alto Unified School District associated with Stanford’s expansion, the impact of the expansion on per-pupil funding in the school district and other information.

The board’s next review of Stanford’s GUP application is scheduled for Oct. 8. ▣

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\$300,000 of the money to Torry.

Following the 18-month prison term, Torry faces three years of supervised release.

**ARMED SUSPECTS ROB TEEN AT WHISMAN PARK**

A Mountain View teen told police that he was robbed last week in an apparent set-up at Whisman Park, and was forced to withdraw money from his bank account after being threatened with a firearm and what appeared to be a machete.

The victim, 16, told police that he had arranged to meet up with someone he had met over social media for “items” used in vaping at about 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. When he drove to the meeting location at Whisman Park,

however, he was confronted by three people, one of whom pulled out what appeared to be a machete and another brandishing a firearm, Nelson said.

The trio entered the vehicle and allegedly ordered the victim to drive to a nearby bank, where he was forced to withdraw cash and hand it over, Nelson said. The teen was then told to drive back to the park, where the three suspects exited the vehicle, got into a sedan and left.

The person the victim met over social media, who allegedly had a machete, was described as a teenage boy with shoulder-length hair. His accomplices were both described as Hispanic men, one in his 20s.

During the incident, the victim said that clothing, a backpack and a speaker were all stolen as well, Nelson said.

The case is currently under investigation.

—Kevin Forestieri

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## ■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**CSA GETS NEW GOOGLE GRANT**

Google's nonprofit arm announced it will give \$150,000 to the Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos to help provide services for the local homeless population.

With the funding, CSA officials say they intend to develop a new case management system to better coordinate aid for about 200 clients. This new system should improve their ability to connect individuals and families with financial aid, housing, employment or education opportunities.

On average, CSA assists more than 700 unsheltered clients by providing food, clothing or other assistance. About half of those individuals sign up for case management.

Over the last year, CSA reported an 18% increase in the demand for homeless services. This follows new data showing homelessness jumped 31% across Santa Clara County since 2017. More than 600 unsheltered individuals were counted in Mountain View, a 46% increase from just two years earlier.

—Mark Noack

**NEW HEAD OF MENTOR TUTOR CONNECTION**

Mentor Tutor Connection announced that Carol Olson, the former president and CEO of the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce, will lead the nonprofit as its new executive director.

In a statement released last week, Mentor Tutor Connection Board Chair Sally Chaves touted Olson's deep experience in the nonprofit world, most recently launching a consulting company in 2013 to assist nonprofit organizations and philanthropic endeavors. Her civic engagement spans back to the 1990s with her role on Mountain View's Downtown Committee, followed immediately by a 10-year stretch leading the chamber.

Olson has served on a broad range of nonprofit boards in Mountain View, including the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail; Community Health Awareness Council; Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos; and the Mountain View Los Altos High School Foundation.

"We have big plans as an organization, and we are thrilled that Carol will help us reach

our goals of strengthening our work in the schools and reaching more kids in meaningful ways," Chaves said in the statement.

Mentor Tutor Connection provides tutoring services during and after school for all core subjects including English, math and science, which extends to students who speak English as a second language. The nonprofit also hosts a mentoring program that links volunteers with teens for guidance that extends outside the classroom, reinforcing life skills and discussing future goals.

The nonprofit, now in its 23rd year, has been led by Padma Gargeya, who is leaving Mentor Tutor Connection after a three-year stint.

Anyone interested in meeting Olson and donating to Mentor Tutor Connection is invited to attend the organization's 23rd anniversary fundraiser on Oct. 10. The event is located at the Mountain View Recreation Center at 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., and will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at [mentortutorconnection.org](http://mentortutorconnection.org) for \$15.

—Kevin Forestieri

**TWO FLU DEATHS**

Two Santa Clara County residents, including a child, have died recently from the flu, county officials said Tuesday.

The child who died was previously healthy and had recently returned from overseas travel, and county public health officials believe the influenza virus was most likely contracted overseas.

The other death, an adult under the age of 65, had other medical conditions that put them at increased risk of complications from the flu. The names of the two people who died are not being released.

County public health officials do not know if either person received the flu vaccine, but said the deaths serve as a reminder of the importance of getting the flu vaccine.

The flu season in the U.S. usually starts in October each year, and last year there were eight flu-associated deaths of people under 65 years old in Santa Clara County.

Dr. Sara Cody, director of the county public health department, said in a news release on Sept. 24 that "it's too early to say what these two reported deaths may indicate about this flu season" but said "getting vaccinated is still the best protection."

The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone six months or older, and is particularly important for pregnant women, children under 5 years old, adults over 65, and those with chronic medical conditions.

More information about the flu and how to prevent it can be found on the county's website at [www.sccphd.org/flu](http://www.sccphd.org/flu).

**COUNTY SUPERVISORS TACKLE GENDER VIOLENCE**

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday, Sept. 24, to increase funding for services for victims of sexual assault and create a new office to address gender-based violence in the county.

The board voted to create the Santa Clara County Office of Gender-Based Violence to oversee services for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking. County leaders plan to fill the positions in the new office with many current county workers.

County executive Jeffrey Smith assured the board that "we're using the bureaucracy that we already have."

David Campos, deputy county executive, told the board that most positions in the new office have already been filled by county workers who were addressing gender-based violence through the Santa Clara County Office of Women's Policy.

The newly created office will oversee two rape crisis centers, which received an additional \$1.7 million to fully fund them. Supervisors previously allocated \$600,000, bringing the total disbursement to \$2.3 million.

Also on Tuesday, county officials reported a drop in domestic violence deaths between 2017 and 2018.

Last year seven people died as a result of domestic violence, compared with 13 in 2017. In 2016, seven people died due to domestic violence, but the historic trend has been downward, according to county officials.

No domestic violence deaths have occurred in the county this year.

**KAISER AVERTS STRIKE, SETTLES WITH 11 UNIONS**

A settlement has been reached between the Oakland-based

health care provider Kaiser Permanente and a coalition of unions representing more than 80,000 Kaiser workers, the union and company both announced Wednesday.

If ratified by workers in the 11-union coalition, the four-year agreement would ward off a nationwide strike that had been set for Oct. 14. Kaiser operates a medical center in downtown Mountain View on Castro Street.

The Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions said the agreement includes 3 percent raises in each of the four years for workers in California, Oregon and southern Washington.

Workers in Colorado, Hawaii, Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and the rest of the state of Washington will receive a 3 percent raise the first year and 2 percent plus a 1 percent lump sum the following three years, with an opportunity to turn the lump sums into regular raises if the company hits specified financial benchmarks, according to the coalition.

The agreement also includes a workforce development program to provide educational opportunities for workers, funded with \$130 million from Kaiser, the coalition said.

The two sides agreed to a list of jobs that cannot be outsourced or subcontracted for the four years of the deal, and preserved the existing retirement benefits, with some expansion of them in Hawaii, Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

The agreement comes after nearly five months of active bargaining, and voting by members of the various unions is expected to be completed by the end of October, according to Kaiser.

"Reaching an agreement was not easy, it had lots of twists and turns, but in the end we accomplished what we set out to do — reach an agreement that is good for patients, workers and our communities," said Georgette Bradford, a union member and ultrasound technologist at Kaiser in Sacramento.

Arlene Peasnell, interim chief human resources officer for Kaiser, called the agreement "a testament to the dedication, compassion and skill those employees bring to work every day and demonstrates that Kaiser Permanente and the Coalition have a shared commitment to affordability for our members."

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FOOD FEATURE

## READY, SET, DELAY

### Why is it becoming increasingly difficult to open a restaurant on the Peninsula?

By Elena Kadwany

In early August, Ben Bate got some bad news.

The city of Mountain View informed him — seven months after he took over 383 Castro St. to open Ludwig's German Table — that the building's grease trap needed updating. Digging out the carport and sinking the 500-gallon grease trap will push the restaurant's opening back another three to four months.

The grease trap was simply the latest request from the city that has frustrated Bate and delayed the Mountain View opening of the popular German restaurant and beer garden from San Jose. There was debate over the type of plants that would be outside the restaurant, the color of the tables, the style of the chair legs. More recently, the city asked Bate to remove the Corinthian detail at the top of 21 white columns that anchor an outdoor trellis.

The cost to do this? About \$12,000.

When I spoke with Bate and co-owner Nicole Jacobi in February, they hoped to be open in May or June.

"We'll be lucky if we can open this year, to be really honest," he said more recently.

They get regular emails and questions from customers asking when Ludwig's will open in Mountain View. Bate said he wanted to share what the process has been like not to criticize the city, but to inform the public about what it takes to open a restaurant.

"There are things that are out of our control, unfortunately," he said. "We want it open as much as the people that are asking."

The city of Mountain View

did not make any staff available for an interview, despite repeated requests.

Ludwig's is by no means the exception on the Peninsula, where restaurants are routinely delayed by complex city regulations and bureaucratic red tape. The cost of opening a restaurant — before the first customers are even served — has become prohibitively expensive, particularly for small, local businesses owners without the backing of deep-pocketed investors. (In San Francisco, a Board of Supervisors committee recently held a hearing to discuss what they could do to address this, including easing the permitting, planning and building processes for restaurant owners.)

Melody Hu, who is working to open a gluten-free bakery in downtown Los Altos, sent an email out to subscribers earlier this month explaining why it's not yet open.

"When I signed the lease for what used to be Mr. Cho's Mandarin Dim Sum, I knew that several things had to change to transform the store into a cute little bakery. But I underestimated the time it would take," she wrote.

Hu took over the space at 209 1st St. in early 2019 and planned to open Sweet Diplomacy by this summer. Now she's hoping for the end of this month but is hedging her bets for October.

"The city's Building Department and the county's Department of Environmental Health both want detailed plans on even minor changes in the

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

*Ludwig's German Table* was expected to open in June in the former home of Bierhaus on Castro Street in downtown Mountain View, but ran into multiple delays due to expensive city requirements. The expected summer opening is now set for December, at the earliest.

**DELAY**

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store. For the plans, we had to find and create an ‘A’ team of architect, mechanical/plumbing/electrical engineers, and a good general contractor ... all that took awhile,” she wrote. “The plan reviews and final inspections will also take awhile.

“I admire the public safety net that our government agencies have created, and although the process is lengthy to say the least, at the end I think it’s nice to live in a world where most public places are built to a high standard of safety.”

In Palo Alto, another restaurant owner is frustrated with what he described as an opaque and drawn-out experience with the city’s planning department. Guillaume Bienaime wants to open a bar in the building next to his 5-year-old French restaurant, Zola, on Bryant Street. He secured through a lottery a full liquor license (Zola serves beer and wine only) and in July filed the necessary paperwork in July for a conditional use permit for the next-door space, which was a hair salon.

Bienaime said there’s been little communication with the

independent contractor overseeing his request since then. The city has 30 days to determine whether a conditional use permit application is complete or not; a tentative decision is then mailed to property owners and occupants within 600 feet of the project and becomes final 14 days later unless someone requests a hearing.

City records show Bienaime’s application was marked as incomplete in early August, then resubmitted and last “marked as TBD on TBD by TBD.”

“There’s nobody who I can go talk to about a time line,” he said. “I’m just completely left in the dark.”

Meanwhile, he’s paying about \$7,500 in rent every month for the empty space.

“If we continue to make it so difficult for local business owners to create businesses within the city or this area in general then we’re going to end up with chain restaurants and chain stores because they’re the only ones who can afford to pay through this process,” Bienaime said.

Bate and his three Ludwig’s business partners, for their part, have been paying rent at the prominent corner space since January. He declined to

say how much the monthly rent is. There’s also the cost of the architect, engineers and other people who must be hired to comply with the city’s requests. Every time the city files comments on Ludwig’s plans, their architect must review them and respond.

In San Jose, the plans, permits, building and inspections for Ludwig’s were finished in six months. Bate anticipates Mountain View will take at least a year. He’s still waiting for building permits to start renovations. (Meanwhile, the building has been put on the market for sale, which the Ludwig’s team didn’t know about until recently.)

The timing of the restaurant’s opening also impacts the owners’ bottom line. With the delays, it’s likely Ludwig’s, with its outdoor beer garden, will be opening in the dead of winter, its slow season.

Bate suggested that the city create separate planning processes for small and large businesses. It’s hard for him to sustain a business through a protracted process, less so for a large tech company or restaurant chain.

“Everyone talks about trying to be pro-small business but it feels like we get treated the



VERONICA WEBER

Melody Hu, owner of Petit Baking Co., is working to open a gluten-free bakery in downtown Los Altos. Her initial opening date was set for this summer.

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The owner of downtown Palo Alto restaurant **Zola** wants to expand next door and open a bar, but has complained about the city's red tape.

same as your Apples and your Googles and your Facebooks," he said. "There's one book for everyone. In this situation, it doesn't make sense."

They knew they were taking a financial risk expanding to Mountain View but the potential payoff was too good to pass up, Bate said.

"Being on a street like Castro has the ability to pay off in the long run," he said. "We're only 3 years old. To have my brand on that street in a city like Mountain View is massive for me."

Both Bienaime and Bate said they're speaking out not to bash the cities they want to open in, but to hopefully find solutions.

"It's from a place of, we need help," Bienaime said. "It really eats me alive every day. They don't feel any of that. It feels very disconnected from what people are really feeling." ▣

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MOVIE OPENINGS

# The man with the horn

JAZZ DOC SHOWS HOW MILES DAVIS GAVE BIRTH TO 'THE COOL'

★★★ (Aquarius)

Documentary filmmaker Stanley Nelson's new film "Miles Davis: Birth of the Cool" looks at Miles Davis' enduring influence: The trumpeter, composer, and bandleader practically defined jazz in his own image as the ultimate in cool sophistication that never stopped innovating.

Coming in at just under two hours, "Miles Davis: Birth of the Cool" functions as a primer rather than a deep dive. On these terms, Nelson does a fine job of compressing Davis' nearly 50-year career (1944-1991), following some personal history context. Mostly though, "Birth of the Cool" hurtles through the milestones of Davis' career, touching on his key romantic relationships and struggles with addiction.

Actor Carl Lumbly (TV's "Alias") ably performs excerpts from Davis' 1989 "Miles: The Autobiography" (written with Quincy Troupe, one of the film's interview subjects). Lumbly adopts Davis' trademark rasp, as do nearly all of the interview subjects

who knew Davis personally when they anecdotally recount Davis' remarks. How Davis wound up with that rasp also gets recounted here by a friend who remembers Davis' impatience to talk after surgery to remove polyps from his larynx (although no mention is made of the studio yelling match that sealed the deal).

The rest of Nelson's construction strings together photos, audio, film and video of Davis, sometimes on the move but usually performing on a stage or in a studio. "Birth of the Cool" proves most valuable by gathering a number of Miles' friends, lovers, musical collaborators, admirers and musicologists — many of whom are getting up in years — to share their recollections and perspectives on Davis, his musicality and his personality. Participants include Quincy Jones, Wayne Shorter, Joshua Redman, Juliette Gréco, Frances Taylor Davis, Betty Davis, Jimmy Heath, Jimmy Cobb, Carlos Santana, Herbie Hancock, Ron Carter and Clive Davis. Arguably Davis' most important collaborator, Gil Evans, is the film's only archival interview.

The talking heads can be incisive in explaining Davis' towering artistic presence. A brilliant improviser, he also had a rock-solid theoretical foundation, partly laid by day at Juilliard ("I wanted to see what was going on in all of music") as he galvanized New York's 52nd St. jazz scene by night. Nelson also recognizes the importance of Davis' 1949 trip to Paris, which he wrote "changed the way I looked at things forever." The film's later passages demonstrate how Davis stayed on music's cutting edge by recruiting young performers for his bands and synthesizing with his own limber style the musical trends of any given moment, pushing

boundaries in the process.

Co-produced by PBS' American Masters Pictures, "Birth of the Cool" hits the key points in familiar fashion, from childhood friends' observations to the young artist gigging with Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie Parker to his 1957 foray into film composing (for Louis Malle's "Elevator to the Gallows") to his 1959 police assault to his physical abuse of women while under the influence of a powerful drug and alcohol cocktail. Some of the most interesting moments, though, involve experts trying to explain in words Davis' musical genius, his sensual, lyrical style that was "romantic without

being sentimental."

Davis aficionados will probably walk away from this film feeling undernourished; It serves better to introduce young audiences to a musical master and to rekindle the desire to luxuriate in Davis' catalog. As good a job as Lumbly does, "Miles Davis: Birth of the Cool" also feels incomplete without more footage of Davis speaking for himself on camera. Still, Davis never expressed himself more eloquently than he did through his horn, and "Birth of the Cool" pulses with that unmistakable Miles Davis sound. *Not MPAA rated. One hour, 55 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

## Guild shuts its doors

VINTAGE MOVIE THEATER TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO LIVE MUSIC VENUE

Landmark's Guild Theatre, a single-screen movie theater that's been in Menlo Park since 1924, officially closed its doors on Thursday.

Landmark spokeswoman Laine Kaplowitz confirmed the closing of the 225-seat theater, which was first announced on Facebook on Sept. 20.

"Landmark Theatres will continue showcasing our signature variety of quality films paired with a top-tier entertainment experience at the Aquarius Theatre in Palo Alto," the announcement said.

The Menlo Park City Council approved plans in May 2018 to transform the vintage movie theater into a nonprofit live music venue. The new theater is also expected to host occasional film events.

The Guild was constructed in 1924 and began offering "moving pictures" around 1925, according to a historical report by Bonnie Bamburg, excerpted on the Imagine Menlo website.

According to the report, the theater, initially called The Menlo, started out showing silent films accompanied by a

live organist, but by 1929 had upgraded its sound system to offer "Movie-Phone" sound. The lobby was forcibly shortened by about 30 feet in 1942 when El Camino Real was widened. The theater changed names to the Guild when a newer theater in town took the name "The Menlo."

Ownership changed hands several times. In the late 1980s, the theater was remodeled in the Art Deco style, and it developed into its current niche in the local theater-scape as an art house theater. In recent years, it's hosted a long-running monthly screening of cult classic "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at midnight with a live cast.

— Kate Bradshaw

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## CONCERTS

**Sci-Fi Concert: Teal Crane** A free sci-fi/fantasy-themed concert in the park performed by local chamber trio, Teal Crane. They will be performing music from "Star Wars," "Game of Thrones" and more. No registration required. Sept. 28, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

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## TALKS & LECTURES

**AAUW Kickoff: Los Altos/Mountain View** Andrea Freund will speak on "Negotiating the Minefield: Women Meeting Challenges at Home, School and Work." Girls who received scholarships and fellowships from the American Association of University Women will also speak about their experience. Sept. 29, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library - Orchard Room, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. lamv-ca.aauw.net/

**Sci-Fi Author Talk with Annalee Newitz** Nebula-nominated sci-fi author, podcaster and journalist Annalee Newitz will discuss their new novel, "The Future of Another Timeline" and other works. Sept. 28, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

**'Tales of Moody Road'** "Tales of Moody Road" panelists will share the colorful past of the Moody, including Pink Horse Ranch, Adobe Creek Lodge, Hidden Villa and other happenings. Sept. 29, 2-4 p.m. Free. Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. losaltoshills.ca.gov

**'AI + Healthcare: Is There Money in it?'** Constellar Ventures holds an annual conference to bring together the community to talk about the latest topics in venture capital investments. This year's topic focuses on health care technology. Sept. 27, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver** Emmy Award-winning actor Henry Winkler and children's book author Lin Oliver discuss their new middle-grade series, "Alien Superstar," about an alien who somehow lands in Hollywood and becomes a teen sensation. Oct. 5, 3-4 p.m. \$10 or \$20 with book; discount for students. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

## FAMILY

**Go Goats** Hidden Villa invites people to spend quality time with goats, including feeding them, milking the mother goat and learning facts about goats. Sept. 29, 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$30. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

## MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

**Kahlil Joseph: 'BLKNWS'** Kahlil Joseph, a visiting artist in the new Presidential Residencies on the Future of the Arts program, presents his work "BLKNWS," a two-channel video projection that blurs the lines between art, journalism, entrepreneurship and cultural critique. Through Nov. 25, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

**'West x Southwest': Edward Weston and Ansel Adams** This exhibit features landscapes, still lifes, nudes and portraits created by Edward Weston in Mexico and Ansel Adams in the American southwest. Sept. 26-Jan. 6, 2020. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

**'California Scenes' by Caroline McClintic** In this series, the artist experiments with watercolor on wood panels; transparent color interacting with the natural flow of wood grain to create paintings of the diverse California landscape. Oct. 1-26, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Artist reception Oct. 4, 5-8 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. viewpointsgallery.com

**Mauricio Rodriguez: 'Meaning the Score'** "Meaning The Score" is an exhibition of graphic music scores where artist Mauricio Rodriguez explores the dynamic relation of music and its multiple forms of notation. Through Nov. 10, 9 a.m. Free. Mohr Gallery, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org

## FOOD & DRINK

**Downtown Los Altos Beer Stroll** Attendees stroll downtown Los Altos while sampling some of the area's best craft beers during the Downtown Los Altos Beer Stroll. Check-in will open at 5 p.m. on Sept. 27, event is 6-9 p.m. \$35-\$45. Downtown Los Altos. losaltoschamber.org

**'Eagle' Alumni Day Picnic** A yearly picnic for all former and present alumni, teachers and students from old and new Mountain View High School, Awalt High School and Los Altos High School, featuring a BBQ and DJ. Oct. 5, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cuesta Park, 615 Cuesta Drive, Mountain View. mv-voice.com/calendar

**Project WeHope: Transport and Serve Dinner at a Homeless Shelter** Project WeHope invites volunteers to help transport and serve dinner prepared at the Day Worker Center in Mountain View to its East Palo Alto shelter guests. Sept. 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Day Worker Center of Mountain View, 113 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**Star Chefs: And the Wines They Love** A dozen culinary artists will compete to support foster youth. Each chef will prepare their culinary best paired with their favorite beverage. The evening will feature a chef competition, raffle, live auction with vacation packages, unique culinary experiences and much more. Sept. 29, 4:30-9 p.m. \$125. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Birds and a Bee by Floy Zittin** Viewpoints Gallery presents September's featured artist, Floy Zittin. Through Sept. 28, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. viewpointsgallery.com

**Sorrel Saturdays at Redwood Grove Nature Preserve** To bolster Adobe Creek's banks and Redwood Grove's native habitat, participants will be weeding, mulching, staking willows and installing native plants. Oct. 5, 9 a.m.-noon. Free; registration required. Redwood Grove Nature Preserve, 482 University Ave., Los Altos. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

## SPORTS

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

Center, Gym B, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paloaltoonline.com/calendar

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

**Shred Event** Residents of Los Altos Hills may bring a maximum of five standard-sized file boxes or five brown paper bags of confidential/personal paper documents to shred. Proof of residency is required. Sept. 28, 9 a.m.-noon. Free. Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. losaltoshills.ca.gov

**Volunteer Open House** Attendees learn about volunteer opportunities at the Los Altos History Museum, including caring for artifacts, recording oral

histories, maintaining the gardens, helping in the gift shop and being a museum docent. Oct. 1, 3-5 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

## HOME & GARDEN

**Paint Drop-off Event** Paint in good condition for households and businesses will be made available for free. Oct. 5, 8 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View High School, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

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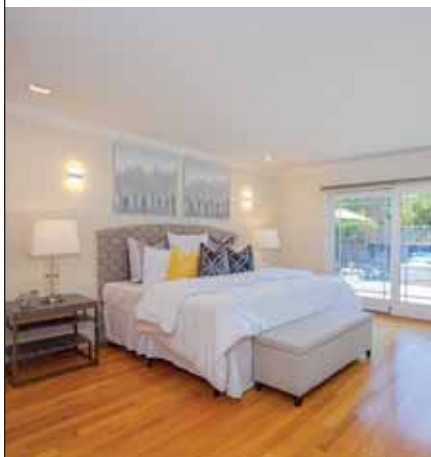
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## 25850 Westwind Way, Los Altos Hills

### Stylish Living in a Peaceful Setting

Absolutely stunning inside and out, this light and bright Los Altos Hills home offers luxurious living on a private lot of nearly 1.26 acres (per county). Stylish appointments are everywhere you turn in this 5-bedroom, 4.5 bath home, which boasts spacious formal rooms, an incredible kitchen, office space, radiant heated floors throughout, and a recreation room housing a theater-quality projection system, all on 4,873 sq. ft. of living space (per county). Personal accommodations include the superb master suite with a custom, spa-like en suite bath. Enjoy a true indoor/outdoor lifestyle thanks to folding glass doors that seamlessly connect the family room to an inviting deck. Walk the expansive grounds that include a Japanese garden, as well as an elevated flagstone patio offering views of the Bay. Topping it all off, this fabulous location puts you just moments from the excitement of downtown Los Altos and offers access to acclaimed Palo Alto schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

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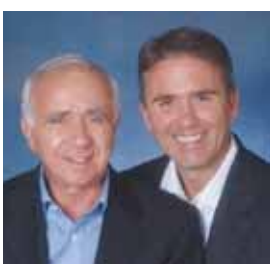


## Los Altos Hills

### 11511 Summit Wood Road

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