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As the primary election season heats up, campaign signs have appeared at the intersection of Shoreline Boulevard and Montecito Avenue.

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## Country's biggest apartment owners group joins campaign for Measure D

By Kevin Forestieri

A landlord group that's long been opposed to rent control is actively campaigning in favor of a Mountain View measure to loosen rent control restrictions, collecting two major donations totaling nearly \$77,000 for the "Yes on Measure D" campaign.

Measure D, sponsored by the Mountain View City Council,

would make significant changes to the city's rent control law, known as the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA). It would set maximum annual rent increases to 4% on rent-controlled apartments and make it easier for landlords to pass the costs of capital upgrades on to tenants for rent increases of up to 10%.

Despite retaining caps on rent increases and other key

provisions of CSFRA typically opposed by landlords, the California Apartment Association (CAA) is now campaigning to get Measure D across the finish line in the March 3 election. The organization sent mailers to Mountain View residents last week encouraging voters to support the ballot measure, calling it a "responsible approach that

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## Man in 'home invasion' eviction scheme takes plea deal

By Kevin Forestieri

A San Jose man involved in a brazen apartment break-in intended to force out a family accepted a plea deal and awaits sentencing in March, according to court documents.

Steven Carling, 53, pleaded no contest on Jan. 23 to assault with a deadly weapon — a felony — as well as two misdemeanors for making criminal threats and attempting to prevent victims from contacting police. The three counts carry a maximum

prison sentence of four years, and do not include a first-degree burglary charge originally sought by prosecutors.

Court minutes and the plea deal form show Carling has agreed to three years of formal probation as well as current time served as of Jan. 23 — about five months. Prosecutors in the case did not immediately respond to the Voice's



Steven Carling

request for comment.

Carling was one of five people involved in what police described as a conspiracy to illegally oust tenants from an apartment on Rock Street in August last year. Text messages between two of the suspects, identified as 50-year-old Reenu Saini and 49-year-old Lori Walston, detail how Saini sought to use the confrontation as a chance to "kick them out" or at least "scare them up a bit," according to an exchange transcribed by officers.

The apartment was occupied

at the time by a married couple and two children, who had been living in the apartment for only a few weeks. During the attack, the family escaped through a back door and was found a short distance away on Rengstorff Avenue.

Saini allegedly coordinated the plans and arrived with the accomplices outside of the apartment on the evening of Aug. 26, and gave explicit instructions via text message to take the family's cellphones to keep them from calling the cops, according to a

police report. Saini cut the power to the apartment, which she said could help "smoke" them out, according to text messages.

Carling's role in the operation was one of brute force: Police say witnesses and one of the accomplices — a friend of Carling — confirmed that he tried to force his way into the apartment by striking the front door, though the stories on how this was carried out differ. The friend told officers that Carling did not have

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## Striving for the Senate

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By Kate Bradshaw



candidates with the most votes, regardless of party, will advance to the general election on Nov. 3.

The voter registration deadline for the primary election is Feb. 18. Register to vote at [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov).

Of the 40 state Senate districts, District 13 is particularly diverse. It covers 23 cities and 13 unincorporated areas from South San Francisco to Sunnyvale and along the coast between north of Pacifica and Año Nuevo State Park. It's home to some of the world's largest tech companies, venture capital firms and billionaires but also to coastside farmworkers and a growing number of residents struggling to make ends meet.

About 82% of the district's residents live in San Mateo County, though the district's most populated city — Sunnyvale, with about 153,000 residents — is in

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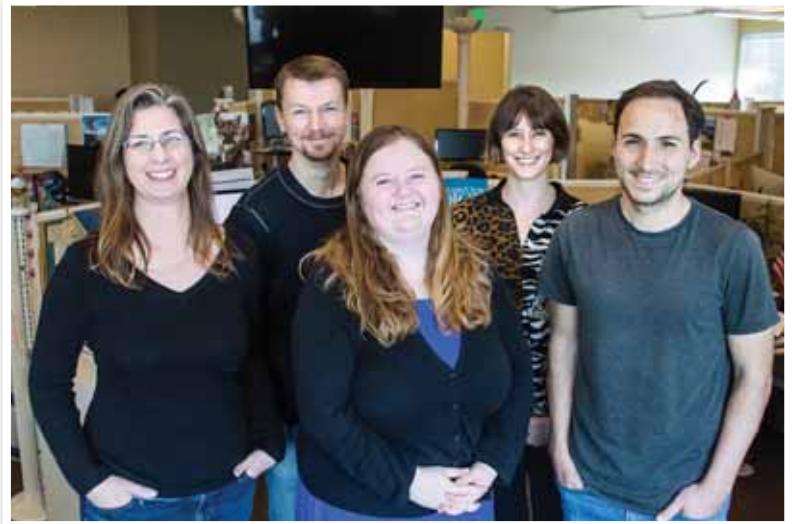
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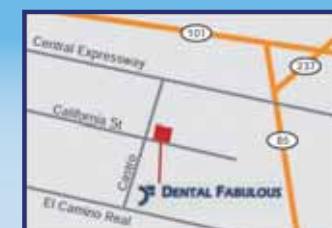
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## ■ CRIME BRIEF

### WOMAN ARRESTED FOR THROWING PUNCHES DOWNTOWN

A Southern California woman was arrested Feb. 1 after she allegedly punched someone in the face in downtown Mountain View.

Officers patrolling the area spotted the 37-year-old woman, a resident of Rialto, in a Bryant Street parking lot arguing with another woman around 1:40 a.m., according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. During the altercation, the woman allegedly punched the

victim in the face, grabbed her hair and pulled her to the ground before striking her again.

Officers say the argument may have stemmed from miscommunication: The alleged assailant reportedly believed she heard insulting remarks from the victim about her mother, whereas the victim told police she was talking about her own mother.

The woman was arrested on suspicion of battery and transported to Santa Clara County jail.

—Kevin Forestieri

## ■ COMMUNITY BRIEF

### LOS ALTOS TO GET MASSIVE FOOD HALL

San Francisco has the Ferry Building, San Jose, the San Pedro Square Market, Napa, the Oxbow Market.

And soon, the Peninsula will have its own food hall.

State Street Market, a two-story, 16,505-square-foot building, is currently under construction at 160 and 170 State St. in downtown Los Altos. Local developer Los Altos Community Investments, which was founded by Anne Wojcicki (the co-founder and CEO of 23andMe), is behind the project. The company declined to comment on the record at this time.

Plans submitted to the city show an interior and exterior remodel for a mixed-use food hall and market. The ground floor will include a coffee bar, ice cream shop, ramen bar, raw bar, teaching kitchen, arcade, a bar/restaurant and something called "healthy bowl," according to the project plans. There will also be retail, including a fitness area, lounge and meeting rooms, according to the plans. The second floor is office space.

In 2018, Wojcicki told the Los Altos Town Crier that she envisioned the project as a gathering place with "food and fun" for the Los Altos community.

"I really think of this as being a very open, multigenerational spot where there's a lot of variety and fun," she said. "You want people just hanging out in town, you can get food, you have stuff you can do, you can meet your friends — it's a hub with social activity."

The company owns numerous downtown Los Altos properties, with food tenants including Bumble, Tin Pot Creamery, Manresa Bread and Asa Restaurant. Since starting Los Altos Community Investments in 2010, Wojcicki has invested in the city of Los Altos with "strategic long-term investments that ignite growth and vitality in the downtown," the company's website reads.

—Elena Kadvany

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100 block Hope St., 1/28  
1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 1/28  
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900 block Villa St., 1/31  
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### BATTERY

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1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 1/31

### ROBBERY

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## Cyber attack takes down high school server and phone system

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View-Los Altos High School District was the victim of a ransomware attack last week that took down the phone system and blocked access to files stored on the district's server.

Superintendent Nellie Meyer said in a statement Thursday, Jan. 30, that the attack prevented teachers and students from accessing email accounts and files stored on the district's servers — interfering with both campus operations and instruction. Around the same time, staff received reports of fraudulent activity on credit cards used by district employees, raising alarm bells that it could be related to the attack. Those concerns appear to be unfounded, according to district officials Monday.

The school district is still investigating the cause and extent of the security breach, including whether the attackers had access to sensitive student data that could be copied and transferred.

The phone system and some of the district's file servers remained offline through Tuesday, a week after the attack, according to Bob Fishtrom, the district's director of information services. New antivirus software has been installed on more than 700 devices across all the district's facilities, including the Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School on Moffett Boulevard, with hopes that the



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**Superintendent Nellie Meyer** said the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District is still recovering from last week's ransomware that crippled the phone system and servers.

ransomware won't proliferate once the servers are back online.

What the district knows so far is that the malware is called Sodinokibi, a sophisticated type of ransomware developed in April 2019, likely in Russia or China, and somehow got into the district's network — potentially in a bogus email attachment. Sodinokibi is designed so that it repeatedly attempts to replicate itself, and holds victims hostage by encrypting files and

demanding money (in bitcoin) in order to get them back.

"We're one of hundreds of districts and entities hit with it," Fishtrom said.

Since Jan. 29, Chromebooks have been distributed to staff with affected computers as a workaround, Fishtrom said, and the good news is that many teachers are already storing most of their important digital classroom materials on Google Drive — which remain unaffected. The

other bright spot is that the district's student information system is hosted elsewhere and hasn't been affected.

"We know that it hasn't been compromised," he said.

Kalista Micetich, a freshman at Mountain View High, said everything from the grading system to classroom projectors to the attendance-taking system was affected, and students in engineering classes fell behind because they couldn't use their

computers to code or design anything.

The district is seeking outside help from a digital security company, Kroll, which is assisting in both safeguarding the district from future attacks and doing the forensic work needed to figure out what happened and what information has been compromised. Some of the district's file servers have yet to be fully vetted by the company, which is why they stayed offline through Tuesday, Fishtrom said.

Though a comprehensive update on the cyberattack is slated for later this week, early reports indicate that the fraudulent credit card activity was coincidental and does not appear to be related to the breach. The suspicious activity was reported from nine employees and was tied to the use of either Amazon Pay or an Amazon credit card — all of which were personal accounts. District credit cards have shown no reports of unauthorized purchases.

The attack was first reported by Mountain View High School's student newspaper, The Oracle, Jan. 30.

Families concerned that their child's personal information has been compromised are encouraged to keep an eye out for updates on the district's social media pages, and the district is directing any inquiries to the IT department at 925-788-3038 or [mvla.info@mvla.net](mailto:mvla.info@mvla.net).

## Vaping ordinance and youth mental health top council's goals

By Kevin Forestieri

Faced with too many ambitious plans and not nearly enough staff time, the Mountain View City Council took a scalpel to its long list of big-ticket priorities Tuesday night. Transportation initiatives were largely the losers, while a bid for a citywide vaping ban and improvements to youth mental health won coveted spots in the lengthy catalog of council goals.

The Feb. 4 meeting marked a major check-in for the council's biennial goal-setting process, which sets a road map for addressing the city's most pressing issues. It also gives council members a broadly defined forum to spitball ideas,

rapidly taking on a bevy of disparate topics in a small theater inside the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts. Council members "voted" by placing colored stickers on easel pads next to favored items.

Gaining the sticker of approval from all seven council members was a new plan to help address gaps in youth mental health care in Mountain View. The idea, put forth by Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga last year, would have the city bring together school districts, nonprofits and county health officials to figure out what services are lacking and what can be done about it. It could also usher in a boost of funding from the city to mental health providers.

Abe-Koga said she believes the city could become an important "conduit" between health care agencies and local schools. The idea comes after the deaths of two high school students by suicide since August 2018.

The council was cautious, however, of overstepping boundaries, and agreed that the work should be done primarily by council members themselves through the Youth Services Committee. Councilwoman Lisa Matichak said the city doesn't have the expertise to champion mental health initiatives that have long been the purview of Santa Clara County and local nonprofits, and worried it would take up too much staff time.

"I would prefer the city not

take the lead, given how much we have on our plate," she said.

Also getting added to the priority list is an ordinance restricting the sale of electronic cigarettes and vaping products within city limits, which could come back to the council for a vote in June. The decision follows recent calls by county officials and local school districts urging the city to do more to curb a troubling rise in teen vaping.

Mountain View does not have an ordinance restricting the sale of tobacco products near schools and in pharmacies, and does not prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products that appeal to teens. A study last February found a reduction in tobacco use among

youth and young adults in areas that adopted robust compliance checks and enforcement programs to monitor illicit sales to minors.

Though the Tuesday meeting was a chance to add new priorities, the bulk of the discussion was spent trying to find a middle ground with city staffers seeking to postpone time-consuming tasks or items that require new hires. A study originally slated to begin this month on an automated transit system into North Bayshore got bumped to November, pending the hiring of a new assistant public works director. The launch of the city's new electric scooter program got postponed

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### MEASURE D

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renters, property owners and taxpayers support."

The mailer frames Measure D as way to fix or improve upon the rent control law, originally passed by voters in 2016. It suggests that the streamlined process for capital upgrades enables property owners to "properly address" things like seismic vulnerabilities in older apartment buildings.

The mailer claims that Measure D "lowers" the annual rent increases under CSFRA to 4%. In fact, the current law ties annual

rent increases to the rate of inflation, not to exceed 5% and, since its inception, has not gone higher than 3.6%.

It also points out that the council's measure does not remove just-cause eviction protections, even though such protections are now largely enshrined in state law under AB 1482, and does not tamper with the balance between tenants and property owners who serve on the Rental Housing Committee charged with administering CSFRA. However, the measure would open membership to nonresident property owners.

Campaigning by the landlord

lobbying group was dormant through the end of 2019, with recent campaign finance documents showing no fundraising activities and just \$3,500 spent on legal services. Though reports for activity through the first half of January have yet to be filed, campaigning appears to have jump-started this week with two major donations: \$26,950 from Mountain View-based real estate company Acco Management and \$49,500 from Richard Tod Spieker, who owns and operates thousands of multifamily units, mostly in Silicon Valley. Both donations went to a campaign committee called "Mountain View Residents for Renter, Homeowner, & Taxpayer Protections, Yes on D, Sponsored by the California Apartment Association."

The active role in campaigning for Measure D comes from a desire to end the "divisive rent control fights" that Mountain View residents have endured since 2016, said Joshua Howard of the California Apartment Association, which filed a now-withdrawn lawsuit in 2017 seeking to overturn CSFRA. He added that the group appreciates

the leadership of Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga for seeking to bring the community together on the contentious issue.

"While Measure D is far from perfect, it does try to strike a balance between the current law and the measure that CAA helped qualify for the November ballot," Howard said.

In 2018, the CAA sought its own revisions to Mountain View's rent control law by collecting signatures for an initiative currently slated to appear on the November 2020 ballot. The measure would make significant concessions in favor of landlords and contains a poison pill provision that would effectively end rent control in Mountain View. Rent control increases would be tied to the vacancy rate of rental units and become unenforceable when it hits 3% or higher. Even in the city's booming housing market, the vacancy rate hasn't dipped below 3% in over 13 years.

Last month, the CAA announced that it would withdraw its support for the November ballot initiative if Measure D passes, shortly before it began actively

campaigning for the measure.

### Opposition outspent

A relatively lean campaign opposing Measure D also picked up steam last month, with the latest round of filings showing the Mountain View Housing Justice Campaign raised nearly \$4,500 in donations from the start of the year through Jan. 18.

The campaign received contributions ranging from \$99 to \$1,000 from 14 people, a dozen of whom are Mountain View residents. Top donations came from former school board member Steven Nelson (\$1,000), former councilman Lenny Siegel (\$680) and Edith Keating (\$600), a Palo Alto resident who has been active for years in Mountain View's rent control campaigns.

The campaign spent nearly \$3,000 over the same period on flyers, cards, yard signs and door hangers. Once such door hanger called Measure D "deceptive, unfair and unnecessary," slamming the argument that the measure would reduce rents or would be needed for earthquake safety. ▀

picture, describing how Carling attacked the door and splintered the wood. At one point he began thrusting a knife through a crack, nearly stabbing the father of the family who was bracing the door from the other side. Police arriving at the apartment saw Carling still holding a metal object that matched the description of the knife, and officers say his actions amounted to assault with a deadly weapon.

Carling was released from county jail on his own recognizance on Jan. 23 on condition that he agree to appear in court for sentencing on March 20. He served a previous prison term after his 2012 conviction for felony possession of a stolen vehicle in Santa Clara County.

The case against Saini, who is accused of burglary and unlawfully turning off the apartment's power, is still ongoing, and she is due to appear in court on March 16 for a preliminary hearing. In an interview with the *Voice* last year, Saini defended her eviction attempt and described how she was a lessee of the apartment and rented the unit out to others for short-term stays. Up to the Aug. 26 break-in, she said she had been losing money because the tenants had not been paying rent.

Saini said she was seeking \$10,000 in monthly rent for the two-bedroom apartment, significantly higher than the \$3,900 the family claims it had originally agreed to pay. ▀

*Email Kevin Forestieri at kforestieri@mv-voice.com*

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Second Floor, Mountain View City Hall  
500 Castro Street, Mountain View

Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the City Council regarding the program. The City Council report will be available on the City's website, [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov), on February 7, 2020. For further information, please contact the Public Works Department at 650-903-6311 or e-mail [public.works@mountainview.gov](mailto:public.works@mountainview.gov).

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(MVV Jan. 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 2020)

### 997 All Other Legals

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Case No.: 20PR187490

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#### Santa Clara County

One of the most significant tensions between Peninsula communities and their elected representatives in Sacramento has been over Senate Bill 50, a proposed law that would have required cities to have relaxed zoning standards for housing development near transit and in jobs-rich areas. Although the bill died on the Senate floor last week, it raised deep questions about governance and what should be done to fix the problems that have come with the explosive job growth and stunted housing production on the Peninsula.

Should the state intervene in local communities' governance to ensure housing growth? To tackle homelessness? To reduce greenhouse gas emissions? If so, how, and how forcefully?



*"I'm running to be not just a good vote on climate change, but to be the environmental climate leader in the state Senate."*

#### Josh Becker

**Key issue:** Environment

**Age:** 50

**City:** Menlo Park

**Education:** Williams College, B.A.; Stanford University, J.D., M.B.A.

**Career:** former CEO at Lex Machina; founder of the Full Circle Fund; co-founder of New Cycle Capital

**Years in district:** 20

**Family:** wife; two children

**Key endorsements:** Gov. Gavin Newsom, U.S. Senator Ed Markey, state Sen. Jerry Hill

**Campaign funds raised:** \$932,379

**Independent spending:** \$500,000 from Reid Hoffman through the Committee for a Positive Change in Support of Josh Becker for Senate 2020

Democrat Josh Becker, a venture capitalist for green businesses, a former CEO of the legal analytics firm Lex Machina and a philanthropist, has had a varied career path. He said it's that very path that's led him to run for office.

After college, he went into consulting before he left to work in war-torn Guatemala and El Salvador. There, he helped rebuild homes, open a market and build a school.

"That experience, for me, made me want to make my life about service," he said.

Back in the U.S., he worked in Washington, D.C. as a press secretary before heading to Stanford, where he completed a joint law and business schools program. While there, he helped create the "Board of Fellows" program, which trains MBA students to serve on nonprofit boards.

In 2000, he created the Full Circle Fund, focused on making grants to innovative nonprofits throughout the Bay Area working on housing affordability, economic opportunity, education and technology and also supports health and the environmental programs.

Becker ran unsuccessfully for the state Assembly in 2010, then started campaigning again in 2016 for the District 24 Assembly seat. He dropped out of the race after his father fell ill. After his father later died of brain cancer, Becker helped to start a biotech company to research cancer cures.

He said he's a collaborator and an innovator who, over the years, has taken on a number of varied challenges facing the state. He is a founding trustee at the University of California at Merced, serves on the San Mateo County County Child Care Partnership Council, is an appointee to the California State Workforce Development Board, and is a board member of the local environmental nonprofit Menlo Spark.

Becker said he wants to be the environmental leader in the state Senate.

"I think what we do here has an impact well beyond our borders, if we get people like me up there who have been part of innovative technologies and innovative policy in this area," he said.

He's crafted a detailed environmental policy plan, saying he would push to make state agencies carbon neutral by 2030; propose incentives for people to buy the cleanest electric vehicles and disincentives for the worst polluting vehicles; support more bike lanes; protect "community choice" energy programs; support annual reporting of greenhouse gas emissions by cities of more than 75,000 people; and promote cleaner alternatives to freight transportation.

His first policymaking priority as a senator would be to create incentives for the development of new technology to remove carbon from the atmosphere,

such as awarding contracts to innovative businesses, he said.

On the topic of housing policy, he did not support the revised Senate Bill 50 and noted that it would likely have been litigated and wouldn't have taken effect for three or four years.

He stands apart from other candidates with one of the bolder proposals to address the district's skewed jobs-housing balance: Large employers with 1,000 or more workers would be required to fund one housing unit for every job created.

One reason for the imbalance, he said, is that it continues to be more profitable for cities to support commercial development over housing. He said he wants the state to help pay developer impact fees for affordable housing so that cities don't lose out on funding for needed infrastructure.

He said he would fight for the region to secure state funding for Caltrain grade separations — projects to separate the rail line from the more than 40 Peninsula roads that cross it. It's estimated that building grade separations at all of those Caltrain crossings would cost around \$11 billion.

Becker cites Santa Clara County finance documents in stating that only 6% of locally generated tax revenue comes back to the 14 cities of Santa Clara County.

"We need that money back for Caltrain grade separations," he said.

If elected, he said, he's committed to carrying on Sen. Jerry Hill's work to hold PG&E accountable and to being accessible.

PG&E, he said, is disproving the concept of "too big to fail."

"They're too big and they're failing," he said.

He said he's interested in exploring a co-op model for the utility, with PG&E potentially becoming a poles-and-wires company.

"I think the investor-owned utility model is broken," he said.

He said he's considering hosting regular "Java with Josh" events — modeled on Hill's "Java with Jerry" sessions — in different cities and creating a district-wide book club to explore the history and problems facing the district.

"It would be an incredible district to represent," he said.

#### Michael Brownrigg

**Key issue:** Local control

**Age:** 58

**City:** Burlingame

**Education:** Williams College, B.A.

**Occupation:** Burlingame City Council member, former diplomat, managing director at Total Impact Advisors (on hiatus during the campaign)



*"I'm a Peninsula kid, born and raised. I've seen the changes and I think I know what makes this place special, and I think that gives me an advantage as we start to think about how to grow in a way that protects what's special, and yet makes room for people, which is the most important thing."*

**Years in district:** 30

**Family:** wife; four children

**Key endorsements:** Central County Firefighters, California Refuse Recycling Council Northern District, San Mateo County Supervisor David Canepa

**Campaign funds raised:** \$815,203

**Independent spending:** \$460,000 from his mother, Linda Brownrigg, through Californians Supporting Brownrigg for Senate 2020

Democrat Mike Brownrigg is a former diplomat and venture capitalist who now works in social impact investing and sits on the Burlingame City Council.

He's running, he said, because as a 30-year resident of the district, "I love this place, and I don't think we're on a good trajectory."

Brownrigg grew up in Los Altos Hills before attending Williams College and later entering the foreign service. After working as a diplomat in Syria and Hong Kong, he returned to the Bay Area with wife Marty, a pediatrician, and they've raised their four children in Burlingame. He worked in finance and investment, most recently at Total Impact Advising, though he's taken a leave of absence while he's campaigning.

Over the past 18 years, he's become more involved in local politics, serving eight years on the Burlingame Planning Commission before beating incumbents to win a City Council seat. He's now in his 10th year on the council.

His campaign strategy has involved meeting constituents at nearly 100 house parties across the district, in line with his campaign hashtag on Twitter, #NeighborhoodStateSenator.

On the Burlingame council, he's seen the city through thick and thin: He talks about how, early in his tenure, during the

recession, he negotiated with labor groups to defer raises to bridge the economic downturn and got the community to step up philanthropic contributions to support the library.

More recently, he said, he and his council colleagues worked to implement zoning for a new neighborhood and supported an affordable housing development in the heart of downtown Burlingame. The city is now on target to expand its housing stock by 20% over the next decade, he said. "That's a profound accomplishment for any city."

He's a vocal proponent of local control and opposed SB 50.

"Nobody will push harder for responsible local control than I will because I have 10 years of pushing back against bad ideas from Sacramento," he said.

He said he emphasizes the word "responsible" because all stakeholders need to step up to address the housing crisis, and Sacramento needs to help. "I think local officials are not unfairly demonized, but we are made to be the only scapegoat of the housing crisis, and that's not right."

"If we don't get more help to invest in quality-of-life investments, like transit, like housing, like child care, then I worry that the Peninsula that I grew up on, that's been this home of innovation and prosperity, will erode," he said.

For example, he said, the state could offer jurisdictions low- or no-cost infrastructure money.

"It's pretty tough politically to go to your residents, none of whom say, 'I want more big buildings and traffic; sign me up for that!' ... But you can get people to the point where they realize we have to do this because we need a place for our teachers and our young people and our nurses and our working families."

Yet it's even tougher to ask residents who have allowed new density for another parcel tax to support, for example, the over-loaded schools or other infrastructure that resulted, he added.

The state could also help with investing in transit, specifically by supporting Caltrain's business plan, getting BART around the Bay, getting another transbay rail line, supporting express lanes with rapid-transit buses, and developing better first- and last-mile transportation options. ("Because, newsflash, 65-year-olds are not going to get on Lime scooters to get to BART," he said.)

Along with investments in transit to curb car emissions, he said, he's on a mission to make the power grid greener with more power storage to make a switch to all-electric power more viable. He's pushing an ambitious goal: for the state to go carbon-free

by 2030. That would require creating carbon-free energy and reducing demand for fossil fuels while taking aggressive steps to sequester carbon in the atmosphere, he said. To start, he wants to put together an 18-month blue ribbon task force to figure out how to create or store 10 gigawatts of energy in seven years.

He also wants to require the meetings of public agencies that spend more than \$50 million to \$100 million to be televised, with recordings that are searchable; create a permanent funding stream for early childhood education and early child care; and add a four-year degree program to a community college in District 13.

It's often "a bridge too far, no pun intended," for local working kids going to community college who then want a four-year degree to have to commute to San Jose, Oakland or San Francisco, he said.

He said he's guided in his decision-making by asking himself questions such as "What is true north? What are we trying to accomplish?" and "What's best for the kids?" — giving extra weight to the last of those questions. "That helps you make decisions. You're not trying to solve for multiple variables," he said.



*"I'm a Republican. I run a business. I'm very pro-business. But I don't believe that there is an unbridled right to increase population just to feed workers to these entities."*

### Alexander Glew

**Key issue:** Infrastructure  
**Age:** 56  
**City:** Los Altos  
**Education:** U.C. Berkeley, B.S. and Masters in Mechanical Engineering; Stanford University, Masters and Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering  
**Career:** Engineer  
**Years in district:** 25  
**Family:** Wife and three golden retrievers  
**Key endorsements:** California GOP, Santa Clara County GOP and San Mateo County GOP  
**Campaign funds raised:** \$3,100  
**Independent spending:** None

The sole Republican candidate in a predominantly Democratic

district, Alex Glew is an engineering consultant who sits on the Los Altos Design Review Commission and is part of the South Peninsula Area Republican Coalition.

He's also not a newcomer to local politics: In 2018, he ran for the District 24 state Assembly seat and lost to Marc Berman.

Glew said his guiding principles are his values of freedom, liberty and choice and that he believes problems should "be first addressed by the people closest to the problem."

A big part of choice, he said, is getting to choose one's neighborhood.

"People buy into a neighborhood and raise their kids there or retire there based on choices, but these choices are being removed for them," he said. He said that cities should be able to control their own densities — voicing opposition to the premise of the controversial housing bill SB 50.

The state should be investing in big infrastructure projects, like dams, trains and highways, he said.

Talking about the high-speed rail project, he said: "That a government the size of California ... can't figure out how to plan for a train speaks to the inability of the government to think in a long-term and disciplined manner. ... It would be laughable if it weren't our state and our people and our problems and so much money. It's just sort of sad."

Sacramento, he asserted, is out of touch and spends too much time on "minuscule things that sort of pander to popular culture" rather than "the basics" of investing in transportation and water systems.

"People like cars; politicians say cars are bad. People like single-family homes; politicians say single-family homes are bad. People want lower taxes; the politicians really don't listen," he said.

The lack of investment in infrastructure, even while cities have continued to grow, he said, has worsened the quality of life and made the average commute in the Bay Area more than an hour each way.

"California has a net outflow of people who were born and raised here," Glew said. "They just get fed up with the low quality of life. It attracts people who are used to a much lower quality of life, you know — we have a vast number of immigrants coming here. For them, this is perhaps heaven. But for the people who are here, it's not."

Regarding private sector growth, he said that the state and counties need to have clearer plans for infrastructure investment.

Cities continue to attract more

jobs without creating that infrastructure, he noted. "The big companies are smarter than the local municipalities; they seem to always come out ahead on the deals," he said. "I'm a Republican. I run a business. I'm very pro-business. But I don't believe that there is an unbridled right to increase population just to feed workers to these entities."

If a county doesn't have an infrastructure plan to accommodate job growth, then another county should be eligible for that growth, he said.

He favors the state staying out of health care, preferring a marketplace approach. Citing "The Cure that Works," a book by economics professor Sean Flynn, he supports widespread health savings accounts and more competition to give people choices about where to seek medical services. Those services should come with clear price tags to help people make decisions about how and whether to save costs in seeking health services, he added. Some of his other policy goals include changing the state pension system to a defined contribution program that functions more like a 401(k) system and to allow PG&E to face more competition.

### Sally Lieber

**Key issue:** Tackling poverty

**Age:** 58

**City:** Mountain View

**Education:** Attended City College San Francisco and Foothill College, Stanford B.A.

**Occupation:** Volunteer and consultant with community organizations

**Years in district:** 26

**Family:** husband, dog

**Key endorsements:** National Nurses United - California Nurses Association, SEIU California, Sierra Club California.

**Campaign funds raised:**

\$252,085

**Independent spending:** None

Democrat Sally Lieber, former Mountain View City Council member, stands out among the candidates as the only one with experience as an elected official in the state Legislature. She served in the Assembly from 2002 to 2008.

Her path was a nontraditional one: She worked as a wallpaper hanger in Michigan and San Francisco for 10 years, earned a GED and attended community college at San Francisco City College and Foothill College before attending Stanford. She won a seat on the Mountain View City Council in 1998.

Serving in the Assembly during a recession taught her that a crisis can strike and throw off one's legislative goals. "You can



*"I'm to a point in my political service that political footsie is not what I want to do anymore. I'm not angling for higher office. My interest is in policy and trying to make the machine of government operate better."*

have the best-laid plans and an earthquake could happen during your term of office. Experience counts for a lot."

Still, she said, she became known as a collaborator with other Assembly members and learned from more senior policymakers such as Jackie Speier, now a member of Congress.

"Being there for six years was an education," she said. "It taught me a lot about the policy process."

She set the stage to raise the minimum wage, worked to create the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority and authored the state's first bill on human trafficking, making it a felony and assisting victims. Shifting funding from prosecuting women for prostitution to considering them to be victims of sex trafficking, she said, was one example of a policy shift that can both save the state money and yield better outcomes.

While working on statewide issues, she also focused on helping individuals in her district of about 440,000 constituents. For example, she once got Caltrans to remove tread marks on the road that a constituent believed resulted from her husband's fatal car accident and found traumatizing.

If elected to the Senate, she said, her first bill would be an anti-poverty measure. "It doesn't do anyone good to have so many kids growing up in poverty in our state," she said.

Regarding housing, she said she didn't support SB 50 because there wasn't enough affordable housing tied to it. But she wants to focus on other policies that don't "suck all the air out of the room."

The service workers who are now commuting in from the Central Valley and south Santa Clara County won't always be so willing to endure the schlep, she said.

"We can't solve all of our housing needs by having spillover into

agricultural areas of the Central Valley," she said.

A good start would be to invest in rail infrastructure so it takes less than two hours to commute by BART to the Peninsula from the East Bay, she said. That includes a better connection to Caltrain in the South Bay to serve affordable housing growth in communities like Gilroy and Morgan Hill.

Tech companies should permit more people to work remotely, she said, and there should be a clearer pathway established for how they can be involved in helping solve the problems to which they contribute. It shouldn't be considered an act of philanthropy but rather a reliable source of funding, she said. And, just as cities today have to prove that there will be enough water available to support new growth, they should also be required to demonstrate that there is housing available before they permit new job centers to be built, she said.

She wants the state's surplus properties, particularly the surface parking lots of public agencies, studied and considered for affordable housing development.

One place she's wary of developing, though, is on areas that have historically been part of the Bay or will be part of it in the future.

"We have to have the Bay wetlands as our shock absorbers for sea level rise," she said.

RVs, Lieber said, are likely to remain a part of the region's housing mix "for the foreseeable future," so she favors the development of safe parking facilities, as well as other initiatives such as Oakland's "Tuff Shed" program to rapidly offer housing for the homeless.

She supports Medicare for all and expanding MediCal to cover undocumented adults. The state should also consider increasing reimbursement rates for community organizations that provide health care, she added.

"I feel like we should have the same health care security that Canadians do," she said.

### Shelly Masur

**Key issue:** Education

**Age:** 55

**City:** Redwood City

**Education:** Macalester College, BA; City University of New York-Hunter College, Masters in Public Health

**Occupation:** nonprofit executive (on hiatus during the campaign)

**Years in district:** 21

**Family:** husband; three adult children; two dogs

**Key endorsements:** Scott Wiener, state senator; Marc Berman,

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state assemblyman; California Democratic Legislative Women's Caucus  
**Campaign funds raised:** \$429,460

**Independent spending:** \$300,000 from the California Teachers Association, Federation of Teachers and Medical Association independent expenditure committees and \$5,526 from Fund Her PAC

Redwood City Vice Mayor Shelly Masur, a Democrat, brings to the candidate pool unique credentials as an education expert with a background in public health. She holds a master's degree in public health and worked early in her career to support women's reproductive rights.

As founding CEO of the Californians Dedicated to Education Foundation, which she led for five years before leaving to run for office full time, Masur said she's built relationships in Sacramento and regionally in the education sector.

Before that, she spent 10 years on the school board of the Redwood City School District. If elected, she said, she hopes to work on the Senate's education committee.

"I really believe that our schools are the foundation for our economy and our democracy, and we have to invest in them," she asserted. "In California, we've changed almost everything in education in the last eight years. We've changed how we fund our schools, how we assess students, how we look at how schools are doing."

Yet California continues to chronically underfund its



*"We live in the economic engine of California, and in essence, that's really the economic engine of this country. We're also a district of vast disparity. We have some of the wealthiest people in the world, and we have some very, very poor families. And how we continue to build communities that value everybody and make space for everybody — that's a challenge, but it's something that I'm committed to, that I have worked on my whole life."*

schools, she said.

"We've got to continually work toward moving from the bottom 10 to the top 10 in public education," she said.

But at the same time, rather than work on creating new education programs right now, she said, the state should continue to pay down pension liabilities for teachers and other government employees. When the state shifted pension costs to cities, school districts and employees, it created "havoc for all of us in local government," she said. "It's the responsibility of the state to come back and fund what it took away."

As a council member in Redwood City, a Peninsula leader in housing production, Masur said that another key priority is getting affordable housing built to address the region's housing crisis.

The intersection of housing and education strikes home for Masur: Her daughter, a first-year teacher, is currently living at home because she can't afford the local housing.

Masur stood apart from the other candidates as the sole supporter of the revised version of SB 50.

She said that the bill's author, Sen. Scott Wiener, who has endorsed her, was responsive to her input and that of other leaders in Peninsula cities when he made a revision to allow cities two years to develop their own zoning plans to allow increased housing, as well as to not exempt the less populous counties.

Another way the state could help communities to build more housing is to offer affordable housing tax credits and increased support for construction of middle-income housing, which is generally difficult to finance, she said.

To tackle homelessness, Masur said, she favors a "housing first" approach, which provides housing to homeless people without requiring that they adhere to regulations such as being clean, sober or employed.

"If you don't have a home, how are you going to go to a regular appointment with a therapist? How are you going to make sure you take your meds every day? How are you going to make sure you have regular food? ... The list is endless because you have to spend all your energy to think about where you're going to be."

Masur, who has served as Redwood City's representative on Caltrain's Local Policy Maker Group, said that one of her priorities is to fund grade separations, for traffic and safety reasons. Masur said she wants to declare a climate crisis and move up the state's goal to reach zero carbon emissions by 2030. She also wants to make health care more

affordable and accessible.

"California is the fifth largest economy in the world. We should be able to move forward in ensuring that everyone has access to health care in some way," she said. "We all benefit when everyone has access to health care and when we don't defer health needs. ... It's just cheaper."



*"It's pretty incredible to think that it takes an IPO to put a down payment on a home today."*

#### Annie Oliva

**Key issue:** Homelessness

**Age:** 60

**City:** Millbrae

**Education:** Notre Dame de Namur University, BS

**Occupation:** Realtor, Millbrae City Council member

**Years in district:** 60

**Family:** husband, three adult children

**Key endorsements:** San Mateo County Association of Realtors

**Campaign funds raised:**

\$401,058

**Independent spending:**

\$409,000, California Association of Realtors

Democrat Annie Oliva's drive to run for office, she said, is inspired in part by her family's experience with homelessness.

Her son has been homeless and struggled with mental health and addiction problems.

"When those bring you down, they bring you all the way down," she said. After her son got on board with her run for office, Oliva proposed a seven-step approach for tackling homelessness in California.

Key among these policy proposals are to expand conservatorship, through which people in some situations would be required to use shelter or undergo treatment, and to promote transitional jail-diversion programs that give low-level offenders who are mentally ill or struggle with substance abuse the option to receive treatment instead of being incarcerated.

Another component of tackling homelessness is decreasing the cost of building housing, she said. She favors streamlining

permitting and project review processes at the city level to expedite development and reforming the California Environmental Quality Act to limit when people can file lawsuits over development proposals as part of the environmental review process.

"It's pretty incredible to think that it takes an IPO to put a down payment on a home today," said Oliva, a San Bruno real estate agent who said she's carved a niche in her practice by appealing to first-time homebuyers.

Oliva took over her father's business, Marshall Realty, in 2012. During a 2016 audit, an investigator told her that the business was not registered under her real estate broker's license, which she later remedied. She was also held to account for authorizing four bank transactions that year, over the phone, that the California Bureau of Real Estate characterized as careless. Her real estate broker's license was revoked, but she has a restricted real estate salesperson license under which she continues to work.

Oliva said these incidents happened while she was visiting her son, who was receiving treatment, and the bureau reported that she took a number of steps to ensure that it wouldn't happen again: changing business practices; taking courses in trust fund handling, ethics, risk management and office management and supervision; and getting assistance from industry professionals.

"I took this very, very seriously, and I did everything that they told me to do," she said. "Yeah, I made a mistake, and nobody was hurt, thankfully, and we fixed it. ... It was a painful time. I didn't take it lightly. I still don't take it lightly."

Among the Democratic candidates, Oliva has spoken most strongly in support of preserving property rights. She opposed SB 50 and favors leaving zoning decisions up to local jurisdictions.

She opposes the state's new laws that set restrictions on rent increases and said the reason there are so few rental opportunities on the market is because landlords are hesitant because of the new laws.

She favors investing in transportation instead — and suggested a train line to run between San Bruno and Tracy. That would allow more workers to be able to get to Peninsula jobs from the East Bay and beyond.

"If we can accomplish better public transportation for people that need to come into the district, and they can use that other than a car, I think that would be great for the environment as well," she said.

For Oliva in particular, the call to reform PG&E carries personal resonance. In the 2010 San Bruno pipeline explosion that gutted a neighborhood and killed eight people, several of her childhood schoolmates died and three of the agents in her San Bruno real estate office were displaced, she said.

"My mom (lives) about a half-mile away from the explosion," she added. "It was horrific. It was scary as all heck. So you can only imagine from the experience we had that night how I feel about PG&E. ... I can't forgive PG&E for what happened. People that died in that explosion I went to grade school with. They need to be watched."

When asked what should be done to reform the utility, she said, "I don't want to comment on what I think the solution is."

If she were elected, the average resident in the district would be unlikely to see many changes except, perhaps, an accentuation of positive aspects of Peninsula life, she said. She identifies her politics as "very moderate."

"Common sense, I guess, would be the biggest change," she said. "There's just so many laws that come into effect that don't make sense, and I'd like to be the one that listens to everybody."

#### John Webster

**Key issue:** Big government

**Age:** 74

**City:** Mountain View

**Education:** University of Washington, BSEE; Santa Clara University, Masters in computer science

**Occupation:** Software engineer

**Years in district:** 12

**Key endorsements:** Not listed

**Campaign funds raised:** None

**Independent spending:** None

Libertarian John Webster is running because he wants to dramatically change the way the state government is run. His belief, he said, is that "it's just as evil for the government to steal money from the rich and successful to sprinkle free benefits on everybody else as it is for me to steal money."

He didn't have concrete responses to a number of proposed laws, like SB 50, because, as he put it, "Since I'm not actually in the Legislature now, I don't get the wording of intended laws."

At nearly every level, he favors letting the free market dictate outcomes for people's lives. Webster said he doesn't think homeowners should pressure the government to restrict the housing supply to elevate costs so that they benefit.

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Instead, he favors making zoning easy to change and letting supply and demand play out.

His positions include: People should have the right to build backyard granny flats and rent them out; to build cheaper housing or mini-houses; taxation should be based on people's uses of government services; families should pay tuition for their children's schooling; and parents should decide at what age vaping is appropriate for

their children.

And the environment? He's concerned about trash in the ocean, but "as far as the human-caused impact of carbon dioxide, I think that's being totally overblown," he said.

Things he opposes include rent control, health care for all, taxes and "too much democracy."

According to his website, he also appears to oppose enforcement of child pornography laws.

He writes: "The original justification for punishing a person who purchased (or possessed) kiddy porn was that he was

supporting an industry that abused children to produce the pictures. Once those laws were in place, they were used to severely punish people that took or enjoyed pictures of teenagers in sexy poses, etc.. In other words, those laws were used to enforce our culture's standard of what is an appropriate depiction of children, even where there was no real 'Child Abuse' involved.

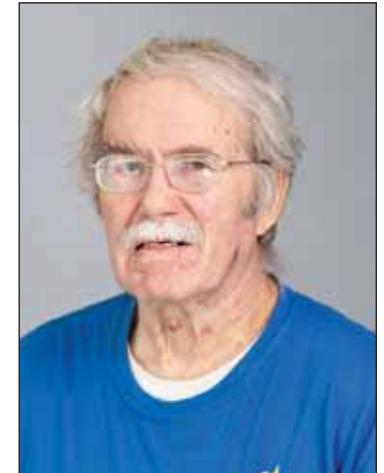
"The Law Enforcement agencies should be going after the people that committed the original abuse, if indeed there was actual abuse, and not wasting time and taxpayer's money on enforcing what amounts to 'thought' crimes."

In addition to his overall

anti-government stance, he appears to have some personal grievances with law enforcement. He was arrested in 1990 in a sting operation for what he calls "talk-thought crimes." In a series of tape-recorded conversations with a female undercover police officer, he discussed running away with her, raising children and "arranging pleasant sexual experiences" for them within the family, he said.

"I have a 15% chance of actually suing the government for millions," he said. "If I did that, then maybe I could encourage a young lady to run off with me and start a family again." □

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*"It's just as evil for the government to steal money from the rich and successful to sprinkle free benefits on everybody else, as it is for me to steal money."*

### Patricia Floyd

December 23, 1924 – November 12, 2019

Patricia Cooling (Pat) Floyd passed away peacefully on November 12, 2019, at the age of ninety-four, after spending her last fifty-five years in Mountain View. She was born December 23, 1924, to Horace and Edna Cooling on the south side of Chicago. Growing up, she attended Saint Felicitas School and Mercy High School, both in Chicago.



She was very active in a teen club hosted by her parents and welcomed new members. During one get together, she noticed a tall young man standing with friends and asked him to dance. That was how she met her late husband, Jim Floyd, Sr. Together, they raised five children who, in turn, gave them eleven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Her family was her life's purpose and she helped raise most of her grandchildren and even some of her great-grandchildren.

She lived life to the fullest and was always ready for another adventure: as a teenager, unbeknownst to her parents, she took a barnstorming ride on a biplane. After moving to California with her family, she enjoyed volunteering at El Camino Hospital's maternity ward, as well as many trips to Martin's Beach, Half Moon Bay, Santa Cruz and to her special bench in Shoreline Park. She decorated her house for every holiday. When spouses and grandchildren joined the family, she always had a pot of Christmas soup simmering on the stove to accommodate everyone's schedules.

After the loss of her husband in 1973, she and her closest friends started gathering on the first Tuesday of every month to go to dinner, chat and help each other through life's challenges. The Tuesday Night Bunch was featured in an article in the Palo Alto Times in 1999 commemorating more than twenty-five years of Tuesday nights.

Life took some of her children out of state but, for her 80th birthday, everyone came to Mountain View and converged in front of her house. After the initial surprise and pleasure of greeting them, her first thought was, "how am I going to feed everyone"? That was just the way she was: a wonderful, thoughtful, kind human being.

She is survived by her five children: Linda Dupre of Phoenix, AZ, Cathryn Floyd of Sunnyvale, CA, Jim Floyd Jr of Saratoga, CA, Michael Floyd of Overland, MO, Ted Floyd of Glendale, AZ, eleven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations to The Salvation Army would be appreciated.

PAID OBITUARY

### COUNCIL GOALS

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from June until some time in the fall, again because of vacant transportation staff positions.

Council members were less willing to relent on housing goals that staff sought to delay. Councilwoman Ellen Kamei balked at the idea of pushing back plans to support middle-income housing strategies by eight months, and prevailed in getting a lean version of the plan to move forward

next month. Families making between 80% and 120% of the area's median income — currently set at \$131,400 — are in the uncomfortable spot of making too much to qualify for subsidized housing but not enough to afford market-rate housing, and city officials have sought to bridge the gap for the so-called "missing middle."

Kamei asked city staff to come back with options for a down payment assistance program and other ways to help families make the leap to

homeownership.

"It's really a large jump, and as a community that is 25% working young professionals, I think we as a city really need to show a pathway for middle-income families to stay in our community," she said.

Councilman Lucas Ramirez pushed back on a delay in changing the city's tenant relocation assistance package, which is part of the council's plan to curb tenant displacement following a series of redevelopment projects that tore down older, more affordable apartments. The council is expected to revisit its relocation assistance ordinance in the spring, including plans to lower the income threshold for eligibility and circumstances in which displaced tenants could receive an additional \$5,000.

Discarded goals at the meeting included an ordinance that would have required the safe storing of firearms in homes and vehicles, which received only three stickers, as well as a bid by Abe-Koga to prohibit smoking in apartment complexes and other multi-unit residences. □

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### Edwin Hale

March 21, 1933 - January 6, 2020



Edwin Hale passed away peacefully in Mountain View on January 6, 2020 at the age of 86 after a long illness, from complications of Parkinson's Disease.

Ed was born and raised in Oak Park, Illinois and attended Oak Park River Forest High School. He went on to MIT where he lettered in track (pole vault) and soccer. After graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, he started his engineering career working on the design and testing of the Mercury and Gemini modules for NASA in St. Louis.

He moved to Chicago to work for Liquid Carbonic in research and development of cryogenic technologies in food processing and recycling applications. He was a past president of the American Cryogenic Society and was considered an "icon" in the industry.

He was a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) and of the Palo Alto Friends Meeting. He was a pacifist and an advocate for military tax reform. He served on the Board of the American Friends Service Committee (Chicago) and was committed to the support of programs of social justice.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years Janet Hale of Mountain View; his son David Hale and daughter-in-law Laura Torres and grandchildren Jonathan and Madeline of Los Altos; his daughter Katie Hale and her partner Lia Milhoan of San Jose; and his sister Marjorie Kipper of Hoover, Alabama. A private family service is planned. Memorial donations may be made to: American Friends Service Committee (AFSC - Quakers), ACLU, or the Southern Poverty Law Center.



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## LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### LANDLORD GROUP SUPPORTS MEASURE D

In 2018, the California Apartment Association (CAA) led a coalition of concerned housing providers and residents in a campaign to fix the city's 2016 rent control law through the initiative process.

The Mountain View Homeowner, Renter, and Taxpayer Protection Act (the "taxpayer initiative") has qualified for the November ballot and ensures the city's 2016 rent control law benefits low-income tenants and stems the exodus of units from the local rental market — and resulting renter displacement — caused by the 2016 law.

The taxpayer initiative also prohibits the Rental Housing Committee from paying itself a salary, misusing taxpayer money, and extends anti-gouging protections to more Mountain View renters, as the 2016 law only applies to renters living in units built before February 1995.

Things have changed since the taxpayer initiative was drafted and qualified.

For one, AB 1482 was introduced and ultimately signed by Gov. Newsom. This statewide legislation provides strong renter protections to more renters than the taxpayer initiative.

Two, the Mountain View City Council, in an effort to bring landlords, tenants, and the community together, crafted its own measure to address issues with the 2016 rent control law and is placing it before voters in March as Measure D.

The taxpayer initiative and Measure D both aim to keep units on the market, make it easier to improve aging rental housing, protect taxpayers, and keep the city's older rental units affordable, safe, and available.

Accordingly, the coalition applauds the leadership of Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga and council members Chris Clark and Lucas Ramirez, who spent many hours developing what is now known as Measure D. The coalition believes it is in the community's best interest that costly, divisive ballot fights be avoided if possible.

As such, should the voters adopt Measure D in March, the coalition will withdraw all support for the taxpayer initiative.

While no law is perfect, Measure D seeks to protect renters,

encourage investment in the community's housing units, and ensure a good quality of life for all residents. We appreciate the City Council's efforts to work with all stakeholders and try to find some elements of common ground.

With Measure D's passage, the community, housing providers and elected leaders can focus on real solutions to the region's housing crisis — the addition of affordable homes for the working families of Mountain View.

*Joshua Howard  
California Apartment Association executive vice president*

### MEASURE D LOOPOLES

We oppose Measure D. It unnecessarily increases rents for those struggling to remain in Mountain View. The nonpartisan League of Women Voters local chapter also opposes Measure D.

The Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA) was passed by voters in Mountain View in 2016 to slow down runaway rent increases for those living in older apartments. This law has been fair for both tenants and landlords. Measure D would disrupt this balance with hidden loopholes.

Currently, increases for tenants in rent-controlled apartments can be no higher than inflation. Apartment owners' profits are also protected. Since rent control doesn't apply when a tenant voluntarily moves out, the new rent on that apartment can be raised to market rate. For continuously occupied apartments, landlords can petition for increases above the inflation rate if their necessary costs prevent them from making the profit that they made prior to rent control. This is the "fair rate of return" provision in CSFRA that protects financial interests of apartment owners.

Measure D is backed by the deep pockets of the California Apartment Association's corporate apartment owners and their supporters on the City Council. Their claim to "protect rent control" is a deceptive smoke screen. Measure D introduces significant loopholes to increase landlord profits and as a consequence would lead to higher rents, forcing out more teachers, nurses, families, seniors and service workers from Mountain View.

The most serious loophole

allows landlords to pass through to tenants costs of non-essential improvements that "extend the life of the building." These additional rent increases would be allowed even when the landlord is already making their customary profit without these increases. Please protect renters in our community from more displacement, which would surely occur. Vote no on Measure D.

*Dave Offen and Gail Nyhan,  
homeowners  
Barbara Avenue*

### QUESTIONING MEASURE D

The main thing I don't get about Measure D is why our City Council believes that any landlord investments that "extend the useful life of the property" need to depend on incremental rent increases. Doesn't the bulk of monthly rent provide for those upgrades? Are landlords taking out all profits each year without setting aside funds for their foreseeable upgrades to buildings and grounds? I can understand extraordinary rent increases for mandated safety improvements, which may not be foreseeable, but our current law already allows for them!

Also, I'm concerned that Measure D and the anticipated landlords' measure in November both have backers who publish misinformation in their public materials. That's insupportable.

*Frances Johnson, renter  
Sierra Vista Avenue*

### IT'S TIME TO GET COUNTED

We are less than two months from an important date: Census Day on April 1. Counting everyone is imperative for California and Mountain View to get proper representation and essential funding per the United States Constitution. In my April 1, 2019, guest opinion in the *Voice* "The countdown to being counted," I highlighted that California is a "hard to count" state. In particular, Santa Clara County ranks as the ninth toughest to count in the nation. This is also the first time the census questionnaire will be primarily online.

Full participation is critical. Census data is used to allocate nearly \$700 billion in federal program funding and designates political representation at various levels of government. States use this funding for essential programs like health care,

social services, education grants and infrastructure. California's political representation in the United States Congress is decided through the census, and there has been talk of California losing a seat if there is an undercount. This information is also used to redraw state and local district boundaries.

Now is the time for an accurate count, one in which each and every person is counted. Every individual regardless of age, immigration status or residency counts. The Santa Clara County Complete Count Steering Committee, of which I am a member, has been focused on community engagement, particularly with families of children under 5, seniors, individuals with disabilities, immigrants and the unstably housed. Statewide, California leaders have invested \$187 million toward an outreach and communication campaign.

As April 1 approaches, keep an eye out for your census postcard. This postcard will contain your unique census ID number for your household. There are four ways to complete your census information: internet self-response form, paper form, by phone and in-person via enumerator visits.

I invite you to join the city of Mountain View and Santa Clara County's joint "Multicultural Census Party" on Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Rengstorff Community Center, Maple Room, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to learn more about the census. Refreshments, games, and translation services will be available.

Let's make sure Mountain View counts.

*Ellen Kamei, Mountain View vice mayor and Santa Clara County Complete Count Steering Committee member*

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW



**Bushido's general manager**, Stephanie Vo, mixes a sake sangria cocktail.

## LIVELY BUSHIDO OFFERS JAPANESE CUISINE BOTH FAMILIAR AND DARING

By Monica Schreiber  
Photos by Magali Gauthier

When Steve Yen opened Bushido on Mountain View's Castro Street a decade ago, he wanted to expand local appreciation for the then-relatively unfamiliar concept of izakaya. Sometimes described as Japan's version of a tapas restaurant, izakaya establishments offer a convivial gathering spot for shared plates, drinking and socializing, often after work.

Bushido takes its name from the samurai code of honor, emphasizing attributes like loyalty, compassion and courage. "Flexibility" might not be one of the eight virtues of bushido, but the quality seems to have served Yen well as a restaurateur. "I originally conceived Bushido

with the intention of showing people how much more there is to Japanese cuisine than sushi," he said. "We didn't plan to serve sushi. But customers just kept asking for California rolls."

So he put in a sushi bar. And then went full throttle on sushi and sashimi, with an expansive, creative menu and a commitment to using only sustainable seafood.

"You have to adapt to what the customer wants," said Yen, a San Francisco resident who grew up in Los Altos and graduated from the San Francisco Culinary Academy. Ten years on, Bushido still feels energetic and fresh. The place is often jam-packed, especially at happy hour, when trendy cocktails run \$6 and patrons share reasonably priced and generously portioned small



**The menu** offers a wide range of yakitori (grilled skewers) including, from left to right, chicken hearts, bacon-wrapped enoki mushrooms and chicken cartilage.

plates. Live jazz during Saturday dinners adds a festive vibe.

Diners are handed a stack of menus upon sitting down in the simply appointed dining room: happy hour food, happy hour drinks, a sushi menu and a full dinner menu. In short, there are a lot of choices at Bushido, from ramen to yakitori (including tendons, cartilage and chicken

hearts) to the house specialty, okonomiyaki, a savory, sizzling, saucy pancake. There are a number of vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options.

All meals begin with otoshi, a chef's choice nibble to whet the appetite. One visit started with a diminutive bowl of sautéed cabbage and pear, topped with ponzu. At another meal,

we received smoky, bite-sized chunks of grilled eggplant.

Service during all three visits was warm and attentive, with one server going above the call of duty during a happy hour visit to ensure my gluten-free dining companion was well cared for. An elderflower sour cocktail made with Maker's Mark whiskey, St. Germain, yuzu

## Weekend

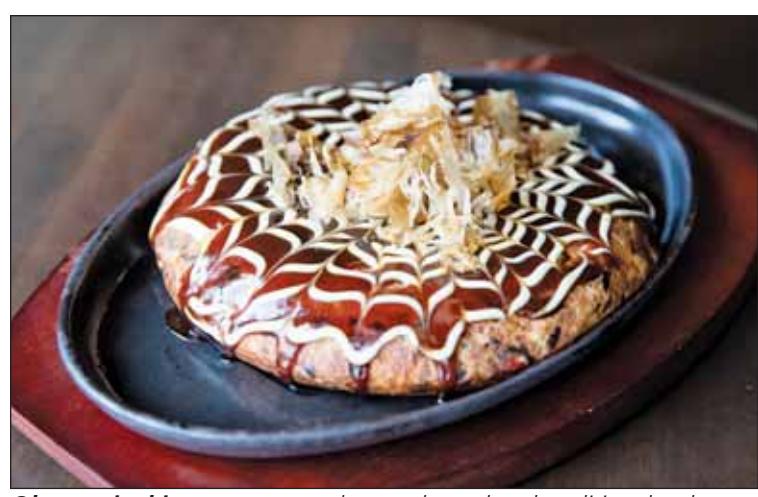


Employees tidy Bushido's main dining room following lunch service.

and angostura bitters (\$11; \$6 at happy hour) indeed made me happy. This bold, creative libation would have been at home in the trendiest hotel bar at double the price.

Sushi and sashimi might have been something of an afterthought at Bushido, but Yen and his executive chef Iwao Suzuki (formerly of Blowfish Sushi) elevate the experience — and lessen the guilt — through their focus on sustainable sourcing. Instead of the normally ubiquitous salmon, for example, they employ ocean trout: pink, delicate and sustainably farmed in Tasmania. Salmon is served occasionally, when it is in season. They procure bluefin tuna from Japanese purveyors that have pioneered methods for farm-raising the open-ocean fish.

The harakiri roll (\$13; \$9 at happy hour) is a crunchy, fusion extravaganza, stuffed with crab, spicy tuna and shrimp tempura, wrapped in a delicate soy paper and topped with toasted rice for a delightful crunch to each bite. But be warned: This roll hides a devious little secret. One of the six pieces contains ghost pepper.



Okonomiyaki, a savory pancake, can be ordered traditional style (pictured) topped with a soy-and-vegetable sauce, mayonnaise and bonito flakes. It can also be ordered "Hiroshima style," layered with fried eggs and noodles.

The fun is supposed to be in seeing who at the table will happen upon that fiery morsel — and subsequently gulp down a half pitcher of water, eyes bulging, as I did.

The miso marinated cod (\$24.50) was a far more subtle and refined experience. The serving was on the skimpy side, but the fish was delicate and beautifully caramelized, reminiscent of Nobu's famous (and much pricier) dish. A small skewer of tender beef tongue (\$4.50) was met initially with trepidation, but then appreciation around our table.

Savory and fragrant, the three-mushroom fried rice (\$10) was a favorite, studded with enoki, shiitake and shimeiji mushrooms. Deeply flavorful and moist without being oily, the dish still could have benefited from a more generous hand with the mushrooms.

I was far less enamored of the poke special (\$7) on offer during one happy hour visit. A few morsels of flavorless ahi were sprinkled atop corn chips — a complete misfire.

The house specialty okonomiyaki, a savory, frittata-like dish,

is made with flour, eggs, shredded cabbage and a host of other ingredients, fried and served on a hot skillet. Diners can order it traditional (\$12) or Hiroshima-style (\$15), layered with eggs and egg noodles. Add-ons such as shrimp, kimchee, crab, bacon or mochi run an extra \$2-\$5. Both versions are liberally topped with Japanese mayo, bonito flakes and other sauces. I didn't care for this saucy, somewhat mushy pizza-pancake hybrid, but my hunch is okonomiyaki is a bit of an acquired taste. It is not a dish one sees often in local Japanese restaurants, and it certainly speaks to Yen's original goal of showcasing lesser-known Japanese specialties. ▀

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## MOVIE OPENINGS

# Down to clown

'BIRDS OF PREY' SINGS A BRUISING LOONEY TUNE IN THE KEY OF COMIC-BOOK ACTION

★★★ (Century 16 & 20, Icon)

"Birds of Prey and the Fantabulous Emancipation of One Harley Quinn" may be about as shallow as a puddle, but that's still enough to make a splash.

Based on a DC Comics team-up property that dates back almost a quarter-century (and characters that have existed even longer), "Birds of Prey" spins off from the 2016 film "Suicide Squad."

In this story, it turns out that blondes do have more fun, especially when they sport pastel highlights and carry a big mallet — I refer, of course, to Harley Quinn, a.k.a. Dr. Harleen Quinzel.



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**Margot Robbie's** Harley Quinn (center) joins superheroes Black Canary, Huntress and Renee Montoya in "Birds of Prey."

Ace Chemicals factory — and announcing her "fresh start, the chance to be my own woman."

The film's R-rated gusto strongly suggest a grrrl-power spin on "Deadpool," but Yan puts her own stamp on the material, giving it a momentum that feels more like a cross between "Fight Club" and Tim Burton's "Batman."

Where "Deadpool" heaped snark on top of its dark emotional undercurrents, "Birds of Prey" heaps insanity, with Quinn holding the batty, psychoanalytic center of what's typically been a superheroic team. "A lot of people in this

city want me dead," Quinn confesses, and with the protection of Joker removed from the equation, Quinn discovers she could use the help of a few other rule breakers. Ewan McGregor makes a meal of the scenery as smarmy psychopath Roman Sionis, a.k.a. Black Mask. The club-owning mob boss and his killer henchman Victor Zsasz (Chris Messina) set their sights on the Bertinelli diamond, a gem that's also the code-breaking key to a fortune that will enable Sionis to rule Gotham City. The diamond makes its way into the hands of child pickpocket Cassandra Cain (13-year-old Ella

Jay Basco), who quickly wins the misfit protection of an unlikely de facto team: Quinn, estranged GCPD cop Renee Montoya (the always terrific Rosie Perez), and vigilantes Black Canary (Jurnee Smollett-Bell) and Huntress (a comically uptight Mary Elizabeth Winstead).

Yan and screenwriter Christina Hodson ("Bumblebee") throw everything at the screen to see what'll stick (including a concussive musical reverie paying Gaga-esque tribute to Marilyn Monroe), but the film's secret weapon is its unpretentious pace. At one point, an aluminum-bat wielding Quinn inhales a wayward cloud of cocaine, fueling the film's latest beatdown. That's a good metaphor for the whole picture, which for better and worse, refuses to get bogged down with details but rather proceeds to let its characters collide like bumper cars in the service of hyperactive plotting, audacious action, sight gags, saturated colors and appealing nutty production design.

"Birds of Prey" practically dares its audience to make the mistake of taking it seriously, and yet it's a bizarrely uplifting story of credibly tough women, Gotham City survivors all vanquishing a sneering, preening abuser whose time's up.

*R for strong violence and language throughout, and some sexual and drug material. One hour, 49 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

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

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# GOINGS ON

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## THEATER

**'Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type'** Palo Alto Children's Theatre presents "Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type," a comedic musical based on Doreen Cronin's beloved children's book. Through Feb. 16; dates and times vary. \$14-\$16; discount for children. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [cityofpaloalto.org](http://cityofpaloalto.org)

**'Oslo'** Winner of the 2017 Tony Award for Best Play, "Oslo" tells the true and widely unknown story of how a Norwegian diplomat and her husband planned and orchestrated top-secret meetings between the Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, culminating in the historic 1993 Oslo Accords. Through Feb. 16; dates and times vary. \$20-\$38. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. [losaltosstage.org](http://losaltosstage.org)

**'The Pianist of Willesden Lane'** TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents "The Pianist of Willesden Lane," a true story about a young Jewish pianist escaping Nazi-occupied Austria at the outset of World War II. Concert pianist Mona Golabek recounts her mother's poignant saga of hope and resilience to illustrate the power of music. Through Feb. 16; dates and times vary. \$25-\$55; discounts available. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [theatreworks.org](http://theatreworks.org)

**'Taking Steps'** Director Troy Johnson and Bay Area comic actors take on Alan Ayckbourn's farce "Taking Steps," where chaos unfolds in a haunted Victorian house. Through Feb. 9; dates and times vary. \$20-\$35. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. [thepear.org](http://thepear.org)

**'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'** Peninsula Youth Theatre adapts Lewis Carroll's classic tale of a young girl who falls through a rabbit hole and lands into a world of fantasy. Feb. 14-15; times vary. \$13. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [pytnet.org](http://pytnet.org)

**'The Shadow Whose Prey the Hunter Becomes'** Theater company Back to Back explores a world that's dominated by artificial intelligence with "The Shadow Whose Prey the Hunter Becomes." Feb. 7-8; times vary. \$15-\$40. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. [live.stanford.edu](http://live.stanford.edu)

## CONCERTS

**Four the Love of Cello** Four cellists, Robert Howard, Angela Lee, Emil Miland and Evan Kahn, perform beloved works by J. S. Bach, Antonio Vivaldi and David Popper. Feb. 11, noon-1:30 p.m. \$25. Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [paloaltojcc.org](http://paloaltojcc.org)

**Harlem Quartet** Embracing jazz, Latin and contemporary music, the Harlem Quartet performs works by Dizzy Gillespie, Billy Strayhorn, Wynton Marsalis and more. Feb. 9, 2:30-4:30 p.m. \$15-\$55; discounts available. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra** Joined by Nola Richardson, James Reese, and Cody Quattlebaum, conductor and harpsichordist Richard Egarr performs music by Bach. Feb. 12, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$17-\$120; discounts available. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. [live.stanford.edu](http://live.stanford.edu)

**Brandon James Gwynn** Brandon James Gwynn brings a uniquely New York City piano bar experience to the Bing Studio. Feb. 15, 8 p.m. \$25. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. [live.stanford.edu](http://live.stanford.edu)

**Hanzhi Wang** Praised for her stage presence and performances, groundbreaking young musician Hanzhi Wang is the only accordionist to win a spot on the roster of the nonprofit, Young Concert Artists, in its 59-year history. Feb. 16, 7 p.m. \$25. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. [live.stanford.edu](http://live.stanford.edu)

**'Love Stories'** Palo Alto Philharmonic presents a program of Rossini, Mendelssohn and Prokofiev in "Love Stories" featuring violinist Elizabeth Pitcairn. Feb. 18, 8-10 p.m. \$10-\$22; discount for seniors and students. Cubberley Theatre, 4120 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [paphil.org](http://paphil.org)

**Patricia Barber** American jazz and blues singer, pianist and songwriter Patricia Barber performs as a trio with Larry Kohut on bass and Jon Deitemyer on drums. Feb. 13, 8-10:30 p.m. \$20. Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

**Stylus Phantasticus** Voices of Music hosts a night of virtuoso Italian and German music of the 17th century featuring works by Biber, Castello, Farina, Merula, Schmeizer and others. Feb. 13, 8 p.m. \$5-\$50; discounts available. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. [voicesofmusic.org](http://voicesofmusic.org)

**Tiffany Austin** Bay Area jazz vocalist and composer Tiffany Austin returns to Tateuchi Hall to pay tribute to Ella

Fitzgerald. Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m. Free. Tateuchi Hall, Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [arts4all.org](http://arts4all.org)

**Fortnightly Music Club Concert** The Fortnightly Music Club hosts a concert featuring works by Mozart, Jake Heggie and Carl Nielsen. Feb. 9, 7 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. [fortnightlymusicclub.org](http://fortnightlymusicclub.org)

## MUSIC

**'Macbeth'** West Bay Opera stages Giuseppe Verdi's four-act opera, "Macbeth," based on one of Shakespeare's greatest plays about the human thirst for power. Feb. 14-23; dates and times vary. \$35-\$92; discount for students and seniors. Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [wbopera.org](http://wbopera.org)

**Open Mic** Performers sing in front of a supportive audience and meet fellow musicians and artists during Open Mic Mondays at Red Rock Coffee. Ongoing; Mondays, 7 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. [redrockcoffee.org](http://redrockcoffee.org)

## TALKS & LECTURES

**How the U.S. Destroyed the Marshall Islands** Los Angeles Times investigative journalist Susanne Rust provides a presentation on how nuclear waste from the U.S. made the Marshall Islands uninhabitable. Feb. 8, 4-6 p.m. Free. First Baptist Church of Palo Alto, 305 N. California Ave., Palo Alto. [facebook.com](http://facebook.com)

**Is a Responsible Conservatism Still Possible?** Political analyst, commentator and founding director of Defending Democracy Together William Kristol talks about the viability of conservatism in today's political climate and where it might stand in the future. Feb. 13, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Cubberley Auditorium, 485 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. [ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu](http://ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu)

**'Feed the Future'** This year, Arts with a Heart presents "Feed the Future: End Hunger Now," raising awareness of food insecurity in Silicon Valley's communities through dance. Feb. 7-9; times vary. \$20-\$40. Castilleja School, 1310 Bryant St., Palo Alto. [artswithaheart.org](http://artswithaheart.org)

## FAMILY

**A Day at the Farm** Visitors can reserve a day at the Hidden Villa farm and tailor the reservation to include private farm tours for up to 30 people and one of three picnic areas. Dates vary through May 23; times vary. \$180-\$275; prices vary between packages. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. [hiddenvilla.org](http://hiddenvilla.org)

**Lunar New Year Family Celebration** Celebrate the Lunar New Year with guided garden tours, nature hunts and a variety of hands-on activities. Feb. 8, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. [gamblegarden.org](http://gamblegarden.org)

## MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

**'Cointrapions'** "Cointrapions: Classic Coin-Operated Machines" explores what life was like before the era of credit cards with classic coin-operated machines, including gambling devices, a mutoscope, vending machines and more. Through Feb. 16; Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. The Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. [moah.org](http://moah.org)

**'Surf Sequence'** "Surf Sequence" explores Ansel Adams' relationship with water in different forms with a series of spontaneously captured surf images. Through May 18; times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**CSMA Art Faculty Exhibition** This exhibition includes artworks by Community School of Music and Arts' faculty, featuring ceramics, paintings, jewelry and more. Through March 22; times vary. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [arts4all.org](http://arts4all.org)

**'Photography of J. Gilbert Smith'** J. Gilbert Smith's photographs of the natural world and Los Altos in days gone by are the subject of the new exhibit, "The Photography of J. Gilbert Smith." Through May 24; Thursday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [losaltoshistory.org](http://losaltoshistory.org)

## DANCE

**High Release Dance in Concert** High Release Dance is a collaborative group in which dancers take turns choreographing primarily modern works. Pieces range from highly abstract modern compositions to intricately designed jazz routines. Feb. 7-8, 8 p.m. \$15-\$25; discount for

students. Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [highrelease.org](http://highrelease.org)

## COMEDY

**Catherine Cohen** Comedian and actress Catherine Cohen, who recently wrapped up shooting the third season of HBO's "High Maintenance," does stand-up at Stanford. Feb. 13, 9 p.m. \$40. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. [live.stanford.edu](http://live.stanford.edu)

**Omar Qureshi** Stanford Concert Network presents Omar Qureshi, a Stanford alum and comic who recently performed at the Sundance Film Festival. Local comedians will open the show. Feb. 14, 8:30 p.m. \$10. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. [live.stanford.edu](http://live.stanford.edu)

## FILM

**Teen Movie Night** Los Altos Hills Youth Commission hosts a teen movie night featuring an action-adventure film for middle and high school students. Feb. 7, 7-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos City Council, 1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos Hills. [losaltoshills.ca.gov](http://losaltoshills.ca.gov)

## FOOD & DRINK

**Cheesemaking** Hidden Villa partners with local farm experts to reveal the great mysteries of crafting cheese and provides an opportunity to sample other dairy farm creations from neighboring Bay Area farms. The event also includes a chance to craft cheese by hand in Hidden Villa's Duveneck House. Feb. 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. \$70. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. [hiddenvilla.org](http://hiddenvilla.org)

## OUTDOORS & SPORTS RECREATION

**Silicon Valley Basketball** Silicon Valley Basketball organizes weekly, year-round, pick-up basketball games, welcoming all skills, ages, genders, etc. Ongoing; Sundays, 9:30 a.m. \$1.50 monthly fee. Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro St., Mountain View. [facebook.com](http://facebook.com)

## HOME & GARDEN

**Gardening In Containers** Master Gardener Martha Carpenter demonstrates how to grow a wide variety of plants in containers for a patio or balcony. The workshop covers topics such as soil preparation, watering, pest control and fertilizers. Feb. 15, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. [mountainview.libcal.com](http://mountainview.libcal.com)

**Western Horticultural Society Meeting** Guest speaker Cynthia Sandberg of Love Apple Farm shares her secret to growing 12-feet tall tomatoes with hundreds of fruit per plant. Feb. 12, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10; free for members. Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [westernhort.org](http://westernhort.org)

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Seven Factors of Awakening** As part of Insight Meditation South Bay's speaker series, Shaila Catherine guides a session of meditation and provides tips on how to practice mindfulness. Feb. 11, 7:30-9 p.m. Free; donations accepted. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. [imsb.org](http://imsb.org)

## HIGHLIGHT

### High School One-Act Play Festival

Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts presents the 2020 High School One-Act Play Festival, which features four short professionally produced plays that are directed and acted by students. Feb. 7-8; 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$15; discount for students. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [tickets.mvcpa.com](http://tickets.mvcpa.com)

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

**Bay Area Games Day** Active since 1998, Bay Area Games Day invites everyone to try a new board game or play classics like Catan or Pandemic. Feb. 15, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [sccl.evanced.info](http://sccl.evanced.info)

**Friends of Library Used Book Sale** Friends of the Los Altos Library hosts a book sale with their 30,000+ inventory of books, including audiobooks, CDs and sheet music. Feb. 7-9; times vary. Free. Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [losaltoslibraryfriends.org](http://losaltoslibraryfriends.org)

**Mountain View Library Book Sale** Friends of the Mountain View Library hosts a book sale to raise money for the Mountain View Public Library's programs. Feb. 8-9; times vary. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. [mountainview.libcal.com](http://mountainview.libcal.com)

**Writing Wednesdays** A casual writing space for writers of all levels. Feb. 12, 7-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [sccl.evanced.info](http://sccl.evanced.info)

## AUTHOR EVENTS

**Evelyn Skye** New York Times bestselling author Evelyn Skye joins Stacey Lee at Kepler's Books to launch "Cloak of Night," the anticipated sequel to "Circle of Shadows." Feb. 11, 7-9 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [keplers.org](http://keplers.org)

**Niloufar Talebi** Author Niloufar Talebi shares her new memoir "Self-Portrait In Bloom" and considers what it means to be an outsider and insider of the #MeToo era. Feb. 10, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$5-\$25. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [keplers.org](http://keplers.org)

**Ageless Authors** Four local senior writers read their award-winning stories and poems from "Dang, I Wish I Hadn't Done That," a new anthology of best works from the 2018 Ageless Authors writing contest. Feb. 13, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 317 Castro St., Mountain View. [booksinc.net](http://booksinc.net)

**Julian Guthrie** Julian Guthrie, one of this year's Silicon Valley Reads authors, talks about her latest book "Alpha Girls," a biography about four women who scored the deal of a lifetime while competing in the male-dominated world of tech capital. Feb. 8, 4-5 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. [mountainview.libcal.com](http://mountainview.libcal.com)

**Sarah Broom** The Stanford Storytelling Project hosts an evening with Sarah Broom, author of "The Yellow House," which won the 2019 National Book Award. Broom reads from her work and discusses how it blends memoir, journalism and historical analysis to provide a way to recover from the mythologies that distort people's understanding of themselves and their country. Free. Cubberley Auditorium, Stanford University, 485 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

**Peggy Orenstein and Donovan Somera Yisrael** Author Peggy Orenstein and health educator Donovan Somera Yisrael spend a candid evening talking about the sexual lives of young men, sharing how they can understand and negotiate the new rules of physical and emotional intimacy. Feb. 12, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$20-\$40. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [keplers.org](http://keplers.org)



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