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Santiago Villa Mobile Home Park's owner is putting \$94,000 toward opposing Measure D, a rewrite of the city's rent control law that explicitly excludes mobile home park rents.

Mobile home park owner raises \$94K to fight City Council's Measure D

REWRITE OF RENT CONTROL MEASURE WOULD EXEMPT MOBILE HOMES

By Kevin Forestieri

Less than a week before Super Tuesday, a prominent Mountain View mobile home park owner is pouring money into a campaign to defeat a ballot measure that would exempt mobile homes from rent control.

On Feb. 14, a new campaign committee called "Citizens Opposed To The Amendment To The Community Stabilization And Fair Rent Act" was created in opposition to

Measure D, a city-sponsored measure appearing on the March 3 ballot. The measure was put forward by City Council members and would change several aspects of the city's existing rent control law, including establishing a fixed 4% cap on annual rent increases.

On Feb. 20, the newly formed committee was suddenly flush with cash: Two businesses, VG Investments and VO Limited Partners, poured a combined \$94,400 into the campaign.

John Vidovich, the owner of the Santiago Villa and Sahara mobile home parks in Mountain View, is listed as a partner in both businesses. Vidovich did not respond to the *Voice's* request for comment, and the campaign's treasurer, Tom Montgomery, declined to comment.

Measure D is largely opposed by mobile home residents in Mountain View, who have long argued that the city's

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Suspect in home invasion blames meth for delusional behavior

By Kevin Forestieri

A man arrested last week for allegedly dragging a woman from her Mountain View home told police that he had a severe reaction to methamphetamine and thought he was being pursued by someone who was trying to kill him.

Jeremiah Porter, 33, a transient, was recently released from jail when Mountain View police arrested him near the Palo Alto border on Feb. 18 after reports that he allegedly forced his way into a home on Montelena Court and attacked the woman inside. He was also accused of holding another woman and her

daughter hostage for half an hour later that night.

The victim later identified Porter, who was discovered by police nearby nearly five hours later, standing on top of a carport at an apartment complex. He remains in county jail without bail on

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NTSB: Tesla's Autopilot steered Model X into highway median

TWO-YEAR FEDERAL INVESTIGATION ALSO LAYS BLAME ON LAX REGULATIONS, DRIVER DISTRACTION

By Kevin Forestieri

A 38-year-old Apple employee died from a high-speed crash because his Tesla Model X's Autopilot driving system steered the car into a highway median on Highway 101 in 2018, federal officials concluded Tuesday, following a two-year inquiry.

The probable cause of the crash, approved by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) at the Feb. 25 meeting, lays significant blame on Tesla for shortcomings in the electric car company's partially autonomous driving system. But it also points to driver complacency as a significant factor in the crash — he was likely playing a video game at the time — along with larger concerns that car manufacturers are marketing and selling autonomous features without adequate testing and clear

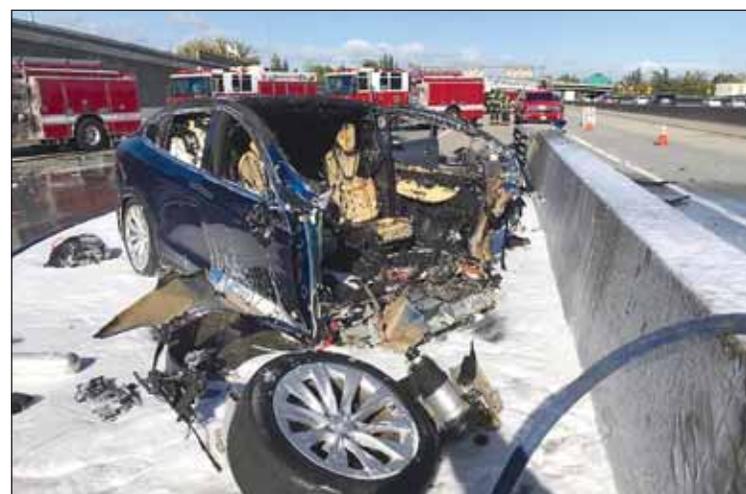
disclosure of the limitations.

The NTSB had blasted Caltrans for failing to repair safety equipment along Highway 101 that contributed to the severity of the crash, and found that the driver would have likely survived the collision if a safety buffer called an "attenuator" had been in place at the median.

"When all of these combine, we end up with a tragic accident and one less father that's coming home to the child he had just dropped off to school that morning," said NTSB board chair Robert Sumwalt.

In March 2018, San Mateo resident and Apple engineer Walter Huang was commuting south on Highway 101 in his Tesla Model X when his vehicle veered left toward the "gore area" between the southbound lanes and the Highway 85 carpool

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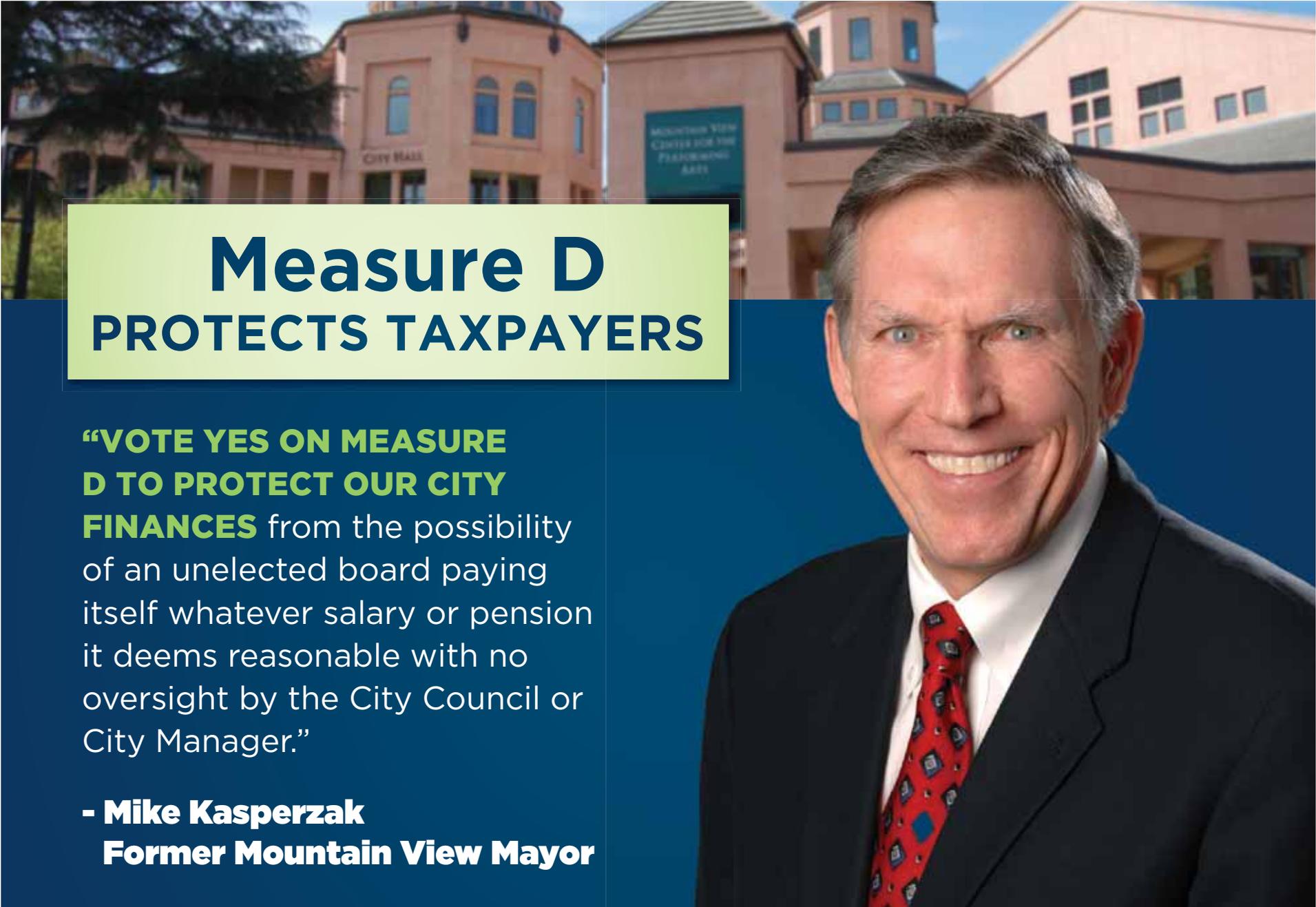


COURTESY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

A Tesla Model X crashed into a median and then burst into flames in March 2018, killing its 38-year-old driver. A two-year NTSB investigation blamed flaws in its Autopilot system, a distracted driver playing a video game and a broken freeway safety device for the crash and its fatal consequences.

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Kat Edmonson performs at the Palo Alto JCC on March 4.

SINGER/SONGWRITER KAT EDMONSON

So much of Kat Edmonson's sound and career is like that of a proverbial dream that it's only appropriate that her latest album fully captures that aesthetic.

"Dreamers Do," the fifth album from the 36-year old singer/songwriter/jazz vocalist, whose evergreen style has been described as "vintage," was released on Feb. 7 by MRI/Spinnerette Records. It debuted at the number-one spot on the iTunes jazz chart and continues the evolution of her sonic trademark of arrangements and a vocal delivery that can sound both timeless and of a specific era — mid-20th century in this case.

The Austin, Texas, resident is currently touring in support of it, including a Palo Alto stop on Wednesday, March 4, at Oshman Family JCC's Schultz Cultural Arts Hall.

The themed album is rooted in standards and is largely sourced from Disney and other classic children's films.

"I listened to a lot of old Disney music in my childhood," she said, and heard the message that if "you keep on believing and having faith in your dreams, your dreams will come true."

Though "Dreamers Do" largely features covers such as "Go to Sleep" (from "Babes in Toyland"), "Chim Chim Cher-ee" (from "Mary Poppins") and "What a Wonderful World," it's rooted in an Edmonson original, "Too Late To Dream."

"I wrote it when I was asking some really heavy questions," she said. "Is there ever a point in our lives where it's too late for (a dream) to be practical? After that I ended up on a journey, if you will, to find an answer. And that took me back to early childhood.

"When I was a kid living in Houston, I was listening to music from the '30s through the '60s. That was the bulk of my

musical library," she said. "So the sounds that come out of me reflect that strong influence of old movies and musicals and old TV."

She couldn't share that love with her peers. "I assumed it wasn't very cool, so I kept it under my hat," she admitted. But a year at the College of Charleston in South Carolina proved to be her entryway to eventually finding and crafting her own sound.

Relocating to Austin, Edmonson auditioned for the second season of "American Idol" before pursuing her own musical path. While working at a bar, she met a jazz trombonist who invited her to a local jam session once she learned that she was a fledgling jazz musician.

"I went and just walked up to the bandstand and said 'I'd like to sit in.' So they said, 'Yeah, okay. Have a seat.' And then I waited for four hours before they let me get up," she recounted. "But once I sang, I was able to hang in with the band."

She was invited back, "and within six months of doing that I met enough people and booked enough gigs that I was able to quit my day job," she marveled.

Edmonson released her debut album, "Take to the Sky," in 2009. Her follow-up album, "Way Down Low" from 2012 featured jazz luminaries such as organist Larry Goldings and guitarist Matt Munisteri as well as a featured vocal from legendary Texan Lyle Lovett.

"There's great power, a quiet power, from merely having a dream. That's where creativity comes from," she said. "And that's where a lot of action is actually born."

Kat Edmonson plays Wednesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m. at Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. \$25-\$35. More info at paloaltojcc.org/Events/kat-edmonson.

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Wildlife officials kill mountain lion

By Kate Bradshaw

Days after a mountain lion grabbed a 6-year-old girl at Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, the attacking animal was found and euthanized, wildlife officials said Feb. 20.

The popular preserve reopened to the public on Friday, Feb. 21.

DNA testing showed that the animal, a female weighing 60 to 70 pounds and estimated to be between 2 and 4 years old, was the same one that attacked a child walking on a preserve trail around 10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 16, said Jordan Traverso, spokesperson for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The preserve, located in Cupertino and Los Altos, was closed while Fish and Wildlife and rangers from the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District — the agency that operates the preserve — looked for the mountain lion.

According to Todd Tognazzini, a law enforcement captain with California's Department of Fish and Wildlife, the girl was walking with adults on Wildcat Loop Trail. The group was about 2 miles from the main parking area when the mountain lion, hiding in some bushes, attacked the girl, Tognazzini said.

She had two puncture wounds and a scratch on her calf, injuries that suggest the mountain lion grabbed, rather than bit her, he said.

Almost immediately, the nearest adult, a friend of the girl's father, sprang into action, pushing the lion off of her so forcefully he

fell down and skinned his knee. A district ranger gave the child first aid and she was released to her parents.

Such attacks, Tognazzini said, are extremely rare — there have been only 18 mountain lion attacks on humans in the last century, he said, and three fatalities related to mountain lion attacks during that time.

There's no theory yet as to why the Rancho San Antonio incident occurred, Tognazzini said. It was late morning and there were lots of people on the trail, uncommon conditions for an attack, he said.

Finding the mountain lion that attacked the girl, and ensuring it was the correct animal, was a complex task, Tognazzini said. After the attack, the Department of Fish and Wildlife collected DNA samples from the girl's clothing and from medical supplies used to treat her wound. The samples were tested in the department's forensics lab, and were confirmed to contain mountain lion DNA.

The department found the lion in a tree on Wednesday, Feb. 19, sedated it and tested its DNA, finding that it was a match with the samples found on the girl's clothing, said Traverso. The lion was humanely euthanized by CDFW staff for public safety purposes.

"CDFW is actively engaged in mountain lion conservation across the state. However, public safety is a top priority. We made the decision to euthanize the lion because it was confirmed to have attacked a human," Traverso said in an email. ▣



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NEW PARKS DEBUT THIS WEEKEND

McKelvey Park, closed for more than three years due to construction, has finally reopened to the public. The Santa Clara Valley Water District rebuilt the park as a detention basin in the event of a major flood, diverting water into its new sunken baseball field instead of downstream properties. The project also introduced a new playground, Schaefer Park, adjacent to the ball fields. A public groundbreaking celebration will be held on Saturday, Feb. 29 at 11 a.m.

Rent increase sends FabMo, the nonprofit treasure trove of rescued fabrics, to Sunnyvale

By Kate Bradshaw

FabMo, a nonprofit that rescues discarded designer showroom samples and offers them to the public, has announced it will be moving from Mountain View to Sunnyvale after getting a significant rent hike.

FabMo faced a major increase in rent at its Mountain View location on Terra Bella Avenue and had a hard time finding a new warehouse location nearby, said Holly Welstein, its board chair.

"It's not just our space or Mountain View," she said. "From Facebook to Google, stuff was too

expensive." The best locations for FabMo — small warehouse facilities — are in decline in the area. "The kind of space we were looking for is becoming less available," she said.

Moving to Sunnyvale, she said, will offer slightly more square footage than the Mountain View location.

With no paid staff, Welstein said FabMo's volunteer supporters are deep in the laborious process of moving the store's inventory in order to open the Sunnyvale location to the public in mid-March.

The first public event scheduled at the new location will be a "selection event" on Friday,

March 13, and Saturday, March 14. That's when people can browse for discontinued designer fabrics, tiles, wallpapers and other items from the warehouse. FabMo does not charge directly for items but accepts donations, which is the organization's primary source of funding, she said.

Welstein said she got connected to FabMo years ago, before it was even a nonprofit, through a neighborhood Craigslist-like page called Freecycle, in Palo Alto.

The founders of FabMo, Hannah and Jonathan Cranch, discovered that the San Francisco

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Outside spending in state Senate race ramps up before Super Tuesday

By Kate Bradshaw

In the days leading up to California's March 3 primary, candidates running to represent District 13 in the state Senate are ramping up their campaign fundraising and spending efforts to convince voters to select them.

Democrat Shelly Masur of Burlingame raised the most in the recent campaign filing period, Jan. 19 and Feb. 15, pulling in \$110,072 as of Feb. 20. Her campaign has so far raised \$498,610 according to Cal-Access, the California Secretary of State's online portal for campaign finance data.

Democrat Josh Becker of Menlo Park remains in the lead for campaign funds raised overall, with \$996,229. In the period between Jan. 19 and Feb. 15, his campaign brought in \$84,958 and spent \$616,515. Democrat Annie Oliva of Millbrae raised \$38,055 during the same period and spent \$184,194.

Democrat Sally Lieber of Mountain View raised \$3,835 in the recent period, spending \$25,750. This follows a strong period of fundraising in early January. Campaign finance records show that her contributions from Jan. 1 to Feb. 15 totaled \$106,871, with \$35,088 in expenditures.

During the same period, candidate Mike Brownrigg, a Democrat from Burlingame, reported raising \$42,528 and spending \$208,950, and Republican Alex Glew of Los Altos reported raising \$1,049 and spending \$1,055. Libertarian John Webster of

Mountain View has not reported any campaign contributions.

However, these numbers only tell part of the story.

In just the past couple of weeks, independent political action committees have pumped hundreds of thousands of dollars into several campaigns.

Currently, Oliva leads among the candidates with the largest amount of independent spending on her behalf at \$576,120. The vast majority of that funding continues to be from one committee, the California Real Estate Independent Expenditure Committee, which is associated with the California Association of Realtors. Oliva sat on the board of directors of the San Mateo County Association of Realtors years ago and has the organization's endorsement. It is part of the California Association of Realtors.

After an initial query, the California Fair Political Practices Committee has dismissed a claim that Oliva collaborated with the independent spending group regarding campaign materials in violation of the Political Reform Act.

Independent spending supporting Masur has also soared in recent weeks. An independent committee called Californians for Strong Schools and Healthy Communities Supporting Shelly Masur For Senate 2020, sponsored by "education and health care organizations," has raised \$350,000 since the

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Santa Clara County to take over Mountain View's safe parking lot

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View's fledgling safe parking program is poised to enlist some much-needed outside help in relocating some of the hundreds of homeless people currently living out of their vehicles along city streets.

Council members agreed Tuesday, Feb. 25, to lease a portion of Shoreline Amphitheatre's parking to Santa Clara County, setting

PROGRAM AIMS TO GET INHABITED RVs, CARS OFF CITY STREETS, CONNECT PEOPLE WITH SERVICES

aside enough room for 30 oversized vehicles such as RVs. If approved, the county would be able to operate the lot and allow vehicles to stay parked 24 hours a day. Nighttime-only parking hours are largely seen as the biggest barrier for making the program work today.

Santa Clara County's homeless population has risen rapidly from 7,394 people in 2017 to 9,706 in 2019, according to a census taken last year, mirroring

a regional homelessness crisis that has gripped the Bay Area. As numbers grow, a larger percentage of the homeless population has sought shelter by living in vehicles, including cars, vans and RVs.

Mountain View has in some ways been the poster child for the crisis, with national media attention focusing on the lines of RVs parked along Crisanto Avenue and Shoreline Boulevard just a few miles from the campuses of

major tech companies.

The City Council drafted a safe parking program last year that, in concept, was supposed to bring vehicles-turned-homes off of city streets and into safe, designated areas with support services available. But it's been off to a rocky start, with difficulty finding insurers willing to provide liability coverage for safe parking lots. And once the safe parking program belatedly got off the ground this year, few people

actually used it.

The biggest impediment, according to homeless advocates and officials running the program, is that the city's rules forbid vehicles from staying in the safe parking lots around the clock — they must find somewhere else to park between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. City leaders say their hands are tied, citing the city attorney's opinion

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start of the new year and spent \$224,706. The committee has secured funds from independent committees tied to the California Medical Association and numerous teachers associations, including the California Teachers Association.

Since Feb. 10, independent supporters of Becker have spent a total of \$381,176 on behalf of his election. Most of it, \$366,000, has come from the Committee for Positive Social Change Supporting Josh Becker for Senate 2020, an independent expenditure committee that received \$500,000 from LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman. They paid for mailers, polling and campaign consulting.

One of the committees that has been very active in the District 13 race in recent weeks is the



PHOTO BY MAGALI GAUTHIER

From left, state Senate candidates Josh Becker, Michael Brownrigg, Alex Glew, Sally Lieber, Shelly Masur, Annie Oliva and John Webster offered their positions on housing, transportation and other hot-button issues at a Feb. 5 debate at the Palo Alto Art Center.

Californians Allied for Patient Protection Independent Expenditure Account, a group tied to an attack ad in the local assembly race in 2016.

That committee has spent more

than \$116,562 in opposition to Lieber, while offering widespread support to other Democratic candidates in the race — providing \$15,176 each to Becker, Brownrigg, Masur and Oliva.

Another independent committee, the Silicon Valley Jobs PAC, which is sponsored by the state's Chamber of Commerce and received major funds from a political action committee Californians for Independent Work sponsored by Lyft, as well as an independent committee for pharmaceutical research and manufacturing, has spent \$45,000 on digital ads opposing Lieber.

Independent spending on Brownrigg comes primarily from a \$460,000 independent contribution from his mother. Of that, \$457,400 has been spent.

Becker wins Harris endorsement

Becker also recently announced that he has received an endorsement from U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris, who is joining the likes of Gov. Gavin Newsom and incumbent Sen. Jerry Hill. Becker said

he's known Harris for 15 years and that she's been supportive of his work with the nonprofit Full Circle Fund, particularly that organization's grantmaking efforts to address the income gap and environmental justice. He added that he's supported Harris' work regarding criminal justice reform and rehabilitation.

In a statement, Harris said, "His intelligence, passion, energy and independence will make him an extremely effective State Senator for his district and for the people of California."

District 13 stretches from South San Francisco to Sunnyvale and from north of Pacifica to Ano Nuevo State Park on the coast.

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that allowing all-day parking would trigger state mobile home residency laws surrounding permanent residency.

The first safe parking lot to launch, located in Shoreline's Lot B, opened a few weeks ago, and only a few vehicles have used it

to date, said Amber Stime, director of the nonprofit Move MV. That isn't to say there isn't any interest — plenty of people are asking about — but many people are reluctant to take advantage of the program if they have to move their vehicle every day.

"They are concerned about the logistics of moving," she said, adding that some vehicles are as

big as Winnebagos. "But people are interested, they do want to be off the streets, they do want somewhere where they can be a bit more safe."

When asked about the county stepping in to solve the problem, Stime said she was first interested to see what the council decided at its Feb. 25 meeting. Though the council cleared the way for an

agreement with the county Tuesday, the terms of the lease have not been written.

Santa Clara County can operate a safe parking program around the clock, while Mountain View cannot, due to a special exemption in state law for a select number of agencies. AB 932, passed in 2017, allows a list of cities and counties to construct and operate homeless shelters without having to abide by rules contained in the Mobilehome Parks Act or the Mobilehome Residency Law.

When asked why the pair of state laws would prevent the city from operating 24 hours a day, City Attorney Krishan Chopra told the *Voice* that the law would treat the parking lot as a "permanent housing source," kicking in requirements for tenant protections. It would essentially mean the city is operating a mobile home park.

The idea of the county stepping in has been spearheaded by county Supervisor Joe Simitian, who said that Mountain View deserves credit for grappling with the insurance and legal challenges along with finding an appropriate place to put the safe parking sites. But at this point, it looks like leveraging the county's special status is the best way to get RV dwellers off city streets and solve the "logjam" around the issue of 24-hour parking.

"If we lease or buy a site and it is in the county's control, it becomes the county's site," he said. "We would not have to operate safe parking programs with the same set of concerns that would otherwise be a source of anxiety."

Finding a place for vehicle dwellers to park, along with the city's rules and regulations for the de facto homeless shelters, dates back to early 2018. When asked

why the county didn't use its special status to fix the problem years ago, Simitian told the *Voice* it was important to let Mountain View retain its autonomy until it was necessary for the county to take a more active role.

"It was only when the city really confronted the issue of the need for a 24-hour facility and expressed the concern about being the agency that provided that when I felt it was appropriate to say 'Alright, we should step up in a more significant way,'" Simitian said.

Council members at the Feb. 25 meeting also voted to amend the existing lease agreement between the city and Live Nation, which produces concerts, that would allow a portion of Lot B to be used for safe parking during the concert season. Under the current agreement, the safe parking program is scheduled to end on March 15 to make room for concert parking.

Cities grappling with rising homelessness in the Bay Area are increasingly turning to safe parking, including recently launched programs in Palo Alto and East Palo Alto, and are bound to run into the same challenges as Mountain View.

That could change soon. Earlier this month, state Assemblyman Marc Berman (D-Palo Alto) introduced legislation that seeks to broaden the list of public agencies empowered to create safe parking programs exempt from the sticky problems associated with permanent residency, particularly mobile home tenant relocation requirements. Mountain View city staff reportedly met with Berman last month to discuss the scope of the law, AB 2586, and potential sponsorship by the city. ▣

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INVASION

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charges of attempted kidnapping during a carjacking, robbery and assault with force.

Court documents show Porter had previously served a prison term for a violent felony conviction.

The 53-year-old victim told police that the man she identified as Porter arrived at her house and rang the doorbell shortly before 10:22 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17. When she answered the door, he allegedly pushed his way inside and insisted that someone was trying to kill him, according to court documents. The victim was alone in the house at the time of the invasion, and told police Porter grabbed her by the throat with both hands and pushed her against a wall to get her to stop screaming. She suggested to Porter that she could drive him somewhere safe, grabbed her keys and went to the garage, where Porter allegedly tried to push her into the vehicle.

The victim was able to break away from Porter and run out the open garage door to a neighbor's house to call police. The vehicle's engine was still running when officers arrived and

the vehicle was sticking partially out of the garage, according to the police report.

Blood stains were found on both the steering column of the car and the victim's jacket, which police believe was left by Porter. During the altercation, the victim noted that Porter had what police later described as "bright red, fresh" cuts on both of his hands when officers were arresting him.

Porter told police he had been released from custody a few days prior — at some point cutting off an ankle monitor — and made his way to Saratoga, where he met with a man and shared meth with him. Porter later traveled to Santa Clara and took a VTA bus to Mountain View, during which he reportedly became paranoid.

"He said the meth had a very severe effect on him, and caused him to have delusions that he was being followed and to think that someone was trying to kill him," according to the police report.

Porter told police he hid in the courtyard of an apartment complex before approaching the victim's home on Montelena Court.



Jeremiah Porter

He said he did not remember pushing the victim into a wall, choking her or attempting to get into her vehicle. After fleeing the victim's garage, Porter said he jumped a large fence or wall and found himself in the yard of another residence, where he saw two women folding towels.

"He explained that he still believed that he was being surveilled and that there was a conspiracy to channel him into a desirable location to kill him," the police report said. "He feared that the women had towels to soak up his blood when he was killed."

Mountain View police say that the woman and her daughter came forward days later and said that Porter had entered their home and held them hostage for roughly half an hour before leaving. Additional details on the hostage incident were not immediately available in court records.

Porter's next court appearance is scheduled for March 24. Police are requesting that anyone who may have seen Porter from Feb. 14 through Feb. 17 contact Detective Matt Atkins at matthew.atkins@mountainview.gov.

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TESLA

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flyover lane in Mountain View. The Model X struck the concrete barrier at over 70 mph, destroying the front of the vehicle and causing it to careen into two other vehicles before coming to a stop. Huang was pulled out the vehicle shortly before the damaged battery caught fire. He was taken to a local hospital, where he died.

NTSB investigators launched a probe into the accident almost immediately, and spent two years collecting data and conducting interviews to determine what caused the Tesla to veer from the roadway and crash into a barrier at full speed. The subsequent findings show that the vehicle's autosteering function was enabled at the time of the collision and, about six seconds before the crash, steered the SUV to the left toward the median.

The errant path may have been caused by faded paint markings along the left-hand lane of Highway 101, but NTSB staff couldn't say for sure. NTSB accident investigator Don Karol told board members that video imagery that could have shed light on the crash wasn't available because the vehicle's computer system was heavily damaged due to the "catastrophic nature" of the crash.

Tesla representatives did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Tesla's Autopilot is a partially autonomous system that can control the vehicle's steering, braking and lane changing without driver input, using radar, cameras and ultrasonic sensors to detect objects and lane markings. Though it goes beyond typical driver assistance, Tesla warns

consumers that drivers must maintain awareness, understand the limitations of the autonomous features and have their hands on the steering wheel at all times.

Information extracted from the Model X involved in the crash shows Huang's hands were off the steering wheel for roughly one-third of the half-hour trip, and he did not attempt to correct the vehicle's path when it veered into the Highway 85 barrier.

Perhaps the biggest reveal at the Tuesday meeting was that NTSB investigators found that Huang's lack of response before the crash was likely because he was distracted from "a cell phone game application" and was overreliant on Autopilot.

"If you own a car with partial automation, you do not own a self-driving car, so don't pretend that you do. This means that when driving in the supposed self-driving mode, you can't sleep. You can't read a book. You can't watch a movie or TV show. You can't text. And you can't play video games," Sumwalt said. "Yet that's precisely what we found that this driver was doing. He was playing a video game on his smartphone when his car veered over into the median and struck the barrier in the median."

Sumwalt, in his opening comments, said that the fatal collision could have been avoided, but the car manufacturing industry and federal regulators have failed to implement the NTSB's safeguards proposed back in 2017. There needs to be a way to limit autonomous functions in road conditions that Autopilot was never designed to handle, and there needs to be effective ways to flag the drivers who are complacent on the road, he said.

"What struck me the most about the circumstances of this crash was the lack of system safeguards to prevent foreseeable misuses of technology. Instead, the industry keeps implementing technology in such a way that people get injured or killed," Sumwalt said. "And the industry, in some cases, is ignoring the NTSB's recommendations intending to help prevent such tragedies."

Drivers need to be aware that Tesla's Autopilot, and comparable systems in commercial vehicles, are not autonomous, and shouldn't be branded as such. "The car in this crash was not a self-driving car, as I've said many times before," he said. "You cannot buy a self-driving car today. We're not there yet."

Beta testing at highway speeds

One of the major sticking points among NTSB members was the idea that Tesla's autosteering features, despite its widespread, daily use on roadways, is actually still a work in progress. The company itself considers the features a "beta," a label that it believes encourages drivers to approach Autopilot with a clear-eyed understanding that they need to remain vigilant and attentive.

The label didn't sit well with board member Bruce Landsberg, who said that enabling autosteering amounts to using a faulty safety feature that still has bugs. Federal regulators only test semi-autonomous collision avoidance systems under a limited set of conditions, such as rear-end crashes at speeds up to about 45 miles per hour, rather than in high-speed scenarios or in

cross traffic, which have been the center of multiple Tesla-related investigations.

Two of the Autopilot functions — the Forward Collision Warning system and Automatic Emergency Braking — did not activate during the crash.

Landsberg slammed the current Autopilot system and testing scheme, calling it "completely inadequate," and said it's not enough for Tesla to simply give consumers the caveat that Autopilot is prone to issues.

"It seems to me when you put a system out there that is a safety-critical system, and it has known bugs in it, that it's probably pretty foreseeable that somebody is going to have a problem," Landsberg said. "Then they come back and say, 'Oh, but we warned you' — that doesn't seem like a very robust safety mechanism."

Since the fatal Mountain View crash, Tesla has pushed out a firmware update for the Autopilot system. Among the changes, the vehicle will more quickly alert drivers when their hands are not detected on the steering wheel and it loses its ability to keep the vehicle centered in a lane.

The features are good things and valuable improvements to Autopilot, said Robert Molloy, NTSB's director of highway safety, but he underscored that it's important to be proactive about making upgrades to autonomous vehicle functions rather than waiting for a fatality.

"Fixing problems after people die is not really a good highway (safety) approach," he said.

Board member Jennifer Homendy said she worried that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is shirking its responsibility in regulating the emerging market of partially autonomous vehicles, described as "Level 2" automation on a scale of 0 to 5 (5 being fully autonomous). She said a contributing factor in a fatal Tesla crash in Delray Beach, Florida, was the "failure of NHTSA" to compel vehicle manufacturers to incorporate acceptable safeguards for vehicles with Level 2 automation.

Homendy said she was also troubled by a Twitter post by the agency stating that the regulations should take into account the cost of buying a car. The Jan. 7 tweet states "For some, affording any car — let alone a new one — can be a challenge. That's why NHTSA is working to keep regulations reasonable so cars, trucks and SUVs — with the latest safety features — are more affordable and families can be safer on the roads."

The NHTSA's mission is not to sell cars, and lowering the bar on safety to lower costs shouldn't even be a factor, she said.

Not a new problem

Throughout the Feb. 25 meeting, NTSB board members referred to Tesla's poor track record of responding to the agency's past recommendations, which could have led to safety improvements and prevented further collisions.

In 2017, the NTSB had wrapped up a yearlong investigation into a fatal Tesla crash in which a Model S struck the side of a truck, killing the Tesla's driver. Among the safety recommendations, NTSB suggested that six car manufacturers with Level 2 automation systems incorporate safeguards that limit the use of autonomous features to roads and conditions that it was designed to handle. The agency also suggested that vehicles need to better detect when the driver is being complacent and not paying attention to the road, and alert them when "engagement is lacking."

Sumwalt said the request was pretty simple — respond to the NTSB's recommendations within 90 days. Five of the manufacturers responded in time and stated they would comply with the recommendations. Only Tesla ignored the request and it remains the only noncompliant company.

"It has been 881 days since the recommendations were sent to Tesla and we've heard nothing," Sumwalt said. "We're still waiting."

Tesla has butted heads with NTSB officials since the investigation into the Mountain View crash first launched in March 2018. The federal agency originally invited Tesla to actively participate in the investigation and provide technical assistance, but took the rare step of dropping the company from the investigation one month later after Tesla released multiple public statements speculating that the driver, and not its technology, was at fault.

Tesla was releasing incomplete investigative information that was bound to lead to "speculation and incorrect assumptions about the probable cause of the crash, doing a disservice to the investigative process and the traveling public," NTSB said in a statement at the time.

Sumwalt took time during the meeting to criticize Caltrans for its role in the severity of the Mountain View Tesla crash, noting that it was one of multiple occasions in which safety equipment was damaged and not adequately repaired or replaced. In front of the Highway 85 concrete barrier is typically a crash attenuator, which had been damaged to the point of being "nonoperational" due to a solo-vehicle crash 11 days before the March 23, 2018, fatality.

The attenuator could have significantly reduced the damage to



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■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SUPES OK GUN REMOVAL TEAM

Santa Clara County will spend nearly a half million dollars on a county gun team in charge of removing guns from supposedly dangerous people, the county's Board of Supervisors decided Tuesday.

In a unanimous vote, the board accepted a proposal from board president Cindy Chavez to create a gun team of seven people — three crime analysts, two lawyers and two prosecutors — within the District Attorney's Office.

The team, which already had a lawyer and prosecutor and will add the five additional positions, will be funded by grant money and by \$427,247 from the county's general fund for staff salaries.

The county funds will cover the newly hired attorney's salary of \$215,653 and the prosecutor's salary of \$211,594.

Supervisors Joe Simitian, Dave Cortese and Mike Wasserman all called the proposal a "good idea" after Assistant District Attorney James Gibbons-Shapiro briefed the board on the county's gun violence.

According to prosecutors, gun violence has been on the rise in San Jose, the county's largest city, since 2009 — specifically cases involving aggravated assaults with a weapon and robbery with a weapon.

The new gun team will be tasked with identifying persons with domestic violence convictions and temporary restraining orders who are no longer lawfully allowed to own guns, making sure they don't have guns and, if necessary, obtaining search warrants for local law enforcement to remove the guns from the possibly violent people.

Wasserman said Tuesday that while the county "does God's work in a thousand ways," he was concerned about spending money addressing San Jose's gun violence problems and said he'd like to know why the city can't address the issue without additional funding from the county.

A San Jose police spokesman said police would respond Wednesday to Wasserman's question.

Wasserman also noted that the board had recently been approving many items that increase costs for the county, but few, if any, that boost revenue.

"We have nothing in our agenda (today) that raises revenues in our county," Wasserman said. "We're funding everything, and it's all good stuff, but I feel like we're headed to a cliff."

RIDE-SHARES FOR FOSTER KIDS

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to increase funding for transportation services for foster children and families.

The board voted unanimously to increase funding for HopSkipDrive, a ride-hailing service the county uses to transport foster kids, by \$237,231.

Emerald Perkins, a foster mother with five foster children and two biological children in her home, asked the board to approve the HopSkipDrive funding increase because it will help keep families connected while separated by the child welfare system — saying that it's "sometimes the only way (the children) they're able to see their siblings."

She explained to the board that three of her foster children come from a biological family of five siblings, two of whom live elsewhere.

"As it stands right now, the three boys that I have in my care — I live in Gilroy — they go to school all the way in San Jose," Perkins said. "HopSkipDrive picks them up in the morning, takes them to school, picks them up in the afternoon, and that is where they're able to see their sister."

However, she said the service is only available for a month for her children, and "after that we're left to figure it out."

She said by increasing the funding for the transportation service, "it allows for these children to stay in their school of origin so that when they reunify with their parents, they're still going to the same school."

Before the board voted Tuesday to fund a new total of \$505,432 from the previous \$268,201, Bob Menicocci, the director of the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency, said "sustainability is a question for us" regarding the transportation service, but that increasing the funding will help foster families with a quickness.

"What we're able to do with this is get this service out there immediately," Menicocci said. "That's not to say that we're also not engaging with our resource families around other options, but this is the most expedited way to at least get that service out there. It's also flexible in terms of funding."

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the Model X, and NTSB investigators made clear at the Tuesday meeting that Huang likely would have survived if it had been there to cushion the impact.

The Mountain View Fire Department was mentioned by NTSB officials, who determined the emergency response to the accident was adequate and well-executed, given the circumstances.

The full report on NTSB's investigation will be published in the coming weeks. An abstract of the report, released Feb. 25, lists 23 findings that enumerate all the factors that contributed to the fatal collision and is online at tinyurl.com/tesla-crash-abstract. Limitations on Tesla's Autopilot lane-keeping assistance caused the vehicle to veer into the median and failed to provide an alert to the driver in the seconds leading up to the crash. The Model X's collision avoidance system was not designed to detect a crash attenuator and the NHTSA does not require such capability, according to the report, which resulted in a severe crash in which the automatic braking and collision warning systems failed to activate.

"In order for driving automation systems to be safely deployed in a high-speed operating environment, collision avoidance systems must be able to effectively detect and respond to potential hazards, including roadside traffic safety hardware, and be able to execute forward collision avoidance at high speeds," according to one of the findings approved by the NTSB board Tuesday.

The NTSB doubled down on the recommendations it made to Tesla in 2017, adding that if Tesla does not create safeguards preventing the use of Autopilot on roads and in conditions it was not designed to handle, it risks future crashes. It also took a jab at NHTSA for "failing to ensure" that manufacturers of partially autonomous vehicles provide these safeguards.

The report's findings also state the driver did not attempt to correct the route of his Model X as it steered into the concrete barrier, most likely because he was distracted by a game on his cell-phone. Distracted driving could be curbed by new technology and company policies that prohibit the use of portable electronic devices in a moving vehicle.

Among the nine recommendations, NTSB is asking nine smartphone manufacturers, including Apple, Google and Samsung, to develop a "lock-out" mechanism that would automatically disable any functions that would distract a driver while the vehicle is in motion — making it a default setting that would need to be disabled by the user. ■

Lazaro Pedro Avila

February 9, 1952 – February 19, 2020

Lazaro "Larry" Avila, 68, was a lifetime resident of Mountain View who recently moved to Willow Glen. Lazaro died February 19, 2020 while at home. He was born February 9, 1952. His recent move gave him time to spend with his son, daughter-in-law and his grandchildren. He loved the Giants and 49ers and truly enjoyed watching these recent



playoffs and Superbowl with his family. He is survived by his son and daughter in law, Josh and Erin of San Jose CA, and his three grandchildren, Rachele, Taylor, and Esai.

Services will be held March 5, 2020 at Lima Family Erickson Memorial Chapel, 710 Willow St, San Jose, CA 95125. A viewing will begin at 9:00am, with services starting at 10:30am, followed by a graveside service and burial at Santa Clara Mission Cemetery.

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MEASURE D

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current rent control law should be extended to the 1,100 homes across the city's six mobile home parks. The Community Stabilization And Fair Rent Act (CSFRA) does not explicitly include or exclude mobile homes, instead leaving it up to the interpretation of the city's Rental Housing Committee. In 2018, the committee opted to exclude mobile homes.

Under Measure D, the council is seeking to resolve the ambiguity by exempting mobile homes and spaces for mobile homes from the renter protections. The rationale, according to council members, is that it opens the door for the city to craft its own rent stabilization ordinance tailored specifically for mobile homes and separate from CSFRA.

The explanation did little to win over mobile home residents

ranked by the idea that they should be treated any different from apartment tenants in the city. But it was also unpopular among park owners as well. At a meeting last month, Frank Kalcic of the Sunset Estates Mobile Home Park and Craig Oku of the Moffett Mobilehome Park both urged the council not to pass a rent control ordinance for their tenants, suggesting that decisions on rent increases are best left between park management and tenants.

Vidovich's lawyers previously threatened to sue the city in 2018 if the Rental Housing Committee attempted to extend CSFRA to mobile home properties.

The newly formed committee is entirely separate from an effort by the Mountain View Housing Justice Coalition to defeat Measure D, which has been raising funds and distributing flyers since January. Former Mountain View City Council member Lenny Siegel,

a member of the coalition, told the *Voice* that he is skeptical that Vidovich — a staunch opponent of rent control — is truly rallying to defeat Measure D.

So far, that does seem to be the case. The committee has created a website opposing the measure, called "D for Deception," and has posted sponsored content on Facebook calling Measure D a "fraud."

Montgomery, the treasurer for the new committee, said in an email that he has appropriately filed campaign documents against Measure D on behalf of his client, and questioned why the *Voice* would seek comments on Vidovich's campaign contributions. He declined to relay an interview request to Vidovich, citing anti-media sentiment.

"I just don't like the media, one way or the other. You've already made up your minds on everything and you're only out to further your own agenda. Doubt me? Just look at the national media starting with CNN, MSNBC, CBS, etc.," he said.

and financed by large residential property owners in the city, with the latest campaign filings showing the group has raised \$193,000 since the start of the year.

The latest donations have come from Prometheus Real Estate Group, which contributed \$82,600 earlier this month, followed by Americana I, LLC, which donated \$27,200. Another group called Real Housing Solutions for Santa Rosa, which poured funds into a previous CAA-sponsored measure in Mountain View, contributed \$7,000 to the "Yes on D" campaign. Previous large donations to the campaign came from Tod Spieker (\$49,500) and ACCO Management Company (\$26,950).

As of Feb. 15, the campaign had spent nearly \$105,000 of its war chest on a wide range of election activities, including mailers, digital ads, data analytics and legal services. The biggest single expenditure was a \$20,000 payment to Reno-based Goco Consulting for canvassing services.

The CAA has a long history of opposing rent control in Mountain View, fighting CSFRA when it came to voters in 2016 as Measure V and, once it passed, gathering signatures for a ballot initiative for the November

election that would eliminate rent control in the city through a poison pill provision tied to occupancy rates.

Though Measure D leaves many aspects of CSFRA intact, the association has since come out in support of the measure and has taken an active role in trying to pass it.

Opposition raises \$7,500

The latest round of campaign finance filings shows that the Mountain View Housing Justice Campaign has raised a total of \$7,458 since the start of the year in its opposition efforts to Measure D, with numerous small donations primarily from Mountain View residents.

Contributions between Jan. 19 to Feb. 15 total just under \$3,000 from 19 contributors, with the largest donations coming from Irene Yoshida (\$300), Alice Martineau (\$250) and Andrew McCreight (\$200).

The campaign has spent \$6,575 of those funds on a mix of flyers, signs, postcards and door hangers.

More information on Measure D can be found in the Voter Guide story in the Feb. 14 issue of the *Voice*. ▣

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CAA raises \$193K

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Design Center would regularly fill dumpsters with "perfectly good stuff" — including many designer samples.

They learned that the materials were just going to waste, so they started picking them up to redistribute to teachers, craftspeople and DIY-types. Over time, the effort grew into a formal nonprofit, and today, the design center showrooms set aside donations rather than throw them into the dumpster.

Welstein said that the nonprofit, as a tenant on Terra Bella Avenue, has been active in weighing in on potential zoning changes the city has considered in the area, and pushed to make the point that small businesses and nonprofits were in danger of being squeezed out of the community.

"I don't fault any individual person in this process, but we've been waving the flag and making the point for a while, and I just think the financial pressures are really hard," she said.

FabMo's new location is at 1240 Birchwood Drive in Sunnyvale. The selection event is scheduled for Friday, March 13, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information is online at fabmo.org. ▣

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Election 2020: Our recommendations

In the weeks leading up to Super Tuesday on March 3, the *Voice* has published endorsements on several local measures and the state Senate District 13 race. Here is a list of our editorial board's recommendations. Read the editorials and election news coverage in our online Voter Guide at <https://tinyurl.com/mv-voter-guide>.

Measure D

Vote **no** on Measure D, which would amend the city's Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA) to allow landlords to increase monthly rent on tenants by 4% each year regardless of the Consumer Price Index.

It would compel the city's Rental Housing Committee to create a list of capital improvements that landlords can quickly and easily pass through to tenants as "temporary rent increases;" and exclude mobile home residents from renter protections. (See editorial, Feb. 14)

Measure T

Vote **yes** on Measure T, a Mountain View Whisman School District \$259 million bond initiative that would cost property owners \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value and fund school site improvements, short-term growth, teacher and staff housing, and debt repayment. (See editorial, Feb. 28)

Measures G and H

Vote **yes** on these initiatives from the Foothill-De Anza Community College District. The \$898 million Measure G would cost property owners approximately 1.6 cents per \$100 of assessed property value for the next 34 years. Measure H, a \$48 parcel tax, would provide the two community colleges with approximately \$5.6 million annually over five years. (See editorial, Feb. 21)

State Senate District 13 primary

We endorse Mike Brownrigg in this race. (See editorial, Feb. 14)

Yes on Measure T

SUPPORTING MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOLS IS ESSENTIAL AS CITY GROWS

The Super Tuesday ballot is a crowded one, with several bond and parcel tax initiatives to benefit public education, including Mountain View Whisman School District's \$259 million Measure T bond. The bond, which requires a 55% yes vote to pass, would cost district property owners \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value annually.

While being wary of tax increases is understandable, particularly with several measures stacked on the March 3 ballot, we believe Measure T is a worthwhile and necessary investment to improve school facilities, expand to handle short-term growth, pay off debt from past projects, and provide affordable housing for district teachers and staff. Just as property owners benefit from Mountain View's reputable schools, local districts are dependent upon support from property owners to maintain the quality schools they have come to expect.

Unlike the district's 2012 Measure G bond, Mountain View Whisman trustees approved a list of priority projects for Measure T that allocates nearly all of the \$259 million, which should prevent delays that have hindered past projects and allow some wish-list items that weren't prioritized in the previous bond to get done.

Just over \$102 million of the bond would go toward improvements at all of the school sites, ranging from safety and efficiency upgrades like perimeter fencing and new windows to extra storage space for teachers. Another \$34.8 million in funds are earmarked for short-term growth. Reports from November

indicate that the school district needs to be ready to house an additional 889 students in the coming years, and that some sites, like Landels Elementary School, are not currently equipped for an influx of children.

Measure T funds would not be spent on addressing future residential growth in the North Bayshore and East Whisman areas of the city, as the funds could easily be swallowed up trying to build a single school in North Bayshore. But with the city's population slated to jump by 75% in the coming decades, the district needs to start tackling growth now so students in the short term won't be negatively impacted, and to keep the district from being bogged down by project demands in the future.

About \$60 million in Measure T funds would address a byproduct of the region's job and population boom — the dire lack of affordable housing. Under a deal with the city of Mountain View and a developer, the school district will contribute \$56 million to help design and build a 716-unit apartment complex on W. Middlefield Road in return for full control of a 144-unit building that it can then lease out to teachers and staff. Without Measure T, the district does not have a clear way to pay for the upfront construction costs of the housing. It would be one of the largest teacher housing projects in the Bay Area and serve as a model for workforce housing — not to mention help with teacher retention locally.

Measure T would also help the district pay off \$40 million in outstanding debt that was borrowed against future revenue

from leasing out former school sites in order to finance new construction. This would not only free up \$2.6 million in cash that could go to classrooms instead of debt repayment, but also provide a pathway for the district to sever lease agreements and reclaim former school sites — which could be essential given the projected future growth.

Opponents of the bond initiative are critical of the district's spending plan — pointing out that it includes projects that were supposed to be addressed with Measure G funds — as well as the ballot language itself. Despite the project list, the funds could be used to finance practically any school-related construction project. We believe overly specific ballot language could hinder the district, whereas having a spending plan provides specificity while still allowing for flexibility for the 'what-ifs,' as school board member Laura Blakely told the *Voice*. Trustees and district officials are well aware they would be held accountable for any perceived transgressions.

Much has changed in Mountain View since the district's last bond initiative, Measure G, passed in 2012, and more housing development is on the horizon — meaning more residents and a projected influx of 2,500 additional district students over the next 20 years. Measure T doesn't address this long-term growth, but taking that population boom into account, voters should approve this initiative to take care of some of Mountain View Whisman's needs now rather than wait for more issues to mount. Vote yes on Measure T.

■ LETTERS

TENANTS COALITION OPPOSES MEASURE D

We are the Mountain View Tenants Coalition, a group of working-class city residents that have witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of rising rents on our friends and family. Our commitment to protect the tenant communities motivated us to be deeply involved in the 2016 rent stabilization efforts, which lead to the passing of Measure V. We are now writing to express our frustration with the way Measure D threatens these gains.

Measure D is much more favorable to landlords and negates the gains of the 2016 rent stabilization efforts we fought so hard for. We are concerned by the deception in indicating that rents will only go up 4%, an amount already more than the average raises of the past few years. Any amount of rent increase above the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases the possibility of more people being displaced from their apartments, possibly having to live on the streets in RVs. We know because these are our families, friends and neighbors. It's incongruent that some in the city are pursuing solutions to the RV problem, while at the same time pushing a measure that could lead to its worsening.

The current housing crisis has its roots in many decisions long before 2016's Measure V even passed, and it's absurd to attempt to fault it for things like apartment conversions. Other arguments, such as preventing housing board members from

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Making rent control more workable

LEAVING CSFRA AS WRITTEN ISN'T FEASIBLE LONG-TERM

By Chris Clark and
John McAlister

Guest Opinion

Three years ago, the voters passed our city's rent control law (Measure V). While well-intended, it is challenged because it was written behind closed doors without input from the public or the Mountain View City Council. As a result, a law meant to provide stability and prevent displacement of our residents has contributed to the loss of over 700 rental units and is deterring landlords from performing key safety and energy upgrades. Leaving it as written simply isn't feasible long-term.

The City Council listened to the community during at least six public meetings last year. It heard from renters, landlords, homeowners and legal experts about effective changes that would make the law more workable while minimizing impacts on renters. Measure D is the City Council's recommended package of amendments to do just that.

Measure D will provide stability by preserving the parts of the current law that

work, including rent caps (4% instead of the "up to 5%" as currently allowed), strict eviction protections, and relocation benefits. It will also encourage investment in older housing and clarify areas of the current law that have resulted in costly lawsuits.

Opponents of Measure D are distorting its purpose and potential impact, and they fail to mention that there is a broad coalition of Mountain View community members supporting Measure D that includes the mayor, several city council members, public safety leaders, educators, renters and landlords. Here are some of Measure D's key elements and responses to opponent claims:

Rent limits: Opponents falsely claim that Measure D will result in frequent 10% rent increases. What they're not telling you is that current law already allows increases of 10%, and even more in some circumstances. Measure D

improves on current law by more firmly capping increases and requiring that the capital improvements eligible for a pass-through must primarily benefit the tenants and not be the result of a property owner's failure to maintain the property or deferred maintenance. Measure D also prohibits the pass-through of cosmetic or luxury improvements that primarily benefit the landlord's bottom line.

Limiting pass-through costs: Under Measure D, the Rental Housing Committee would have the ability to set even lower pass-through rates for different types of improvements when it writes regulations. Landlords would still have to obtain the Rental Housing Committee's approval to issue a rent increase for a specified improvement, but the current paperwork-intensive approval process would be streamlined for key improvements like seismic and energy upgrades, new windows, and other items that clearly extend the useful life of the building or directly reduce a tenant's utility costs.

Mobile homes: Current law has been

determined not to apply to mobile homes, so mobile home residents have asked the City Council to adopt some form of mobile home rent stabilization outside of current law. Measure D clears the way for the council to provide rent stabilization for mobile homes outside of current law, and it does so in a way that is so indisputable that the same mobile home park owner who has fought stabilization for mobile home residents is now spending nearly \$100,000 to defeat Measure D. That landlord knows that with Measure D in place, the City Council will be able to adopt a stabilization package that he won't be able to tie up in court.

Measure D is a pragmatic and balanced improvement to current law. Most importantly, it will help ensure we have high-quality apartments for years to come to house our families, seniors, teachers, veterans, and our diverse community.

Chris Clark and John McAlister are
Mountain View City
Council members

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paying themselves — something that has never happened and they've never even requested — further shows the dishonest ways in which this measure is being presented.

The public should be suspicious by the amount of money to push this measure that is being provided by landlord associations, as well as the lack of support for Measure D by three council members, something not frequently mentioned.

As with the fight to pass rent control with Measure V, we feel groups like ours are the David vs. the Goliath of the landlord organizations. But we fought them and won back in 2016, and will we continue to fight for the defeat of Measure D this time around.

Mountain View
Tenants Coalition

VOTE YES ON MEASURE T

The elementary and middle schools in the Mountain View Whisman School District are thriving. With the community's help, we've made a lot of progress in recent years — both in terms of our students' academics and in creating and maintaining our school facilities.

MVWSD has been awarded 11 statewide Blue Ribbon and Distinguished School honors since 2014, with several schools earning the distinction for multiple years. In the last

five years alone, our state test scores increased 11% (language arts) and 10% (math) in the percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards. We completed Measure G projects on time and within budget and opened three new campuses (Stevenson, Castro and Vargas) while making significant updates to all our schools.

But the work must continue. We stand poised to take the next steps in our district's journey in excellence. If passed on March 3, Measure T will raise \$259 million to benefit all of our schools.

Specifically, Measure T will fund:

- Affordable housing for teachers and staff members
- Safety and efficiency projects in our schools, such as solar, new windows, perimeter fencing, and security
- Updating facilities to handle short-term growth, and
- Paying off construction loans, reducing our dependence on lease revenue and increasing our facilities' flexibility

Measure T will provide the funds needed to construct 144 units of teacher and staff housing and ensure we keep rents as low as possible, improving employee retention. It will also help us shore up our existing school facilities' needs, while also preparing us for the initial wave of student growth we know is coming to our current schools, given approved projects.

I do hope that we have earned your confidence as

a community, and that you will continue to support our teachers and our students to the benefit of all residents of Mountain View. Please vote yes on Measure T.

Tamara Wilson, Mountain
View Whisman School District
board president

MISLEADING MEASURE D MAILER

I hope Mountain View voters won't be deceived by a mailer that I understand some received last week from landlords and developers, purporting to come from the "Democrats" and misusing our traditional donkey logo to mislead voters into believing the local Democratic Party supports Measure D. To the contrary, the local Democratic Party voted overwhelmingly to urge voters to vote no on Measure D.

Renter protections are hard to achieve and all too easily lost. As the *Voice's* reporting notes ("In reshaping rent control, council members ask for community's trust," Feb. 14), Measure D mixes technical fixes with changes that would undermine tenant protections won through passage of the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA). The actual and official local Democratic Party urges voters to vote no on Measure D.

Bill James, Santa Clara
County Democratic Party chair

SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Hats off to the *Voice* for standing up to the anti-tax bullies and

supporting measures G and H! Your editorial on Feb. 21 ("Yes on community college measures G, H") tells it like it is — community colleges are a necessary community resource. As a De Anza College English instructor and a Mountain View resident, I can testify that many members of our community do see the value of having the Foothill-De Anza Community College District nearby. In fact, contrary to some of the readers' responses to your previous articles on G and H, complaining about "kids from outside the district" making use of the colleges, many of our students come right from our local schools, with more Mountain View High students matriculating to Foothill than any CSU or UC campus.

Of course, not all students decide to pursue a four-year degree, and Foothill-De Anza has us covered there as well. We offer many career and technical education programs, such as pharmacy technology, nursing, radiology, veterinary technology, graphic design and paralegal studies, among others. These students, after completing their studies, provide essential services for the community. And we have concurrent enrollment agreements with many local schools, including Mountain View and Los Altos High schools, so that students can start on their college education while still in high school.

It's for reasons like these that the Mountain View community needs to support its community colleges. Whether it's constructing new buildings or updating existing structures, such

improvements will foster a better learning environment for students. And our colleges are also interested in helping at-risk students by providing housing assistance, mental health counseling and other essential services. As a resident and taxpayer, I know that I'll be voting yes on measures G and H.

Julie Sartwell
Palo Alto Avenue

REDWOOD CITY ARTWORK

The way this piece of art ("You are the Tree") is able to show centuries of our history in a beautiful way reminds me how much of an effect art can have on a person. Not only is it nice to look at, but it can teach someone so much about what has happened in the past, and give them more to think about for the future. In addition, it is also a nod to the environmental issues we have been facing. If we want to preserve our land and identity, that starts with supporting the growth of these trees as well, hence why the message "You are the Tree" is so meaningful.

We do not only live among the environment, but it is our source of living. Art is a creative way to direct attention toward critical issues that are hard to address through speeches, classrooms, and even a common conversation. As an aspiring artist myself, it's work like this that inspires me to dive even deeper into my field of interest.

Karina Lipe
Hans Avenue

FOOD FEATURE



A TASTE OF THE LEVANT

FROM KNAFEH TO BAKLAVA, MENLO PARK BAKER BRINGS MIDDLE EASTERN SWEETS TO THE PENINSULA

By Elena Kadvany
Photos by Sammy Dallal

More than the taste of knafeh, Maya Fezzani remembers the movement of her grandmother's hands making the traditional Middle Eastern dessert.

Growing up in Lebanon and Syria, she'd watch her grandmother fold kataifi, shredded phyllo dough, in butter.

"It definitely was not hands-on because she didn't allow anyone in the kitchen, but it was all about seeing, tasting and smelling when she was baking," Fezzani recalled. "I was all eyes on her."

Decades later and thousands of miles away, Fezzani channels her grandmother in a commercial kitchen in Menlo Park, where she preps and bakes all of the

desserts for her Middle Eastern sweets company, Levant Dessert. Her hands fold unsalted butter into a tangle of frozen kataifi in a pan. She lines muffin tins with the mixture and layers each with cream or cheese and butter, then bakes them until they're golden and fill the kitchen with a toasty, sweet aroma.

Levant Dessert is Fezzani's first-ever food venture. She was born in Lebanon and lived in Syria as a young girl before her family left for England. She eventually met her husband there, whose work moved them to Hong Kong, Chicago, back to England and then Silicon Valley in 2008. She worked for her husband's solar startup and also in logistics at Nordstrom, but neither were fulfilling for her.

Fezzani, bubbly and earnest, said she would always bring her

Middle Eastern desserts to dinner parties — homemade knafeh, baklava, orange blossom pudding, barazek — and friends often urged her to take her hobby to the next level. She started seriously considering it a few years ago, and was particularly inspired by the opening of Mademoiselle Colette in Menlo Park. Seeing the French bakery come to fruition helped her envision what it would be like to start her own venture.

Fezzani started with special orders and events, then pop-ups at Nordstrom and Facebook. In 2019, she opened a storefront inside Sultana restaurant in Menlo Park after meeting the owner at a bridal shower she catered. Sultana diners can order from her menu, but customers can also come in to purchase her desserts directly.

Knafeh is Fezzani's calling card. She makes several versions, including one filled with cream and another with mozzarella and mascarpone cheeses. Knafeh is traditionally filled with akawi, a salty Middle Eastern cheese, but Fezzani said she hasn't found a good-enough version in the Bay Area. After the knafeh are baked, she drizzles each one with homemade

orange blossom syrup.

Her custom knafeh cakes — shaped into numbers and letters for birthday parties, pacifiers for baby showers and even female body parts for a bachelorette party (she declined a request for a male body part) — have become popular. At a recent birthday party, one satisfied customer declared, "knafeh is the new cake."

Fezzani also makes a series of seasonal milk and rice puddings

with toppings like nuts, orange blossom syrup, apricot paste or raspberry coulis. For winter, she has a caraway cinnamon pudding that's traditionally served when a woman gives birth, she said, either as a hot, creamy drink or put in the fridge to set for a chilled pudding. Fezzani also makes balooza, a Syrian rice pudding topped with orange curd. She

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Above: Maya Fezzani puts fresh desserts into the display case in her Levant Dessert shop inside Sultana restaurant in Menlo Park. **Top:** Fezzani helps a customer choose Middle Eastern desserts on Feb. 13.



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thickens the puddings with salep, a flour made from orchid roots that's common in the Middle East, along with a gluten-free version using cornstarch instead.

Because of frequent dietary restrictions and requests from customers, Fezzani has added gluten-free and vegan desserts to her lineup, including using vegan butter to make pistachio baklava and coconut oil in sfouf, a Lebanese turmeric cake (which she serves with English custard, a vestige of her years in England). She's also cognizant about how much sugar goes into her desserts, so they're all subtly, rather than sickly, sweet. She makes her own sugar-free stevia syrup and wants to experiment with monk fruit as a sweetener — not only for health reasons but also for flavor, she said.

"I believe in tasting all the flavors in a dessert," Fezzani said.

Soon, she plans to add savory items and a line of Middle Eastern-inspired chocolate desserts, such as ganache with dates and pistachio.

Fezzani isn't sure whether she wants to graduate to her own brick-and-mortar bakery. Like her grandmother, she likes being hands-on and in full control of the business she built from scratch. The hours she spends tweaking recipes and baking into the evening are a gift, she said, a way of doing something for herself after years of raising her children and working unsatisfying jobs.

"It's a story I'm writing myself," she said of the bakery. "I don't want anyone else to write it for me."

For more information, visit levantdessert.com. ▼

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From top: A tray of baklava made by Maya Fezzani for her Levant Dessert bakery; a Lebanese sfouf cake is made with semolina flour and turmeric powder and decorated with roses; Fezzani lifts a piece of cheese-filled knafeh pastry topped with ground pistachios.

MOVIE OPENINGS

#SheToo

'THE ASSISTANT' DRAMATIZES THE ISSUES UNDERLYING THE WEINSTEIN CASE AND OTHERS

★★★1/2 (Aquarius)

Kitty Green's drama "The Assistant" features a put-upon female protagonist working in the outer office of a movie mogul we never see or hear but whose outsized presence overshadows everything. In the wake of real-life movie mogul Harvey Weinstein's recent guilty verdict for rape and sexual assault, "The Assistant" has the benefit of relevance in the current news cycle — but it's about something much larger than even Weinstein, who threw his weight around Hollywood for years.

To craft her first fiction film as writer-director, Green applied her skills as a documentarian, interviewing women at the bottom of the corporate ladder in a variety of industries. And while film's plot ultimately takes shape around sexual misconduct and the sexual gratification of an alpha-male boss, Green examines the broader parameters of sexism in the workplace.

"The Assistant" provides an unsettling and realistic look at a young woman navigating a fraught American workplace still largely in the grip of the patriarchy. The film rests on the shoulders of talented up-and-comer Julia Garner (who blazes with a different flavor of intensity on Netflix's "Ozark"). As junior assistant Jane, Garner subtly embodies the inner war within so many in positions of powerlessness. How much is she willing to put up with? And can she afford not to?

Cleverly, Green fits these themes into one eventful and yet all-too-typical day at the office, from Jane's wee-hours commute into Midtown Manhattan to her quiet dark-of-night departure. Slowly, deliberately, Green depicts the accumulation of indignities for a woman in a boy's club environment. The two male assistants (Jon Orsini and Noah Robbins) who



Julia Garner stars in "The Assistant."

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ostensibly share responsibility with Jane breezily banter with each other and take on the work that'll make them most likely to succeed, delegating the worst tasks overtly or by default to Jane. Although Jane has the least seniority — until the arrival of a conspicuously unqualified young woman (Kristine Froseth) — the office culture implies that men are unlikely to do the tasks

expected of Jane: making coffee, cleaning up after the boss and her peers, ordering everyone's lunch and even handling the boss' used syringes (an allusion to Weinstein's use of erectile-dysfunction medication).

In this context, a paper cut is the least of the stings Jane feels. Although she does share some organizational duties ("manning" the phones and making

travel arrangements), her nominally senior colleagues pawn off career-risky tasks to her in a manner that clearly makes them gendered: onboarding the new female hire and taking the call of her boss' wife with the understanding that Jane should lie about her bosses' whereabouts if she knows what's good for her. But it's that new hire that takes Jane beyond the pale and forces her into a moral dilemma. Faced with circumstantial evidence of, shall we say, human-resources violations, Jane takes a meeting with a corporate stooge (Matthew Macfadyen). It's a climax that avoids sky-high fireworks in favor of ground-shifting aftershocks.

"The Assistant" functions as a thoughtful post-mortem on the institutional enabling of a monster like Weinstein, but also an encapsulation of decades of once-countenanced belittling of women in male-dominated business environments (and political ones). As the #MeToo movement gains ground in the workplace, a film like Green's plays its part not by preaching, but by gathering intel, speaking truth to power and winning hearts and minds.

R for some language. One hour, 27 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

NOW SHOWING

- 1917 (R) ★★★1/2** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
Century 20: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.
- The Assistant (R) ★★★1/2**
Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
- Bad Boys for Life (R) ★★**
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- The Bad Sleep Well (1960) (Not Rated)**
Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
- Bheeshma (Not Rated)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
- Brahms: The Boy II (PG-13)**
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- The Call of the Wild (PG)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
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- Emma (PG)** Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.s
- Fantasy Island (PG-13)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
- The Gentlemen (R)**
Century 20: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.
- Harley Quinn: Birds of Prey (R) ★★**
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.
- High and Low (1963) (Not Rated)**
Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
- Impractical Jokers: The Movie (PG-13)**
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

- The Invisible Man (R)**
Century 20: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.
- JoJo Rabbit (PG-13)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- Knives Out (Not Rated)** ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.
- Little Women (2019) (PG) ★★★1/2**
Century 20: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.
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- My Boyfriend's Meds (Las Pildoras De Mi Novio) (R)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- My Hero Academia: Heroes Rising (PG-13)**
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- Parasite (R) ★★★1/2** Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
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- Portrait of a Lady on Fire (R)**
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- Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan (Not Rated)**
Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
- Sonic the Hedgehog (PG)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
Century 20: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.
- Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker (PG-13)**
★★1/2 Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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THEATER

'The Mystery of Edwin Drood' Based on the unfinished Charles Dickens novel, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" is a unique musical with multiple endings about a choirmaster who is madly in love with one of his students. Feb. 28-March 15; dates and times vary. \$15-\$36; discount available. Lohman Theatre, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. foothill.edu

'Everybody' This Pulitzer Prize-nominated play by Branden Jacobs-Jenkins is a modern riff on the 15th-century morality tale, "Everyman." The protagonist is decided each night by lottery from a cast of 120 people, unfolding a different show each time. March 5-7; 8-9:30 p.m. \$5-\$15; discounts available. Roble Studio Theater, 375 Santa Teresa St., Stanford. taps.stanford.edu

'Newsies' Peninsula Youth Theatre stages a production of "Newsies," a Walt Disney classic about a young teen who

leads a strike against the unfair practices of the publishing giants. March 7-13; dates and times vary. \$28. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. pyt.net.org

'They Promised Her The Moon' Directed by Giovanna Sadelli, "They Promised Her the Moon" tells the true story of the world record-holding female aviator, Jerri Cobb, and her pursuit to be an astronaut during the space race of the '60s. March 4-29; times vary. \$25-\$100; discount available. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org

CONCERTS

California Bach Society The 30-voice chamber choir led by Paul Flight presents two British masterworks, Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Mass in G minor" and Herbert Howell's "Requiem." Feb. 29, 8 p.m. \$10-\$35; discounts available. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. calbach.org

Michael Barenboim and West-Eastern Divan Ensemble The West-Eastern Divan Ensemble, led by violinist Michael Barenboim, draws upon select players of the acclaimed West-Eastern Divan Orchestra to share music's ability to heal and unite. March 4, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$16-\$84; discounts available. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. live.stanford.edu

James Welch Palo Alto's Christian Science church kicks off its spring 2020 concert series with organist James Welch, performing songs and folk melodies arranged by contemporary California composer Dale Wood. March 8, 3-4 p.m. \$10. First Church of Christ, Scientist, 3045 Cowper St., Palo Alto. cspaloalto.org

Mark Lettieri Mark Lettieri, guitarist of the multi-Grammy Award-winning jazz and funk collective Snarky Puppy, performs compositions from his new album with special guest musicians. March 7, 7:30 p.m. Free. Tateuchi Hall, Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org

Raphaella Smits Internationally renowned artist Raphaella Smits uses eight-string guitars and historical instruments to perform her solo recitals. Feb. 29, 7 p.m. \$15-\$25; discount for seniors and students. First Lutheran Church, 600 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. brownpapertickets.com

'St. John Passion' Soli Deo Gloria presents Bach's St. John Passion, with Jeff Barnett as the evangelist. March 8, 3:30 p.m. \$21-\$26; discount for students and seniors. Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverley St., Palo Alto. brownpapertickets.com

Tim and Greg of The Mother Hips Tim and Greg return to Palo Alto for a two-night acoustic mini-residency and concert. March 6-7, 7 p.m. \$25. Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. eventbrite.com

'My Grandfather's Fiddle' Musician Kevin Carr performs "My Grandfather's Fiddle" as a solo storytelling and musical piece, including folk tales and music from many lands played on fiddle, banjo, accordion and various bagpipes. March 3, 1-2:30 p.m. \$15. Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org

MUSIC

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

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

GoFly Prize Final Fly-Off The GoFly competition features various activities with drones, flight simulators, guest talks and other STEM-related activities. Feb. 27-29; times vary. \$22-\$439. NASA Ames Research Center, Building N-260 at Moffett Field, Mountain View. eventbrite.com

Summer Camp Fair The city of Mountain View hosts a summer camp fair for families to learn about and register for the upcoming season's offerings. Feb. 29, 9-11 a.m. Free. Mountain View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. mountainview.gov

FUNDRAISERS

Empty Bowls Soup Supper 2020 The Community Services Agency hosts a soup supper fundraising event benefiting its homeless prevention programs. It includes a soup buffet, salad, cake, beverage and a hand-crafted artisan bowl. March 8, 3-4:30 p.m. \$10-\$35; discounts available. Mountain View Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1425 Springer Road, Mountain View. csacares.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

Floral Bookmarks Hidden Villa helps participants make colorful bookmarks by extracting the natural pigments of flowers and plants with wooden mallets. Feb. 29-March 1, 9:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. Free. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

'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

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, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. 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

FILM

'Going Up the Stairs' Directed by Rokhsareh Ghaemmaghami, "Going Up the Stairs" is a documentary about an illiterate Iranian woman who unexpectedly stumbles upon a new talent when she helps her grandson with his homework. March 5, 7-9 p.m. Free. Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Road, Palo Alto. paloalto.bibliocommons.com

FOOD & DRINK

Food Literacy & Nutrition for Teens This Hidden Villa program teaches teens about healthy, nutritious and delicious ways to indulge in seasonal foods by working with experts and testing farm-fresh recipes. Fridays, 4-6 p.m. \$300. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

Los Altos First Friday Los Altos First Fridays are community-building events held during the evenings of the first Friday of the month in downtown Los Altos. It is an opportunity to shop, dine and explore what downtown has to offer. March 7, 6-8 p.m. Free. Downtown Los Altos, State Street, Los Altos Hills. losaltosfirstfriday.org

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Silicon Valley Basketball Silicon Valley Basketball organizes weekly, year-round, pickup 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/events/2314873415266501/

OUTDOOR RECREATION

World Water Monitoring Challenge Grassroots Ecology teaches how watersheds work and provides an opportunity to test the quality of water in Permanent Creek. March 7, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Heritage Oaks Park, Portland Ave at Miramonte Ave, Los Altos. eventbrite.com

TEENS

Teen Career Prep Workshop In partnership with KarmaBoard, Mountain View's teen center invites high school students to a career prep workshop where they can get professional headshots, help with resume and find job opportunities. March 2, 4-6 p.m. Free. The View Teen Center, 263 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. facebook.com

COMMUNITY GROUPS

SheCan In partnership with several City of Mountain View departments, NASA, the 129th Rescue Wing and Girls on the Run, SheCan is an event dedicated to the next generation of girls and young women looking to lead in the public sector. March 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. eventbrite.com

AUTHOR EVENTS

Dr. Madeline Levine Madeline Levine, author of "The Price of Privilege," talks about her new book "Ready or Not," which focuses on the resilience, optimism and emotional skill set that helps young people weather any storm in their life. Feb. 28, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$10-\$40; discount for students and educators. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

'Facebook: The Inside Story' Tech journalist Steven Levy talks about his new book, "Facebook: The Inside Story," which is based on hundreds of interviews inside and outside the company and digs deep into the decisions and choices that made the social media company what it is today. March 4, 6-8:30 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org

Yangsze Choo New York Times best-selling author Yangsze Choo discusses her latest novel "The Night Tiger," a historical tale about a dance hall girl and an orphan boy and what happens when their lives entangle over an old Chinese superstition. Feb. 29, 2-3 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

'The Empathy Edge' Maria Ross, author of "The Empathy Edge: Harnessing the Value of Compassion as an Engine for Success," shares data and case studies on the importance of encouraging an empathetic culture. March 4, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. East West Bookshop, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. eastwestbooks.org

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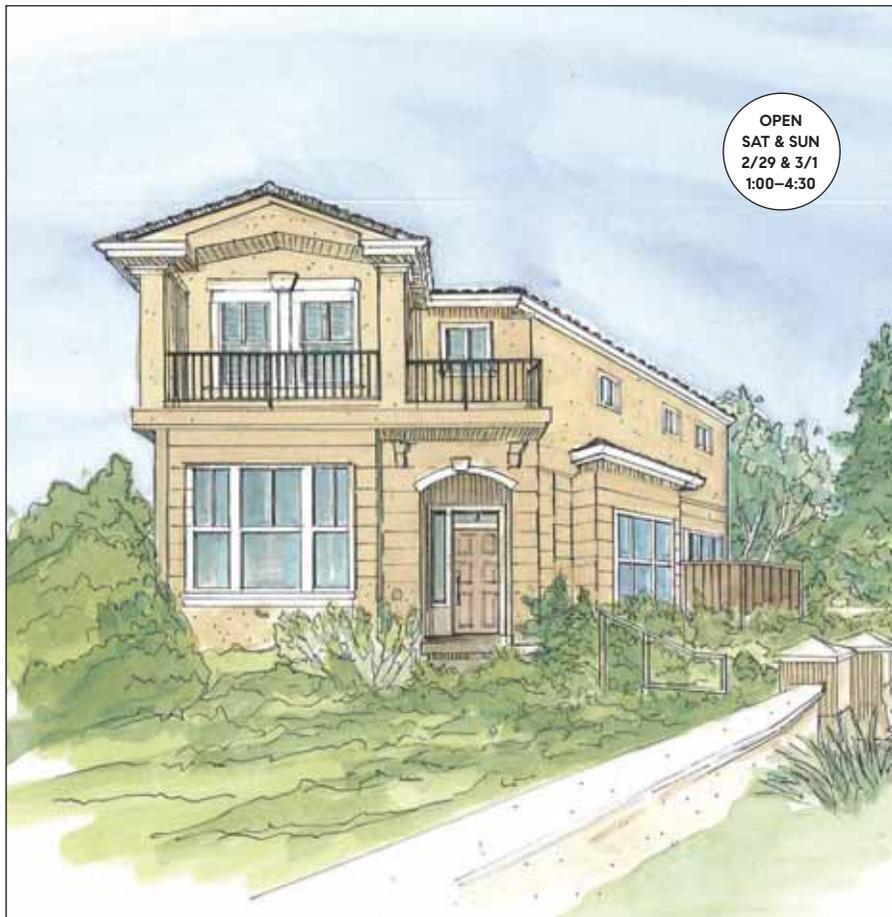
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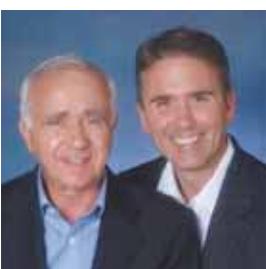


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