Rangers search for mountain lion that attacked child at Rancho San Antonio

By Kate Bradshaw

Three days after a mountain lion grabbed a 6-year-old girl at Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, rangers were still searching for the attacking animal.

The preserve, located in Cupertino and Los Altos, was closed until further notice while the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and rangers from the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District — the agency that operates the preserve — look 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 — a name that now carries a “strange irony,” he said.

The group was about 2 miles from the main parking area around 10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 16, 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, the girl.

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 care and she was released to her parents. Santa Clara County Sheriff’s deputies and Santa Clara County Fire paramedics also responded.

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, two in 1994 and one in 2004.

The most recent mountain lion attack, he said, occurred last month when a mountain lion grabbed a 3-year-old boy in Orange County by the head. The attack was fended off, the boy was hospitalized, and the lion, which remained in the area after the attack, was killed by public safety officers.

There’s no theory yet as to why the Rancho San Antonio incident occurred, Tognazzini said. It was a “strange irony,” he said.

Mountain View High School Principal Dave Grissom is resigning to lead regional sports as CCS commissioner starting in July. Grissom was widely regarded as a passionate proponent of youth sports programs during his seven years leading the school.

From principal to youth sports commissioner

By Kevin Forestieri

Throughout his career in public education, Mountain View High School Principal Dave Grissom said he never lost sight of his true passion: youth sports. And starting in July, he’ll bid farewell to his job as a school administrator to pursue that passion full time.

Grissom started out as a business major, shifting gears to get a degree in history before teaching and becoming a principal at Santa Clara High School, and later Mountain View High in 2013. But underneath the education-focused career trajectory, he never strayed far from youth sports.

He coached football and

Community college district asks voters for new tax, bond funds

MEASURE G WOULD RAISE $898M WHILE MEASURE H WOULD RAISE $28M

By Elena Kadvany

Mail-in ballots for the March 3 election went out to Santa Clara County voters on Feb. 4, including two Foothill-De Anza Community College District measures aimed at upgrading campus facilities and maintaining access to affordable higher education.

The $898 million Measure G, the largest school bond in Santa Clara County’s history, would cost property owners approximately 1.6 cents per $100 of assessed property value, for the next 34 years. An $800,000 property, for example, would be assessed $128 annually in taxes.

Measure H, a $48 parcel tax, would provide the two community colleges with approximately $5.6 million annually over five years. Unlike neighboring community college districts, which are fully funded through local tax revenue, Foothill-De Anza is subject to fluctuations in

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IN NEW REDWOOD CITY ARTWORK, THE COMMUNITY IS THE TREE

Palo Alto is not the only Peninsula city named after a tree, nor is it the only one with arboreal art on display this month. “You are the Tree,” a new installation in the Art Kiosk space on downtown Redwood City’s Courthouse Square, considers how the flourishing city, for better and worse, was built on demand for lumber from the coast redwood trees growing nearby.

Spearheaded by artists Kent Manske and Nanette Wykle, “You are the Tree” includes a 7-foot-diameter replica of an old-growth coast redwood stump, with a living redwood sapling at its center (donated by Wegman’s Nursery, eventually to be planted in Red Morton Park). The top of the stump bears flags indicating events of historical importance over the past 400 years (the lifespan of a tree of that size).

“The project juxtaposes the historical facts of the 19th-century clear cutting of old-growth redwoods from the Santa Cruz Mountains with the resultant development of Redwood City, both historically and currently, with emphasis on the contrast of disruptive innovations and resurgent interests in slow-by-hand/craft industries,” according to Manske and Wykle’s artist statement.

The work’s title is not merely symbolic. This tree truly is made up of pieces of the community. The colorful, textured “bark” of the stump was made by contributions from 25 local organizations, business and laborers, including costume fabric and prop scraps from Dragon Productions Theatre Company, beeswax from the Redwood City Public Library's rooftop hives, water from Redwood Creek, beer grains from local breweries, coffee grounds from the city’s cafes, kitchen scraps from restaurants, plants from nurseries, hair from salons and numerous other industry byproducts (an extensive downloadable guide as well as detailed process photos are available at preneo.org/youarethetree). The collected bits and pieces were painstakingly turned into pulp, then applied to a paper mache and hardware cloth frame. By proudly displaying this patchwork quilt-like mix of source material, “You are the Tree” means to celebrate the community’s cultural diversity and labor force, Manske said.

The installation, on view through March 8, also aims to inspire viewers to think critically about what resources are worth sacrificing for others and to consider the environmental cost of human expansion and development. “The green triangle on the stump’s surface represents the remaining 5% of coast redwood trees. Ninety-five percent have been harvested,” Manske pointed out. “You are the Tree” asks the community to consider its role in maintaining a sustainable ecosystem, and how the damage from our byproducts might be creatively mitigated. In this city, as in others built on exploitation of natural resources, the human community is inseparable from the landscape it was named after. You — we — are the tree, and we all bear responsibility for its fate.

—Karla Kane
ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING

Police arrested a man who allegedly burst into a San Antonio neighborhood home Monday night and tried to drag a woman by the neck out to her car, according to a statement by the Mountain View Police Department.

Police say the 33-year-old man fled the scene, but was found several hours later standing on top of a carport in the same area. Officers used a fire department ladder to bring down the suspect, identified as Jeremiah Porter, who was then arrested on suspicion of attempted kidnapping.

According to the victim, Porter repeatedly rang the doorbell of her home on Montelena Court, located near the Palo Alto border, around 10:30 p.m. When the 53-year-old woman answered the door, Porter allegedly grabbed her by the neck and said he needed to flee the area.

Porter reportedly tried to force the victim into her car, but she was able to break free and run to a neighbor’s home, police said.

Nearly five hours later, police received reports of a man who was throwing rocks at windows and yelling on the 2700 block of Del Medio Court, a short distance from the Montelena Court home. After Porter was arrested, the victim identified him as the man who attacked her.

Porter, a transient, was arrested on suspicion of robbery and attempted kidnapping charges. He is being held in Santa Clara County jail.

ARREST MADE IN 2004 SEXUAL ASSAULT COLD CASE

A New Mexico man was arrested and extradited to California last week after DNA evidence connected him to a 2004 sexual assault in a Mountain View motel.

The suspect, identified as 45-year-old Van Overton of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was booked into Santa Clara County jail on suspicion of forced oral copulation and burglary with intent to commit rape, according to a statement by the Mountain View Police Department. He is being held without bail.

Police say that on Feb. 4, 2004, a woman staying at the now-redeveloped Lucy U Motel on Fairchild Drive was sleeping in a motel room when Overton allegedly got into the room and sexually assaulted her for close to half an hour before leaving. Though no suspect could be found during a police search at the time, officers collected DNA evidence from a pillow in the room and sent it to a crime lab for testing.

After an extensive delay, investigators got a breakthrough on the cold case: a connection

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Theuerkauf Elementary is losing low-income students

By Kate Bradshaw

In under a year, Mountain View’s Theuerkauf Elementary School has shifted from being a place where a majority of its students are from low-income families to one where at least one household earning more than $500,000 annually has applied for free and reduced-price lunch. The shift, from 55% low-income students last school year to 38% this school year, has been so dramatic that the board of the Mountain View Whisman School District was asked on Feb. 6 to approve a waiver to continue to offer federally funded educational programs that are contingent on having at least 40% of a school’s kids qualified as low-income.

The board approved the waiver application unanimously.

While the reason for the sharp decline isn’t entirely clear yet, there has been an uptick in the reported incomes of households applying for free and reduced price lunches. This school year there were some households that reported monthly incomes of $12,000, $24,000 and $45,000, far over the federal guidelines used to determine whether a student is eligible for free and reduced-price lunch, said Heidi Smith, the district’s director of federal and state programs.

“I had to do a double-double take,” she told the board.

When board member Laura Blakely asked whether there had been a mistake, and those numbers reported were annual incomes instead, Smith said the nutrition director also had verified the numbers and they were accurate.

Another potential reason for the decline, suggested by former trustee Steve Nelson, is that some qualified immigrant households may not be registering for free and reduced-price lunch because they are concerned that doing so will impact their ability to obtain citizenship. School food programs are not subject to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services department’s new restrictions on citizenship eligibility for immigrants set to take effect on Feb. 24, but that information may not be common knowledge.

Theuerkauf Elementary is one of the Mountain View Whisman School District’s two Title I schools — the other is Castro Elementary. Title I is a federal program that gives financial assistance to schools with a high proportion or a high number of children from low-income families. If a school has 40% or more of its students who are low-income, the school can use Title I funding for programs to support all students; otherwise programs have to be targeted only toward low-income students.

To keep the existing Title I programs such as summer school in place through the rest of the school year, the school also has to conduct a needs assessment, develop a schoolwide plan and get board approval of that plan. It must also demonstrate that at least 25% of its students qualify as low-income, at least 30% of its students are English language learners; the school has a graduation rate lower than the state average; or that the school is otherwise performing poorly, among other factors.

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Oh, for Pete’s sake! Supporters say vandals are sabotaging Buttigieg signs

By Kevin Forestieri

With just weeks to go before the March primary in California, local supporters of Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg say their campaign signs are under siege.

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The affected signs, seven of which were stolen and another bent over and covered with tape, were all in designated public areas near busy intersections that are typically filled with colorful campaign signs during election season. Signs that were reportedly removed were all located in the southern half of the city, including one at the intersections of Grant Road and Cuesta Drive; El Camino Real and Phyllis Avenue; Marilyn Drive and Miramonte Avenue; and Cuesta Park Annex.

Signs were also placed at highway entrances for Highway 85 from El Camino Real and Highway 237 from Sylvan Avenue, which is public property owned by Caltrans.

Murdock said he contacted the Mountain View Police Department, which took the report, but hasn’t heard back. He said he also followed Caltrans protocol for placing the signs at highway intersections, and confirmed with officials at the agency that they did not remove the signs by accident. Signs that have been replaced are still there as of this week.

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Another setback for Mountain View’s ambitious automated transit plans

By Kevin Forestieri

For more than a decade, Mountain View residents have been hearing about the city’s grand, technology-driven transit plans for getting thousands of employees in and out of North Bayshore during commute hours. The idea has been floating around since 2009 under several names and iterations — Personal Rapid Transit, pod cars, SkyTran, autonomous shuttles, monorails and gondolas — all aimed at solving the practical challenge of efficiently moving commuters roughly 3 miles, from the city’s downtown transit center to Google, NASA Ames and other major employers.

Despite the decadelong wait and worsening traffic, the project suffered another setback last month. An $850,000 study to figure out the land requirements needed for the future Automated Guideway Transit (AGT) line, originally intended to begin last month, has been pushed back to November. Council members granted the request of city staff who sought a one to two year delay, citing burdensome workloads and a vacancy in the public works department. The study now aims be complete in April 2021.

AGT has a long history of delays and abandonment, and the latest study was nearly quashed last year. In June, the council narrowly approved moving forward with the study, with serious misgivings from council members Margaret Abe-Koga and Lisa Matchack about whether the city was chasing an unfeasible transit project. Estimated costs to build an elevated system over surface streets could cost as much as $195 million per mile, raising questions over how the city could cobble together enough transportation funds to pay as much as $1 billion.

Councilman John McAlister, a staunch proponent of AGT and regional transit projects, told the Voice that the delays don’t change the fact that there is a growing demand for transit alternatives that could take thousands of vehicles off of city streets. Delays and a lack of clarity on how to pay for AGT, notwithstanding, he said he remains optimistic; transit technology is rapidly improving, and employers are ready to work with the city to see the project come to fruition.

“It’s going to happen,” McAlister said. “We’re looking for a public-private partnership with Google because North Bayshore is developing, the transit center is developing. We’ve already pretty much got a route.”

A 2018 study found that a future transit system circling between downtown Mountain View, NASA Ames and North Bayshore could be immensely popular, with more than 8,600 in daily ridership — much higher than the more extensive Stanford Marguerite shuttle system to the west, even without taking into account a surge in demand from Shoreline Amphitheatre’s concert season.

It would also be a much faster alternative, according to the study, with AGT travel times estimated to be between 7 to 13 minutes from downtown Mountain View to the western side of North Bayshore and 13 to 15 minutes to the eastern side. Employee shuttles that currently ferry people from downtown Mountain View to North Bayshore can take 25 to 30 minutes to reach the same destinations.

Bogging down those selling points were big questions about practicality and funding. At the June meeting, Abe-Koga said there are plenty of more immediate transportation improvements — including a bike and pedestrian tunnel at Villa Street — while Matchack argued that $850,000 and a year of staff time was a big ask to study something that may never materialize.

“Transportation is really important, but at some point you need to be realistic about what really might be possible,” she said.

McAlister, reflecting back on the last June meeting, said colleagues let price sensitivity get in the way of fully appreciating the potential of AGT for solving traffic woes, and that building the infrastructure for transit is going to be super expensive, no matter what they do.

“I think some council members don’t really understand the full implications of what a good transit system can do,” he said.

Under the revised schedule, the city will award the contract for the upcoming AGT study in November this year, said Public Works Director Dawn Cameron. The delay could have a silver lining in the sense that the city can wait for the latest advancements in autonomous transportation technology, she said, which is rapidly evolving. The scope of the current study is focused solely on the necessary right-of-way for the future transit system — which could end up being elevated, depressed or at-grade — meaning it can fit whatever cutting-edge technology comes down the pike.

“All the technology is in the vehicles, not the guideway,” Cameron said. “Which means the use of the guideway could evolve over time to take advantage of new and smarter transit vehicles.”

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Foothill College joins effort to house 100 homeless students

By Elena Kadvany

Foothill College is joining a new partnership that the community college hopes will help Santa Clara County achieve an ambitious goal: finding housing for 100 homeless students in the next 10 days.

The Los Altos Hills community college is partnering with the Bill Wilson Center in San Jose and Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County to find homes for students, including through house sharing with local residents.

Foothill announced Feb. 5 it is joining the county’s “100 Day Challenge,” which cities, counties and states across the country are also participating in. Locally, the Bill Wilson Center, San Jose State University, West Valley-Mission Community College District and Airbnb are involved in the effort.

“Because the high cost of living in the Bay Area is a real barrier to college students successfully completing their studies,” April Henderson, Foothill College’s director of Extended Opportunity Programs & Services and the college’s Foster Youth and Homeless Student Programs, said in an announcement. “These partnerships are just one way for us to serve students facing housing insecurity and get them the services that they need.”

According to a survey, 49% of Foothill students experienced housing insecurity and 19% experienced homelessness in the past year. Foothill students said they were doubling up, sharing rooms or moving in with other people due to financial constraints at a higher rate compared to the national rate.

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late morning and there were lots of people on the trail, uncommon conditions for an attack, he said.

In August, the park was closed for over a week due to a number of sightings of a mountain lion and her cubs.

Mountain lions live throughout the Santa Cruz Mountains. They generally are not a threat to people, and encounters like Sunday’s are unusual, rangers said. Nevertheless, park visitors should remain vigilant when in mountain lion territory.

The search
Finding the mountain lion that attacked the girl, and ensuring it is the correct animal, is 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 will be able to test the DNA of any mountain lion it is able to capture to ensure it matches the samples found on the girl’s clothing.

If the mountain lion is found, it will be up to the department of fish and wildlife to decide what to do with it, according to Leigh Ann Gessner, spokesperson for the open space district.

It’s too early to say what would happen to the lion if it is captured, Tognazzini said. Typically, if an animal is proven to pose a threat to the public, it is killed, he said, but until that is confirmed, the lion would be kept in a caged environment and treated well.

To track mountain lion movement, rangers from the open space district have set up multiple trail cameras to capture images of wildlife in the area, he said. Monday night, there were no photographs of mountain lions captured. He said that his department will continue the search at least through Wednesday, Feb. 19, but ultimately it will be up to the open space district to decide when Rancho San Antonio will be reopened.

Staying safe
Mountain lions are typically most active at dawn, dusk, and at night, according to the MROSD website, which recommends people avoid hiking or jogging at those times.

In addition, the open space district recommends that people stay alert; avoid hiking, biking or jogging alone; keep a close watch on small children; and do not wear headphones.

If people see a mountain lion in the wild, Tognazzini said, they should make themselves big, not run away, draw children close and make loud noises.

While dogs are not permitted at Rancho San Antonio, he added, people should keep their dogs on leashes in other parks where they are permitted, as the incidence of mountain lions attacking or eating dogs is far higher than mountain lion attacks on humans. People are far more likely to die in a car crash heading to an open space or rural area than they are of a mountain lion attack while there, he said.

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state funding based on enrollment — which has been declining for several years. Both measures reflect the efforts of Foothill, De Anza and community colleges across the state to address the impact of what the Measure H ballot language describes as an “unprecedented housing and affordability crisis,” including by supporting student and employee housing, mental health services and teacher recruitment.

“As the educational institution that serves the largest number of undergraduates in Silicon Valley, Foothill–De Anza is an affordable gateway to good jobs and the middle class and beyond for many local families,” said Chancellor Judy Miner wrote in an email. “Our students enter trades, earn career-focused degrees and transfer to four-year universities, and graduate in a timely fashion. Both measures reflect the community college district’s commitment to good jobs and the middle class and beyond for many local families.”

The community college district noted that the cost to attend California’s public universities has risen to almost five times that of attending a community college.

Measure G would cover about 60% of the estimated $1.5 billion in infrastructure and capital needs at the community colleges, Miner said. Potential district-level bond projects include student and staff housing (which could cost as much as $300 million), technology updates, infrastructure to support expanded online education, security upgrades and solar panels, among others.

The possible Foothill College projects include new instructional equipment for career technical programs and STEM laboratories, improving campus accessibility, expanding and improving classroom facilities, campuswide roof repairs and upgrading athletic facilities, among others.

“Our two colleges serve almost 60,000 students a year — they are like small cities,” Miner said. “The state doesn’t provide funds to maintain and upgrade them to preserve the community’s investment.”

She noted that the high cost of living in the Bay Area has made it difficult to recruit and retain quality teachers, particularly younger faculty.

At Foothill College, the parcel tax, if approved, would help fund housing assistance for students and staff, mental health services, tutoring and services to address student food insecurity and homelessness. According to a 2018 survey, 52% of Foothill and De Anza students experienced food and housing insecurity in the previous year and 16% had experienced homelessness.

The official ballot argument in favor of Measure H describes Foothill and De Anza students as those “who want to attend 4-year universities or get specialized job training to compete for better paying jobs in business, technology, nursing, manufacturing, first responders and other high-demand careers.”

The Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association filed the official arguments against the two measures. The Cupertino-based organization criticized both measures as “blank” checks with insufficient detail on how the district will use the funds.

“The burden is properly upon both measures as ‘blank’,” the petition growth rate for children in the community since Measure H’s passage in 2008.

The bond measure needs 55% of the vote to pass and the parcel tax requires 66.6% in support at the ballot box.

About 22 new vote centers will open on Saturday, Feb. 22, in locations throughout the county for any voter who wishes to cast a ballot in person. More will open starting on Feb. 29, with a total of more than 110 locations, where mail-in ballots can also be returned to any vote center in the county. Mail-in ballots are available for citizens who are registered as Democrats or Republicans. Ballots must be postmarked by March 3, but are accepted up to seven days before the election day.
baseball and, when the busy job of principal made those commitments impossible, his outlet became serving as a Little League Baseball umpire in Mountain View, Los Altos, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara. If residents throughout the South Bay recognize his face or his name, Grissom said it’s probably because of baseball.

Now 25 years into his career in high school education, Grissom announced the departure of Mountain View High at the end of the school year to become commissioner of the Central Coast Section (CCS), the organization in charge of interscholastic sports for 75,000 student athletes from San Mateo to San Benito counties. He replaces current commissioner Duane Morgan, who announced his retirement last month.

“The timing is just right. I am very happy with what we’ve achieved since I’ve been here,” Grissom said. “But it’s time for me to look at other options. The commissioner’s job doesn’t come up very often.”

Even back in the 1980s, Grissom said his interests have always been firmly rooted in athletics, which drew him to education in the first place. He said he loves seeing kids follow their passion for sports, not just students at Mountain View High but his own children as well. Though it’s been his focus from the start, he said coaching had to take a back seat when he became a principal 13 years ago.

“When you get into high school administration — your job is just too busy on a daily basis to allow you to coach,” he said. “It’s not manageable, to be perfectly honest. The amount of time you need to dedicate to students in athletics just doesn’t allow you to coach.”

The transition to CCS commissioner appears to be a natural fit. During his career as a high school administrator, Grissom has gradually risen through the ranks of the organization’s governance structure — starting by representing the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League before rising to CCS board member and finance committee chair, eventually landing his current role as CCS president.

During his tenure at Mountain View High, Grissom said he got the chance to see some extraordinary success stories among the school’s sports teams. Girls soccer has transformed into a highly competitive team that ranks among the best in the entire country, with what he describes as “a hell of a pipeline” of talented young players. He said boys basketball under coach Kevin Mack has also been extremely successful — clinching two CCS titles in just three years — while the boys baseball team went on a strong post-season run to take its own title last year.

Former school board member Joe Mitchner, also deeply entrenched in youth sports, told the Voice that Grissom will be missed at Mountain View High, but that his love for sports administration makes the opportunity to be CCS commissioner hard to pass up. Given his tenure at the high school and past role in CCS, Mitchner said he is exceptionally qualified to take up the torch.

“I think he’ll be terrific in this new role,” he said.

Having a principal like Grissom around, with a passion and experience in athletics, has been invaluable for the sports programs at the school, said Shelley Smith, Mountain View High’s athletic director. He said the school’s athletic program has shown consistent improvements every year, putting Mountain View on the map for high school sports amid steep competition.

“He was great for bouncing ideas off of and just general support if we had ideas and directions we wanted to go,” Smith said. “It was great having a principal that you could bounce ideas off of.”

The recent emphasis has been on finding and keeping solid coaches, Smith said, including new hires for basketball and baseball that have led both teams into CCS playoffs and victories. He said the stability of the coaching staff is probably the best thing that’s happened for the sports programs at the school.

Outside of sports, Grissom described the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District as a resource-rich place where students are well served by an incredible confluence of support from the school board, the PTSA and high-quality teachers. The students are also extremely academically driven, taking on some of the most ambitious class schedules stacked with Advanced Placement (AP) classes.

“I’m so proud of what the district can provide our kids. This is such an incredible public high school — the kids in this school and in Los Altos are so well-served and so well taken care of,” he said.

Reflecting on his career, Grissom said it’s amazing to see how swift advancements in technology have completely changed the way education looks and how high school students interact with one another. In just the last five years, all students are expected to have their own Chromebook or laptop to work from at school, tapping into an online suite of Google apps to do assignments.

The meteoric rise in social media usage has also been staggering, he said, altering the landscape of how teens communicate.

“Our world moves so fast now,” he said. “In some ways it’s a little sad that it moves so fast that it’s hard to catch your breath because you’re on to the next thing.”

District officials say the search for a new principal will likely launch in either May or June, and will include a candidate search based on feedback from staff, students and parents. Smith said he probably won’t miss Grissom — he’ll be seeing him all the time when he’s CCS commissioner — but he worries that the transition in high school leadership could risk some of the amazing progress in Mountain View High’s sports program.

“I don’t want to lose that momentum in what we have,” he said. “I certainly hope the selection committee and whoever is involved takes that into consideration.”

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nonprofit leaders and others.

To support students’ basic needs, Foothill offers a campus food pantry (which serves about 100 students every week), free and low-cost health services and a $15,000 scholarship fund for homeless or housing-insecure students to transfer to a four-year university.

Foothill encouraged students who need housing services from the Bill Wilson Center and Catholic Charities to contact

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS’ OF LOS ALTOSS-MOUNTAIN VIEW AREA**

says vote

**NO on Measure D**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following public hearing has been scheduled to review and consider:

Funding Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2020-21 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Capital Project Funding Requests

Recommendation: The Human Relations Commission (HRC) will hold a public hearing to hear presentations from the agencies requesting CDBG and HOME funding, and vote on funding recommendations to the City Council.

Review and Provide Input on Recommended Draft 2020-25 Consolidated Plan Goals

Recommendation: The Human Relations Commission (HRC) will review, discuss, and provide input on the recommended draft goals of the 2020-25 Consolidated Plan for City Council consideration.

Human Relations Commission (HRC) Hearing
March 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041

The HRC will hold this public hearing to hear presentations from the agencies requesting CDBG and HOME funding, and vote on funding recommendations to the City Council.

The HRC invites and encourages public attendance at these hearings and/or written comments on the proposals.

Information regarding the Fiscal Year 2020-21 proposals and other eligible CDBG and HOME activities may be obtained from the City of Mountain View, Housing and Neighborhood Services Division office located at 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041, by telephone at (650) 903-6004 or by visiting the City’s CDBG/HOME Web Page at https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/comdev/preservation/default.asp.

Please submit written comments to Housing and Neighborhood Services Division, City of Mountain View, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039, Attention: Orlando Reyes or submit via email to orlando.reyes@mountainview.gov

AVAILABLE CDBG & HOME FUNDING

For Fiscal Year 2020-21, only capital projects will be considered for funding. The City has approximately $777,000 in CDBG and $417,000 in HOME funds for capital projects.

There is approximately $417,000 in total HOME funds; this amount includes reprogramming of $237,000 of FY 2019/2020 funds into FY 2020/2021. The City administers a two-year funding cycle for public service agencies and annual funding cycle for capital projects. Only capital project funding requests are being considered in this funding cycle for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) department requires jurisdictions, such as the City of Mountain View to prepare a 5 year Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan, by means of community participation and feedback, identifies our community priorities and strategies through analysis of our community market, affordable housing, and development conditions. The five-year plan identifies how the City’s CDBG and HOME funds will be used to address the community priorities. Any needs identified must meet the regulatory statues of the funding programs.

In addition to the Consolidated Plan the Annual Action Plan is a one-year plan that describes the programs and projects that the City will implement toward meeting the approved Consolidated Plan goals for FY 2020-2021. The CDBG and HOME capital project proposal requests selected for funding will be incorporated in the 2020-21 Action Plan and will be consistent with Consolidated Plan priorities for projects that serve low income areas or households.

The City Council will consider adoption of the Con Plan & Action Plan at the April 28, 2020 City Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers of City Hall (500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041)

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT 2020-25 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

The City will circulate the Draft 2020-25 Consolidated Plan for a public review and comment period, beginning on or after March 13, 2020 and ending on April 17, 2020.

Copies of the Con Plan & Action Plans will be available beginning on or after March 13, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Community Development Department of City Hall on the 1st Floor located at 500 Castro Street.

Copies will also be available on the City’s web site at www.mountainview.gov or by calling (650) 903-6379 or TDD (650) 967-0158. During the review and comment period, members of the public may submit written comments to Housing and Neighborhood Services Division, City of Mountain View, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039, Attention: Orlando Reyes. Comments can also be emailed to orlando.reyes@mountainview.gov or faxed to (650) 963-3081.

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City of Mountain View
Lisa Natusch
City Clerk
Publish: Friday, February 14, 2020
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For full texts of both measures and Oversight Committee Reports, visit: fhda.edu/MeasuresGandH

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**CITY HOSTS ‘COOL BLOCK’ TRAINING**

The city of Mountain View is inviting residents interested in hyperlocal efforts to battle climate change and prepare for disasters to attend the “Cool Block” training session on Sunday, Feb. 23.

The program, a three-year pilot, is billed as an attempt to address climate change “one block at a time,” and is intended to build off of the success of existing neighborhood watch groups and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs. The goal is to bring down carbon emissions and water usage on a neighborhood block-by-block level while creating a “healthier, happier, resilient, and more environmentally aware community,” according to the city website.

The efforts will be led by individual “block leaders” who receive full-day training by the city on how to roll out the Cool Block program. Block leaders will hold biweekly meetings with nearby residents over four to six months, covering ways to reduce carbon footprints, conserve water and prepare for disasters. Progress will be mapped on a web-based tracking system to show the cumulative effect of the program.

The next block leader training will be held on Sunday, Feb. 23, in the Mountain View Community Center’s Elm Room from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a block leader who did not attend prior information sessions on the Cool Block program is asked to email sustainability@mountainview.gov.

The Cool Block program is one part of Mountain View’s larger sustainability efforts, and has a $250,000 budget. Half of those costs are being covered by Santa Clara County, which approved $125,000 in matching funds last year to kick off the effort. The goal is to recruit 25 block leaders to help reduce carbon emissions by 25% per household and ensure each participant has assembled an emergency kit. As of Feb. 18, 17 people have signed up, according to city officials.

More information can be found at collaborate.mountainview.gov/cool-block.

—Kevin Forestieri

**EATING DISORDER TALK AT EL CAMINO**

A 10-year survivor of an eating disorder is set to speak at El Camino Hospital on Saturday about her journey to recovery.

Camellia Hayat, a 27-year-old living in San Jose, has spent the past decade battling bulimia nervosa and body dysmorphia. After a couple of years in denial about her eating disorder, Hayat said she reached “rock bottom” with her health and decided to pursue treatment.

She spent eight months at an inpatient hospital in Santa Barbara where she became more hopeful about the prospect of recovery.

“The idea that people can recover from an eating disorder was something I didn’t believe for a long time,” she said.

She started doing yoga and meditation, which she said helped her to get to know her body better, and over time, working with outpatient resources, therapists and nutritionists, she said she’s moved forward. Today, she’s an advocate and mentor in the eating disorder and mental health communities.

Hayat also volunteers with the Eating Disorders Resource Center, a Campbell-based organization that offers resources to people struggling with, or supporting those who have, eating disorders. There, she said, she helps with outreach to doctors and therapists, leads a free support group and speaks at seminars.

She’s hoping that people who may feel confused about how to support someone with an eating disorder or are personally battling an eating disorder will come to the event and that it will help them feel less alone and more supported.

The free event, at which Hayat’s parents will also speak, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at El Camino Hospital, located at 2500 Grant Road in Mountain View, in Conference Room A.

—Kate Bradshaw

**MEAL PROGRAM FOR COUNTY’S KIDS**

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday unanimously approved establishing a “universal meal pilot program” for food-insecure children in county schools.

The program, brought forward by supervisors Susan Ellenberg and Joe Simitian, allows for $8 million spending over four years, at $2 million per year, for schools with over 70 percent of food-insecure students.

Eligible schools have to apply to take part in the program.

The funding could serve an estimated 12,000 students with 3 million meals per year at a cost of $6.05 per meal, according to the program referral.

Ellenberg said Feb. 11 that the program will provide “significant health and academic benefits.”

“Santa Clara County has a critical need for this type of support, particularly given the high cost of living impacting school budgets and family food insecurity for our residents,” Ellenberg told the board. “It is my hope the administration can partner with schools and hunger advocates to establish a robust, well-evaluated and replicable pilot in our community that can serve as a model for others.”

According to the county, about 68% of the county’s thousands of students eligible for free or reduced-priced lunches actually get their discounted lunches, and only 35% participate in free or reduced-priced breakfast programs.

This means 50,000 eligible students don’t get inexpensive or free meals they could get at lunchtime, and 55,000 students don’t get school breakfast when they can, according to the county.

“Addressing childhood hunger is critical to supporting healthy children’s growth and development, achieving goals in school readiness and stabilizing families across our community,” Ellenberg said.

Tracy Weatherby, vice president of strategy and advocacy for Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, the organization that partnered with the county to implement the pilot program — urged the board’s support for the pilot program before it passed.

“We live with the food insecurity in our community everyday,” Weatherby said. “We think that one in three children are at risk of food insecurity in our communities, and we think that school meals are one of the most crucial tools to make sure those kids are ready to learn and thrive.”

According to the county, 17 school districts in the county make up 84 schools eligible for the pilot program, which will run from fall of this year through the spring of 2024.

“We want to build community,” Weatherby said. “All the kids should be eating together all the time, everyday. This is how we build countries and communities.”

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Yes on community college measures G, H

Investment in Foothill and De Anza Colleges is essential to maintaining affordable educational opportunities

Over the last decade California’s community college system has become more important than ever in offering an affordable college education and vocational training option.

As tuition costs of attending one of the state’s two university systems has steadily risen, out of reach of lower and middle-income families, community colleges offer both an educational safety net and an automatic path after two years to a University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campus. Special job training programs in fields such as nursing, science, technology and emergency medical services allow those unable to afford universities to obtain the job skills and certifications necessary to compete for well-paying jobs.

We are fortunate to have two outstanding community college districts, the Peninsula and much of their success stems from the investment taxpayers have made through past bond measures and parcel taxes. These have allowed colleges to maintain, improve and build needed facilities, attract outstanding faculty and staff and maintain affordable education for students.

Through six campuses, the Foothill-De Anza Community College District and the San Mateo County Community College District together serve about 100,000 students, many who hold full- or part-time jobs while attending school.

Measures G and H on the March 3 ballot ask for voter approval of a nearly $900 million bond measure (G) and a $48 per year parcel tax (H) for the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, which includes Palo Alto, Stanford, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Cupertino and parts of Saratoga.

Measure G, which would be the largest school bond in county history, is estimated to cost property owners approximately $16 per $100,000 of assessed valuation for the next 34 years, or $400 per year on a parcel with an assessed valuation (not market value) of $2.5 million. It requires 55% of the vote to pass and funds can only be used for new buildings or major upgrades to the existing infrastructure. No money can be spent on personnel or operations.

The Foothill-De Anza trustees have developed a list of potential projects that range from important maintenance of existing facilities, such as new roofs and upgrades to ventilation and heating systems, to the possibility of developing badly needed student and faculty housing.

Measure H is a flat-rate parcel tax that would generate about $5.5 million annually to be used for operations, including the expansion of programs serving students, compensation of faculty and staff in order to retain and attract them in the Peninsula’s challenging housing and employment market and to fund mental health and other services for struggling students. Measure H needs a two-thirds vote to pass and will last for five years.

Critics of these measures argue that because enrollment in community colleges has steadily declined as the economy has recovered from the Great Recession, the focus should be on cutting programs and closing facilities, not improving them. They ignore the fact that the number of students moving on to the UC or CSU system to obtain university education have created huge obstacles to young people launching successful lives, especially in a Bay Area economy so driven by high tech and dominated by a highly educated workforce. A vibrant community college system is an essential safety net and path to opportunity for those whose options are limited, and voters should ensure it continues to thrive.

No on D

In 2016, Mountain View voters passed Measure V, which stabilizes rents to keep lower-income renters in our community. The League of Women Voters of Los Altos-Mountain View studied rent stabilization policies across California and found that our community colleges are stronger for them and that they maintain a fair return for landlords. The Mountain View City Council has placed Measure D on the March ballot, which makes significant changes to its current policy. The LVW opposes Measure D because it is inconsistent with the fair rate of return standard and, therefore, can more easily lead to rent increases up to 10% per year. In 13 months, rents could potentially increase up to 20%.

The fair rate of return standard is a formula based on the growth of a landlord’s profit since 2015. It was assumed that in 2015, because rents were unregulated, landlords were making the profits they wanted, a fair rate of return. Under current law, landlords can petition to raise rents if they are not getting their fair rate of return. However, under Measure D, landlords would be able to pass on many upgrade costs to tenants, bypassing the fair rate of return standard. In Measure D, costs that “extend the useful life” of the building may be passed through as rent increases. While these yet-to-be-determined costs may benefit the landlords by improving their buildings, the potential 10% rental increase per year may drive our vulnerable renters from our community, bypassing the fair rate of return standard put in place to protect them.

Also, rent increases are currently limited by the rate of inflation, which has varied between 2.4% and 3.6% since 2012. Measure D allows a 4% annual increase regardless of inflation. Together with passing through upgrade costs to tenants, annual rents are more likely to increase by as much as 10% each year.

The League of Women Voters supports rent stabilization and just-cause programs that are fair and reasonable for both landlords and tenants. Because of these significant changes to current law, the LWV urges you to vote no on Measure D.

Leage of Women Voters of Los Altos-Mountain View

Why Fight Again?

Definitely no on Measure D. We fought this battle before — why fight again? There’s a good measure in place, so we don’t have to “trust” anyone yet another time!

Outside money is rushing in — why let this influence us? The City Council asks us to trust them — how can we do that when so many council members opposed rent control in the first place? There were huge rent increases before rent control — earthquake upgrades are necessary, but huge rent increases and tax deprecation should cover so much of these costs.

Why isn’t the City Council focusing on those landlords who aren’t paying their portion for the administration of the rent control program, rather than focusing on increasing rental costs for renters?

The League of Women Voters of Los Altos-Mountain View says “Vote no on Measure D.”

We’ve already shown unity on this — vote no on Measure D.
**Viewpoint**

**Read the text. Follow the money. Vote no on D.**

**By Dave Arrone**

The text:  
1) 10% Annual Rent Increase Limit $1707(e)  
The overall Rent increase in any twelve-month period shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the Rent actually charged to the Tenant, including any Rent increase authorized pursuant to Section 1710(e) of this Article. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the overall Rent increase in any twelve-month period may exceed ten percent (10%) of the Rent actually charged to the Tenant only if that Rent increase is pursuant to a decision of a Hearing Officer or the Committee as a result of a Landlord Petition pursuant to Section 1710(a) of this Article.  
2) Integrity and Autonomy of Committee $1709(k) The committee has the duty to implement this Article and any other obligations properly delegated to it by the City Council.  
3) Composition of the Rental Housing Commission $1709(a) “the City Council may appoint an otherwise eligible person who is not a Mountain View resident to the Committee so long as the person maintains an ownership or trusteeship interest in one or more Covered Rental Units.”  

**What does the text mean?**  
1) Rental increases are 10%, not the 4% per year as our council authors and the California Apartment Association would have us believe. Measure D allows temporary rent increases of 10% to cover an expense that “extends the useful life of the Covered Rental Unit.” Does this mean that costs to replace countertops and paint will be passed on each year to tenants? That will be up to our newly “composed” Rental Housing Commission.  
2) The Rental Housing Commission will now take its direction from the council. The RHC is no longer an independent body and as such will be subject to the priorities and agenda of the sitting council.  
3) Measure D allows for two of its five members to be nonresident property owners or their representatives.  

Recent donations for Yes on D include $83,000 from Pro- metheus Real Estate Group, $50,000 from Richard Tod Speck, $27,000 from Acco management, and $7,000 from Real Housing Santa Rosa. Only Acco Management is a Mountain View entity. The organization collecting the funds, Mountain View Residents for Renter, Homeowner & Taxpayer Protections, is sponsored by the California Apartment Association and headquartered in Marin. Yes on D signs were funded by Grand Fire, a Sunnyvale apartment company. Mountain View residents are not the ones driving this.

Joshua Howard of the CAA says Measure D will end “divisive and expensive” rent control. Is that because it opens the door for industry lawyers to sit and vote on the Rental Housing Commission? Yes, Measure D opens that door.

Let’s keep local government local. Let’s have a city government that prioritizes the people of Mountain View ahead of business and profits. Measure D ends rent control protections and community oversight, and hands the power to landlords and property owners.

Read the text. Follow the money. Vote no on Measure D.

Dave Arrone is a 25-year resident of Mountain View.

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**Letters**

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no to this new attempt to change what we’ve already decided is right!

Robert Netkin

Manteco Avenue

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**Painfully Informatve**

Proponents of current bond measures, who seem to include those responsible for ballot descriptions, are engaged in misleading how long the attached taxes are supposed to last.

Assuming a house assessed at $1 million:  
1) Proposition G: 34 years, $160/ year, total $5,440.  
2) Measure H: Five years, $48/ parcel, total $240.  
3) Measure T: 30 years, $300/year, total $9,000.

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**NEW POOL AT RENGSTORFF PARK**

Last month the Parks and Recreation Commission voted to recommend to the City Council a 25-meter pool versus a 50-meter pool to replace the existing pool at Rengstorff Park.  

Surprisingly, cost was not a major factor in the commission’s recommendation. Instead, the reasons cited included aesthetics, space limitations, and greater appeal to non-lap swimmers of a smaller pool. While all the options to replace Rengstorff Pool would be a significant improvement, the once-every 50-plus years chance to replace a pool should be evaluated by its true merits. Some benefits of a 50-meter pool include (1) more lanes, (2) more continuous swimming (which helps with technique and training), and (3) a badge of honor for a city (50 meters is Olympic size).

The commission’s concerns over aesthetics and space limitations can be addressed through thoughtful design and use of space at the park. A 50-meter pool doesn’t look like a staid center like the Santa Clara Swim Center (e.g. Lynbrook and St. Francis high schools both have 50-meter pools with smaller footprints). Additionally, the extra space of a 50-meter pool could enable multiple programs (lap, classes, and user groups) to operate simultaneously and therefore have broader appeal to residents. Plus, Mountain View is growing, and supporting a larger pool in a community getting more dense each year makes perfect sense.

If you would like a 50-meter public pool in Mountain View, please let the City Council know! The council will address the commission’s recommendation on Tuesday, Feb. 25.  

Bob Stenz

Diablo Avenue

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**Our Next President**

As a voter, ask yourself “What do we really need from our next president?” Do we need a minor course correction? No. This country has been heading in precisely the wrong direction for decades, actively prioritizing the needs of the rich and corporations over the needs of working people and all our citizens not gifted with extreme wealth.

Today we need a profound reboot of our society and its political and economic structures. Amy Klobuchar is known as the “senator of small things.” Rebooting our society and redirecting its energies to fight climate change and raise the living standards of all our people are not “small things.”

I see Bernie Sanders as the rock-solid soldier who will fight for people’s economic security and universal health care. A Green New Deal would provide meaningful work for millions and reduce the looming eco-catastrophe being actively encouraged by our current mis-leader.

Ed Taub

Devoto Street
January is a reliable dead zone in the hospitality industry. With diners resolving to get back on track after gorging their way through the holiday season, many bars and restaurants remain stubbornly quiet for the first few weeks of the new year. This axiom seemed to hold as I walked down Redwood City’s Broadway Street on a dreary winter evening last month, passing over a dozen nearly empty eateries. Yet when I pulled open the door to my destination — Kemuri Barú, a 5-year-old Japanese tapas eatery — I discovered a packed restaurant that somehow managed to skip the holiday hangover and keep the party going (on a Tuesday night, no less).

Kemuri’s design is austere and industrial. Tables with chunky wood tops and legs made from metal plumbing fixtures are spaced tightly throughout the dining room. The taupe textured walls are largely unadorned. A string of backlit bottles behind the bar near the entrance offers the sole hint of color. A thin film of smoke from the open kitchen creates a moody haze.

If this sounds overly dark and brooding, it’s not. Kemuri is modeled after Japan’s izakayas, gastropubs that serve drinks and light snacks. The communal style of shared plates encourages socializing, ensuring that the room gets a lively lift from an energetic, mostly younger crowd. (And, yes, that means that the decibel reading heads skyward during peak hours.)

The restaurant offers its share of trendy cocktails, like the sultry hickory-smoked Manhattan ($14), but it’s Kemuri’s Japanese-influenced libations that rise to the top. Notable entries from co-owner Katsu Tozawa’s list include the Tokyo mule ($12), which injects yuzu, a tart and aromatic Asian citrus fruit, into the standard vodka and ginger beer recipe, and the ume gimlet ($12), a refreshing blend of gin, lime, Japanese plum and sugar cane syrup.

I was particularly fond of the shisho wasabi margarita ($12), which spiked traditional margarita ingredients — Julio Blanco tequila, agave and lime juice — with wasabi paste and powder. Served in a wasabi salt-rimmed glass, the drink had a pleasant, mild kick — not the bracing burn I anticipated — and scored points for originality.

Beer lovers won’t be disappointed by a rotating lineup that staggers standbys like Asahi and Sapporo with less familiar brews like Harajuku Girl. There’s also an impressive array of sake — some quite rare — and Japanese whiskies.

Kemuri co-owner and head chef Takeo Moriyama is influenced by both traditional Japanese and contemporary California cooking. There is much to discover on the extensive small plates menu that blends these complementary styles.

During my inaugural visit, my guests and I were deep in conversation when we absent-mindedly took our initial bites of the first small plate to arrive: corn tempura with seaweed salt ($10). As dueling sweet and salty flavors tap danced across my tongue, one of my companions squared her shoulders, widened her eyes and uttered an emphatic “Wow!” This was a promising start. Additional wow-worthy dishes would follow.

After consuming every stray kernel of corn tempura, we moved on to salads and starters. The skewered mini heirloom tomatoes ($8) were delightful. Served at the peak of ripeness, they were placed atop delicate bits of prosciutto and drizzled with a top-notch white truffle oil. The Kemuri garlic pizza ($7) delivered a clever and tasty twist on traditional pie. Mozarella, scallions, garlic and bonito flakes were layered over...
The beef tataki and kale salad pairs washu beef with crunchy greens and a spicy wasabi dressing.

Inventive cocktails, beers and Japanese whiskies are offered at Kemuri Barú.

a crust made from golden fried wontons.

Atsuage ($8) featured a hearty portion of deep fried tofu and vegetable tempura served with a smoked soy dipping sauce. I became a cauliflower convert after sampling crisped florets topped with a tempting combination of olive oil, umami garlic sauce and pine nuts ($8). The beef tataki and kale salad ($15), was tender and succulent, while jalapeño miso and smoked butter added a rich dimension to the gindara saikyo-yaki (black cod, $18). My reviewer’s choice went to salmon aburi ($16), a moist, perfectly seared breast with satsuma tangerine wasabi butter sauce ($16). Duck breast with satsuma tangerine jalapeño miso and smoked butternut ($18) was not in the same orbit, lacking the complexity and bold flavors of the other grilled selections.

The staff hustled but struggled to keep up at times, underscoring the need for the promised 20-minute lag. Some lengthy lags arrived at our table 45 minutes later. Some lengthy lags were expected, according to several estimates were well off the mark. The grilled pork chop that was supposed to take 20 minutes arrived at our table 45 minutes later. Some lengthy lags aside, employees were eager and upbeat, boosting the good-time vibe.

Japanese cuisine is often pigeonholed into sushi and fried foods. Kemuri explores Japan’s vast culinary heritage through a modern lens, providing a dining experience that’s fresh and deeply satisfying.

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**NOTES**

Kemuri Japanese Barú
2616 Broadway St., Redwood City
650-257-7653
kemuri-baru.com

**Hours:**
Tuesday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; 5:30 to 10 p.m.;
Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; 5:30 to 11 p.m;
Saturday, 5 to 10:30 p.m.;
Sunday, 5 to 9 p.m

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**Reservations:**

**Catering:**

**Takeout:**

**Outdoor Seating:**

**Happy Hour:**

**Children:**

**Parking:** Street and nearby lot

**Alcohol:** Full bar

**Corkage:** $20 per bottle

**Bathroom:** Good

**Noise level:** Loud

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Notice is hereby given for the purpose of pre-qualification; sealed Responsibility Questionnaires will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District up until the close of business on the date indicated below for:

**Project Description:**
Mountain View Los Altos High School District, District Office Roof Replacement

**Pre-Qualification Packages Due Date and Time:**
Thursday February 27, 2020 at 3:00 pm at RGM Kramer, attention: Omid Azizi, 4020 Moorpark Avenue, #220, San Jose, CA 95117.

**Pre-Qualification of Trade Contractors**

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A. Roofing Trades

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License Required

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**Project Description:** Mountain View High School Chemistry CR HVAC and Re-Roofing.

**Pre-Qualification Packages Due Date and Time:** Monday February 24, 2020 — 5:00 PM. RGM Kramer, attention: Omid Azizi, 4020 Moorpark Avenue, #220, San Jose, CA 95117.

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- Plumbing Trades
- HVAC Trades

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**MOIVE REVIEWS**

**DOWN`HILL** ★★★ 1/2

The comedy “Downhill” questions the limits of love, marriage, and family. A remake of the 2014 film “Force Majeure” from Swedish writer-director Ruben Östlund, “Downhill” concerns an ill-fated family ski vacation, turned upside down when a father (Will Ferrell) abandons his wife (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) and two sons (Julian Grey and Ammon Jacob Ford) during an apparently life-threatening avalanche. “Downhill” doesn’t live up to its celebrated forerunner but it is not without its amenities, and it has a powerhouse in top-billed Louis-Dreyfus. While the original was a subtler, more ambitious and ambiguous black comedy, the remake mostly settles for toothless cringe comedy. Ferrell uses his quintessential man-child mojo to play Pete, who lost his father eight months earlier, giving him an implicit excuse to fear death in the present tense. The movie demonstrates its intelligent side whenever it focuses on family dynamics, such as clumsily troubleshooting one son’s “phase” or playing out archetypal travel scenarios. The movie’s tepid response isn’t an acute angle, but a slow-sliding zigzag approaching an interesting insight, then turning and heading toward a new one rather than ever returning to a hatched idea once committed to do. R for language and some sexual material. One hour, 26 minutes. — P.C.

**HARLEY QUINN: BIRDS OF PREY** ★★★★

“Harley Quinn: Birds of Prey” may be as shallow as a puddle, but that’s still enough to make a splash. Based on a DC Comics team-up property that dates back almost a quarter-century (and characters that have existed even longer), “Birds of Prey” spins off from the 2016 film “Suicide Squad.” In this story, it turns out that blondes do have more fun, especially when they sport pastel highlights and carry a big mallet — I refer, of course, to Harley Quinn, a.k.a. Dr. Harleen Quinzel. “Suicide Squad” introduced Margot Robbie in the role of the Joker’s girlfriend, a psychologist gone head over heels. “Birds of Prey” tells a libration narrative of the deeply co-dependent narrative of the deeply co-dependent Quinn stepping out of the long shadow cast by Batman’s nemesis the Joker. The film’s R-rated gusto strongly suggests a grittier spin on “Deadpool,” but Yan has put her own stamp on the material, giving it a momentum that feels more like a cross between “Fight Club” and Tim Burton’s “Batman.” The movie practically dares its audience to make the mistake of taking it seriously, and yet it’s a blissfully uplifting story of credibly tough women, Gotham City survivors all, vanquishing a sneering, power-seeking whose time is up. R for strong violence and language throughout, and some sexual and drug material. One hour, 49 minutes. — P.C.

**LITTLE WOMEN** ★★★ 1/2

“Little Women” has been adapted over the decades for the stage, radio, television, and film. The eighth feature-film adaptation of “Little Women” includes three-time Oscar nominee Saoirse Ronan following in the footsteps of Katharine Hepburn and Winona Ryder as Jo. Writer-director Greta Gerwig (“Lady Bird”) is thinking what you’re thinking — what can this “Little Women” offer that the others — including a modern-day adaptation as recently as last year — haven’t already? She has answers. Aside from her own comic and dramatic sensibilities and a stellar cast, Gerwig’s “Little Women” adopts a bold narrative approach to retelling Alcott’s two-volume story. Rated PG for thematic elements and brief smoking. Two hours, 14 minutes. — P.C.

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DANCE
"Dance Series 1" Smuin Contemporary Ballet continues its 26th season with "Dance Series 1," featuring performances set to music of Johnny Cash and danced in cowboy boots, a Dave Brubeck tribute and more. Feb. 27-March 1, times vary. $56-$79. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. smuinballet.org
FOOD & DRINK
Crab Cioppino The IFS Society of Mountain View, a Portuguese organization, hosts its second crab cioppino event of the year, serving crab coming from California, Oregon and Washington. Feb. 29, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. $25-$55; discount for children ages 6-12. IFS Portuguese Hall, 4320 Sterling Road, Mountain View. eventbrite.com
HEALTH & WELLNESS
Eating Disorders Family and Friends Support Group The Eating Disorders Resource Center of Silicon Valley invites guest speaker Camilla Hayat to share her personal story of battling bulimia nervosa and body dysmorphia. Feb. 29, 9:30-11 a.m. Free. El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View. ecfamcounseling.com
OUTDOOR RECREATION
Walk and Meditate with Mother Nature Hidden Villa organizes an intimacy of meditation and silence with quiet walks through nature and guided meditation with Zachin Deshmukh. Feb. 23, 2 p.m. $10. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org
Silicon Valley Basketball Silicon Valley Basketball organizes weekly, year-round, pickup basketball games, welcoming all skills, ages, genders, etc. Ongoing. Sundays, 9-3 a.m. $5.00 monthly fee. Grahm Middle School, 1175 Castro St., Mountain View. facebook.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, 7:30-9:30 p.m. $10-$40; discount for students and educators. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, keplers.org
Yangsze Choo New York Times bestselling 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 all Chinese superstition. Feb. 29, 2-9 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com
THEATER
"The Ugly Duckling" Palo Alto Children's Theatre retells Hans Christian Andersen's story of the ugly duckling that blooms into a beautiful swan. Feb. 22-23, 10 a.m. and noon; $15-$19; discount for children. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org
"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 also in love with his students. Feb. 27-March 15; times vary. $15-$36; discount available. Lohman Theatre, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. foothill.com/concerts
CONCERTS
Sammy Miller and the Congregation The seven-piece band, Sammy Miller and the Congregation, returns to Palo Alto for a theatrical jazz performance. Feb. 22, 8-11 p.m. $30-$35; discount for members. Albert and Janet Schubert Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltosjc.com
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, 9 a.m. $10-$30; discount for students and seniors. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. wbopa.org
Open Mic Performers sing in front of a supportive audience and meet fellow musicians and artists during Open Mic Mondays at Red Rock Coffee. Ongoing, Mondays, 7 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org
FESTIVALS & FAIRS
Golfy Prize Final Fly-Off The Golfy competition features various activities with drones, flight simulators, guest talks and other STEM-related activities for non-competitors of the event. Feb. 27-29; times vary. $22-$439. NASA Ames Research Center, Building N-260 Moffett Field, Mountain View. eventbrite.com
Summer Camp Fair The city of Mountain View hosts a summer camp fair where families can 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
Vote-A-Palooza The League of Women Voters celebrates its 100th birthday with live music, a food truck, photo ops with suffragist actors, and a talk with New York Times bestselling author Julie Lythcott-Haims. Feb. 22, 2-4 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1311 Newell Road, Palo Alto. lapaloartcenter.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. $185-$275; prices vary between packages. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org
Family Science Night The Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo hosts a family science night filled with hands-on science activities, a petting zoo and a chance to learn more about the wonders of science. Feb. 27, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo, 4050 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.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
The Wonders of Wool Hidden Villa hosts a class on the history of wool, with a chance to get up close to sheep and take some wool home. Feb. 23, 1-3:30 p.m. $25. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org
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For more information, video tour & more photos, please visit: www.164SandHill.com

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