Think you have coronavirus? Don’t run to the hospital or urgent care

LOCAL HOSPITALS AND CLINICS ADVISE THE PUBLIC TO GIVE THEM A CALL FIRST

By Sue Dremann

So you think you have coronavirus. Hospitals have a word of advice before barging into the emergency room or urgent care center: Please call first.

Sutter Health and the Palo Alto Medical Foundation are following Santa Clara County Public Health Department and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention protocols to identify and evaluate patients who may have contracted the new coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, according to Sutter’s website.

If someone feels sick, first off, don’t panic, they said. The flu or another respiratory illness is not out of the question, according to a February 27, 2020 public health advisory.

Glew, Becker take early lead in crowded state Senate primary

By Kate Bradshaw

With potentially 100,000 ballots still left to count in the state Senate District 13 race, early election results indicate that Republican Alex Glew and Democrat Josh Becker are leading in the seven-candidate contest.

As of the recent results available the afternoon of March 4, Alex Glew and Josh Becker have 21% and 20.7%, respectively, of the votes counted, according to election results reported by the secretary of state.

Democratic candidates Sally Lieber and Shelly Masur currently have 16.1% and 15.2%, while Annie Oliva and Mike Brownrigg are at 12.8% and 11.8% respectively. John Webster, the sole Libertarian candidate, has about 2.4% of the vote.

In California, the top two vote-getters, regardless of party, move forward to the November election.

The large number of viable Democratic contenders for the seat appears to have split the primary vote in a district that leans strongly blue. As of the most recent count in mid-February among registered voters in the district, 51.5% are Democrats, 41.8% are Republicans and 5.5% are Libertarians.

Assuming the results hold, Nunez said he believes the vote on Measure D is an affirmation that Mountain View voters didn’t fall for deceptive tactics by the City Council and landlord-backed groups seeking to weaken rent control.

“Consistently, I’ve been hearing that people in the community really value political discourse based in truthfulness and good-faith compromise,” Nunez said.

“I think those traditional values were upheld and reaffirmed with these results.”

Among the proposed changes, Measure D would have upended the current limits on annual rent increases under Mountain View’s Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA). Instead of tying rent increases to the rate of inflation, Measure D would have instead allowed property owners to raise rent by 4% each year. It also would have created an easier, streamlined way for apartment owners to make upgrades to their properties and pass the costs onto tenants — which could have potentially raised rents by as much as 10% a year.

Though CSFRA does allow for property owners to pass certain capital improvement costs on to tenants, it can only be done if landlords can prove the rent increases are necessary to get a fair rate of return. Measure D’s proponents argued that the process is far too onerous, particularly for small “mom and pop” property owners and landlords seeking seismic retrofit upgrades to aging apartments.

Measure D also sought to explicitly exempt mobile home parks from being covered under CSFRA, drawing frustration from mobile home residents who have
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‘THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD’

There is a temptation to stay home on a winter’s night, raid your bookshelf or fire up Netflix and curl up with a juicy British murder mystery. But why do that when you could get all the gothic drama plus a dose of literary trivia, laugh-out-loud comedy and excellent music — all while supporting community theater? Not to mention the chance to participate in the production yourself.

Regular readers will know that audience participation is something I normally eschew. This is still the case, but I make an exception for a musical that I enjoy very much — “The Mystery of Edwin Drood” — especially when it’s an essential part of such a funny and lively version as is currently offered by Foothill Music Theatre (FMT).

Directed by Milissa Carey, “Drood,” written by Rupert Holmes (yes, the “Pina Colada Song” guy) is based on an unfinished novel by Charles Dickens. The Lohman Theatre is transformed into a Victorian British music hall (set design by Carlos Aceves) with the cast portraying a ragtag team of players. These players, in turn, are also the cast of “Drood,” creating a show-within-a-show format. And, because Dickens died before the story was complete, the musical’s main gimmick is that the audience gets to vote on key plot elements, meaning numerous ending scenarios are possible, and the cast has to be ready to accommodate them all.

The plot of “Drood” (the show within the show) concerns plucky young Edwin (played by “male impersonator” Miss Alice Nutting, played by Chloe Angst), whose disappearance and likely murder sets off a cloud of suspicion in the quaint town of Cloisterham.

Whodunit? The most obvious candidate is angelic-voiced but bedeviled choirmaster and Drood’s uncle John Jasper (Mr. Clive Paget, played by Benjamin Ball), whom audiences are instructed to boo at every opportunity. But what about the mysterious Landless siblings just in from Ceylon (Miss Janet Conover and Mr. Victor Grinstead, played by Rachelle Abbey and David Murphy, respectively)? Could it be the cockney opium-den madam Princess Puffer (Miss Angela Prysock, played by Heather Orth) or the alcoholic crypt-keeper and stone mason Durdles (Mrs. Nicky Cricker, played by Linda Piccone)?

“Drood” has probably the highest-caliber cast I’ve seen at FMT. Great performances abound, but the two finest come from Orth, doing her best Angela Lansbury as the music-hall grande dame belting out the show’s standout number, “The Wages of Sin,” and John Manning as Mr. William Cartwright, the company’s leader, narrator and fill-in actor.

The characters of Miss Janet Conover and Mr. Victor Grinstead as white English actors portraying “exotic” foreigners Helena and Neville Landless with purposely ambiguous accents and stereotypical costumes, poke fun at outdated racist/colonial notions while still veering a bit too close to genuine brownface.

Because the ending can vary each performance, it’d be interesting to see more than one show, to explore how different audience votes can change things. After all, those Netflix or bookshelf murder mysteries will still be waiting for you at home later, but this charming “Drood” runs for a mere three weeks.

“The Mystery of Edwin Drood” runs through March 15 (Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 p.m.) at the Lohman Theatre, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Tickets are $15-$36. Go to foothill.edu/theatre/productions/Drood.html.

— Karla Kane
Local teens take top prize at San Francisco hackathon

By Kate Bradshaw

Competing against roughly 600 adults, three Mountain View High School students took home the first prize overall at the 2020 Developer Week Hackathon held in San Francisco on Feb. 15 and 16.

Senior Jonathan Liu and juniors Arjun Patrawala and Tony Xin won for their app, called “Intellecture,” which gives teachers and professors real-time input from their students about how clearly they are teaching.

The students had 24 hours to develop their application at the hackathon, Liu said. At this competition, some companies sponsored challenges specific to problems they wanted solved, he said, so teams could develop their products accordingly.

The judges selected the top five teams to give presentations, and then narrowed down their selections to the top two overall winners. When the call came telling them they were among the top five, “we were really surprised,” Xin said.

The teens were even more surprised to learn they’d beaten the second-place competitors to take the first place overall prize, they said. They’re hoping their app could help in the following scenario, they said over a video conference interview with the Voice: Say your physics professor is introducing a new concept, and students are raising their hands to ask questions. Instead of raising their hands, they’d be able to send a message directly to the professor through the application, Xin said.

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Early election results show Mountain View voters’ progressive colors

By Kevin Forestieri

About half of Mountain View’s voters backed either presidential candidate Bernie Sanders or Elizabeth Warren in the March 3 presidential primary election, according to preliminary election results released Wednesday morning.

The progressive bent of the city’s voters translated to down-ballot races as well: Residents were more likely to support tax measures, local Democrats and school bonds than the rest of Santa Clara County and the state.

Moderate Democrats and Republican challengers struggled to gain traction across Mountain View’s 11 precincts. Though Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders was the top vote-getter among 2020 presidential candidates for the Democratic primary in California, his support among Mountain View residents was modest by comparison. He received 33.6% of the vote across the state and 30.3% in Mountain View.

Where Mountain View sticks out in the presidential primary is the support for Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who did unusually well. She received about 12% of the vote across Santa Clara County and the state, but 19.5% among Mountain View residents.

Mountain View residents were less likely to back candidates with a more moderate political platform, with a smaller percentage of votes going to former Vice President Joe Biden (18.7%), Michael Bloomberg (14.7%), Pete Buttigieg (7.9%) and Amy Klobuchar (4.6%). Buttigieg and Klobuchar had both announced they were dropping out of the Democratic presidential race.

Injured man files $100K claim after cops pulled him out of car window

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View City Council rejected a $100,000 claim from a man arrested by police on a misdemeanor charge who alleged that officers acted unlawfully when they grabbed him and pulled him out of a car window.

The council’s action at the Feb. 25 meeting opens a six-month window for the man to file a lawsuit.

The claim, filed on behalf of Mario Melendez, describes how police Officer Benjamin Kroutil stopped Melendez while he was parked in downtown Mountain View last July and, with the help of a second officer, dragged Melendez from the vehicle through the window. The claim states Melendez hit the ground, injuring his head, chest and left eye.

Kroitul was patrolling the downtown area shortly after 2 a.m. on July 27 when he spotted Melendez’s vehicle and ran a check on its license plate. Kroutil couldn’t find any records on file for the vehicle, and approached Melendez to ask about the ownership and status of the 1980 Honda Civic.

Melendez, according to the claim, told Kroutil to check the license plate again for all the information he needed. Kroutil, “annoyed” by the response, reportedly placed spics on the vehicle’s tires to prevent Melendez from driving away. He then allegedly grabbed Melendez’ cell phone out of his hand before pulling him out of the car window.

Melendez was taken to the hospital for treatment of his injuries before he was transferred to Santa Clara County jail. He is facing one misdemeanor charge of resisting or delaying a public officer, to which he pleaded not guilty.

The attorney representing Melendez, Ronald Z. Berki, did not respond to a request for comment.

In the police report for the incident, Kroutil wrote that Melendez had been confrontational from the start, insisting that it wasn’t his problem that Kroutil couldn’t find the vehicle in the database. Melendez had repeatedly asserted he didn’t have to tell or show police anything because he was neither driving nor doing anything wrong. Melendez pulled out his phone as if he was recording the incident, according to the report.

In making the case for the arrest and use of force, Kroutil wrote in the report that the Honda could have been stolen.

Measure T school bond headed to victory

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT TO USE FUNDS FOR TEACHER HOUSING PROJECT, SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

By Kevin Forestieri

Early election results Wednesday morning show the Mountain View Whisman School District’s $259 million bond measure is headed to victory, opening the door for a bevy of school improvement projects in the coming years. The results show 66.8% of district voters, or 6,293 of the roughly 9,400 votes counted as of 10 a.m. Wednesday, have been cast in support of Measure T, according to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters. The bond measure requires 55% of the vote to pass.

“We’re feeling good, and we’re cautiously optimistic,” said board member Laura Blakey, who helped campaign for Measure T. She and others gathered for an event Tuesday night to watch the results, but the group had quickly cleared out because it was a school night.

Despite the early curfew, Blakey said the group was jubilant over the results, and predicted that the vote tally will only skew more in favor of Measure T as updates roll in.

During the campaign, Measure T was billed as an important nuts-and-bolts bond measure to pay for high-priority school improvements, many of which were admittedly less than flashy — no brand-new multipurpose rooms or entirely new campuses.

Teachers need more storage space and past construction debts — incurred in order to build Vargas Elementary — are taking a toll on the general fund. What’s more, district officials say nearly every campus is falling short on security measures for student and staff safety.

But the bond isn’t without a few ambitious projects. The board agreed last year to set aside $60 million of the bond funds to pay for construction of a new 144-unit workforce housing project planned at 777 W. Middlefield Road. If built, it would be one of the largest teacher housing projects in the Bay Area.

The housing project would have moved forward with or without the bond, said Superintendent Aynide Rudolph, but Measure T makes a big difference when it comes time to decide what to charge teachers and school staff for rent. Instead of having to worry about offsetting construction costs with rental revenue, the district is now free to charge a lower amount per month, he said.

Measure T funds will also be spent preparing for student growth spurred by housing development across the city, specifically at schools where enrollment is expected to increase rapidly in the coming years. Landels Elementary School, in particular, is going to grow by an estimated 120 students, and Measure T funds are expected to pay for a new two-story building on campus for classrooms and an administrative office.
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14.9% Republican and 28.5% have no party preference.

Glew, a Los Altos resident, expressed surprise at being an early front-runner. In a March 3 phone call, he told the Voice that he was especially surprised at the outcome given how little his campaign spent, particularly compared with the Democratic candidates. Among Democratic candidates, Becker raised the most at $1,063,936, followed by Brown-Mateo and Santa Clara County, he said, regarding his early lead as the Democratic front-runner. “It’s better than a sharp stick in the eye.”

Throughout his campaign, he said, he worked to distinguish himself from the other candidates on climate issues, housing, transportation, child care and education. Next in the early rankings are Sally Lieber, from Mountain View, and Shelly Masur, from Redwood City. As of the afternoon of March 4, Lieber held a small lead over Becker as the top vote-getter in Santa Clara County, but ranked sixth in San Mateo County.

“It’s been a great race,” Lieber said in an interview. “I’m excited to see what the final totals are.” Among Democratic candidates, Lieber has been singled out as a target of attack ads by independent expenditure committees in the last few weeks. Four committees contributed a total of $431,724 opposing her campaign. The top two committees that campaigned against her election are “Keeping Californians Working,” a group with funders such as Chevron and the California Apartment Association, which spent $132,663; and “Californians Allied for Patient Protection,” which spent $116,563 against Lieber. In a written statement widely distributed by Lieber’s campaign, she said that Californians Allied for Patient Protection launched the negative ads after she refused to sign a pledge to keep medical malpractice limits where they were in 1975.

She said she’d observed that the early March primary this year catching voters off-guard, combined with the voter population’s stronger education credentials, likely led many people to hold onto their ballots in the days leading up to Super Tuesday.

“This is a wonky district where people care a lot about the math of who and whom they should give their vote to,” she said.

Mike Brownrigg, from Burlingame, said he observed many voters still making up their minds in the week leading up to Super Tuesday. “The early numbers don’t rattle my faith in the strength of the campaign we ran,” he said. “Early results came in before he said, many mail-in ballots were already counted. Things have changed a lot over the last few weeks.”

He said he felt that in his campaign there wasn’t anything specific about his message — focused on affordability, climate and education — that didn’t resonate with voters. The larger challenge was making “100,000 new friends,” he said.

Olivia, a Democrat from Millbrae, declined to comment, and Masur could not be reached for comment.

It’s still early

While these results represent the votes of nearly a quarter of San Mateo County’s registered voters and nearly 20% of Santa Clara County’s, there are still many ballots yet to be counted.

The votes that have been reported in San Mateo County represent ballots received in the mail and returned at vote centers and drop boxes by the Saturday before Super Tuesday, and an initial round of ballots submitted at vote centers. Results will be updated each half-hour.

In Santa Clara County, vote tallies posted just after 8 p.m. March 3 represent those received early by mail. Updates that are released afterward represent reports from the county’s vote centers. Vote-by-mail ballots that arrive on the day of the election or are postmarked on Election Day, provisional ballots, damaged or unreadable ballots, or write-in votes are all processed and counted after Election Day.

It’s also still not yet known how many registered voters have submitted a ballot. In a comparable election to this year’s — the June 2016 primaries — 51.8% of registered voters in San Mateo County and 54.7% of registered voters in Santa Clara County ended up casting ballots.

All-mail elections tend to increase voter turnout. In the 2018 general election, voter turnout in San Mateo County rose to 72.6% of registered voters. However, it took nearly a month to call some races due to mail-in ballots submitted on Election Day or received by mail afterward, particularly for close elections at the city level.

The San Mateo County Elections Office has since acquired new technology that allows ballots to be processed and counted much more efficiently, which was put to the test in 2019, according to Jim Izrzzarry, chief elections officer for San Mateo County. The county has two new scanners that can each scan 18,000 ballots an hour, he said in an email.

Since switching to all-mail elections, the number of received ballots has increased, according to the county’s chief elections officer. Vote-by-mail ballots that arrive on the day of the election or are postmarked on Election Day, or provisional ballots, damaged or unreadable ballots, or write-in votes are all processed and counted after Election Day.

“While we prioritize accuracy over speed, I do believe we will be providing voters with results much faster than in 2018 or 2019,” he said.

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concept, and you’re lost. As one of 300 students in the class, you’re hesitant to ask a question. Really, though, everyone is confused, perhaps because the professor forgot to review a key concept. The app would allow students to submit a score of their understanding of the concept on a scale from 1 to 10, to let the professor know that the presentation isn’t making sense. It would also give students a platform to submit questions to the professor anonymously.

Rather than read through potentially hundreds of questions during class, teachers would have access to a platform that would aggregate student questions into overarching keywords that would identify areas to review in real time. The instructors would also get an aggregate rating showing student understanding of the concept they’re teaching over time.

All three students are not new to computer programming projects: They are members of Mountain View High School’s Ignition club, which participates in hackathons and cybersecurity competitions. This year, the three decided to compete on their own at the San Francisco hackathon. Liu said he’s participated in a lot of hackathons before, and enjoys working on personal programming projects in his free time. Xin and Patrawala said they also enjoy creating things with code.

The students say that they’re planning to keep working on the app until it’s a marketable product.

“Since we’re in high school, we have the opportunity to take some risks,” said Patrawala.

“We’re in a perfect position to try and get experience,” said Kate Bradshaw at mbkbradshaw@mv-voice.com

State Senate candidate Alex Glew, left, a Republican from Los Altos, and Josh Becker, right, a Democrat from Menlo Park, are leading among a field of seven candidates running to represent the Peninsula, based on early voting results available Wednesday, March 4.

State Senate candidate Shelly Masur, 22, at Masur’s election party in Redwood City on March 3.
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How local schools are preparing for the spread of coronavirus

By Kate Bradshaw

In tandem with news that the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System’s Palo Alto hospital is caring for a veteran who has tested positive for coronavirus, parents with students in the high school work program held after school at the VA hospital were notified late Tuesday of a notice regarding the coronavirus case on Tuesday. An email from Kristen Hardy, director of special education for the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District, said the hospital is a receiving site for identified coronavirus cases.

“We will be suspending student participation in the VA program for the pre-Christmas period... At no time has there been an elevated risk to student safety,” she said.

About 14 special education students attend the district, mainly from Mountain View High School, but with students from Los Altos High School and the district’s adult school as well, spend about an hour and a half at the VA hospital on weekdays gaining work experience, according to Brenner.

The decision, made in consultation with district officials, comes from considerations that some students have compromised immune systems, and others may not always wash their hands according to best practice guidelines.

“We just want to keep our kids safe. We don’t want to overreact either, but we’d rather be safe than sorry,” she said.

The district partners with other student work sites, so students that have been working at the hospital will be temporarily reassigned and will gain exposure to other work experiences, she said.

The Mountain View-Los Altos High School District issued a statement from Superintendent Nellie Meyer laying out its protocols if the number of reported cases of coronavirus grows.

The Santa Clara County Health Department will notify the district if any students or families will be subject to quarantine. If students are quarantined, the schools will help them work from home. After the quarantine, the health department will let people return to campus.

Absences related to such quarantines would be excused.

Students who have returned from countries where the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued travel advisories are asked to self-quarantine for 14 days. The schools will work with them so they can work at home and related absences will be excused. In a Jan. 31 YouTube video, Mountain View-Whisman School District Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph told parents about some steps the district is taking to reduce the risk of infection. The district is monitoring absences and illnesses, deep-cleaning common and high-traffic areas and asking children to wash their hands before and after recesses. In addition, he advised that parents or children who are sick stay home, wash their hands regularly, and cover their mouths and use their sleeves to cough.

“Look, I’m just as nervous as you are. I have two kids who are in college and I have a son who’s in the third grade and I want to make sure they’re safe. I know what that’s like as you care about also. I think we can do some reasonable things to make sure all of our kids stay safe,” he said.

The district also has a 55-page plan laying out a chain of command and protocols in the case of any pandemic, not specifically the coronavirus. The district is in the process of reviewing the plan to see if anything should be changed to adapt it for the coronavirus, he said.

The Los Altos School District has posted information to its website with the latest CDC recommendations and links to the county health department’s webpage on the coronavirus.

COVID-19 basics

The virus is spread person-to-person between those who are in close contact — within about 6 feet — with one another, and through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It seems to spread easily, and in some situations, among people who are not sure how or where they became infected, according to the CDC.

It is also possible the virus can spread if it is on a surface or object that someone touches before their mouth, nose or possibly eyes. “This is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads,” the CDC reports.

The agency has posted travel alerts advising people to avoid all non-essential travel to China, Iran, Italy and South Korea, and suggests that seniors and people with chronic medical conditions consider postponing non-essential travel to Japan. It also recommends that people reconsider travel plans on cruise ship voyages into or within Asia for now.

The virus was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China and has spread internationally. It is believed to have originated in bats.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, there have been 11 confirmed coronavirus deaths, laying out its plans as of March 4.

It’s likely to continue to spread. The CDC reports that “current global circumstances suggest it is likely that this virus will cause a pandemic.” At this time, there is no vaccine to protect against COVID-19 and no medications approved to treat it,” it says.

To prevent infection, people are encouraged to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when hand-washing is not available. People should cough into a tissue, or their elbow, not their hands, then throw the tissue away and wash their hands. They should avoid touching their faces.

People should stay home when sick, until their fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicines.

If you are sick with coronavirus, or think you are infected with it, you should: stay home except to get medical care; separate yourself from other people and animals in your home; call ahead before visiting the doctor; wear a face mask; cover your coughs and sneezes; clean your hands often; avoid sharing personal household items; and clean surfaces daily that are touched often. If you have a confirmed case, consult with health care providers and state and local health departments to determine when home isolation should end, according to the CDC.

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Voters backing bond measure for community college district

FOOTHILL-DE ANZA’S MEASURE H PARCEL TAX IS FALLING SHORT

By Elena Kadvany

Unofficial election results show a Foothill-De Anza Community College District bond measure with sufficient votes for approval, while the campaign has acknowledged it appears unlikely a separate parcel tax will pass.

Just over 57% of voters — which surpasses the 55% threshold for passage — have supported the $898 million Measure G, the largest school bond in Santa Clara County’s history. The bond will cover about 60% of the estimated $1.5 billion in infrastructure and capital needs at the community colleges in Los Altos Hills and Cupertino, from student and staff housing to technology and security upgrades.

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As of Wednesday morning, 60.6% had voted “yes” on Measure H, a $48 parcel tax that would provide the two community colleges with approximately $5.6 million annually over five years to help fund housing assistance for students and staff, mental health services, tutoring and services to address student food insecurity and homelessness.

Support for Measure H has been inching up since early results were first released on Tuesday night, but is still falling short of the two-thirds, or 66.6%, in support needed to pass.

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Chancellor Judy Miner, reached Tuesday night at an election party for measures G and H at the campaign’s headquarters in Cupertino, was “cautiously optimistic,” about the early election results. By Wednesday morning she said it “doesn’t appear likely” that the parcel tax will pass.

“On the other hand, having reached 57.18% for the bond makes us very happy that we will have some great resources to help not just our students but our larger region,” she said.

Regardless of the election outcome, Miner said, the community college district’s campaign had the result of prompting several housing initiatives, including a Joint Powers Authority agreement with the Fremont Union, Cupertino Union and Sunnyvale Union school districts (to be voted on by the board of trustees this Monday) and a potential opportunity to co-invest in a housing initiative with the city of Los Altos.

“The opportunity to help with housing production and many years down the road, even generating income for our district, is just a win-win in many ways,” Miner said. “Since we are in this for the long game, we are so interested in what can help our students and ultimately be an asset that the district has for many, many years to come.”

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Kaiser Permanente also said patients should call the advice number on their membership card for further instructions if they have traveled to an area where there have been coronavirus outbreaks or if they have been exposed to the virus and have respiratory illness symptoms.

“It’s important to call us before you come in,” said Dr. Corinne Nunez, with the Fremont-Tri-Community Health website.

Kaiser said on its website:

“Patients who voted on Super Tuesday were even more likely to oppose Measure D, with 1,869 (73.3%) of the 2,550 votes cast on March 3 in opposition to the charter amendment. Even when parsing out same-day voting, Measure D was still being defeated handily among vote-by-mail ballots as well, with 5,321 (65.6%) voting against the measure.

As of Wednesday morning, the “no” vote was leading in all 11 Mountain View precincts, with the greatest opposition in the Santiago Villa and North Whisman neighborhoods, along with Castro City and communities near Rengstorff Park. Measure D was seeing the greatest success in the southern, single-family neighborhoods of Mountain View, picking up just over 39% of the yes vote in the Blossom Valley neighborhood and 38% in the Waverly Park and Martens-Carmelita neighborhoods.

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dropping out of the race just days before the March 3 primary, encouraging voters to instead vote for Bolen.

Though Proposition 13, California’s $15 billion school board measure, is poised for defeat with only 44.1% of ballots counted so far in support of the measure, the measure was doing far better in Santa Clara County (50.3%) and Mountain View (61.1%).

Early results show Republican Alex Glew and Democrat Josh Becker are leading in the crowded race for state Senate District 13, with 21.2% and 20.4%, respectively, of the votes counted as of Wednesday morning. But the level of support for each candidate largely shifts from one city to the next.

Boller pushed ahead in Palo Alto, while Glew prevailed as the top vote-getter in Los Altos Hills and parts of Los Altos, and Democrat Sally Lieber — a distant third in the race — was top choice among residents in Mountain View and Sunnyvale. Lieber, a Mountain View resident, won 32.3% of the vote in her hometown, taking a commanding lead over Becker (20.8%) and Glew (15.8%). Trailling behind were Democratic candidates Annie Olliva and Shelly Masur with 10.6% and 10.3% of the vote in Mountain View, respectively. Mountain View voters were also more likely to support Foothill De-Anza Community College District’s $898 million Measure G bond, with 61.7% of the city’s residents backing the measure as of Wednesday morning. Overall, the bond has 57.3% of the vote, narrowly above the 55% vote required to pass.

Despite backing most tax measures by a healthy margin, only 65.3% of votes counted in Mountain View as of Wednesday morning were in support of Measure H, Foothill-De Anza’s $48 parcel tax. Parcel taxes must win a two-thirds majority in order to pass. Across the county, Measure H had won only 60.6% of the vote so far.

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Pat Showalter joins the November race for City Council

By Kevin Forestieri

While all eyes are on the March primary, the November race for the Mountain View City Council just got another candidate. Former Councilwoman Pat Showalter, who narrowly lost her reelection bid in 2018, is seeking to return to the council for another term.

Topping her list of priorities, Showalter said she wants to combat the affordable housing crisis by ensuring more housing gets built in Mountain View, fixing a skewed jobs-housing imbalance that she believes is at the heart of traffic woes, and addressing skyrocketing housing costs.

“I want my kids to be able to live here,” she said. “And if we don’t have more housing, that’s never going to be a reality.”

Showalter is one of three early-bird candidates vying for the four council seats up for grabs in November, currently occupied by Lisa Matichak, Margaret Abe-Koga, Chris Clark and John McAlister. Last year, Matichak announced she intends to run for reelection, and former Councilman Lenny Siegel said he is running for a seat in the November election.

McAlister and Clark cannot run for reelection this year due to the city’s term limit rules, leaving open the possibility for a significant shift in the city’s public policy decisions.

Showalter, a former engineer for the Santa Clara Valley Water District, was elected to the council in 2014 in what proved to be a landmark year. She, along with Siegel and former Councilman Ken Rosenberg, all supported an alternative vision for the city’s North Bayshore area that included dense housing, and was part of a push to reshape the area to allow up to 9,850 new homes.

While she said the city has done a good job since then planning for housing and rezoning areas for residential growth, Showalter said she wants to make sure that tangible project proposals actually get built.

“We have excellent zoning plans, but nobody can sleep in a plan. The housing only really opens the doors and people move in,” she said. Also top of mind for Showalter is making sure the city isn’t going to end up underwater.

Recent reports have shown that sea level rise — a facet of climate change — is happening faster than expected, she said. “But there’s a sense of urgency in making sure wetland restoration projects and levees are constructed to safeguard the city from flooding, speeding up plans that are already in the works but years away from breaking ground.

On the topic of rising homelessness in Mountain View and the Bay Area, Showalter said she wants to see the city do more to prevent people from becoming homeless in the first place. One likely avenue would be to bolster the number of people assisting those still homeless but at immediate risk of ending up on the street.

The most common reason people become homeless is because they can’t afford rent for one reason or another, Showalter said, and they often need help on a short-term basis to stabilize their situations.

“Homelessness is such a horrible thing for them personally, and it’s also not good for our community,” she said. “There is enough manpower devoted to this.”

Although incumbents have typically held advantages in Mountain View City Council races, 2018 was unusual in that two of the incumbents — Showalter and Siegel — both lost to challengers. Showalter was narrowly defeated by newcomer Alison Hicks, losing reelection by 97 votes. The third incumbent whose term expired in 2018, Rosenberg, did not seek reelection.

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Blakely said it's likely that the first uses of Measure T funding will likely go toward teacher housing — the developer is nearly prepared to break ground — potentially followed by solar panel installation across the district’s schools.

In a statement Wednesday morning, Rudolph thanked the volunteers who knocked on doors and phone-banked in the community for the likely passage of Measure T, particularly the volunteers who knocked on doors and phone-banked in the lead-up to the March 3 election. He said the money will be spent appropriately and effectively, with plenty of public disclosure about future expenditures.

"We do not take the community’s trust lightly," Rudolph wrote. "Please be assured that we will do everything possible to guarantee that your hard earned tax dollars will be spent in the most cost effective manner possible."

In an interview with the Voice, Rudolph said he and others felt confident when the first round of election results came in so favorably for Measure T. On a night where so many state and local tax measures were defeated, Mountain View really stood out, he said.

"That's a testament to the faith the community has in our schools, and we're really grateful," Rudolph said.

Once the results are certified, Rudolph said the plan is to hire a construction manager and get to work designing the long list of projects prescribed under Measure T, starting with solar upgrades across all of the district’s schools. Teacher housing will likely be in the second issuance of bond funds in 2022.

Measure T, much like the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District’s Measure E bond in 2018, is aimed at solving what both school districts are calling short-term growth: ensuring there is enough classroom space for students expected from recently built or soon-to-be-built residential development in Mountain View. Neither bond was meant to pay for the new classroom space or land acquisition required for an anticipated housing boom in the North Bayshore and East Whisman areas of the city.

The longer-term growth has been tricky and occasionally frustrating for district officials, who have had to negotiate with the city of Mountain View and prospective developers, notably Google, about how much each party should have to pay for schools in the so-called Citywide School Strategy. The projects were paid for by the 2012 Measure G bond campaign, which as of August last year had officially run out of money. Measure T picks up where Measure G left off with less than one-year gap between the two.

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The City of Mountain View Council Neighborhoods Committee (CNC) will be meeting with residents in the Grant Road/Sylvan Park neighborhoods area (see map) at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. The CNC invites area residents to participate in a forum to hear about new community projects and discuss issues of interest to your neighborhood. This is an opportunity to ask City staff questions and express your thoughts about ways to improve City services.

For more information, please call the City’s Housing and Neighborhood Services Division at (650) 903-6379

Mark S. Dietz
May 24, 1957 - December 25, 2019

It is with great sadness that the family of Mark Dietz announce his unexpected passing on December 25, 2019.

The second son in a family of four children, Mark grew up in Camp Hill, PA. Mark excelled in high school, both academically and athletically, and in the family tradition, attended Pennsylvania State University. Mark moved west when he came to Stanford University, mastering a Masters of Science in Aeronautical Engineering. After graduation, Mark worked for Ford Aerospace in Palo Alto, but soon moved on in new opportunities at Lockheed in Sunnyvale.

At Lockheed Martin, Mark had a 26-year career in aerospace, focused specifically on classified satellites for the U.S. government. In 1999, Mark’s engineering, problem solving and leadership skills led executive management to Mark, who successfully developed a much-needed redesign of the satellite system for the USAF SBIRS missile defense program. From 2002 until his retirement in 2011, Mark led the development of the next generation of classified satellite systems. Mark’s impact at Lockheed Martin went beyond the technical aspects. He mentored many engineers throughout his career and led by example. Today, many Lockheed Martin leaders acknowledge Mark’s leadership skills as their model for success. Throughout his life, Mark always supported others in achieving their own life adventures, by sharing his expertise as a mentor and coach, providing a home for family and friends, helping those in his community.

Mark married Carey Holubar of Menlo Park, CA, in 1988; they made their home in Mountain View and there raised their two sons, Andrew and Noah. Mark coached his sons’ teams in YMCA basketball league, spent weekends at a family cabin fishing, attending Stanford sporting events, taking numerous trips to Hawaii and visits to family in PA. In retirement, Mark enjoyed volunteering for Road Runners, a transportation service for those in need, and the El Camino Hospital Auxiliary that offers rides for community members traveling. Some bucket list travel included experiencing a typhoon in Taiwan, several trips to explore Europe, driving his nephew’s car from Stanford to Duke & retracing his grandfather’s WWII service, which included a visit to the battlefield in Eastern France where he was wounded.

Since 2017, Mark and Carey spent most of their time in a new home in Ridgefield, WA, across the river from Portland, OR where they were involved in their community and with friends.

Mark is survived by his wife, Carey, and sons Andrew and Noah; by his parents, Donald and Ruth Dietz of Camp Hill, PA; his siblings and their spouses, Donald and Elsie Dietz of Clifton, VA, David and Teresa Dietz of Dunwoody, GA, and Lynn and Grant Marshall of Campbell, CA and a myriad of extended family and friends who loved and admired him and remain deeply griefed by his unexpected passing.

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or involved in criminal activity and had not been checked for weapons, posing an “immediate danger” to officers at the scene. He also suggested that Castro Street’s open and active bars meant there were “drunken patrons” in the area who could pose a danger to officers assisting in the investigation if they got behind the wheel.

The claim states that Kroutil refused a request by Melendez to summon his supervising officer. Kroutil’s report argued that waiting for his supervisor would have been dangerous.

“I felt that waiting for a supervisor to respond and negotiate with Melendez would only give him more time to develop a plan to escape or attack officers and pose a significant risk to our safety,” according to the police report.

Counter to the the claim, Kroutil said he and assisting officers “took control” of Melendez’s arm, removed him from the vehicle in a “controlled manner” and set him down on the ground. Officers located a DMV registration card in the vehicle showing Melendez was the registered owner, and that he had registered the vehicle “earlier that day,” likely referring to Friday, July 26. The DMV had issued new plates for the vehicle, and Kroutil said it was “unknown” why they hadn’t been updated in the computer database.

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Bayer Ballet Academy
2028 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View - 650 988-9971
info@bayerballetacademy.com
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800 Church St., Mountain View
650-969-4110
livelyfoundation@bgsWood.net
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HooExpression
740 Sierra Vista Ave., Unit G,
Mountain View - 408-636-3123
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Mambonova Dance Company
223 Majetto Blvd., Mountain View
925-250-9552 / mambonova7@gmail.com
mambonova.com
Mambonova Dance Company offers group lessons in salsa andbachata.Private dance classes are also offered for individuals and couples.

Pacific Ballet Academy
295 Polaris Ave., Mountain View
650-969-4614 / director@pacificballet.org
pacificballet.org
The Pacific Ballet Academy instructs students ranging in age from 3 to 18 in the Russian ballet method. Adult classes are also offered for beginners and intermediate dancers. Spring registration is now open.

Western Ballet
914 N. Regentsferry Ave., Mountain View
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Mountain View - 650-917-6000
info@artscenter.org / arts4all.org
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Peninsula Youth Theatre
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Mountain View - 650-986-7798
info@pyt.org / pyt.net
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Tumason Fine Art Studio
823 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View
415-490-4925 / tumasonfineart.com
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West Valley Music
262 Castro St., Mountain View
650-967-2606 / westvalleymusic.com
westvalleymusic.com
West Valley Music helps students further their music skills or try their hand at different instruments. Group lessons are held for yoga as well as piano, guitar, ukulele and violin, as well as band and orchestra. Private lessons are also offered.

School days
Action Day Primary Plus
333 Eucenia Ave., Mountain View
650-939-2603 / actiondayplus.com
Action Day Primary Plus in Mountain View serves infants and children in preschool and kindergarten. The school offers enrichment activities and extended day care, and its facilities are spacious.

Building Kids
250 E. Dana St., Mountain View
650-967-8000 / buildingkids.com
Building Kids School provides infant, toddler, preschool, kindergarten and school age care that encourages a lifelong interest in learning through academics and performing arts. Before- and after-school programs are also offered.

German International School of Silicon Valley
310 E.Saty St., Mountain View
650-250-2474 / office@gisv.org
gisv.org/gisv-home-english
The German International School of Silicon Valley (GISV) is a private school providing preschool to high school students with a bilingual education. The school also offers German language courses for all ages on Saturdays.

Yew Chung International School of Silicon Valley (YCIS)
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Something for everyone
Mountain View-Los Altos Adult Education
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El Camino Hospital childbirth and parenting classes
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McKelvey Park combines flood protection with recreation

By Gary Kremen

Valley Water’s work on a flood protection project at McKelvey Park in Mountain View, which incorporates great recreational benefits for our community, is complete. On Saturday, Feb. 29, residents heard two words that signified the park is open to the community: “Play ball!”

In February, Valley Water finished the Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project, including the construction of sunken baseball fields at McKelvey Park. The improved fields look incredible and will double as a place to contain floodwaters when Permanente Creek overflows.

Permanente Creek has a history of flooding, having experienced major flooding on at least 11 occasions, most recently in 1998. Flood depths of up to 10 feet were measured, in millions of dollars in damage to homes, businesses and schools.

Once completed, the Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project will provide flood protection to approximately 2,200 properties in Mountain View and Los Altos. An estimated 639 parcels that are downstream of El Camino Real will be removed from the FEMA flood insurance rate map, meaning they will no longer be required to pay for flood insurance. This could potentially save those property owners over $1 million in insurance premiums.

The McKelvey Park project was built as a dual-purpose facility, providing flood protection to downstream neighborhoods and recreational space for Mountain View residents. Other community highlights of the McKelvey Park project include terraced bleachers for families and fans to watch games; a mini-park with playgrounds; concession stand; and scorekeepers’ booths; storage; restrooms; and a community room.

On Feb. 29, the city of Mountain View and Valley Water held a ribbon-cutting event for the completion of the flood protection project at McKelvey Park, which was followed by a ceremonial first pitch and a Little League baseball game. I’d like to thank all the members of the community who joined us in this celebration. The event was a success, and the players treated everyone in attendance to a great day of baseball.

The construction at McKelvey Park happened simultaneously with creek widening work along Permanente and Hale creeks, located next to the fields. The overall efforts are part of Valley Water’s commitment to keep residents and businesses safe through our flood protection programs.

Funds for the $89 million Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project derive from Measure B, the safe, clean water and natural flood protection special parcel tax that was overwhelmingly approved by Santa Clara County voters in 2012.

Another part of the project, flood protection improvement within Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, is expected to be completed by the end of 2020. These improvements will also include additional parking and greatly improved restrooms.

The sunken baseball fields are approximately 4.5 acres and 18 feet deep. Valley Water built an inlet and outlet to allow water flows to enter and exit the fields. After large storms pass through and creek flows recede, captured water from the flood basin would then be slowly pumped back into the creek. Flood flows would inundate the site very rarely, and the ballfields would drain out in one to four days.

Valley Water appreciates the city of Mountain View’s long-standing partnership on this critical flood protection project. At the ribbon cutting on Feb. 29, we had a chance to thank several members of our community. We’d like to hear from you as well. Please take a brief survey at safecleanwater.org and be heard!

Gary Kremen is a Santa Clara Valley Water District director. For further information, contact him at gkremen@valleywater.org or (415) 305-3052.
Californians have a long and affectionate history with Mexican food. Indeed most of us were raised on some form of south of the border comfort fare. That said, it’s a refreshing change of pace when that sentimental staple gets a contemporary reboot, as it does at California Avenue’s Sun of Wolf.

Sun of Wolf’s roots run deep in the community, a second-generation affair owned by three cousins related to Hector Sol, owner of longtime Mexican favorite Palo Alto Sol — where my own grown daughters cut their teeth on soft chicken tacos and cheesy quesadillas. Sol’s daughter, Paulina — a Cordon Bleu-trained chef — runs the kitchen, while cousin Victor tends bar and serves as proprietor. Paulina’s sister, Alexa, oversees design and operations. Sun of Wolf strives for an old-world Mexican roots meet modern Bay Area sensibility — resulting in an eclectic array of global offerings, from shrimp ceviche to a hearty lasagna.

Sun of Wolf’s interior is a cool mix of traditional and edgy — whitewashed walls with ethnic pieces and glowing candles set into altar-like alcoves, in decorative harmony with sleek, polished lighting. The warm wooden bar is a convivial spot for sharing a glass of wine ($10-$24) or one of many alluring mezcal-based cocktails ($14-$16). The bar opens at 4:30 p.m. for happy hour, with elote asado (grilled corn) and tacos, among other small noshing delights.

On a recent visit we started with one of my favorite Sun of Wolf specialties, the pescado crudo ($16), crispy rounds of corn tortilla topped with a tangy hamachi ceviche, bright with notes of herb and citrus and topped with guajillo chili oil. The queso fundido ($12) is another crowd pleaser, a little platter of velvety, melted cheese and Spanish chorizo served with warm tortillas, perfect for a chilly winter evening. The empanadas ($16) were less inviting. They arrived generously stuffed with a robust mix of Swiss chard and sweet potato, with a piquant side of lemon agave slaw, but suffered from a doughy exterior that could have used some extra time in the fryer.

Yet another excellent starter, sized as an entree, is a large, aromatic bowl of pozole verde ($16), a fragrant tomatillo-based broth chock full of hominy and oyster mushrooms. Many of Sun of Wolf’s dishes are served with the restaurant’s house-made purple potato chips, lightly salted and addictively crunchy.

The entree section of the menu is a journey through the continents, a cuisine best described...
as California globe-trotter, with less emphasis on Mexican and more on that Bay Area vibe. A perfectly prepared red snapper ($30) was emboldened with a tasty roasted red pepper sauce, while the scallop pasta with a mandarin reduction ($28) delivered an essence of Asian fare. I had long heard rumors of a killer double cheeseburger ($19) that got rave reviews from friends. Naturally I was skeptical — a burger is not exactly my go-to in a Mexican-inspired eatery. But the rumors are true, and this one ticked all the boxes: a thick, beefy patty of ground brisket and chuck, perfectly pink and beautifully seasoned, with a punch of sharp cheddar on a warm brioche bun. The accompanying French fries came out thick-cut and hot.

The occasional dish falls short, mostly due to lack of balanced seasoning. A generous platter of tender carnitas ($29) was a tad bland, whereas the duck confit tacos ($22) were rich with earthy, slow-simmered flavors. Perhaps my favorite of all the mains is the maja lasagna ($18), a Sol family recipe abundant with creamy layers of chipotle-tomatillo sauce, spinach and sun-dried tomatoes. A destination dish well worth a visit.

Everyone has a restaurant litmus test by which to judge a kitchen’s true savvy. One of mine is crème brûlée; if done wrong it’s a grainy, gloppy flop; if done right, it’s downright ethereal. Sun of Wolf’s blood orange brûlée ($9) falls into the latter category, an exotically scented beauty: silky textured custard topped with a dark caramelized shell that’s a lovely counterpoint to the pillowy softness below. Absolutely no sharing required.

Sun of Wolf’s service is perpetually friendly and often downright homey, steeped in an intimate charm that has long been a hallmark of the Sol family empire (which includes Mountain View’s Vive Sol and Redwood City’s Quinto Sol). The dining room is casual and the atmosphere relaxed, without the frenetic pace and accompanying soundtrack that can quickly extinguish a nice evening out. Sidewalk dining, perfect for people-watching, is a plus in the warmer months.

Freelance restaurant reviewer Jeanne Aufmuth can be emailed at jmaufmuth@gmail.com.

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**DINING NOTES**

**Sun of Wolf**
406 California Ave., Palo Alto
650-325-8888
sunofwolfpa.com

**Hours:** Monday-Saturday,
5:30 p.m. to last call.
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Closed Sunday

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**Children:** ✓
**Parking:** Street
**Alcohol:** Full bar
**Corkage:** $20 a bottle, three maximum
**Bathroom:** Good
**Noise Level:** Medium

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From top: The maja lasagna is a recipe by executive chef Paulina Sol’s mother and includes spinach, roasted peppers and a creamy chipotle sauce; pozole verde is a vegan twist on the classic Mexican stew; the pescado crudo is hamachi tossed in ponzu sauce, seasonal fruit and avocado puree served on masa and huitlacoche tostadas.

Patrons line the bar at Sun of Wolf in Palo Alto on Feb. 25.
Mages of grief

‘ONWARD’ ANOTHER HILARIOUS, HEARTFELT FANTASY ADVENTURE FROM DISNEY/PIXAR

★★★1/2 (Century 16 & 20, Icon)

Processing grief means working toward acceptance, a profound acceptance that allows for forward movement. While keeping its grief in plain sight, Disney/Pixar’s “Onward” also positions itself as a story about the spirit of limitless adventure, the lost wonder of childhood. In that respect, “Onward” embraces the paradox of recapturing what’s been lost even as it insists on moving ahead. “Onward” may repeatedly get behind trusting one’s gut rather than being practical, but it’s primarily interested in taking its premise to the benign territory of the inner child and the loss of family. On his 16th birthday, teenage elf Ian Lightfoot (Tomm Holland) can’t help but yearn for the father who died before he was born. While older brother Barley (Chris Pratt) and mom, Laurel (Julia Louis-Dreyfus), loved and lost Ian’s father, all Ian has are photos and an old audio cassette recording, which he uses to synthesize a conversation with the man he never knew.

But Ian’s birthday present turns out to be one heck of a gift from his father: a magical staff that, if properly outfitted, can be wielded to cast a visitation spell. Ian can bring his father back for one day, allowing for the bonding experiences of Ian’s dreams. Lest it all be too easy, an interruption to the spell leaves Dad restored only from the waist down, forcing Ian and Barley on a quest to restore power to the staff. Off they go, with Laurel in loving pursuit, to finish the spell and bring back the rest of their late father (Octavia Spencer’s magnificent middle-class crisis and Mel Rodriguez’s centenarian Colt Bronco eventually join the chase).

It’s all a lot more straightforward than it may sound, and wildly manipulative in its emotional underpinnings, but “Onward” works smart to earn its sentiment. The consistently clever screenplay director Dan Scanlon co-wrote with Jason Headley and Keith Bunin clearly lays out character dynamics ripe for triumph: Ian’s anxious lack of confidence, Barley’s reputation as a “scREW-up,” Laurel’s largely untested “warrior” skills. One typically pithe scene employs a spell that requires truth-telling to yield empathy for one character (Colt, who’s also Laurel’s boyfriend) and stoke productive conflict between the brothers. There’s colorful visual appeal in the film’s highly detailed world-building (and the “Weekend at Bernie’s”-style sight gags involving the boys’ Dad-on-a-lease), ultra-expressive character animation to complement the fine voice cast, and there’s even thematic synergy in the original score, composed by real-life brothers Mychael and Jeff Danna.

All in all, “Onward” proves itself a very sweet and entertaining blend of whimsy and peril. The screenwriters act as robust breathers from laughing, kids will walk away with the manticore’s motto: “You have to take risks in life to have an adventure” and a newfound appreciation for their families. Not bad for a couple of hours at the movies.

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