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Lime rental bikes are parked in a line on Castro Street on Feb. 25. The company announced it is pulling out of the bike-share business in favor of electric scooters.

Lime ditches bikes for scooters, leaving cities in limbo

MOUNTAIN VIEW TO LOOK FOR NEW OPTIONS AFTER LOCALLY OPERATING BIKE-SHARE COMPANIES PULL OUT

By Mark Noack

Just nine months ago, Mountain View had hundreds of brightly colored smart bikes scattered throughout town for anyone to rent with the click of an app. But as of this month, exactly zero are expected to be left in the

city — or anywhere in the Bay Area.

In a feat of backpedaling, bike-share companies are swiftly pulling their fleets of rental bikes from Mountain View and a host of other Bay Area cities, saying there isn't enough ridership to make the business sustainable.

In a phone call last week, representatives from San Francisco-based Lime informed Mountain View officials they would be taking the last of their bicycles out of the city. Within the next month, Lime, previously called Limebike, is

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Woman seriously injured in attack on Stevens Creek Trail

By Kevin Forestieri

A woman walking on Stevens Creek Trail was attacked Monday evening by a man who pushed her into the bushes and punched her repeatedly in the face.

Police are looking for the

suspect, who was last seen heading south on Stevens Creek Trail at the Highway 85 underpass, according to a statement issued Monday by the Mountain View Police Department.

Police say the woman, who was visiting from Massachusetts, was walking along the trail near

Creekside Park off of Easy Street shortly before 10 p.m. when a man approached her from behind and introduced himself as Jerry. The woman told police she refused to interact with the man.

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Google, SyWest can't agree on Gateway site

COUNCIL FACES DUELING VISIONS FOR NORTH BAYSHORE DEVELOPMENT

By Mark Noack

Facing a dilemma, the Mountain View City Council found it impossible to choose between two competing visions for developing North Bayshore's large gateway property. Rather than take a side, council members decided they may need to dictate their own development plans for the area.

At its Tuesday, Feb. 26, meeting, the City Council was asked to pick between two starkly different master plans submitted by Google and SyWest. The two companies each own roughly half of the 30-acre swath of land known as the Gateway site, located just north of Highway 101 and west of Shoreline Boulevard at the entrance to the North Bayshore tech corridor.

The backstory is complicated. In 2015, SyWest was originally planning to partner with LinkedIn to construct a 10-building campus that would mix corporate offices with entertainment such as restaurants and a movie theater. Impressed at the time, the City Council granted the partnership about two-thirds of the bonus development rights being allotted for North Bayshore.

It was a huge win for SyWest and LinkedIn, especially since they won the lion's share of office development rights that Google was seeking. But Google managed to turn the situation to its advantage. In a 2016 land swap,

Google traded several fully built offices on Mountain View's east side in exchange for all of LinkedIn's land holdings in North Bayshore.

Effectively, that trade eliminated LinkedIn and made Google the new partner of SyWest in developing the 30-acre Gateway property. Suffice it to say, it doesn't appear to have worked out. Over the course of two years, the two companies failed

'Everyone could work together to marry all the elements, and I wish we could get to that point.'

COUNCILWOMAN
MARGARET ABE-KOGA

to reach an agreement to work together. Late last year, both parties submitted their own conflicting development master plans for the area.

"Fundamentally, we're just taking two different approaches," said Bill Vierra, SyWest president. "We need 880,000 square

feet of office space, and Google doesn't want any offices on the site."

The SyWest proposal calls for developing only its own 16-acre property, which is currently occupied by the Century Cinema theaters and its sprawling parking lot. That would be replaced with about 740 residential units as well as a hotel, shops and a new theater. The project would also create about 880,000 square feet of offices, leaving a smaller portion of office development rights for Google to use on its own development. But the plan left various details vague, such as how it would manage the immense traffic burden, and

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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Angie Wang

Would you be more likely to use an electric scooter or a bike?



“Electric scooter. It seems to be much easier to ride. I wouldn’t have to pedal.”

Nicolas Perez, Sunnyvale



“I would prefer an electric bike ... I know (scooters) can be tricky going off curbs ... I’m used to bicycles. They’re comfortable, going faster and farther.”

Kimberly Smith, San Jose



“Electric bike. It would be safer to be on a bike.”

Sonny Jandial, Mountain View



“I’m more in favor electric bikes ... because it’s not obvious to me that scooters would stay off sidewalks whereas bikers generally remain on streets, which is safer for pedestrians.”

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“I would rather take an electric scooter around Mountain View because the bikes are very cumbersome.”

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■ CRIME BRIEFS

CHILD MOLESTER SENTENCED

A 30-year-old former youth counselor from Mountain View has been sentenced to eight years in prison after pleading no contest to several child molestation charges involving two girls at a group home in Redwood City, San Mateo County prosecutors said Monday, Feb. 25.

Francis Caceres, who was sentenced Friday, Feb. 22, was arrested in January 2017 after law enforcement became aware of his contact with a 14-year-old girl who was a resident at the Your House South youth group home in Redwood City where Caceres worked.

After Caceres' arrest, a 13-year-old girl who was also a resident at Your House South came forward to say she was also a victim, prompting prosecutors to file several more charges against him, prosecutors said.

The second victim said she was molested in the Your House South recreation room, according to the district attorney's office.

In December, Caceres pleaded no contest to one charge each of child molestation, witness dissuasion and unlawful sexual intercourse with a child in exchange for an eight-year prison sentence. Prosecutors had asked for a nine-year sentence.

In addition to the prison sentence, Caceres was ordered by San Mateo County Superior Court Judge Stephanie Garratt to pay a yet-to-be-determined amount of restitution to the victims.

He will also have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life, stay away from the victims for 10 years and submit to genetic marker testing, prosecutors said.

Caceres' defense attorney was not immediately available for comment.

—*Bay City News Service*

ASSAULT WITH A SKATEBOARD

A 28-year-old transient man was arrested in the early hours of the morning on Friday, Feb. 22, after he allegedly tried to steal a cart full of goods from a Safeway and tried to hit a store employee with a skateboard.

Officers were alerted to a possible robbery at the Safeway near the corner of Miramonte Avenue and Cuesta Drive shortly after midnight, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. Employees told police that they saw two men filling a shopping cart full of items while they were restocking shelves during the late-night shift, and that they tried to leave without paying.

When one employee reportedly tried to stop the men, the 28-year-old suspect began yelling at the employee and swung a skateboard at him, Nelson said. The employee avoided being hit and was not injured.

The suspect was later found south on Miramonte Avenue by Los Altos police, and was identified by the employee and arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon.

The second suspect, who was outside of the Safeway at the time of the alleged attack, could not be found. Witnesses told police they would be unable to identify a second suspect because of poor lighting during the incident, Nelson said.

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AUTO BURGLARY

- 500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 2/18
- 1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 2/18
- 2500 block California St., 2/19
- 1600 block Villa St., 2/20
- 600 block W. Evelyn Av., 2/20
- 400 block Hope St., 2/20
- Bryant St. & California St., 2/20
- 400 block Bryant Av., 2/20
- 400 block Bryant Av., 2/21
- 200 block View St., 2/21
- W. Dana St. & View St., 2/21
- 800 block California St., 2/21
- 1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 2/22
- 1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 2/22
- San Antonio Rd. & Terminal Blvd., 2/24
- San Antonio Rd. & Terminal Blvd., 2/24
- San Antonio Rd. & Terminal Blvd., 2/24
- 200 block Hope St., 2/25
- 400 block Bryant St., 2/25

BATTERY

- 700 block Villa St., 2/18
- 200 block Evandale Av., 2/18
- 1300 block Villa St., 2/18
- 1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 2/21
- 500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 2/22

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

- 800 block W. El Camino Real, 2/18
- 900 block Castro St., 2/19
- 700 block Fairmont Av., 2/19
- 500 block Showers Dr., 2/21
- 100 block E. Middlefield Rd., 2/24

GRAND THEFT

- 2000 block Grant Rd., 2/19

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

- 200 block Easy St., 2/19

ROBBERY

- 500 block W. Middlefield Rd., 2/18
- 700 block W. Middlefield Rd., 2/22

THREATENING AN OFFICER

- Castro St. & Villa St., 2/24

STOLEN VEHICLE

- Plymouth St. & Sierra Vista Av., 2/24

VANDALISM

- 200 block S. Rengstorff Av., 2/19
- 200 block S. Rengstorff Av., 2/20
- 1300 block Grant Rd., 2/21
- Bush St. & Church St., 2/21
- Blue Lake Sq. & Truman Av., 2/24

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CRASH BLOCKS TRAFFIC

Northbound traffic was blocked following an accident Tuesday afternoon at Grant Road and El Camino Real in Mountain View. Police reported there were minor injuries after a white van and a blue sedan collided. The van driver told the Voice that his vehicle was struck on the side by the sedan while he was driving on Grant Road, but declined to comment further. The heavily used intersection sees the city's highest number of collisions, according to accident data compiled by the Mountain View Police Department.

School district committee will judge enrollment exemptions

VAGUE RULES ON "HARDSHIPS" LEAVE PLENTY OF ROOM FOR INTERPRETATION

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View Whisman School District families unhappy with their child's assigned school can take it up with the district office, appealing a special three-person committee for a hardship exemption.

And while some of those hardships have concrete guidelines, others are completely discretionary. Without much in the way

of limits, parents can make a case for why their child ought to attend a school outside of their neighborhood, and even appeal the committee's decision to the district's board of trustees.

This new exemption process comes out of two dramatic changes for the upcoming 2019-20 school year. School attendance boundaries have been altered, shifting hundreds of students to new schools, and the enrollment priorities that used to allow

families to send their children to schools outside of their own neighborhood have been severely limited. An analysis last year found 637 children were suddenly out of compliance and faced forced moves, and few would be subject to grandfathering rules and allowed to stay at their schools.

As a way to take the edge off boundary changes and soften the

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Mountain View man detained in ICE raid

By Kevin Forestieri

A Mountain View man well known in the Castro neighborhood community was detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials in a Tuesday morning raid. Advocates claim he was not the target, and that ICE was seeking to arrest the home's prior resident.

Emergency alerts sent through Santa Clara County's Rapid Response Network reported ICE activity taking place at 7:41 a.m. on the 500 block of Chiquita Avenue. The man — Gabiono Camacho, a former Mistral parent known for selling fruit across the street from the school campus — was detained by people wearing ICE jackets and driving unmarked vehicles, according to accounts of the incident.

ICE officials at the regional office in San Francisco did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Camacho's daughter, Liliana Camacho, told the Voice she was at work at 7:30 a.m. when she got the call from her mother that ICE agents had her father outside the house in handcuffs. Camacho said she was shocked, at first telling her mom to make sure it wasn't just a confrontation with local law enforcement.

"I said you gotta make sure it's them, you can't tell me ICE is outside the house and find out it's the police, and she said 'Yes, it's ICE!' she said. 'She was screaming, I didn't know what to do.'"

Members of the local immigration support group Listos Mountain View believe the detainment was a case of mistaken identity:

The home had been receiving immigration-related mail, likely orders of deportation, for someone who had previously lived at the address. A lawyer representing the man said he had no warrants of any kind against him, and that he was released after posting a \$5,000 bail, according to Listos members.

Camacho said it was a frenzied endeavor to get her father out of ICE custody, getting referred from one lawyer to another and moving as quickly as possible to post bail. At one point she said her family members spent hours not knowing if the bail would be posted in time for a looming afternoon deadline, when he would be transferred further away to Yuba County.

During the phone call, Camacho said she could hear her father yelling to her mother to stay inside. Had she come outside, Camacho said both her parents could have been detained and nobody would have known what happened to them.

Camacho said she didn't know about the Rapid Response Network and the community members who rallied to support her family and stood watch outside the home for any subsequent ICE activity Tuesday. This was also her family's first run-in with immigration enforcement agents, and it was frightening to think her family could be separated.

"We were very scared and frightened," she said. "We have always been a complete family, and we can't believe, out of nowhere, that we're not going to

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Planning commission backs housing-heavy vision for Terra Bella

By Kevin Forestieri

For Mountain View's Environmental Planning Commission, the Terra Bella light industrial area represents a big opportunity for housing growth, but it comes with some serious challenges.

The area has been flagged as a prime spot for redevelopment by city officials and could go from having a paltry nine homes to become a dense, mixed-use neighborhood with as many

as 2,600 housing units, not far from the city's largest jobs center north of Highway 101. Developers are already eager to break ground on the new vision for the area.

It won't be an easy change. The area — roughly bounded by Highway 101, Highway 85, West Middlefield Road and Crittenden Middle School — is already plagued with traffic problems, its few entry roads are packed during commute hours. The area also borders single-family

homes on two sides, and residents sharply object to becoming neighbors to three-story structures that they say will block the sun, kill outdoor gardens and invade their privacy.

Although the planning commission was deadlocked on several specific aspects of Terra Bella's future, commissioners generally agreed at the Wednesday, Feb. 20, meeting to stick with a dense residential approach estimated to bring between 4,200 and 5,500 new residents to

the neighborhood. Commission member Kammy Lo was absent, leading to many 3-3 straw votes on tweaks to the plan.

"I think there's enough room in this process to make sure that we continue down a path that is respectful of the neighbor's concerns," said Commissioner Preti Hehmeyer. "This is one of our few opportunities to put housing near jobs, to allow people to walk to work."

The Feb. 20 meeting marked the second chance for the

Environmental Planning Commission to dig into the nuts and bolts of what's called the Terra Bella Visioning and Guiding Principles Plan, which is a sort of precursor to actual zoning changes. It sets an early framework for future developments that don't fit the area's largely industrial footprint, and could serve as a template for so-called gatekeeper projects that run contrary to the general plan.

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Council to hammer out top goals for coming year

By Mark Noack

Among the most important meetings of the year, the City Council was set to gather on Thursday, Feb. 28, for its first goal-setting session of 2019. In this brainstorming session, elected leaders plan to hammer out their priorities for the coming years.

This year's session is unique in that most council members pitched their ideas in advance, giving their colleagues and the public a glimpse into their priorities beforehand.

Councilwoman Alison Hicks proposed several ideas focused on the downtown area, including promoting walkability and better design standards for the city's downtown transit center. Hicks also called for "development transparency" — requiring city officials to provide greater notification and 3D models of any large-scale projects.

Like many council members, Hicks also emphasized housing as a major priority. She

recommended declaring an emergency for the hundreds of inhabited vehicles across Mountain View. This step would allow the city to swiftly create temporary safe-parking sites while the staff pursues a longer-term strategy, Hicks said. She also advocated for an ordinance restricting space rent increases on mobile homes and revising the city's rent control program to allow cost pass-through for seismic retrofits or other upgrades.

Similarly, Councilman Lucas Ramirez said he wants to protect vulnerable residents. He suggested the city should amass data on displaced residents, the numbers of homeless schoolchildren and the city's total housing supply. Displaced residents, he suggested, should get access to emergency rental assistance. Like Hicks, he also sought to explore rental protections for mobile home tenants.

Mayor Lisa Matichak highlighted quality of life issues, such as improving road conditions, historic preservation and

the citywide tree canopy. She emphasized that the city needed to be vigilant to prevent the federal and state government from taking away local control, especially through recent legislation for mandatory housing approval. Matichak also targeted lobbyists, pointing out the city needs to create a registration and disclosure system for paid advocates.

Councilman John McAlister kept his list short, focusing it on technology improvements. He advocated for citywide internet service and fiber-speed internet, which he said could help as the city develops more autonomous vehicles. He plugged an unspecified project to create an autonomous bus route along San Antonio Road.

Council members Ellen Kamei, Margaret Abe-Koga and Chris Clark did not submit any suggestions in advance.

The City Council was set to meet after the *Voice's* print deadline, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Plaza Conference Room at 500 Castro St. ▀

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reportedly planning a similar withdrawal of bikes in all its other Bay Area cities, including Sunnyvale, Foster City, San Mateo, Burlingame and South San Francisco.

"The bikes were part of our original business plan, but they're becoming less and less of our mobility fleet," said Joe Arellano, Lime spokesman. "At this time, we felt it was the right moment to phase out the electric-pedal bikes for newer technology."

That newer technology is electric scooters, which Lime officials say can get up to eight times more riders per day than a bike. The company plans to heavily promote its newer electric scooters in the coming days, especially in cities like Mountain View that don't formally allow them.

Meanwhile, city officials say they have no immediate plans to sanction electric scooters. In fact, city officials are pinning their hopes to attracting a new bike-share company to set up shop in town. Mountain View transportation planner Nate Baird said the city is currently in talks with a new company to provide up to 400 rental bikes in the city. He declined to identify the company, saying the deal was still tentative.

"From our end, this has been a successful program, and we really hope we can keep it going," Baird said. "We're hoping we won't have

a huge gap in service in terms of bike-share providers, but we still have to work through that."

Mountain View and other Peninsula cities have had an uphill battle when it comes to nurturing a bike-share program. If properly implemented, supporters say the rental bikes could provide the crucial last-mile link to bring commuters from local transit to their jobs.

Back in 2013, the city installed seven docking stations for rental bikes using a grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. After that funding ran out in 2016, city officials decided the service wasn't worth keeping because its low ridership meant taxpayers were essentially paying a \$20 subsidy for each bike trip.

Last year, Lime and a wave of similar companies approached Mountain View, saying they had improved on the bike-share concept to make it more practical. These companies used smartphone applications and GPS navigation to allow bikes to be left anywhere in town, instead of being restricted to a handful of docking stations.

Last May, Mountain View officials signed a deal with Lime and Chinese firm Ofo to launch a pilot program for a maximum of 800 rental bikes in the city. City officials say the companies never reached that cap, but they did deploy hundreds of bikes throughout Mountain View, especially in high-traffic areas

such as around Castro Street and the North Bayshore area.

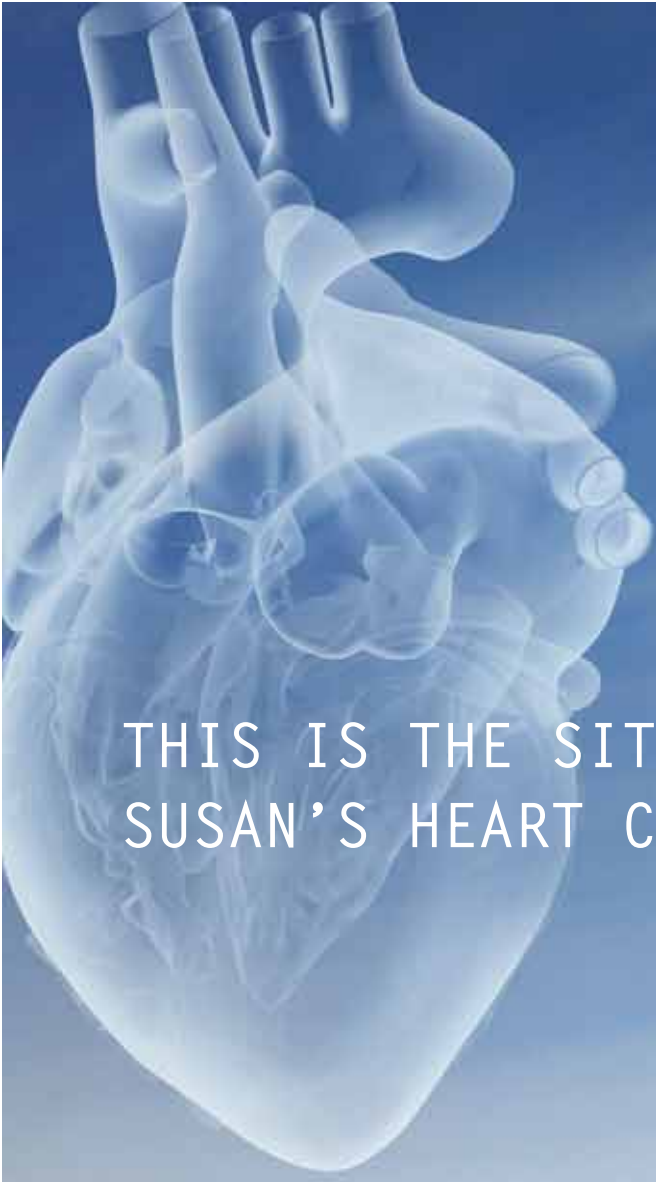
It didn't take long for troubling signs to emerge on the business side. In September, Ofo, which was once valued at upwards of \$2 billion, quickly pulled its bike fleet from Mountain View. As of December, the company's rapid expansion had reportedly left it on the verge of bankruptcy.

Meanwhile, Lime has been gradually decreasing the size of its bicycle fleet in Mountain View. Early on, the company reportedly had 350 bikes, but as of February there were fewer than 50 left, Baird said.

Lime's pivot to electric scooters isn't so easy for Mountain View and other Bay Area cities. Bikes have a long history of use and existing regulations for operating on city streets, but electric scooters lack that policy framework. Under the city's current guidelines, scooters are prohibited in Mountain View and any company operating them will receive a cease-and-desist letter, Baird said. Several cities in San Mateo County recently have come out against having electric scooters in town. Like Mountain View, those cities expressed a preference for finding a new bike-share company.

In the coming weeks, Baird said Mountain View will be conducting a study of its bike-share pilot program to consider options going forward. ▀

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The elephant in the bedroom

LOCAL TEEN TURNS PASSION FOR PACHYDERMS INTO FUNDRAISING T-SHIRT BUSINESS

By Angie Wang

Los Altos High School sophomore Angelina Lue uses her passion for fashion to help raise awareness of the elephant poaching crisis. As an eighth grader at the project-based Khan Lab school in Mountain View, she started an online clothing business, Ivory Tees, and donates 20 percent of its profits to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (DSWT).

Lue said the Netflix documentary “Ivory Game” piqued her interest in helping elephants. Since then, she has been promoting and growing her business. Proceeds from Ivory Tees has helped foster two elephants in Kenya so far, Lue said.



COURTESY OF ANGELINA LUE

A friend models one of Lue's T-shirts from her company, Ivory Tees.

“When I first started, I was a lost person,” Lue said. “I’d just be Googling every possible thing on the internet. I first started designing the shirts on my bed. My bed was not made; I was in my pajamas.”

She said she spent a significant amount of time searching on the internet and calling people until she could find a manufacturer to produce Ivory Tees’ shirts and accessories. Once she found a reliable manufacturer and a few friends willing to model her clothing, her business started coming together.

Currently, Lue is working to spread awareness of her company and the cause. Eighty percent of her profits — what isn’t donated to the David Sheldrick Wildlife

Trust (DSWT) — are reinvested back into the company to keep it alive, pay for social media ads and ask influencers to promote her products.

“Anyone can have a product...” she said. “It’s about being able to sell that product, being able to convince someone that your product is worth their money or worth what you’re offering.”

Fostering baby elephants is key for the survival of the next generation of elephants, but one of Lue’s goals for Ivory Tees this year is to be more proactive in effecting change in the anti-poaching movement.

She has attended conservation conventions and has learned about new technologies to help monitor elephants and track poachers. She said she also understands the complexity of this crisis — the smuggling and poverty behind it all.

“There are these big poaching lords who exploit (people in poverty)...” she said. “(The people) need to find a way to feed their family, so they’ll do literally anything. To them, it’s not about the ivory, it’s about getting money for their families. One thing that would help is being able to help ... lift them out of poverty so that they don’t have to rely on poaching.”

China banned ivory trade in late 2017, which was a significant step. But smuggling in various Asian countries, including Japan, Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar is still pervasive, said Lue. Ivory has played an important part of many countries’ cultures, both for medicinal purposes and as a



COURTESY OF ANGELINA LUE

Angelina Lue, a Los Altos High School student, turned her passion for elephants into a small business that helps support conservation efforts.

symbol of wealth.

“We need to prioritize the lives of these elephants,” Lue said. “If we view ourselves as a part of nature, then it’s really about saving yourself if we’re trying to save nature.”

Lue juggles this passion project and academics at Los Altos High School. She said that it’s

challenging at times, but she’s committed to the development of her business.

“If there’s something that I love, I will make time, whether it’s less sleep, putting off time to hang out with friends,” she said. “I’ll put Ivory Tees first if I need to.”

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TERRA BELLA

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That vision, which won support from the City Council last year, includes residential buildings up to five stories tall along West Middlefield Road, and up to seven stories along Terra Bella Avenue and parts of Linda Vista Avenue. Shoreline Boulevard between Terra Bella Avenue and West Middlefield Road would also transform into a dense mixed-use corridor with retail topped by either offices or residential units.

All told, the plan would convert about 33 acres to residential uses, most of which is currently used for offices, light industrial and church uses.

The proposal has been a source of consternation among residents living in the nearby Stierlin Estates and along Morgan Street, whose homes would be right up against what they

describe as towering buildings. Even a scaled-down version of the plan that nearly halved the number of housing units, which the planning commission ended up rejecting, was still way too much, said Albert Jeans, a Stierlin Estates resident.

“We still don’t think the density is appropriate for this area, we think it’s way too high.”

ALBERT JEANS,
STIERLIN ESTATES RESIDENT

“We still don’t think the density is appropriate for this area, we think it’s way too high,” he said.

That’s not to say that nearby

residents oppose housing, said Rick Spillane, a resident on San Pablo Drive. He said his neighbors believe housing growth is a priority, but not at scale that deeply affects the quality of life of the people closest to the dense new development.

“We all want housing, we just want to make sure that it’s planned out in reasonable ways so that Mountain View’s character is maintained and that the housing that we have will be pleasant to live in,” Spillane said.

Residents also noted that traffic access into the area, limited to Terra Bella Avenue, Middlefield Road, Linda Vista and Shoreline Boulevard, would be a huge problem if thousands of housing units and additional office space were constructed in the area. A comprehensive traffic study will not be part of the visioning process, leaving a void of hard data from which to argue about the traffic constraints.

What commission members could agree on was that the mixed use development along Shoreline Boulevard should favor housing, not offices, and a majority agreed to ratchet down building heights from five stories to three east of Linda Vista Avenue.

Although commission members agreed in concept to the idea of “transition zones” that lowered the heights of new buildings as they approach single-story homes, they were split on whether to set specific height limits. Commission member Robert Cox advocated for a two-story cap on any building that runs up against the existing residential neighborhoods, while commission member Margaret Capriles said she wanted to avoid being overly prescriptive on what transition zones should look like at such an early stage.

Another split was whether the taller and more dense vision for Terra Bella should preserve

available office and light industrial uses in addition to new housing, or if it’s time to strip away the area’s long-standing role as a jobs center and turn Terra Bella into a residential neighborhood. Hehmeyer said it’s important to stick with a balanced approach and integrated land uses, while Cox fervently opposed changes that would worsen the city’s overall balance of jobs to housing.

“It brings me back to asking the question of do I believe in density for density’s sake, and honestly, I don’t,” Cox said. “If we were helping to improve the housing situation around here then I can be supportive, but I don’t see it right now.”

The City Council is scheduled to review the planning commission’s input on March 5, and is expected to vote to approve the vision plan in the summer.

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Supervisor foresees a healthy 2019 for county

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD PRESIDENT MAKES HEALTH CARE VICTORIES A TOP PRIORITY

By Kevin Forestieri

Supervisor Joe Simitian vowed during his State of the County address Tuesday that health care will be a top priority in 2019, laying out a vision for a Santa Clara County where anyone can access and afford health services.

Throughout the speech, Simitian made clear that the U.S. health care system is flawed, saying that Americans are paying twice as much for health care as other developed countries and getting worse results. At the same time, national efforts to increase insurance coverage have been under siege by efforts to undermine or repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Simitian recalled hearing Walter Cronkite on television in the 1970s observe that the U.S. health care system is not healthy, caring, or a system, but he said it doesn't have to be that way. And through current and proposed improvements to the county's network of care, he said the Santa Clara County will set itself apart. "In fact, here in Santa Clara

County we're already well on our way to creating a health care system that is healthy, that is caring and that is, yes, an honest-to-God system that delivers for each of us as individual patients and for all of us as a county," Simitian said.

'The state of our county is 'healthy,' and getting healthier every day.'

SUPERVISOR JOE SIMITIAN

The speech was a chance to tout past victories on the health care front as well as detail the future goals of county officials, the largest of which is the \$235 million purchase of O'Connor Hospital in San Jose and St. Louise Regional Hospital in Gilroy. Santa Clara County was the only bidder, and both hospitals faced possible closure after their current owner, Verity Health System, declared bankruptcy last

year.

Simitian said the county has aggressively sought to insure as many residents as possible through Medi-Cal, Covered California and the county's own Valley Health Plan, reaching a staggering 93.5 percent of the county population that has some type of insurance coverage. A large number of those residents, 125,000, were insured as a direct result of the Medi-Cal expansion following the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

"Here in Santa Clara County, if it is humanly possible, we're going to get you covered," he said.

Although the speech was a broad appeal to county residents, Simitian dove into his personal battles to improve health care services in the North County and West Valley cities he represents. This included his efforts to open a county clinic at the future Planned Parenthood site in Mountain View, strengthen the MayView Community Health Center and establish Peninsula HealthCare Connection in downtown Palo Alto.

Simitian stressed that survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault shouldn't have to travel long distances to Valley Medical Center for forensic exams, known as rape kits, and said a North County clinic will be opened this year at a yet-to-be-determined location. Having just one location for victims of intimate partner violence and sexual violence in such a large county just isn't enough, he said.

"We can do better than that, and we will," he said.

Still years away, Simitian said the county hopes to have an inpatient psychiatric unit serving all ages at Valley Medical Center by 2023, and that he and Supervisor Susan Ellenberg plan to take a deep dive into larger "access issues" for behavioral health

care that force residents to wait months for appointments and travel long distances.

The national health care debate may be fraught with challenges and leave many Americans worried that pre-existing conditions may one day prevent their ability to get health care, but Simitian said they can rest assured that the county is putting the effort and resources into a healthy future.

"The state of our county is 'healthy,' and getting healthier every day," Simitian said. "We will make 2019 the year of a healthier Santa Clara County because this county, our county, is committed to doing the good and important work that will help make it so." ■

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

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Local teens on the big screen

'THE EDGE OF SUCCESS' LETS PALO ALTO STUDENTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

By Karla Kane

The documentary "The Edge of Success," screening this month as part of the annual Cinequest Film & Creativity Festival in Redwood City and San Jose, takes an intimate look at the stresses faced by Palo Alto teenagers.

For locals, it's an all-too-familiar story. Growing up in Palo Alto, kids are afforded an abundance of opportunities, with highly rated schools and a high-achieving community. While the affluent, innovative Silicon Valley environment offers benefits, by the time they

reach high school, many teens are overwhelmed by pressure to meet expectations of academic perfection and "success" in a world dominated by Stanford University and tech giants such as Facebook and Google. Two teen suicide clusters, in 2009-2010 and 2014-2015, made Palo Alto (and Gunn High School in particular) the focus of grim national attention and in the subsequent years, local schools have expanded their mental health efforts.

"The Edge of Success" follows six high schoolers over the course of two school years as they discuss their experiences

navigating adolescence following the second suicide cluster. It also includes interviews with their parents, teachers and other community members, such as Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) head Ken Dauber, "How to Raise an Adult" author/former Stanford dean/PAUSD parent Julie Lythcott-Haims and Challenge Success founder Denise Pope. But the students' own voices guide the documentary; a conscious choice by the filmmakers, who opted not to narrate the film.

Director/producer Kathryn

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more rigid transfer guidelines, the district created a special exemption process for families who felt their assigned schools weren't the right fit. If a special education student relies on special day classes or therapeutic services that aren't available at the child's assigned school, he or she would be eligible for a transfer. Exemptions will also be made for students who face harassment, violence or bullying following an investigation under Title IX of the Civil Rights Act, and children of active U.S. military service members are essentially given a free pass to attend Monta Loma Elementary.

At the Feb. 7 school board meeting, Assistant Superintendent Carmen Ghysels said these exemption requests will be reviewed by a committee composed of one district staff representative, one school board member and a community member. The committee members have not been selected yet, and district officials have yet to disclose how the members will be selected.

School board members agreed last year that families could also transfer their children to an underenrolled school, defined as being at 75 percent of capacity or below, although which schools would fall under that category remains hazy. While enrollment projections for the upcoming school year are typically available by February, Ghysels said the final numbers won't be available until Bullis Mountain View, a new charter school opening in the district, holds its enrollment lottery on March 7. Monta Loma, Castro and Theuerkauf elementary schools are all likely candidates for being underenrolled and open for transfers.

But the exemption process also

includes a fill-in-the-blank category, allowing parents to make their case for why an assigned school is a poor fit, and why they ought to receive a transfer to another district school. Of the 43 exemption requests received by the district as of Feb. 7, only a small handful fall under the clearly defined criteria, while the majority claim more loosely defined hardships.

"Upon an initial review, not many of them — I would say maybe five — actually qualify under the three priorities for exemption," Ghysels said.

The idea of a discretionary hardship exemption process came up early last year when board member Laura Blakely suggested that families facing difficult circumstances deserve some stability in where they attend school. Her example was a family facing displacement due to the high cost of living that had been forced to move multiple times in a single year, and the challenges their children would face by having to frequently switch schools.

Ghysels said the process will be a "blind review" that redacts names, addresses and demographic information, giving the committee only the circumstances under which the parents are seeking an exemption for their child. Some of the requests that have rolled in so far, she said, simply state that they don't want to drive their child to school or that they don't like their assigned school.

"We do understand and acknowledge that a change in schools can be very difficult for families," she said. "We're trying our best to acknowledge that, as well as also adhere to our process."

Neighborhoods affected by the new boundaries crisscross the city. All residents north of Central Expressway and east of

Highway 85 are affected, including the Wagon Wheel, North Whisman and Slater neighborhoods, all of which are now zoned for the new Jose Antonio Vargas Elementary School, while students residing in Shoreline West were rezoned from Bubb Elementary to Landels. Several residents living in the Willowgate neighborhood have complained to board members that they much prefer Landels, but have since been rezoned to Theuerkauf.

Though it wasn't explicitly stated until the Feb. 7 meeting, Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph told trustees that they could ultimately choose to agree with or override the committee's decision on individual student transfers. The committee would provide a rationale for a recommendation, and families could appeal that decision to the board, he said.

While trustees can choose to accept transfer requests as they see fit, Rudolph cautioned that doing so would run contrary to the board's goal of creating neighborhood schools and moving away from open enrollment.

"You have to be careful that, by defining more hardships, you may actually be going against your own decision, which is why we had the change of boundaries," he said.

Review of the exemption requests has been postponed until after Bullis Mountain View's lottery on March 7, with a goal of making a decision on all the requests by June 1. District officials have opted not to make the form easily available, instead requiring families to consult with the district office on "how the exemption process works" before filing for an exemption, according to district spokeswoman Shelly Hausman. ▀

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Basiji is herself a graduate of Gunn and a Palo Alto resident.

"I actually identify with a lot of their experiences. This has always been a place with certain characteristics ... it breeds this culture of success. People have always held themselves to a very high standard," she said.

When she moved back to the area after college, around the time of the first suicide cluster, she felt that while the tragedies were receiving a lot of media attention, she wasn't hearing much from the teen community itself.

"There wasn't a lot of student

voice, allowing them to actually influence anything that was being done about it. That was how I got interested in this project, trying to tell the story from the student perspective," she said. She eventually connected with co-director and writer Liza Meak of Redwood City, a documentarian and mother of three daughters, including a current high schooler, who shared her interest in the topic and passion for giving teens a platform.

Basiji and Meak reached out to students, meeting with them for coffee at Philz and gaining their trust as they shared their stories.

"What solidified our relationships with these kids is the idea that we weren't just going to talk

to them one time and be done. It wasn't going to be one interview, one snapshot of who they are at one given moment," Meak said. "We really were going to follow them for two years. They liked and appreciated that opportunity."

In the film, students describe the scorn they are faced with if they don't sign up for enough AP classes or show sufficient interest in top-tier colleges, and the shame they feel when they struggle with anxiety and depression, desperately hoping not to disappoint their parents or crack the veneer of "perfection" they maintain.

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COURTESY OF KATHRYN BASIJI

"**The Edge of Success**" follows six high schoolers as they navigate adolescence following Palo Alto's second suicide cluster.

ICE RAID

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have a dad."

A handful of residents spoke at the Mountain View City Council's Feb. 26 meeting, urging elected officials to prioritize the protection of the city's vulnerable residents, including immigrants. Resident Miguel Sanchez told council members that the man was incidentally detained and was transported to Morgan Hill, then Stockton and was en route to Yuba City before he was released and allowed to return home. He said the city needs to make efforts to prevent its residents from being treated this way.

"They weren't looking for him," Sanchez said. "They were looking for someone else in the house."

Listos member Tania O'Connell, a Mistral parent, told council members that the incident has shaken the community,

leaving many families afraid to leave the house or bring their kids to school. She said what happened Tuesday morning isn't an isolated incident, and that ICE has more than once come to pick someone up in Mountain View who hasn't been in the city for years. Many of the people ICE officials are searching for have been priced out and replaced by hard-working members of the community like the one who was detained, O'Connell said.

"He brings a beautiful, colorful aspect to our city, and it makes it especially personal that someone who is so visible and is such a good example for our community is treated this way," she said.

The man detained Tuesday was fortunate in some ways, O'Connell told the *Voice*. His family was able to quickly contact a lawyer and establish that he had no criminal record or previous immigration charges against him, and have him

released on bail while he was en route to Yuba City. He was back in Mountain View by 8 p.m. Tuesday evening, just an hour after the comments to the City Council.

"Because his family was savvy enough, and had access to bail money, our neighbor was able to come home by the end of the day," she said.

The City Council was scheduled for a goal-setting session on Thursday, Feb. 28, and speakers asked the council to reiterate its goal of protecting vulnerable populations, including those fearing deportation by federal law enforcement. The goal was crafted shortly after the 2016 presidential election.

Camacho said she and her family have thought about the threat of deportation in the past, but the idea of it happening in Mountain View seemed impossible. She never would have expected what took place on Tuesday, she said.

"I grew up in my Mountain View. I have never experienced something like that before," she said. "I could not imagine myself in a situation like that."

Mountain View Police Department spokeswoman Katie Nelson confirmed that ICE notified the department of its activity in the city Tuesday morning, and reaffirmed that the police department does not participate in immigration enforcement activities. The department's policy manual states in no uncertain terms that the department "will not detain or arrest any person on the basis of a person's citizenship or status under civil immigration laws." This policy is consistent across Santa Clara County, and was adopted prior to California laws limiting law enforcement's involvement with federal immigration authorities.

Following a major operation that led to the arrest of 232 people in Northern California last year,

ICE officials released a statement admitting that at-large arrests in local neighborhoods and work sites inevitably result in "collateral arrests" of people who are not the targets. The statement claims this must be done because sanctuary city policies prevent federal immigration enforcement officials from focusing on arrests at jails and prisons, where transfers are "safer for ICE officers and the community."

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors agreed in September to boost funding for the Rapid Response Network from \$100,500 to \$550,000, aimed at helping the organization provide emergency legal representation and deportation defense services. The network also has a "rapid alert" messaging system for advocates to monitor ICE activities, including the raid that took place Tuesday. ▣

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NORTH BAYSHORE

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didn't specify what community benefits it would offer.

In contrast, Google included the Gateway site as one cog in the wheel of its broader plans to create three new neighborhoods in North Bayshore, a "master framework" plan that the company has heavily promoted. In total, the company plans to build up to 7,000 housing units, as well as 1.18 million square feet of new offices — including 1,200 homes and 275,000 square feet of office space specifically for the Gateway site. City officials noted that Google was being presumptuous by planning to use SyWest's land without any consent from the company.

Google real estate director Michael Tymoff said that his company was trying its best to comply with the city's ambitious precise plan, including its hefty requirements for affordable

housing and funding. He noted that the city's demands for open space, retail and an elementary school made it so that his company could no longer aim for a full build-out of the 9,850 housing units envisioned in the North Bayshore Precise Plan, a blueprint for future development priorities approved by the City Council. Now Google is looking to build somewhere in the area of 6,600 units — any other units will need to be built by other developers, he said.

"Any further delay would make these issues that we're trying to solve together much more acute and difficult to solve in a comprehensive way," Tymoff said. "The last thing we'd want to do is reopen the precise plan and CEQA to delay this further."

The two proposals spurred an ambivalent reaction from city staff, who noted that both fell short of the various requirements of the North Bayshore Precise Plan. Both parties were

essentially feuding over who would get more development rights for office space, staff noted. As the issue came before the City Council, everyone lamented that the two companies couldn't work out something on their own.

"What's frustrating for me is there's a clear win-win here: Google needs the office space, and there's an ability for office here," said Councilman Chris Clark. "Everyone could work together to marry all the elements, and I wish we could get to that point."

To prod that process along, Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga suggested the city should step in and spell out how to develop the Gateway site. Basically, the city would draft its own master plan, similar to those submitted by SyWest and Google. Abe-Koga said she favored SyWest's proposal, and she made a motion to use it as a starting point in any future master plan.

"I'd like to move forward in

some way with SyWest's concepts. The elements in their plan is close to what we envisioned," she said. "I think we could be quite successful in this."

Abe-Koga's motion generated some pushback from city staff. City Manager Dan Rich pointed out that using SyWest's proposal as the basis of a new overarching neighborhood plan would be essentially the same as approving its project. Plus, he noted that the city already had specific development goals in its own precise plan, which took nearly five years of work.

Upon hearing some concerns from other council members, Abe-Koga agreed not to specify any office allocation for SyWest. She also included a stipulation to urge SyWest and Google to enter mediation in a last-ditch effort to get them to settle their dispute on their own.

As the council meeting neared a vote, it became clear that a new Gateway master plan could

be a complicated effort that may involve revisiting the larger precise plan. Abe-Koga suggested the city's total allocation of office development might be infeasible. Mayor Lisa Matichak also recommended the city could consider shifting the building density specified in the precise plan.

Councilman Lucas Ramirez expressed doubt that the city would achieve better results by trying to force a compromise between Google and SyWest. He favored Google's plan because it provided the most community benefits.

"Splitting the baby might not lead to the best outcome for anybody," he said. "I'm not seeing an outcome where we can get the level of community benefit that Google is currently offering."

The council voted to pursue a new master plan for the Gateway site 6-1, with Ramirez opposed. ▣

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NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS

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 High School New Classroom Building.

Pre-Qualification Packages Due Date and Time: Friday, March 1, 2019 at 3 :00pm at Kramer Project Development Company, Inc., attention: Omid Azizi, 4020 Moorpark Avenue, #220, San Jose, CA 95117.

Pre-Qualification of Trade Contractors

To receive plans and bid, Trade Contractors must possess a current and active license to perform the work listed, submit and certify the required Responsibility Questionnaire information, and be pre-qualified by the District.

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L. Landscaping Trades	C-27	License Required

Only Pre-Qualified Contractors will be permitted to bid. Pre-Qualified Contractors will be required to attend a mandatory Pre-bid Conference **tentatively** scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Mountain View Los Altos High School District Office, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040. Opening of the sealed bids submitted by pre-qualified bidders is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the Mountain View Los Altos High School District Office, 1299 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040. Pre-qualified contractors are advised to verify dates and times of the mandatory pre-bid conference and bid opening prior to the above listed dates. Responsibility Questionnaires and instructions for submission can be obtained by calling Omid Azizi at (669) 231-4260 or by email omid@kramerpdc.com. Contracts will require a 100% Performance Bond, a 100% Labor and Materials Bond and a Bid Security in the amount of 10% of the submitted bid. The project is subject to the State Labor Code. Labor Code 1720-1861 regarding DIR registration, the payment of prevailing wages and submission of certified payroll statements will be enforced. No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Contractors are allowed, according to PCC sec. 22300, to submit securities in lieu of retention. Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise, in accordance with Education Code Section 17076.11, the Mountain View Los Altos High School District has "a participation goal of at least 3% per year of the overall dollar amount expended each year by the school district for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise". Thus, all contractors bidding on this project are required to make a good faith effort to achieve this 3% participation goal. Requirements for demonstrating that this good faith effort has been made are included in the Project Manual.

EDGE OF SUCCESS

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"It's hard to feel like what you're doing is adequate or enough because everyone around you is doing so much more," one student says.

Over the course of the film, though, they also gain insights, form bonds and open up about their mental health. The documentary also explores some of the attempts at improving the socio-emotional environment at Gunn, including the addition of a very popular class on positive psychology.

"Everyone wants these kids to feel emotionally OK, to feel safe and respected and acknowledged ... the school district is doing a great job making these resources available," Meak said. "I think it becomes a much more safe space to be able to open up and talk about things."

Meak said her work on the documentary has had an impact on her own parenting, leading her to back way off on any academic pressure. And while she wasn't surprised about the stresses many students feel, she said she was still surprised by the intensity.

"Hearing them talk about the things they're going through and the pressures and all of these things where you look one way to everyone else but deep down you're feeling a different way was really eye-opening," she said.

While awareness of teen mental health issues is higher than it was a decade ago, there is still more work to be done.

"It's going to take a cultural change in terms of how we view education and what success looks like," Basiji said.

The filmmakers said they're thrilled to screen the film at

Cinequest and hope that youth in particular will have the chance to see it.

"I'm like a proud mother hen over these kids," Meak said. "The reason they wanted to be part of the film is they all wanted to make a difference in any way they could for other kids. To make the high school experience a little easier for other people."

"The Edge of Success" screens at Century 20 in Redwood City on Sunday, March 10, at 3:40 p.m. and Sunday, March 17, at 11 a.m. and at the Hammer Theatre in San Jose on Saturday, March 16, at 11:30 a.m. For more information on the film, go to edgeofsuccessmovie.com. Cinequest runs March 5-17. For complete schedule, list and descriptions of films, theater locations and more, go to cinequest.org. ▀

Arts & Entertainment Editor
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ATTACK

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The suspect then grabbed her and pushed her into the bushes along the trail and punched her in the face repeatedly. She said she was able to bite the suspect as he was trying to muffle her screams, police said.

Two people walking on the trail saw the man and shouted at

him, distracting him and causing him to stop the assault. He then reportedly walked away heading south on the trail, police said.

The woman was treated for serious injuries to her face.

Police conducted an "extensive" search of the area with patrol teams and a K-9 unit to find the man but were unsuccessful, according to the statement.

The suspect is described as a 6-foot tall black man between 20 and 30 years old with a slender to medium build. He was wearing a gray Golden State Warriors sweatshirt and was described as having a Caribbean accent.

Anyone with information on the incident or the suspect is asked to contact Detective Robert Medina at robert.medina@mountainview.gov. ▀

CRIME BRIEFS

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SUSPICIOUS MAIL AT GOOGLE

U.S. postal inspectors concluded that suspicious mail sent to a Google building Wednesday, Feb. 20, was not dangerous, following a two-hour hazmat response and a street closure. This was the second mail-related scare at the building in less than three months.

The Mountain View Fire Department and the Mountain View Police Department responded to reports of a "suspicious piece of mail" received at 2690 Casey Ave. shortly before 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 20. About an hour later, the regional U.S. Postal Inspection Service was called in to investigate, and concluded that the mail's contents were not dangerous, according to U.S. Postal Inspector Jeff Fitch.

All three of the involved agencies are tight-lipped on the details of the mail, including whether it was a letter or a package and what was found inside, but stated that it was addressed to Google.

"We responded, working with Google's security team to determine that the parcel's contents

were not hazardous," Fitch said. "Exactly what was in there we're just not releasing, but it was not harmful."

The response lasted approximately two hours and appeared to involve multiple fire department vehicles, including a hazmat rig, two fire engines and a battalion truck, according to the public safety app PulsePoint. Fire department spokesman Robert Maitland declined to confirm which vehicles were on scene.

The police department's role was minimal, mostly limited to traffic control. The intersection of San Antonio Road and Casey Avenue was closed during the investigation and was reopened shortly after officials confirmed that the mail was not hazardous.

In a similar incident, the fire department investigated a suspicious envelope containing an unknown substance at the same location on Nov. 27, later determining that the white powder inside the envelope was not dangerous.

ONE DISPLACED AFTER KITCHEN FIRE

Mountain View firefighters extinguished a small fire

Wednesday, Feb. 20, that broke out in the kitchen of an apartment complex, damaging the unit and prompting an evacuation of the building.

The fire department received a report shortly after 7 p.m. that flames and smoke could be seen coming from the two-story apartment building on the 1200 block of Dale Avenue, located near the southern end of Stevens Creek Trail.

Fire crews found the fire originated from the kitchen of a first-floor unit and extinguished the flames within 10 minutes of arriving at the apartment complex, according to a statement by the fire department.

Occupants inside the apartment building were evacuated during the fire, and one person living in the damaged unit was displaced and elected to stay with friends, fire officials said.

There were no injuries, but one resident was checked for smoke inhalation after he attempted to put out the fire from outside the building with a fire extinguisher.

The cause of the fire is unknown, and damage to the structure is estimated to be \$50,000, fire officials said.

—Kevin Forestieri

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Law and order

ROLLING BACK CANNABIS REGULATIONS WOULD SET A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

By *Ken Rosenberg*

I am proud to call Mountain View home and honored to have served both as a mayor and council member to a community I care about and that I want to see thrive. For these reasons, I feel obligated to speak out about the current City Council's plan to reconsider and roll back rules and regulations on the legal cannabis industry that a strong majority of the City Council, including myself, voted to approve in October 2018 after months of community input, debate and study.

I am not writing out of pride or to simply defend a vote I made on the City Council. I am speaking out because of the very real and dangerous precedent that a vote from the City Council to reconsider and rewrite the rules we approved for the legal cannabis industry would mean for our community, businesses and residents.

Just shy of two years after 68 percent of Mountain View voters (the highest percentage in Santa Clara County) voted to approve the legalization of recreational cannabis in California, the City Council voted 5-2 in October 2018 to conservatively allow for two legal cannabis retail stores and two dispensaries (delivery service only) to serve our diverse city of 80,000 residents. This vote was preceded by

months of public meetings, community input from residents, and detailed studies, statistics and data on the cannabis industry and best practices.

Since our vote allowing for four legal cannabis business permits under strict zoning and operational rules, over 81 percent of Mountain View voters loudly declared in November 2018, with the passage of Measure Q, that they want to tax and realize the community benefits of millions of dollars in potential tax revenues that would be generated by legal cannabis sales; revenues that are currently going to San Jose and Santa Cruz or to support the dangerous and illegal drug market. That's millions of dollars in tax revenues that the City Council could be putting toward our police, firefighters and infrastructure.

And based on the good faith that the city and voters meant what they said when they approved the legalization of cannabis and the four permits, 10 businesses have since filed applications with the city vying for one of four available permits.

But now, the new City Council is considering frustrating the will of Mountain View voters and residents by taking up a vote at its March 5 meeting to revise the legal cannabis permit rules and regulations approved just a few months ago. Not only could this

potentially expose the city to the threat of litigation from any or all of the 10 businesses that have presumably expended considerable time and resources on their applications under the lawful process approved by the council, but it also sets a dangerous precedent. A precedent that the City Council can simply roll back and revise rules, regulations or projects that they have approved in the past, including plans for housing and transportation already in development.

Such a precedent would not only harm our city's reputation and make businesses think carefully before considering joining or expanding in our community, but it would also generate distrust, confusion and unpredictable laws and policies for our residents and businesses.

How can a business expect to operate in an environment where they have followed all of the known laws and policies, have earned approval to commence with their business and operations (often at great expense of time and financial resources), only to find out that at the whim of a newly elected City Council, everything they have done right and by the law can be revised and taken away. It's simply bad policy, bad governing, and bad misrepresentation of the people the City Council is supposed to serve.

Ken Rosenberg is a former Mountain View mayor and City Council member.

Guest Opinion

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

DO RIGHT BY THE COMMUNITY

After reading about the El Camino Healthcare District's plans to purchase five medical clinics in the region ("Hospital board votes to buy five South Bay clinics," Feb. 22), I find it odd that the board won't agree to carry over the current employees. As a health care worker, I know how important it is to have employees who are familiar and trusted by the patients. Without that bond, patient care suffers.

There's no reason for the health care district to abandon those workers who have been dedicated to their patients for so many years. I'm a taxpayer in the district and I want the board to do right by the community: Retain the employees and continue providing excellent patient care. Anything less than that will only create problems for everyone.

Jesus Cortes
Escuela Avenue

HOSPITAL CLINICS PURCHASE

As a taxpayer supported group, the El Camino Healthcare District should care about something more than the bottom line. Mountain View residents finance the district's operations, yet the board is acting like it owes nothing to the community as part of buying these clinics.

I expect the El Camino Healthcare District to operate in the public's interest, and that means providing accessible, affordable and quality health care. So far, the board refuses to keep the current clinic employees. This sends a conflicting message to me.

I am one of those affected workers. My clinic is being purchased by the health care district. With no plan to retain workers like me and fellow coworkers, we have great uncertainty and unease.

Our patients already trust us. They deserve excellent continued care provided by experienced workers who deserve to retain their positions. The community will benefit from this. And now

the board needs to honor its obligations to the community.

Irene Reiko Yoshida
Ada Avenue

GREEN NEW DEAL

Recently a number of young future leaders met with Senator Dianne Feinstein to urge her to support Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Senator Ed Markey's joint resolution for a Green New Deal.

Feinstein attempted a head fake, advocating a watered-down bill that would fall far short of what is needed to avoid what scientists overwhelmingly agree is a looming planetary catastrophe.

Given the senator's long-standing allegiance to her corporate donor base, I was not at all surprised by her statements. But this exchange did make me realize that the Green New Deal vote is a key marker that will reveal which Democrats are ready to take the bold action required to ensure our planet's survival, and which Democrats need to be shown the door.

We just need to look around to see things quickly falling apart. Our fellow citizens in poor and disenfranchised communities like Flint, Michigan, have long been suffering from fouled water and air. But even those fortunate to live in affluence in the Bay Area won't be shielded from rolling global disaster. We have seen this just last winter, when smoke from the Camp Fire clouded our skies and choked us.

Scientists estimate that 150 to 200 plant, insect, bird and mammal species become extinct every 24 hours. This is nearly 1,000 times the "natural" or "background" rate. For these reasons we need to put a stop to regime change wars and maintenance of military empire. We need to start supporting legislation like the Green New Deal so that we can ensure our continued existence as a species, as well as deliver economic justice for our fellow citizens who have been getting the shaft for far too long.

Chris Bedford
Hamilton Avenue

FOOD FEATURE

A BRIDGE TO JAPAN



NIJIYA MARKET IN MOUNTAIN VIEW OFFERS A TROVE OF JAPANESE SPECIALTIES

Story by Elena Kadvany
Photos by Veronica Weber

Nijiya Market's origin story is a familiar one. Longing for the flavors of one's homeland, an immigrant creates a space — a grocery store, a restaurant, a street food stand

— filled with native foods, a taste of the familiar in an unfamiliar place.

In this case, Saburomaru Tsujino came to the United States in 1965. Yearning for Japanese food and chafing against a diet of heavy American hamburgers and steaks, he started ordering

favorite products from Japan. He realized the potential of selling the imported goods and opened the first Nijiya Market in San Diego in 1986. "Niji" means rainbow and "ya" means store in Japanese. The store's rainbow icon represents a bridge between Japan and America, according to



Above: Nijiya Market's shelves are stuffed with imported Japanese items. Top: The Mountain View store's deli sells hot bowls of ramen with rich broth, thin slices of pork and a boiled egg.



An array of sauces and marinades are available at Nijiya Market in Mountain View.

Mountain View store manager Akira Shibuya.

Tsujino, who died in November, took providing Japanese immigrants with a taste of home and educating others about Japanese food culture to the next level. Nijiya grew to a dozen locations, published a food magazine in three languages, opened a 25-acre organic farm, created an internship program and launched its own brand under which rice, dashi, miso and other products are made.

“It all started in hopes of contributing to the local society through Japanese food, and make this wonderful Japanese taste known to the people of America,” Nijiya’s website states. “This enthusiasm became the basis of Nijiya Market.”

Nijiya opened its Mountain View store 20 years ago in an otherwise unremarkable strip mall on El Camino Real. Its aisles are still stocked with mostly direct-from-Japan products: Kewpie mayonnaise, 15 kinds of sesame oil, fresh udon noodles, tamago kani (snack-friendly dried and seasoned baby crabs), monaka (thin mochiko-flour wafers with sweet fillings like red bean paste or matcha), sake, bags of rice from a specialty store in Tokyo,

► See **NIJIYA**, page 20



The produce section includes fruits and vegetables from Nijiya Farm in Southern California.



A takeout nigiri sushi platter offers ebi, tuna, salmon, squid, yellowfin, octopus and tamago.



An assortment of sake lines the shelves at Nijiya Market in Mountain View.

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NIJIYA

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and every flavor of Pocky sticks under the sun.

A produce section at the front of the store carries fresh fruits and vegetables, some from the Nijiya Farm in Southern California — on a recent afternoon, that included nira (garlic chives), myoga (Japanese ginger), yams and burdock root. There's also ample Korean, Chinese and American produce.

The hidden gem of this store is its low-key deli, which churns out some of the better ramen, soba soup and sushi in the area. The Mountain View Nijiya is the only of four Northern California locations that serves hot food.

The tonkotsu ramen (\$8) comes with fresh noodles, thin slices of chashu and an egg. The broth recipe is a secret that manager Akira Shibuya won't reveal, even if you ask nicely. At \$5.50, the sansai soba bowl — assorted pickled vegetables served over a tangle of fresh soba in a cleansing broth — is perhaps one of the Peninsula's best lunch deals. Nijiya also serves curry soup, kakiage (seafood tempura over noodles), karaage and curry rice. Extra toppings like green onion,

noris, and togarashi are humbly offered in self-service tubs with plastic silverware.

Next to the deli is a heavenly cold-food section practically overflowing with fresh sushi, both rolls and nigiri; chirashi; katsu and tamago sandwiches; onigiri; and bento boxes. Nijiya grows and harvests its own rice in the Sacramento Valley.

If you're unfamiliar with Japanese foods, pick up a free copy of Gochiso, Nijiya's glossy food magazine, packed with more than 100 pages of recipes, explanations of ingredients and Japanese history. The 2017 edition includes a history of soba, a feature on the precious Karaimo sweet potato cake and ideas for how to cook with goya, a bitter, bright green, oblong-shaped melon.

Shibuya has worked for Nijiya for a decade, first in Los Angeles and then Northern California. There are Nijiya markets in San Mateo, San Jose and San Francisco; throughout Southern California; and two in Hawaii. The Mountain View store is its own community, he said, particularly for families with young children in the area.

Shibuya grew up in Osaka, Japan, listening to American music (his parents loved The Beatles) and watching American films. He

wanted to come to the United States ever since watching a movie about California — he doesn't remember now what it was called — and decamped for the Golden State after graduating from university at 26 years old.

There are few Japanese foods he misses, he said, because most of them are available at Nijiya Market. "We have, I think, everything," Shibuya said. ▣

■ **DINING NOTES**

Nijiya Market

143 E. El Camino Real,
Mountain View

650-691-1600

nijiya.com

Hours: Monday-Sunday,
9 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Shoppers browse Nijiya Market's selection of noodles and tofu.



The Mountain View store offers tables for eating Nijiya Deli's takeout dishes.



Amhat Chattamanukul rings up a customer at the Nijiya Deli, which serves ramen bowls, soba noodles, curry dishes and karaage.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

MOUNTAIN VIEW WELLNESS AND OUTFITTER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN650949

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Mountain View Wellness and Outfitter, located at 345 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

KATHLEEN M. MCCABE

741 Sunshine Court

Los Altos, CA 94024

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 1, 2019.

(MVV Feb. 15, 22; Mar. 1, 8, 2019)

RAMOS MOBILE AUTO REPAIR

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: FBN650512

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VICENTE RAMOS

1050 Borregas Ave. Spc. 153

Sunnyvale, CA 94089

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/23/2019.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 23, 2019.

(MVV Feb. 15, 22; Mar. 1, 8, 2019)

MBA CLEAN SYSTEM

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: FBN651364

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

MBA Clean System, located at 520 Walker Dr. #54, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

MIGUEL ANTONIO ACOSTA

520 Walker Dr. #54

Mountain View, CA 94043

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/31/2018.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 13, 2019.

(MVV Feb. 22; Mar. 1, 8, 15, 2019)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. FBN651512

The following person(s)/ registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):

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1050 Crestview Dr. #13

Mountain View, CA 94040

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MILTON SARAVIA

1050 Crestview Dr. #13

Mountain View, CA 94040

THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY: An Individual.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 19, 2019.

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Flying off into the sunset

'HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: THE HIDDEN WORLD' CAPS A FRANCHISE

★★★ (Century 16 & 20, Icon)

Not long into "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World," the film's baddie dismisses his enemies by claiming, "They don't have a leader — just a boy." Whether he's right or wrong is the stuff of a film billed as "the epic conclusion" to a series launched nine years ago and last seen in 2014's "How to Train Your Dragon 2."

The DreamWorks Animation trilogy has always been something special, an out-of-left-field surprise that prioritized artfully telling a good story rather than bowing to the presumptions of what makes a hit animated family picture (talking animals, pop song and dance). The third and final installment stays true to form, satisfactorily wrapping

up the story of characters in whom audiences have become invested.

The films' human hero, Hiccup (Jay Baruchel), now reigns as chief of Berk, responsible for the safety of its human and dragon cohabitants. When a new threat emerges in dragon killer Grimmel the Grisly (F. Murray Abraham), Hiccup recalls tales his father (Gerard Butler) told him of a "hidden world." Hiccup determines that this hidden world represents the best chance of long-term survival for the Berkians, and so begins a quest that promises big changes for everyone, but especially Hiccup and his loyal dragon Toothless.

The "boy and his dragon"



UNIVERSAL PICTURES

America Ferrera and Jay Baruchel voice the roles of Astrid and Hiccup in "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World."

dynamic remains front and center, although challenged by both spreading their wings in maturity. "The Hidden World" explores how life and love demand change and sacrifice even for a seemingly inseparable couple. Hiccup and Toothless find themselves in parallel with the young man anticipating marriage to longtime love Astrid (America Ferrera) and Toothless discovering a female "Night Fury" dragon, dubbed a "Light Fury" for her bright, white coloring. Natural instincts triggered, Toothless launches into a

silent-film-style courtship of the Light Fury, shyly and awkwardly making his moves (most notably in an extended, comical mating-ritual sequence with Hiccup acting as Cyrano de Bergerac, lending support from a hiding place).

Toothless' animal instincts and independence threaten the bond between the dragon and Hiccup. Add the formidable, Disney-style villain who just wants Toothless dead, and the picture has plenty of rooting interest and the setup for an emotional payoff. Nothing else really matters here: Cate Blanchett, Jonah Hill and Craig Ferguson reprise their supporting roles without much memorable to do (Kristin Wiig gets a funny sequence where her good-gal motormouth unnerves the bad guy, while disgraced actor T.J. Miller has been discreetly replaced by Justin Ruppel). The most prominent female character this time (the Light Fury) doesn't say a word, but thankfully gets her own heroic moments.

Part of what has always made the "Dragon" movies distinctive is its commitment to grounding the reality of its universe: the aesthetic remains largely photorealistic (with costumes and designs that have drifted ever closer to a geek-pleasing "Game of Thrones" look) and the majestic dragons defiantly non-anthropomorphic. Thrillingly designed action and John Powell's dynamic score contribute to the story's epic sweep. Fans will no doubt weep at this heartfelt conclusion to the trilogy, although its coda promises at least the opportunity for a new trilogy to come (with a franchise this lucrative, it's only a matter of time until it returns). For now, though, the little franchise that could is all grown up and ready to leave the nest, so wipe that tear away and say your goodbyes, kids.

Rated PG for adventure action and some mild rude humor. One hour, 44 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

NOW SHOWING

A Madea Family Funeral (PG)

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

Alita: Battle Angel (PG-13) ★★★1/2

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

Arctic (PG-13) ★★1/2

Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Bohemian Rhapsody (PG-13)

Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Caine Mutiny (1954) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Cold Pursuit (R) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Cold War (R) ★★★1/2

Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Everybody Knows (English subtitles) (R)

Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

The Favourite (R) Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

Fighting With My Family (PG-13)

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

Glass (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Green Book (PG-13) ★★1/2

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

Greta (R) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Gully Boy (English subtitles) (Not Rated)

Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Happy Death Day 2U (PG-13)

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World (PG)

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

Isn't it Romantic (PG-13) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Century 20: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part (PG) ★★★

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

Oscar Nominated Shorts - Live Action (Not Rated)

Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Oscar-nominated Shorts - Animation (Not Rated)

Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Spider-man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG)

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

They Shall Not Grow Old (R) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Total Dhamaal (Hindi with English subtitles) (Not Rated) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

The Upside (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Vice (R) ★★1/2 Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

We're No Angels (1955) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

What Men Want (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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

Century Cinema 16: 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View tinyurl.com/Century16

Century 20 Downtown: 825 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City tinyurl.com/Century20

CineArts at Palo Alto Square: 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (For information: 493-0128) tinyurl.com/Pasquare

Guild: 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (For recorded listings: 566-8367) tinyurl.com/Guildmp

ShowPlace Icon: 2575 California St. #601, Mountain View tinyurl.com/iconMountainView

Stanford Theatre: 221 University Ave., Palo Alto (For recorded listings: 324-3700) Stanfordtheatre.org

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HIGHLIGHT

FOOTHILL MUSIC THEATRE PRESENTS 'BULLETS OVER BROADWAY, THE MUSICAL'

Foothill Music Theatre presents the Tony Award-nominated musical written by Woody Allen about a young playwright whose first Broadway play is financed by a gangster. Thursdays through Sundays, Feb. 28-March 17, times vary. \$12-\$36. Lohman Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. foothill.edu/theatre/bullets.html

THEATER

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'Marie and Rosetta' In its West Coast premiere, the musical play "Marie and Rosetta" shares the saga of musical legend Sister Rosetta Tharpe, who inspired Elvis, Ray Charles and others on her way to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. March 6-31, times vary. \$40-\$100; discounts available. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org

'Shrek the Musical' In this Peninsula Youth Theatre production, Shrek the ogre heads out on an epic quest to save his swamp from Lord Faarquad and the fairy tale creatures he's dumped there, finding a best friend and true love along the way. Thursdays-Sundays, March 9-17, morning and afternoon times vary. \$24. Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 2500 Old Middlefield Road, Mountain View. pytnet.org

CONCERTS

Artist Lonnie Holley: Conversation and Concert Contemporary artist and musician Lonnie Holley talks to Aleesa Alexander, assistant curator of American art, and performs selections from his new album, "MITH." March 8, 5:30 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search museum.stanford.edu for more info.

Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra Program 3 Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra presents Rossini's "Semiramide Overture," Barber's "Concerto for Cello and Orchestra" and Beethoven's "Eroica" symphony. Tickets are good for either date. March 9, 8 p.m., and March 10, 2:30 p.m. \$15-\$25. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

The Saint Michael Trio in Concert The Saint Michael Trio of Robin Sharp (violin), Russell Hancock (piano) and Michel Flexer (cello) performs a mix of classics and contemporary music. March 7, 7:30 p.m. \$35; discount for students. The Woman's Club of Palo Alto, 475 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. womansclubofpaloalto.org

MUSIC

All-Night Vigil Paul Flight leads a 35-member chamber choir, with soloists Gabriela Estefanie Solis and Mark Bonney, in Sergei Rachmaninoff's monumental All-Night Vigil; nine of the vigil's 15 movements are based on Orthodox chant. March 2; pre-concert lecture at 7:15 p.m., performance at 8 p.m. \$10-\$35, with discounts for advance, senior and under-30 tickets. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. calbach.org/season/#rachmaninoff

Stanford Symphony Orchestra and Stanford Symphonic Chorus The Stanford Symphonic Chorus performs Vaughan Williams's "A Sea Symphony" with the Stanford Symphony Orchestra, featuring Marnee Breckenridge, soprano soloist, and Kenneth Goodson, baritone soloist. Conductor Paul Phillips presents the California premiere of his own composition, "Wave," and 2018 concerto competition winner Nnamdi Odita-Honnah is flute soloist for Jacques Ibert's "Flute Concerto." March 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search arts.stanford.edu for more info.

'A Study in Contrasts' John Kendall Bailey, one of the finalists for the position of music director, guest conducts

"A Study in Contrasts," a program featuring pianist Daniel Glover. March 9, 8-10 p.m. \$10-\$22. Cubberly Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Search paphil.org for more info.

Community Singing All voices are welcome to join a singing session of simple songs that describe the connection between people and the Earth. Instructors use the call-and-response teaching method. Ability to read sheet music is not required. March 9, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org/programs/catalog/27-community-singing/region-HV/

Masterworks Young Artist Series A concert by Nova Vista Symphony featuring performances of Antonin Dvorak's "Carnival Overture," Erich Wolfgang Korngold's "Violin Concerto" and Claude Debussy's "Premiere Rhapsody" for clarinet. March 2, pre-show talk at 7 p.m., performance at 7:30 p.m. \$17-\$27; free for ages 12 and under. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Open Mic @ Red Rock Coffee Open Mic Mondays at Red Rock Coffee gives people the chance to sing in front of a supportive audience, meet fellow musicians and performers or simply listen to live music. Sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m., but arrive early to secure a spot. March 4, 7 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org/open-mic/

Trio Continental Concert Flutist Dawn Walker, pianist Aileen Chanco and violinist Elizabeth Prior perform works by famous women composers including Fanny Mendelssohn, Clara Schumann and Lili Boulanger in celebration of Women's History Month. March 2, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts - Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events/trio-continental

Trumpeter Ray Vega in Concert: History of the Latin Tinge Latin jazz virtuoso trumpeter Ray Vega performs with the Stanford Afro-Latin Jazz Ensemble. The concert, "History of Latin Tinge," includes Vega's arrangements of several seminal works by jazz artists such as Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker and John Coltrane, recast with a Latin flavor. March 3, 7-9 p.m. \$23; discounts for seniors, students, advance. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Two Parts of Me - Flamenco Event Flamenco guitarist Antonio Rey presents his latest release, "Two Parts of Me," along with singer and dancer Mara Rey, and showcases dancer Bianca Rodriguez and percussionist Marlon Aldana. March 1, 7:30-9 p.m. \$39. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theflamencosociety.org

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

New Century Festival A showcase of scenes from ballet and dance-drama classics, including "Swan Lake," "Sleeping Beauty" and "White-Haired Maiden." Presented by the Duan Zhao Nan Chinese Opera Art Festival Foundation. March 3, 3-5:30 p.m. \$23-\$88. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. tickets.mvcpa.com/

TALKS & LECTURES

Guy Kawasaki Guy Kawasaki, Silicon Valley author and entrepreneur, talks about the power of self-reflection and his latest book, "Wise Guy," which is filled with personal

stories from his childhood in Hawaii, his education at Stanford University and UCLA, and the ups and downs of working for Steve Jobs. March 4, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, but RSVP requested. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com/upcoming-events

Storytime with Peter H. Reynolds In "Say Something!" artist and author Peter H. Reynolds explores the many ways that a single voice can make a difference in the world. March 3, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

An Evening with Author Elinor Lipman Author Elinor Lipman shares her new romantic comedy, "Good Riddance," investigating who is truly the author of their own story. March 4, 7:30-9 p.m. \$15-\$22, discounts for members and book purchases. Schultz Cultural Arts Hall - Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/Events/good-riddance

Josiah McElheny in Conversation "Island Universe" artist Josiah McElheny talks with David Weinberg, chair of the department of astronomy at Ohio State University. The two collaborated to make the necessary calculations and conceptualize McElheny's installation's forms. March 2, 2-4 p.m. Free. Oshman Hall, McMurry Building, 355 Roth Way, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Presidential Lecture in the Humanities and Arts Prize-winning novelist Zadie Smith in conversation with Henry Elam, vice president of the arts at Stanford University. Part of Stanford's Presidential Lectures in the Humanities and Arts series. March 7, 6:30 p.m. Free; full but additional tickets may become available. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Words and Silences Award-winning poet Naomi Shihab Nye and Ryushin Paul Haller, former abbot of the San Francisco Zen Center, explore how simple engagements with language and stillness can help us find not only our place and path and but also draw us close to blessings beyond knowing. March 8, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Cubberly Auditorium, 485 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Katherine Applegate Author Katherine Applegate shares the first book in her much-buzzed new middle-grade series, "Endling: The Last," about loss of family, a journey through a war-torn kingdom and finding new friends. March 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 74 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event/katherine-applegate-books-inc-palo-alto

FAMILY

A Walk Through The Woods, Spring is Near! STEAM K-5 Fun Day at The Foster in Palo Alto includes a reading of "A Walk Through the Woods" by Louise Greig, viewing Tony Foster's wildlife watercolors and a hands-on project in which children make their own bird nest. All children must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP required. March 9, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Free. The Foster, 940 Commercial St., Palo Alto. thefoster.org/

Bilingual Family Storytime Bilingual storytime in English and Spanish features books, songs and rhymes. March 2, 10:15-11 a.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Search sccl.org/events for more info.

Family STEAM program Participants learn sequencing and mapping with Ozobot robots to navigate the map of the fantasy land Narnia. March 2, 1-2 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Search sccl.org/events for more info.

Finding Identity in Family History Journals for Teens A workshop for teens that encourages them to explore their identity and family connections. Participants should bring pictures and/or mementos to display in the journals that will capture ancestry, special milestones, family interactions and traditions. March 2, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Search sccl.org/events for more info.

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Exhibit Celebrates 90 Years of The Garden Club of Los Altos Los Altos History Museum presents an exhibit of archival photos, historical documents and memorabilia from the The Garden Club of Los Altos' history. Opening reception on March 10. March 7-April 28, noon-4 p.m. Free. J. Gilbert Smith House, Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

Juana Briones Juana Briones was a 19th century woman who overcame personal, economic and political struggles to become a successful entrepreneur, healer, advocate and landowner. The Los Altos History Museum brings her story to awareness in its bilingual exhibit "Inspired by Juana: La Doña de la Frontera." Through March 31, Thursdays-Sundays, noon-

4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org/exhibits/inspired-by-juana/

DANCE

Western Ballet's 'Shadows' "Shadows" features the famous classical suite of "Paquita," performed by the Youth Ensemble, and Vicente Nebrada's "Shadows" and "Doble Corchea." March 2, 3 and 16, times vary. \$25-\$50. Black Box Theater, 914 N. Rengstorff Ave., Unit A, Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

FILM

Kerry Tribe: The Elusive Word Los Angeles-based visual artist Kerry Tribe's film "Critical Mass" (2013) features a re-enactment of a couple's heavily edited argument taken from Hollis Frampton's experimental 1971 film by the same name. Tribe offers modern viewers a fresh look at the struggle to find the words to express how one feels. Feb. 23-April 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

LESSONS & CLASSES

Inclusive Sensory Storytime An interactive and educational program designed for children with sensory integration challenges. It combines books, songs, movement, and therapeutic activities to stimulate all five senses and promote learning. Registration required. Children ages 7 and under must be accompanied by parent or caregiver. March 9, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Search sccl.org/events for more info.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Brenda Woods Award-winning author Brenda Woods discusses her book "The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond," the story of a girl meeting the African-American side of her family and this year's 2019 Silicon Valley Reads selection for school-age students. March 7, 4-5 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.sccl.org

Parent Support Group for Anxiety and Depression Children's Health Council facilitates a support group for parents of children and teens with anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder and challenging behaviors. March 7, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. CHC, 650 Clark Way, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Arbor Day Celebration The city of Mountain View makes trees available for residents to plant in support of the city's forestry restoration efforts. Residents can participate by filling out an application online. March 9, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Pioneer Park, 1146 Church St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/arborday

SPORTS

Palo Alto Senior Table Tennis The Palo Alto Senior Table Tennis Club invites seniors ages 55 and older to bring a racket and pair of tennis shoes to play table tennis. March 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free; suggested \$1 donation. Cubberly Community Center, Gym B, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

BUSINESS

24th Annual Celebration of Leaders The 24th Annual Celebration of Leaders Awards Dinner, hosted by the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce, recognizes and honors outstanding businesses and individuals for their professional and personal achievements, outstanding work and dedication to the community. This event will also include eight local nonprofits who will honor their volunteers of the year. March 1, 6-9:30 p.m. \$175. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Assemblyman Marc Berman's Open House Assemblyman Marc Berman's third annual open house for the public to share their ideas, ask questions and discuss community and legislative matters. Includes light refreshments and short program at 5 p.m. March 7, 4-6 p.m. Free. District office, 5050 El Camino Real, Suite #117, Los Altos. a24.asmdc.org

Mountain View Woman's Club A meeting of the Mountain View Woman's Club, a charitable organization working on community projects. For more info please call Lana at 650-282-5336. March 6, noon. Free. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. mtviewwomansclub.org/index.html

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