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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Demonstrators both pro and con overflowed the Mountain View City Council Chambers Tuesday night as council members considered making changes to rules allowing four marijuana businesses to open in the city.

City Council keeps retail cannabis laws largely intact

TWEAKS WOULD FURTHER RESTRICT WHERE POT SHOPS COULD BE LOCATED

By Kevin Forestieri

Striking a careful balance that shied away from an explosive debate over whether to ditch Mountain View's retail cannabis laws altogether, City Council members

agreed Tuesday night to place more restrictions on where commercial pot can be sold within the city limits.

But the heart of the ordinance itself — allowing up to four retail marijuana businesses within city limits — prevailed

Tuesday night. A motion to scrap the law and ban pot shops fizzled in a 2-5 vote, with Mayor Lisa Matichak and Margaret Abe-Koga in favor and Alison Hicks, Ellen Kamei, Chris

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Police arrest trail attack suspect

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View police arrested a man suspected of brutally attacking a woman on Stevens Creek Trail, leaving her with serious injuries to her face.

Police identified the suspect as 29-year-old Michael Wendy Adonis, a French national currently residing in Mountain View, who was arrested Friday, March 1, on suspicion of attempted murder,

assault with a deadly weapon, robbery and kidnapping, according to a statement from the Mountain View Police Department.

Officers encountered Adonis during a separate incident involving a domestic dispute March 1, and found he matched the description of the trail assault suspect.



Michael Adonis

On Monday, Feb. 25, police received reports that the victim, a Massachusetts woman, was walking down Stevens Creek Trail near Creekside Park around 10 p.m. when she was accosted and attacked. The suspect reportedly pushed her into the nearby bushes and repeatedly punched her in the face, covering her mouth to muffle her screams, police said. A pair of passersby interrupted the

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Storms damage Stevens Creek

TRAIL FACES SHORT-TERM CLOSURES AT HWY. 101 UNDERPASS

By Kevin Forestieri

Relentless rainstorms over the last month have wreaked havoc on Stevens Creek, causing trees to tumble into the creek bed and erosion that — while too far away to affect the trail for now — will require extensive repair work during the summer months.

And although the creek trail isn't facing another long-term closure, the city cut off trail access at the Highway 101 underpass in mid-February to clear out debris and again this week to fix underpass lights.

The worst of the wet and windy weather hit Mountain View last month, when a combination of high tide and 2 inches of rain over four days inundated both Permanente Creek and Stevens Creek, said Tim Youngberg, Mountain View's parks manager. He said flooding prompted the city to close off Permanente Creek Trail on Feb. 14 at the Amphitheatre underpass, while Stevens Creek Trail was closed at the Highway 101 underpass from Feb. 15 through 18.

The hope was to get Stevens Creek Trail opened earlier, Youngberg said, but the high water levels and debris made it unsafe for an extended period of time.

"The amount of rain throughout the continued four-day storm coupled with the high tide double-whammied us," he said.

An additional closure of the trail, again at the Highway 101 underpass, was scheduled for March 6 and 7 to repair trail lighting, according to city officials.

Following inspections by city staff, the Santa Clara Valley Water District is now monitoring multiple "erosion sites" along Stevens Creek caused by the recent storms. The most significant damage is just south of Middlefield Road, where a large portion of the bank — along with a pile of tree branches and debris — collapsed into the creek. Repair work is already in the design phase and will be included in the water district's maintenance projects this summer, according

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Heavy rains have taken a toll on Stevens Creek this winter, with fallen trees and eroded banks that will have to be repaired this summer.

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COURTESY OF DAVID ALLEN

"Bullets Over Broadway the Musical" is playing at Foothill Musical Theatre through March 17.

'BULLETS' OVER FOOHILL

Based on Woody Allen's 1994 dark comedy, "Bullets Over Broadway the Musical" takes a story about mobsters mixing with the cast of a Broadway show and weaves in classic songs from the Jazz Age, creating an amusing, frisky musical that had the opening-night audience at Foothill College hooting and hollering.

Fans of "Guys and Dolls," "Singin' in the Rain" and "The Producers" will find common ground in "Bullets Over Broadway," which takes place in 1929 New York City. Struggling playwright David Shayne (Adam Cotugno) is a starving artist with a long-suffering girlfriend Ellen (Allie Townsend) who thinks his big break might finally be near. He's sure his new play is a masterpiece and Broadway producer Julian Marx (Aaron Hurley) has secured a financial backer in gangster Nick (Steve Repetti). But Nick has one condition: His wannabe-actress paramour Olive (Jocelyn Pickett) needs a role.

Desperate to have his work on the Great White Way, David agrees, despite Olive being utterly, aggressively untalented. The bargain also involves Nick's goon Cheech (Nick Mandracchia) tagging along to keep tabs on Olive. David thinks the deal may be worth it, especially when the production scores glamorous diva Helen Sinclair (Carla Befera) to play the starring role and dashing Warner Purcell (Andrew Ross) as her leading man. Helen is an egotistical alcoholic and Warner is a ladies man with a compulsive eating problem. Another quirky cast member, Eden Brent (Caitlin Papp), tends to speak in Pig Latin and dote obsessively on her tiny dog, Mr. Woofles (played by the adorable, adoptable Pets in Need rescue pup Cardie).

Once his cast is assembled, David has another, bigger problem. While he is convinced that

his work is brilliant, everyone else agrees it's a bit of a stinker: dull, cerebral and full of overwrought, clunky dialogue. Unexpected help comes from the seemingly oafish Cheech, who turns out to have a natural talent. With Cheech's changes, the script becomes a winner, but David has a hard time accepting any ghost writer, much less a murderous mobster. He also finds himself torn between patient Ellen and seductive Helen. As opening day approaches, David spirals into a morality crisis: Does ending up with great art justify nefarious means? And can one separate the art from the artist (an especially interesting question from a work by Woody Allen)?

"Bullets Over Broadway," directed at Foothill by Milissa Carey, is successful in large part due to the delightfulness of its music. Some have lyrics adapted by Glen Kelly to better suit the plot, while others are used in clever ways, such as Cheech crooning the beautiful "Up A Lazy River" whenever he's en route to dump a body into the Gowanus Canal. Sure, a few of the numerous songs are superfluous, but it's all toe-tapping fun, led with aplomb by Louis Lagalante and the rest of the small but punchy orchestra.

The 1920s show-biz setting means costume designer Sharon Peng can have a ball with wardrobe and hairstyles, and the rotating set is put to great use when depicting the cast members in various train cars.

Not every joke lands, but with zippy pacing, strong principals and a great selection of vintage tunes, "Bullets Over Broadway" hits the target.

"Bullets Over Broadway" is playing at the Lohman Theatre, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills through March 17. Go to foothill.edu/theatre/productions for times and ticket prices.

—Karla Kane

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■ **CRIME BRIEFS**

CHILD PORN BUST

A Los Altos man was arrested last week on suspicion of possessing child pornography, police said Tuesday.

Police received reports about the suspect, Jeffrey Rowland, in January from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The “cyber tips” alleged Rowland had child pornography in his possession.

Mountain View and Los Altos police investigated the claims, and Los Altos police served a search warrant at his house last Wednesday, Feb. 27.

Police said they seized child pornography, but did not specify the extent of the evidence. Rowland was booked into Santa Clara County jail.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact Sgt. Brian Jeffrey at 650-947-2770.

—*Bay City News Service*

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■ **POLICE LOG**

AUTO BURGLARY

Hope St. & Villa St., 2/26
600 block W. Dana St., 2/27
W. Dana St. & Hope St., 2/27
200 block Hope St., 2/27
800 block California St., 2/28
500 block N. Rengstorff Av., 3/1
500 block S. Rengstorff Av., 3/1
100 block Hope St., 3/4
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/4
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/4
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 3/4

BATTERY

100 block Santa Clara Av., 3/1

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

1200 block Charleston Rd., 2/28
700 block E. Evelyn Av., 3/2

GRAND THEFT

2500 block Grant Rd., 3/4

INDECENT EXPOSURE

Castro St. & W. El Camino Real, 2/26

PEEPING TOM

1000 block Boranda Av., 3/2

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

600 block Rainbow Dr., 2/26

300 block Sylvan Av., 2/26
400 block Sleeper Av., 2/26
700 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 2/28
500 block Del Medio Av., 2/28
500 block San Antonio Rd., 2/28
400 block Sylvan Av., 3/4

ROBBERY

2300 block California St., 2/27

STOLEN VEHICLE

1100 block Ana Privada, 2/26
San Ramon Av. & Vaquero Dr., 2/26
200 block Ada Av., 2/27
200 block Easy St., 2/27
2200 block Old Middlefield Way, 2/28

VANDALISM

300 block Mariposa Av., 2/25
500 block Walker Dr., 2/25
300 block Mariposa Av., 2/26
200 block Pettis Av., 2/26
2000 block San Ramon Av., 2/26
300 block Easy St., 2/26
200 block Pettis Av., 2/26
1 block Starr Way, 3/1
400 block Bryant St., 3/1

■ **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

ARBOR DAY ADVOCATES THROW A PARTY

The towering sequoia, the craggy oak and the elegant maple — Mountain View will be honoring these trees and many more this Saturday for an Arbor Day celebration.

The family-friendly party at Pioneer Park will include a variety of arts, crafts and educational displays including a tree-climbing demonstration and a variety of exhibits extolling the many benefits of urban trees. City staff are partnering with 17 other organizations to help plan the event. Free hot dogs and beverages will be available until supplies run out.

The Arbor Day Celebration is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 9 at Pioneer Park, 1146 Church St.

Mountain View residents are encouraged to sign up for a free tree through the city. A limited number of trees are available;

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Jannie Quinn, Mountain View's first female city attorney, has announced plans to retire this summer.

City attorney says goodbye

JANNIE QUINN WRAPPING UP 24-YEAR CAREER WITH MOUNTAIN VIEW

By Mark Noack

To hear her describe it, Jannie Quinn never really intended to become a city attorney — it just sort of happened.

As a student at the University of San Diego, Quinn was originally aiming for a career in environmental law. By the time she graduated, her first job was as an insurance litigation attorney at the San Jose firm Robinson & Wood.

One of her first cases involved a trip-and-fall lawsuit in Mountain View, and in collaborating with the city attorney, she learned a little about the job.

"I didn't even know what a

city attorney did," she said. "What I really liked is it was a job where you worked on so many different legal issues — you need to know contract law, public sector law, and you even need to know environmental law."

After a brief stint at San Jose, Quinn — then seven months pregnant — took a job at Mountain View as one of the city's four on-staff attorneys.

Quinn, 55, is now finishing her 24-year career with the city, including a tenure as Mountain View's first female city attorney. Last week, she announced her plans to retire in August in a letter delivered to the City Council.

Quinn described her decision

to leave as bittersweet, and not motivated by anything in particular. The city is in a good place, she said, so it simply seemed like the right time to depart.

Quinn's tenure has been marked in recent years by many challenges, including the breakup of the city's revitalization authority, the implementation of rent control and dozens of legal claims. In addition, her job often involves providing level-headed guidance for elected leaders during late-night council meetings.

In particular, she singles out the immense difficulties that arose when the city's

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Council: Downtown plan needs an update

CITY TO LOOK AT RETAIL, PARKING, HOUSING AND TRANSIT NEEDS

By Mark Noack

The 30-year-old precise plan guiding all development in Mountain View's bustling downtown will be heading back to the drawing board. The decision came at a Tuesday night study session in which all members of the City Council agreed the downtown plan was showing its age and needed a suite of updates.

Council members said they had no interest in completely gutting the precise plan and starting from scratch. Instead, they highlighted the need to address the most pressing issues where the downtown plan was showing signs of inadequacy, including insufficient rules for parking, housing and preservation of historic buildings and retail shops.

Even with that tailored list, the commitment of time and money would be high. City staff estimated a downtown-wide update would cost about \$1.75 million and take up to two years due to the need for a consultant and full-time employee to work on the plan.

It was a complicated discussion made even more difficult by the entrenched and conflicting politics of downtown. The area is the city's focal point for small businesses, mass transit, historic preservation and parking problems.

In last year's election, the group Livable Mountain View proved itself a formidable political force by helping elect Alison Hicks to the council on a platform

largely centered on so-called "smart growth," looking for quality of life through more rigorous downtown development standards. Yet Hicks had to recuse herself from participating in the study session on the downtown precise plan. As downtown residents, Hicks and Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga are both prohibited under conflict of interest rules from making land-use decisions near property they own.

At the discussion Tuesday night, council members tried to figure out which issues could be isolated for specific areas of downtown in order to allow Hicks and Abe-Koga to participate. In particular, the council decided the issue of historic preservation could be sequestered to the northernmost blocks of Castro, Bryant and Hope streets.

But other issues were more challenging to disentangle. Parking, building standards and zoning rules would inevitably bleed into other areas no matter how the council tried to divide it up, said Councilman John McAlister.

"How can you look at just one point, and not see how it's going to affect another part?" he said. "To slice and dice this up doesn't make any sense. We need to take a holistic approach where you can't limit it to certain areas."

Parking could be the most divisive topic in this regard. Small business advocates and nearby residents have said for years that the city's downtown parking supply was woefully inadequate. Yet other environmental-leaning

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Magical Bridge Playground faces funding crunch

ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND'S BOOSTERS HOPING TO FILL \$1 MILLION GAP AHEAD OF SPRING DEADLINE

By Mark Noack

The fundraising drive for the Magical Bridge Playground in Mountain View is facing a heightened sense of urgency as the deadline for the project's grant funding approaches. Boosters say they have less than two months left to close a \$1 million funding gap or else the scope of Mountain View's playground will need to be downsized.

Slated to open in 2021 at Rengstorff Park, Mountain View's Magical Bridge Playground has already drawn huge interest among families and community leaders. The playground style is designed to accommodate as many children as possible, regardless of physical, cognitive or sensory ability. For that reason, the playground has been championed by parents of special-needs children seeking a new inclusive play area.

For nearly a year and a half, the Magical Bridge Foundation and its corps of volunteers have been collecting donations toward the estimated \$4.5 million cost of the playground. As of this week, organizers say they still remain far from that goal, having raised only \$3.5 million. Of the money raised, \$1.7 million came from a Santa Clara County grant, \$1 million was provided by the city of Mountain View, and about \$818,000

came from local companies and foundations. About \$118,000 was raised through individual donations, including a student coin drive at local elementary schools.

Some of the money raised from the playground requires it to open to the public no later than 2021, said Jill Asher, Magical Bridge co-founder.

For that reason, the playground must go into the design phase within the next weeks,

she said. By that point, the playground designers will need to know whether they can afford the original scope of the project, or if they'll need to cut costs. That might mean eliminating some of the playground's specially designed zones, or making the structure smaller in size.

"We'll either have to find a way to get this money, or we'll have to do a \$3.5 million playground,"

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factions have urged the city to shift from a car-centric model by reducing free parking or adding a paid parking system. Speaking at the meeting, former councilman Lenny Seigel pointed out that the downtown area's requirements for parking in effect were telling developers to build more offices because it made housing too expensive.

While the downtown-centered groups didn't agree on parking, they were in alignment in other areas. Sarah Astles, owner of the Opal nightclub, endorsed an idea

to turn the northern blocks of Castro Street into a pedestrian promenade in tandem with the street closure at Central Expressway. Among the priorities highlighted by the City Council, city staff will look into ways to encourage more ground-floor retail, perhaps through some form of subsidy program.

There are currently many projects that could impact the future of the city's downtown. In particular, the city is planning to redesign its downtown transit center to prepare for increased Caltrain ridership and the distant possibilities of statewide high-speed rail or a local automated transit

system. In addition, the California Legislature is revisiting policies to force cities to allow dense housing to be built near mass-transit stations.

Meanwhile, Mountain View planning staff already has a hefty workload, including ongoing work on precise plans for the North Bayshore, Terra Bella and East Whisman neighborhoods.

Mountain View city staffers say they will return to the City Council with a work plan and better cost estimates in the next few months. ■

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ARREST

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attack, and the woman, who bit the hand over her mouth, was able to escape. The suspect reportedly walked away.

Police conducted an extensive search of the area with patrol teams and a K-9 unit to find the attacker but were unsuccessful.

On March 1, officers responded to reports of a fight between roommates, identified as Adonis and a woman, on the 100 block of Santa Clara Avenue. Adonis not only matched the trail attack victim's description, but he had bite marks consistent with those the victim described making as she attempted to escape, police said.

Using a search warrant, officers also found a gray Golden State Warriors sweatshirt in Adonis' home, which witnesses told police the suspect was wearing during

the time of the attack.

Adonis had only been at the residence, located near the trail, for a few weeks, police said.

Adonis is facing additional charges of false imprisonment, criminal threats, assault with intent to commit mayhem or rape and damaging a wireless communication device. He was booked into Santa Clara County main jail on Saturday without bail, and a court date was tentatively set for Wednesday, March 6.

"The quick recognition by the patrol teams and the investigative work by detectives have removed a violent man from the streets," Mountain View police Lt. Mike Canfield said. "And we will do all we can to ensure there is justice for the victim in this case."

Police are still investigating whether there are additional victims. ■

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STEVENS CREEK

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to Valley Water board member Gary Kremen.

A similar incident occurred in January 2017, when an even larger portion of the creek bank sloughed off and caused unsafe conditions on the trail between El Camino Real and Yuba Drive. The resulting trail closure lasted more than a year and a half as erosion worsened in the summer and the trail itself crumbled into the creek. A celebration of the

reopening of the trail was held on Feb. 13, just days before the latest round of storms damaged the creek.

The good news is that the city isn't facing a repeat, Youngberg said. Unlike 2017, the trail is a comfortable distance away from where the cave-in occurred last month, leaving enough of a buffer that it does not present a safety hazard for those traveling on the trail, Youngberg said. ■

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VODKA ROBBERY ARREST

A 23-year-old Santa Clara woman was arrested last week after she allegedly stole liquor from a Mountain View strip mall and pushed a store employee on the way out.

The employee at the Liquor and Food Mart, located at 2339 California St., told officers that the

suspect entered the store around 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27, and went behind the counter, pushed the employee, took a bottle of vodka and left.

The employee was able to give a detailed description of the car used by the suspect, which was stopped by a nearby officer, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The woman was arrested on suspicion of robbery.

—Kevin Forestieri

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Clark, John McAlister and Lucas Ramirez opposed.

The changes accepted by council members, including bigger buffer zones around schools, were surgical compared to the impassioned comments by the huge and deeply divided crowd at the meeting, many of whom advocated for either leaving the law untouched or killing the whole thing. A staggering number of people — more than 130 — spoke to the council over the course of nearly four and a half hours, with attendees spilling out of the council chambers.

A majority of those comments broadly opposed retail marijuana sales in Mountain View, with many calling for no cannabis businesses at all, citing a wide range of statistics and anecdotal stories about how it would ruin the family-friendly feel of the city, increase crime rates and damage the health of children and teens. Many pointed out that Milpitas had reversed course and banned dispensaries in November, and said Mountain View could do the same.

In October, the City Council set Mountain View apart from neighboring cities by voting to allow retail cannabis businesses to open in the city, laying out a lengthy process in which businesses could apply for conditional use permits. The ordinance allows a maximum of four cannabis businesses, of which two can be retail storefronts and two can be “non-storefront” warehouse and delivery businesses that can’t make sales to walk-in customers.

Ten applicants are currently seeking one of those coveted spots through a lottery process, with the lottery scheduled to take place on March 27.

But just four months after approving the retail marijuana law and with the permitting process in full swing, newly elected Kamei proposed last month that the council take a step back and consider more restrictions, and a majority of the council agreed. Kamei insisted at the Tuesday meeting that her decision was not intended to be a political pivot from the prior council, and was instead an acknowledgment that “new information” has come to light and demands a revisit of the pot laws.

In particular, she said a new school proposed at the San Antonio shopping center left her uneasy about the area being a permitted zone for marijuana businesses, and that it may be worth enlarging the 600-foot buffer between cannabis businesses and all schools in the city, both public and private.

The decision to revisit the pot laws drew fast criticism,

particularly from former council members. Former councilman Lenny Siegel, who lost his bid for re-election, said new council members Kamei and Hicks never took a clear stance on commercial cannabis or suggested they would seek to revise the law. Weakening the cannabis business laws after campaigning against them would be one thing, Siegel said, but it’s quite another to propose surprise changes.

Despite the limited scope envisioned by Kamei, a groundswell of residents saw the March 5 meeting as an opportunity to drastically restrict marijuana businesses in Mountain View or ban cannabis sales altogether, reversing what they considered a huge misstep by the council in October.

“It will hurt the safety of our community,” said one woman. “I am seriously thinking of moving away from Mountain View even though I really like it and it is (my) hometown for almost 10 years.”

Some speakers argued that Mountain View, by being the only city between San Jose and Redwood City to allow marijuana businesses, would suddenly become a destination for an unsavory crowd, while others felt that Mountain View’s decision undermines the moratoriums of its neighbors.

“Right now there is a plan to open a drugstore in my backyard, and I don’t like that, and that will make all the past efforts by Sunnyvale council and Sunnyvale residents to fight against (marijuana) ... go to waste,” said one man, shortly before accusing his opponents of having neurological damage caused by marijuana use.

Some of the most vocal critics against cannabis businesses in Mountain View have rallied behind a group called Better Mountain View, describing itself as an organization of volunteers objecting broadly to legal marijuana sales within the city’s limits. A notice distributed by the group ahead of the March 5 meeting warned that the businesses would increase crime rates, threaten traffic safety and expose children and teenagers to drugs.

Speakers from both sides traded a dizzying number of data points and statistics at the meeting, much of it coming from Colorado and Washington. In numerous nearly identical letters sent to the council prior to the meeting, residents quoted data from former U.S. Attorney Bob Troyer, who claims that black market sales, youth marijuana usage and marijuana-related traffic fatalities are all up since legalization. These figures have been criticized as either misleading or incorrect.

Nearly 68 percent of the city’s voters supported Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, in 2016, and 81 percent of Mountain View voters approved a tax on commercial cannabis sales by voting yes on Measure Q in November. Supporter of retail marijuana in Mountain View point to this as proof that a silent majority supports cannabis sales, while opponents argue that it would be disingenuous to think those yes votes amount to a resounding endorsement of dispensaries.

Jackie McGowan, a representative from the public policy firm K Street Consulting, said the debate in Mountain View is a part of a larger issue: that marijuana is now legal to purchase, but 80 percent of the 482 cities and 58 counties in California still do not allow legal purchases within their jurisdictions. She said all eyes across the state are now on Mountain View as it weighs a potential reversal.

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ANDREW GASPERINI

“I find it very concerning that a vocal minority continues to persuade local elected officials to thwart the will of the voters,” McGowan said.

Mountain View resident Andrew Gasperini said voters made it overwhelmingly clear, more than once, that they are okay with retail marijuana within the city limits, and that he doesn’t buy the argument that downtown Mountain View would be less family-friendly with a cannabis store. Plenty of businesses serve alcohol and bar entry for anyone under the age of 21, he said, and retail cannabis wouldn’t be any different.

“Given the fact that marijuana has garnered almost twice as many votes as every single one of you council members every time it has been on the ballot, I seriously think you should consider your course of action,” he said.

Councilman Clark said he was fully prepared to adjust the retail marijuana law based on “new information,” which he said includes the San Antonio school proposal and the 10 applications received by the city, but he urged the council to avoid tearing up the ordinance passed in October. He said the city has an ongoing tradition, when a new council is sworn in following an election, to “respect” past decisions and avoid

pending years of work.

“When we voted to start going down the path of adding housing in North Bayshore, we didn’t rip up the (North Bayshore) Precise Plan that the prior council just passed,” Clark said. “We didn’t institute moratoriums, we didn’t pull permits from people who have started investing in the process.”

“Regardless of how one feels about cannabis or votes that occurred in the past, what we should focus on here is new information that we’ve received,” he said.

Councilwoman Abe-Koga, who made clear from the outset that she opposed marijuana businesses in Mountain View, took a different approach and made the failed motion to reject the law and ban the businesses within city limits. She said she questioned whether Mountain View would really get anything positive out of allowing cannabis businesses, and said her vote on Proposition 64 was for decriminalization — not for stores in her neighborhood.

“We have not voted as a city to allow cannabis shops here,” she said. “Let’s be clear on what we voted on.”

Abe-Koga also criticized people, including Siegel, who she believes turned the debate over marijuana into a racial issue because of the significant number of Chinese-American residents who oppose the law. She claimed she was asked by Siegel why Asian people oppose pot and that she didn’t know how to answer. It feels like stereotypical comments have pushed a narrative that the opposition is a vocal minority of mostly Chinese residents, she said.

“If 50 white people show up to talk about housing, we say that was a lot of people and we listen to them. But if we have 300 Asian people show up, why is there this question about whether they live here or if they’re a minority or not? I really take offense to that,” Abe-Koga said. “This is not a racial issue, and somehow it has been made to be one.”

After the meeting, Abe-Koga told the *Voice* that a large number of Asian-American parents were galvanized by the issue and got involved in city politics, many for the first time, and that it was a strong grassroots community effort. For whatever reason, she said, the ethnicity of this opposition group was suddenly a factor, and it reached a point Tuesday night where residents had to qualify their comments by identifying themselves as supporters of cannabis shops even though they are from the Chinese community.

“There are a lot of racist undertones in this conversation,” Abe-Koga said.

Compromises on the way

All of the City Council’s actions at the March 5 meeting must come back for a second vote, but council members did agree on several changes that would restrict where cannabis businesses could be located — all while preserving the maximum of four businesses.

Two ideas put forth by Clark that ultimately won majority support were to allow only one retail cannabis store in downtown Mountain View, and to require a half-mile buffer between any two pot businesses. Prior to the 10 applications being submitted in February, Clark said he didn’t expect so many interested businesses to be clustered tightly in the downtown corridor, and that his goal is to spread them out.

“I should have seen it coming, and I regret that I didn’t before,” Clark said.

Kamei proposed removing the city’s San Antonio Precise Plan area from the allowed areas for retail marijuana businesses, which passed 6-0, with Ramirez recused due to a potential conflict of interest.

The most closely divided vote was over Abe-Koga’s proposal to boost the size of buffers between cannabis businesses and “sensitive” land uses, including schools, substance abuse rehabilitation centers and churches. She said San Jose has 1,000-foot buffers between marijuana stores and schools and 150-foot buffers from places of religious assembly, and Mountain View ought to follow what has worked in San Jose.

Clark argued that the larger buffers make sense for San Jose because it’s more than 10 times larger than Mountain View, saying that it would exclude large swaths of the Mountain View. The motion passed 4-3 with Clark, Hicks and McAlister opposed.

One major challenge in making changes to the law is that 10 businesses are already going through the application process, with a lottery scheduled March 27 to determine which four will move forward. City staff couldn’t say for sure at the meeting whether the council needed to adopt an urgency ordinance to suspend the permitting process until the law is amended.

Clark said his goal is to avoid amending the law in ways that unfairly hurts applicants who have poured time and resources into the process.

“I just don’t want to get into a situation tonight where people who really invested time and money based on a prior decision that was made, whether we as a current council feel that was a good decision or not, are sort of being punished,” he said. ▣

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PLAYGROUND

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Asher said. “It will still be wonderful, but it won’t be as good.”

The frustration being felt by the playground advocates was on full display at last week’s Mountain View City Council meeting. Magical Bridge board chair Joyce Reynolds-Sinclair pressed the city to help bridge the funding gap before what she described as an April 1 deadline. Reynolds-Sinclair pointed out that Morgan Hill and Sunnyvale had contributed about twice as much as Mountain View toward building their own

Magical Bridge playgrounds.

“Mountain View has not yet allocated its fair share,” she said. “We’re only asking for parity from Mountain View in support of this project, which helps vulnerable populations.”

The comments did not elicit any response from the City Council, at least in public. Multiple city leaders later told the nonprofit they were not pleased with the sudden pleas for more money.

Speaking on Friday, March 1, Asher walked back those comments from her board chair, saying it was not their intention to badger the city into providing

the money. She explained that corporate fundraising in Mountain View turned out to be much more challenging than expected. Asher also later clarified that the group hopes to move into the design phase by late May.

“I don’t want people to feel discouraged,” she said. “If we had to go into design today, we still be able to do it, and it would be magical.”

More information about the Magical Bridge Foundation can be found on the group’s website, magicalbridge.org. ▣

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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—Mark Noack

MENTAL HEALTH RUNNING CLUB

A running club that offers a safe and confidential place to talk about mental health each week has been circulating through Mountain View, and it’s looking for new members.

Run Talk Run is part of a global effort to bring people together and help them intertwine healthy exercise and getting troubles off their chests. Mountain View’s version kicks off at 5 p.m. at Cooper Park every Wednesday, and the hope is to create a safe space for attendees to talk about whatever is on their mind, said Kjersti Nelson, who runs the local Run Talk Run.

Nelson, a marriage and family therapist, said the event is not free group therapy but still has plenty of mental health benefits — particularly the combination

of regular exercise and the sense of community. Running can be a natural time for people to open up, building rapport by sweating it out together.

“Runners kind of get the concept that when you’re running with people you are spilling your guts to them,” Nelson said.

Since launching in November, Nelson said she’s had a handful of people show up and that transplants in particular seem more interested in attending. Globally speaking, she said it seems like millennials are more likely to be drawn to Run Talk Run, but people of all ages and physical capabilities are invited.

Anyone interested can meet near the Cooper Park playground, Chesley Avenue at Yorktown Drive, at 5 p.m. Attendees typically chat before starting the run at 5:15 p.m.

—Kevin Forestieri

CHAMBER HONORS BUSINESSES, NONPROFITS

At the 24th annual Celebration of Leaders Awards Dinner on March 1, the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce

recognized businesses and individuals for their contributions to the community. The event also featured eight local nonprofits who honored their Volunteers of the Year.

Nominees were judged on the success of the business, their engagement with the community and their chamber involvement. Chamber membership is not a prerequisite for nomination or recognition.

This year’s award recipients are: Young, Craig & Co. (Outstanding Business), Community School of Music and Arts (Outstanding Nonprofit Organization) and Ken Rosenberg, Morgan Stanley (Outstanding Business Person).

The volunteers honored are: Michael Couch (Community School of Music and Arts), Cathy Lazarus (Community Services Agency), Rhonda Farrar (Friends of Stevens Creek Trail), Dave Kocharhook (KMVT 15), Lynne Hansen (Leadership Mountain View), Mike Quan (Mountain View Firefighters Random Acts), Pete De La Ossa (Mountain View Public Safety Foundation) and Ruth Patrick (WomenSV).

—Angie Wang

CITY ATTORNEY

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revitalization authority was broken up in 2011 as part of a state-wide reform by then-Gov. Jerry Brown. Dissolving the agency and redistributing its assets took two years and required forming a new oversight committee, she said.

She credits that experience with preparing the city for other impactful policy changes. In particular, the passage of rent stabilization required a similar setup of a new committee and exhaustive legal research.

In general, the job has only gotten harder over the years, she said. Cities must constantly adapt to a growing set of

codes and regulations coming from state and federal agencies. Meanwhile the city attorney’s office has barely grown — today it is an eight-person department but still limited to four attorneys.

In her position, Quinn also became one of the city’s best compensated employees. As of last year, her annual salary was more than \$264,000.

What kind of person should Mountain View look for in a new city attorney? Quinn found that question hard to answer.

“It’s going to have to be someone who’s a good listener and enjoys working with people,” she said. “Plus you have to be aware of the particular issues facing Mountain View.”

The city attorney is one of only three City Hall positions, along with the city manager and city clerk, that are directly appointed by the City Council. Council members began discussions for hiring a replacement at their March 5 meeting. ▣

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Class Guide



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cultivate painting and sculpting techniques, we've got you covered. Our guide provides information on a variety of classes ranging from acting to language courses to music lessons for almost every instrument you can think of. And of course, we've included classes for the kids, from sports academies to preschools. No matter what kind of growth you're looking for, this guide is a good place to start.

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DANCE

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In tackling the housing crisis, cities are stronger together

By Jeremy Hoffman

The Bay Area's housing crisis is a regional problem. Cities can't solve it alone, and now they don't have to. We have the chance to fix the housing crisis by coming together at the regional and state level. We should seize the opportunity.

Let's review how bad things are. California used to build enough homes for its growing population, but over decades we've fallen short by a staggering 3.5 million homes. San Francisco, San Jose, Oakland, and Los Angeles are in the top seven highest-rent cities in the U.S. Here in Mountain View, median sale price of homes nearly doubled in the past five years; one-bedroom rents rose 35 percent in the past year. In Silicon Valley, a quarter of tenants spend more than half their income on rent.

Since 2010, the Bay Area has added seven times more jobs (722,000) than housing units (106,000). With nowhere to live near their jobs, Bay Area workers move further and further away. Hundreds of thousands suffer soul-crushing mega-commutes, and all of us suffer from traffic and car exhaust. Others pack themselves into residences in violation of safety codes or become homeless, sleeping in cars and RVs.

Cities have wielded their power over land

use to say yes to jobs and no to housing. They believe it's in their own interest, because offices and stores boost local tax coffers, while residents consume costly services like schools. Each city wants some other city to be the bedroom community for its workers. This is irrespon-

sible and unfair. When Menlo Park, Palo Alto and Mountain View add tens of thousands of jobs without housing, they drive up rents in East Palo Alto, where one in four students is now homeless.

How do cities restrict housing? First, they've actually made it illegal to build anything other than single-family homes in most residential areas, even next to the North Berkeley BART station. Second, new multi-family homes are delayed and downsized by years of discretionary reviews, burdensome fees, and frivolous objections, like a four-month study to confirm that a laundromat does not merit historical preservation.

The individual actions of hundreds of cities over decades got us into this mess. If we leave it up to individual cities, it would take them decades to fix it. And that's assuming they'll even try.

Fortunately, there is a way forward. After 18 months of deliberation, the blue-ribbon Committee to House the Bay Area produced the Casa Compact, "A 15-Year Emergency Policy Package to Confront the Housing

Crisis in the San Francisco Bay Area." The compact's three pillars are produce, preserve, protect — produce more housing, preserve existing affordable housing, and protect residents from displacement. Specific provisions include tenant protections, funds for affordable housing, streamlining regulations that inhibit new housing, and focusing growth near transit to reduce traffic.

If enacted by the state Legislature, the compact will provide affordable housing opportunities for hundreds of thousands of our Bay Area neighbors of all income levels. Unlike the status quo of sprawl and mega-commutes, it will protect natural lands and save energy and water with walkable neighborhoods and green buildings — critical measures in California's fight against global warming. Unlike the status quo of local control, it will actually work, and it will be fair — each city will be held to the same standard and follow the same best practices.

Understandably, some local leaders are uncomfortable giving up even an ounce of direct control. Some residents support some provisions but feel uncomfortable about others. But if we wait for solutions to this systemic housing shortage that don't make anyone uncomfortable, we'll be waiting forever. And waiting is something that our neighbors paying half their income on rent cannot afford.

Jeremy Hoffman is a Mountain View homeowner.

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

THE HOUSING CRISIS

We can all agree that the housing issue is a crisis here in Mountain View. Regardless if people are employed or not, they simply can't afford a two-bedroom apartment in our city. This is very sad for those of us who have been here many years and witnessed this change. Together, we need to work out different solutions to help ease this crisis.

San Francisco and San Jose are issuing permits to build affordable housing to alleviate this problem. It's interesting that our city appears to be only interested in new developments. New housing is a fine idea; however we need to be sensitive to the price tag of a two-bedroom condo and/or the monthly rent of such units.

Every summer after graduation, lots of young people with bright futures flood to our city in search of promising jobs in technology and science. These graduates have worked hard and have accumulated heavy student debt. They want to make Mountain View their home. Then reality hits, the high price of housing.

Last year I attended a City Council meeting where someone suggested that the city issue permits to allow owners of R2 lots to build "in-law units," space permitting. This would be less costly for the owners and also a way to ease the housing crisis. Food for thought.

*Stephanie Austin
Paul Avenue*

COMMON-SENSE POLICY

Climate change is happening here and now, and as a young person, I'm terrified. I'm 20 years old and am afraid for the kind of world I will grow into — and the world that my children will have to face in 2100 and beyond. I'm concerned about the front-line communities already experiencing the worst effects of climate change and the imbalances of power that led to this crisis only reproducing themselves as the global south industrializes.

The latest climate report from the UN says we have only 12 years to transform our economy to preserve the stable climate human civilization has depended on for millennia. We need a

massive mobilization of every sector of society on par with what science and justice demand.

A Green New Deal will keep Americans safe from climate change and create millions of green jobs. It is common-sense policy that is overwhelmingly popular with the American people, regardless of political party or where they live.

Any presidential candidate who wants to be taken seriously on climate and earn the support of young people needs to support Rep. Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Markey's resolution.

*Matthew Mellea
Los Altos Hills*

A BEAUTIFUL WORLD

The homeless shelter at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Mountain View has opened for the second year. This shelter is dedicated to single women and children.

This is my second year volunteering at this facility. I met some familiar faces as well as new ones. They all wish to have the same things that any human wishes to have — a roof above

their head to keep them warm and full stomachs. We are grateful that the church is so generous to provide its space for this good cause. Santa Clara County has provided the necessary funding for this program. Many volunteers and organizations provide (for the shelter) and serve food there.

Jodi Hermon from HomeFirst is the manager for this facility. Her tireless effort is commendable; she always listens to their issues and provides solutions, and makes sure this is a safe environment with comfort. Under her leadership, staff and volunteers all follow her to ensure the daily operations run smoothly.

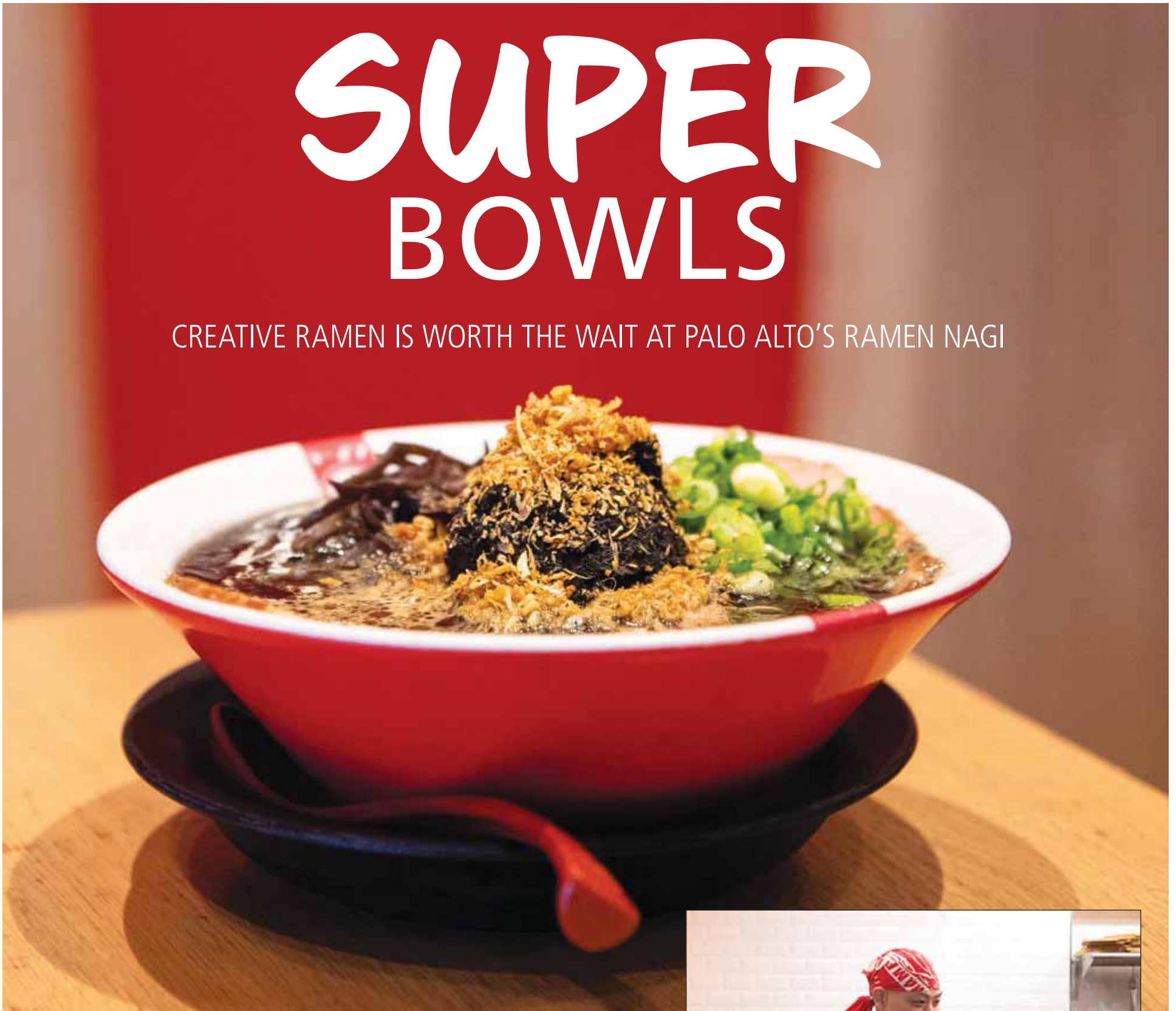
On Wednesday, Feb. 27, it was my day to volunteer to serve dinner and I was so pleasantly surprised to see a group of volunteers from our city, who brought ample delicious and healthy food with a smile. Our guests were very appreciative and enjoyed the feast. They gave a round of applause! This indeed is a beautiful world.

*Rae Tso
Centre Street*

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

SUPER BOWLS

CREATIVE RAMEN IS WORTH THE WAIT AT PALO ALTO'S RAMEN NAGI



Story by Monica Schreiber | Photos by Magali Gauthier

After several visits to Ramen Nagi in downtown Palo Alto — the first U.S. location for the Japan-based chain — I vow to never again stand in line to get into a restaurant. I won't get back those hours of my life, and yes, it is all a little over-hyped, but I came away a fan. Ramen Nagi, which manages to be both trendy and traditional, is a case study in what can go right when a chef channels all his culinary energies into a

single, beloved comfort dish.

We are talking about steaming, deeply flavorful bowls of noodle-and-broth goodness, prepared with assembly-line efficiency and brought to your table by friendly young servers. The pork-centric selections, all dubbed "kings," are sizable and prices are fairly reasonable, at least if you don't populate your bowl with too many extra ingredients. The original king is \$13.50. The other four are \$14.50: black (squid



Above: Daniel Tsow, the manager of Ramen Nagi in Palo Alto, tosses a ball of cooked noodles before putting it in a bowl. **Top:** A bowl of black king ramen gets its distinctive color from black garlic and squid ink, and is topped with a ball of minced pork and black sesame seeds.

ink), red (spicy), green (basil) and veggie.

Customization is the defining feature of Ramen Nagi. Diners choose the strength of flavor, amount of oil, level of garlic and even the desired cook time for the noodles. You write your selections on the “omotenashi sheet,” a reference to a distinctive form of Japanese hospitality that mandates hosts devote themselves wholeheartedly to their guests. The forms streamline the ordering process and you’ll usually be happily slurping within about 10 minutes.

Founded by chef Satoshi Ikuta in 2004, Ramen Nagi now has more than 40 outposts across Asia, but just one other shop (so far) in the United States, at San Jose’s Westfield Valley Fair mall. It opened in December, six months after Palo Alto.

Nagi means “calm” or “tranquil,” and the 60-seat restaurant indeed manages to stay composed and orderly despite the constant rotation of diners. There is an animated buzz in the sunny, red-and-black dining room. You won’t feel rushed to turn over your table even if ramen is supposed to be eaten fairly quickly.

With the exception of the veggie king, each bowl starts with a slow-simmered tonkotsu broth as its base. The pork bone broth is said to be cooked for more than 20 hours, resulting in a robust and earthy flavor.

I went for a red king on my first visit, selecting normal levels of oil, salt, garlic and spiciness, along with thin, firm noodles. Now I know to go up a level on the spiciness, as “normal” had very little kick. The savory broth turns a deep, velvety red with the addition of red chili oil and red miso. Long, egg noodles, flash-boiled in purified water for less than a minute, shared the bowl with several intensely flavorful ingredients, including a salty ball of miso-infused minced pork, tree mushrooms and tender pork belly.

I would have expected a marinated, Japanese-style soft-boiled egg to come as a standard ingredient, but rather annoyingly, the egg (so critical to the ramen experience!) is an add-on (\$1.75).

The vegetarian king was created specifically for meat-eschewing Californians and is found only at Ramen Nagi’s Palo Alto and San Jose locations. The cauliflower- and onion-based broth was a little on the salty side (I selected the normal level of flavor). The accompanying hash brown patties — a creative stand-in for meat — had to be plucked quickly from the broth where they were rapidly turning into a goopy mess, but otherwise



Customers line up for lunch outside of Ramen Nagi’s downtown Palo Alto restaurant.

this was a deeply satisfying, nourishing bowl of hard-to-find vegetarian ramen.

Squid ink and black miso turn the black king the color of tar. I could only eat half a bowl, punctuated with green onions, tree mushrooms and a salty, minced pork, before giving up in the face of its sheer ugliness and slightly sweet, fish-forward flavor. The black king is an intense, rather intimidating experience and was not for me, though I did make sure none of the divine noodles remained in the dark depths of the broth.

Ramen Nagi goes full-on fusion with the green king. This Japanese-Italian culinary mash-up was delicious, if also a little salty (again, I selected the “normal” level of flavor). The vibrant green broth worked well with thick, firm noodles. A sprinkle of Parmesan cheese and chunks of thick bacon made for a bold, creative expression of ramen and spoke to Ramen Nagi’s tagline: “Universal Noodle Creators.”

One of my favorite offerings was the complimentary and addictive black pepper bean sprouts. They are among an array of condiments and seasonings, including seaweed vinegar, pickled vegetables and fish powder, conveniently placed on

each table to further enhance the customization options. Also on each table: a box of tissues in lieu of napkins, in keeping with how things are often done in Japan.

To avoid the longest lines, try going on a Monday. Otherwise, make sure your phone is charged or have a good book with you. ■

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT EUGENE WINGARD, JR. Case No.: 19PR185207

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERT EUGENE WINGARD, JR.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: GEORGE BREEDEN WINGARD AND WESLEY LLOYD WINGARD in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

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The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS



MARVEL STUDIOS

Brie Larson stars in "Captain Marvel."

High-flying heroine

MEET BRIE LARSON'S 'CAPTAIN MARVEL'

★★★ (Century 16 & 20, Icon)

The 21st film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe shows that the more things change, the more they stay the same. "Captain Marvel" introduces Marvel Studios' first headlining female hero, but her origin story doesn't diverge far from Marvel's successful "house style" of sci-fi MacGuffins. Watching this obscure hero give rise to another franchise-building, smash-hit movie will leave viewers marveling at Marvel once again.

For this film, Marvel enlisted top talent in front of and behind the camera. Indie stalwarts Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck ("Half Nelson," "Sugar") may be Marvel's unlikeliest directorial hires yet, but the savvy choice puts a woman behind the camera for "Captain Marvel" (a la DC's "Wonder Woman") and guarantees at least a certain amount of dramatic weight to a genre that can easily run away with action melodrama.

Oscar-winner Brie Larson ("Room," "Short Term 12") stars as Vers, a superpowered

amnesiac inhabitant of the planet Hala and member of an elite military unit one might as well call Seal Team Kree. The Kree people are at war with the shape-shifting Skrulls, and when Vers literally falls to Earth, her visions of once being an Air Force test pilot there intensify. Is she Vers, or is she Carol Danvers? Or could she somehow be both? The identity crisis storyline crafted by Boden, Fleck and co-screenwriter Geneva Robertson-Dworet follows our hero as she discovers who she is and what she can do.

Because the story unfolds largely on 1995 Earth (a.k.a. "Planet C-53"), Boden and Fleck pepper the film with cheeky references (Vers lands in a Blockbuster Video, where she promptly photon-blasts the head off of an Arnold Schwarzenegger display and peruses a VHS copy of "The Right Stuff").

With top directors and a cast that includes Ben Mendelsohn, Oscar-winner Larson, Oscar-nominee Samuel L. Jackson and multiple Oscar-nominees

Annette Bening, Jude Law and Djimon Hounsou, one wonders when Marvel will run out of prestige talent to throw at comic-book movies. For now, we can be grateful that Boden and Fleck manage to inject some considered if corny thematic moments illustrating human resilience and suggesting at least one gender advantage on Carol Danvers' side (she's not beholden to foolish pride).

"Captain Marvel" also qualifies as an anti-war story that blurs the line between good guys and bad, while also slipping in a feminist smackdown here, a sly Trump rebuke there. At times, the formula can make the picture feel a little bland, and the humor tips over into cutesy when it comes to hero cat "Goose." But the not-so-secret recipe still satisfies, while providing a sturdy origin launchpad for a new hero.

Rated PG for adventure action and some mild rude humor. Two hours, 4 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

■ NOW SHOWING

A Madea Family Funeral (PG-13) 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.

Apollo 11 (Not Rated) Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

Arctic (PG-13) ★★1/2 Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Bohemian Rhapsody (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Captain Marvel (PG-13) ★★★
Century 20: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

Cold War (R) ★★★1/2 Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Everybody Knows (English subtitles) (R)
Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

Fighting With My Family (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.

How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World (PG) ★★★
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

Isn't it Romantic (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part (PG) ★★★ Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
Century 20: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

North by Northwest (1959) (Not Rated)
Stanford 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.

To Catch a Thief (1955) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

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

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

The Wedding Guest (R) Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

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

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Century Cinema 16: 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View
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Stanford Theatre: 221 University Ave., Palo Alto
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HIGHLIGHT

'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 fairytale 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

THEATER

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-Sundays, through March 17; times vary. \$12-\$36. Lohman Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. foothill.edu/theatre/bullets.html

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. Through March 31; times vary. \$40-\$100; discounts available. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Search theatreworks.org for more info.

CONCERTS

Early Music Singers: Thomas Tallis and Friends The Early Music Singers present their winter program, performing works by Thomas Tallis, Parsons, Sheppard, White and Byrd. March 13, 7:30-9 p.m. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

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. museum.stanford.edu

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. brownpapertickets.com

Soli Deo Gloria performs 'Her Harmonies' Soli Deo Gloria performs a Fanny Mendelssohn cantata, Josef Rheinberger's "Stabat Mater" and Franz Josef Haydn's "Harmoniemesse." March 10, 3:30 p.m. \$26; discounts for seniors, students. Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverley St., Palo Alto. sdgloria.org/

MUSIC

'A Study in Contrasts' John Kendall Bailey guest conducts "A Study in Contrasts," a program featuring pianist Daniel Glover. March 9, 8-10 p.m. \$10-\$22. Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paphil.org

Community Singing In this 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

TALKS & LECTURES

Lauren Markham and Human Rights Watch on Immigration Two local investigators, author Lauren Markham and Human Rights Watch senior researcher Clara Long, will discuss the state of human rights at the United States' southern border, particularly for young migrants. March 11, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$20; \$40 with book; discount for students. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Alberto Savoia at Books Inc. Mountain View Google innovation agitator emeritus Alberto Savoia discusses his book, "The Right It: Why So Many Ideas Fail and How to Make Sure Yours Succeed." March 14, 7-9 p.m. Books Inc. Mountain View, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net

Dan Hinkley: From Shadows to Sun, The Making of Windcliff Nurseryman and garden designer Dan Hinkley reveals his process for designing his latest endeavor,

the gardens of Windcliff. March 13, 7:30-9 p.m. Los Altos Youth Center, 1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Matthew O. Jackson at Books Inc. Palo Alto Professor of economics at Stanford University Matthew Jackson discusses his book, "The Human Network: How Your Social Position Determines Your Power, Beliefs, and Behaviors." March 13, 7-9 p.m. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 74 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto. booksinc.net

POST's Wallace Stegner Lecture with Joel Sartore Peninsula Open Space Trust presents an evening with photographer and founder of the National Geographic photo ark Joel Sartore. March 12, 8-9:30 p.m. \$40; discount for students. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

'Refugee Crisis: Worldwide and at Home' with Speaker Sally Lieber San Mateo County Democracy for America and Dean Democratic Club of Silicon Valley present a talk exploring the plight of refugees and asylum-seekers. March 11, 6:30-9 p.m. The Garden House at Shoup Park, 400 University Ave., Los Altos. smcdfa.org/calendar

Sunita Puri at Books Inc. Palo Alto Essayist and assistant professor of clinical medicine at the University of Southern California Sunita Puri presents her memoir, "That Good Night: Life and Medicine in the Eleventh Hour." March 11, 7-9 p.m. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net

Words and Silences Poet Naomi Shihab Nye and Ryushin Paul Haller, former abbot of the San Francisco Zen Center, explore how to belong to your own lexicon, engage intimately with silence, and listen to yourself and all that is given. March 8, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Cubberley Auditorium, 485 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu

FUNDRAISERS

CSA Empty Bowls Soup Supper XXVIII The Soup Supper fundraising event benefiting the homeless services prevention program of Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos features soup, salad, cake and beverages; a pottery boutique; and activities for children. There will be two seatings. March 10, 3-6:30 p.m. \$35; discounts for children under 12 and seniors. Central Day Adventist Church, 1425 Springer Road, Mountain View. csacares.org/events/

FAMILY

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, a viewing of Tony Foster's wildlife watercolors and a hands-on project in which children make their own bird nests. 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

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 Garden Club. 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 The Los Altos History Museum presents the bilingual exhibit "Inspired by Juana: La Doña de la Frontera" about Juana Briones, a 19th century woman who overcame personal, economic and political struggles to become a successful entrepreneur, healer, advocate and landowner. Through March 31, Thursdays-Sundays, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

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 16, 6 p.m. \$25-\$50. Black Box Theater, 914 N. Renngstorff Ave., Unit A, Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

FILM

'Farewell Herr Schwarz' Film Silicon Valley Reads presents "Farewell Herr Schwarz," a film about buried family secrets, the Holocaust and how it is never too late to reclaim your heritage. March 12, 7-9 p.m. Los Altos Library, 13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos. siliconvalleyreads.org/calendar/Pages/Calendar-of-Events.aspx

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. Through April 29, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Film Screening: 'Finding Samuel Lowe' Silicon Valley Reads presents "Finding Samuel Lowe," a film about an Afro-Chinese-Jamaican Harlem family's journey to find their Chinese grandfather, who was separated from their mother in 1920. March 14, 7-8:30 p.m. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

LESSONS & CLASSES

'Earn It! Keep It! Save It!' Free Tax Preparation Help Free tax-preparation help is provided by IRS-certified volunteers and is available to households with a 2018 income of \$55,000 or less. No appointments necessary. March 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Beginner/Refresher Bird Walk Friends of Bedwell Bayfront Park and Sequoia Audubon Society host a one- to two-hour beginner bird walk. Attendees may see wintering ducks, shorebirds, egrets and hawks and are encouraged to bring binoculars. The walk begins at the restrooms in the parking lot and is cancelled if there's heavy rain. March 9, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Bedwell Bayfront Park, 1600 Marsh Road, Menlo Park.

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 register to participate online. March 9, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Pioneer Park, 1146 Church St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/arborday

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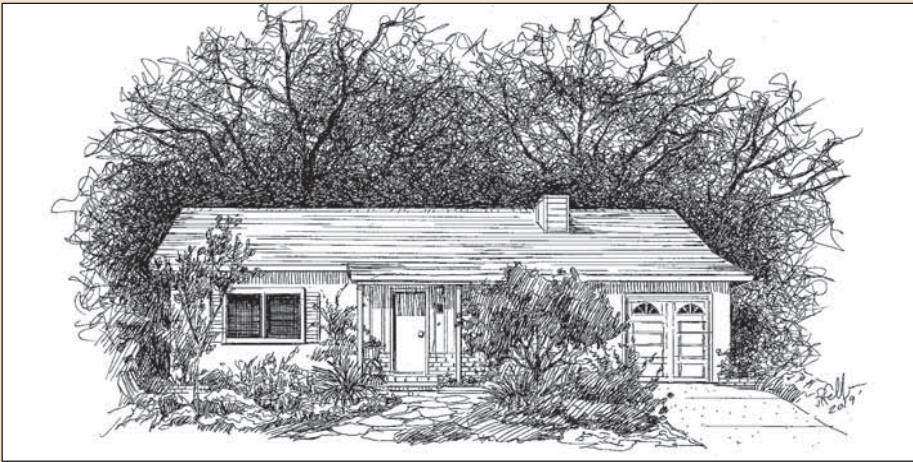
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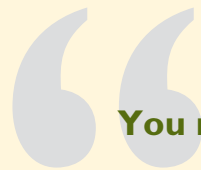


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