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Tili settles in to knit on the mat that will be her bed for the winter at the North County's new cold weather shelter on Dec. 7.

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## New shelter from the storms

NORTH COUNTY TEMPORARY SHELTER RUSHES TO OPEN IN TIME FOR EL NIÑO

By Kevin Forestieri

Dozens of homeless people lined up outside of the North County's new cold weather shelter Monday night, seeking a meal and a warm place to sleep.

The temporary shelter, opening its doors for the first time that night, didn't even exist a

**'When they come here, they know they have a place to stay.'**

SUPERVISOR JOE SIMITIAN

few weeks ago. But through fast planning and quick construction, Santa Clara County was able to piece together the 100-bed facility to house North County homeless residents in time for the harsh winter storms.

Grant Sisneros, a former San

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## Bike accidents spike by 480 percent

CITY SEES BIG JUMP IN BIKE, PEDESTRIAN COLLISIONS BETWEEN JULY AND SEPTEMBER

By Kevin Forestieri

Bike and pedestrian accidents soared in the city of Mountain View this summer, including several injury accidents reported along some of the city's busiest streets.

From July through September, there were 29 reported bicycle-involved traffic collisions in Mountain View — a 480 percent increase over last year. Pedestrian accidents also saw a huge jump from just one accident last year to 11 this year in the same time period.

The grim statistics reflect a new trend, and are not reflected in the city's recently updated Bike Transportation Plan. In the plan, the city reports that the average number of bicycle-related collisions annually declined between 2009 and 2013, dropping from 45 to 27. But that trend was reversed this year, when the city logged 51 reported accidents between January and September.

The Mountain View Police Department is also handling six traffic fatalities this year, which came up as a big concern for

police and city staff at the Nov. 17 City Council meeting. There were no traffic fatalities in Mountain View in 2014, and an average of two fatalities per year since 2008.

Many of the accidents occurred during commute hours and along busy roads, including Middlefield Road and Shoreline Boulevard. Between July and September, there were three bike-versus-vehicle accidents on Shoreline Boulevard at or near Middlefield Road, as well as three just north of Highway 101. Other

trouble spots include San Antonio Road near the San Antonio Shopping Center, and along East Middlefield Road.

The numbers may be slightly skewed to look worse, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department. Starting in July, Jaeger said the department started to report all bicycle and pedestrian accidents — not just ones resulting in injuries — to improve enforcement in the city.

"We have increased the reporting, so that makes it look like a bigger problem than it is," Jaeger said.

Despite the bump in reporting, injury accidents still saw nearly a four-fold increase between July and September compared to last year. Of the 29 accidents, 19 resulted in fatalities or "other visible injuries," according to the police report.

The accident reports are used by the city's traffic engineers to see if there are any potential

**Injury accidents saw nearly a four-fold increase.**

roadway improvements that could have prevented the collision. If a pedestrian was struck in a crosswalk, for example, the city could install "high-visibility" crosswalks and a yield

sign if it is deemed appropriate, according to 2012 staff report.

These are the kind of improvements that residents demanded at the Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting last month, following the death of 54-year-old Michelle Motalvo at the intersection of El Monte Avenue and Marich Way. Motalvo was struck by an SUV heading northbound while she was walking in the crosswalk. Family members

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## Council green-lights 1,600 homes

FOUR GATEKEEPER PROJECTS GO FORWARD DESPITE SHORT STAFF, GROWING BACKLOG

By Mark Noack

Hoping to keep residential growth in Mountain View moving at a brisk pace, the City Council gave initial approval for proposals to build more than 1,600 new housing units, despite city staff's concerns about being overwhelmed by development projects.

The approvals came on Tues-

day night as part of a review of eight projects needing so-called gatekeeper approval. Gatekeeper projects are development proposals that require exemptions to the city's general plan or zoning rules, such as an apartment complex being built on industrial-zoned land.

Staff members warned elected leaders they couldn't handle processing all of the projects due to

a shortage of seasoned planners and other key personnel. The lack of staff is particularly pronounced in the city's Community Development Department, which is down by six positions, or about 20 percent, including crucial ones such as the zoning administrator, chief building official and two senior planners.

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**CERAMIC ART OPEN STUDIO**

From Jeonju, Korea, to the Imperial Ancestral Temple of the Forbidden City in Beijing, Lee Middleman's pots get around. This weekend, the Portola Valley-based ceramic artist opens the doors of his studio to the public.

Known for his use of complex textures, rich glazes and experimental firing techniques, Middleman has established himself as a respected ceramic artist both in the States and abroad; his works are included in the permanent collections of museums from India to Turkey to Japan. The artist also has an interesting back story: Prior to devoting himself to ceramic art, Middleman earned his doctoral degree in physics at Stanford University and spent many years in the high-tech industry.

Those who venture into the hills above Portola Valley this Saturday or Sunday, Dec. 12-13, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. will discover a wide selection of works that share an earthy palette and a distinctly Asian aesthetic. The pieces range from round, stippled bowls reminiscent of urchin shells to elegant vases bearing swirling patterns to vessels with bark-like surfaces and perforated lids

Middleman's studio is located at 16 Coalmine View, Portola Valley. To learn more about the artist, go to [leemiddleman.com](http://leemiddleman.com) or call 650-851-0295.

**PUBLIC ART OPEN HOUSE**

Meet the commissioners, take part in a hands-on workshop and share your vision of the future of public art in Palo Alto when the Public Art Commission hosts a holiday open house and master planning workshop on Monday, Dec. 14, 6-8 p.m. The event takes place in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave. Go to [goo.gl/1Wr3qR](http://goo.gl/1Wr3qR) or call 650-617-3517.

**'WOMEN'S POWER TO STOP WAR'**

Ever heard of the "Raging Gran-nies?" Now through Jan. 23, Palo Alto's Rinconada Library at 1213 Newell Road hosts an exhibit titled, "Women's Power to Stop War." The collection of photographs, text and memorabilia examines the 1915 founding and subsequent history of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, whose local chapter was founded in 1922. Go to [goo.gl/G0aGTA](http://goo.gl/G0aGTA) or call 650-326-1235.



COURTESY JUDY ADAMS

*"Women's Power to Stop War" is an exhibition commemorating the centennial of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.*

**'HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA'**

Young musicians take the stage this Sunday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m. when the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra hosts its "Holiday Extravaganza" concert at the Cubberley Community Center Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road. The program features excerpts from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Ballet" as well as appearances by Palo Alto's iSing Girlchoir, dancers from Mountain View's Pacific Ballet Academy and PACO's youth ensemble, the SuperStrings Orchestra. Tickets are \$10. Go to [goo.gl/OQwGOI](http://goo.gl/OQwGOI) or call 650-856-3848.

— Elizabeth Schwyzer

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**CRIME BRIEFS**

**BOMB SCARE**

Police evacuated a CVS Pharmacy in Mountain View Sunday after an employee reported a suspicious-looking device. The county's bomb squad found that it was not dangerous.

The employee called police around 1 p.m. on Dec. 6, saying that there was a suspicious device on one of the merchandise shelves inside the pharmacy at 2630 West El Camino Real. Officers evacuated the store and called in the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office bomb squad, according to Captain Chris Hsiung of the Mountain View Police Department.

The bomb squad deployed both a bomb technician and a robot to check the device. The bomb squad determined the device was not dangerous and not an explosive device at around 3:30 p.m.

Police are not releasing specific details about what the device was, Hsiung said.

**TARGET EMPLOYEE ARRESTED**

Police arrested an employee at the Target on Showers drive after he was allegedly caught loading gift cards full of money, which he then used to buy merchandise at other store locations.

Zaire Jimerson Riley, 21, was arrested on Wednesday, Dec. 2, after police found he had fraudulently loaded four gift cards with a total of \$1,800 while he was working, according to police spokeswoman Leslie Hardie.

Riley then allegedly used the cards at other Target locations in the Bay Area to purchase merchandise, Hardie said. He was arrested on charges of grand theft, and was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail.

*Kevin Forestieri*

**CAR BREAK-IN RING**

A Santa Clara County grand jury has indicted 21 people for a series of sophisticated auto break-ins throughout the Bay

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**POLICE LOG**

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| <b>ASSAULT</b><br>Bay St. & W. El Camino Real, 12/4   | 900 block High School Way, 12/3<br>2400 block Charleston Rd., 12/8  |
| <b>ATTEMPTED MURDER</b><br>1500 block Begen Av., 12/5   | <b>KIDNAPPING</b><br>2500 block Diercx Dr., 12/2  |
| <b>AUTO BURGLARY</b><br>1900 block Colony St., 12/2<br>900 block W. El Camino Real, 12/2<br>400 block Castro St., 12/3<br>1900 block Rock St., 12/5<br>500 block Cypress Point Dr., 12/5<br>San Antonio Rd. & Terminal Blvd., 12/6<br>Crisanto Av. & Escuela Av., 12/7<br>400 block Castro St., 12/8<br>1900 block Rock St., 12/8 | <b>PEEPING TOM</b><br>1500 block Charleston Rd., 12/8<br><b>RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY</b><br>700 block Continental Cir., 12/2<br>1800 block Peacock Av., 12/5  |
| <b>BATTERY</b><br>2200 block Latham St., 12/4<br>300 block Thompson Av., 12/5<br>400 block W. Evelyn Av., 12/7  | <b>ROBBERY</b><br>500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 12/2<br><b>STOLEN VEHICLE</b><br>1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 12/2<br>2300 block Adele Av., 12/5<br>100 block Gladys Av., 12/7<br>100 block Gladys Av., 12/7                      |
| <b>BRANDISHING A WEAPON</b><br>2300 block Perich Ct., 12/2  | <b>VANDALISM</b><br>500 block W. Middlefield Rd., 12/2<br>Showers Dr. & Songroth Dr., 12/2<br>1 block E. Middlefield Rd., 12/4<br>1900 block W. El Camino Real, 12/4<br>100 block W. Evelyn Av., 12/6<br>500 block Taylor Ct., 12/8 |
| <b>COMMERCIAL BURGLARY</b><br>900 block Alta Av., 12/2<br>1900 block Charleston Rd., 12/2   |   |
| <b>GRAND THEFT</b><br>500 block Showers Dr., 12/2   |   |

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**Pat Kassner**, a volunteer for over 15 years, bags groceries for a client at the Community Services Agency on Dec. 7.

## Housing crisis keeps CSA busy

MORE PEOPLE TURNING TO COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY FOR HELP AS SOARING RENTS BOOST RANKS OF HUNGRY, HOMELESS

By Kevin Forestieri

While city officials grapple with the ever-increasing cost of living that is driving out many long-term residents, Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos is quietly providing groceries, rental assistance and services that bring a level of humanity to the regional housing crisis.

And a crisis is exactly the word for it, according to CSA's executive director, Tom Myers. Just outside of Myers' office, a



184-unit apartment complex is under construction. The project promises luxury apartments that are expected to cost between \$3,502 and \$8,000 a month.

"They're building housing, but it's not affordable housing," Myers said.

In recent years, CSA has been stretched for resources as it handles a growing demand

for its food pantry, homeless services and tenant relief funds. Families handing over most of their paychecks for rent have little left at the end of the month for groceries, and rely on CSA for supplemental food. Others have found themselves booted from their apartments. Their first stop? CSA.

CSA is one of seven nonprofit agencies that benefit from the *Voice's* annual Holiday Fund. Donations to the Holiday Fund are divided equally among the nonprofits and are adminis-

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## City aims to extend Stevens Creek trail

FIRST PRIORITY IS TO CONNECT POPULAR TRAIL TO MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

By Mark Noack

After decades of planning, Mountain View officials hope to reach a new milestone for the Stevens Creek Trail by connecting it to Mountain View High School.

Extending the trail to the high school emerged as city officials' top priority last week during a study session to discuss the trail's future. Currently, the Stevens Creek Trail stretches about

5 miles through Mountain View, running from the Bay wetlands to Heatherstone Avenue near Highway 85.

From there, the trail effectively ends for about 3 miles before picking up again in Cupertino at Blackberry Farm.

The four cities that share jurisdiction over the trail have agreed to work together to complete the route, and there was a consensus they would all help shoulder the cost. A study com-

missioned by the cities split the project into four segments.

For Mountain View officials, their main interest is in the study's first segment, a stretch running south from the terminus at Heatherstone Avenue to Fremont Avenue in Los Altos. City staff said this area has the advantage of having about 22 acres of open space, but it could require constructing several

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## A quantum leap for Silicon Valley?

TOUTED AS NEXT BIG THING, QUANTUM COMPUTERS STILL HOLD PLENTY OF UNCERTAINTY

By Mark Noack

For years now, the star at the NASA Ames Supercomputing center has been Pleiades, a sprawling mega-computer that fills the better part of the facility with its 210,000 processors. On Tuesday, NASA officials showcased their new darling — a very different kind of machine that occupies a fraction of the space, but with the potential to run circles around any other computer in the world today.

This new powerhouse is the D-Wave 2X, a prototype quantum computer that under the right circumstances can process functions

hundreds of millions times faster than conventional computers. It is the premiere example of a technology that some say is poised to change Silicon Valley and the digital world as we know it, even though the field is still in its infancy.

The potential applications of this new computing research are just beginning to be discovered, but it has already attracted strong interest from major technology players including IBM, Intel, Microsoft and Google — as well as government agencies such as the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Security Agency. In fact, the D-Wave computer at Ames came about as a public-private partnership between NASA, Google and the United Space Research Association.

"As you can imagine, this is a truly disruptive technology that could change how we do everything," said Rupak Biswas, NASA's director of exploration technology. "No company would like to be left behind on this, and at the same time, it's a really exciting research field."

Baswas was one of a panel of experts sitting in front of dozens of reporters Tuesday at the NASA Ames campus for the first formal event to showcase the agency's quantum computer and talk

about how its research is developing. The experts struggled to explain — and reporters struggled to comprehend — exactly how such an abstract technology could herald a new stage of computational power.

The quantum computer housed at NASA Ames is just one prototype manufactured by the Canadian firm D-Wave Systems, but it is considered the largest and most sophisticated in the world.

**'Building a quantum computer is really, really hard.'**

DAVID BELL, UNITED SPACE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

For anyone lacking a doctorate in physics, understanding how a quantum computer works can be a tall order. In basic terms, conventional computers — everything

from smartphones to supercomputers — operate on a binary system of bits which form the basis for how silicon chips process data.

In contrast, the quantum computer as designed by D-Wave is made up of hundreds of niobium rings designed to encode tiny magnetic fields. These rings, called qubits, can have four distinct states, and they create an environment sufficiently microscopic and isolated so that it obeys the laws of quantum mechanics. In very basic terms, the big advantage here is that qubits represent all states simultaneously and a computation can be carried out on all possible states in tandem. Given the uncertainty intrinsic to quantum mechanics, any output from a quantum computer is actually the probability of a result, and computer engineers say they would need to run any function multiple times before they could be confident in the result.

Nevertheless, for certain applications a quantum computer is leaps and bounds faster than conventional processors. For example, if a binary computer was directed to calculate the factors of a very large number, it would perform incremental

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## ACCIDENTS

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and cycling advocates urged city staff at the meeting to make improvements at the intersection, either with a stoplight or a stop sign, in order to make it safer for pedestrians.

Bruce England, chair of the committee, said traffic safety concerns are on the rise in Mountain View. In 2007, when he first started attending the committee meetings, there were times where he was the only person from the public present. Now, he said, they regularly get 15 to 20 people in the room sharing their concerns. But England stressed that if people want to see traffic improvements in the city, they need to stay persistent and not lose interest throughout the slow and sometimes arduous process.

“Usually someone gets very excited about some thing they want to see changed,” England said. “It usually requires a lot of staying power.”

The Bike Transportation Plan, which was approved by City Council last month, includes a \$49 million wish list of bike improvements throughout the city. The upgrades include protected intersections at several busy locations, like Middlefield

Road and Shoreline Boulevard, as well as more bicycle markings.

Some of the ambitious plans include a physical separation between the bike lane and vehicle lanes, known as “class IV” bicycle tracks, on Charleston Road, Rengstorff Avenue and long stretches of Shoreline Boulevard north of El Camino Real. These also happen to be the same locations as several recent bike collisions.

### Traffic enforcement

After the fatal accident on El Monte Road and Marich Way, the Mountain View Police Department ticketed a whole bunch of drivers. Jaeger, dressed in brightly-colored clothes, along with another officer wearing a red jacket, spent four hours out at the dangerous intersection crossing the street.

The drivers were given plenty of time to stop, Jaeger said, but by the end of the day they had ticketed 44 people for traffic violations. The vast majority of pedestrian accidents, he said, come down to the driver not paying attention. And Jaeger said he was convinced the results would be the same at many other intersections throughout the city.

The problem is that ticketing

can only go so far. In a city of 75,000 residents, it seems hardly an effective use of resources to ticket a handful of reckless drivers in hopes that their behavior on roadways improves, Jaeger said.

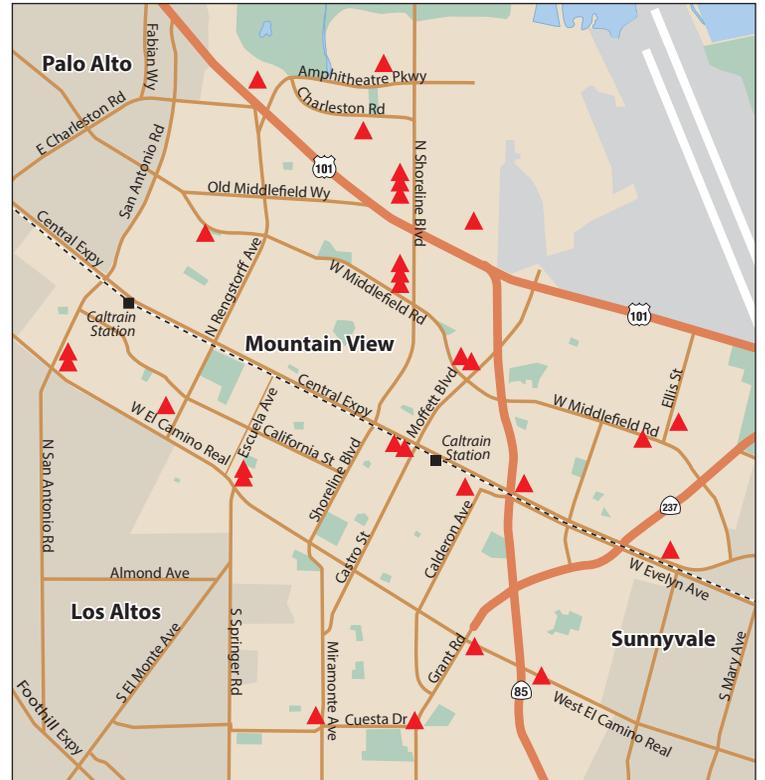
Since March of this year, the department has ticketed fewer and fewer people for speeding, disregarding signs, disregarding signals and for using a wireless device, according to one police report. Traffic officers have been ticketing more for failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, however, and that number is expected to climb following the crackdown on El Monte Road in November.

“We’re not happy the numbers are down; it’s a matter of resource allocation,” Jaeger said.

The police department is currently short one traffic officer, and has had to devote months investigating the six fatal accidents in order to determine whether criminal charges need to be filed.

Instead of enforcement, Jaeger said the department has been focusing more on education, keeping the Twitter and Facebook constantly updated with information on how to stay safe on the roads.

The root of the problem, Jaeger said, is that drivers, bicyclists



**Bike accidents** between July and September occurred mostly along major thoroughfares, like Shoreline Boulevard and Middlefield road, and busy intersections.

and even pedestrians are simply not paying enough attention, and are distracted by their busy lives. People are driving way too fast on city streets, he said, and forget that they’re driving “a 3,000-pound weapon.”

“We all live extremely busy lives, we’ve all got deadlines,” Jaeger said. “(But) people don’t realize how quickly things can turn bad.”

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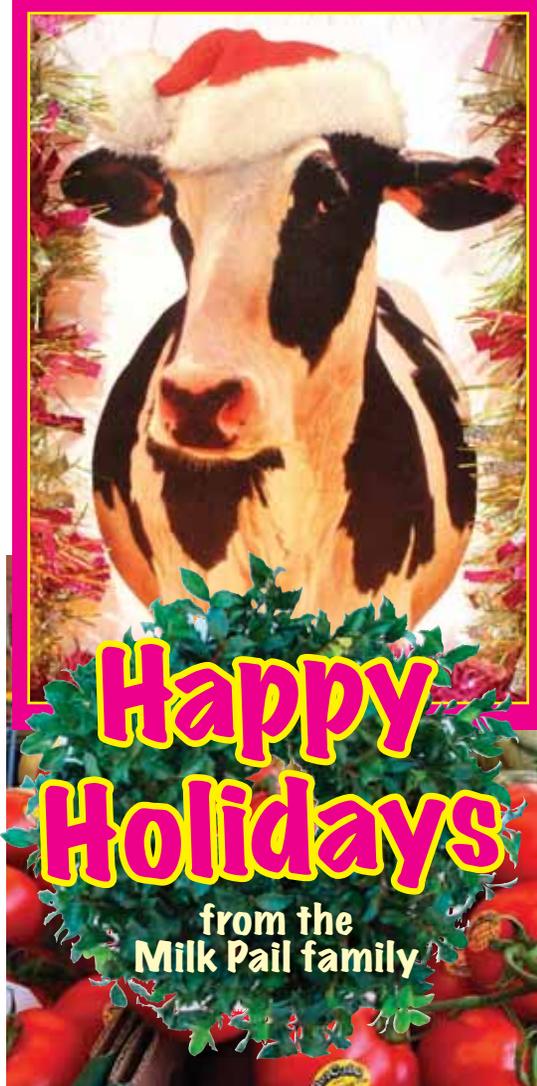
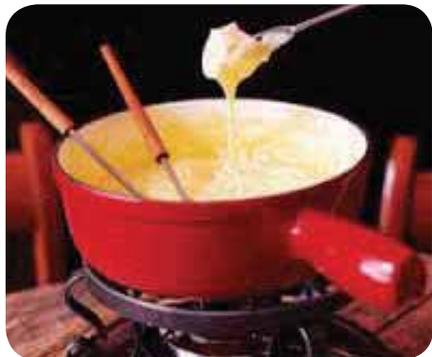
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Francisco resident, was one of the first people to get in. After he had been pushed out of his home by a landlord looking to remodel the building, Sisneros said he has spent the last year living on the streets.

After being disappointed by other shelters, including one in San Francisco that provided chairs but no beds, he and his partner Colin Gerlach started camping out in a tent in Sunnyvale. To their surprise, the police were very accommodating and

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elements.'**

TILI, SHELTER RESIDENT

told them where they could stay. On their first night in the new shelter, Sisneros said he was happy with it so far. Shelter staff provided his service dog, Petunia, with a large cage to sleep in.

The new facility is run by the homeless services agency HomeFirst, and is seen as a much-needed replacement for the old Sunnyvale Armory. The armory provided 125 beds to homeless people in the North County during the cold winter months before it was closed down in early 2014. There was already little in the way of shelter space in the northern end of the county, and

homeless people looking for a warm place to stay had to be referred to the Boccardo Reception Center down in San Jose.

County Supervisor Joe Simitian spearheaded an effort, starting in April 2014, to find a replacement for the armory. Options were pretty limited, Simitian told the *Voice* in June. The hot real estate market meant trying to find a new location for a shelter in the North County had been nothing short of a "Herculean task."

After Sunnyvale residents shot down an effort to use a county-owned parcel off of Central Expressway and North Fair Oaks Avenue, the county was able to secure a deal with the city of Sunnyvale for the shelter on the edge of Moffett Field, off of Innovation Way. The 7,000-square-foot facility now resides across the street from the headquarters of Juniper Networks, a multi-billion dollar company.

The facility will stay open throughout the winter months, and is scheduled to close down on March 31. The total cost of the shelter is expected to be just shy of \$1.3 million.

But the deal with Sunnyvale came with strings attached. The new facility is a referral-only shelter. Places like the Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos has to refer homeless clients to the facility in order for them to sleep there. Once they secure a bed, homeless people have to show up regularly — anyone who is a no-show for three straight days loses his or her spot to someone on the waiting list.

The armory, by contrast, was a drop-in shelter where home-



Grant Sisneros and Colin Gerlach comfort their service dog, Petunia, on their first night at the Sunnyvale cold weather shelter.

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less people lined up and got in on a first-come, first-serve basis. After several meetings with the Sunnyvale City Council and local stakeholders, it was clear the county would have to accept the referral-only system, according to Ky Le, director of the county Office of Supportive Housing. The key problem at the Sunnyvale Armory, Le said, was that dozens of people who didn't make it into the shelter would be milling around the area, which was a problem for local residents.

"We want to try to reduce the impact on surrounding businesses. We want it to operate, but not have people converge there every night not knowing if they're going to get a bed," Le said.

Simitian, likewise, said the referral system could really end up benefiting the homeless in the end, as it provides stability and a guaranteed spot to sleep each night.

"When they come here, they know they have a place to stay," Simitian said.

The facility itself is a portable building, pieced together in about a week, consisting of a single giant room full of bed rolls for people to sleep on. In the back is a kitchen area with tables for breakfast and lunch, where HomeFirst staff began serving up mashed potatoes to the people trickling in.

Simitian said the portable building is ideal for the temporary location, and can be easily taken apart and put back together. While the facility itself appears modest, with no partitions, Simitian said the very open floor plan makes it easier to handle changes ratio of men, women and families who show up. Overall, he said, it's an improvement over the Sunnyvale Armory, even though it will only last through March.

"The armory had seen a lot of years of wear and tear. In many ways, this is an upgrade," Simitian said.

The mood was noticeably calm throughout the facility on its opening night. Many of the HomeFirst staff said they had worked at the Sunnyvale Armory for decades, and were more than ready for the new shelter. Local faith-based organizations were at the ready to pitch in food and other resources, just as they had with the Sunnyvale Armory before it closed, said HomeFirst CEO Andrea Urton.

#### A growing problem

The loss of the Sunnyvale Armory marked a significant blow to Santa Clara County's homeless services. During what's called a "point in time" count in January, the county had about 6,500 homeless people, of which nearly 71 percent were deemed unsheltered. Homeless people are considered unsheltered if they are living on the street, in encampments, along creeks or in vehicles.

The proportion of unsheltered homeless people in Santa Clara County is one of the worst in the nation. Only 52 percent of homeless in San Francisco are considered unsheltered. Even in Los Angeles County, where the number of homeless people per capita is much higher, the percent of unsheltered homeless people is slightly lower than here in Santa Clara County.

The homeless population in some North County cities has significantly increased in recent years. In Mountain View, the number of homeless people increased from 139 in 2013 to 276 in 2015. This is the opposite of what's happening throughout the county overall, where homelessness decreased by 14 percent overall in the same time.

Simitian said he believes the big uptick in Mountain View can be attributed to the loss of the Sunnyvale Armory.

But people entering the shelter Monday night pointed to the skyrocketing cost of living in the Bay Area as the reason they were stuck on the street. One woman said she lived in Philadelphia in 2009, where she rented a three-bedroom apartment for \$550 a month. Tili, who declined to give her last name, said she traveled to the Bay Area in order to take care of her mother, who later died, and she quickly found that the cost of living was too much to handle.

"Economically, I just can't afford it," she said.

Since then, Tili said she's done what it takes to survive, living in Gilroy one day and Mountain View the next. Pointing to her cane, she said her tendonitis makes it tough to stay mobile. But traveling to shelters and staying mobile beats sleeping on a park bench, which she said can be risky.

"As a woman, you're risking your life being out in the elements," she said.

At one point she chose to sleep on the VTA's route 22 bus, which runs from San Jose to Palo Alto overnight and is often used referred to as a mobile homeless shelter. She said her experiences on the bus had been terrible — she had been groped and sexually abused by other passengers, and the bus driver did little intervene.

After getting a referral through the Palo Alto Opportunity Center, Tili now has a bed secured at the new Sunnyvale shelter, and she said she's thankful for it.

Standing at the front of the facility with a big smile was Grace Hilliard, a volunteer at the shelter who said she struggled with homelessness for several years. Hilliard said she stayed at San Jose's largest homeless encampment, known as the Jungle, intermittently from its inception until city officials dismantled it late last year. For years, she had a job, she said, but any housing she could find didn't last long because of the high cost of living. At one point, she was collecting recyclable cans in order to pay for food and clothing.

Recently, Hilliard said she was fortunate enough to get a studio apartment in Sunnyvale at the former site of the armory. Now she spends her time helping homeless people, handing out blankets and food wherever it's needed. Standing inside the new shelter, she said that it's important to help out people struggling to find a home.

"In society, you've got to give back somewhere," she said. "And you're going to go where you've been." ■

## Allen Gurley Schaumburg

1923 – 2015

Resident of Mountain View

Born 1923 in Minnesota. Died November 16, 2015, at home in Mtn. View. Beloved Husband of 71 yrs. to Lorraine, Father to Dennis and Carol, Grandfather to Danna, Great Grandpa to Devin and Chad, and Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Allen was the last survivor of 8 children; all 5 brothers served in the Navy during World War II. Employed by the U.S. Post Office for 40 yrs. Member of First Presbyterian Church of Mtn. View for 63 yrs. A Celebration of Life service will be held on December 12 at 11:00 am at the First Presbyterian Church, 1667 Miramonte at Cuesta, Mtn. View. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Yosemite Conservancy, Monterey Bay Aquarium, or First Presbyterian Church.



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**HOMES**

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Presenting his report to council, Deputy Development Director Terry Blount recommended that the council members reject five of the eight gatekeeper projects due to a lack of staff needed for planning reviews.

“Our ability to take on more work at this time is quite constrained,” Blount said. “As we’ve mentioned numerous times, staff has to be selective on which projects we move forward.”

Out of the eight projects seeking gatekeeper approval, only two had the blessing of staff members. That included a relatively minor seven-home project being proposed for teacher housing at the Mountain View Academy, a private high school. The other project, from the United States Army, is much more ambitious.

Staff indicated they could eventually handle a unique project being proposed by the Army to transform a cluster of military townhouses at 500 Moffett Blvd. from military housing into a much denser apartment community with as many as 1,143 units open to the public. That project is being proposed for a unincorporated parcel not within the city’s boundaries that would need to be eventually annexed.

“I want to reiterate the Army is 100 percent committed here,” said Paul Cramer, department assistant secretary of the U.S. Army. “We have a budget and we think there’s great value for the city and the Army in this project.”

Blount said his team wouldn’t be able to start reviewing the Army’s project until next summer.

He recommended the city defer other projects, which totaled more than 500 homes as well as some office expansion. The projects included: a 224-unit apartment complex at 1700 Villa St. proposed by Prometheus; a 261-unit apartment project at 1001 N. Shoreline Rd. from Calvano Development; and a 429,000-square-foot office expansion and parking garage requested by the Symantec Corporation.

Just before the meeting, Mountain View planning officials learned one project had been rescinded. Fortbay LLC of Los Gatos had originally pitched a 563-unit apartment complex for 777 West Middlefield Road, but decided not to pursue that plan. An earlier version of that project with fewer homes had already been approved by city officials, and staff said that earlier iteration would be processed.

Council members made it clear they wanted to find some way to get more projects in the pipeline. As the council asked about the expected workload for the coming year, Blount and Community Development Director Randy Tsuda said they may be able to start “one or two” projects in September, assuming they filled all the vacant positions. That gave the council an opening to add to the workload.

Councilman Mike Kasperzak proposed adding two more, for a total of four: the Prometheus Villa Street and Calvano’s North Shoreline projects, putting them at the end of a queue that staff could tackle when they had more capacity.

The four projects were approved in a unanimous vote at the Dec. 8 meeting.

“I do have concerns about future council meetings where the (queue) is a mile long,” Kasperzak said. “But I don’t like people having to come back for gatekeepers — it wastes time to have them coming back.”

Council members had considered cramming all seven projects into the queue, but City Manager Dan Rich cautioned them to limit themselves to four.

As part of the gatekeeper approval, council members also signaled they wanted a higher ratio of affordable units to be added to new housing developments, especially in cases where existing homes needed to be demolished to make way for new construction. ▀



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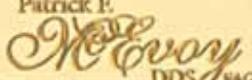
**Update:**  
**Water Conservation in Landscaping Regulations**

The City of Mountain View is proposing minor amendments to its Water Conservation in Landscaping Regulations to meet new State Requirements. Information about these proposed amendments can be found on the Planning Division webpage of the City’s website.

The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) will be hearing this item at their December 16, 2015 meeting. Please visit the City’s EPC webpage for more information.

Please contact Clarissa Burke, Project Planner,  
for further information.

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**Clockwise from top left:** The 1,097-qubit D-WAVE 2X quantum computer; a single Vesuvius 512-qubit CPU lies in the small white square of this chip; Rupak Biswas, the director of exploration technology at NASA Ames, answers questions about quantum computing on Dec. 8.



## QUANTUM

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division to see which numbers qualify. With a quantum computer, all numbers can be tested in one swoop. For extremely large numbers — the kind used in Bitcoin mining or high-level cryptology — this would mean a quantum computer could finish in seconds what a conventional computer would take years to figure out.

Nevertheless, writing code and designing systems to exploit this advantage are huge challenges, and researchers are still trying to figure out how to tap this power.

Researchers already have plenty of applications in mind for this technology. In the interests of NASA, Baswas pointed out quantum computers could be adapted for air traffic management, monitoring satellites or tracking rovers on distant planets.

Hartmut Neven, director in engineering at Google and one of the featured panelists, mentioned that his company had dabbled with quantum computing to test out some face-recognition applications on the Google Glass product. But aside from that dalliance, many of the uses for quantum technology remain

conceptual, he explained. He theorized that the technology would be a boon for climate-change research and designing more advanced batteries and solar cells.

The “sexiest” use for quantum computing he could imagine would be using the technology to quickly sift through large data sets to cull relevant information. It goes without saying that a search-engine giant like Google would have plenty of uses for that capability. Trying to do this now is a painstaking process, he said.

“We always say it’s the age of big data, but our secret is that it takes a long time to get clean data sets,” Neven said. “With such an algorithm (on a quantum computer), you can do garbage in, gold out.”

Judging by outward appearances, NASA’s D-Wave 2 computer doesn’t seem like anything special, despite the phalanx of photographers around it. It was a monolithic black box about the size of a walk-in freezer, and it sounded the part. Its room was filled with the noise of whirring coolers keeping the temperature inside the computer tower to near absolute-zero. In addition, NASA officials explained the computer box was outfitted to resist vibrations or interference from Earth’s magnetic field that

could disrupt its operations.

In fact, NASA Ames has hosted a D-Wave quantum computer since 2013 and has slowly tested out ways to improve it. As recently as this summer, engineers performed major upgrades to more than double its capacity to 1,097 qubits. No one at the event on Tuesday could put a dollar value on the system.

“Building a quantum computer is really, really hard,” said David Bell of the United Space Research Association. “We’re just trying to get it to work, and not worry right now about cost or size.”

By all accounts, the technology

has a long way to go. The expert panel admitted that the impressive results realized so far have come mainly from benchmarks and not “real-world” applications.

Neven explained that researchers were trying to figure out ways to have larger clusters of qubits connect together, among other improvements. Once robust and reliable performance could be demonstrated, he was sure that people would find a vast number of uses for the technology.

“We’re optimistic that the significant run-time gains will carry over to problems of commercial relevance,” Neven said.

Even though the research remains tentative, the experts pointed out that there is widespread interest in their work. Universities across the county are developing quantum-computing programs, Biswas pointed out. To help grow those programs, NASA and its partners had devoted 20 percent of the processing power of D-Wave 2X for academic studies under a competitive selection process.

“It’s just like where digital computers were 50 years ago,” Biswas said. “No one could foresee where they would get today.”

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### MV MEETING ON LOCAL ENERGY ALTERNATIVE

In a bid to cut energy costs as well as greenhouse gases, Mountain View is partnering with a small band of South Bay cities to create a new clean-energy portfolio tailored for local residents.

On Thursday, Dec. 10, Mountain View hosted a community meeting to discuss plans for what is being called the Silicon Valley

Community Choice Energy Partnership. Not expected to be ready until late next year, the initiative would create a local Santa Clara County utility that would operate as an alternative to PG&E. Supporters say creating this alternative power utility would give local ratepayers more leverage to demand clean-energy sources or lower prices.

There are plenty of unknowns with jumpstart-

ing a community-choice program, particularly where it would get its power. At the Thursday meeting, consultants studying this program were set to discuss a new technical study that maps out local power sources and anticipated market demand.

The event was scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Mountain View City Hall Council Chambers at 500 Castro St.

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**TRAIL**

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bridges and other infrastructure to extend the trail along a narrow creek corridor. A sound wall built alongside the Heatherstone Apartments might need to be moved to make way for the trail. In any case, the segment would require a lengthy study and environmental review before any construction could begin.

To say the trail is a big deal for local residents would be an understatement, said Councilwoman Pat Showalter, who represented Mountain View in the discussions with other cities. Holding up a thick binder of correspondence, she pointed out that the project had received more than 900 comments.

“Everyone likes the existing trail — they view this as a fabulous regional amenity,” she said. “But people had some strong feelings about this — that’s a nice way of saying it.”

Of those comments, safety was a major theme, particularly for students getting to school, she said. Local residents wanted the trail to stay as close to the creek, and away from city streets as much as possible.

Echoing that priority, city offi-

cial last week gave direction to focus on extending the trail to the high school. The city needs to find a way to prioritize this goal while also studying the entire segment, said Councilman Mike Kasperzak.

“Our goal has always been to get to the high school and I’d like to see that as an ultimate focus, but we have to do that in the context of this first segment and overall plan,” he said. “I’d hate to say we’re not going to get to Mountain View High School until we can figure out the whole thing.”

Where the project goes from here depends on the funding. Mountain View officials said that other cities should carry some of the costs. The price won’t be cheap — city staff estimates that getting the trail to the high school will run about \$15 million. How this cost should be split will likely be a major topic in upcoming meetings.

Mountain View Public Works staff indicated the trail could be added to the city’s capital-improvement project list next year. Grant funding is also a possibility through agencies such as the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, California River Parkways or the Santa Clara Valley Water District. ▀

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**‘Everyone likes the existing trail — they view this as a fabulous regional amenity.’**

COUNCILWOMAN  
PAT SHOWALTER

**CRIME BRIEFS**

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Area, the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s office announced on Monday, Dec. 7.

The defendants are allegedly members or associates of the Ghost Town Gang, an Oakland street gang with members who have been accused of a violent robbery of a San Francisco television news crew and the attempted murder of a police officer, according to the DA’s office.

The gang allegedly targeted cars during the last year throughout nine cities in the Bay Area, including Mountain View, Palo Alto, Los Altos, San Jose, Milpitas and Santa Clara. The group allegedly committed more than 50 auto burglaries, according to the indictment. All 21 defendants face felony vehicular burglary charges with gang allegations. If convicted, they could receive substantial state prison sentences, according to the DA’s office.

“What’s exceptional here is the brazenness of their scheme and the scope of the conduct involved — there’s hardly a city in the entire Bay Area that this group didn’t hit,” said Santa Clara County

Deputy District Attorney Sandip Patel.

Those who were indicted allegedly rented cars to scout parking lots in shopping malls including Stanford Shopping Center in Palo Alto and McCarthy Ranch in Milpitas. Small groups allegedly broke into vehicles, looking for iPads, iPhones, laptops, and other easily resold electronic devices. They allegedly stole hundreds of devices, according to the DA’s office.

One of the defendants, Danny Garcia, 31, was also charged with attempted murder for allegedly attempting to run over a Santa Clara police officer who was trying to arrest him. Another defendant is already facing charges in San Francisco for the robbery of a television news crew.

Several Bay Area law enforcement agencies investigated the burglary cases, including police detectives from Mountain View, Palo Alto, Los Altos, Fremont, Santa Clara, Milpitas, East Bay Regional Parks, Pinole, San Mateo, San Francisco and Oakland.

The defendants were arraigned Monday at the Hall of Justice in San Jose.

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# Sunnyvale joins Mountain View in \$15 by 2018 wage plan

By Mark Noack

Following Mountain View's lead, the Sunnyvale City Council approved its own timetable for raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2018, making it the second South Bay city to sign onto the growing movement.

However, the two cities won't be adjusting wages entirely in tandem, meaning that Mountain View could be alone with higher wages for the first half of next year. Mountain View leaders in October adopted a plan to gradually ratchet up the base wage the start of each year. But Sunnyvale leaders opted for a different schedule, deciding to notch up wages starting in July 2016. Sunnyvale's schedule would align with Mountain View's starting in 2017, according to city officials.

Under both cities' plans, the hourly minimum wage would rise to \$11 in 2016, \$13 in 2017, and \$15 in 2018.

The approval last week puts the two cities in "partial alignment," said Sunnyvale communications

officer Jennifer Garnett. She said Sunnyvale officials originally wanted a similar timetable to Mountain View's, but Mountain View officials switched to an earlier schedule when they approved their ordinance in October.

Sunnyvale officials didn't have enough time to fully prepare and approve an ordinance that would take effect next month, she explained. Plus, Sunnyvale officials were concerned that a wage-hike in January would be too sudden for the city's business community.

"The (Sunnyvale) council went with the July date to allow businesses a little more time to adjust," Garnett said. "It allows our ordinance update process enough time to fully take effect."

Sunnyvale has been Mountain View's closest ally in the regional effort to raise the minimum wage, and the two cities had jointly convened community meetings to discuss the idea. For leaders in both cities, it made sense to boost minimum wage in unison in order to avoid one city become a high-wage "island," putting local businesses

at a disadvantage.

The lapse between the two cities' wage hike wouldn't cause any major difficulties, said Mountain View Mayor John McAlister.

"What's important is the end game of getting there," he said. "The six months shouldn't be a problem. (Sunnyvale) felt that it was the right to do it."

Other South Bay cities have signaled interest in joining onto the "Raise the Wage" movement, which galvanized municipalities across California to better align low-end pay with the rising cost of the living. But in Santa Clara County, many cities are waiting to follow San Jose's lead. That city is currently conducting an economic study on the \$15-per-hour hike that should be completed early next year.

In the meantime, San Jose, as well as Santa Clara and Palo Alto, opted to raise their cities' minimum wages to \$11 at the start of next year as a one-time measure. At the same time, California will be going to a \$10 statewide minimum wage starting on Jan. 1. ■

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# Caltrain raises fares by 50 cents

By Kate Bradshaw

Caltrain commuters, prepare for your wallets to take a hit. Caltrain plans to hike fares by 50 cents, effective Feb. 28, the commuter rail line announced Monday, Dec. 7.

All fares, including the day pass, 8-ride tickets and monthly passes, will go up. Clipper Card users will get a 15 percent discount off the increased fare, and discount fares for children, seniors and the disabled will be 50 percent of the increased adult price fare.

Beginning July 1, 2016, daily parking fees will also be increased at station parking lots to \$5.50 from \$5 and monthly parking permit fees will rise to \$55 from \$50.

Caltrain said it last adjusted fares on Oct. 5, 2014, when one-way cash fares were increased by 25 cents.

According to a Caltrain report, between 2009 and 2014, total operating costs rose 26 percent, while fare revenues increased 64 percent.

That increase in revenue parallels the train system's increase in ridership. "The railroad now carries nearly 60 percent more passengers on a typical weekday

than it did five years ago," the report states.

So why increase the fare if revenues are up 64 percent? Increasing operating costs, along with a decrease in its on-time performance, are due partly to its old and increasingly heavily used equipment, Caltrain says. To allow for increased and more reliable daily trips, and lowered maintenance costs, Caltrain aims to transition to an electrified system by 2019, the report says.

Adina Levin, executive director of Friends of Caltrain and a member of the Caltrain citizen advisory committee, said the committee did not recommend increasing the fare, though it didn't oppose the hike either. She said the committee hadn't seen sufficient justification for this specific fare increase and wanted to first see the results of a study currently underway to analyze Caltrain's fare system.

Her biggest concerns are that the changes do little to promote equity and fairness in the system's pricing structure. She said that according to Caltrain's 2013 report, the average Caltrain rider makes \$117,000 per year. An extra 50 cents each way is less likely to hurt those people than

than lower-income people who are already priced out of riding Caltrain.

That effect is further compounded when top-earning corporations, desiring to offer competitive benefits, opt to offer their employees a "Go Pass." The Go Pass, which employers can purchase for \$15,960 or at the price of \$190 per employee in 2016 — so long as all employees who work at least 20 hours a week are included — allows the employees unlimited, year-round Caltrain use.

By comparison, a one-month adult pass for three zones, or the distance between Menlo Park and San Francisco, under the new fare, will cost \$190.80.

However, Ms. Levin pointed out, the price of those passes makes it difficult for any but the largest and most affluent companies to purchase, and are distributed to workers who probably don't need the subsidized transit fare.

"It is a very good thing that Caltrain is now going to do their study to address ... corporate pricing, equity, fair structure and the cost of parking," she said.

More information about the fare increase is at [caltrain.com](http://caltrain.com). ■

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## MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT PARCEL TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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Myers explained that the high cost of living has pushed out residents “in droves,” and has caused a labor shortage. Cashiers and restaurant workers are being priced out, he said, and many of them have no interest in commuting from somewhere like Stockton every day. The effects have been very visible at CSA. Myers said the number of homeless people the nonprofit serves has doubled in just the last 18 months.

One often-overlooked effect of the housing crisis, said Myers, is the increasing number of seniors who are forced out of their homes. Young, working families are more mobile, he said, but seniors with deep roots in the local community have a difficult time with the transition.

“They have family and social support services in the area,” Myers said. “A lot of these things you can’t re-create when you’re 85.”

CSA is staffed with social workers and case managers to help seniors faced with evictions and in need of rental assistance, counseling, health services and help with applying for senior housing.

While a lot of CSA’s work revolves around housing problems, the health and well-being of CSA clients is also a priority. Pedro Sanchez-Quiroz is a recent CSA client, and told the *Voice* through a translator that the nonprofit has been an important resource for him.

Sanchez-Quiroz learned about CSA through the Challenge Diabetes program offered earlier this year, which taught residents about the importance of being checked for diabetes and pre-diabetes, and adjusting their diets to keep the chronic disease under control. Thanks to the program, he said, he learned how to manage his blood sugar and handle his chronic disease.

But that was just the beginning. As a person dealing with diabetes, chronic depression, panic attacks and work-related injuries, Sanchez-Quiroz said the nonprofit has helped him cope with unemployment. CSA provides him with a subsidized VTA bus pass, which he said he uses frequently to get to and from the doctor. He now meets monthly with his case manager, Esteban Magana-Rueda, who helps between 15 and 20 residents like Sanchez-Quiroz each week.

Mountain View’s City Council voted last week to provide an extra \$150,000 to CSA to bring short-term relief to tenants facing steep rent increases. Tenants struggling to pay for a rent hike can apply to have CSA cover an amount equal to the rent increase for up to four months, provided the family earns less than 80 percent of the area’s median income — which amounts to \$75,500 for a family of four.

While Myers was quick to give the city credit for the contribution — an off-budget, mid-year bump in funding is not easy to do, he said — it’s hard to imagine the money will last long. With some tenants facing hundreds and even thousands of dollars in rent increases in recent months, Myers said he anticipates the money will run out “very quickly.” And once the four months of relief end, it’s doubtful that the tenants will be better-positioned to afford the rent increase on their own.

“The problem is once those months are over, they’re back in the same situation,” he said.

Financially speaking, CSA has done well in recent years. It continues to receive significant contributions from Google, El Camino Healthcare District and the city of Mountain View, as well as a wide range of private donors. But Myers said CSA’s coffers still remain well below the level of resources required to address the needs in the community.

“We are raising money at a very good rate,” Myers said. “But is it enough to meet the needs? No.”

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**The number of homeless people the nonprofit serves has doubled in just the last 18 months.**



**WINTER WONDERLAND**

The Mountain View High School Madrigals (above) perform holiday songs at the Community Tree Lighting Celebration in downtown Mountain View on Dec. 7. At right, Mira Tautenhahn greets Santa Claus before jumping up into his lap. Photos by Magali Gauthier.



**A FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

Rabbi Yisroel Hecht (above) gets ready to light the menorah during a Hanukkah celebration at Mountain View’s Civic Center Plaza on Dec. 8. Organized by Chabad of Greater South Bay, the event included activities for kids and traditional treats like latkes, sufganiot and chocolate coins. At left, children make menorahs that glow in the dark. Photos by Natalia Nazarova.



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## ■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

# Urgent action needed to protect city's renters

With this month's approval of two renter-assistance measures, the City Council has taken steps toward giving Mountain View residents who have been hard hit with unpredictable and frequent rent hikes some needed relief. But we must acknowledge that these are only small steps forward in the effort to mitigate the city's housing crisis, which is forcing far too many people from their homes and, in some cases, the community.

One of the measures has put into place an ordinance requiring landlords to offer tenants six- or 12-month leases on their residences, which will help some tenants find short-term stability in budgeting for housing. The council's second action offers even shorter-term relief by creating a fund, to be administered by the nonprofit Community Services Agency (CSA), that low-income tenants can tap into to cover steep rent hikes. There are a number of problems with this plan, not least of which is that the tenants are eligible for the subsidies for only four months. According to CSA Executive Director Tom Myers, "The problem is, once those months are over, they're back in the same situation."

The council continues to struggle with this far-reaching crisis, but meanwhile has avoided taking a much-needed step that would protect renters during the time it takes to find viable rent-relief solutions. In a report for an October study session on rent relief, city staff listed the option of an urgency ordinance that would regulate rent increases and enact a just-cause eviction rule, both on a temporary basis. By not acting on this option, the council kept the door wide open for landlords, uncertain about what restrictions might be put in place in the future, to hit their tenants with unreasonable rent hikes and evictions without just cause.

The staff report notes that the type of rent-increase regulation allowed in such an urgency ordinance wouldn't freeze rents; instead, the council could set a rate of permissible increases during the ordinance's duration. This is a reasonable interim measure, and the council's resistance to it is baffling and potentially devastating to residents hanging on to their housing by a thread — and counting on their elected leaders for relief.

Meanwhile, council members in general, even those who appear sympathetic to the plight of renters trying to stay afloat, continue to resist a reasonable rent stabilization option, which six other cities in Northern California have enacted to protect residents who are being crushed by an out-of-control rental market. Such a stabilization measure can be carefully crafted to cap rent increases at a level that would allow landlords a fair profit on their properties.

The council appears open to another urgent need: the creation of a "safe parking" program that would designate one or more areas for people living in recreational vehicles to park legally for more than 72 hours at a time. This program is crucial for the health and safety of residents who have lost their housing and must resort to such alternatives to stay in the area for work or other needs.

We urge the council to act quickly on a safe parking program, as well as an interim urgency ordinance to cap rent increases and halt evictions without just cause — measures that could protect vulnerable residents as council members decide on permanent solutions. ■

## ■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### STAFF SHORTAGE? HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS

The article "Development boom: city lacks staff for permit reviews" in the Nov. 27 issue is very disturbing to developers/owners who wish to build new residential projects in Mountain View. This is especially true since the City Council has put a priority on increasing residential units here in Mountain View. If this was in the private sector, it would be a good problem to have; the organization would increase the staff and refine their process to ensure the flexibility to address the needs in a timely manner. The city then would even have more new businesses.

As stated in this article, one of the issues is that the council directs staff to do many studies. It's easy for the council to pass a motion directing the staff for further study on an issue; this will buy some time for the council while staff does the analysis. However, I am curious to know if all of these assigned studies are really needed. It's taxpayers' money to pay for these studies and should not be wasted. Cost vs. benefit should be addressed before the vote is taken and the estimated cost should be included in the motion to be considered.

Lack of staff is a challenge and lack of qualified staff

definitely hinders its progress. The city of Mountain View is in the midst of a housing crisis and yet, it lacks staff for the permitting process. This is very detrimental to our city's progress. How can we achieve the council's priority on increasing residential units here in Mountain View?

It's time to think outside of the box to resolve this crisis and here is my suggestion: The city could consider hiring interns who could help the planners do the various analytical studies as the council has directed. If it's proven to be a fruitful experience, it could be mutually beneficial between the city and interns.

I also recommend that rules of the permit process be established before the permit application is started. Recently, my near-final submission was denied due to someone (in City Planning) contesting the traditional interpretation of a particular section of the code. As a result of this, the architect and structural engineers will need to redesign and the cost of this misinterpretation has resulted in loss of time and money. I wonder what the obvious benefit is for this change.

I hope no one else will have this experience.

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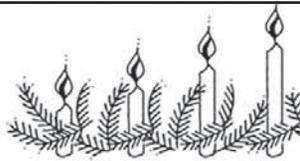
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# Gift in a jar

Spread holiday cheer with simple do-it-yourself presents

By My Nguyen  
Photos by Veronica Weber

The holiday season can be hectic, and sometimes gifts can fall through the cracks until the very last minute. But no need to panic. Below are four easy — and thoughtful — last-minute gift ideas using a common household item: a Mason jar.

## Holiday hot chocolate in a jar

Keep your loved ones warm this holiday season with a cup of rich hot cocoa. Layer the dry ingredients (hot chocolate powder, dry milk powder, powdered sugar, mini marshmallows, crushed

candy canes and chocolate chips) in a Mason jar for a fun and festive gift. Add a miniature bottle of Baileys Irish Cream for a “spiked” hot cocoa.

### What you'll need:

- One 32-ounce Mason jar
- Five packets of hot chocolate
- 1 3/4 cups of dry milk powder
- 3/4 cup of powdered sugar
- Crushed candy canes
- Mini chocolate chips
- White mini marshmallows
- One miniature bottle of Baileys Irish Cream (optional)

Pour the cocoa powder into the bottom of the Mason jar. Then add a layer of dry milk powder and powdered sugar, followed by a layer of chocolate chips and crushed candy canes. Top everything off with the marshmallows and seal the lid. Tie the miniature bottle of Baileys and a gift tag to the neck of the jar with twine.

## Festive M&M cookies in a jar

Whether it's sugar, gingerbread or shortbread, cookies evoke warm Christmas memories, so how about gifting a co-worker or neighbor with pre-measured dry ingredients?

### What you'll need:

- One 32-ounce Mason jar
- 1 1/2 cups of all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon of baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon of baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon of salt
- 1 cup of red and green M&Ms
- 1/3 cup of brown sugar
- 1/2 cup of granulated sugar

Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a bowl and pour into

the bottom of the Mason jar. Then pour the brown sugar and granulated sugar on top of the mixture. Top everything off with the M&M candies.

Now, it's time to decorate the jar. Cut a 6 1/2-inch-diameter circle of red fabric and place it over the opening on the jar and seal the opening with the lid. Tie a colorful ribbon around the outside of the lid and add a festive label to the front of the jar. Lastly, include instructions (see below) on how to make the cookies.

### Instructions:

Pour the contents of the Mason jar into a bowl and stir. Add 1/2 cup of melted unsalted butter, one beaten egg and 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract. Stir until everything is combined. Chill the dough for 30 minutes. Roll the dough into small balls and place them on a lined baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for eight to 10 minutes.

## Relaxation in a jar

Bath salts are a wonderful and relaxing gift for any woman in your life — mom, sister-in-law or best friend. Add peppermint extract to the bath salts for a refreshing and festive scent.

### What you'll need:

- One 32-ounce Mason jar
- 12 cups of Epsom salt
- 4 cups of baking soda
- Peppermint oil
- Red food coloring

Combine the Epsom salt and baking soda in a large bowl. Add 15 to 20 drops of peppermint oil and stir. Divide the bath salts in half, put one half in a bowl and add 10 drops



of red food coloring. Next, layer the two kinds of bath salts in the Mason jar so the contents resemble a candy cane. Seal the lid and tie a gift tag to the neck of the Mason jar with red-and-white twine.

## Gift card in a jar

Gift cards are great last-minute gift options but sometimes they feel a little impersonal. Instead of stuffing the gift card in a generic card holder or plain white envelope, put the gift card in a homemade snow globe.





Michele Colucci stands next to her Christmas tree adorned with official White House ornaments in her Woodside home on Dec. 2.

## Of tinsel and memories

Local residents create Christmas trees that reflect experiences, histories

By Sue Dremann / Photos by Michelle Le

When the Christmas season begins, Palo Alto resident Nicole Macuil always remembers the most beautiful holiday tree she has ever seen: An exotic white and turquoise Christmas tree at a friend's house that has become the basis of her holiday tree goals and one she always wished to emulate, she said.

"My dream was to someday have a beautiful tree that when people came to my house, they would be left in awe like I was when I saw that tree," she said.

Macuil's tree today is covered in golden butterflies, and she has named it "Dreams do come true." She is one of thousands of local residents for whom the Christmas tree takes on special meaning. Beyond the twinkling lights, golden garlands and store-bought baubles, there are personal messages. Some are steeped in age-old cultural traditions; others, such as Macuil's, become the hub of new traditions for transplanted immigrants.

"The Christmas tree was always special. Every year, my mom and I put up the tree. I couldn't wait. It was like a comfort. It wasn't complete until I put a present underneath. I would purposely wrap anything just to put things under the tree," she said.

But the tree is about more than Christmastime; it is also about relationships, Macuil said.

"We both loved art and we are creative. It was about getting to bond with my mom," she said.

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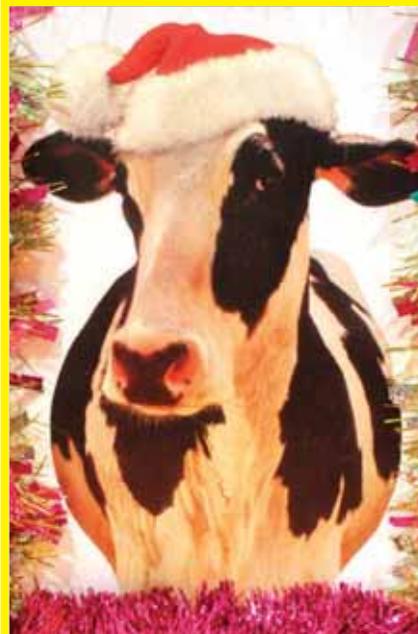
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## TREES

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When Macuil married and had children, she sought out the biggest, tallest, fattest tree she could afford. Her first tree had pine cones on it, but during a trip to a Big Lots store, she found the golden butterfly ornaments that became the basis of her special tree. As Macuil decorated her tree, she kept returning to the store to buy more of the golden-winged creatures.

"I think I went back 30 times that day. Now I think the tree has 60 butterflies all over it, and when I look at it, it's the tree that totally describes me," she said.

Every year she adds something new: a garland, a gold ribbon, a star, the handmade angels given to her by her neighbor.

Macuil's daughters are 2 and 3 years old now. This Christmas she hopes to pass down another tradition, the one in which they can help decorate, as she did with her mother.

"It's that bonding and making everything beautiful — it's the thing that brings Christmas to the house," she said.

Barron Park neighborhood resident Winter Dellenbach's family traditions have carried over from Europe.

"My husband's family has been doing this back into (their) time in Germany: They have a 7- to 8-foot candle-lit tree, hung with fresh tangerines and old German wooden ornaments," she said. "We light the tree ... and later light the Advent cake on Christmas Eve. The room is only candle-lit for evening, with the evening lasting as long as the candles do."

Family and friends are served glugg, a mulled wine, with raisins and almonds in each cup for fertility.

For Palo Altan Patricia Karmin, tradition includes passing on ornaments in her family.

"When we were children, every year we were given a special ornament to hang on the tree. Each of our collections were kept in separate boxes after the holidays. When the four of us grew up and began our adult lives, those boxes went with us to our new homes. It made Christmas more special," she said.

"As we hung the old beloved ornaments — even the ones that became tattered or worn after 20-plus years — it brought back the memories of each Christmas we shared together," Karmin added. "Most of us carried that tradition along to our own children; those without children passed their ornaments to a special niece/nephew or child that we knew, and just kept some as keepsakes."

Karmin still has her red Santa Claus rattle ornament from her third Christmas, she said.

"Yes, his 'fur' trim is falling off, and the face paint is chipped, but it brings back the memories of our lives growing up at home and the happy events we all shared," she said.

Woodside resident Michele Colucci's tree is filled with a collection of official White House ornaments that are issued every year. She used to own and operate a chain of political memorabilia stores on the East Coast, and her sister worked as the special assistant to the president for domestic policy for a few years.

"So between her work and my

retail stores, I've collected all the White House ornaments over the years," she said.

Colucci carried the official collectible ornaments from people who had received them along with personal notes from the first ladies or presidents.

"It's a wonderful collection and is reflective of the presidency back to 50 years ago," Colucci said. There's the first family sleigh ride; the presidential train car; the first presidential automobile, and many collectibles of the first family's pets: from Fala, Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Scottish terrier, to the Clintons' Socks, the cat."

But like Macuil, perhaps the most precious parts of her tree are the most personal.

When Colucci moved from Southern California, her ex-husband would not let her bring any of the ornaments she had acquired over the years from her family, so the rest of the tree was decorated in paper airplanes her sons had created in all sorts of colors, she said.

"Though not the most expensive or all that extravagant, it's still the best tree ever for us," she said.

Christmas tree traditions carry on in some families long after the holiday is done.

"We always took our tree down on 12th night (Jan. 6)," Karmin said. "This became the last holiday party for us and our friends, complete with cookies, hot chocolate, music and much laughter. A good way to wrap up the season and begin the New Year." ❑

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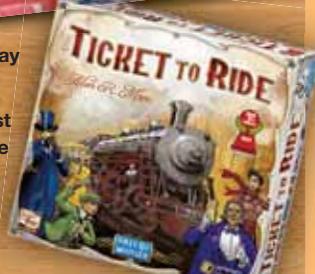
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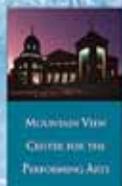


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## GIFTS

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### What you'll need:

- A 32-ounce Mason jar
- A plastic gift card (without the card holder)
- Hot glue gun
- Glitter
- Miniature ornaments
- Water
- Ribbon

Make a line of hot glue on the inside of the jar lid, where the gift card will go. Stick the gift card into the line of hot glue, so that it is standing up and let it dry for 15 minutes. Put some glitter and three miniature ornaments in the bottom of the Mason jar and fill with water. Screw the lid to the jar and tie a ribbon around the bottom. The gift card is unaffected by the water, and the cashier can always manually type in the numbers if the gift card doesn't scan. ❑

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### Local places to shop:

**Jars:** Mason jars can be purchased at local cookware shops like Sur La Table in Palo Alto or crafts stores like Michaels in Mountain View. You can always find second-hand glassware on the cheap at Goodwill thrift stores (there are locations in Palo Alto and Mountain View).

**Hot chocolate:** Want to kick your hot chocolate gift up a notch? Trader Joe's in Palo Alto offers a tin of Trois Chocolats, which features three blends of cocoa: salted caramel, winter spice and espresso. Teuscher Chocolates & Cafe at Stanford Shopping Center sells a mix of their famous hot chocolate.

**Bath salts:** Epsom salts are very inexpensive and can be purchased at most drugstores, Mollie Stone's or Country Sun Natural Foods in Palo Alto.

**Ribbons and labels:** Paper Source and Letter Perfect in Palo Alto sell festive labels and decorative ribbons to jazz up your Mason jars.

# Celebrating with suds



## ■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

### LOCAL BEER PURVEYORS RECOMMEND PAIRINGS FOR HOLIDAY MEALS

STORY BY  
**My Nguyen**

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**Veronica Weber**

Instead of wine, consider serving beer at the dinner table this holiday season. Here in the Bay Area, we're celebrating the peak of the craft-beer movement, and choices abound for food and beer pairings. Christmas ham and amber ale? Check. Latkes and blonde Belgian ale? Check. Beers have the aromas, flavors, diversity and food compatibility to keep you and your dinner guests in the holiday "spirit."

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**Holiday meals with beer?** Local purveyors offer tips for pairing festive menu favorites with complementary brews instead of wine.



**Right:** A frothy glass of St. Bernardus Christmas ale.

**Far right:** Ryan Hummel, bar manager at Steins Beer Garden, pours a glass of AleSmithX on Dec. 7.



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Unsure where to start? Read on for suggestions from local purveyors on how to pair brews with festive appetizers, main courses and desserts.

**Getting the party started**

At holiday get-togethers, a cheese plate is often served before dinner, and nothing goes better with cheese than beer, said Ryan Hummel, bar manager at Steins Beer Garden in Mountain View.

Beer and cheese have a natural affinity, he explained, because both begin with grass: wheat and barley in the case of beer, grass in the case of cheese. Hummel offered some winning combinations. Serve creamy Bries with a light witbier, a Belgian-style beer made from wheat, coriander and orange peel. A salty and piquant blue cheese pairs well with an India Pale Ale (IPA), a hoppy beer.

Hummel also borrows a recipe

from Randy Mosher's "Tasting Beer: An Insider's Guide to the World's Greatest Drink."

"You can take a light, creamy Camembert cheese and pair it with a roasty brown ale," he said. "That kind of matches the creamy, melty cheese of a grilled cheese sandwich with the toasted bread."

The acidity and carbonation of beer helps cut through the fats in cheese and cleanses the palate, said Devin Roberts, the sales and marketing director of Freewheel Brewing Company in Redwood City. For a mild cheese, Roberts recommended a Pilsner (a pale lager), a wheat beer or Freewheel's K9 Kölsch: a delicate lager with floral and fruity notes that contrast the creaminess and fattiness of the cheese.

"For a stronger cheese like blue, you want something to match the flavor intensity," he said, adding that his go-to beers in this category include doppelbock—a stronger version of the traditional

German bock—or Freewheel's Barleywine, a strong ale with fruity notes.

**Pairings for main courses**

When choosing which beers to serve with dinner, Hummel recommended brews that accentuate the food by offering complementary or contrasting flavors.

"You want to match the intensity of your beer to the intensity of your food," he said. "So if you're dealing with a roasted turkey, I'd say a Belgian-style dubbel is a perfect match."

Dubbel is a malty beer with some spices; it complements the stuffing and turkey but won't overpower the main course, Hummel said.

For the heavier Christmas ham or prime rib, choose a roasted malt or other dark beer to accentuate the flavor of oven-roasted meat. Amber or British-style brown ale make great choices, he said.

Unsurprisingly, beers brewed with spices pair well with dishes featuring cinnamon or ginger.

Guldem Tanyeri, co-founder of Palo Alto Brewing Company, is a fan of porters (the darkest style of beer) for hearty holiday meals. One of her favorites is the company's own Cool Bean Coffee Porter, which is brewed with beans from Philz Coffee.

"I always suggest drinking what you like with your food," Tanyeri added.

If you're serving brisket during Hanukkah, Freewheel's Roberts suggested picking a beer that will "kick up the complexity" but also match the brisket's rich, salty flavor. Think beers with "malty and roasty flavors, or even a little more hoppiness," he said. Roberts' favorites include Freewheel's Big V Amber and Mind the Gap IPA.

Don't confine beer to the mug—many dishes can be flavored with beer, said James Michaud, a home brewer and wine consultant at Beltramo's Wines & Spirits in Menlo Park.

Try marinating red meat in beer, Michaud suggested.

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"I also like to use more robust beers when grilling or roasting meat, as the extra sugar content of these beers can help create a nice crust or glaze on the outside of the meat," he said.

Beer, much like wine, can be transformed into a sauce or gravy, Michaud added.

"The next time you want to make a sauce to put on top of a steak, try deglazing the pan with a malty barley wine or stout. The thicker texture of the beer will make for a nicely thick and rich sauce and the interplay of the roasted, nutty character of these beers and the malty sweetness pairs well with juicy steaks.

"These beers, being more robustly flavored, can also stand up well to other spices and seasonings, allowing you to tinker with some more familiar flavors in your sauces or marinades," Michaud explained.

For side dishes like cranberry sauce, Hummel suggested a sweeter beer like a bock to contrast with the acidity in the sauce, while Michaud recommended lambic: a strong sweet Belgian fruit beer.

For creamy dishes like mashed or scalloped potatoes, Hummel and Michaud said to choose a beer that will open up the starchy content. A high alcohol-by-volume

(ABV) beer or a bitter beer will do the job, Hummel said.

"Sour beers pair very well with fatty, creamy dishes because they help cut through that creaminess," he added.

Latkes, the traditional Hanukkah potato pancakes often served with applesauce or sour cream, play nicely with lots of beers, Roberts said.

"You can't go wrong with any medium-bodied beer (with) fried potatoes," he noted. "Something with a touch of sweetness and crispness can act as a palate cleanser between bites."

His picks included a blonde Belgian ale or Freewheel's Pale Ale.

#### Rounding off the evening

Time for dessert—but instead of washing down a batch of Christmas cookies with a glass of milk, try a mug of craft-brew suds, Hummel suggested.

A multitude of spicy beers will pair perfectly with gingerbread cookies, he said, among them Golden Road Brewing's Back Home Gingerbread Stout.

"The beer will pick up the similar flavors, and it's a very intense beer, so it won't be overwhelmed by the cookie."

Beer even pairs well with the most famous holiday dessert: fruitcake. Michaud recommends

a Belgian dubbel: a rich beer with flavors of raisins, dates and spices.

Palo Alto Brewing Company's Tanyeri cautioned never to drink a beer sweeter than the dessert itself. "A bit of maltiness going toward sweetness can enhance your dessert experience," she said, adding that a German dunkelweizen (a dark wheat beer) or a brown ale will pair perfectly with desserts.

Feeling stuffed after dinner? You might try a ginger beer, like Royal Jamaican Alcoholic Ginger Beer, to aid in digestion.

For those who head straight to a whiskey or scotch after a meal, a high ABV barrel-aged beer is a quality substitute, Hummel said.

"Goose Island (Beer Company) makes a Bourbon County Stout, which is an amazing beer that is aged in bourbon barrels," he noted. "It's almost 15 percent alcohol and it's got a lot of rich vanilla and oaky notes that can fill in the place of a scotch or an after-dinner whiskey."

If you can get your hands on it, Samuel Adams' Utopias, an American strong ale-style beer that's 35 percent alcohol, is "very warming and has a great similar effect to having a small whiskey pour," Hummel said.

Of course, the holidays wouldn't be the same without a cup of hot

#### Top holiday picks

by James Michaud  
of Beltramo's  
include Old Crafty Hen, Straffe Hendrik Quadrupel Ale, Westmalle Trappist Ale, Young's Double Chocolate Stout and Anchor Steam's Christmas Ale.



chocolate or eggnog. One of the holiday cocktails at Steins is made from chilled homemade eggnog, spiced rum and Andechser Doppelbock Dunkel, a German doppelbock beer.

"It's got chocolate hints and a lot of caramel, which pairs well with the baking spices in eggnog," Hummel said.

Palo Alto Brewing Company's Oaxacan spiced stout combines the comfort of a hot chocolate with the kick of a cocktail. "It

tastes like a spicy mocha," Tanyeri said. The dark, chocolaty, spicy beer was created with the help of brewer Saul Reyes of Tied House in Mountain View, she added.

These days, Tanyeri pointed out, "There are many breweries playing around with flavor profiles, so you can have your cake and drink it too." ▣

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★★★ (Century 16, Century 20)

"Too much is true!" bellows former cabin boy Thomas Nickerson, as he recalls the horrors of the whaling vessel "Essex" to none other than Herman Melville in the fact-based drama, "In the Heart of the Sea." As Hollywood has it, the author's research took the form of this emotional confab, more or less directly leading to the 1851 classic "Moby Dick." In fact, Melville consulted another man's memoir for inspiration, but the excusable white lie makes a dramatically effective, if obvious, framing device.

Adapted by Charles Leavitt from Nathaniel Philbrick's non-

fiction book "In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex," director Ron Howard's film mostly unfolds aboard the "Essex," circa 1820. Executives on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts crew up their ship with reluctant First Mate Owen Chase (Chris Hemsworth), whose promised captainship has gone the way of nepotism, to inexperienced seaman and corporate scion George Pollard Jr. (Benjamin Walker). It's a recipe for tension as the deeply frustrated Chase attempts to maintain effectiveness without boiling over with masculine pride.



A white whale terrorizes the crew of a whaling ship in the "Moby Dick" origin story "In the Heart of the Sea." COURTESY OF WARNER BROS. PICTURE

Once the stormy weather turns literal, the "Essex" meets the first of its trials. Soon, desperation for a successful haul of whale oil — that which keeps the lights

on in 19th-century America — emboldens Pollard, Chase and Second Mate Matthew Joy (Cillian Murphy, making the most of an underwritten role) to chase

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- Boruto: The Nauruto Movie (Not Rated) Century 20:** Sun 12:55 p.m.
- Bridge of Spies (PG-13)**  
Century 20: 7 & 10:15 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:10 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
- Brooklyn (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16:** 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:35, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:45 a.m., 3:50, 7:15 & 10:25 p.m.
- Carol (R) Palo Alto Square:** 2, 3:45, 4:45, 6:30 & 7:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 9:15 & 10:15 p.m., Fri & Sun 1 p.m., Sat 10 & 11:15 a.m.
- Creed (PG-13) ★★★**  
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- The Good Dinosaur (PG) ★★1/2 Century 16:** 10:55 & 11:40 a.m., 1:30, 2:25, 4:05, 5:10, 7, 7:50, 9:45 & 10:30 p.m. In 3-D at 10 a.m., 12:35 & 3:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:05 a.m., 12:50, 1:45, 3:25, 4:25, 6:05, 7, 8:40 & 9:35 p.m. In 3-D at 11:50 a.m., 2:35, 5:15, 7:50 & 10:25 p.m.
- The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2 (PG-13) ★★1/2**  
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- In the Heart of the Sea (PG-13)**  
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- It's a Wonderful Life (1946) (Not Rated) Century 20:** Sun 2 p.m.
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- Macbeth (R) Aquarius Theatre:** 1:45, 4:30, 7:30 & 10:15 p.m.
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- Room (R) ★★1/2 Guild Theatre:** 4:40 & 9:40 p.m.
- The Secret in Their Eyes (R)**  
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- Street Angel (1928) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre:** Sun 3:40 p.m.
- Suffragette (PG-13) ★★★ Guild Theatre:** 2:10 & 7:15 p.m.
- Tamasha (Not Rated) Century 16:** 11:20 a.m., 3, 6:45 & 10:15 p.m.
- Trumbo (R) ★★★ Aquarius Theatre:** 1:15, 4, 7:05 & 9:55 p.m.  
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- ★ Skip it
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among them. And so the Essex sails to “the edge of sanity,” where they indeed encounter the rumored great whale, “white as alabaster, hundred feet long,” and ominously scarred.

Business concerns turn to an out-and-out struggle for survival as the whale lays waste to the ship and subtracts from the 21 souls aboard. Our witness to it all is young Nickerson (Tom Holland of “The Impossible”), who suffers torments like being lowered into the head of a dead whale to extract the last drops of oil, but also enjoys male bonding with fellow orphan Chase. Back in 1850, the elder Nickerson (Brendan Gleeson) unloads every gory detail on Melville (Ben Whishaw).

There’s something simply compelling about how the latter scenes depict a writer’s process of scavenging and soul-stealing, and something deliciously tart in the era-spanning references to being “in the oil business” to the exclusion of morality and ethics — not to mention the implications for the ecosystem.

The audiences most game for this journey will be responding to its old-fashioned sea-yarn pleasures, newfangled a bit by 3D-enhanced CGI and “over-board” color timing. Though the action tends to be more visceral than comprehensible, and the shipboard scenes rarely leave a green-screened studio for open-sea verisimilitude, the well-suited cast performs admirably (Hemsworth’s wandering dialect notwithstanding). Too much is true? Not quite, but “In the Heart of the Sea” turns out to have a fair ratio of truth to hokey, its seascape painted in saltwater spray and the blood of man and beast.

*Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of action and peril, brief startling violence, and thematic material. Two hours, 1 minute.*

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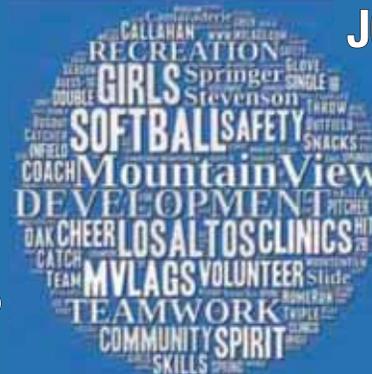
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## HIGHLIGHT

### Holiday Concert at CSMA

Merit Scholarship Student Ensembles from the Community School of Music and Arts will perform favorite selections in celebration of the holidays. Dec. 12, 5-6 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm](http://www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm)

## ART GALLERIES

**'Got Art?'** Gallery 9 in Los Altos will offer a holiday exhibit show during the month of December, featuring pieces by all its member artists. Dec. 1-Jan. 3, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. Call 650-948-2961. [gallery9losaltos.com](http://gallery9losaltos.com)

**'Santa Cruz and San Francisco'** Viewpoints Gallery will next arrange a show of oil paintings by Katherine McGuire called "Santa Cruz and San Francisco," presenting cityscapes and landscapes of the two locales. Dec. 1-Jan. 2, Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. [www.viewpointsgallery.com](http://www.viewpointsgallery.com)

## BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

**Jingle 5K Run/Walk** The Jingle 5K Run/Walk event will wend its way through the streets and pathways of Los Altos Hills. The event will benefit Hope's Corner, an organization helping those in need in the community. Participants are asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a child or teen. Those interested should register on Active.com. Dec. 13, 9 a.m. \$15 person; \$50 family of up to 6 persons. On Your Mark, 378 Main St., Los Altos. Call 650-888-3773. [onyourmarkperformance.com](http://onyourmarkperformance.com)

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**Adult School Winter/Spring Classes Registration** Registration for Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School Winter and Spring classes will begin on Friday, Nov. 20. The winter session will run from Jan. 4 to March 18, and the spring session from March 21 to June 3. Visit the website or call for more info. Nov. 20-Jan. 4. Prices vary. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. [www.mvlaae.net](http://www.mvlaae.net)

**Fairy Doors: Create a Space for Tiny Visitors** The Mountain View Public Library will offer a class on making fairy doors, little rustic portals that can add some magic to a wall, tree trunk or another spot. The detailed craft event is only for ages 16 and up. Dec. 12, 1-2:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, Community Room, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6877. [goo.gl/TAAbft](http://goo.gl/TAAbft)

## Foothill College Winter Quarter

**Registration** Winter Quarter registration at Foothill College begins on Nov. 18, and courses will meet from Jan. 4 to March 25. A full class schedule and registration instructions are available on the website. There is no application fee. Nov. 18-Jan. 3, 12:15 a.m.-11:45 p.m. \$31 per unit for California residents, plus basic fees. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7325. [www.foothill.edu/admissions.php](http://www.foothill.edu/admissions.php)

**Watercolors for Grown-Ups** Geared for adult beginners, this workshop at the Mountain View Public Library will cover the basic watercolor tools and materials, present various techniques, and guide participants in making holiday gift tags and cards. All materials will be provided. Dec. 15, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6882. [goo.gl/UObmm](http://goo.gl/UObmm)

## CLUBS/MEETINGS

**SPARC Holiday Party** The South Peninsula Area Republican Coalition (SPARC) will hold its annual Holiday Party, featuring a full buffet dinner, wine, door prizes, live music from the band Vintage Noise and a visit from Santa Claus. Dec. 16, 6-8 p.m. \$35. Fremont Hills Country Club, 12889 Viscaino Place, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-917-9125. [sparcgop.org](http://sparcgop.org)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Adafest** The Computer History Museum will hold a community day to celebrate the 200th birthday of Ada Lovelace, an English mathematician who predicted many of the uses of technology today. The event is part of a new exhibit called "Thinking Big: Ada, Countess of Lovelace" (opening Dec. 12) and the museum's efforts to highlight women in technology. Dec. 13, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Regular admission prices; free from 4-7 p.m. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. [www.computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/#adafest](http://www.computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/#adafest)

**Game Night at BookBuyers** BookBuyers will host one of its Game Night events in its community space, where visitors can bring their favorite game to share with others or play one of the store's. All are welcome. Dec. 14, 7-9 p.m. Free. BookBuyers, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-7323. [bookbuyers.com/events/](http://bookbuyers.com/events/)

## Schola Cantorum: Messiah Sing

The 85-member ensemble of Schola Cantorum will invite others singers to join the group in performing George Frideric Handel's holiday oratorio "Messiah" under the direction of Gregory Wait. Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. \$22 general; \$18 student age 21 and under. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-254-1700. [www.scholacantorum.org](http://www.scholacantorum.org)

**Tech & Tinsel** For this holiday event, the Computer History Museum will be opened up for an evening of product demonstrations from Bay Area startups, drinks and shopping. There will also be a raffle benefiting the Second Harvest Food Bank. Dec. 15, 6-9 p.m. \$5 (plus fees). Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. [bit.ly/1NacFM8](http://bit.ly/1NacFM8)

## CONCERTS

**California Pops Orchestra: 'Holiday Magic!'** The California Pops Orchestra will present its annual family Christmas celebration concert, which will include "Merry Christmas, Darling" by The Carpenters, selections from "White Christmas," a swinging "Nutcracker" suite and many other holiday favorites. The guest singer will be Carly Honfi. Dec. 20, 3 p.m. \$20-\$40. Foothill College, Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. [calpops.org/cposhows.html](http://calpops.org/cposhows.html)

**Grace Note Chamber Players** The Grace Note Chamber Players will play a matinee concert of rare chamber music, with a program of Antonin Dvořák's String Quartet (op. 104), and Robert Fuchs' String Quartet No. 3. Dec. 15, noon-1:30 p.m. \$20 general; two punches on Community Tuesdays card. Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [www.paloaltojcc.org](http://www.paloaltojcc.org)

**South Bay Gospel Concert** The Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir will perform the eighth annual South Bay Gospel Concert, sharing an exuberant program with gospel arrangements of traditional holiday favorites. The group will be joined by the Peninsula Community Gospel Choir. Dec. 18, 7:30-10 p.m. \$36 adult; \$31 senior, student; \$28 child age 12 or under. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 510-839-4361. [www.oigc.org](http://www.oigc.org)

**The John Pizzarelli Quartet** As part of the Oshman Family JCC's Jazz Giants series, guitarist and singer John Pizzarelli will lead his band in a jazz performance, drawing from the Great American Songbook and beyond in creating an atmosphere of cool. Dec. 11, 8-9:30 p.m. \$55 first three rows; \$40 general; \$25 youth under age 18; \$35 member, J-Pass; \$45 at the door. Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [paloaltojcc.org/Events/the-john-pizzarelli-quartet](http://paloaltojcc.org/Events/the-john-pizzarelli-quartet)

## DANCE

**Bayer Ballet Academy: 'The Snow Queen'** To mark the holiday season, the students of Mountain View's Bayer Ballet Academy will perform "The Snow Queen," a two-act ballet based on the Hans Christian Anderson story. Dec. 19 and 20, 1 and 6 p.m. \$50 orchestra; \$40 balcony. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [www.bayerballetacademy.com](http://www.bayerballetacademy.com)

**For the Love of Dance classes** A family-owned studio, For the Love of Dance offers training in ballet, jazz, tap and other styles of dance to students, beginning at age 2 up through adults, from Mountain View, Palo Alto, Los Altos and Sunnyvale. Visit the website to learn about specific offerings. October through June. Prices vary. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite B, Mountain View. Call 650-861-0650. [www.fortheloveofdancemv.com](http://www.fortheloveofdancemv.com)

## EXHIBITS

**'Spirits Return'** The Los Altos History Museum has a new exhibit called "Spirits Return: Cultural Traditions Keeping Memories Alive," which provides a multicultural look at how communities remember their ancestors. Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 29-April 17, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History



**'Emma'** For its holiday production, TheatreWorks Silicon Valley will stage a musical romance, Jane Austen's "Emma" — with music, lyrics and book by Paul Gordon. See the website for specific dates and times. Dec. 2-Jan. 2. \$54 adult; \$45 senior, educator; \$25 age 30 and under. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. [www.theatreworks.org](http://www.theatreworks.org)

Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [losaltoshistory.org](http://losaltoshistory.org)

**'The Sum of Parts'** Students and faculty from the Community School of Music and Arts' visual arts classes will share their work in a collaborative art exhibition. On Friday, Dec. 11, 5-8 p.m., there will be an opening reception with the artists. Dec. 11-Jan. 18, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Mohr Gallery, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm](http://www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm)

## FAMILY AND KIDS

**Holiday Art Camps at CSMA** The Community School of Music and Arts will hold Holiday Art Camps for students in grades K-8, with full-day, half-day and extended-day-supervision options. Tuition assistance is available. Visit the website to learn about specific camps and to register. Dec. 21-23 and 28-30, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$110 three-day camp (half-day program). Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [register.asapconnected.com/default.aspx?org=3596](http://register.asapconnected.com/default.aspx?org=3596)

**Illustrator April Chu at Adafest** As part of Adafest, local illustrator April Chu will read from her latest project "Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine," an illustrated biography that introduces children to the possibilities of science and technology. Dec. 13, 11-11:30 a.m. Regular admission prices. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 615-928-2305. [www.computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/#adafest](http://www.computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/#adafest)

**Python for Kids** This three-day class held at the Mountain View Public Library will teach the basics of Python — a powerful, expressive programming language — to kids in grades five to eight. Class size is limited, and registration is required. Dec. 21-23, 2-4 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7054. [goo.gl/SzbHRU](http://goo.gl/SzbHRU)

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## LIVE MUSIC

**Red Rock Coffee Open Mic** Each Monday night, Red Rock Coffee holds an open mic event on its second floor, where musicians, poets and comedians of all ages and experience levels can share their art. Each act is given 10 minutes or two songs, whichever comes first. Sign ups begin at 6:30 p.m., and performances begin at 7 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 2-Jan. 4, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Red

Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-967-4473. [redrockcoffee.org](http://redrockcoffee.org)

## ON STAGE

**'Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins'** Peninsula Youth Theatre will stage a world premiere adaptation of Eric Kimmel's book "Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins," in which Hershel has an idea on how to save the holiday from goblins. The Friday performance includes refreshments. Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. \$10 Friday; \$8 general. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [pytnet.org/boxoffice/hershel-and-the-hanukkah-goblins/](http://pytnet.org/boxoffice/hershel-and-the-hanukkah-goblins/)

**'Man of La Mancha'** The Los Altos Stage Company will take audiences on a journey with the renowned knight errant Don Quixote in the play-within-a-play and classic musical, "Man of La Mancha." Nov. 19-Dec. 19, Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. \$18-\$36. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. [www.losaltosstage.org](http://www.losaltosstage.org)

**'The Christmas Ballet'** Smuin Ballet will come to Mountain View to perform its annual holiday program, a two-act show filled with Smuin favorites and new pieces of ballet, tap and jazz dance. Dec. 9-12, 8 p.m.; Dec. 12 and 13, 2 p.m. \$23-\$71. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6000. [www.smuinballet.org](http://www.smuinballet.org)

**Chopsticks with Comedian Wayne Federman** At the Oshman Family JCC's annual Chopsticks event, visitors can enjoy Chinese food and comedy from Wayne Federman — a comedian, actor, comedy writer and musician. Dec. 24, 7:45-9:45 p.m. \$60 general; \$55 member, J-Pass; \$65 at the door (space permitting). Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [www.paloaltojcc.org](http://www.paloaltojcc.org)

## SENIORS

**Learn to play Pickleball** Held next to the tennis courts at Rengstorff Park, this event will teach seniors how to play pickleball, a growing sport in the U.S. that is easy on the joints. All equipment will be provided; participants should wear court shoes. Wednesdays, Dec. 9-Jan. 27, 1-3 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Rengstorff Park, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-254-1041. [www.usapa.org](http://www.usapa.org)

## LECTURES & TALKS

**Author Anita Diamant on 'The Boston Girl'** Oshman Family JCC will welcome acclaimed author Anita Diamant for a discussion of her new book, "The Boston Girl," a tale about a young Jewish woman growing up in early 20th-century Boston that explores family ties and values, friendship and feminism. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. \$25 first three rows; \$20 general; \$15 member, J-Pass; \$30 at the door. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8700. [www.paloaltojcc.org](http://www.paloaltojcc.org)

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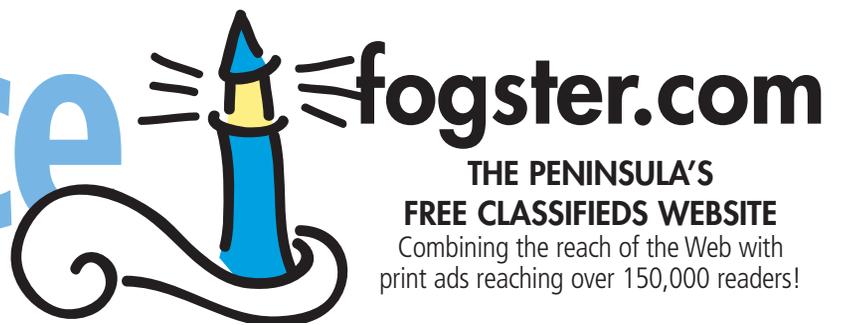
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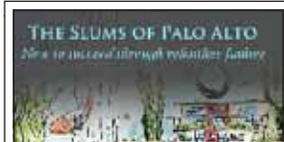
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**995 Fictitious Name Statement**

**GARDEN FRESH RESTAURANT**  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
 File No.: 611183

The following person (persons) is (are)  
 doing business as:  
 Garden Fresh Restaurant, located at  
 1245 West El Camino Real, Mountain  
 View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.  
 This business is owned by: A  
 Corporation.

The name and residence address of the  
 owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
 LIANG'S FAMILY INC.  
 460 Ramona St.  
 Palo Alto, CA 94301  
 Registrant/Owner began transacting  
 business under the fictitious business  
 name(s) listed above on 5/8/2009.  
 This statement was filed with the  
 County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara  
 County on November 17, 2015.  
 (MVV Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2015)

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE**  
 OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
 File No. 611252

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

The information given below is as it  
 appeared on the fictitious business  
 statement that was filed at the County  
 Clerk-Recorder's Office.  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):  
 VOLTA LABORATORIES, INC.  
 144 S. Whisman Rd. Unit F  
 Mountain View, CA 94041  
 FILED IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY ON:  
 05/08/2015

**UNDER FILE NO.: 603666**  
**REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):**  
 DAVID BUNDY BELL  
 144 S. Whisman Rd. Unit F  
 Mountain View, CA 94041  
**THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY:** A  
 Corporation.  
 This statement was filed with the  
 County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara  
 County on November 18, 2015.  
 (MVV Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2015)

**ACTEV MOTORS, INC.**  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
 File No.: 611253

The following person (persons) is (are)  
 doing business as:  
 Actev Motors, Inc., located at 211 S.  
 Whisman Rd. Unit A, B, C, Mountain  
 View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.  
 This business is owned by: A  
 Corporation.

The name and residence address of the  
 owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
 ACTEV MOTORS, INC.  
 211 S. Whisman Rd. Unit A, B, C  
 Mountain View, CA 94041  
 Registrant/Owner began transacting  
 business under the fictitious business  
 name(s) listed above on 5/8/2015.  
 This statement was filed with the  
 County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara  
 County on November 18, 2015.  
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**TOPPET CLEANING**  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
 File No.: 610594

The following person (persons) is (are)  
 doing business as:  
 Toppet Cleaning, located at 465  
 Calderon Avenue #1, Mountain View, CA  
 94041, Santa Clara County.  
 This business is owned by: An Individual.  
 The name and residence address of the  
 owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
 TERESA BURGOS  
 465 Calderon Avenue #1  
 Mountain View, CA 94041  
 Registrant/Owner began transacting  
 business under the fictitious business  
 name(s) listed above on 10/28/2015.  
 This statement was filed with the  
 County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara  
 County on October 29, 2015.  
 (MVV Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2015)

**COOL JAMS**  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
 File No.: 611060

The following person (persons) is (are)  
 doing business as:  
 Cool Jams, located at 135 Franklin St.,  
 Apt. 109, Mountain View, CA 94041,  
 Santa Clara County.  
 This business is owned by: A General  
 Partnership.

The name and residence address of the  
 owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
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 135 Franklin St., Apt. 109  
 Mountain View, CA 94041  
 ROSE WOLFROM  
 135 Franklin St., Apt. 109  
 Mountain View, CA 94041  
 Registrant/Owner began transacting  
 business under the fictitious business  
 name(s) listed above on 5/25/15.  
 This statement was filed with the  
 County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara  
 County on November 12, 2015.  
 (MVV Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 2015)

**TRAIN YOUR BEST**  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
 File No.: 611483

The following person (persons) is (are)  
 doing business as:  
 Train Your Best, located at 128 Ada Ave.,  
 Apt. 6, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa  
 Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.  
 The name and residence address of the  
 owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
 KATHI GUERRANT  
 128 Ada Ave., Apt. 6  
 Mountain View, CA 94043  
 Registrant/Owner began transacting  
 business under the fictitious business  
 name(s) listed above on N/A.  
 This statement was filed with the  
 County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara  
 County on November 24, 2015.  
 (MVV Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015)

**CINZILLA DESIGN**  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
 STATEMENT  
 File No.: 611126

The following person (persons) is (are)  
 doing business as:  
 Cinzilla Design, located at 321 Anna  
 Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94043,  
 Santa Clara County.  
 This business is owned by: An  
 Individual.  
 The name and residence address of  
 the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
 MARY PARTLAN  
 321 Anna Avenue  
 Mountain View, CA 94043  
 Registrant/Owner began transacting  
 business under the fictitious business  
 name(s) listed above on N/A.  
 This statement was filed with the  
 County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara  
 County on November 13, 2015.  
 (MVV Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015)

**THE MUSCLE DOC: INTEGRATIVE**  
**PERFORMANCE THERAPY**  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
 STATEMENT  
 File No.: 611631

The following person (persons) is (are)  
 doing business as:  
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 Performance Therapy, located at 241  
 Polaris Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043,  
 Santa Clara County.  
 This business is owned by: An  
 Individual.  
 The name and residence address of  
 the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
 JORDAN SHALLOW  
 65 Rio Robles E  
 San Jose, CA 95134  
 Registrant/Owner began transacting  
 business under the fictitious business name(s)  
 listed above on N/A.  
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 (MVV Dec. 11, 18, 25, 2015, Jan. 1,  
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**PUNJABI PAPA CONSULTING**  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
 STATEMENT  
 File No.: 611688

The following person (persons) is (are)  
 doing business as:  
 Punjabi Papa Consulting, located at  
 2421 Villa Nueva Way, Mountain View,  
 CA 94040, Santa Clara County.  
 This business is owned by: An  
 Individual.

The name and residence address of  
 the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
 ROHIT SAWHNEY  
 2421 Villa Nueva Way  
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 Registrant/Owner began transacting  
 business under the fictitious business  
 name(s) listed above on N/A.  
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**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE**  
 OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
 File No. 611529

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

The information given below is as it  
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 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):  
 MIXEDESIGNS  
 100 North Whisman Road, Apt. #4011  
 Mountain View, CA 94043  
 FILED IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY ON:  
 03/01/2011

**UNDER FILE NO: 548598**  
**REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):**  
 JOANA LUISA PEIXOTO DOMINGUES  
 VIEIRA DE MAGALHAES  
 103 Ballentrae Court  
 Hendersonville, TN 37075  
**THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY:** An  
 Individual.  
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 County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara  
 County on November 25, 2015  
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**AXTEL IMPORTS**  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
 File No.: 611764

The following person (persons) is (are)  
 doing business as:  
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 Street, Apt. #12, Mountain View, CA  
 94040, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.  
 The name and residence address of the  
 owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
 TAMANNA D GOVANI  
 2030 California Street, Apt. #12  
 Mountain View, CA 94040  
 Registrant/Owner began transacting  
 business under the fictitious business  
 name(s) listed above on N/A.  
 This statement was filed with the  
 County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara  
 County on December 7, 2015.  
 (MVV Dec. 11, 18, 25, 2015, Jan. 1, 2016)

**DEEPAK GOVANI SERVICES**  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
 File No.: 611765

The following person (persons) is (are)  
 doing business as:  
 Deepak Govani Services, located at 2030  
 California Street, Apt. #12, Mountain  
 View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.  
 This business is owned by: An Individual.  
 The name and residence address of the  
 owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
 DEEPAK GOVANI  
 2030 California Street, Apt. #12  
 Mountain View, CA 94040  
 Registrant/Owner began transacting  
 business under the fictitious business  
 name(s) listed above on N/A.  
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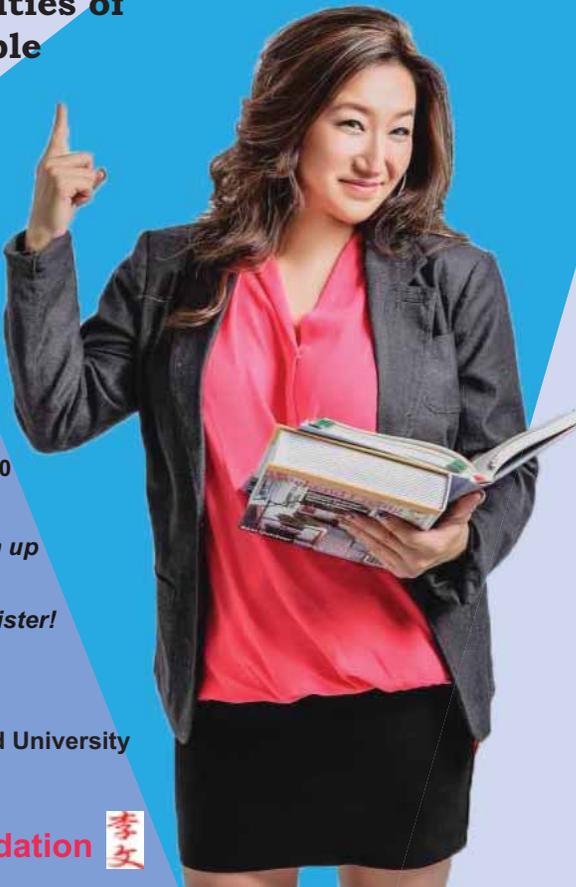
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728 Addison Ave 5 BR 3.5 BA Modern Mediterranean estate custom-built in 2014, perfect floor plan for entertaining.  
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**LOS ALTOS HILLS** **\$4,200,000**  
5 BR 5 BA Luxurious Gated Los Altos Hills Estate; Custom built home w/modern amenities & more!  
Ron Delan CalBRE #01360743 650.941.7040



**HILLSBOROUGH** Sat/Sun 1 - 4 **\$4,195,000**  
332 Darrell Rd 4 BR 3.5 BA Gourmet kit w/huge great rm & informal dining, sep D/R, LR/Media Rm; Mstr BR w/spa & more!  
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3 BR 2.5 BA Delightful home w/formal DR & LR. Open kit w/center island. App. 7 blocks from downtown.  
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**PALO ALTO (STANFORD)** Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,395,000**  
817 Santa Fe Ave 7 BR 6 BA Available Stanford Qualified Faculty Only. Great Home on lrg level lot in heart of Campus  
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**PALO ALTO** **\$2,199,000**  
4 BR 2 BA Beautiful newly renovated Eichler home in the heart of Greenmeadow Community  
Elena Talis CalBRE #01396001 650.325.6161



**LOS ALTOS** Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,975,000**  
1010 Rilma Ln 3 BR 2 BA On cul-de-sac w/hrdwd flrs, fp in liv rm, eat-in kit, new roof, prvt yds, Los Altos school  
Nancy Adele Stuhr CalBRE #00963170 650.941.7040



**MENLO PARK** Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,598,000**  
2131 Avy Ave 3 BR 2.5 BA Rarely available stunning Menlo Heights End Unit townhouse w/attached 2car garage! Hurry!  
Jan Strohecker CalBRE #00620365 650.325.6161



**CUPERTINO** **\$1,499,000**  
2 BR 2 BA Enjoy the privacy and convenience of living in this much sought-after gated community.  
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**REDWOOD CITY** **\$1,298,000**  
2 BR 1 BA 3/1 single level in cul-de-sac, oversize lot; good to live in as-is, update or build new.  
Gil Oraha CalBRE #01355157 650.325.6161



**SAN JOSE (ALUM ROCK)** Sat 1:30-4:30 **\$1,088,000**  
248 Eastside Drive Expanded & rebuilt duplex. 2-3BR/2.5BA units+1 car garage close to shopping and more!  
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**REDWOOD CITY** **\$849,888**  
Sought-after neighborhood for this fixer upper Eichler home. Great family room added sqft.  
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**DUBLIN** **\$846,500**  
3 BR 2.5 BA Spacious luxury townhome, sun-drenched corner unit. Large 3rd floor loft, 4-car fin garage.  
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**SUNNYVALE** **\$675,000**  
2 BR 2 BA Top floor condo w/Stockmeir Elem. Updated kit & baths. Pool, spa & clubhouse. 2 parking sp.  
Ric Parker CalBRE #00992559 650.941.7040



**MOUNTAIN VIEW** **\$635,000**  
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