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**Chez TJ**, Mountain View's only Michelin-starred restaurant, will have to move from the historic Weilheimer house under a redevelopment plan put forward by its owners, the Minkoff Group and the owners of the Tied House next door.

## Council backs plans to replace restaurant buildings for offices

FORCEFUL OPPOSITION WARNS CITY IS LOSING DOWNTOWN CHARM

By Mark Noack

Despite fervent pushback from nearby residents, a downtown office project that would replace the historic Chez TJ and Tied House buildings received an initial

round of approvals from the Mountain View City Council.

The proposed four-story office project at 938 Villa St. emerged the winner at the Nov. 28 meeting despite treading through a minefield of the city's hot-button issues, such

as creeping tech development, vanishing small businesses and a loss of what many say are the charm and character of the city's historic downtown. A thin majority of four council

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## Council seeks way to remove rent committee members

RHC MEMBER TOM MEANS' PAID WORK FOR ANTI-RENT CONTROL CAMPAIGN UNDER SCRUTINY

By Mark Noack

A City Council subcommittee has directed city staff to draft policies that would allow the council to remove members of the city's Rental Housing Committee, the independent group administering Mountain View's new rent control program. The push for oversight was prompted by concerns about committee member Tom Means, who was paid for consulting work to help defeat a November ballot measure in Pacifica that would have created a rent control program similar to Mountain View's.

At a Nov. 28 meeting, the council's three-member Procedures Committee asked legal staff to begin drafting a formal process to censure or remove members who exercise poor ethical judgment on the Rental Housing Committee as well as other city committees.

Establishing control over the Rental Housing Committee is a big shift. In the buildup to

last year's election, most council members had criticized the Measure V rent control measure as being too inflexible, creating a Rental Housing Committee whose members, once appointed, would be nearly impossible to remove.

But at the Tuesday meeting, City Attorney Jannie Quinn explained that it was "implicit" in Measure V that the City Council was empowered to remove appointed committee members.

"The City Council has the authority to appoint the members, and implicit in this ability is the ability to remove them,"

she said. "Since they're appointed to a specific term, just cause and due process are needed to remove them."

Quinn suggested taking a page from the removal policies of some of the city's other

committees. Under those guidelines, members could be kicked off for repeated absences or for violating the Political Reform

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**'Ethical  
considerations  
are important.'**

COUNCILWOMAN  
PAT SHOWALTER

## Mountain View Whisman board OKs fifth-grade sex ed

PARENTS URGE DISTRICT TO ALLOW HEALTH EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, DESPITE PROTESTS IN OTHER CITIES

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View Whisman school board members signaled loud and clear that children shouldn't leave elementary school without learning basic facts about puberty, sexual development and other critical sex education topics that have sparked controversy in some Bay Area school districts.

With little discussion and no hesitation, trustees unanimously agreed at the Nov. 16 board meeting to continue teaching a health education unit called "Puberty Talk" to all fifth-grade students, calling it age-appropriate and better suited for elementary school where students feel more comfortable broaching sensitive sex education topics. The board's decision reverses plans

by district staff to drop Puberty Talk in the spring, following complaints from parents who argued that the co-ed environment and advanced topics could be problematic for kids who are as young as 10 years old.

Mountain View Whisman began teaching the new sex education curriculum, developed and taught by the Redwood City nonprofit Health Connected, in

the 2015-16 school year in order to comply with a new state law called the California Healthy Youth Act. The law requires school districts to provide comprehensive, up-to-date information on sexual health as well as HIV prevention, and was seen as landmark legislation that put all school districts on the same page when it comes to sex education.

Even within the Mountain

View Whisman school district, each school used to tackle sexual health differently, and lessons were "delivered inconsistently" as the burden fell on the teachers — without any professional development — to teach the sensitive topics, said Assistant Superintendent Cathy Baur. She called the California Healthy

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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Anna Krause.

*Is Black Friday an economic boost or abandonment of holiday values?*



“What I don’t like about the Black Friday culture is that it seeps into Thanksgiving.”  
**Matthew Asunci6n**, Sunnyvale



“I work for a small business, and I prefer that people shop at small businesses, so support Small Business Saturday instead.”  
**Linda Windes**, Mountain View



“You’re supposed to be with your family and that’s kind of what Thanksgiving is. And there’s always cyber Monday.”  
**Aireen Celestino**, Mountain View



“If it’s a day that a few companies decide to use as a way to get rid of their inventory for a low price, that’s up to consumers to decide if they want to do that or not.”  
**Petr Johanes**, Mountain View



“I think the holidays have long been commercialized ... the corporations always try to control the aspects of life.”  
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## Water System Flushing

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In the next several weeks, City staff will be flushing water mains from Cuesta Drive to the northern City limit. The City will post notices in affected neighborhoods several days in advance of the flushing. If you would like more information about the City's water system flushing or have questions or concerns while City personnel are in your neighborhood please contact the Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329.

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### CRIME BRIEFS

#### GUNSHOTS FIRED DOWNTOWN

Mountain View police are asking for the public's help in finding a man suspected of firing gunshots during a fight in downtown Mountain View early Sunday morning.

Officers received reports of a fight in progress near Villa and Castro streets shortly after 2 a.m. on Nov. 26, and heard several gunshots nearby, in the area of Villa and Bryant Street, according to a statement by the Mountain View Police Department.

Witnesses told police that they saw a man shoot into the air before driving away in a burgundy Toyota Tundra. Casings were found in the area, police said.

It's not known if the man was the same suspect involved in the reported fight, police said. No one else involved in the fight could be located.

The suspect is described a 6-foot-tall Hispanic man in his 20s with a slim build, a trimmed beard and slick black hair. He was seen driving southbound on Bryant Street.

Anyone with information on the incident or the whereabouts of the vehicle is asked to call Det. Dan Garcia at 650-903-6624 and refer to case number 17-07944.

—Kevin Forestieri

#### FATAL FREEWAY CRASH

A Sunnyvale man died in a solo-vehicle crash Sunday morning in Mountain View, California Highway Patrol officials said.

He was identified as Juan Reynoso Velazquez, 29, by the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner and Coroner's Office on Monday.

At about 8:05 a.m. on Nov. 26, CHP officials received a call from reporting a crash just off the Ellis Street off-ramp from southbound U.S. Highway 101.

A preliminary investigation indicates that a black 1995 Honda was traveling south on Highway 101 approaching the Ellis Street off-ramp when a white 2014 Honda cut in front of the other vehicle to exit at Ellis Street.

CHP officials said Reynoso Velazquez, who was driving the black Honda, tried to avoid hitting the white Honda and lost control of the vehicle.

The black Honda crashed into a perimeter fence and overturned. Reynoso Velazquez was taken to Stanford Hospital, where he died.

Neither alcohol nor drugs appear to have played a role in the crash, CHP officials said.

—Bay City News Service

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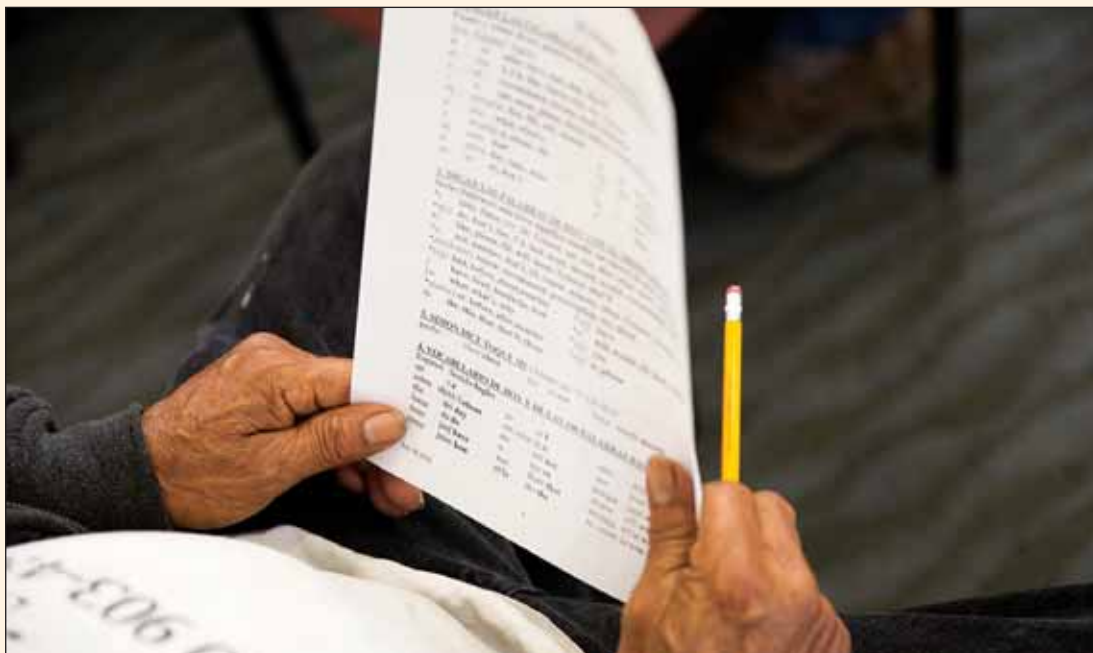


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**The Mountain View Day Worker Center** offers more than just a place to find jobs; its members also have access to classes and job training. The center is one of seven local nonprofits that benefit from donations to the Voice's annual Holiday Fund.

## Day Worker Center: still here and ready to help

NEW OUTREACH CAMPAIGN AIMS TO STRENGTHEN TIES TO COMMUNITY

By Mark Noack

To see perseverance in action, visit the Mountain View Day Worker Center.

On a daily basis, a few dozen laborers — many struggling to find a place to live — come in and wait their turn for a chance to work. It could be landscaping work or helping a senior move furniture or hanging up Christmas lights at a local park.

In their down time, the laborers aren't idle. They're practicing English, learning technical



skills or doing volunteer work in the community. The workers — many of them immigrants to the U.S. — are adherents of one of the most sacred of American ideals; that hard, honest work will be rewarded.

After about 20 years in Mountain View, the Day Worker Center is still fighting to survive. Despite its age, the center still

remains relatively unknown to a sizable segment of the city, said Executive Director Maria Marroquin. When residents need a job done, their first instinct can be to use Craigslist or TaskRabbit rather than a local network of handymen.

"Many people still don't know we're here and what we do," she said. "Especially in these times, people need to get to know each other to see the humanity in others."

For that reason, the Day

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## Middle schools plan a schedule shake-up

CHANGE WOULD ALLOW SPECIAL ED, ELL STUDENTS TO TAKE ELECTIVES

By Kevin Forestieri

More than 1,500 students in the Mountain View Whisman School District could see their schedules radically change next year, as the district wraps up its quest to offer elective classes to all middle school students, including those with special needs.

District staff, including teachers and principals at Crittenden and Graham middle schools, have

been quietly meeting since fall 2016 to tinker with the standard seven-period school day. While the options have ranged from modest to sweeping changes, the core goal of the task force is to inject flexibility into the schedule so students with disabilities and students learning English still have room for an elective class.

The critical flaw in the current schedule is that the students with special needs are forced to concede their elective period

to remedial support classes, whether in English language development or special education support. Parents and district staff have argued that this is an unfair approach that shortchanges students of the only creative outlet they have during the school day.

One of the proposals still on the table is to switch to an eight-period block schedule that divides up classes by holding

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## Police to ramp up traffic enforcement

STATE GRANT MONEY WILL PAY FOR BOOST IN TICKETING, DUI PATROLS AND EDUCATION

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Police Department is gearing up for a big traffic safety push after receiving \$115,000 in grant money.

The department announced last week that the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) is pitching in funding for officers to conduct a year-long program of "special enforcement and public awareness efforts" to reduce the number of traffic-related deaths and injuries. For Mountain View, that means traffic enforcement officers will spend more time on the roadways monitoring violations, more drunken-driving saturation patrols and a robust public education campaign on traffic safety.

Traffic collisions involving bicyclists and pedestrians have largely increased over the last five years. Data from the Mountain View Police Department shows bike-related collisions have gone up from 27 in 2013 to 58 in 2016, and pedestrian-related collisions have increased from 11 to 27 over the same period. The increase comes, in part, because of a policy change requiring reporting of all accidents, regardless of whether anyone was injured.

Mountain View police are taking a broad approach to the problem, tackling bike, pedestrian, motorcycle and motorist safety, including speeding and red light and stop-sign violations. Police spokeswoman Katie Nelson described it as a "holistic approach," and said that everyone who uses the road has a part to play in traffic safety. An increase in violations and collisions is expected as the city continues to grow, but Nelson said much of the danger on the roadway comes down to people being distracted.

"It's more about people not paying attention," she said. "People

are so fixated on their phones ... people are going too slow or they're looking at the ground, or they've got earbuds in their ears and aren't looking up."

Grant funding from the OTS used to be funneled through the county for regional traffic enforcement efforts, like holiday-specific DUI (driving under the influence) crackdowns during Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve, but in 2015 began awarding grants to individual cities that apply. Nelson said the police department won a smaller, \$70,000 grant last year to pay for traffic safety initiatives. The money will not be used to hire additional staff or contract out to other agencies, Nelson said, but could go a long way towards paying for overtime for traffic enforcement officers to target problem spots in Mountain View.

**Mountain View has seen a precipitous drop in citations for traffic violations over the last five years.**

Ratcheting up ticketing would be a big change for Mountain View, which has seen a precipitous drop in citations for traffic violations over the last five years. In 2013, the police department wrote out 5,328 tickets for wireless device violations, 1,742 tickets for speeding and 1,386 tickets for disregarding traffic signals, according to police reports. Those numbers have dwindled since then — in 2016, the department issued 479 tickets for using wireless devices, 451 tickets for speeding and 291 for disregarding signals.

Police officials have argued in recent years that ticketing may not be the best use of resources, simply because it doesn't have a big influence on roadway behavior beyond those who take the direct financial hit. Education campaigns including online and social media messaging about traffic safety have been a priority for the department, as well as working with the city's public works department on potential

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## Next door to Chez TJ, critics see a cautionary tale at WhatsApp

By Mark Noack

Through the debate on Tuesday night over redeveloping the sites of Chez TJ and the Tied House, everyone in the room agreed on what they didn't want. That would be another office complex like the one right next door at 900 Villa Street, currently occupied by WhatsApp.

The 900 Villa Street property has become local preservationists' lead example of how developers allegedly broke promises and eroded the charm of the city's downtown core. For them, the building represents another walled-off tech compound, creating what they call "dead zones" — areas downtown with scant public appeal. Even worse for local history buffs, constructing that 900 Villa Street building led to demolishing the 130-year-old Pearson House.

In 2013, when the 900 Villa Street project was approved, it was supposed to be something very different. Developer Roger Burnell pledged his project would have first-floor retail space that he described as perfect for a public cafe. But today that space is not open to the public — one

speaker on Tuesday shared a video of a security guard closing the door in his face as he tried to enter.

Burnell did not respond to the *Voice's* interview requests.

"Every time I walk by the 900 Villa building I get a pang of sadness — now we have this building which is a broken promise to the community," said Old Mountain View resident Tracy Chu. "Now the adjacent buildings are moving in that direction; one by one, our heritage is slipping away."

The dismay over the 900 Villa Street building was shared by many City Council members — more than one of them described it on Tuesday as a mistake.

Asked about this, city staff say that the developer and WhatsApp are technically abiding with the city's rules. The 900 Villa Street complex is built out with downstairs retail space, as called for in the city's approved permits, said Planning Manager Stephanie Williams. The problem is WhatsApp is currently paying to rent it out and keep it vacant for its private use, she said.

Nothing in the city's rules prohibits property owners from doing this, she said. In what

might seem like a doomsday scenario for downtown preservationists, Williams said any other commercial space along Castro Street could do the same thing.

"In theory, someone could pay to rent out every building along Castro Street and keep it empty. They could do that," she said. "We can't regulate how people who own their property use it."

Other nearby cities do take more forceful action to regulate how developers use their retail space. In Palo Alto, city officials have imposed \$700,000 in fines against the Sand Hill Property Company for not providing a neighborhood grocery store as promised for a residential project. Providing that grocery store was a specific condition of approval for that project, putting the development in violation.

Williams described the 900 Villa Street building in Mountain View as an anomaly, and she gave assurances that developers weren't breaking their promises throughout the city.

But would the 900 Villa Street project at least lead city officials to be more skeptical of future promises by developers?

"No, we don't hold vendettas," she said. ▣

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roadway and street light changes to prevent future collisions.

Nevertheless, enforcement remains an important tool for the department. Shortly after a Los Altos woman was killed by a driver while crossing El Monte Avenue at Marich Way, Mountain View police officers spent four hours walking across the street and ticketing drivers who failed to yield to the pedestrian. By the end of the day, they had ticketed 44 drivers at the dangerous intersection.

There were 26 reported bike collisions and 23 pedestrian collisions during the first half of 2017, according to a report given to the city's Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) in September. Six of the bike collisions were along Middlefield Road, four were along California Street and Shoreline Boulevard and Rengstorff Avenue each had three. Eleven of the incidents were determined to be the fault of the driver and 11 the fault of the bicyclist, with four remaining "unknown." Causes of accidents include unsafe speeds, unsafe turns, failing to yield and opening a car door into traffic.

While bicycle accidents tend to be along major thoroughfares that are heavily used as

commute routes, the pedestrian collisions through the end of June were more widely dispersed. The only exception was along the downtown corridor, where three pedestrians were reportedly struck at the intersection of Castro Street and W. Evelyn Avenue within a two-month period. Detailed data on 2017 pedestrian collisions, including fault and extent of injuries, has been unavailable because of staff turnover at the police department, according to Nelson. The *Voice* recently requested that data, which should be made available in several weeks.

Nelson said the police department appreciates the commentary, concerns and suggestions from residents about traffic safety — including the stream of feedback via social media on platforms like Nextdoor, Facebook and Twitter — and that the information does eventually make its way to the traffic enforcement division. Suggestions to monitor specific streets for speeding and ignoring stop signs helps, and the goal is to bring down the gap between complaints and actual enforcement.

"We're trying to bypass that delay and be proactive in where we're seeing these issues," Nelson said. ▣

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members signaled that the project should move forward, warts and all.

The project applicants — who include the owners of Chez TJ and the Tied House along with the Minkoff Group development firm — had proposed building plans for 41,000 square feet of offices, with space for a ground-floor restaurant. The project reportedly would adhere closely to the city's downtown precise plan, leaving city officials with little justification to shoot down the project, despite its unpopularity, explained Councilman Lenny Siegel. Preserving the historic buildings would be the only issue that could merit rejecting the project, he told the crowd.

"I share your concerns about preserving our downtown and Old Mountain View, but in this instance I feel it's misplaced," he said. "The (restaurant owners) have a right to find a new use for their property so long as it's compliant."

Both restaurant buildings are recognized as historic sites by the city. The Chez TJ building, also known as the Weilheimer House,

is a 1894 cottage that is one of city's oldest structures and the former home of Arthur Free, the only congressman to hail from Mountain View. The Tied House building, which was built in 1931, is also recognized as an iconic site, yet it is generally regarded as the less significant of the pair.

At a June hearing, the City Council signaled it wasn't very concerned about the Tied House building, but council members did want to save the Weilheimer House. Following that direction, developer Dan Minkoff on Tuesday presented plans to relocate the old house about a block and a half away to a vacant section of the single-family-home property at 1012 Dana St. The house could be preserved and rented out as a residence, he said.

That concession did little to placate the project's numerous opponents. A huge turnout of residents organized by the group Livable Mountain View demanded an immediate halt to the project as part of what they described as an urgent need to save the city's vibrant downtown from becoming an office park. Members of the group shared their self-produced video and studies showing dwindling downtown commercial activity

and "dead zone" office stretches that deterred pedestrians. As a cautionary tale, one speaker read aloud a letter from Sunnyvale City Councilman Michael Goldman urging Mountain View leaders not to make the same mistakes his city made by replacing their downtown with "cookie-cutter" office buildings.

The group went further in flexing its muscles before the council, handing over a petition signed by a reported 2,300 residents calling for a moratorium on all downtown development and for the city to rewrite the 30-year-old downtown precise plan.

Anticipating some skepticism, Livable Mountain View members emphasized that they aren't a faction of NIMBYs opposed to all development.

"The vast majority of people here are not anti-development ... they're unhappy with the quality of what's going on, particularly in downtown," said Alison Hicks, a professional city planner. "You have to listen to your constituents."

The dilemma was more complicated than small businesses versus corporate offices. Two longstanding restaurant owners who had preserved their buildings were behind the new office

proposal, said Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga. She recalled how a few years ago, the city had allowed the demolition of the historic, yet dilapidated, Pearson House for an office project.

"It was an eyesore, and I heard from many residents saying just get rid of it," Abe-Koga said. "The Chez TJ owner has done a great job preserving (the Weilheimer House), so do we punish him by not letting him do what he wants with it?"

Abe-Koga was joined by Mayor Ken Rosenberg and Councilwoman Lisa Matichak in backing plans for a "pause" on the project until the downtown precise plan could be updated. It was an approach that Rosenberg admitted was unfair to the restaurant owners, yet he saw it as the lesser evil.

The other side of the council was equally ambivalent. Councilman Chris Clark acknowledged the project's problems, but he described it as the best option available. If the council dithered for too long, the restaurants would likely close up and the buildings would deteriorate.

"I don't think we'll find a better opportunity to preserve the Weilheimer House," he said. "The idea of doing nothing is to have the Tied House and Chez

TJ just sit there."

In the same vein, Siegel described the office development as the best opportunity to clean up toxic contaminants in the soil underneath the Tied House. The building, which formerly housed a dry cleaning shop, has significant traces of tetrachloroethene and trichloroethene, according to environmental reports of the site. The levels exceed residential habitability standards, but are within the acceptable amounts for commercial use, he said.

Livable Mountain View members disputed those findings, but a thin coalition on the council coalesced in support of the project. Council members Pat Showalter, John McAlister, Siegel and Clark signaled their support.

"The best way to preserve this house is to remove it," Councilwoman Pat Showalter said, referring to the Weilheimer house.

Considering the toxins at the site, "we have to err on the side of community health," she said.

The Nov. 28 meeting was a study session to determine if the proposal should go forward. The developer will come back to the council at a future meeting with a full project for approval. ▣

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Act or the city's code of conduct. A committee member must be given a chance to respond before being penalized, she said.

Councilwoman Pat Showalter, who sits on the Procedures Committee, asked that the city include provisions to allow the council to censure committee members, a symbolic gesture to show disapproval. Even if a committee member was technically following the rules, there could still be instances where common sense indicated he or she was exercising poor judgment, she said.

"Ethical considerations are important here," Showalter said. There are things that are legal, "but are still outside of what we think are appropriate," she said.

The city had encountered at least one similar problem in the

past with an appointed committee member. In 2013, a Visual Arts Committee member began making anti-Semitic comments on the *Voice* website's comments section about council member Ronit Bryant. That committee member was accused of violating the city's code of conduct, and he later resigned.

The controversy surrounding Rental Housing Committee member Means came up in recent weeks when it was revealed he had been hired by the San Mateo County Association of Realtors to author an opposition report against rent control while serving on Mountain View's committee. Critics say the paid political work calls into question his suitability and impartiality to administer Mountain View's rent control program. Means could not be immediately reached by the *Voice* for comment on


Wednesday. At the time, he defended his work, saying that it was in line with his job as an economics professor to study the rental market.

This fall, the council asked staff to investigate how Rental Housing Committee members could be removed.

At the Nov. 28 meeting, council members made a deliberate effort to speak in general terms, avoiding any direct mention of Means, but Showalter later told the *Voice* that Means' political consulting had prompted the review.

Showalter and council members Margaret Abe-Koga and John McAlister unanimously agreed to ask staff to draft rules for removing a committee member, but any new policy must go before the full council for approval. ▣

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## DAY WORKER

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Worker Center is heading into the new year by launching its own outreach campaign, which is being spearheaded by its own workforce. Working with the public broadcaster KMVT, the center is launching a new program to train its team in audio and video production for a regular television show. Marroquin hopes that it will provide another way to strengthen community ties while also giving some insight into their members and activities. Not only does it promote the center, but it also represents “a whole new adventure” and skill set for the workers, Marroquin said.

The center is also in the process of securing funding to promote their services to local seniors. Since seniors often need

extra help with manual chores, the two groups should become natural partners, Marroquin said.

The Day Worker Center is one of seven local nonprofits benefiting from the *Voice's* annual Holiday Fund. Donations to the fund are divided equally among the organizations, and will be matched by the Wakerly Family Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Lucile Packard Foundation. With the support of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, 100 percent of donations go directly to these nonprofits.

This last year has been particularly tough for the center. At the national level, many center workers — dubbed *compañeros* — have watched with increasing concern as federal authorities have aggressively prosecuted undocumented immigrants.

More locally, the unaffordability of the Bay Area has pushed many workers out to the region's fringes. About one in five *compañeros* are commuting from San Jose or even farther, Marroquin said.

Marroquin estimates just “1 percent” of the center's regular workers have stable housing. The overwhelming majority cope by couchsurfing, subletting rooms or living out of vehicles. She describes the Day Worker Center's services as a safety net, giving individuals a reliable way to earn some money.

The Day Worker Center is open for jobs from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. To contact the center, call 650-903-4102 or visit the website at [dayworkercentermv.org](http://dayworkercentermv.org).

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## SEX ED

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Youth Act a “very good bill,” in part because families must opt-out rather than opt-in to the lessons.

After fifth grade, the district next offers sex ed in eighth grade through the “Teen Talk” program, which delves into topics like pregnancy, birth control, consent, gender and sexual orientation as well as reducing “misinformation and myths about sexual health topics,” according to a district FAQ. Each year parents are given the opportunity to look through the teaching materials and attend parent nights to ask questions and express concerns.

But going into the Nov. 16 board meeting, district staff were fully prepared to ditch Puberty Talk after a group of parents raised concerns about

lessons they claimed were an ill-fit for elementary school children, particularly teaching how diseases like HIV are transmitted. The curriculum specifically addresses the effectiveness of condoms and other contraceptives in preventing sexually transmitted diseases and unintended pregnancy, according to the Health Connected website.

“Our current plan is not to offer the program for our fifth-graders,” Baur said.

Instead, Baur said the district would pilot a new sex education program in fifth-grade classrooms next year, and provide a belated version of Puberty Talk to sixth-grade students who had missed out on the program in the spring.

The opt-out rate was also a factor in deciding to go back to the drawing board, said Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph. A total of 29 families chose to pull

their child out of Puberty Talk during the 2016-17 school year — about 5 percent of the 570 fifth-grade students in the district — prompting the district to search for a more agreeable curriculum.

“A couple parents were upset, and we understand that there are parents who opt out. It’s not a high number, but are there other options within the state and within the county,” Rudolph said.

The idea didn’t win support among either school board trustees or members of the public at the meeting, who gave resounding support for fifth-grade sex education.

District parent Adam Berry told board members that he was “dismayed” that students — including his own child at Huff Elementary — may not have a chance to learn about human growth and development at a school that she’s

attended for six years and sees as a safe environment. Adding exposure to sex education on top of the myriad of other new experiences introduced at the middle-school level would be “overwhelming and irresponsible,” Berry said.

“(Students) talk, and there’s misinformation and lack of information,” he said. “The sooner we’re able to discuss this with them the better.”

District parent Elizabeth Eaton said parents could try to teach sex education at home in fifth grade in lieu of Puberty Talk, but kids may not be willing to ask their parents questions about uncomfortable topics. Schools also play an important role in reinforcing what students learn at home, and it’s important to present that information when they are around friends and trusted adults.

“I think it does a real

disservice to our entire community to put this off for our children,” Eaton said.

Board member Ellen Wheeler said all of the feedback she heard from parents leading up to the meeting, both by email and personal contact, came down in favor of providing Puberty Talk in fifth grade. She said the district should not put sex education off for a year, and ought to provide the experience in the “smaller elementary school environment” instead of waiting until sixth grade.

The state’s sex education landscape is currently in an awkward transition phase of its own. The California Healthy Youth Act requires school districts to provide comprehensive, medically accurate education on sexual health, but the state has yet to finish revisions to its Health Education Framework, which dates back to 2008. If the district convenes a Pilot Assessment Review Committee (PARC) to find an alternative to Health Connected for fifth grade, it could take years.

“I don’t want to waste time going down the rabbit hole when we might have to reinvent the wheel again,” said board member Laura Blakely. “I don’t see any reason to convene a PARC this year when there isn’t a (state) curriculum.”

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SUPERINTENDENT  
AYINDE RUDOLPH

In other school districts, it was the middle-school curriculum — Teen Talk — that drew a firestorm of parental opposition. An online petition circulated by parents in the Palo Alto Unified School District earlier this year claimed that Teen Talk amounted to “sex seduction” that was neither age appropriate nor culturally appropriate, and that opting out was not a solution. A similar opposition campaign in Cupertino in March led to a failed vote by the board of trustees to adopt Teen Talk.

The reaction was close to the opposite in the Mountain View Whisman School District.

“We didn’t really hear much at all from families about Teen Talk, which is why we decided to keep giving it,” Baur told board members. “Our teachers are very much in favor of it — they really liked it.” ▣

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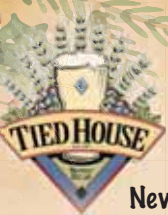
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## MIDDLE SCHOOL

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four on alternating days. Under that plan, students would have 87- and 92-minute classes, which some board members say could benefit all students attending Graham and Crittenden. Not only would kids only have to worry about homework for four classes each night, but students without the need for a support period would have the freedom to sign up for two elective classes.

At the Nov. 16 board meeting, board member Ellen Wheeler said she favored the eight-period model because it could bring stress levels down a notch for students who face increasing academic pressure in middle school. She said some parents are comparing the proposal to what students typically see in college, with half of the classes taking place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the other half

held on Tuesday and Thursday.

For teachers, a block schedule would be a mixed bag, said Assistant Superintendent Cathy Baur. They would get a much-needed extra period for preparation during the day, but having to teach classes every other day for an

teachers up to speed.

"We would need to support our teachers in how to teach for longer periods of time and how you break that up and make it interesting," she said.

District staff admitted that the planned schedule changes have not been widely publicized or communicated to families. In late September — during the tail-end of the task force process — the district finally asked for feedback from parents and students.

The results were mixed, to say the least. Parents said they wanted more electives to focus on STEM, coding, programming, engineering, fine arts and foreign languages. Students, on the other hand, overwhelmingly favored home economics classes, like cooking and baking, extended break periods and athletics.

Parents griped about lack of communication from the district office, while students complained about lugging around heavy backpacks and spending too much time on homework.

Where the divergent priorities met, however, was over the start time of school. Both parents and students said middle school ought to start later than 7:50 a.m. at Graham and 7:55 a.m. at Crittenden so that kids have more time to sleep. Parents and students also agreed that more time for electives and a more diverse menu of elective classes should also be a top priority for the task force.

The task force was originally expected to make a final recommendation to the board on Dec. 7 to either adopt the eight-period day or a make more conservative modifications to the current seven-period day by dumping the current double math period to make room for an elective. But the recommendation is expected to be pushed back to Jan. 4, according to district spokeswoman Shelly Hausman.

District staff could not say how much either option would cost or how many new teachers would need to be hired.

Despite the delays, the new schedules are expected to be in place for the 2018-19 school year.

Baur said whatever the task force recommends, it's paramount that teachers and support staff have room to either accelerate students or offer remedial support on core subjects like math, and that ambitious students should always have a path to take geometry in eighth grade. She also reminded the board that no matter what schedule they approve, not everyone is going to be thrilled with the result.

"We are trying create a schedule for 1,600 kids and families," she said. "And all those 1,600 kids have a wide range of needs. We want to make the best choice, but we know that we may not make everyone happy." ▣

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extended period of time would upend the familiar 48-minute daily lesson plans and teaching strategies. At a Nov. 2 board meeting, Baur said the shake-up would likely require more professional development to bring

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## A Hope Street hotel won't benefit residents

By Donald McPhail

There are no benefits for Mountain View residents from the proposed Hope Street hotel. I encourage people to read Bruce Liedstrand's perceptive piece in the *Voice* (Nov. 24, "Making Mountain View a great place for people to live," at [tinyurl.com/MVLiv117](http://tinyurl.com/MVLiv117)) for important quality-of-life reasons why the Robert Green Hope Street hotel proposal is entirely wrong for Mountain View.

As an economic development consultant for many years, I often recommended that certain communities should recruit hotels as a means of attracting and retaining visitors to their overlooked areas. But downtown Mountain View is anything but overlooked, and our community will not benefit from what the proposed hotel would bring: more traffic, and greater need for housing.

Main thoroughfares around the proposed site, including Castro, Hope, California and Evelyn, are packed with traffic during weekday commute hours, and during lunch and dinner every day. Parking on city streets and parking lots is equally stressed around downtown. The proposed hotel would add

significantly to the problem in an already busy area, and the problem is likely to get worse when and if Castro Street is closed at the train crossing.

Typically, a hotel brings with it jobs, income for workers, and tax revenue for a city. But our city doesn't lack for jobs, judging by the presence of Google and other high-tech companies, and the regular job-openings at multiple dining establishments. And tax revenue for Mountain View from high-tech companies is the envy of cities around the Bay Area.

So, who benefits? Without question, the developer and the hotel management company will benefit, and so will out-of-town guests, but not Mountain View residents.

■ Will the guests fill our restaurants? Most of them are already full.

■ Will they add to our off-seasons? There are no perceptible off-seasons here, since high-tech is essentially all-seasons.

■ What about our city planners? I'm cynical enough to believe that city planners will benefit from "Brought a hotel to Mountain View" as an entry on their resumes, qualifying them for their next planning job in a bigger city.

Local politicians could benefit by claiming to bring in significant new revenue to the city coffers. But how much is enough? Our high-tech income is over the top. Does Mountain View need to trade its quality of life for unending tax revenue?

What does Mountain View continue to need, according to most council members during campaign season? More housing. What does a hotel bring to Mountain View? Transient guests, and more workers in need of housing. The best possible use of the two parking lots targeted for the proposed hotel is likely parking. The next best use is likely housing, near the train station. The worst possible use is a large hotel or office building, with more traffic.

There are literally no benefits for residents from the Robert Green Hope Street hotel proposal. Let's take note on how the council proceeds, and let us remember well when the next election takes place.

*Don McPhail and his wife Gretchen are longtime Old Mountain View residents. He was an economic development consultant for Oregon's Department of Economic Development & Tourism, and retired after nearly 40 years in the travel and hospitality industries.*

### Guest Opinion

### ■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

#### MAKE NEW CAMPUS A NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

An open letter to the Mountain View City Council: I find it admirable that the city of Mountain View is willing to help fund and negotiate a tenth school site for the Los Altos School District, with up to \$100 million dollars in park and TDR funds and no requirements as to which student population the site would be used for.

As a LASD parent who is helping to fund the LASD portion of the equation (via Measure N tax dollars), I am asking something of you: Please make sure to stipulate that LASD uses any land it acquires in the North El Camino area to create a neighborhood school for the North El Camino Mountain View kids.

LASD prides itself, and indeed is based on the principle of providing a neighborhood school for all its students, yet somehow the Mountain View students, who make up almost 30 percent of LASD K-8, have never had a neighborhood school.

Los Altos and Mountain View parents and taxpayers want to know that LASD is acquiring land and building a school for the long-overlooked Mountain View

NEC student population, which for many years has been shuttled to various schools within Los Altos boundaries. If instead, LASD builds a new K-8 campus for Bullis Charter School in the NEC area, the inequity to the NEC kids will continue.

The only growing student populations within LASD are the NEC students and the Bullis students. Let's make sure the NEC students finally have a neighborhood school of their own. If LASD can accomplish that, it can surely free up space at one of its existing sites to create a campus for Bullis.

*Nancy Breneau  
Los Altos*

Mr. Kuykendall does not realize how lucky he is by owning a home and therefore being able to enjoy all the benefits that come with it even though he has to pay thousands of dollars in property taxes, but he criticizes the homeless when they say it is very hard for them to pay an \$80 ticket. He does not realize they don't have the privilege of owning a home as he does. The fact of having to live in an RV is already a very stressful situation and a vivid sign of not being able to afford an apartment to satisfy some basic needs such as a shower and toilet.

And on top of that, having to pay an \$80 ticket means not being able to buy food or other

basic survival items.

I myself have the privilege of owning a home and I will not worry about not being able to move out if my neighborhood starts filling up with RVs because their occupants are human beings, my brothers, and sisters, a little less privileged than I.

I, and Mr. Kuykendall, and everyone else have the right to a privilege but also the obligation to sacrifice a little when needed, and the moral obligation of showing our solidarity with them in any way we can.

*Job Lopez  
McCarty Avenue*

#### ANOTHER VIEW OF RVs AND THE HOMELESS

Peter Kuykendall's letter (*Voice*, Nov. 24) does not make sense. He complains, saying that homeowners in Mountain View have been left behind in the discussion about RVs, in spite of them paying thousands of dollars a year in property taxes for the privilege of owning a home, and he will not be able to just move his home to another area in the city if his neighborhood starts filling up with RVs (serving as housing).



FOOD FEATURE



**Arnold Testa**, a volunteer with Peninsula Food Runners, picks up donated pizzas with help from an employee of Mountain View-based Zume Pizza on Nov. 27.

## ENDING THE WASTED FOOD RUN-AROUND

PENINSULA FOOD RUNNERS MAKES IT EASIER TO DONATE EXCESS MEALS TO HUNGRY RESIDENTS

Story by Fiona Kelliher | Photos by Michelle Le

**F**rom corporate events to Michelin-starred restaurants, the Bay Area consumes vast quantities of prepared food every day, contributing to the estimated 30 to 40 percent of food that gets wasted in the United States.

And yet an estimated 4.9 million Californians lack consistent access to adequate meals, according to the California Association of Food Banks, and one in four Silicon Valley residents are at risk of hunger, according to Second Harvest Food Bank. That's why local restaurants and catering companies have partnered with nonprofit Peninsula Food

Runners to donate leftovers rather than tossing them in the trash. Founded in 2013 by Maria Yap, the organization matches donors, volunteers and recipients, delivering an average of 35,000 meals weekly across the Midpeninsula.

Peninsula Food Runners delivers food to around 200 organizations that then distribute it to low-income housing residents, senior centers, families and the homeless, among other communities — for a total of 8,000 individuals served.

“Basically the premise is that you have so much food here, all this surplus,” Yap said. “So why not give it to people in need?”

Yap, who lives in San Francisco, said she grew up in Malaysia watching her social worker mother make case calls, an experience that made her acutely aware of food insecurity.

“Many of her clients were victims of unfortunate circumstances, such as fires, monsoon flooding, homelessness, drug abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, etc,” Yap said on the Food Runners website. “Food was always connected somehow.”

In the 2000s, while training as a chef in San Francisco, Yap started volunteering at Food Runners San Francisco. The organization had developed a system in which volunteers

picked up food from restaurants to remove logistical barriers to donation. But the Midpeninsula had no such system, so Yap decided to replicate the San Francisco model. Now, Peninsula Food Runners serves both San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. About 11 percent of Santa Clara County residents and 17 percent of San Mateo County have food insecurity, according to the nonprofit.

Peninsula Food Runners aims to take the onus off businesses by researching recipients and transporting food, which ranges from fresh produce to gourmet steak meals. The organization relies on a customized software

system called ChowMatch, which Yap's husband Tod created in 2011. The app asks that donors sign up once and then matches them with volunteers and recipients on a case-by-case basis.

On ChowMatch, recipient organizations can specify their clients' needs to ensure they get the right kind of food at the right time. Some families have kitchens where they can prepare fresh produce, for example, while others don't and require prepared meals. Because the system addresses recipients'

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unique living situations, Yap said, nobody is forced to throw away food they cannot use.

The 500 Food Runners volunteers — a number Yap said is growing “tremendously” — pick up the donated food and deliver it. Aspiring volunteers have to pass a food safety test in order to participate.

Local restaurants have caught on. Zume Pizza, the Mountain View pizza delivery company known for its semi-automated production, partners with the organization to donate between seven and 25 pizzas daily.

“I personally think that food waste is one of the stupidest problems in the entire world,” said Zume co-founder Julia Collins. “There should be no reason why we make food and throw it in the trash ... It makes a lot of sense to donate your fresh food to a partner who can give it to somebody who’s hungry.”

Still, the barriers to donation remain high for many food

producers.

Richard Vo, Palo Alto team leader for catering company EAT Club, said that many restaurants and caterers err on the side of having too much food rather than too little. Although many businesses give excess food to their employees at the end of the day, they are still overwhelmed with leftovers, particularly for caterers that produce it in large quantities.

Even Zume’s “micro-forecasts” for daily business, which rely on artificial intelligence, aren’t always perfect.

Liability concerns present another barrier to addressing food waste. Many cities have laws against sharing food with people on the street, making restaurant owners wary of accidentally breaking the law. And last summer in San Jose, city officials cracked down on food giveaways in a local park.

With this in mind, Vo said, coming up with effective ways to handle waste is an “extra process” that restaurant owners are often hesitant to take on in addition to the daily stresses of

running a business.

Local tech companies make up the bulk of donations, though Yap said that recently more restaurants have expressed interest in donating. LinkedIn, for example, donates excess catered meals every day (and has also supported Peninsula Food Runners financially). Other prolific givers include Salesforce and Sequoia Capital.

And while EAT Club donates between 20 and 100 meals every day, several of their client companies also donate excess food, creating a secondary round of donations between caterers and tech firms.

For the many people who have to choose between eating and other necessities, like paying for medication or electricity, Peninsula Food Runners fills a critical need.

“What we offer is a supplemental meal that they don’t have to worry about,” Yap said.

More information is online at [peninsulafoodrunners.org](http://peninsulafoodrunners.org).

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MOVIE OPENINGS



Saoirse Ronan stars in the coming-of-age story "Lady Bird."

# Taking wing

'LADY BIRD' TRACKS A TEEN GIRL'S FLIGHT FROM THE NEST

★★★★1/2 (The Guild & Century 20)

Trapped in a small car on a college road trip, a 17-year-old girl and her mother come to the end of a 21-hour audiobook of "The Grapes of Wrath." Asked to sit with what she's heard, the girl laments, "I wish I could live through something." Of course, she is, and she will. And her mother will be there, watching and fretting, as she does.

This is the beginning of Greta Gerwig's "Lady Bird," a semi-autobiographical coming-of-age tale set in 2002 Sacramento, California. Christine McPherson (Saoirse Ronan) — or "Lady Bird" as she has chosen to rechristen herself — finds her hometown stultifying and provincial. Her lower-middle-class

family struggles to make ends meet: Dad Larry (Tracy Letts) clings to his job amid layoffs, while mom Marion (Laurie Metcalf), Lady Bird's adoptive brother, Miguel (Jordan Rodrigues), and his live-in girlfriend, Shelly, (Marielle Scott) all contribute to the household income.

Our hero likewise doesn't have the easiest time navigating the halls of sibling schools Immaculate Heart of Mary (all girls) and St. Francis Xavier (all boys). The Catholic schools exacerbate her class-consciousness ("I'm from the wrong side of the tracks"), and senior year feels like one trial after another: trying out theater (with students comically overreaching to perform

Stephen Sondheim's "Merrily We Roll Along"), trying on a theater-kid boyfriend (Lucas Hedges' nice but diffident Danny), maneuvering to escape to a New York college, and pondering losing her virginity to a rebel without a clue (Timothée Chalamet's Kyle).

At 34, Gerwig has established herself as an important star of stage ("The Village Bike") and screen ("Frances Ha," "20th Century Women"), and here she breaks out as a writer-director to watch. The film's unvarnished, unglamorized high school drama has the quirky humor one expects from Gerwig, as well as the sudden emotions inherent in a teenager's process of discovery (what disappointments guys can be, the indispensability of a true friend) and self-discovery. Ultimately, it's a mother-daughter love story, replete with the tribulations of painful individuation.

An outstanding cast doesn't hurt. As the precocious and hormonally grumpy Lady Bird, the always excellent Ronan's never been better, and she's matched step by step by the ever-brilliant Metcalf, whose Marion can barely contain her anxious love but fearfully, pridefully tries. Gerwig's bench is deep, and it's always a pleasure when she calls up Beanie Feldstein (as Lady Bird's loveable bestie), Stephen McKinley Henderson (as a depressed priest) or Lois Smith (as a wise nun).

As per the "Merrily We Roll Along" song, "before you know where you are, There you are." The pacy "Lady Bird" (ruthlessly trimmed down from a 350-page

screenplay to a 94-minute film) deposits Christine at the foot of adulthood with a mountain yet to climb and realizations of what, and who, matters most. By this wistful narrative end point, Christine's new beginning, audiences will feel as attached as Marion,

wishing we could stay with our promising girl but knowing she has to fly on her own.

*Rated R for language, sexual content, brief graphic nudity and teen partying. One hour, 34 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese



MOVIE REVIEWS

COCO ★★★1/2

Already the highest-grossing film in Mexican cinema history, Disney-Pixar's "Coco" takes up Mexican cultural traditions within the Pixar tradition of working hard to get "it" right. This time, "it" is Día de Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, dramatized in the story of a boy in search of himself by way of an ancestor. In the fictional Mexican village of Santa Cecilia, 12-year-old Miguel Rivera (a pitch-perfect Anthony Gonzalez) idolizes the town's dearly departed claim-to-fame, singer-

songwriter-movie star Ernesto de la Cruz (Benjamin Bratt). Miguel wants nothing more than to become a singer like his hero, but the other Riveras despise music, having been burned by a once-upon-a-time absent father who chose music over family. They promise Miguel a life working for the family's thriving shoemaking business, but in secret, Miguel keeps his eye on the prize of musical stardom. A bit of magical realism later, Miguel finds himself in the Land of the Dead, meeting ancestors and hunting for his idol. "Coco" will send audiences young and old out with a song in their recently warmed heart. *Rated PG for thematic elements. One hour, 49 minutes.* — P.C.

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# Goings On

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

■ HIGHLIGHT

## COMMUNITY TREE-LIGHTING

The city of Mountain View's annual celebration of the lighting of its community tree with music, a snow zone and the arrival of Santa. Bring canned food to donate to CSA and a camera to take photos with Santa. Dec. 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [mountainview.gov](http://mountainview.gov). [tinyurl.com/MVtree1217](http://tinyurl.com/MVtree1217)

## THEATER

**Ballet America's Nutcracker-2017** Hour-and-a-half production includes a cast of 100 local dancers alongside professional dancers. Ballet America's Nutcracker Children features characters such as a gingerbread dog and a chocolate cat roaming around a childlike version of heaven. Dec. 1, 7 p.m.; Dec. 2, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. \$24-\$49. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St., Redwood City. [foxrwc.showare.com](http://foxrwc.showare.com)

**Nat Geo Live Presents: Hilaree O'Neill - Point of No Return** Hilaree O'Neill tells stories of her mountaineering in Burma and the struggles of trying to summit Southeast Asia's highest point, accompanied by excerpts from her documentary, "Point of No Return." Dec. 6, 7 p.m. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St., Redwood City. [foxrwc.showare.com](http://foxrwc.showare.com)

**Oshman Family JCC Presents "Bill Murray, Jan Vogler & Friends: New Worlds"** Actor Bill Murray teams up with German cellist Jan Vogler for a one-night-only evening of classical music and literature. Dec. 2, 8 p.m. \$145-\$250. Oshman Family JCC - Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [paloaltojcc.org/Events/bill-murray-and-jan-vogler](http://paloaltojcc.org/Events/bill-murray-and-jan-vogler)

**TheatreWorks: 'Around the World in 80 Days'** "Around the World in 80 Days" is set in the 1870s: Fictional and fearless adventurer Phileas Fogg and his faithful valet circle the globe in an unheard of 80 days. Nov. 29-Dec. 31, times vary. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [theatreworks.org](http://theatreworks.org)

**TheatreWorks: 'The Santaland Diaries'** "The Santaland Diaries," written by David Sedaris, is a comedic one-man show about holiday hype. Dec. 5-23, times vary. \$20-\$45; discounts for students and subscribers. Lohman Theatre, Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. [theatreworks.org](http://theatreworks.org)

## CONCERTS

**Azure Family Concert: Holiday Jazzmatazz!** Holiday Jazzmatazz! features Bay Area jazz musicians and globe-trotting host pianist Stephen Prutsman in a concert at which people with autism (or related challenges) are welcome. Uncontrollable vocalizations or physical movements are often frowned upon at traditional

concerts, but at the Azure Family Concert such behaviors are accepted and embraced. Family members and caregivers are welcome to attend. Dec. 9, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Campbell Recital Hall at Braun Music Center, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)

**Christmas in Poland and the Baltics** Paul Flight leads 30-voice California Bach Society in a Christmas program: a Baroque three-chorus "Magnificat" from Poland, contemporary works from Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia, and traditional and folk carols. Dec. 2, 8-10 p.m. \$35; discounts for advance, seniors, and under 30. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. [calbach.org/#christmas-in-poland](http://calbach.org/#christmas-in-poland)

**Holidays at the History Museum** The San Mateo County History Museum will present two holiday activities: "Tree Treasures," from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will feature children's craft activities, such as making old-fashioned Christmas tree ornaments, and at 1 p.m. the San Francisco State Handbell Choir will perform holiday tunes. Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. [historysmc.org/events/tree-treasures](http://historysmc.org/events/tree-treasures)

**Palo Alto Philharmonic Scenes and Characters** "Scenes and Characters" features piano soloist Tamami Honma. Dec. 9, 8-10 p.m. \$22, general; \$18, senior; \$10, student. Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [paphil.org](http://paphil.org)

**Rolston String Quartet** Stanford Live Artist Spotlight The Rolston String Quartet features an evening of music and conversation with the quartet. Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. Free. Tateuchi Hall, Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [arts4all.org/events/rolston-string-quartet](http://arts4all.org/events/rolston-string-quartet)

**Techapella 2017 Concert** The Fox Theatre's fifth annual "Techapella" will feature a night of a cappella music performed by a cappella groups from local tech companies. Dec. 4, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St., Redwood City. [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

## TALKS & LECTURES

**Hidden in Plain Sight** Marissa Schleicher Rhee, project archivist for exhibitions at the Hoover Institution Library & Archives, will share behind-the-scenes stories about objects

on display in the Cantor Arts Center. Dec. 6, noon. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Dr., Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**Joe Simitian on "Trump's America"** The Menlo Park Library will host a talk by Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, who visited three counties that had historically voted for Democratic presidential candidates, to learn what made them "flip" in 2016. Dec. 7, 7-8:30 p.m. Free, but registration required. Menlo Park City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park. [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org)

**Khizr Khan: A Gold Star Father's Story of Hope and Sacrifice** The Commonwealth Club of Silicon Valley will host Khizr Khan for a moderated discussion and signing of his memoir "An American Family: A Memoir of Hope and Sacrifice." Dec. 5, 7-8 p.m. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [commonwealthclub.org](http://commonwealthclub.org)

## MUSIC

**Azure Family Concert: Tesla Quartet** The Tesla Quartet of the St. Lawrence String Quartet, and long time collaborator pianist Stephen Prutsman, will perform an Azure Family Concert, catered to families with children and young adults on the autism spectrum. The Azure Family concert embraces the movements and vocalizations of audience members that many other performances may not welcome. Dec. 2, 11 a.m. Free, registration required. Braun Music Center, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. [sqsq.com/schedule/http://azureslabptme](http://sqsq.com/schedule/http://azureslabptme)

**Bay Choral Guild and the Redwood Symphony present Paul Ayres' 'Messyah!'** In a spirited "fresh take" on G.F. Handel's "Messiah," Paul Ayres re-writes the work in musical styles that have appeared since Handel wrote the original. The variations in jazz, gospel, mash-ups and improvisation are rooted in Handel's familiar melodies. \$35, general; \$30, seniors; \$10, students. First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave, Palo Alto. [baychoralguild.org/](http://baychoralguild.org/)

**Early Music Singers: Music of the Reformation** Stanford's Department of Music will host the Early Music Singers' Program's performance of "Music of the Reformation," directed by William Mahrt, will feature music by Ludwig Senfl, Johann Walter, Hans Leo Hassler, Michael Praetorius and Heinrich Schütz. Dec. 6, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**Fowre Thousand Wynter** Soli Deo Gloria presents "Fowre Thousand Wynter," with narrator LaDoris Cordell in a U.S. premiere with soprano soloist, chorus and Orchestra Gloria. Also included is a Telemann cantata and a carol medley with audience singalong. Dec. 2, 3:30 p.m. \$21-26; free, K-8 students. Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverley St., Palo Alto. [sdgloria.org](http://sdgloria.org)

**Friends of Music Holiday Musicales** An afternoon of holiday music featuring the Stanford Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Paul Phillips, and the Stanford Chamber Chorale, directed by Stephen Sano, along with student and faculty guests. Dec. 9, 2:30 p.m. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**The Hot Sardines' Holiday Stomp** A dance concert featuring a yuletide blend of hot jazz, including swinging renditions of classics like "The Nutcracker Suite" and "White Christmas" and less traditional tunes like Ella Fitzgerald's "Santa Claus Got Stuck in My Chimney," performed by the Hot Sardines band. Dec. 9, 7:30-10 p.m. \$15-\$45. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St, Stanford. [facebook.com/events](http://facebook.com/events)

**Mountain View High School Holiday Sing-Along** Mountain View High School will host a holiday music singalong concert featuring the school's instrumental music ensembles. Ticket includes songbook and refreshments during intermission. Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. \$5-\$10; children's discount. Mountain View High School, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. [mvsingalong.eventbrite.com/](http://mvsingalong.eventbrite.com/)

**Ragazzi Continuo Presents 'Winter's Warmth'** "Winter's Warmth" is a holiday concert inspired by traditions born out of light and warmth. Ragazzi Continuo is an adult a cappella choir consisting of 13 choristers, all of whom sang in Ragazzi Boys Chorus in their younger years. Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m. \$15-\$20, in advance; \$15-\$25, at the door. First Congregational Church, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto. [ragazzicontinuo.org/tickets.php](http://ragazzicontinuo.org/tickets.php)

**The Red Violin in Concert with Stanford Live** Canadian violinist Lara St. John, with the help of a live orchestra featuring members of the Stanford Philharmonia, will perform the score at a screening of "The Red Violin," the 1999 Oscar-winning film about an antique instrument made in Cremona, Italy. Dec. 8, 7:30-10 p.m. Stanford Memorial Auditorium, Stanford. [facebook.com/events](http://facebook.com/events)

**Rolston String Quartet** Rolston String Quartet (Luri Lee, violin; Jeffrey Dyrda, violin; Hezekiah Leung, viola; and Jonathan Lo, cello) will perform works by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Canadian composer and educator R. Murray Schafer. Dec. 3, 2:30 p.m. \$15-\$50; discounts for Stanford University affiliates. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. [facebook.com/events](http://facebook.com/events)

**Stanford Afro-Latin Jazz Ensemble: Fall Concert** Stanford Afro-Latin Jazz Ensemble will present a blend of traditional and contemporary songs spanning the entire scope of the Afro-Latin genres, including classic and modern salsa, son montuno, Latin jazz, cha-cha, Cuban timba, danzon and rumba. Dec. 2, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$10-\$15, in advance. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

**Stanford Symphony Orchestra** The Stanford Symphony Orchestra under its new conductor, Paul Phillips, will perform Saariaho's, "Ciel d'hiver" ("Winter Sky"), Debussy's "La Mer," Berlioz's "Roman Carnival Overture" and Tchaikovsky's "Rococo Variations," performed by Concerto Competition winner Danna Xue. Dec. 1 and 2, 7:30 p.m. \$10-\$20 in advance; \$15-\$25 at the door. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St, Stanford. [music.stanford.edu](http://music.stanford.edu)

**Ukulele Master Hiram Bell** The Menlo Park Library will present a performance of traditional Hawaiian music and more by ukulele master Hiram Kaailau Bell. Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to noon. Menlo Park City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St, Menlo Park. [menlopark.org/ukulele](http://menlopark.org/ukulele)

## FESTIVALS & FAIRS

**Hometown Holidays - Redwood City** The Redwood City Business Group will host its annual Hometown Holidays party featuring a parade, live entertainment, carnival rides, snow, Santa Claus photos and more. Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway St, Redwood City. [hometownholidays.org](http://hometownholidays.org)

**Screening of the new film "Backpack Full of Cash"** The Stanford Graduate School of Education and the Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education present a screening of "Backpack Full of Cash," which garnered honorable mention in the 2016 Philadelphia Film Festival, followed by a discussion panel. Dec. 6, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Free, registration encouraged. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [ed.stanford.edu/events/2017-12](http://ed.stanford.edu/events/2017-12)

**Westworld** Film Studies 119/319 "Synthetic Humans" presents portions of the critically acclaimed series "Westworld" as part of the Frankenstein@200 Film Festival. Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

## FUNDRAISERS

**Christmas Tree Lot** The Los Altos High School Christmas Tree lot at the corner of Castro Street and El Camino Real, in the Chase Bank parking lot, is open. All proceeds benefit sports teams at Los Altos High School. Nov. 24-Dec. 17; 4:30-7:30 p.m. weekdays, and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. most weekends. El Camino & Castro St., 749 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View.

**Fiery Arts Winter Glass Sale** Palo Alto High School's glass-blowing program presents "Fiery Arts," its annual fundraiser. Students have created glass candy canes, reindeer, trees, ornaments, pomgranates, pears, apples, elephants, birds, acorns and even a few pumpkins for sale. Dec. 1, 3-6 p.m.; Dec. 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. Tower Building, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. [paly.net/events2](http://paly.net/events2)

## FAMILY

**Santa Photos at Stanford Shopping Center** Stanford Shopping Center will host its annual Simon Santa Photo Experience for children and families this holiday season. Through Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Photo package costs vary. Stanford Shopping Center, 660 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto. [simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center/](http://simon.com/mall/stanford-shopping-center/)

## MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

**"I Want the Wide American Earth" speaker series: Immigration and Civil Rights** The exhibition tells stories of Asian immigrants finding homes and participating in key moments in American history, from the California Gold Rush, to the Transcontinental Railroad to the orchards and nurseries in Los Altos. Speakers on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [losaltoshistory.org](http://losaltoshistory.org)

## GALLERIES

**Open Studios: Fall 2017** The Department of Art and Art History will sponsor an undergraduate student showcase from the Fall 2017 Art Practice courses: drawing, painting, printmaking, digital art, sculpture, film and more as a part of their Open Studios series. Dec. 8, 3 p.m. Free. McMurtry Building, 355 Roth Way, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

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**FOUR: New Dances by Diane Frank, Aleta Hayes, Alex Ketley, and Ronnie Reddick** The performance brings together the original works of TAPS' four faculty artist-choreographers in a concert of dance, live music, video art and found objects. Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 8 p.m. \$5-\$15. Roble Gym Dance Studio, 375 Santa Teresa St, Stanford. [taps.stanford.edu/FOUR.html](http://taps.stanford.edu/FOUR.html)


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**Smuin Presents "The Christmas Ballet"** Smuin's annual "The Christmas Ballet" features an original array of ballet, tap and jazz performances set to holiday tunes. Dec. 6-10, 8 p.m.; also 2 p.m. on Dec. 9 and 10. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [smuinballet.org/](http://smuinballet.org/)

## FOOD & DRINK

**Deepa Thomas: Nourishing Our Communities and Ourselves** Kepler's literary foundation will host Deepa Thomas and Jenny Shilling Stein as they discuss the basics of nutrition, the importance of a healthy, balanced lifestyle, and what attendees can all do to nourish themselves and their communities. Dec. 4, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, but RSVPs requested. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)

**Fermentation 101 Workshop** In this introductory fermentation class, hosted by food blogger and teacher Anne-Marie Bonneau, participants will learn to make kimchi, kombucha starters and sourdough bread with wild yeast. Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$75. Mountain View location emailed upon registration. [zerowastechef.com/register/](http://zerowastechef.com/register/)



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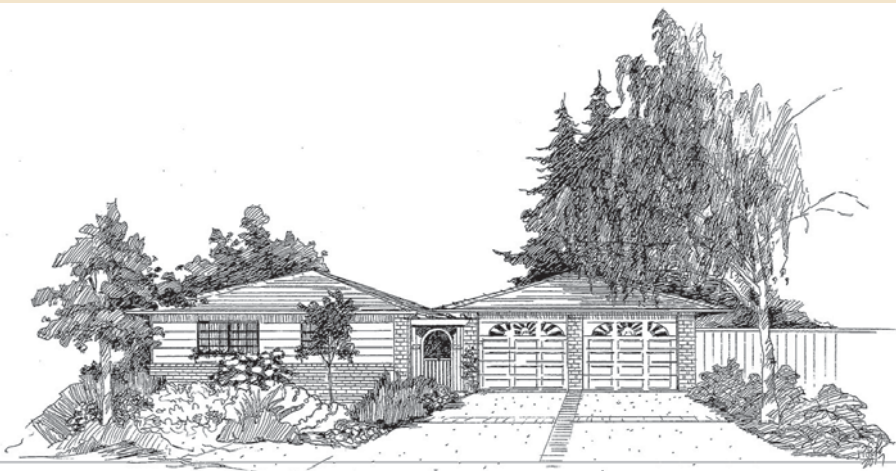
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## THE STORY:

We always say, the way we live in a home and the way we present it for sale are very different. We revitalized the kitchen with new countertops, backsplash, floor, ceiling, and appliances (the cabinetry just needed paint), and the rest of the house received a neutral color palette and new flooring so buyers could see themselves living in this lovely environment.

## THE OUTCOME:

It sold in 6 days for 18.9% over the asking price!

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**Burlingame** | 5/5 | \$3,495,000  
5 bedroom 4.5 bathroom home offers grace! Grand chef's kitchen & incl. a vegetable garden.  
Homa Modarresi 650.941.7040  
CalRE #01351305



**Green Acres** | 4/3 | \$2,495,000 | **Sat/Sun 1 - 4** 4276 Los Palos Ave  
Hardwood floors, spacious master suite, ideal floor plan, all ready to move in. Culdesac.  
Terri Couture 650.941.7040  
CalRE #01090940



**Sunnyvale** | 3/2 | \$1,895,000 | **Sat/Sun 1 - 4** 928 MacKenzie Drive  
Atrium Eichler Home with Beautiful Backyard! Cupertino grade schools & Homestead High.  
Terri Couture 650.941.7040  
CalRE #00951976



**Menlo Park** | 3/2 | \$1,750,000 | **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** 117 Hedge Road  
The perfect home for the holidays. Gleaming hardwood floors. Menlo Park School District.  
Kathy Nicosia & Colleen Cooley 650.325.6161  
CalRE #01219308 | 01269455



**Pebble Beach** | 4/4 | \$1,698,000  
This home has been extensively remodeled! 4Bed/4BA Near to golf courses and hiking trails  
Saundra Leonard 650.941.7040  
CalRE #00877856



**San Jose** | 4/2 | \$688,000 | **Sat/Sun 1 - 4** 1831 Queen Elizabeth Way  
Single level, end unit, nicely remodeled in 2014, A/C, double pane windows, copper pipe.  
Michelle Chang 650.325.6161  
CalRE #01412547



**Sunnyvale** | 4/2 | \$299,900  
Santa Clara Unified School District! New kitchen!  
Michael McCarthy 650.941.7040  
CalRE #1916881

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