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**A purple fire hydrant**, part of a plumbing system for recycled water, stands outside new Google buildings under construction in North Bayshore. A new water purification plant is expected to more than double Mountain View's use of recycled water.

## Mountain View pitches in \$3M for regional recycled water facility

TREATED WASTEWATER IS TOO SALTY FOR WATERING SOME PLANTS

By Kevin Forestieri

In a bid to rapidly expand recycled water use in the northern parts of the city, Mountain View City Council members voted unanimously

Monday night to join a regional partnership to construct a \$20 million water purification facility. Once built, the city is expected to ramp up recycled water use from 400,000 gallons per day to 1 million.

The three-way deal between the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the cities of Mountain View and Palo Alto tackles a long-standing problem that

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## City approves four-story downtown office project

By Mark Noack

Right across from Mountain View's main transit center, a new four-story office building is being slated for development. At its Monday, Nov. 18 meeting, the City Council gave unanimous approval to plans by the San Francisco-based firm Marwood to build a new 28,000-square-foot office complex in the heart

of downtown.

Located at the corner of West Evelyn Avenue and Hope Street, the lot where the new office building would go is currently occupied by a Subway franchise and low-density commercial space. Those buildings would need to be demolished to make way for the office tower, but Marwood representatives promised they would include about 6,500 square feet of new retail

space on the ground floor.

"We feel this will deliver a suite of benefits to the city and the public," said Tim McEnery, Marwood director. "We want to improve the downtown existence and we're trying to go beyond our commitments."

More challenging was the issue of parking, which has been a major hurdle for most

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## Housing advocates expect to overturn parking ban

DEADLINE NEARS BUT REFERENDUM EXPECTED TO GAIN 3,700 SIGNATURES

By Mark Noack

Housing advocates said Wednesday that they plan to deliver a referendum petition with thousands of voter signatures to City Hall later this week in an effort to overturn a sweeping RV ban that they see as an attack on the homeless.

If the referendum qualifies, it would force the City Council to rescind last month's action to prohibit large vehicles from parking on most streets in Mountain View. If the council wishes to pursue the RV ban, it would need to go before voters to decide.

The referendum takes aim at an ordinance passed on Oct. 22 that banned all vehicles more than 7 feet high, 7 feet wide or 22 feet long from parking on most city streets. Under the proposed rules, this ban is expected to close nearly all of Mountain View's suburban neighborhoods to large vehicles, including RVs and trailers.

While presented by city officials as a traffic safety measure, the parking ban was widely interpreted as a crackdown on

the city's surging homeless population. For years, the number of homeless individuals in Mountain View has been growing, and the most visible sign of it is several large encampments where people live out of their vehicles.

Ever since the parking ban was first proposed, advocates with the Housing Justice Coalition warned they would work to overturn it. Under city rules, ordinances approved by the City Council do not take effect for 30 days, and they can be overturned through a citizen petition process. To qualify, a referendum petition must include signatures from about 10% of the registered voters in Mountain View, which equates to more than 3,700 individuals.

Housing Justice Coalition members have been working around the clock to collect signatures ever since the council's decision, said Edie Keating, an organizer with the group. About 100 volunteers with Housing Justice and the Silicon Valley Democratic Socialists of America have

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COURTESY OF CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

**A four-story office building** on Evelyn Avenue in downtown Mountain View got City Council approval, although plans for its parking garage are still being worked out.

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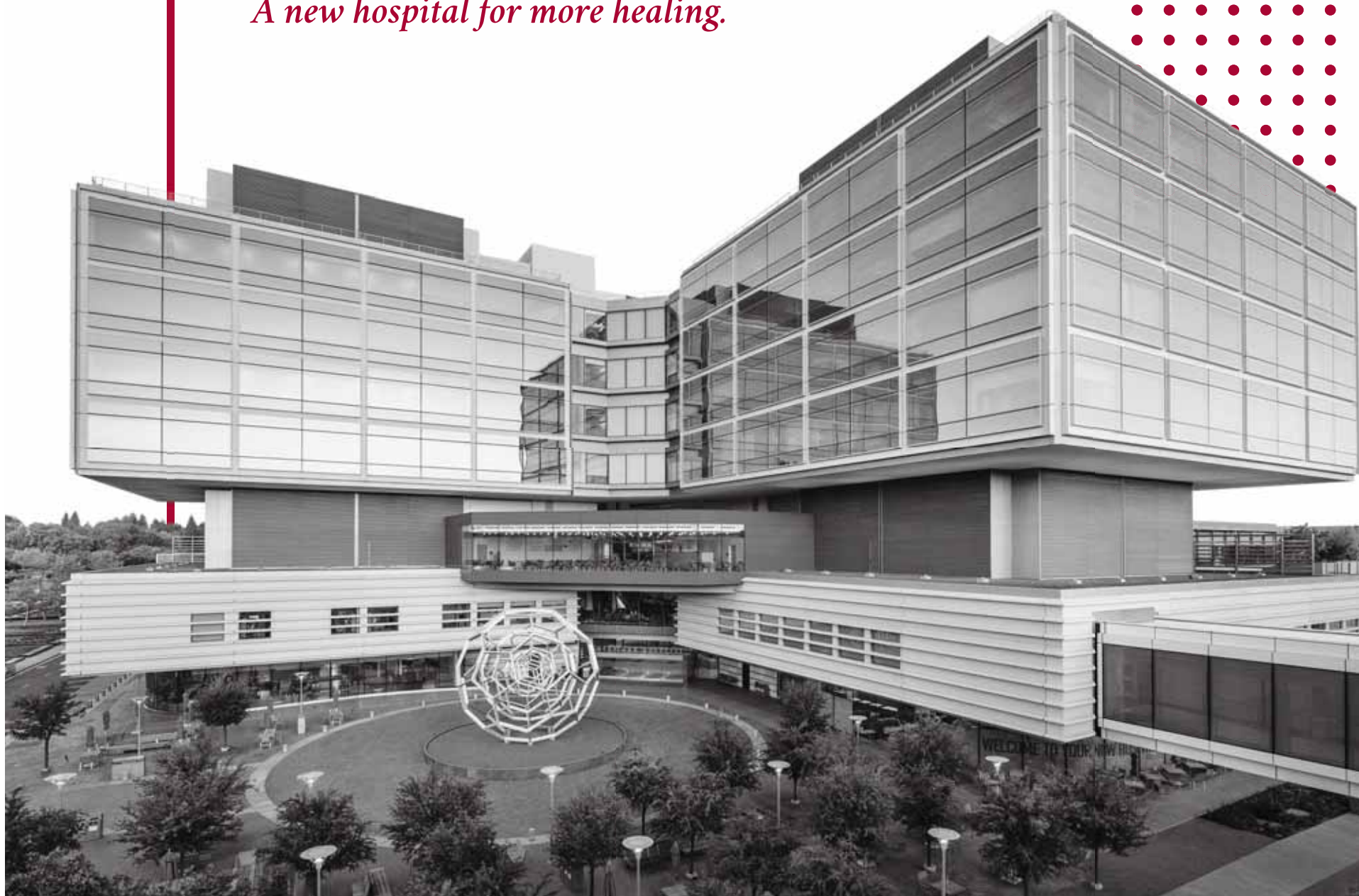
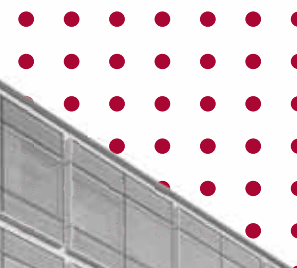


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## 'CHRIS PERONDI'S STUNT DOG EXPERIENCE'

When Chris Perondi met the dog now named Crazy Confetti at the Yolo County Animal Shelter in Woodland, California, he was told that while her litter of puppies had easily found homes, the high-strung mama mutt had been returned to the pound several times already. The future wasn't looking too bright for the little-but-feisty terrier mix.

Perondi had been looking for a bigger dog, but a shelter employee pleaded with him to give the "little spitfire" a chance. It was love at first sight.

"I took her immediately. She's so playful; she just needed to be taught some manners," Perondi said. "She was a little bit of a handful. She tried to show all the other dogs she's the boss, but we started learning how to fix it."

Crazy Confetti is now a skateboard-riding canine star, one of the most popular pups in Perondi's show, "Chris Perondi's Stunt Dog Experience," which will be coming to Palo Alto for two performances at the Oshman Family JCC on Saturday, Nov. 23.

"She's got a really touching story; that's the story of a lot of rescue dogs," Perondi said of Crazy Confetti. He, along with his Stunt Dog Productions team, has made it his mission to champion shelter dogs as well as entertain audiences with a variety of impressive tricks, acrobatics and feats of intelligence and agility from a cast of more than a dozen dogs per show. In any given show, there might be dogs jumping rope, dancing, juggling or competing in a triathlon.

What's now a career began as a hobby, when, back in 1996, Perondi adopted a dog he taught to catch a Frisbee disc. They proved to be a good team and began entering competitions, with Perondi eventually starting a local club. The local media took note and Perondi, who soon added more rescue dogs to his pack, began getting calls from schools, festivals and venues eager to book the act. In 1999, he got his business license and now, 20 years on, Stunt Dog Productions is going strong, making appearances at high-profile events, including the Rose Bowl and on major television shows.

What makes a good stunt dog? Perondi said they should be playful, toy-driven, motivated by treats and not too easily distracted. He's worked with a variety of professional trainers to use positive reinforcement and said his dogs all seem to enjoy performing. "They each have their own talents. They're just playing. We encourage people to have fun



COURTESY OF CHRIS PERONDI'S STUNT DOG EXPERIENCE

Rescue dogs perform in "Chris Perondi's Stunt Dog Experience" on Saturday.

and play with their pets as well," he said.

The highlight of each performance is the "Golden Bone Showdown," in which members of two teams compete in a series of individual challenges to win the coveted "Golden Bone." Audiences have a chance of participating and meeting the show's mascot, Diggy.

Another of Perondi's favorite performers, Flashy Ferrari, is semi-retired at age 13 (Perondi's parents are credited with caring for their retired dogs while Perondi, his wife, Suhey, and son, Anthony, are on the road).

"This will probably be her last big hurrah" on tour, Perondi said. Still, the energetic border collie/Australian cattle dog mix, whom Perondi rescued from the streets of Kansas City, wows crowds with her "big-air" catches and high jumping skills.

Each dog has a special place in Perondi's heart. Ferrari resembles his first "big star," a beloved Australian cattle dog named Pepper, who helped him through a hard time in his personal life.

"It sucks that they get old. It sucks that they don't live longer," he said. "I've lost 13 and it never gets easier, but what helps me get through it is that their legacy lives on and that the next dog will have an opportunity. If their lives were longer, then maybe we'd never give another one a chance."

"Chris Perondi's Stunt Dog Experience" will be at Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 2 and 6 p.m. \$35 for kids, \$45 adults. Info at paloaltojcc.org/Events/stunt-dog-experience-2nd-show or stuntdogshow.com.

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### ■ CRIME BRIEF

#### THREE ARRESTED FOR AUTO BURGLARY

Three men suspected of burglarizing cars in Mountain View tried to evade arrest, but ended up crashing a Mercedes into a parking sign just outside the back entrance of the Mountain View Police Department.

Police say that detectives saw the three men, all from Concord, drive into a parking lot near the intersection of Charleston Road and N. Rengstorff Avenue around 8 p.m. Nov. 13, according to a statement released last week.

One of the passengers got out and looked into vehicles before getting back inside, according to police. The driver then pulled into another parking lot and waited for a few minutes before attempting to drive away.

Police tried to stop the vehicle, but said the driver evaded officers. He made it to the end of Oak Street by an enclosed police parking lot before crashing.

Officers detained the three men and searched the car, finding burglary tools and stolen property taken during an auto burglary in Sunnyvale, according to police.

All three men were arrested on suspicion of burglary and conspiracy to commit a crime. The driver, a 22-year-old man, is suspected of reckless driving and hit-and-run, and remains in custody with a bail set at \$1 million, according to police.

One of the passengers was arrested on suspicion of possessing burglary tools in addition to burglary and conspiracy charges. His bail was set at \$300,000. The second passenger is being held on \$1 million bail.

The city has experienced a rise in auto burglaries this year, with more thefts occurring in Mountain View than any other year

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### ■ POLICE LOG

#### AUTO BURGLARY

1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 11/11  
2400 block Charleston Rd., 11/11  
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 11/11  
1400 block Plymouth St., 11/13  
1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 11/13  
2300 block Charleston Rd., 11/13  
2400 block Charleston Rd., 11/13  
2300 block Charleston Rd., 11/13  
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 11/13  
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 11/13  
Oak St. & Villa St., 11/14  
1400 block Plymouth St., 11/14  
Bryant St. & W. Dana St., 11/14  
Hope St. & Villa St., 11/15  
200 block Hope St., 11/15  
200 block Castro St., 11/15  
2000 block Old Middlefield Way, 11/15  
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 11/15  
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 11/16  
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 11/17

#### BATTERY

600 block Showers Dr., 11/15  
Hwy. 85 & Moffett Blvd., 11/16  
700 block W. Dana St., 11/16

#### COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

400 block Ellis St., 11/12  
900 block El Monte Av., 11/13  
800 block E. El Camino Real, 11/14  
600 block Castro St., 11/14

#### DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

100 block Bryant St., 11/16  
High School Way & S. Shoreline Blvd., 11/18

#### RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

1200 block Montecito Av., 11/11  
300 block Escuela Av., 11/13  
2000 block W. Middlefield Rd., 11/15  
1800 block Ednamary Way, 11/15

#### STOLEN VEHICLE

800 block Independence Av., 11/14  
600 block Rainbow Dr., 11/15

#### VANDALISM

1000 block Terra Bella Av., 11/12  
500 block San Antonio Rd., 11/14  
2400 block Old Middlefield Way, 11/17  
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Charleston Rd. & Independence Av., 11/17

### ■ CORRECTION

In the story "A noteworthy passion" (Nov. 15), the executive director and founder of Techapella was mistakenly identified as Lindsay Graham. Her name is Lindsay Alford.

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SAMMY DALLAL

**Vice President Mike Pence** talked about future missions to the moon at NASA Ames Research Center on Nov. 14.

## VP Mike Pence tours NASA Ames, talks space exploration and mass shootings

By Kevin Forestieri

Vice President Mike Pence touted big plans for an American-led lunar landing by 2024 during a Thursday, Nov. 14, appearance at the NASA Ames Research Center where he lauded the ingenuity of local engineers and researchers behind the effort.

Speaking to more than 100 NASA employees, Pence heaped praise on current and former Ames staff that have championed modern aviation, space exploration and cutting-edge computing for 80 years. With renewed goals to

conduct manned missions to the moon and a long-term goal of reaching Mars in the coming decades, Pence said NASA Ames will again be the center of innovation.

"We're about to make even more history, and it will pass right through NASA Ames," Pence said.

Casting a shadow over the visit was recent news of mass shooting at a Southern California school earlier that morning. A male student shot and killed two students, a 16-year-old girl and a 14-year-old boy, injured three others and then shot himself at Saugus High School

in Santa Clarita. Pence led his planned remarks by extending condolences to the families affected, and said President Donald Trump asked him to convey his deepest sympathies for the families and the victims and the entire Santa Clarita community.

"This president and this administration will remain resolved to bring the scourge of mass shootings to an end. And we will not rest or relent until we end this evil in our time and make our schools and communities safe again," Pence said.

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## Council dumps high-density vision for Terra Bella amid protests

By Kevin Forestieri

An ambitious plan that would have set the stage for dense development in the Terra Bella area of Mountain View got axed Monday night, after council members voted 7-0 to reject it.

The 88-page "vision plan" for Terra Bella, crafted over the course of 20 months with a \$185,000 consultant budget, would have set guidelines for transforming the largely industrial neighborhood into a mixed-use residential hub, adding between 1,700 and 2,000 housing units and building heights up to seven stories tall. The plan stands in stark contrast to the area's current use as a low-density employment center with single-family residences located directly to the south.

The vision plan was sharply opposed by nearby residents, many of whom spoke in opposition to it at the Nov. 18 meeting. Chief among the concerns were Terra Bella's traffic constraints and that large, looming buildings would blot out the sun and invade the privacy of residents, some of whom have lived in the neighborhood for decades and said they never imagined high-density development in their backyard.

"We consciously moved to Mountain View for the quality of life, not San Francisco," said resident Robert Murphy. "Please don't bring it to our backyards."

Despite the time and money spent creating the plan, council members agreed that the vision is the wrong fit for the area — at least for now. Council members echoed the quality of life concerns from residents, and largely advocated for a more rigorous zoning process that explored traffic and other environmental impacts caused by future growth in the area at a later date.

Terra Bella, roughly bounded by Highway 101, Highway 85, West Middlefield Road and Crittenden Middle School, has an odd history that perplexed even some council members at the meeting. It was not identified in the city's 2012 general plan update as "change area" ripe for redevelopment and a new set of zoning standards, yet it was placed in front of council members this year as

a priority spot for building up to five-story offices and seven-story apartments.

Councilman Chris Clark said the visioning plan was meant to be a benefit to the residents. After receiving a number of applications from Terra Bella property owners seeking exemptions from the zoning through so-called gatekeeper projects in recent years, city officials worried that the area could end up being a hodgepodge of one-off projects with no overarching strategy for things like schools, parks and comprehensive traffic management.

Reluctant to commit the resources for a full-blown precise plan with an environmental analysis, the city instead opted for a more lightweight visioning plan that would set the general approach to future development.

From the first community input meetings all the way through the Nov. 18 council meeting, residents living along the Terra Bella border have deeply criticized the higher density contemplated for the area, arguing they would have to bear the brunt of worsening traffic and have to deal with large building facades creeping right up to backyard property lines.

Murphy, a resident on San Pablo Drive, accused city staff of ignoring the well-being of residents during meetings on Terra Bella over the last year in favor of higher density, and said that the thousands of additional residents and workers trying to drive into and out of the area would be infeasible.

"The intersections are already gridlocked in the mornings," he said. "Pouring another 4,000 people into these intersections will severely impact our quality of life and anyone working there."

An earlier but similar iteration of the vision plan in April projected that Terra Bella, if fully developed under the guidelines, would bring as many as 3,600 new residents and 1,000 additional jobs. Though the vision plan concedes that congestion can make it difficult to get around, it suggests that existing conditions aren't that bad.

"The most recent data on traffic volumes and congestion suggest

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## ADA law firm settles RICO suit

MISSION LAW FIRM SETTLES CASE ALLEGING CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY

By Mark Noack

A settlement has been reached in a lawsuit against a San Jose law firm notorious for filing thousands of disability lawsuits against small businesses.

As of Oct. 20, all parties notified a federal judge that they had agreed to a settlement deal before the case was scheduled to go to trial. The rush to settle the case came as the defendants, accused

of running a criminal enterprise, were being ordered by the court to produce more than 70,000 emails, text messages and other documents relevant to the case.

The defendants include several attorneys, consultants and clients of the now-closed Mission Law Firm, headed by attorney Tanya Moore, which gained a reputation for using the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to shake down small businesses through canned lawsuits. The

firm and its spinoffs are believed to be responsible for more than 2,000 accessibility suits across the state, including hundreds of cases targeting small businesses in the Bay Area. Locally, attorneys from the firm have sued Ava's Market, Blossom True Hardware and Taqueria La Espuela in Mountain View, forcing the businesses to pay a quick settlement or risk a lengthy and

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## WATER

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has rendered much of the North County's existing recycled water supply unusable. Water treated at Palo Alto's Regional Water Quality Control Plant is too salty for irrigating certain types of landscaping, particularly sensitive species like redwood trees.

In order to use more of the recycled water, city officials say the salinity — measured in total dissolved solids present in the water — must be reduced to 600 parts per million (ppm). Despite multiple improvements designed to meet that goal from 2013 to 2016, it never got below 700 ppm, and the recent drought conditions only made things worse. At the last check, the plant's recycled water was measured at 835 ppm.

What that means is that most of the treated water is simply getting dumped. Mountain View is contractually allowed to use 3 million gallons of recycled water per day, but it only averages about 400,000 gallons. About 95% of the treated water is discharged into the San Francisco Bay.

Under the terms of the agreement, which council members swiftly approved at the Nov. 18 meeting with little discussion, the water district will spearhead the design and construction of a new advanced water purification facility — in a yet-to-be-determined location in Palo Alto — aimed at getting around the salt problem.

The facility will be able to "highly treat" more than 1 million gallons of water per day and bring salinity down to a mere 25 to 50 ppm, which will be diluted with the regular recycled water and be good enough for toilet flushing, industrial cooling towers and irrigating landscaping at parks, schools and golf courses.

Pat Showalter, a former council member and an engineer who previously worked for the water district, hailed the plan as a way to steel the city against future droughts by cutting down on the finite amount of drinking

water that's currently being used for irrigation in lieu of recycled water.

"In trying to figure out the best way to plan for climate resilience and water supplies, one of the ways is to come up with drought-proof supplies," she said. "And that's really what this is. We're taking our waste water and we're purifying it so much that we can use it in our recycled water supply."

Building the new purification facility is also a big deal for Mountain View as it prepares to rapidly redevelop North Bayshore, which will be an ideal place to use the new source of cleaner recycled water, Showalter said. The area was recently rezoned to allow up to 9,850 housing units and millions of square feet of additional offices, and is already outfitted with recycled water pipes that can circulate water in areas ranging from Shoreline Park to the north all the way down to La Avenida Street near Highway 101.

"We're not using nearly as much recycled water as we have now, but with that expected development we'll be much closer to it," Showalter said.

In addition to North Bayshore, the city will be providing recycled water to Google's Bay View development east of Stevens Creek Trail, a 1.1 million-square-foot office campus currently under construction. Starting in 2021, the project is expected to use 250,000 gallons of recycled water per day.

The city is also planning to expand the recycled water system into the East Whisman area of Mountain View, extending the network south of Highway 101 to support future development in the area. The council signed off on plans earlier this month to rezone the area for 5,000 additional homes and 2 million square feet of offices. In the case of both North Bayshore and East Whisman, all new construction is required to have dual plumbing to support recycled water use.

The Palo Alto City Council voted to approve the plan at its Nov. 18 council meeting, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Board of Directors is scheduled to consider final approval of the deal at a Dec. 10 meeting.

The advanced water treatment facility is expected to cost \$20 million, of which the water district will pay \$16 million, while Mountain View will pay \$3 million and Palo Alto will pay \$1 million. City officials are already looking at ways to defray the costs with grant money. In exchange, the city is agreeing to sell its treated wastewater, or effluent, for the water district to use at the purification facility or for "other beneficial uses" elsewhere in the county. Mountain View city staff said this shouldn't be a problem, as long-term projections show the city has adequate water supplies to grow through the year 2045 without access to the effluent water.

Though construction on the advanced water treatment plant is slated to begin in June 2021, the agreement gives the water district a lengthy 13 years to complete construction of the facility. If the facility is not constructed within that time frame, the water district has an extra 10 years to identify "alternative beneficial uses" for regional wastewater, according to a city staff report. The full term of the agreement is 76 years.

A 2016 analysis found that recycled water accounts for less than 5% of the city's total water consumption. The vast majority of the city's daily water is instead provided by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), which draws water from the Tuolumne River. The new water purification plant is expected to reduce the city's reliance on SFPUC water, an important step toward preparing for future droughts and water supply shortages caused by unforeseen circumstances like an earthquake or regional power outage. ■

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## ADA

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expensive trial.

Some business owners blamed the lawsuits for forcing them out of business. Restaurants including the Omelette House in Mountain View, Jason's Cafe in Menlo Park and San Jose's Time Deli each shut down after being hit by an ADA suit.

Last year, the Mission Law Firm itself got sued, facing allegations it was no different than a criminal enterprise that could be prosecuted under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act. That civil case, filed by Burlingame-based

attorney Moji Sanieifar, alleged the firm used fraud and extortion to coerce small businesses into paying settlements.

For nearly two years, that case has been winding its way through pre-trial motions, including an extensive process to take depositions and disclose the defendants' private correspondence. As the case progressed, U.S. District Judge Lawrence O'Neill excoriated the defendants at the Mission Law Firm, for trying to conceal information, destroy evidence and influence witnesses. Just a few days before the settlement was announced, the defendants were being compelled by court

order to immediately produce reams of documents under discovery after more than a year of delays.

By agreeing to resolve the case before it headed to trial, all involved parties agreed not to disclose any details of the settlement deal, including any financial payments. Since the case was filed last year, two defendants have filed for bankruptcy.

Reached for comment, Sanieifar said she was prohibited from speaking about the case. Moore did not respond to requests for comment prior to the *Voice's* press deadline Wednesday afternoon. ■

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# Planned Parenthood clinic faces delays, diverting patients out of town

By Kevin Forestieri

Despite hopes for a clean transition for patients, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte announced that its new location in Mountain View won't be opening until the first week of December.

The old clinic at 225 San Antonio Road recently shuttered due to major redevelopment

plans for the property, with construction fencing around the single-story strip mall and black plastic covering the clinic's logo. On Oct. 25, the clinic's management posted online that the health center would soon be opening down the street, at 2500 California St., but until then, patients need to seek appointments elsewhere.

Patients of Planned

Parenthood are now being asked to call 650-948-0807 to arrange an appointment at the next closest clinic — either in San Jose or Redwood City.

The clinic, run by the regional Planned Parenthood Mar Monte, provides family planning and primary care services to thousands of patients each year, the majority of whom are low-income. The organization

scrambled in 2017 to find a place to relocate due to plans by the developer Greystar to transform the property into a 632-unit apartment complex.

After close to a year of searching and with help from Santa Clara County and the city of Mountain View, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte purchased the new 8,000-square-foot property down the street

in March last year.

With more room to grow, Planned Parenthood inked a lease agreement with Santa Clara County to have county-run health care services under the same roof. The agreement shows the county will be paying \$4,800 per month — escalating over time — for space

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## Police chief picked to be interim city manager

By Mark Noack

With City Manager Dan Rich set to retire next month, Mountain View city leaders say it could be months before they have a permanent replacement hired and ready to take over at City Hall. In the meantime, they are appointing a temporary person for the job.

Last week, city officials announced that police Chief Max Bosel will be taking over as interim city manager when Rich retires. In a closed-door meeting Nov. 12, the City Council voted unanimously to appoint Bosel to

fill the city's top position until a permanent hire has been made.

The process of finding a new city manager is still in its early stages. City officials say the application process recently closed, and elected leaders will be able to pick from a good field of candidates, including some current Mountain View employees.

Who are these applicants for City Hall's most important position? Mountain View human resources staff declined



Max Bosel

to identify the candidates, although they did note the city had received 67 applications for the job.

Additionally, city staff declined to say whether Bosel would receive extra compensation for taking on the city manager responsibilities. Rich's current annual salary is \$301,045, thanks to a 4% raise the City Council gave him in October. According to the city's salary data for 2018, Bosel's annual compensation was \$272,233.

Bosel, who has worked for the city for 24 years, was reportedly seen as a good choice for interim city manager because he is not

a candidate for the permanent position, therefore his appointment would not give him any advantage in the hiring process. Additionally, he has served similar roles in the past. On two prior occasions when there was turnover at City Hall, Bosel stepped in to serve as an assistant city manager on an interim basis, according to city officials.

"I am certainly honored to be entrusted with this responsibility, and I look forward to the opportunity to work directly with the City Council to accomplish their goals," Bosel said in an email to the *Voice*. "I intend to continue a collaborative approach with my

colleagues on the city's leadership team to ensure we continue to provide a high level of service during this period of transition."

As Bosel takes the helm at City Hall, he says that most administration duties at the police department will be carried out by Deputy Chief Chris Hsiung.

The City Council is expected to begin interviewing qualified candidates for the city manager position starting next month. A final decision on a new hire is expected to come by February at the latest. ▣

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## PENCE

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Pence addressed NASA employees in front of the research center's Vertical Motion Simulator (VMS), a one-of-a-kind facility that can prepare astronauts to land on lunar — and eventually martian — surfaces. The VMS acts as a sort of flight simulator designed to mirror the feel, the controls and the visual cues needed to pilot a lander in an environment unlike Earth.

Though the VMS is primarily for refining the design of aircrafts and spacecrafts, it also serves a valuable secondary role as a training simulator for pilots.

Pence's comments largely centered around the administration's renewed focus on manned missions to the moon. In 2017, President Donald Trump signed a directive prioritizing missions that will put the first woman, and the next man, on the moon.

The directive also places a focus on "long-term exploration and utilization" ultimately culminating in a manned mission to Mars. At the time, Pence announced that he would be heading the National Space Council and act as a link between NASA and the White House.

Though the initial target was to have astronauts land on the moon in 2028, Pence announced during a National Space Council meeting in March 2019 that the new, accelerated time line now calls for a touchdown by 2024. If reached, it would be the first time the United States has conducted a lunar landing in 52 years.

Pence told NASA employees Nov. 14 that things are already moving fast: In just a matter of months, strong efforts have been made to get America "back" in the business of launching its own spacecrafts, which he described as a languishing priority for the country.

"Before spring arrives next year, we're going to send American astronauts on American rockets on American soil," he said, adding that NASA would not longer have to hitch a ride with the Russians on the return trip.

Pence's visit to Moffett Field was the last leg of a two-day trip to California, which began with two events in support of Trump. He participated in a "Trump Victory" lunch in Huntington Beach Nov. 13, followed by a reception in Monterey. Both events were closed to the media.

In past comments to the media and on Twitter, Trump has signaled he is eager to send astronauts to Mars and vented in June that the first leg of the mission — returning to the moon — wasn't breaking any new ground. A crewed flight to Mars is loosely planned to happen sometime in the 2030s.

## Protesters stage die-in

While NASA employees at the event largely supported Pence's comments, often punctuated with cheering and applause, not everyone was thrilled with the vice president's visit. Several groups staged demonstrations outside of the research facility protesting Pence during his visit.

The protests included a presence from the groups Vigil for Democracy, calling out the vice president's opposition to abortion and LGBT rights, Resistance SF and Refuse Fascism Bay Area. The local chapter of the Raging Grannies traded their usual colorful garb for somber black and acted as mourners at a "die-in" of protesters dressed in white clothing stained with fake blood on their crotches representing victims of back-alley abortions.

"They want to send women back into the Dark Ages," said Vara Ramakrishnan of Los Altos, a member of the group Vigil for

Democracy, adding that Pence's record on women's and LGBT issues as governor of Indiana "speaks volumes."

Nancy Martin of Palo Alto, a member of Raging Grannies, said as a pro-choice advocate and Planned Parenthood volunteer, she opposed Pence's visit to the Bay Area.

"I'm here in solidarity with women, and also transwomen, who are endangered by the sexist policies of Pence and Trump," said Alan Marling, a protester participating in the "die-in".

The "die-in" protesters laid down in crosswalks around the main entrance of Ames, and marched across Moffett Boulevard with linked arms, followed by "Handmaids" dressed in red capes and white bonnets, followed by the Raging Grannies in the back. The groups say they wanted to draw attention to the vice president's "misogyny and homophobia," and quoted comments made by Pence in opposition to *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion, and his belief that homosexuality is a choice.

A group of eight protesters made it about one block onto the NASA Ames campus before security and police escorted them out.

## Future space missions

Plans for a crewed landing on the moon has been dubbed the Artemis program, an American-led effort that has picked up support from several international partners since it was first announced. NASA is joined by the Canadian Space Agency, the European Space Agency and the Australian Space Agency. Pence also emphasized the importance of "unleashing" the private sector and fostering strong public-private partnerships — something Ames employees have been quick to embrace.

The program includes several ambitious and expensive components notably the Lunar Orbital Platform (better known as the Lunar Gateway), a space station that would orbit around the moon and act as a "jumping-off" point for robots and astronauts to land on the moon's surface.

In the near term, NASA officials announced last month it is developing a robot rover that could be sent to the moon to sample frozen water concentrated at its south pole. The rover is equipped with a meter-long drill to take samples, which will assist researchers in creating a global map of resources on the moon that could be essential for lengthy stays on the lunar surface.

Throughout the address, Pence repeatedly described Trump's commitment to NASA as unwavering, signing into law the "largest

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budget ever” for the agency in the modern era. The administration also asked Congress to approve an additional \$1.6 billion to the budget, bringing the total planned spending to over \$22.6 billion in fiscal year 2020.

And while much of the technology and equipment needed to carry out the Artemis program remains under development, Pence said the research center has a reputation of overcoming the odds.

“You made science fiction into science fact at NASA Ames, and you made history,” he said. ■  
Magali Gauthier and Bay City News Service contributed to this report.



MAGALI GAUTHIER

**Rita Akayama** shouts “Trump and Pence must go” outside the main entrance to NASA Ames as Vice President Mike Pence speaks to NASA employees inside.

## CRIME BRIEF

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in the past two decades. Thefts from vehicles dipped in the spring and summer months, but spiked again starting in October, according to the crime tracking website CrimeReports.

Detectives were proactively surveying a hot spot for auto burglaries when they first encountered the three men. The In-N-Out burger parking lot at 1100

N. Rengstorff Ave. has for many years been a prime target for thieves, in part because of its close proximity to Highway 101. More than 60 auto burglaries have been reported in the parking lot this year.

“When we say our detectives work around the clock to prevent crime and solve cases, we mean it,” police Lt. Frank St. Clair said in the statement. “Once again, outstanding work by our teams who were able to quickly detain,

and arrest, these suspects.”

In a similar incident in 2017, detectives parked outside the In-N-Out Burger in response to burglary reports from the day before, and saw two men looking into vehicles with a flashlight. One of the men tried to flee from police and struck the driver’s side of an officer’s vehicle. The officer, who was inside, suffered minor injuries.

—Kevin Forestieri

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**Route 64** - Almaden & Crown to McKee & White

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**Route 70** - Eastridge Transit Center to Milpitas BART Station

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## OFFICE PROJECT

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downtown development. Under the city's criteria, Marwood is required to provide at least 71 parking spaces, 25 of which would be available to the public at all hours of the day. City staff reported that the only way this much parking could fit on the site is by building an underground garage that would go at least three stories down. But even that plan presents problems because the Hope Street lot is so small that

most of the space needed for an underground garage would be consumed by its car ramps.

Last year, city leaders proposed solving this dilemma by encouraging the Marwood team to cooperate with another development firm that is building a larger underground garage at the adjacent property. That other firm, the Robert Green Company, is planning to start construction late next year on a 180-room hotel and office complex that would be built on two city-owned parking lots. When built, this

project will include an underground garage with 385 spaces. If this underground garage could be expanded to include the Marwood property, city officials estimated they could fit an additional 82 parking spaces.

For Marwood's team, that cooperation sounded good in concept, but the deal quickly soured as they complained they were getting saddled with all the expenses. Robert Green officials reportedly demanded Marwood pay for easements to the garage and a host of other expenses associated with expanding the garage. Since partnering on the shared garage, Marwood has been forced to pay more than \$1 million in design, legal and other costs.

In the end, the expenses were becoming too much, said Vincent Woo, Marwood

development manager. When added up, these accrued expenses would cause each parking space to cost up to four times more than usual, he said.

As an alternative, Marwood representatives proposed other parking options, such as a new off-site parking garage that would be built about two blocks away on the city-owned parking lot at the corner of California and Hope streets. If built, this garage could hold up to 360 vehicles, city officials estimate. Marwood would provide the city \$8 million to help build this parking garage, but the city would be responsible for any extra costs.

City Manager Dan Rich acknowledged that trying to find any answer to the parking issue wouldn't be easy, and it would require nuanced negotiations on ownership, liability, easements and maintenance.

At this time, he urged council members to consider the Evelyn Avenue development on its own, and to set aside the parking requirements. With council approval, city staff would enter into talks with the developers to hash out details that could then be brought back for public review at a later date, he said.

"There's significant discussions that would need to occur before anything would be brought back," Rich said. "We simply want to know if you're interested in exploring these options."

To that question, City Council members signaled they were eager to give it a try. In approving the project, the City Council asked staff to come back with an analysis on all of the parking options. ■

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## CLINIC

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to provide specialty services complementing what Planned Parenthood already provides. The plan is to include a pediatric dental clinic and a mix of other services including cardiology, orthopedics and urology.

The clinic has long faced possible eviction and has been on month-to-month leases since 2017. The original hope was to have the new location open by September, but that timeline got bumped into late October while waiting for permits from the city of Mountain View

to operate an elevator in the building.

The health center is now slated to open in the first week of December, due to "construction delays and consequently delays with permits," said Lupe Rodriguez, director of public affairs for Planned Parenthood Mar Monte. That leaves a roughly one-month gap in services in Mountain View.

Rodriguez told the *Voice* in an email that the Planned Parenthood clinics in Redwood City and San Jose will be welcoming Mountain View patients for both scheduled and drop-in appointments during the transition period, and that

patients and community members can check for updates at [plannedparenthood.org](http://plannedparenthood.org).

More than 8,000 patients visited the Mountain View Planned Parenthood clinic each year while it was open, more than 80% of whom are residents of Santa Clara County, according to county data. About 2,000 of those patients are enrolled in the county-operated Valley Health Plan, and only about one-fourth of the low-income patients who rely on the clinic qualify for Medi-Cal.

County support for Planned Parenthood has escalated in recent months under the changing landscape of federal health care policy. The Trump administration this year sought to implement a gag rule preventing clinics receiving federal funds from making referrals for abortion services, essentially forcing Planned Parenthood to opt out of \$286 million in federal funding — or about \$23 million across 350 clinic sites in California. The rule change took effect pending litigation currently under review by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Santa Clara County supervisors agreed in September to backfill any funding lost by clinics operating in the county due to the rule change, including six Planned Parenthood clinics that stood to lose about \$482,000 in annual funding. ■

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## 2019 ANNUAL FLUSHING PROGRAM

The City of Mountain View will begin its annual water system flushing program beginning October 30, 2019. Flushing will be complete by approximately March 2020.

The City understands the importance of saving water, but flushing the system is a critical component of maintaining water quality. Water main flushing is a process used to clear water lines of sand and sediment that may have accumulated during the last year. Signs and barricades will be posted in neighborhoods the day before flushing is to take place to alert residents.

If you would like more information about the City's water main flushing program, or have questions or concerns while City personnel are in your neighborhood flushing water mains, please contact the City's Public Services Division at 650-903-6329, or visit our website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).



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## PARKING BAN

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been stationed outside supermarkets, Caltrain stops and other hot spots to solicit people to sign the petition, she said.

As of Wednesday morning, Nov. 20, Housing Justice members say they had collected more than 3,300 signatures, or about 400 short of what is needed to qualify. They were optimistic that they could close the gap before a Friday deadline.

Former Councilman Lenny Siegel, who is helping organize the referendum, said it would be a close call but he was confident they would reach the goal.

"I think we can get it — our fingers are crossed," he said. "There are some people who support this ban, but when you talk to them, what they really want is a solution. They really just want to find a place for people to live."

When the referendum petition is submitted, the City Clerk's Office will perform an initial count to verify that it has enough signatures. If it passes muster, the petition will be brought to the county Registrar of Voters for signature verification.

Upon verification by elections officials, the City Council

at their next regular meeting must either repeal the entire ordinance or bring it forward to voters to decide.

Even if the referendum fails, the city parking ban could still be challenged on legal grounds. As the council considered the ordinance, a coalition of civil rights attorneys warned that they were ready to file a lawsuit arguing the city's restrictions are unconstitutional.

Mountain View city officials have been working to expand a safe parking program at various sites across the city where people living out of their vehicles could sleep overnight. By the numbers, these safe parking sites will not be able to accommodate the several hundred people currently living out of their vehicles any time in the near future. ▀

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## TERRA BELLA

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that intersections in (Terra Bella) do not experience significant congestion despite high volumes on North Shoreline Boulevard," according to the vision plan.

Beyond traffic, single-family homes along Morgan Street, San Pablo Drive and San Ardo Way would have a narrow buffer between backyard fences and three-story residential buildings under the plan. Resident Albert Jeans said he opposed the vision plan on the whole but, if it was passed, urged council members to at least boost the buffer between tall apartment buildings and existing homes.

"I don't think anybody wants this in their backyard," Jeans said. "You're used to seeing the sky — you have no privacy left."

Councilman John McAlister said he was worried that the city was at risk of growing too fast,

and that there's a good reason Terra Bella was excluded from the change areas. He argued that the city ought to pump the brakes and assess the cumulative traffic and quality of life impacts of housing projects already in the pipeline. The city has 1,929 housing units under construction, 2,854 units approved and 1,855 units under review.

Other council members, notably Margaret Abe-Koga and Lucas Ramirez, said they were unsure what the city was ultimately trying to accomplish with its higher-density vision for Terra Bella, particularly with the widespread opposition from nearby residents.

"If someone were to ask me, 'What is the Terra Bella area, what are we trying to achieve here?' I'm not sure that I have a good response to that question," Ramirez said. "I'd like to take more time to think about what is it we want to achieve here and

get some community buy-in for that before we proceed with the land use vision for the area."

Clark joined the council majority in rejecting the vision plan, but said he hoped that it wouldn't be completely discarded as a result. He called it a "rough start" for a future precise plan for Terra Bella, which would provide concrete zoning standards and a much-needed traffic analysis, and gives city staff a template for what to expect when that time comes.

"There's some value in it," Clark said. "I just don't think it's in anyone's interest to sort of scrap this and do a one-off gatekeeper (project) here and there," he said.

The council is scheduled to review its two-year goals and discuss if and when to pursue a Terra Bella precise plan sometime early next year. ▀

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## Natural gas ban is more about optics than sound policy

By Tim Holme

The Mountain View City Council's ban on natural gas is heavy-handed and a distraction from the real climate change issues facing the planet. To take real action on climate change, we need to stop getting distracted by low-impact fads like banning plastic straws and natural gas in the home, as two recent examples of policies that address far less than 1% of emissions. I work in renewable energy, and as one who devotes his career to the cause, I suggest that we think and plan strategically to work toward making meaningful solutions realizable, rather than adopting a patchwork of unscientific, ineffectual and costly tactics.

The meaningful steps that consumers can take to reduce emissions include flying less; driving less or in more efficient cars; eating less meat; using greener energy sources; and living in higher density areas (15% less energy use per capita results from each doubling of city size). The City Council has taken real steps along some of these vectors, for example delivering renewable

energy through the Silicon Valley Clean Energy program. If the city wants to move more aggressively, I would suggest considering variants on these policies to incentivize greener behavior: more bike lanes; more electric vehicle charging stations; higher gas taxes; improved mass transit (for example, putting Wi-Fi on board may be the most cost effective step to increase rider satisfaction) and increasing housing density, especially around transit hubs.

A San Bruno fire was caused by an explosion in a natural gas pipeline, but more numerous and deadly fires have been produced by electric transmission lines. Adopting electric boilers and stoves will place increased load on those electric lines, and during power shutdowns, residents under this ban will add cooked food and hot water to the list of luxuries they cannot have several times per year.

Banning natural gas raises the cost of living in an already very high cost of living area. Taking my home as an example, replacing gas with electricity generated

from solar panels would cost about \$16,000 in up-front cost for the solar panels, which would take over 65 years to pay back given the current cost of natural gas, even assuming zero cost of capital and that the solar panels would last 65 years — both

of which assumptions are badly incorrect. Raising the cost of living in Mountain View will continue to push people to live farther away, therefore burning more gas in cars and increasing traffic.

Most serious home chefs prefer cooking with gas stoves; those who prioritize having home-cooked meals should be allowed to do so. Some critics of natural gas cooking contend that natural gas stoves release toxic fumes in the kitchen. Regarding indoor particulates that can be damaging to lungs, particulates are attributed more to cleaning products, toasters and the foods themselves than burning gas. Regarding vapors, research on whether there are measurable harmful effects from indoor gas emissions is still being conducted (see the HOMEChem project

for example) and shows thus far that gas concentrations during cooking are below EPA limits. If future studies show that indoor cooking poses a health risk, then homeowners and developers are free to elect electric stoves without a gas ban. For those concerned about unsubstantiated health effects of indoor cooking, a proportionate response would be to ensure your kitchen has good ventilation.

If the above arguments are not persuasive, then I suggest that increasing the price of natural gas would have been a way to encourage less natural gas use at the margin — for new and existing homes — while allowing those who want to cook with gas to continue to do so and raising city revenue at the same time.

In summary, banning natural gas in residences is more about optics than sound policy. It gives council members a way to burnish their green credentials without inconveniencing many current voters. However, it is not the sort of thoughtful and meaningful approach that tackling climate change requires.

*Tim Holme is a Mountain View resident.*

### ■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

#### SCHOOL SECURITY

The Nov. 14 shooting at Santa Clarita High School in northern Los Angeles County inspired me to write the local school boards once again about the need for better security — including cameras — at our public schools.

In response, Tamara Wilson (this year's president of the five-member board of trustees of the Mountain View-Whisman School District) emailed back that better security is part of a "master plan" up for consideration at a school board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21. Checking, I then found the meeting agenda, which refers to security as part of a \$256 million bond measure proposed for the March 3 ballot. The proposed measure also refers to a "need" for more schools to accommodate 2,500 additional students just in case Mountain View adds housing in the decade ahead. If the district cannot even find a few thousand dollars for some security cameras unless and until it receives another \$256 million, the community needs a new school

board and superintendent.

*Gary Wesley  
Continental Circle*

#### RECOGNIZING CAREGIVERS

This is National Family Caregivers Month, which honors the 16 million Americans who care for someone with Alzheimer's. The caregiving needs for someone living with Alzheimer's are extensive and increase over time. My mom cared for my dad during his journey with Alzheimer's. This was very difficult for her, as she had always dreamed of being pampered in her older years, and it didn't turn out that way.

Since my dad's mom also had Alzheimer's disease, whenever I forget a name or word I worry if I might get it someday. I know that Rep. Anna Eshoo has engaged her colleagues in Congress to help people living with

Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Hopefully in the future, family physicians can be equipped with better tools for detecting this disease in its early stages.

*Marc Roddin  
Ernestine Lane*

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## For the love of jam

### MENLO PARK WOMAN PRESERVES FRUIT AT FRENCH-STYLE HOME JAM BUSINESS

BY KATE BRADSHAW — PHOTOS BY SAMMY DALLAL

#### FOOD FEATURE

When Lin Howery was growing up, her family never bought jam — they always made it, she says. Now, the Menlo Park resident is hoping you'll buy hers. Owner of the gourmet jam business, J'aime Confiture, Howery said she could never find the right jam in the market.

"It was always too sweet," she said. "I prefer that my kids get something healthier."

The hobby turned into a business idea three years ago as Howery began giving out a tomato

jam she makes to her friends. It wasn't something that could be found easily outside of gourmet food shops, and a few friends recommended that she make some to sell, she said.

So in 2016, she and a friend approached the Filoli Historic House and Garden in Woodside about the possibility of selling jam at its

holiday garden show. Filoli offered to sell her wares even sooner at one of its fall events, so they sprang to work creating a business and working with the San Mateo County health department to meet all the requirements to do so.

In less than an hour at the fall Filoli event, Howery said, the 60 jars she'd brought had sold out.

"We thought, 'OK, we have a business then,'" she said.

Later on, a friend put in an order for corporate gifts, which expanded the business further, she added.

This year, she's expanding with events and placement in shops like the Filoli gift shop and a couple of boutiques in San Francisco, she said. She recently got a permit to sell the jams in stores and is hoping to have them available by the holiday season.

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*J'aime Confiture, run by Menlo Park resident Lin Howery, offers French-style jams in a variety of flavors.*





*J'aime Confiture's jam flavors include tomato, fig, chocolate-raspberry, kiwi-lemon and strawberry.*

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## JAM

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The business name, she explained, incorporates some clever wordplay. In French, “j’aime confiture” means “I love jam.” The word “jam” itself has an apocryphal French etymology story. As Howery tells it, during the 13th century, the French brought jam to England. In the royal court, French teachers would reward their students with jam, the candy of the day, to which the kids would say, “j’aime.”

With a cottage food operations permit, Howery uses her home kitchen for all of her preserving work.

“It’s a little challenging to have a business at home,” she admitted. “At the moment it’s worked for me. ... managing my time like this is best in my situation (as a mother).”

Her kids’ favorite flavor? Strawberry.

“You can see the actual fruit in it,” she said.

Contrary to what some believe, Howery said, jam is much more versatile than one of the two critical fillings of a PB&J sandwich. For instance, she uses her savory tomato jam as a salad dressing or condiment

with steak or cold cuts.

She’s developed uncommon jam flavors, such as kiwi lemon or cedrat (a citrus), asking friends for recommendations and hosting tasting events with samples to have them test her creations before they make their way to market.

Beyond the French business name, she incorporates French jam-making techniques, prioritizing high-quality fruits and skipping ingredients like pectin and preservatives. They’re not overcooked, so they retain their body and color.

“There’s no cheating. It’s pure fruit and sugar,” said her husband, Raf Howery.

Lin Howery said she doesn’t skimp on presentation in packing her jams either, focusing on elegant packaging. She generally offers 6-ounce jars topped with a trinket for between \$18 and \$25 each, as well as boxed sets.

The most popular jam is the chocolate raspberry flavor, followed by strawberry. She also tends to sell out of the persimmon orange flavor quickly.

More information about J’aime Confiture is at [jaimeconfiture.com](http://jaimeconfiture.com). ▼

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*Elsa (Idina Menzel) sets out to find the origin of her powers in "Frozen II."*

## ■ MOVIE OPENINGS

# The ice queen returneth

'FROZEN II' WON'T LET IT GO

★★★ (Century 16 & 20, Icon)

Disney's princess culture took a palpable hit from 2013's "Frozen," Disney's 53rd animated feature. Speaking of hits, "Frozen" was a certified one at the box office, bringing in over \$1.2 billion worldwide for its revisionist take on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Snow Queen." As sure as there are shareholders, "Frozen II" was inevitable, and its day has come.

"Come, my darling, home-ward bound. When all is lost, then all is found," sings Queen

Aduna (Evan Rachel Wood) in the film's seven new songs (again by the Oscar-winning team of Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez). While nodding at a return to the world of "Frozen" six years later, "All is Lost" sets up the mysterious history behind this sequel's plot: "A very old and enchanted forest" lies somewhere out there, "a place of transformation." From this hidden world, a voice that only Elsa (Idina Menzel) can hear wafts into Arendelle, eventually

In the process, they stumble upon the origin of Elsa's wintry superpowers.

"Frozen II" touches on environmental themes and, even more so, indigenous rights as our heroes turn up the past of a hidden culture and Arendelle's own colonialist past. In most respects, "Frozen II" has a more considered and less piecemeal plot than its predecessor. But if "Frozen" didn't always make story sense or character sense, it felt right to audiences, and the makers of "Frozen II" chase that feeling by putting an emphasis on broadly drawn characters and animated dazzle. These come together most prominently for the number "Into the Unknown," sung by Menzel and the clear power-ballad

prompting Elsa, her sister, Anna (Kristen Bell), Anna's boyfriend, Kristoff (Jonathan Groff), Kristoff's reindeer, Sven, and sentient snowman Olaf (Josh Gad) on a risky mission to find answers and, hopefully protect Arendelle.

Bell gets a weepy musical soliloquy in "The Next Best Thing," while Groff this time gets to better demonstrate his musical-theater chops with, of all things, an '80s-style rock ballad, "Lost in the Woods." The way the characters talk out their thoughts in song remains pretty clunky (albeit with kid-friendly lyrical simplicity), but this cast can sing, and the orchestra swells accommodatingly. By embracing the environmental harmony of air, water, fire, earth and a fifth spirit to be named later — as well as pointedly setting up its own Turkey Day-teasing Truth & Reconciliation Commission about a proud nation's not-so-proud past — "Frozen II" arrives just in time for Thanksgiving as an entertainment parents and kids can be thankful for.

*Rated PG for action/peril and some thematic elements. One hour, 43 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese



## ■ MOVIE REVIEWS

### THE GOOD LIAR ★★★

The new thriller "The Good Liar," would be all well and good if it had a well-crafted plot with fascinating characters and surprising twists. Instead, it has Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen, and for those of us who'd watch them read the phone book, "The Good Liar" comes uncomfortably close. The first signal that we're in for shenanigans comes from the setting: 2009 London. Condon gets off to an amusing start as Roy Courtney (McKellen) and Betty McLeish (Mirren) white-lie to each other on a dating website, followed by an ostensibly charming first date that cashes in on the film's star power. Working with his partner Vincent (Jim Carter of "Downton Abbey"), Roy takes easy-mark investors to the cleaners with shady schemes. The movie proves watchable mostly for McKellen and Mirren. *Rated R for some strong violence, and for language and brief nudity. One hour, 49 minutes.* — P.C.

### 'DOCTOR SLEEP' ★★★

Memories, like ghosts, have a way of haunting people with their psychic energy. It's a notion that powers Stephen King's 2013 novel "Doctor Sleep," a story of reckoning with the long-ago trauma depicted in his 1977 novel "The Shining." Cinematic memories can be almost as indelible as real experiences, which brings us to the film "Doctor

Sleep," adapted, directed and edited by Mike Flanagan as not only a film of the sequel novel but a sequel to Stanley Kubrick's 1980 film of "The Shining." Flanagan tries and largely succeeds at reconciling the work of King and Kubrick for a continuation that makes for a moody and unsettling horror fantasy. Flanagan fully embraces the visual and aural imagery of his Kubricks horror masterpiece. *Rated R for disturbing and violent content, some bloody images, language, nudity and drug use. Two hours, 33 minutes.* — P.C.

### 'PARASITE' ★★★★★1/2

Few filmmakers working today display the combination of storytelling command, visual and editorial craft and perverse edge that distinguishes Bong Joon-ho. The writer-director of "The Host" returns with "Parasite," an income-inequality comedy that's also a tinderbox ever threatening to ignite. The screenplay by Bong and co-writer Han Jin-won begins by introducing the Kims, a family living hand to mouth in a South Korean slum. The family catches a break when a friend of Ki-woo Kim, a university student about to study abroad, more or less hands off his job of tutoring rich girl Park Da-hye. After smoothly maneuvering himself into the family, Ki-woo lands the job and entry into the Parks' lavish and literally above-it-all modern manse. The ostensible "Parasite" of the title, the Kim family begins pondering how to make the most of their new access to the good life. *Rated R for language, some violence and sexual content. Two hours, 12 minutes.* — P.C.

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## HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Holiday Bazaar is a handmade craft fair showcasing 50 vendors selling a variety of items from jewelry, knitting, ceramics, wood carvings and more. Nov. 23, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. [mountainview.gov](http://mountainview.gov)

## THEATER

**'A Christmas Story'** Based on the motion picture, Janie Scott's "A Christmas Story" musical chronicles the young and bespectacled Ralphie Parker as he schemes his way toward the holiday gift of his dreams. Nov. 22-24; times vary. \$27-\$57; discounts available. 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [paplayers.org](http://paplayers.org)

**'Miracle on 34th Street'** The heartwarming holiday classic, "Miracle on 34th Street," is retold in the tradition of a live 1940s era radio broadcast. Nov. 22-Dec. 22; times vary. \$20-\$38; discount for students. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. [losaltosstage.org](http://losaltosstage.org)

**'The Nutcracker' Act II** This sensory friendly performance of just Act 2 of "The Nutcracker" offers guests and families living with autism or other special needs an opportunity to enjoy the show in an inclusive environment. Nov. 24, 1-2 p.m. \$15. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [tickets.mvcpa.com/](http://tickets.mvcpa.com/)

**'The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui'** Foothill Theatre Arts presents Bertolt Brecht's satirical play about the rise of a demagogue, Arturo Ui. Nov. 22-24; times vary. \$15-\$30; discounts available. The Lohman Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. [foothill.edu](http://foothill.edu)

**3D Cabaret Part 2** South Bay veteran performers David Mister, David Murphy and Dave Leon return to the Pear Flambé Cabaret to perform a wide range of showtunes along with several guest singers. Nov. 22-23, 8 p.m. \$20. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. [thepear.org](http://thepear.org)

## CONCERTS

**'Discovery and Rediscovery'** The Bay Choral Guild opens its 41st season with a survey of a cappella choral music composed by women, presenting works spanning from the 12th to 21st centuries. Nov. 24, 4:30 p.m. \$10-\$30; discounts available. First Congregational Church, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto. [baychoralguild.org](http://baychoralguild.org)

**Free Organ Recital** Weekly organ recital performed on the two Flentrop organs is led by music director

Rodney Gehrke. Each recital will include at least one work by J.S. Bach. Through May 26, 2020; Tuesdays. 12:15-12:45 p.m. Free. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. [asaints.org](http://asaints.org)

**MusicNBrain Festival** Musicians of all ages and levels with experience or interests in any genre and instrument are included in this family concert, hosted by Able2Shine. Nov. 23-24; times vary. \$5. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

**New Esterhazy Quartet** Featuring Paul Max Tipton (baritone) and Kristin Zoernig (string bass), the New Esterhazy Quartet performs Schubert's Die Schöne Müllerin Nov. 24, 4-6:30 p.m. \$10-\$30; discounts available. All Saints Episcopal, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. [mychurchevents.com](http://mychurchevents.com)

**Röntgen Piano Trio** Violinist Antoine van Dongen, pianist Mark Anderson and cellist Eric Gaenslen presents works by Mozart, Haydn, Schumann, and Julius Röntgen. Nov. 23, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [arts4all.org/events/rontgen-piano-trio](http://arts4all.org/events/rontgen-piano-trio)

**Peninsula Symphony and Stanford Symphonic Chorus** Peninsula Symphony partners with the Stanford Symphonic Chorus for a celebration of Jewish music and composers, featuring Peninsula Symphony's concertmaster Debra Fong and her husband Christopher Costanza, a cellist with the St. Lawrence String Quartet. Nov. 22 and Nov. 24; times vary. \$10-\$25. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St, Stanford. [peninsulasymphony.org/nov2019](http://peninsulasymphony.org/nov2019)

## MUSIC

**Collage Vocal Ensemble** For their ninth season, Collage Vocal Ensemble takes inspiration from music by Kirke Mechem, Charles Wood, Ross Lee Finney and Harry Belafonte, among others. Nov. 24, 4-6 p.m. Free; donations suggested. St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. [stbedesmenlopark.org](http://stbedesmenlopark.org)

**Community Women's Chorus** The Community Women's Chorus is a non-audition choir that performs in senior living facilities. No experience necessary. Nov. 25;

Mondays, noon-2:30 p.m. \$190 per quarter. Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto.

**Open Mic at Red Rock Coffee** Performers sing in front of a supportive audience and meet fellow musicians and artists during Open Mic Mondays at Red Rock Coffee. Nov. 25, 6:30 p.m. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. [redrockcoffee.org](http://redrockcoffee.org)

## FESTIVALS & FAIRS

**Autumn Pleasures** Docents Susan Bernhard and Maureen Draper guide participants in a moderately-paced hike along the Peter's Creek and Long Ridge trails. Nov. 22, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Long Ridge Preserve, 22337 Skyline Blvd., La Honda. [opensource.org](http://opensource.org)

## TALKS & LECTURES

**'As Long As You're Asking'** "Seinfeld" actor Jason Alexander presents a variety of topics for the audience to pick from and discuss, later culminating in behind-the-scenes stories of his life, career and social activism. Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. \$85-\$120; discounts for members. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [paloaltojcc.org](http://paloaltojcc.org)

## MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

**'BLKNWS'** Kahlil Joseph, a visiting artist in the new Presidential Residencies on the Future of the Arts program, presents his work "BLKNWS," a two-channel video projection that blurs the lines between art, journalism, entrepreneurship and cultural critique. Through Feb. 17, 2020; closed Tuesdays; times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu)

**Cointraptions** "Cointraptions: Classic Coin-Operated Machines" explores what life was like before the era of credit cards with classic coin-operated machines, including gambling devices, a mutoscope, vending machines and more. Through Feb. 16, 2020; Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. The Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. [moah.org](http://moah.org)

**Edward Weston and Ansel Adams** This exhibit features landscapes, still lifes, nudes and portraits created by Edward Weston in Mexico and Ansel Adams in the American southwest. Through Jan. 6, 2020; closed Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu)

**Surf Sequence** "Surf Sequence" explores Ansel Adams' relationship with water in different forms with a series of spontaneously captured surf images. Nov. 22-May 18, 2020; times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu)

## DANCE

**Cha Cha** Learn how to do the cha-cha-cha dance on one of the largest dance floors in the country. Nov. 23, 8-11:45 p.m. \$5-\$9; children ages 9 and under free. Cubberley Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [cubberleyballroom.com](http://cubberleyballroom.com)

**The Christmas Ballet** The Smuin Contemporary Ballet company presents a Christmas-themed show featuring ballet, tap dance and jazz backed by classic carols as well as popular holiday songs. Nov. 29-Dec. 1; times vary. \$25-\$93; student discounts available. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [tickets.mvcpa.com](http://tickets.mvcpa.com)

**East Coast Swing and Lindy Hop** Learn how to East Coast swing and lindy hop at the Lucie Stern Ballroom. Nov. 27, 6:45-9:45 p.m. \$10; free after 8:30 p.m. Lucie Stern Ballroom, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [cubberleyballroom.com](http://cubberleyballroom.com)

**Children's Nutcracker Ballet** Pacific Ballet Academy dancers perform Act 1 of the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker." Nov. 24, 11 a.m.-noon. \$15. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [tickets.mvcpa.com](http://tickets.mvcpa.com)

## FOOD & DRINK

**Food Champions** Local farmer Emma Torbert and leaders from Kitchen Table Advisors, Capay Valley Farm Shop and Airbnb's Global Food Program discuss how they work together to support the viability of ecological farms. Enjoy lunch prepared by Chef Tim Edmonds, featuring locally-grown, seasonal food from JSM Organics and Hidden Villa. Nov. 23, noon-2 p.m. \$15-\$45; discount for children. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. [hiddenvilla.org](http://hiddenvilla.org)

**Bootstrappers Breakfast** Entrepreneurs in or interested in startups have serious conversations over

breakfast about growing a business based on internal cashflow and organic profit. Nov. 29, 9-10:30 a.m. \$10. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. [meetup.com](http://meetup.com)

**Garden Tea Party** Pick herbs and fruits from the Hidden Villa farm to make tea, juices and snacks. Nov. 23 and Dec. 14; times vary. \$20. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. [hiddenvilla.org](http://hiddenvilla.org)

**Mixology 101** City of Cocktail is a two-hour, hands-on bartending class taught by professionals. Teams of two make eight drinks using real shakers, strainers, glassware and booze. Wood-fire pizza provided. Nov. 23, 6-8 p.m. \$68. City of Cocktail, 1046 Metro Circle, Palo Alto. [cityofcocktail.com](http://cityofcocktail.com)

**Seasonal Galettes** Harvest seasonal Hidden Villa fruit and prepare galettes, a flat and fruity pastry, to share for the holidays. Nov. 24, 2-4 p.m. \$30. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. [hiddenvilla.org](http://hiddenvilla.org)

**Poultry Prep** Learn how to prepare a chicken from the basics of parting out, spatchcocking and trussing a whole bird for roasting, to the more advanced skill of deboning and preparing a ballotine for any meal. Nov. 24, 2-4 p.m. \$75. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. [hiddenvilla.org](http://hiddenvilla.org)

**California Thanksgiving for Vegetarians** Veteran organic farmer, cook and vegetarian, Jason McKenney, leads a hands-on cooking tutorial on preparing seasonal and vegetarian Thanksgiving entrees. Nov. 23, 2:30-5:30 p.m. \$50 Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. [hiddenvilla.org](http://hiddenvilla.org)

## LESSONS & CLASSES

**HSK Bootcamp** HSK Bootcamp incorporates full body workouts with resistance training, body weight and functional exercises and cardiovascular interval training. Nov. 22, 24, 29; 8-9 a.m. \$35-\$200. Town of Los Altos Hills, 26379 W. Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. [facebook.com](http://facebook.com)

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

**HiCAP Appointments** Meet with a certified health insurance counselor to better understand the available health care options. Nov. 27, 1-4 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. [mountainview.libcal.com](http://mountainview.libcal.com)

## OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Throw off that Turkey Torpor** Docents Martin Manley and Linda Smith guide a moderately-paced hike through the Picchetti Ranch Preserve. Hikers can opt for a wine tasting at the Picchetti Winery. Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free. Picchetti Ranch Preserve, 13100 Montebello Road, Cupertino. [opensource.org](http://opensource.org)

**Byrne Brigade: Habitat Restoration at Byrne Preserve** Help restore the ecosystem and provide habitat for wildlife at the Byrne Preserve. Nov. 25, 9 a.m.-noon. Free. Byrne Preserve, 27210 Altamont Road, Los Altos Hills. [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)

## SPORTS

**How to Ride a Bike for Kids** Child-friendly instructors provide a combination of personalized and group instruction to help overcome fears, teach important skills such as starting and stopping and help understand how to maneuver the bike around obstacles. Nov. 23, 9-11 a.m. \$69-\$89; discounts for members. Google Parking Lot, 211 Crittenden Lane, Mountain View. [rei.com](http://rei.com)

**Silicon Valley Basketball** Silicon Valley Basketball organizes weekly, year-round, pick-up basketball games, welcoming all skills, ages, genders, etc. Ongoing; Sundays, 9:30 a.m. \$1.50 monthly fee. Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro St., Mountain View. [facebook.com](http://facebook.com)

## HOME & GARDEN

**Kitchen Herb Gardens** Ros Creasy, a leader in the edible landscaping movement, shares how to grow a variety of diverse herbs at home. Nov. 24, 5-6 p.m. Free. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. [hiddenvilla.org](http://hiddenvilla.org)

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

**ESL Conversation Club** Learn or improve spoken English skills through casual conversations with the ESL Conversation Club. Nov. 26, 5-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. [mountainview.libcal.com](http://mountainview.libcal.com)

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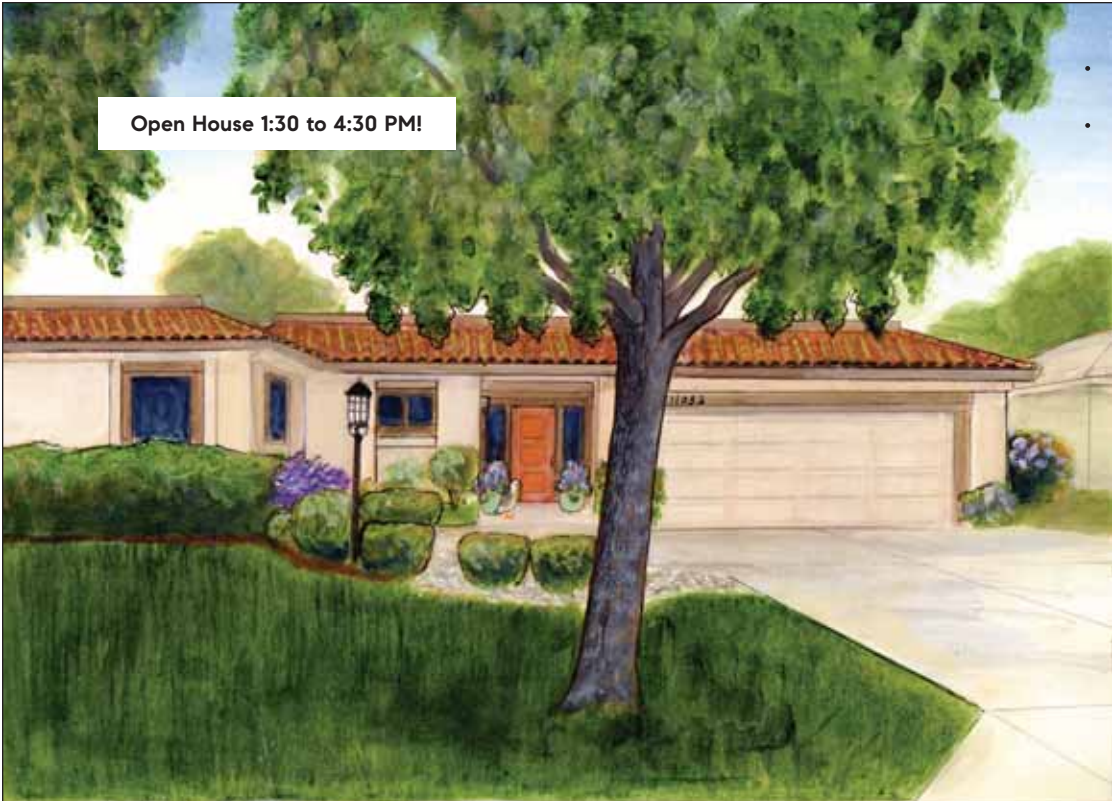
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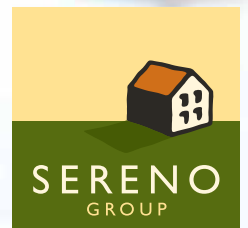
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