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Jessie Peng, a nurse practitioner at MayView Community Health Center in Mountain View talks to Maria Gonzalez during an exam on Nov. 25. MayView is one of seven local nonprofits that benefit from donations to the Voice's annual Holiday Fund.

MayView grows to tackle growing need

CLINIC ADJUSTS TO HANDLE SPECTRUM OF PATIENT CARE

By Mark Noack

Health care can be an afterthought for the thousands of people who lack food, housing or security in Santa Clara County.

The pattern is well known to health officials: those struggling to make ends meet often ignore symptoms like a cough, a lump or a tingly arm until the situation becomes dire. That's



what leads many people to end up in the emergency room with medical conditions that could have been easily treated if they were addressed much earlier.

Every day at the MayView

clinic in Mountain View, a small health care team is focused on trying to reverse this trend by delivering preventative care before chronic health problems turn critical. This year, MayView has never been so well equipped to pursue its mission, but it also hasn't ever faced such big challenges, said Charlene Gliniecki, a registered

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Waverly Park man pleads no contest to lewd acts with 12-year-old girl

SEAN MUILENBURG, 47, MET FOSTER CHILD ONLINE

By Kevin Forestieri

A Mountain View man arrested on suspicion of raping a 12-year-old girl at his home in the Waverly Park neighborhood earlier this year has agreed to a plea deal. He faces

a maximum of three years in state prison.

Officers arrested Sean Muilenburg, 47, in May after he reportedly picked up the victim in Sunnyvale and brought her back to his house on Chesley Court to have sex. The girl was staying

with foster parents, and the parents called 911 after discovering she had gone missing.

Muilenburg was arrested and booked into Santa Clara County jail on May 13 and posted

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Housing advocates deliver petition to overturn Mountain View's RV ban

VOLUNTEERS COLLECT 4,939 SIGNATURES

By Mark Noack

Housing advocates delivered a referendum petition with thousands of voter signatures to Mountain View City Hall last week in an effort to overturn a sweeping RV ban that they see as an attack on the homeless.

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

At the downtown Civic Center Plaza, a small ensemble of volunteers with the Housing Justice Coalition and other groups who spent weeks knocking on doors and canvassing neighborhoods performed one final tally of how many signatures they had collected on Friday, Nov. 22. After a final count conducted with the city clerk, the total was 4,939

signatures, well over the 3,761 that is needed.

Janet Stevens, a Mountain View resident who lives out of her vehicle, said it was inspiring that so many people, rich and poor alike, were willing to help overturn a law they saw as unjust.

"This has changed a lot of lives. Over 200 people would have been kicked out of their homes if this went forward," she said. "To have so many people helping on this from sun up to sun down, it just swells your heart."

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,

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SAMMY DALLAL

Janet Werkman looks over petitions to overturn the City Council's parking ban on motor homes before turning them in to the city of Mountain View on Nov. 22.

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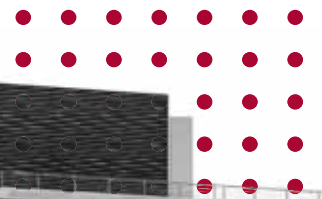
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COURTESY OF CHRIS HARDY

Smuin brings "The Christmas Ballet" to Mountain View Nov. 20-Dec. 1.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

The busy holiday season gets a whole lot busier when you factor in the many Midpeninsula events, from performances and parades to festive displays and exhibits. We've collected some highlights of the coming week.

Ernie's trains

What: John Bianco is continuing his late father's tradition of putting on a holiday model-train display.

When: Weather permitting, five tracks will run trains every evening (except Mondays) through Dec. 25 from 6:30-9 p.m.

Where: 2387 Adele Ave., Mountain View.



COURTESY OF RICHARD MAYER

Los Altos Stage Company presents a radio play-version of "Miracle on 34th Street" through Dec. 22.

christmasballet.

Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade

What: Downtown Los Altos' annual Festival of Lights Parade features floats, marching bands and more.

Where: Downtown Los Altos.

When: Dec. 1, 6-8 p.m.

More information: Downtown Los Altos will also hold a tree-lighting celebration on Dec. 6, 6-8 p.m. losaltosparade.org; downtownlosaltos.org.

'Miracle on 34th Street'

What: Los Altos Stage Company presents the classic Santa story performed in the style of a live 1940s era radio broadcast.

When: Through Dec. 22.

Where: 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos.

More information: losaltosstage.org/miracle-on-34th/.

'The Christmas Ballet'

What: *Smuin* presents its Christmas-themed performance, incorporating classical ballet and contemporary dance into a two-act show ("Classical Christmas," featuring traditional carols, followed by "Cool Christmas," featuring pop favorites).

Where: Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View.

When: Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. **More information:** smuinballet.org/2019-20-season/

'Gypsy Soul Holiday Experience'

What: Eclectic jazz-pop duo Gypsy Soul puts its own spin on holiday music.

Where: Club Fox, 2209 Broadway St., Redwood City.

When: Dec. 1, 7 p.m.

More information: clubfoxrwc.com/e/gypsy-soul-holiday-experience-72183273113/.

—Karla Kane

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CRIME BRIEF

RV ROBBERY ARREST

A 25-year-old Mountain View man was arrested last week after he allegedly entered the RV of his ex-girlfriend and took her purse, according to police.

The woman told police that she was in her RV on Wednesday, Nov. 20, asked her ex-boyfriend to leave and he refused, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. He then allegedly pulled her hair and took her purse, and walked away while police were en route around 2:50 p.m.

While officers were interviewing the woman on the 1200 block of Pear Avenue, the man returned and made his way back inside the RV, Nelson said. Officers attempted to detain the man, but he was able to run away, Nelson said. He was later found and arrested on charges of domestic battery, robbery, criminal threats, resisting arrest and violating a court order. He was not living in the RV and resides elsewhere in Mountain View, Nelson said.

The man was booked into the Santa Clara County Elmwood Correctional Facility and remained in custody without bail as of Tuesday morning.

—Kevin Forestieri

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300 block Moffett Blvd., 11/20
200 block Bryant St., 11/20
200 block Bryant St., 11/20
1300 block Pear Av., 11/21
2400 block Charleston Rd., 11/21
100 block E. El Camino Real, 11/22
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BATTERY

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900 block Villa St., 11/21

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2500 block California St., 11/22
2400 block Grant Rd., 11/22

CRIMINAL THREATS

2400 block Wyandotte St., 11/20
400 block Moffett Blvd., 11/21

GRAND THEFT

2500 block California St., 11/18
100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 11/19
200 block Escuela Av., 11/19

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

200 block Mariposa Av., 11/18

VANDALISM

Cuesta Dr. & Grant Rd., 11/18

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

WOOD BURNING BAN EXPANDS

Wood burning bans will now be in effect year-round on Spare the Air days in the Bay Area after a vote last Wednesday by the region's air quality regulatory board.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District board of directors approved the change at its meeting in San Francisco as part of an effort to protect public health, particularly during wildfires.

Under the previous policy, wood burning was only prohibited when Winter Spare the Air alerts were issued between the months of November and February. Now, it will be banned whenever an alert is issued due to particulate matter pollution reaching unhealthy levels.

Violators of the ban are encouraged to take a wood smoke awareness course or pay \$100 if it is their first violation, with increasing fines for subsequent violations.

"As wildfires become increasingly normal in California, it is critical we take action to safeguard public health when wildfire smoke affects air quality," BAAQMD executive director Jack Broadbent said in a news release.

There is an exemption to the ban during PG&E's Public Safety

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ADAM PARDEE

DD Lloyd, left, and **Clare Cordero** gather with a group of fellow knitters at Red Rock Coffee every Saturday morning.

The nitty-gritty on the Knit Wits

By Johanna Hickie

On any given Saturday morning, patrons of Red Rock Coffee might catch a glimpse into one of Mountain View's quieter microcultures. A group of knitters gathers on its first floor, bags filled with puffy balls of yarn, needles at the ready. In a rush-rush society of instant coffee, ready-made garments and fast food, these women carve out quiet moments to slow down weekly. Each arrives in her handmade garb, mainly scarves and/or sweaters, then finds a place at the reserved table.

The Knit Wits is one of a number of groups Red Rock has

taken under its wing. With the mantra "cafe, culture, and community," the shop also hosts game nights, entrepreneur networking breakfasts and even a motorcycle club.

Clare Cordero, Knit Wits' longest current member, arrives first, sporting a multicolored scarf in jewel tones and a cardigan. Despite her seniority, she's quick to dismiss a claim to leadership, noting the group runs more as a democracy.

Joan Jones was one of the group's founders. "She was such a sweetie," Cordero says of Jones, who passed away earlier this year. "She used to knit baby hats for the children's hospital because her daughter-in-law was a nurse there ... She didn't

ever seem to need a pattern. She just seemed to know what to do."

For more than a decade, the group has attracted a varied membership — hobbyists and professionals, young and old. One member creates samples pieces for businesses to display. Another undertakes test knitting, giving feedback on when to cut rows or decrease stitches. Two knit on their company buses while commuting to Genentech and Twitter. "Some of them are mothers with kids," Cordero adds. "They'll take their knitting along to kill some time (at sports games)."

One commonality among

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MVLA school board says cities need to do more to curb teen vaping

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View-Los Altos High School District board members approved a resolution this week urging local city governments to do more to stop the troubling rise in electronic cigarette use among youth.

The sudden and steep increase in teen vaping is considered a public health crisis by the American Association of Pediatrics, with recent data showing 1 in 5 high school students are using e-cigarettes. While the long-term health effects of vaping are still unknown, federal and local health officials say it's a worrying trend that's hooking kids on nicotine at an early age.

In Santa Clara County, 13.9% of high school students surveyed last year said they've used tobacco products in the last 30 days — the vast majority using e-cigarettes — and close to one-third of students have smoked at some point.

Many school districts are responding by appealing to local city governments to curb the trend through smoking restrictions and tighter regulations on tobacco retailers. The resolution passed by Mountain View-Los Altos trustees on a 5-0 vote at the Nov. 18 meeting explicitly calls for cities to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products and reduce the concentration and density of tobacco stores near schools and other "youth sensitive" areas.

Board president Phil Failace told the *Voice* in an email that he believes the community overwhelmingly supports the

resolution, and that a presentation on youth vaping at Los Altos High School last week drew a large audience.

"Students, parents, educators, support staff, and board members all seem acutely aware of the health danger from vaping," Failace said.

The Santa Clara County Board of Education passed a nearly identical resolution in September.

A recent report by the Santa Clara County Public Health Department shows that many cities have relatively lax restrictions on tobacco retailers and smoking, which could be partly to blame for the proliferation of teen e-cigarette use. Mountain View has no smoking restrictions in place for parks, public trails, multi-unit housing or "service areas" — shorthand for places that include bus stops, ATMs and ticket lines.

The city has not adopted ordinances restricting the sale of tobacco products near schools and in pharmacies, and does not prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products that may be more appealing to teens.

Recent studies suggest that strict enforcement of existing tobacco retailers would also help. An analysis published in the journal *Pediatrics* in February found a reduction in tobacco use among youth and young adults in areas with robust compliance checks and enforcement programs to monitor illicit sales to minors. These programs are funded through retail license fees on all tobacco retailers.

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City readies a trio of safe parking lots for homeless

By Mark Noack

Mountain View's safe parking program is on the cusp of a dramatic expansion, potentially adding enough space to take about 70 inhabited vehicles off the city's streets this winter.

City officials say they are just about ready to launch three new safe parking sites, each larger than any current locations. If all goes according to plan, city staff

and nonprofit partners believe the expanded safe parking program can eventually funnel homeless people off the streets and into permanent housing.

The first and largest of the new sites is a city-owned parking lot located near Shoreline Amphitheatre at the corner of Crittenden Lane. Under city guidelines, the lot is expected to hold up to 30 RVs or trailers, significantly more than city officials originally expected. The downside is the

site can only be used temporarily, during the winter, and that window is closing. By March 15, city officials say the Shoreline lot must be cleared out because of the city's contract with Live Nation for use of the parking during the amphitheater's concert season.

Exactly when the Shoreline lot will begin taking in residents is up in the air, and neither the city nor its nonprofit partners could provide a firm launch date to the *Voice*. In recent days, city officials

say they have canvassed all the inhabited vehicles in Mountain View to encourage occupants to sign up for the safe parking program through the Community Services Agency (CSA).

A waiting list of families and individuals is ready to go as soon as the safe parking sites open, said CSA executive director Tom Myers. The nonprofit has reportedly been screening applicants to ensure their RVs or other vehicles are functional.

When a sufficient number of people are cleared to move in, the Shoreline lot will open up, said Amber Stime, director of Move MV, the nonprofit that runs Lots of Love, which offers overnight parking in church lots.

"Right now, the lots are ready, and as soon as the tenants are ready, they'll open up," she said. "Quite a few vehicles need some repairs, and we don't want them

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The MayView Community Health Center in Mountain View offers primary care services to low-income and uninsured patients in northern Santa Clara County. No patient is turned away for inability to pay for services, which include prenatal and pediatric care, cancer screenings and chronic disease management.

Mentor Tutor Connection

Mentor Tutor Connection matches adult volunteers who serve either as mentors with under-served youth in high school or as tutors to students in elementary and middle schools in Mountain View and Los Altos school districts.

Community School of Music and Arts

The Community School of Music and Arts provides hands-on art and music education in the classrooms of the Mountain View Whisman School District.

Day Worker Center

The Day Worker Center of Mountain View provides a secure place for workers and employers to negotiate wages and work conditions. It serves workers with job placements, English lessons, job skills workshops and guidance.

YWCA Support Network for Domestic Violence

This group operates a 24-hour bilingual hotline and a safe shelter for women and their children. It also offers counseling and other services for families dealing with domestic violence.

Community Services Agency

CSA is the community's safety-net providing critical support services for low-income individuals and families, the homeless and seniors in northern Santa Clara County, including Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

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nurse who serves as the clinic's human resources director. The small Mountain View clinic, located right above a AAA service center on El Camino Real, has an excellent management team, a devoted medical staff and a stable funding base, she said.

But its mission is also expanding, she said. Over the last year, the number of patient visits jumped by 37%, including large increases in those who are uninsured or underinsured. Of that patient base, more than one out of three lives in Mountain View.

MayView never turns away any patients, regardless of their ability to pay, but as a matter of principle, the clinic doesn't go after people for payment. To its core, MayView has a culture that stands in stark contrast to the profit-driven health care market.

"We feel it's important for people to give what they can," Gliniecki insisted. "But we never send collectors after people. We don't chase people down; that's just not what we do."

MayView is one of seven non-profit organizations serving Mountain View residents that benefit from the *Voice's* annual Holiday Fund. Donations to the fund are divided equally among the nonprofits and are administered by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation at no cost, so 100 percent of contributions go to the recipients.

Medical practitioners describe

MayView in 2019 as rebounding after some years of struggle. A couple of years ago, the clinic was overbooked and overwhelmed. A patient could easily be left waiting about three months for an appointment. The clinic was hemorrhaging staff as many doctors and nurses were being poached by larger hospitals that could pay more. For a period, a smaller MayView clinic in Sunnyvale closed down due to the staffing shortage.

The clinic learned some significant lessons from those lean years. To this day, the clinic still hires scribes to act as executive assistants for physicians, freeing up time for doctors to see more patients. MayView's CEO Ken Graham, the former CEO of El Camino Hospital, came out of retirement last year to help steer the clinic back on track, focusing its limited resources on attaining new certifications, updated records systems and improved staff organization. Morale has improved, grant funding has steadily increased and medical staff turnover has declined.

"It's been a 180 in the way the clinic is run. It's efficient but it still has that family feel of putting patients first," said Alexandra Horevitz, MayView's social worker.

Horevitz is spearheading the clinic's integrated behavioral health program, a new initiative made possible as part of a \$1.7 million grant from El Camino Healthcare District

earlier this year. Under that program, MayView staffers try to take into account psychological factors like stress, depression or substance abuse as they treat patients' medical conditions.

This presents a unique challenge, Horevitz said. Plenty of patients are living high-stress lives trying to afford to stay in this area. It's common to hear of patients working two or three jobs and living in overcrowded apartments. Often there's no easy remedy, especially when poverty is a factor, she said, but at the very least MayView can provide a place for isolated or depressed patients to unload their emotional baggage.

It is just one effort to meet the unique needs of its patient base. Just down the hallway, Ana Karen Marquez administers the clinic's whole person care program, which tries to take into account each patient's obstacles to getting care, such as transportation, income or psychological factors. In some cases, this involves calling up patients to give reminders to take their medication or attend an appointment. She describes her role as helping patients navigate their own health care.

"It's a missing piece," Marquez explained. "People have so much on their minds, and they're being bounced between so many specialists that they get lost in the process." ▣

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RV BAN

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

Earlier this week, Housing Justice members said they had only 3,300 signatures, about 400 short of what was needed to qualify. Organizers expressed optimism that they could close the gap before the deadline, but behind the scenes they were more nervous than they let on, said former Councilman Lenny Siegel.

"We just showed Mountain View and the region that we're a community for all," he said. "By working together we can reverse the flow of gentrification."

With the referendum petition 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 sent to the county Registrar of Voters for signature verification.

Upon verification by elections officials, the City Council at its next regular meeting must either repeal the entire ordinance or bring it before Mountain View voters.

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 hundreds of people currently living out of their vehicles any time in the near future.

Reached for comment, Councilwoman Ellen Kamei pointed out the city has been taking extensive steps to provide safe parking sites for vehicle residents. She was one of four council members who voted in favor of the large vehicle ban.

"I respect the public process and we will soon learn the outcome from the Registrar of Voters," she wrote in an email. "The City Council will then have to decide next steps should the petition be certified." ▣



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Foothill-De Anza board approves duo of tax measures for March 2020 ballot

TRUSTEES, STUDENTS AND FACULTY SAY A FACILITIES BOND AND PARCEL TAX ARE BOTH SORELY NEEDED

By Kevin Forestieri

To the sound of cheers and applause, the Foothill-De Anza Community College District's board of trustees approved two tax measures Monday that could alleviate budget woes and provide state-of-the-art facilities to both college campuses — including the possibility of student and staff housing.

The board voted 5-0 at the Nov. 25 meeting to place an \$898 million facilities bond on the March 2020 ballot, the largest school bond in the county's history, along with a \$48 parcel tax measure that would generate \$5.5 million annually for five years. Though both were approved separately and have different missions, a large group of students

and teachers at the meeting said that both are essential at a time when housing affordability threatens the high-quality education provided by Foothill and De Anza colleges.

Generating the most excitement was the possibility that the bond measure could be used for affordable student and staff housing in addition to building and renovating classrooms. An early list of capital projects suggests that up to \$200 million could be invested in residential projects, including transitional housing for students and employees who are facing homelessness.

"I really believe that you have the opportunity to do something historic, which is reimagine in the 21st century the role that community college districts can

play," said Campbell resident Sergio Lopez.

Staff is expecting to update the district's 2016 facilities master plan next year to refine how to best spend the \$898 million in bond funds, but recently injected two new priorities — housing and carbon emission-cutting projects — into the existing plan. A 2018 survey that found 19% of students attending Foothill have experienced homelessness in the last year.

De Anza student Ashley Aquino said she has been struggling with housing issues and currently lives in a trailer, which is small and difficult to work in, and that she stays on campus to do school work until it closes for the day. She said the bond could resolve those issues, while a parcel tax

could bring operational funds to keep education programs alive and pay teachers enough to survive amid the housing crisis.

Another student described how she had moved seven times in two years, had a negative balance in her bank account last spring, and is among the many students who are forced to make do without any help from parents.

"With these resources we can reinvest in our community that we all love, that's so dear to us," she said. "Support the bond and parcel tax to reinvest and provide better resources for our students."

School staff echoed similar struggles. De Anza teacher Daniel Solomon said he and his wife are both teachers in the district and taking on a heavy course load to stay afloat. The district provides the majority of his family's income, and yet they cannot afford to live where they work. He said he's currently living in a renovated barn in unincorporated San Mateo County.

With the planned closure of the Flint Center for the Performing Arts on the De Anza campus on the horizon, student advocacy groups say the large footprint left vacant could be ideal real estate for student and faculty housing. Firm plans have yet to be developed on what to do with the shuttered Flint Center and where to put student and staff housing.

The bond measure, if passed, would cost property owners \$16 per \$100,000 of assessed value, and would be levied on several cities encompassed by the district's boundaries, including Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Cupertino and parts of Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and San Jose. It would also be the first bond since the passage of Measure C in 2006. A preliminary capital project list shows the district has about a \$1.5 billion backlog of facility improvements.

Board member Laura Casas said the bond measure and parcel tax alike would preserve the district's sterling reputation as having some of the best community colleges in the state, recalling how a real estate agent in 2000 described Foothill as "Harvard on the hill." Keeping that reputation means retaining faculty and helping students who are struggling to afford food and access mental health care.

"I want to portray that to voters — I don't want to lose the Harvard on the hill," she said.

Peter Landsberger said he supports the bond measure but wanted to temper expectations as

many speakers focused sharply on student and employee housing. The scope of the bond is much larger than housing, he said, and the public shouldn't get the impression that the district is getting into the housing business at the cost of a top-notch education.

"This is really for the ongoing ability of these institutions to provide high-quality, low-cost, up-to-date education," Landsberger said.

Relieving a tight budget

Despite the booming economy and the district drawing tax revenue from some of the most expensive real estate in the country, Foothill-De Anza has faced deficit spending for years and is currently operating on borrowed time.

Unlike neighboring community college districts, which are fully funded through local tax revenue, Foothill-De Anza is subject to fluctuations in state funding based on enrollment. Several straight years of declining enrollment means that the district faces a growing shortfall in funding that could culminate in layoffs and discontinued programs.

Financial staff at the district told the *Voice* last year that, due to the unusually high number of students served by the district and the state's funding formula, Foothill-De Anza is receiving an estimated \$5,150 per student, compared with \$7,500 to \$8,500 per student in neighboring districts. Chalking it up to "bizarre circumstances" in the tax system, former board member Bruce Swenson said the district needs the pair of tax measures in order to partially bridge the funding gap.

"We need special help," he said. "We need the bond and we need the parcel tax both for the facilities and the ability to attract quality employees."

The district has been shielded so far from the worst of the budget cuts caused by enrollment declines. The state has granted community college districts a "hold-harmless" provision through the 2020-21 school year that retains funding based on previous enrollment levels, which is set to expire as the state phases in a new funding formula.

For the 2019-20 school year, that provision means the district is hanging onto \$16.3 million in annual funding. But that temporary revenue will expire

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Case No.: 19PR187147
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soon, leaving district officials scrambling to create a “new normal” budget with \$17.6 million in carefully planned budget reductions.

The budget outlook for the district is so precarious that its largest union, the Faculty Association (FA), has agreed to only temporary pay raises since 2017. The union won a hard-fought 5% temporary salary increase last year — rising to 6% this year — which is set to revert back starting in the 2021-22 school year. If it does, full-time instructors will be paid on an old pay scale ranging from \$5,706 to \$10,594 per month. The vast majority of FA members are paid for 10 months of work.

FA President Tim Shively told board members that few of his colleagues can afford to live close to where they work, and pointed to recent reports showing 51 of the most expensive zip codes are in the Bay Area — 11 of which are located in Foothill-De Anza's boundaries. He said

neither the state nor rapid development in the region have been able to stem a continual decline in school funding, making the parcel tax an important stopgap measure that trustees and community members should support.

Casas said the district doesn't get the benefit of stable funding, and that it feels “schizophrenic” managing a budget that goes up, goes down and gets cut amid policy changes at the state level — sometimes late into June. Board member Patrick Ahrens made a pitch that the parcel tax funds should prioritize adjunct staff, who aren't paid enough and have to jump between campuses to make ends meet, he said.

“There's so much need everywhere, but in particular my heart — when I think about the parcel tax — it's with our adjuncts,” he said.

Former California Assemblyman Paul Fong, who served on the Foothill-De Anza board, said the district needs the parcel tax in order to have a semblance of balance when compared to other community

college districts. He pointed out that San Jose-Evergreen and West Valley-Mission community college districts have vast reserves built up because they receive far more funding per student.

“You have to do the parcel tax,” he said. “To level the playing field.”

The resolution placing the parcel tax on the ballot states the money would be used to attract and retain teachers, maintain educational programs and provide affordable programs for students facing food insecurity and homelessness. It also proposes using the funds to expand mental health services and the number of counselors on staff.

While the bond measure needs 55% of the vote to pass, the parcel tax requires a two-thirds majority in support at the ballot box. Despite the high bar, board member Gilbert Wong said the \$48 per parcel tax is a modest amount and would sunset in just five years, making it a reasonable ask. ■

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KNIT WITS

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members is patience. “It's a slow craft,” says Cordero. “It's not instant.” There's also a shared mindfulness for sustainable living. By purchasing small-batch-dyed, natural fibers like wool, silk and cotton made by local artisans, they hold themselves to a higher standard. “We're not buying imported, sweatshop labor stuff,” she explains. “What we end up knitting is actually quality that's going to last. We're not participating in this fast economy.”

They're also a sociable bunch, chatting spiritedly over macchiatos and mittens. “We talk about knitting, of course, but we also hear what everyone's done during the week or where they're about to travel to, or what sort of activities they've been involved in, any sort of dramas in someone's life,” Cordero says. “Though there's not usually too many dramas for us.”

Yarn festivals seem to be a current hot topic. Members mention local events like Lambtown Festival and STITCHES West. But the heavy-hitter is the renowned New York Sheep and Wool Festival. DD Lloyd reminisces about her trip to the event last month and how she flew a red-eye into Boston to make time for a “yarn crawl” beforehand. This included stopping at shops like Sheep and Shawl, Webbs (a warehouse she

describes as “the Costco of yarn shops”) and Knitting Garage (a hidden gem down an unpaved country road on somebody's private property).

The event itself offered workshops for everything from wedge shawl design to dying with lichens and mushrooms.

“It was definitely sweater weather,” Lloyd notes of the event's strategic autumn setting. “They jokingly call it the knitter's prom because everyone knits something for it.”

The event also included a llama/alpaca parade, an ewe auction and a chopstick knitting contest. It arranged a book signing with Nancy E. Shaw (author of “Sheep in a Jeep”), gave sheep-herding dog demonstrations and brought in a woman who spun the fur straight off a molting angora rabbit into yarn.

This smoothly segues the Knit Wits into the topic of yarn fibers. Everyone knows sheep's wool makes great string, but the options don't stop there. “Angora rabbit gives you angora, angora goats give you mohair,” Lloyd says. A ball of yarn could have a past life as the coat of a bison, a camel or even a possum.

Anyone curious to learn more from these knowledgeable knitters may stop by their table from 9-11 a.m. on Saturdays at Red Rock Coffee, located at 201 Castro St. in downtown Mountain View. ■

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STATE SUES JUUL

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra and Los Angeles County officials sued Juul Labs Inc. in Alameda County Superior Court earlier this month, alleging that the e-cigarette maker illegally sold its products to underage youth and failed to warn of health risks.

The civil lawsuit seeks a court injunction against San Francisco-based Juul and financial fines and penalties. It alleges Juul “engaged in a systematic campaign to target underage California residents.”

That campaign has been “wildly successful, with millions of teens and young adults using their product,” resulting in allegedly devastating consequences of youth addiction and health problems, the lawsuit claims.

Juul spokesman Austin Finan said the company had not yet reviewed the lawsuit, but said the company is seeking to work with public health and law enforcement officials to combat underage use and to help adult smokers stop using conventional cigarettes.

“Our customer base is the world’s 1 billion adult smokers and we do not intend to attract underage users,” Finan said in a statement.

The lawsuit includes claims of violations of a state law that prohibits sales of e-cigarettes to youth under the age of 21; unfair targeting of youth in its advertising; false and misleading statements promoting Juul as less harmful than conventional cigarettes; and creation of a public nuisance.

It also claims Juul violated the privacy rights of minors under the age of 18 by keeping the email addresses of those who failed the company’s age-verification procedure and then sending them marketing emails.

Juul’s battery-operated devices heat liquids containing addictive nicotine salts and flavoring to create an inhalable aerosol, sometimes called a vapor. One traditional Juul cartridge, which provides 200 puffs, contains as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes, according to the lawsuit.

Inhalation of the aerosol, known as vaping, can cause lung damage in youths and adults and brain damage in youths, the lawsuit says.

As of Nov. 13, the U.S. Centers for Disease Controls has reported 42 deaths, including

four in California, and 2,172 cases of lung injury nationwide associated with e-cigarette or vaping product use, according to the lawsuit. It says Juul controls 64 percent of the e-cigarette market.

Becerra was joined in the lawsuit on behalf of the people of California by Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey and County Counsel Mary Wickham.

Juul has recently been subject to investigations by the Federal Drug Administration and Federal Trade Commission and lawsuits by parents and school districts.

Finan noted that as part of its efforts to combat underage use, the company recently stopped accepting orders for mint-flavored cartridges and suspended all broadcast, print, and digital advertising in the U.S. It previously stopped selling four other flavors popular with youths.

PROBLEMS AT COUNTY YOUTH CENTER

During its Tuesday meeting, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors was scrambling to find a solution for sheltering youth who are currently in the custody of the county’s Receiving, Assessment and Intake Center.

According to the county, children who enter the custody of the RAIC have been remaining there for weeks or months at a time, while the center was designed and opened in 2009 to hold minors only for up to 24 hours before they were matched with a long-term shelter or housing option.

The children are often facing trauma and behavioral issues and can find it challenging and unsafe to be in the RAIC for longer than necessary prior to finding a living arrangement.

The board has been trying to ratify an alternative plan for youth placement since it asked county staff on Nov. 5 to come up with a plan for the center.

Children had been staying at the RAIC for longer than 24 hours for several months prior to that meeting.

“We have acted with a lack of sense of urgency, and I have felt that since I got here,” said Supervisor Cindy Chavez, who first joined the board in 2013. “I think it’s systemic and I think it’s a problem.”

Chavez said she wants the county to find a solution to its RAIC problems before the end of the year.

According to the county, 672 children were removed from a caregiver and required out-of-home placement between

January and September of this year.

Of those 672, 176 were placed directly with a family member or foster parent, and the other 564 were taken to the RAIC.

Dr. Jeff Smith, the county executive, mentioned that an interim solution, for youth needing safe shelter, other than shelter at the RAIC, could be a hotel or motel or a spare bed in a hospital.

Supervisor Dave Cortese asked county staff to return to the board with more information on solutions by the next board meeting and board president Joe Simitian echoed the need for urgency.

“What I’ve heard almost everyone say in one way, shape or form is ‘We’ve got to rethink the system,’ and that’s not going to happen, let alone get implemented on the quick, which is why if you want a better outcome for these kids right away, we can’t let that bigger-picture, longer-term thinking get in the way of an immediate resolution,” Simitian said.

Simitian added, “I think we may be at the place where if we have to have a conversation as lengthy and difficult as this one is at every board meeting in order to get this solved, so be it.”

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School board approves \$259M bond measure for March 2020 ballot

FUNDS WOULD FIX OLD FACILITIES AND ADDRESS STUDENT GROWTH FROM RAPID RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman School District is asking voters to approve a \$259 million bond aimed at fixing old school facilities and preparing for a surge of new students caused by rapid housing growth in Mountain View.

The measure, unanimously approved by the school board Nov. 21, will appear on the March 2020 presidential primary ballot. Though the school district would reserve broad discretion on how to spend the money, the priorities laid out at the Nov. 21 meeting made clear that more classroom space is needed at schools that are expected to grow by as many as 220 students.

The bond would cost property owners \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value, and needs 55% of the vote to pass.

For years, district officials have raised alarm bells about Mountain View's rapid residential growth and the strain it will put on schools that have neither the space nor the money to support an influx of families with children. Large swaths of the city with little or no housing, including the North Bayshore and East Whisman areas, were recently rezoned to allow up to 15,000 new housing units.

The bond measure will instead focus on a less obvious issue: Dozens of smaller residential projects that are farther along and could start impacting schools in just a few short years. The latest count shows a cumulative 6,638 housing units in the pipeline, with 1,929 already under construction and 2,854 given the go-ahead by the Mountain View City Council, according to city staff.

A Nov. 5 analysis by

demographers found that, once built, these units are going to add an estimated 580 elementary school students and 309 middle school students to Mountain View Whisman, primarily at its campuses located north of El Camino Real. Theuerkauf faces a 66% increase in students from 332 today to 552, according to the report, while an additional 181 students are anticipated at Vargas Elementary and 120 more students at Landels Elementary.

Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph said some schools can handle the growth — Theuerkauf is big enough to realistically house a total of 672 students. Landels, on the other hand, is already close to capacity before enrollment jumps by an estimated 27%. The recommended fix, he said, is going to be a new two-story classroom and administrative building that will cost more than \$30 million.

"This is by far the most expensive growth adjustment that has to happen," Rudolph said.

The cheaper option, which the board could consider at a later date, would be to redraw attendance boundaries to shift students from Landels to Castro Elementary School, which is already dealing with space constraints of its own. Doing so would likely mean adding portable classrooms to the campus or moving the preschool program at Castro to another site.

The school district would also prioritize \$103 million in projects across all district campuses aimed at improving safety and boosting energy efficiency. For safety, the district is seeking to build what it's calling "perimeter controls," including fences, gates and lighting along walkways, playgrounds and parking lots. Solar power, better windows and improved

heating and air conditioning are among the efficiency projects that would be added to every school.

The resolution officially putting the measure on the ballot, however, was more open-ended, including a wall of text listing everything from broken concrete and carpet replacement to new parking lots, welding shops and upgraded kitchens as permissible uses of bond funds. Resident Gary Wesley said board members should pare down the list and more clearly show how the money will be spent, arguing it goes against the spirit of state law. Under California's Proposition 39, school districts only need 55% of the vote to pass a bond measure if they provide a specific list of projects.

"There are some things you should identify in this measure as

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mandatory so that any board that comes along has to actually do those things,” Wesley said. “But if you go with this, it’s a relatively blank check and it will be opposed and you will run the risk of losing.”

Former board member Steve Nelson also spoke in favor of more rigid spending priorities baked into the language of the resolution.

Rudolph said the school district’s facilities master plan, which was reviewed for the first time by the board at the same Nov. 21 meeting, lists \$777 million in potential school facility upgrades and clearly delineates top-priority projects that could be financed through the upcoming bond measure. He suggested that board members take formal action to approve the prioritized list, so that it would take a supermajority of the board to retract it, which would give a sense of assurance to voters.

Funding for schools has risen to the fore as a major concern as residential projects and new and planned zoning changes are poised to increase the city’s housing stock by as many as 20,000 units, or about a 75% increase to the city’s current housing, according to city staff. Estimates vary on

how much it would cost school districts to buy the land and build the school facilities needed for the thousands of students generated by the growth, but it could reach as high as \$1.2 billion.

Who gets stuck with the bill has been an ongoing debate that has at times frustrated district administrators and school board members. On the books, the city has policies that say developers in North Bayshore and East Whisman must help schools house additional students, but the lack of clarity in terms of a dollar amount or land dedication has been a major stumbling block. A recent study by the city indicated that housing projects simply won’t get build if the burden of school fees is raised too high.

The upcoming bond measure is not going to give developers in North Bayshore or East Whisman a free pass. The bond would be used for the Mountain View Whisman School District’s “immediate facilities needs,” and will not be sufficient for the more significant long-term growth, district spokeswoman Shelly Hausman told the *Voice* in an email.

“As plans for residential developments are finalized, (the district), the city and developers need an agreed-upon consistent school strategy; one that would provide for student growth without all

the burden falling on the district,” Hausman said.

In addition to long-term plans to build one or even two additional elementary schools, district officials are also considering a massive overhaul of the Crittenden and Graham middle school campuses to significantly increase their capacity. Doing so would require two-story classrooms and relocating district functions offsite, which would cost an estimated \$176.3 million at Crittenden and \$145.3 million at Graham — more than the entirety of the bond on the March ballot.

The trajectory of residential growth in the district, which is unevenly distributed and will have a more profound impact on schools north of Central Expressway, also means the district may need to consider revising its attendance boundaries again, Rudolph said. Although the last round of boundary changes took three years of contentious debate and only took effect in August, Rudolph said the district is going to need to find a more streamlined way of responding to demographic shifts.

“We do not need to have a three-year ramp-up to change the boundaries,” he said. “It really should happen ... within one calendar year to the next.”



SAMMY DALLAL

Alexis Myers, the business manager at the *Fatty Zone* on W. El Camino Real, arranges vaping products on Nov. 25. Elected officials from the local high school district want tighter regulations on tobacco retailers to curb the dramatic increase in teens using e-cigarettes.

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Survey data of high school students in Santa Clara County shows about 27% of those who have tried an e-cigarette reported buying it from a store themselves, close to two-thirds of whom bought it from a vape shop.

The study added the caveat that strong city and county regulations on the sale of tobacco products does have limitations, and that the rise of

poorly regulated online sales gives minors an easy way to illegally buy e-cigarettes and vape pens.

Adding to concerns about the recent youth vaping epidemic is a spike this year in vaping-related lung injuries that have killed dozens of people and hospitalized nearly 2,000. Data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) shows that more than half of those affected were under the age of 25.

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SAFE PARKING

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breaking down in the lots.”

Under city rules, anyone residing in a safe parking lot must have a working vehicle that doesn't leak oil, sewage or other hazardous materials. Citing potential liability, city officials restricted the hours of operation of their safe parking sites to 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. During the day, safe parking residents are required to move their vehicles to some other location off-site. This condition is the main reason that individuals have been discouraged from signing up for the program, according to CSA officials.

Up to 30 more vehicles could

soon be parked at a former VTA parking lot at the now-closed Evelyn light rail station. Earlier this year, Mountain View officials signed an \$11 million deal with the transit agency to lease the parking lot for 65 years. City officials intend to eventually redevelop the site for affordable housing, but in the meantime they say it should serve well as a temporary safe parking location.

The VTA parking lot is expected to open shortly after the Shoreline site, but again no clear date has been announced. Move MV members say the VTA site is expected to open after the Shoreline lot reaches capacity.

Less clear is the fate of a third safe parking site, this one located

in the Terra Bella neighborhood. The property was offered by the Palo Alto Housing Corporation as a temporary parking site before it is developed for affordable housing. Over a year ago, the City Council approved \$230,000 to prepare the site to host vehicles, and later allocated an additional \$65,000 after a request by city staff.

City officials have received criticism for dragging their feet on opening up the Terra Bella site. In September, city staff finalized a set of formal rules and regulations for safe parking lots as it became clear that elected leaders wanted to reduce the number of inhabited vehicles on the street. Last month, the Terra Bella site received a conditional use permit to open after being reviewed by seven separate city departments. When it opens, the Terra Bella site is expected to host eight RVs and three smaller vehicles.

Even when all the anticipated

safe parking sites are opened, they won't provide nearly enough spaces to accommodate all the inhabited vehicles in Mountain View. By city counts, about 200 inhabited vehicles have settled along city streets, and officials have acknowledged that they still need to find more locations that can host vehicles. Additionally, each of the three new safe parking sites that will open soon is only available on a temporary basis.

Two groups have taken up the job of trying to encourage property owners to participate in the safe parking program. As of this summer, the Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning launched its own task force to work on expanding safe parking. Around the same time, the Mountain View Human Relations Commission was assigned a similar job on behalf of the city. The two delegations have approached numerous private landowners,

but so far none has been willing to sign up, said IdaRose Sylvester, a Human Relations commissioner.

“Everyone shares a similar set of concerns. They're concerned about who will be living on the lot, the liability, and if there is insurance available,” she said. “There's all these moving parts and it's in flux. We're all volunteers, but we're trying to move as fast as we can.”

City Council members have said they need to step up enforcement to restrict the rising number of large inhabited vehicles along city streets. In recent weeks, the council approved a package of measures that would limit where large RVs and trailers can park, banning them from most city streets. On Nov. 22, a citizen referendum was submitted to the city to overturn those rules (see this story in this week's issue of the Voice). ▣

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PLEA

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\$100,000 bail two weeks later. In a signed plea agreement dated Nov. 19, he agreed to plead no contest to one count of lewd or lascivious acts with a child under the age of 14. The second count, oral copulation with a minor, will be dismissed as part of the plea deal during sentencing in January.

Muilenburg faces a minimum sentence of probation with a condition that he serve one year in county jail, and a maximum of three years in state prison, said prosecutor O'Bryan Kenney. In addition, Muilenburg will pay restitution for a yet-to-be-determined amount, and must register as a sex offender. Kenney declined to comment on the plea deal.



Sean Muilenburg

Muilenburg's attorney, Steven Clark, declined to comment on the case, citing pending court proceedings.

The police investigation originated as a missing person report after the foster parents in Sunnyvale said they heard the front door close around 1 a.m. and realized the 12-year-old had left, according to court documents. They swiftly called 911, and Sunnyvale officers searched the nearby Murphy Park and could not find her.

The victim left behind a cellphone that contained a text message exchange between her and an unknown phone number, later determined to be Muilenburg's phone, detailing plans for Muilenburg to secretly pick her up at Murphy Park. Sunnyvale police called Mountain View police officers to check Muilenburg's home for his car.

Around 2:08 a.m., Sunnyvale police reported that Muilenburg had dropped the victim off at her home, and that he was likely en

route back to Mountain View. Officers arrested him outside his house. The girl was transported to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center for a sexual assault forensic exam.

The victim is a foster child who did not have permanent housing at the time of the assault. She had been placed with the Sunnyvale couple the prior year, but they were “stepping back” from the program and remained an emergency option for the child. The couple took her back in just three days before the sexual assault, and she was reportedly having a hard time adjusting to the move.

The girl had run away from another location — redacted in publicly available court records — and was the victim of sexual assault at a homeless encampment in San Jose. A case worker found her and connected her to medical care before she returned home.

The victim told police that she was texting a friend and using Facebook, where she saw an advertisement for an adult dating website. The website gave her an option to talk to someone named “Sean,” who said he would come to pick her up at her house.

The victim told a Sunnyvale officer that as Muilenburg drove her to his home in Mountain View, she said she was 12 years old. Muilenburg responded by saying, “Well, you're really tall,” according to court records. The girl told police that Muilenburg fondled her during the car ride.

Muilenburg declined to speak with officers when detained, and was transported to the Mountain View Police Department. Police say the other resident in the home, Muilenburg's elderly father, agreed to allow officers to remain at the residence to preserve the crime scene in anticipation of a search warrant.

The sentencing hearing is scheduled for Jan. 16. ▣

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■ FOOD FEATURE

At the table

Goat polo, tech titans and running a family restaurant with Jamis MacNiven of Buck's

BY ELENA KADVANY
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I'm deep in Kurdistan right now," Jamis MacNiven wrote back to my late summer email asking to meet him for a lunch interview. "I have to go play polo now with a dead goat. It's a Kurdistan thing."

It was classic MacNiven. The longtime owner of Buck's in Woodside has a reputation for outlandish stories that make you question his footing in reality, and then, more often than not, turn out to be true. (As it turns out, MacNiven had been in Kurdistan and had played goat polo. There's readily available photo and video evidence on the Buck's Instagram.)

MacNiven opened Buck's in 1990, creating a one-of-a-kind restaurant that draws children and families as well as titans of the tech industry, heads of state and famous actors. The dining room is a museum of the weird, every available inch of wall and ceiling given over to artwork and collectibles, from an enormous Shaquille O'Neal shoe won at an auction to a statue of Lenin to the orange car that set the record as the fastest gravity-powered car in the world at the first-ever Sand Hill Challenge soap box derby in 1997.

The menu is down-home and cheeky, with pancakes,

burgers, soups, Hetch Hetchy water (no charge), a Dueling Louis Armstrong salad and "savagely popular" tacos. The dessert menu advises: "Combat global warming, eat ice cream." So much about Buck's feels frozen in time, in a good way — though it's not totally immune to food trends of the moment. The kitchen now serves the plant-based Impossible Meats and Beyond Meat burgers.

When MacNiven's not working the room at Buck's wearing one of his trademark colorful, wacky shirts, he's writing. The restaurant's menu is updated quarterly with columns he writes about his travels and musings. He's the author of three books, including his autobiography, "Breakfast at Buck's: Tales from the Pancake Guy," and "California From 500 Feet: A Story of the Coastline," a history from California as seen from a 247-foot-long Zeppelin named Eureka. He's currently working on an illustrated children's book for his 9-year-old granddaughter.

I recently had lunch with MacNiven for the next installment of At the Table, a series of my interviews with local chefs and restaurant owners over a meal at a restaurant of their choosing.



Above: Jamis MacNiven, raconteur, author and owner of Buck's, sits at a table at his whimsical Woodside eatery. **Below:** Quirky memorabilia covers virtually every surface at Buck's, the family-style restaurant that draws a steady stream of Silicon Valley bigwigs.

Over a tomato burrata salad at his choice, Oak + Violet in Menlo Park, in between plenty of tall tales that all checked out when I went home and Googled them, we talked about the heyday of Silicon Valley, the secret to running a successful restaurant for three decades, a new book he's working on and why he's so fascinated by, as he put it, the "whimsical human stuff." Oh, and psychedelics.

This interview has been lightly edited and condensed for clarity.

Were you actually in Kurdistan earlier? What were you doing there?

We went to Kurdistan to just see what the country's like. I've been to the Middle East a lot. We hunted with golden eagles. It turns out these eagles — we didn't see this, but you can see it online — an eagle can actually kill a wolf. (MacNiven pulls up a photo on his phone to illustrate.) They do it by going right into the shoulders with their talons and when the

wolf looks around, they rip its throat out. They're fierce. Then we tried playing goat polo. I had a picture of that, where we're mounted trying to reach down to the ground and pick up a dead goat off the ground and throw it whole. I could never reach the ground. I could barely stay on course. These young guys were much better at it. There's a big ring at either end and they dragged this goat. You try and take it away from the other guy. When you get a certain score then the winner gets to keep the goat and eat it. Kurdistan's a little dull.

We did some exciting things, but I'm really into the uranium processing, strip mine and factory where they poisoned the whole town. It's one of those places you're not supposed to go but we go to all the places you're not supposed to go.

What did you do before you opened Buck's?

My wife and I had a construction company. We used to build restaurants. ... We had

a chain called Croutons. We built the Hard Rock Cafe in San Francisco back in the '80s. All the trendy places I built are all gone, except for the ones that I built that the family owns. We own five places in the city (San Francisco). We have the Woodhouse Fish Company, West of Pecos in the Mission, we have a brand-new one called the Wooden Spoon at Cafe du Nord, which is an old nightclub.

Why did you open Buck's?

We'd built a lot of restaurants and I was really tired of construction. It's so hard to get paid ... I hated that part of it. But in the restaurant business people pay to leave the room. Plus, construction is not a real people business. It's all about ass kicking and phone calls. The restaurant business is all about talking to people and being convivial. It's a much more human business. I've been at Buck's for 29 years and I'm addicted to the crowd. I can't get anything done. So I try to stay home, but then I





Above: Jamis MacNiven plays with his granddaughter Myla Moon MacNiven. **Right:** MacNiven chats with Sally and Bob Mullarkey, who are regulars at Buck's.



find myself going to work. The people are so amazing.

What is it about that connection and community that draws you in and keeps you going?

It's like living in a really exciting, well-written movie. It's like all around are these magical people — not just the people you would expect me to mention, like the famous Silicon Valley people, we see Elon (Musk) — but it's the little

kids, old people, people you've known for 20 or 30 years. It's kids that come in and end up being hosts and hostesses and then go on to college. All my kids worked there.

How have you seen tech change this area over the last 10 years?

I think we can no longer claim we're innocent. I think that's the biggest thing — we're out of the garden now and the blinders are off. I actually think artificial intelligence combined

with bad actors and access to pathogens is a serious existential threat. But here in Silicon Valley, we really held up people — even Zuckerberg a few years ago, and certainly the Google guys — as being international and American heroes. I'm not so sure now. It's not about the money because they're all so fabulously rich ... But they're

not working hard enough on our behalf. And certainly Amazon isn't. Between Amazon and Walmart, they're crushing America and they're also teaching people — you know what Walmart's slogan is? It's 'always low prices.' In Germany, that kind of statement embarrasses them. Theirs would be 'always best quality.' We're about trying

to do it cheaper and crappier — the fast food and the proliferation of plastic and consumerism is a concern. And it turns out Silicon Valley's fueling this big time. Amazon started selling books. Now they're selling pool toys — a lot of them, and I know because I just bought a

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bunch. I'm not innocent at all. But I helped end the Vietnam War so I've done my part.

What's the secret to running a restaurant for three decades? So many restaurants are struggling right now just to survive in Silicon Valley.

It's no real secret. You have to have good food and convivial atmosphere. You have to really see the customer for who they are and if they have a complaint, you have to just say, 'I'm sorry; I'll do better.' ... With all those hundreds of thousands, millions of moving parts, stuff doesn't always go perfectly. But it generally does. I want every complaint to come to my desk, and weeks go by — I get nothing. So I think we do OK.

We've been able to retain our staff incredibly. I have people who've been there 29 years (and) a lot of people over 20 years. The average tenure of the front of the house people is about 16 years. Nobody's got that. ... It's challenging to get people for the kitchen, but we always seem to stay open.

I have to ask you about all of the decorations in the restaurant. Where do they all come from?

People give me things, but I take very little, although recently a guy (Andy Rubin, former Google senior vice president and creator of Android software) loaned me his Apple 1, which is the No. 1 collectible in all of Silicon



ALMANAC FILE PHOTO
MacNiven poses with copies of his first book, "Breakfast at Buck's: Tales from the Pancake Guy" in 2004.

Valley history. (Editor's note: The Apple 1 is a 1976 desktop Apple computer designed and hand-built by Steve Wozniak.) It's probably worth a million dollars. He said, 'Well, it was just kicking around my house. I thought you should display

it at Buck's.' I take it with me when I give talks about Silicon Valley.

Have you changed the Buck's menu? It seems pretty similar to when I went there as a kid. The basic menu stays almost the same, although we have

the Impossible burger now and Beyond Meat, but it looks pretty much like it did 10 years ago. That's the basic menu: breakfast, lunch and dinner. We have our specials that change every two weeks. We have the dessert menu, the kids' menu and the wine list. ... if I went in there and I really worked on super innovative stuff I know I would appeal to a broader audience. It's really hard to do that because I've got so much other stuff going on.

Last night, I made a pasta primavera at home, which was really great and I'd like to introduce it at Buck's but it's one more ...thing to do. This was fresh fettuccine, summer squash, mushrooms, onions, avocado and garden tomatoes that are all put in the pan sequentially so they all come out without the tomatoes falling apart and the onions being done. Then Parmesan, a little blue cheese, sour cream. That is really a good dish.

How have restaurants on the Peninsula changed since you opened Buck's?

They have attempted, from Wolfgang Puck on out, to bring super sophisticated dining to the Bay Area — and it hasn't happened. Is it Nobu that's over in the hotel over there? People don't rave about that place. ... it's a little forgettable. I hear Tim Cook lives on the top floor.

You're clearly a storyteller with a penchant for the fantastical, odd, bizarre. Where does that, your taking pleasure in all the stories and the

zanimess, come from? Have you always been like that?

Pretty much. My wife doesn't like me very much, but that's OK. Everybody else does.

Where does that come from?

Psychedelics. Honestly, I think that I was largely formed by one single psychedelic experience in college (with) ibogaine. Across the whole panoply, from mushrooms, LSD, psilocybin, MDMA ... ibogaine is way up there. It's extremely rare. I'm working with it professionally now, ibogaine and the drug (that) comes from this animal (he points to a large gold ring in the shape of a toad on his finger), 5-MeO-DMT. This is a model of a Sonoran desert toad, and in this gland contains all the truth you'll ever need to know. We're treating, in Mexico at a clinic that I've helped establish, suicidal Navy SEALs. We've taken a very troubled community — these men have been very badly damaged — and we're giving them both these drugs over a weekend. We don't give them their lives back. We help them see lives they've never had.

Next year will mark Buck's 30th anniversary. Do you have any plans to retire? Where will Buck's be in 10 years? Or are you not thinking about that?

I don't even think about six o'clock. One of my kids is moving to Skyline, so probably (he'll) take it over. We don't make plans. ▣

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Menus at Buck's feature Jamis MacNiven's most recent musings and travelogues.



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"Knives Out" is a murder mystery with an all-star cast.

MOVIE OPENINGS

Family mystery

CUTTING WHODUNNIT 'KNIVES OUT' MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

★★★★1/2 (Century 16 & 20, Icon)

Conventional wisdom says that politics best be avoided at holiday dinners, lest family members begin to go at each other. Positioned as the big new release of Thanksgiving week, "Knives Out" includes a politically contentious dinner argument among family members, but the cheeky mystery has something else that

these people have kept in the family: murder.

Before science-fiction hits "Looper" or "Star Wars: Episode VIII — The Last Jedi," writer-director Rian Johnson broke out with his 2005 debut "Brick," a byzantine mystery in a neo-noir vein. As such, "Knives Out" plays like a return to Johnson's roots,

albeit with an all-star cast backing him up. By opening on dead leaves and fog stretching out before a foreboding, rambling mansion, Johnson establishes a Gothic setting for his Agatha Christie playset — one that he just as swiftly undermines with merry, self-aware whimsy. This is a world where murder's most foul, everyone's a suspect, and an easily underestimated detective always gets his man or woman.

Inside that mansion lies the body of Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer), patriarch of a family of natural-born backstabbers. Thrombey pens murder-mystery novels that have sold over 80 million copies; his net worth

emphasis on broadly drawn characters and animated dazzle. Add plenty of goofy gag comedy that goes into overdrive whenever Olaf is around, and "Frozen II" amounts to a crowd-pleasing sequel that knows not to mess with a winning formula. *Rated PG for action/peril and some thematic elements. One hour, 43 minutes. — P.C.*

'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. We're immediately privy to Roy's true nature as a con artist. 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

sadly disrupting family relations. So it's not a huge surprise when he's found, throat slit, the morning after his 85th birthday party. Everyone present that night seems to have had a motive for the murder, revealed in a cheeky series of police interviews that launch the story. There's Harlan's tough-as-nails eldest daughter Linda (Jamie Lee Curtis), her philandering husband, Richard (Don Johnson), and their ne'er-do-well son, "Ransom" (Chris Evans); Harlan's son Walt (Michael Shannon), his wife, Donna (Riki Lindhome), and their "alt-right-troll" teenage son, Jacob (Jaeden Martell); Harlan's lifestyle guru daughter-in-law, Joni (Toni Collette), and her daughter, Meg (Katherine Langford); not to mention Harlan's indeterminately elderly mother (K Callan).

Into this den of vipers come a couple of cops (Lakeith Stanfield and Noah Segal) escorting "private detective of great renown" Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig doing a southern-fried dialect). Also described as "the last of the gentleman sleuths," Blanc prefers to present himself as "a respectful, quiet, passive observer of the truth." He belongs to that line of Sherlock Holmes, Hercule Poirot, Sam Spade, and Columbo, encompassing the shrewd and the eccentric. An anonymous benefactor foots the bill for Blanc's presence, adding to the mystery. Blanc appoints Harlan's nurse and trusted companion Marta (Ana

de Armas) as his "Watson"—her inability to tell a lie without vomiting signals her morality — and the game is afoot.

"Knives Out" cannot help but be fanciful fun, particularly for murder-mystery fans. As with "Brick," Johnson plays fair with his plotting while evincing enormous skill by tying the story in knots that must be satisfyingly untwisted. Johnson adds ballast to what would otherwise be a lightweight tale by suggesting sociopolitical allegory: a hard-working immigrant pitted against wealthy, apparently "self-made overachievers" who are actually trust-fund babies and layabouts, some of them given to spouting racist anti-immigration rhetoric (in a running joke, the rich folks keep misinterpreting Martha's heritage). The tart dialogue and clever plot get assists from delightful production design, art direction and set decoration (David Crank, Jeremy Woodward, and David Schlesinger, respectively) and an overqualified ensemble (the film's one disappointment: not finding yet more ways to exploit the actors). This Thanksgiving, nothing says treachery like family, but don't worry, Johnson's only kidding. I think.

Rated PG-13 for thematic elements including brief violence, some strong language, sexual references, and drug material. Two hours, 10 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

existence, the Kims have each other. 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.*

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY COUNCIL

Mountain View Transit Center Grade Separation and Access Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration Certification

The Mountain View City Council will hold a public hearing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Mountain View Transit Center Grade Separation and Access Project that consists of three main components: (1) Castro Street Grade Separation (undercrossings for pedestrians and cyclists from Castro Street to Moffett Boulevard and closure of Castro Street, vehicle ramp from W Evelyn Avenue to Shoreline Boulevard), (2) Caltrain Station Improvements, and (3) Other Supportive Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Improvements.

DATE & TIME: Dec. 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard

PLACE: Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 Castro Street

Interested parties may appear and be heard. Written statements may be submitted to the City Clerk, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, California, 94039-7540. More information and plans on this item may be reviewed at the Public Works Department, 500 Castro Street, or call 650-903-6311. Legal challenges may be limited to those issues or objections raised at the public hearing orally or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Dated: Nov. 27, 2019



MOVIE REVIEWS

'FROZEN II'★★★★

The day has come for the followup to Disney's box-office hit "Frozen." In the newly released sequel, Elsa (Idina Menzel) her sister, Anna (Kristen Bell), Anna's boyfriend, Kristoff (Jonathan Groff), Kristoff's reindeer, Sven, and sentient snowman Olaf (Josh Gad) set out on a risky mission to find the origin of Elsa's wintery powers to help protect Arendelle. "Frozen II" delivers seven new songs, again by the two-time Oscar-winning team of Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez. 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



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

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Goings On

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

HIGHLIGHT

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.

THEATER

'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. 29-Dec. 22; times vary. \$20-\$38; discount for students. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org

'Pride and Prejudice' TheatreWorks Silicon Valley brings literature's most infamous battle of the sexes to life. Dec. 4-Jan. 4, 2020; times vary. \$34-\$108. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org

'Hell's Fury' "Hell's Fury: The Hollywood Songbook" is an opera examining the life of composer Hanns Eisler, known for his Oscar-nominated film scores, collaborations with Bertolt Brecht and for composing the national anthem of East Germany. Dec. 6-7; 7:30 p.m. \$30-\$65; discounts available. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. live.stanford.edu

'Remembering James' "Remembering James" tells the story of the godfather of soul, James Brown, and how a divided country, the growing civil rights movement and the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. shaped the legendary artist's work. Dec. 6-7; times vary. \$25. Eastside College Preparatory School, 1041 Myrtle St., East Palo Alto. goldstar.com

'The Secret Garden' Peninsula Youth Theatre presents Karen Simpson's adaptation of Frances Hodgson Burnett's children's novel, "The Secret Garden." Dec. 6-7; times vary. \$11-\$13. Mountain View Center for the

Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. tickets.mvcpa.com

'You/Emma' Paz Pardo's "You/Emma" is a witty, award-winning solo show about Emma Bovary, a woman with voracious desires for war suffering from domestic boredom. Dec. 5-15; times and dates vary. \$20-\$37; discounts for seniors and students. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org

CONCERTS

'Prevailing Winds' Foothill Symphonic Winds hosts a concert featuring music by Richard Strauss, Eric Whitacre, Gustav Holst and more. Dec. 8, 3:30-5:30 p.m. \$5-\$10; discount for seniors and students. Cubberly Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road., Palo Alto. fswinds.org

Fortnightly Music Club Concert The Fortnightly Music Club hosts a classical music concert, performing pieces by Faustin and Maurice Jeanjean, Ludwig van Beethoven and more. Dec. 8, 7-9 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. fortnightlymusicclub.org

Harp for the Holidays The Harpeggio Music program includes a variety of seasonal music, along with an ensemble of more than 20 harps and guest artist Ricky Rasura, Bay Area harpist and composer. Dec. 7, 4 p.m. \$12-\$15; discounts for seniors and children. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos Hills. harpeggio.com

John Daversa Grammy award-winner John Daversa performs and shares stories

about works featured in his album, "American Dreamers: Voice of Hope, Music of Freedom." Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org

Wintersongs with Kitka Wintersongs is Kitka's critically acclaimed and popular winter holiday program showcasing seasonal music from a wide variety of Eastern European ethnic and spiritual traditions. Dec. 8, 4 p.m. \$20-\$40; discounts available. St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. brownpapertickets.com

MUSIC

Servire Et Amare Saint Joseph Parish presents the Philippine Saringhimig Singers for "Servire et Amare: A Night of Music and Giving." Dec. 7, 7-8:30 p.m. \$15-\$35; discounts for children. Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 582 Hope St., Mountain View. eventbrite.com

Free Organ Recital Weekly noon-time organ recitals on the two Flentrop organs at All Saints' Episcopal Church, played by music director Rodney Gehrke. Each recital will include at least one work by J.S. Bach. Dec. 3-May 26, 2020; Tuesdays, 12:15-12:45 p.m. Free. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. asaints.org

'Celebrations of the Season' "Celebrations of the Season: Stories of Our Immigrant Heritage" explores how American music has been influenced by early 20th century migrations. Dec. 7, 2 p.m. \$12-\$33; discounts for children. First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. ragazzi.org

'The Joy of Christmas' Conductor Charlene Archibeque leads this black tie Christmas event, featuring songs sung by Assyrian women. Dec. 8, 5 p.m. \$350. Historic Morgan Estate, 12335 Stonebrook Court, Los Altos Hills. brownpapertickets.com

'O What Joy!' "O What Joy!" is a festive concert featuring Bach's cantata 68 "Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt," Magnificats by Schubert and Charpentier and more. Dec. 8, 3:30 p.m. \$21-\$26; discounts available. Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverly St., Palo Alto. sdgloria.org

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. Ongoing, Mondays at 7 p.m.

Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.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

Is My Child Depressed or Just Moody? Christine Pearston, a licensed psychologist at Children's Health Council, and Anna Maria Ros, doctoral psychology intern at CHC, show what to look for and how to supportively respond to teenagers with sudden mood swings. Dec. 3, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Children's Health Council, 650 Clark Way, Palo Alto. eventbrite.com

Tyler Hayes Bay Area fantasy author Tyler Hayes discusses and reads selected passages from his new novel, "The Imaginary Corpse," a genre-bending fantasy/noir tale about a dinosaur detective in the land of unwanted ideas. Dec. 2, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

FAMILY

2019 Holiday Train Show Watch model trains run through a scenic layout while club members answer questions. Dec. 7-8; times vary. Free; donations suggested. Menlo Park Caltrain Station, 1090 Merrill St., Menlo Park. wbmrra.ning.com

Holiday Fair & Boutique The Los Altos Waldorf School of the Peninsula transforms its campus into a winter wonderland of games, food, live entertainment and more. Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Waldorf School of the Peninsula, 11311 Mora Drive, Los Altos. waldorfpenninsula.org

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

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

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. Nov. 29-Jan. 6, 2020. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. 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. 29-May 18, 2020, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

DANCE

'The Nutcracker' Celebrate the holiday season with Western Ballet's "The Nutcracker." After the performance meet the dancers and grab a treat in the lobby of the performing arts center. Dec. 6-8; times vary. \$28-\$38; discounts available. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. westernballet.org

'The Nutcracker' Palo Alto Children's Theatre presents June Walker Rogers' adaptation of "The Nutcracker," perfect for parents and children. Dec. 5-22; times vary. \$14-\$16; discounts for children. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org tickets.mvcpa.com

FOOD & DRINK

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

LESSONS & CLASSES

Bobbin Wranglers Join the Bobbin Wranglers sewing club to learn how to finish a project from start to finish. Bring supplies. Dec. 2, 7-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. scl.evanced.info

Holiday Wreath Making Class Instructor and Gamble Garden floral arranger, Katherine Glazier, teaches how to create a fragrant and bountiful wreath that can be used as a festive front door accent or a table decoration. Dec. 7, 9:30 a.m.-noon. \$109-\$139; discount for members. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. gamblegarden.org

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

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Silicon Valley Basketball Silicon Valley Basketball organizes weekly, year-round, pickup basketball games, welcoming all skills, ages, genders, etc. Ongoing, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. \$1.50 monthly fee. Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro St., Mountain View. facebook.com

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Byrne Brigade Habitat Restoration Help restore the ecosystem and provide habitat for wildlife at the Byrne Preserve. Dec. 2-Feb. 24, 2020; Mondays, 9 a.m.-noon. Free. Byrne Preserve, 27210 Altamont Road, Los Altos Hills. eventbrite.com

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. openspace.org

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