The world was watching as America swore in its first African American president, and Castro School was no exception.

Classes stopped at the elementary school on Tuesday morning as students and teachers crowded into the auditorium to watch the inauguration, and share their wishes and hopes for the new president.

Just minutes after Barack Obama took office, Castro students already had advice ready on how to make the world a cleaner, safer and happier place. Student Anna Petti wants a world without war. A fifth grade class asked Obama to pursue his promises of peace and justice for all. And Christopher Luck Jawetz advised Obama to surround himself with talented, honest people.

One by one, second and third graders read aloud the letters in Spanish and English that they had written to Obama. Classes also presented stars made by the students in honor of Martin Luther King.

“I would like it very much if you would try not to go to war unless it is for a good cause,” Petti read from her letter. “As president please make good choices and try...”
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**STOLEN VEHICLE**

Bryant St. at West Dana St., 1/19

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

West Dana St. at Hope St. 1/19

**POSSSESSION OF MARIJUANA**

California St. at Showers Dr. 1/15

**BATTERY**

200 block of Fairchild Dr. 1/19

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**

200 block of Monroe Dr. 1/17

**PETTY THEFT**

200 block of Easy Street 1/19

**INDECENT EXPOSURE**

100 West El Camino Real

**NARCOTICS POSSESSION**

Highway 101 at Old Middlefield Way 1/19

**VANDALISM**

100 block of California St. 1/18

Central Expressway at Shoreline

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**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE**

Leong Dr. at Moffett Blvd. 1/19

**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE**

600 block of Sylvan Ave. 1/19

**AUTO BURGLARY**

200 Monroe Dr. 1/19

**FALSE DMV REGISTRATION**

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**COMMERCIAL BURGLARY**

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Water Use Reduction Goal = 10%

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Blvd. 1/18

500 block of El Camino real 1/17

1900 block of Rock St.

**GRAND THEFT**

100 California St. 1/19

200 block of Easy St. 1/15

600 block of Castro St. 1/15

100 block of Bryant St.

**MISSING PERSON - ADULT**

400 Del Medio Ave. 1/18

800 San Veron Ave. 1/18

**MISSING PERSON - JUVENILE**

500 block of View St. 1/13

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“The Mountain View Rotary Club is having its 24th annual Crab Feed and Silent Auction on Feb. 7. All proceeds will benefit local charities in Mountain View, including college scholarships for high school students, Community Services Agency, Police Activities League and more.

“As part of the fund-raising, we are auctioning several football jerseys, including Throwbacks. Some are even timely for the Superbowl, as we have a few Steel- ers jerseys available. … To check out the selection, please visit PartyOn.org

By Don Frances

THE INAUGURATION celebration you heard Tuesday night emanating from the Civic Center Plaza had an impromptu feeling, but apparently it was organized by MoveOn.org. At least, that’s what a Web site forwarded to me by Alicia Crank seemed to indicate.

So you might have expected a lot of rancor, a lot of “Good riddance Bush” and “Thanks for nothing” and “Don’t let the door hit you on the way out” and so forth. But in the brief time I was there, listening to a band play a surf-rock cover, I noticed to free concerts (or doing any... — please do write in.

Anyone with stories to tell about this event or anywhere else — anybody back from Washington? — please do write in.

District moves PACT out of Castro

MV WHISMAN TRUSTEES MAKE $2 MILLION DECISION TO RELOCATE POPULAR PROGRAM

By Casey Weiss

With Castro Elementary School at full capacity, trustees decided last week to move the school’s popular PACT program to a new building, giving other students there a little more elbow room.

The unanimous vote came on the heels of a charged Jan. 15 study session, with parents, administrators and teachers pleading for help from the Mountain View Whisman School District board. Overcrowding at Castro, they said, has exhausted all of the school’s resources.

“I spend a disproportionate amount of time on safety and security when I would like to spend time on learning,” said Castro Principal Judy Crates.

The problems didn’t end there. According to Crates: money for programs for at-risk kids was going unused, a tutoring center was taking up space in the school library, the cafeteria was so overcrowded that kindergartners only had 15 minutes to eat. If you set off a siren today nobody would know what it was for,” Brown said. Santa Clara County is footing the bill for the system, which is being tested in Mountain View and Morgan Hill before being implemented county-wide. The county has entered into a contract for the system with Blackboard Connect Inc. for the next three years.

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PACT

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South Bay:

The Los Gatos Hospital lost its reputation after it became a private facility, the administrators said. El Camino is buying the hospital for $45 million in hopes of reviving it, while also strengthening its own base both financially and in terms of quality of care.

Both hospitals will share the same board and medical staff after El Camino officially purchases the Los Gatos facility on June 1 from Healthcare Properties and starts running operations, probably about 90 days later.

“Should we call it a grocery store with two sites?” Graham said of the 143-bed hospital. “It is like a grocery store with two sites.”

Graham and Reeder said the purchase price, and the need to retrofit Los Gatos to meet state earthquake standards, will not be a problem for El Camino, which in recent years has built up $300 million in unrestricted funds generated by its own profits. No monies from the tax revenue El Camino receives from district property owners will be used in the Los Gatos purchase, they told the Voice last Friday.

Concerns of transparency

At a hospital board meeting earlier that week, El Camino officials for the first time spoke publicly about the Los Gatos purchase and said a strict non-disclosure agreement imposed by the seller is restricting what they can reveal about the deal.

The news of El Camino’s purchase came as a surprise last month, and dozens of residents and Community Hospital of Los Gatos employees filled El Camino’s board room during last Wednesday’s meeting, wondering how they could afford the new hospital during an economic downturn and why the public organization was not releasing more information about the negotiations.

“Are these questionable risks worth the rewards?” asked resident Ed Seaman, who called himself a longtime supporter of the hospital.

“Would it be unfair for this hospital if we had to do all deliberations in public. Public hospitals should not be penalized,” Reeder said at the meeting.

But he added a note of regret, saying that “We have a desire to be transparent. We haven’t been able to be in the way I would like to be.”

“We have enough money”

The administrators were adamant, however, that the purchase is in the interests of all El Camino patients and district residents, and that a financially responsible move to make — despite the fact that Los Gatos’ aging facilities must be seismically retrofitted by 2013.

To meet the state regulations requiring this retrofit, El Camino is currently building a new $450 million facility on Grant Road. But in Los Gatos, administrators said, it will only cost between $10 million and $20 million to retrofit the facility to the earthquake standard required by 2013. Hospitals are not required to meet the highest standard until 2030.

“We believe we have enough money in our business plan to operate from 2013 through 2030,” Graham said.

Administrators say the $45 million initial purchase price for the new hospital is not coming from taxes. Residents founded the district in 1939 to raise money for the hospital, and Reeder said the hospital receives $8 million from these taxes. Of this, $5 million goes toward community outreach, and the remainder goes to capital costs at El Camino. The district also passed a $148 million bond to build the new El Camino facility.

“We are required by law to show where the money is,” Reeder said. “The money is pretty rigid.”

Hospital administrators said working with the lower profit margins would be difficult in the short term, but it would only last for a few years.

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couple years until the Los Gatos hospital became profitable. “We wouldn’t have approved this if we didn’t have confidence we could turn this hospital in [Los Gatos] around,” Graham said.

Expansion plans
The acquisition also fits with El Camino’s charter, Graham and Reeder said, since its mission is to serve all patients, regardless of where they live. Although the El Camino district encompasses Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, much of Sunnyvale, a small portion of Cupertino and some unincorporated areas, the hospital has for a long time run health care services outside this boundary, Reeder said, including dialysis centers in San Jose.

El Camino gets 40 percent of its patients from its taxpaying district, another 40 percent from just outside the district in Los Gatos, Saratoga and Campbell, and the remainder from all over the Bay Area. As for its strategic plan, El Camino’s strategy is to grow by 2 to 4 percent a year, and buying Camino’s strategy is to grow by 10 percent currently run by Tenet Corporation, the company just announced it was leaving on April 10, several weeks before El Camino would take ownership.

At that time, Eric Pifer, El Camino’s chief medical officer, will become the new president of the Los Gatos hospital. He is opening an activation office within the next two weeks in Los Gatos, while he prepares for the transition. Administrators said they may be keeping some of Los Gatos staff, but also are looking to hire new employees.

“We will be opening positions for that hospital,” Pifer said. “From what we understand there are a lot of good people there.” For more information on the transition, visit www.lgsa.net.
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Admission is free and coffee and cookies will be provided.

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Presented by Ronald Hess, M.D., board certified in Neurology.

- What is the difference between a headache and a migraine?
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Students laughed and cheered as they shared their dreams for the future of America. The school's Brownie troop brought out the American flag and led the school in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Principal Judy Crates spoke of the significance of the inauguration.

"This is a very important day. When you get big and have your own children you can say I saw the inauguration of the first African American."

It seemed every student at Castro had a hopeful wish for the new president. Most wanted him to end the war in Iraq, provide health care for everyone and reduce global warming.

"Try to go green (conserve water, make more electric cars), surround yourself with smart people and don’t pass bailout plans for companies that don’t make satisfactory [sic] products," Christopher Luck Jawetz read from his letter.

Other students spoke about fixing local problems in their own communities.

"My advice to you is to break up the gangs. I know this is good advice," Bryan Mendoza-Fitz read from his letter to Obama.

He continued: "My dream for American is to give citizenship to everyone who wants it. My dream is you will be the best president."

One fifth grade class summarized its dreams for Obama this way: "We wish you keep your promises. End the war, get us out of this mess. We are the future."
NASA should come clean on Hangar plans

Ever since the Navy decided last year to remove Hangar One’s toxic siding but not re-cover it, preservationists have been beside themselves. They are worried, and rightly so, that without its covering the historic structure’s steel frame will be irretrievably ruined.

But two weeks ago, NASA Ames assistant director Lew Braxton tantalized a group of diehard Hangar One supporters with some new information which, if true, could at one stroke resolve all their worries about the future of Hangar One.

The few tidbits divulged by Braxton stunned those attending the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board meeting Jan. 8. Although he had few details to share, Braxton said NASA was hard at work on a plan to restore Hangar One within the next 18 months in order to return it to “its original purpose.”

But the topper came when Braxton said, “I know there is a lot of concern because we are working behind the scenes. We have been in dialogue with headquarters and are working with the Pentagon.” He would not elaborate further.

Why the secrecy? Since most of those familiar with NASA’s mission at Moffett Field already know about the airship in question — a 500-foot-long surveillance craft being developed by Lockheed — little is to be gained from this drips-and-drabs method of releasing information. This is especially so since the question — a 500-foot-long surveillance craft being developed by Lockheed — little is to be gained from this drips-and-drabs method of releasing information. This is especially so since the fate of the airship could mean the fate of Hangar One itself.

Lockheed actually presents more information on its Web site, where a video of the airship can be found (www.lockheedmartin.com/products/HighAltitudeAirship). The solar-powered craft purportedly would cruise at 60,000 feet, watching the goings on below with the aid of sensitive cameras.

One source told the Voice that the effort to lease Hangar One for this airship is NASA Ames Director Pete Worden’s pet project. It seems ironic that Hangar One, with its future on the line and so many fans holding their breath, could be saved by a secret program that no one can trumpet.

We believe more transparency with the public and the interested community at Moffett Field could enhance NASA’s effort to close the airship deal soon, thereby saving the hangar. Even if the deal falls through, it could generate even more publicity and awareness of how important it is to preserve Hangar One — and to begin re-covering it on the day the Navy removes the siding, which will probably come this October.

LANDELS SCHOOL IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE

Editor:

As an involved Landels School parent for the past eight years, I want to respond to the comment in your Mountain View Whisman enrollment article last week from the parent who claimed that Landels traditionally does not meet all state or federal testing benchmarks (“Parents cry foul on enrollment”).

On the contrary, Landels made adequate yearly progress for all of its demographic subgroups in the 2007-08 California state test, and increased its overall academic performance index by 21 points. With teaching staff among the best in the district, Landels is working hard to close the achievement gap; this past year 23 Landels students moved up two proficiency levels or more in math and/or English language arts.

In 2006, Landels received the prestigious California Distinguished School designation; it also received the prestigious Title I Academic Achievement Award based on academic excellence in both 2006 and 2007. In addition to having high academic expectations for its students, the Landels community also values and honors the diversity of its students and staff. My family is delighted to live in a school district that offers an array of different programs to meet the diverse needs of our community, and we feel fortunate that our sons have been able to attend Landels, our neighborhood school.

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Editor:
I take my bike on Caltrain to and from work during commute hours, and also use it to get to and from recreational activities on off-peak hours and weekends. I use my bike and Caltrain in order to cut down on the number of miles I drive for environmental reasons. I enjoy being able to work or relax on the train and also save on parking fees and car maintenance, plus lower insurance costs due to reduced driving. When I move, the number one criteria will be to live close to a Caltrain station.

I am very much in favor of increasing capacity to 80 bikes per train by removing 5 percent of the seats for bikes. I have been bumped more than once due to the bike car being full and I have seen many other riders suffer the same fate. It is very disconcerting to get to the train station and not know whether or not I will be able to board with my bike. I hate to think of all the people driving cars because they were scared off from trying to get their bike on the train. It is also frustrating that non-bicyclists fill up the bike car seating and are not asked to move. I look forward to a win-win where onboard bike programs lead to increased revenue through more ridership, and we will all reap the environmental benefits of less car pollution.

Mike Kahn
Walker Drive

PET PEEVE REBUTTAL:
WEBSTER SAYS ‘MT.’
Editor:
This is going to aggravate Denley Rafferty’s pet peeve about the proper abbreviation for Mountain (Letters, Jan. 16). Webster’s 20th Century Dictionary defines Mt. as the abbreviation for Mount or Mountain. The Postal Service uses Mtn., probably to eliminate confusion. Sorry, Denley.

Scott Blake
Bonita Avenue
**El Camino Hospital’s purchase in Los Gatos is good for everyone**

By David Reeder

On Dec. 17, 2008, El Camino Hospital announced that it had entered into an agreement effective June 1, 2009, for the purchase of the property and buildings at Community Hospital of Los Gatos (CHLG). El Camino Hospital’s decision makes financial sense and is a “win-win” for all.

During these times, it is common practice for strong institutions to reposition themselves for greater success in preparation for eventual market recovery. The opportunity for El Camino Hospital to acquire the Los Gatos hospital is compatible with our strategic plan and long term strategy to grow the hospital which will help to fulfill its mission to provide the highest quality care possible. El Camino, operating under a long history of strong community support and very conservative fiscal management, is well positioned to extend our locally controlled, community-based model of care to these neighboring cities within Silicon Valley.

We on the board are confident that by focusing on what we do best—patient care—and in turn, making the Los Gatos location a preferred provider of care, that we will be successful. We fully expect that this purchase will positively impact El Camino and our future by bringing increased referrals for tertiary care, and improving its ability to serve the community. The decision was made with a desire to ensure that El Camino Hospital district residents receive enhanced care from their hospital while making certain that the Los Gatos community retains access to quality care.

El Camino is a district-owned hospital, and it is important to note that district taxpayer dollars are not and cannot be used for the Los Gatos hospital. When the formation of El Camino in the late 1950s, it was set up as an “enterprise district.” Taxpayer funds were used to build the facility with some funding dedicated to facility maintenance. Patient revenues fund all operating expenses and patients are not required to reside in the district to receive services. El Camino has a very strong cash position as a result of effective management and a conservative financial philosophy.

We acknowledge the uncertainty the community is experiencing over the early closing of Los Gatos hospital. The current operator’s decision to stop operations in advance of its May 31 lease expiration means that all clinical activities will cease on April 10. Once El Camino Hospital has unrestricted access to the Los Gatos site, the hospital’s operational teams will need a minimum of 90 days to begin the activation of clinical services. This work entails installation of information technology systems as well as testing of systems and procedures to ensure safe, quality service when the site opens.

To facilitate a smooth process, El Camino has assigned task forces as part of our activation team to put organizational systems in place during the next several months. This committee will be lead by Eric Pifer, M.D., chief medical officer at El Camino and incoming president at the Los Gatos location.

The team has taken immediate steps to foster a healthy dialogue, including hosting a series of informational sessions in Los Gatos. Also, a liaison office will be opened in Los Gatos during the transition.

Should they arise, we will address any bumps in the road with urgency and transparency. Over time, the opening of the Los Gatos location means that El Camino Hospital would strengthen our position in the area in a competitive environment. And this is good news for all because, ultimately, El Camino wants to make sure that our locally governed, community model of care remains viable in the area and offers the highest quality and service to the people it serves.

David Reeder is a member of El Camino Hospital’s district board.

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**Housing element will shape the future of Mountain View**

By Roy Hayter

Most cities in the Bay Area are now engaged in updating the housing element of their general plans as is required by state law. Once they are adopted, these updated housing elements are likely to determine where and how the new housing in our cities will be built over the next decade.

More than just housing is at stake. Although nominally only about housing, these revised housing elements will have impacts on a wide array of other critical issues, including climate change; the social and economic impacts of the end of cheap oil; preparing for a much larger, non-driving senior population; the viability and convenience of transit; and other aspects that affect our quality of life.

Luckily, you can influence the outcome. The League of Women Voters encourages participation by all members of the community and is sponsoring a workshop to be held this Monday. Local experts will discuss these housing element updates and what you can do to help shape the future of your city to be sustainable, diverse and inclusive.

There are some basic questions we should be discussing, to ensure that these plans responsibly balance current concerns and longer term needs, and take into account major changes that are occurring in the world around us. These questions relate to:

- Meeting the needs of an aging population
- Maintaining the health of our local economy
- Addressing our environmental challenges
- Making public transit more convenient and cost-effective
- Fulfilling our obligations to others

There are many opportunities for community discussion of these questions. Cities can incorporate their housing element update into community outreach and public hearing processes. Organizations such as neighborhood and homeowners associations, seniors and faith-based groups, business, educational, and community service organizations, etc., can discuss these questions at their normal meetings or at special meetings held specifically for this purpose. Individuals can discuss these questions with their friends and neighbors. Finally, local newspapers can publicize the dates, times and locations of meetings to discuss these questions, encourage their readers to attend, and invite letters to the editor on these topics.

Below is a list of contacts to help you learn more about your city’s housing element update process and how to get involved. I’ve also provided information on the League of Women Voters meeting, where featured speaker Don Weden, retired principal planner for Santa Clara County, will discuss how housing element updates impact an array of other issues. Representatives from Los Altos and Mountain View will address local issues.

Roy Hayter lives on Yale Drive and is a member of Advocates for Affordable Housing.

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**INFORMATION**

What: Housing Element Update Forum, scheduled by the League of Women Voters of Los Altos-Mountain View When: Monday, Jan. 26, 7-9 p.m. Where: Mountain View City Council Chambers, 500 Castro St. Cost: Free Info: Visit www.lwvlamv.org or call (650) 941-4846

For resources on general plan updates in Mountain View and throughout the region:

- View the City of Mountain View Housing Element Update Web site: www.ci.mountainview.ca.us/city_hall/community_development/planning/housing_element/default.asp
- Mail the Mountain View Planning Dept.: 500 Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94041 (650) 993-6306
- See the Association of Bay Area Governments’ Housing Element Tool Kit: www.abag.ca.gov/planning/toolkit
- Call Silicon Valley Leadership Group / Housing Action Coalition: Bena Chang, (408) 501-7870
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**Viewpoint**

El Camino Hospital's purchase in Los Gatos is good for everyone
By Casey Weiss

Columba Lopez says that after she and her family moved to Mountain View from Mexico three decades ago, they wanted to share their culture and food with their newly adopted home. The result, eventually, became a city landmark: La Fiesta.

The not-so-quiet restaurant sits on a quiet stretch of Villa Street, amid the auto shops and other businesses there, which it serves during the day. Although far from the hustle of Castro Street, the place is packed on the weekends, and reservations on Friday and Saturday are a must.

Diners stepping into La Fiesta enter a warm, brightly colored enclave. Mexican music plays in the background — not too loudly — and carved chairs and vibrant vases decorate the interior. Equally vibrant is the menu selection, which, though pricey,
La Fiesta is a family-owned restaurant and has been in Mountain View for over 30 years.

Lopez herself took over the restaurant in 1997, 20 years after her parents opened for business, offering a wide and satisfying array of classic Mexican dishes. Besides the Mexican standards of beef, cheese, chicken or pork for many of the dishes, there is a surprisingly wide selection of vegetarian options. Most meals come with plentiful sides of rice, beans and unlimited tortillas, all perfectly cooked and seasoned.

The Lopez family is originally from Puebla and Guadalajara, and many of the recipes come from these regions. Lopez herself took over the restaurant in 1997, 20 years after her parents opened for business, and it still has that inimitable family-run feeling, including the friendly service you’d expect. Lopez said her very own abuela passed down Grandma’s Especial ($16.95) to her mother, and the restaurant continues to prepare this dish of chicken breast with chives in a thick sour cream base. Cooking the chicken in sour cream gives it a uniquely tangy flavor, making it a perfect complement to the mild rice and beans.

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Prized for the “man burger” for 16 years in a row as reported in the Mtn. View Voice, the Charcoal Broiler offers a wide and satisfying array of classic Mexican dishes. Besides the Mexican standards of beef, cheese, chicken or pork for many of the dishes, there is a surprisingly wide selection of vegetarian options. Many meals come with plentiful sides of rice, beans and unlimited tortillas, all perfectly cooked and seasoned.

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For those wanting something a little spicier, the al achiote, a vegetarian burrito, comes with a creamy spicy sauce inside and out. Offsetting the achiote sauce and attendant jalapenos are other, slightly more neutral ingredients, like tomatoes and onions. The large size of the entree, along with the generous sides of rice and beans topped with cheese, make this potentially a meal for two.

As for the carne asada, which comes with green onions, garlic pepper and fine herbs: The menu promised the thinly strips of New York steak would be very tasty, and they were. The meat was lean, and mixed well with the guacamole topping.

Although spicy and filled with flavor, some of the meat and fish dishes could have used fresh vegetables to balance them. Del Pacifico ($17.95), a filet of catfish sauteed with roasted peppers, onions, garlic and champogne, was served on a bed of green chili. It was not greasy or buttered, but was heavy nonetheless; I would have liked to see some sliced tomatoes or lettuce on the plate.

In truth, though, it’s impossible to complain too loudly about the food or service, both of which are exceptional at La Fiesta. If the restaurant has a drawback, it’s the prices, which are higher than usual for Mexican food (tasty and authentic though the meals may be). Then again, as the name suggests, La Fiesta is all about the atmosphere — and in case you were needing some help in that regard, there’s an impressive three-page tequila menu to get things going.

By the way, La Fiesta is not ideal for those who can’t handle a lot of spices. Even though our burrito, for example, was labeled as “mild,” it still had plenty of kick. But for this eater at least, if it isn’t picante it just isn’t a party.
**THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON (PG-13)**  
(16th Century, 20th Century) In early-century Louisiana an unusual child is born. The baby looks like a widowed old man and isn’t expected to live. With the persistent nurturing of boarding house doorkeeper Queenie (Tara P. Henson), baby Benjamin beats the odds and continues to thrive, so well that he appears to grow younger as he advances in years. Benjamin’s meeting with 7-year-old Daisy (Elle Fanning) has a profound effect on his life, her presence a stabilizing force that ebbs and flows throughout the years. Benjamin and the adult Daisy (Cate Blanchett) inexplicably meet halfway on the age spectrum — on her way to the graceful golden years and his to ultimate youth — a joyous and profoundly sad state of affairs. Rated: PG-13 for brief violence, sexual content and language. 2 hours, 47 minutes. — J.A.

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**Doubt (PG-13)**  
(16th Century, 20th Century) The narrative construct teeters on the concept of reasonable doubt — and the blindness and intolerance of those making unjustified accusations. Or are they? Rated: PG-13 for thematic material. 1 hour. 44 minutes. — S.F.

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**FROST/NIXON (PG-13)**  
(16th Century, 20th Century) An overly confi-
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Howard directs the film at a breakneck clip, pausing only to reveal glimpses into each man’s character. Engrossing emotionally and intellectually, this showdown shouldn’t be missed. Rated: R for some language. 2 hours, 2 minutes. — S.T.

GRAN TORINO ★★ 1/2
(Century 16, Century 20) Clint Eastwood stars and directs himself as cantankerous Korean War vet Walt Kowalski with a chip on his shoulder the size of the Matterhorn. He lives alone and has no relationship to speak of with his adult sons. Walt appears to be surrounded on all sides by Hmong families who keep to themselves and their own cultural curiosities. Until a neighborhood teen named Thao (Bee Vang) finds himself with a debt of honor to repay after he attempts to steal Walt’s prized, cherry-condition 1972 Gran Torino. Walt puts Thao to work in his yard, grudgingly handing over small odd jobs and offering manly advice on testosterone and tools. A relationship blossoms as Walt breaks out of his shell and Thao feels admiration for the father figure he never had (grand). Overall, a poorly acted and heavily cliched melodrama. Rated: R for language and violence. 1 hour, 56 minutes. — J.A.

MILK ★★ 1/2
(CineArts, Century 20) Performances are king in this poignant homage to late great San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk. Sean Penn has a field day portraying the first openly gay man elected to office in the U.S. After several misfires Harvey is elected supervisor and makes a name for himself in the City by the Bay, charming around with liberal mayor George Moscone (Victor Garber) and trying to make nice with conservative supervisor Dan White (Josh Brolin). The rest is history — a painful chapter in American politics. Rated: R for language, sexuality and mature themes. 2 hours, 7 minutes. — J.A.

REVOLUTIONARY ROAD ★★★ 1/2
(Guild, Century 20) Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio are literally at each other’s throats as April and Frank Wheeler, the classic 1950s golden couple who suddenly find theuster lost from their white-picket-fence union. Through a series of deep flashbacks director Sam Mendes builds a story of suburban ennui, a stifling boredom compounded by two kids and dead-end jobs. The build-up gains slow momentum but once “Road” finds its rhythm it’s positively devastating. Rated: R for language and nudity. 1 hour, 59 minutes. — J.A.

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE ★★★★★
(Aquarius, Century 20) In present-day Mumbai, Jamal Malik (Dev Patel) sits on the hot seat of India’s “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” game show, poised to win the elusive grand prize of 20 million rupees. Refusing to believe that Jamal is coming by his answers honestly, the police get involved, punishing their brutal torture tactics with questions on how a simple chai server from India’s poorest slums came by such arcane knowledge. With serendipitous charm, flashbacks detail Jamal’s rise through hardships poverty to survival of the fittest. Rated: R for violence, language and disturbing images. 1 hour, 56 minutes. In English and Hindi with English subtitles. — J.A.

VALKYRIE ★★★★ 1/2
(Century 16, Century 20) Tom Cruise teams with auteur Bryan Singer for this gripping series of interviews in 1937 — for the right prize. The stakes are high for both the disgraced former president and the underated television talk-show host. “Frost/Nixon” is more psychological cat-and-mouse game than verbal sparring match. Ron
ART GALLERIES

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Contemporary works by 20 women artists: Kathy Askii, Sabrina Jones, Lerk Pien, Tina Robbins. Historical works from the collection of Tina Robbins. Sponsored by Heritage Bank of Commerce. Through Jan. 25, 3-7 p.m. No charge; donations accepted. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/view

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DOMINIC A. ROQUERO
Case No. 1-09-PR-164490
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contin- gent creditors and persons who may ob- serve or be interested in the will, or estate, of DOMINIC A. ROQUERO, A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ANA LIZA ROQUERO in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA, THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANA LIZA ROQUERO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the person- al representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administra- tion authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the granting of the petition notice or consented to the proposed action. A HEARING on the petition will be held on FEBRUARY 26, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 15 of the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA 95113. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a person interested in the estate, you may file a claim with the court in the form provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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