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## Army: No impact for Orion project

ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TRADE WORDS OVER TRAFFIC AND CLEANUP

By Daniel DeBolt

The Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board met last Thursday in the midst of a whirlwind of discussions about development at Moffett, including the 213-acre NASA Research Park and the possible announcement in December about the future of Hangar One.

But nothing sparked more intense discussion than the Army's "Mitigated Finding of No Significant Impact" — a report on Orion Park, just outside the Moffett main gate, where the Army intends to build a new command and reserve training center.

To do so, the Army will demolish 450 now-vacant military homes there and build a 270,000-square-foot training facility, but no new housing. That should be no problem, according to the report, because the project will have "no significant impact" despite such long-debated issues as traffic congestion and cleanup of trichloroethylene. The Army says the project must be completed by 2011 under federal law.

Environmentalists at the meeting were not impressed with the plans, and continued to press the Army to address increased traffic and the trichloroethylene, or TCE, pollution in the groundwater that no one wants to clean up.

"We're going the extra step to protect the future occupants and users of those buildings," said Army spokesperson John Love, referring to vapor barriers, ventilation systems and the possible 24-hour monitoring of air in the new buildings. TCE is a known carcinogen

and has been measured at unsafe levels in vacant homes at Orion.

"We're in a redevelopment situation," Love said. "We're not really in the lead as a cleanup agency. We're working with the EPA — that's an ongoing effort."

The discussion turned to who

was originally responsible for the TCE pollution. That argument has been going on for years, causing tension between NASA and the Navy, which is often thought to be legally responsible. Navy spokesperson Darren Newton caused a stir with his comments Thursday.

"The federal government does not believe there is an on-site source," Newton said.

Protests immediately flew up from the part of the room where representatives from another federal agency — the EPA — were sitting.

"Whoa, whoa! Wait — DOD might believe that," came a chorus of comments from EPA officials. (By "DOD," they were referring to the Department of Defense, which

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## Company floats Zeppelin idea

AIRSHIP VENTURES OFFERS MORE DETAILS — HOPES CITY APPROVES OF MOFFETT-BASED TOURS

By Daniel DeBolt

If NASA Ames allows it, a Zeppelin airship may arrive at Moffett Field in October of next year — the 75th anniversary of the USS

Macon's arrival at Moffett in 1933.

After noticing the controversy over the Google founders' jumbo jets last month, Los Gatos-based Airship Ventures is putting out feelers to see

what Moffett neighbors would think of up to 1,000 Zeppelin flights a year out of the airfield. The company aims to provide tours of the San Francisco Bay

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## Thanksgiving all year at CHAC

By Alexa Tondreau

On a recent Tuesday morning at the Community Health Awareness Council's offices on Church Street, a core group of 20 staffers have gathered to discuss the goings-on of CHAC's myriad community based programs.

From school site counseling services and art therapy to teen pregnancy and adolescent drug and alcohol programs, to name just a few, CHAC's community outreach is extensive on the Peninsula, due in large part to its staff's commit-



ment and zeal.

"I'm really excited this morning," said a CHAC counselor Cosette Delgado, who is spearheading a new program through CHAC at Mountain View High School called "Culture Counts." The program

seeks to better integrate students who are new to the U.S. into the American educational system and broader culture.

CHAC staffers will first work one-on-one with students, and then students will transition to a group setting, Delgado explained,

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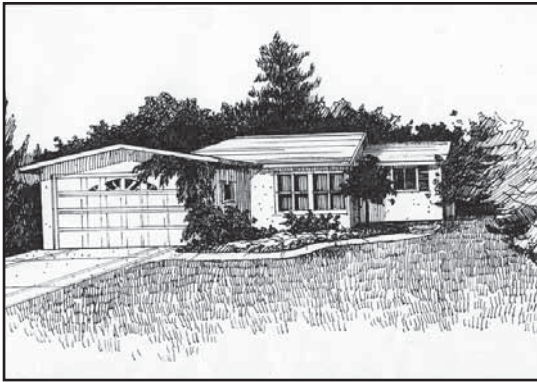
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Officers responded to a report of two intoxicated individuals causing a disturbance. When they arrived at the scene, one subject became aggressive. He was arrested for assaulting an officer and resisting arrest. The officer was not injured.

**VANDALISM, 1090 BLOCK BRYANT ST., 11/7**  
A group of unidentified youth were seen spitting in a city parking garage. They also broke a button on the inside of an elevator. They had left by the time officers arrived.

■ POLICELOG

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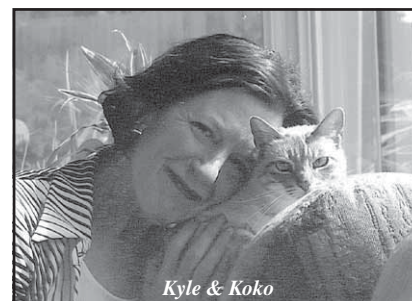
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■ CORRECTION

A front page story in last week's *Voice* misstated the number of units of a development project proposed for the Hetch Hetchy open space at 450 N. Whisman Rd. The project as originally proposed calls for 69 units. Also, the story misspelled the project's name, which the developer has dubbed "Hawthorne Park."

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■ NEWS BRIEFS

## HIT-RUN DEATH ON EL CAMINO

A 60-year-old man was struck and killed on El Camino Real earlier this week by a vehicle which fled the scene, according to Mountain View police.

The incident occurred Monday at around 7 p.m. on west-bound El Camino near Escuela Ave., police said. The victim, described only as a 60-year-old white man, was walking when he was hit. He was discovered a few minutes later by a VTA bus driver, and pronounced dead at a local hospital. No description of the vehicle is available.

The identity of the victim is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. Witnesses or anyone with information are asked to call Officer Tim Minor at (650) 903-6344.

— Theresa Condon

## BAY FISHING BANNED DUE TO OIL SPILL

Fishing has been temporarily banned in the San Francisco Bay because of last week's oil spill, the governor's office announced.

The office of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed an executive order Tuesday suspending fishing for human consumption in the Bay. The suspension is in affect until Dec. 1 or until health officials deem the Bay to be safe.

The oil spill occurred last week after a tanker hit the Bay Bridge and released 58,000 gallons of fuel. According to local rangers, the spill has not yet affected Mountain View's Shoreline area.

— Bay City News

■ COMMUNITY BRIEF

## FREE TURKEY DINNER AT DON GIOVANNI'S

John Akkaya and his staff will be offering their annual free turkey dinner at Don Giovanni's restaurant this Thanksgiving Day, "as a token of our thanks to the community."

The dinner will be Thursday, Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The restaurant is located at 235 Castro St. in downtown Mountain View.

— Staff Reports



## Research Park to be built on TCE plume?

By Daniel DeBolt

During a City Council meeting last week, NASA Ames officials announced that the agency would seek bids for development of the ambitious NASA Research Park, which will hold 1,000 units of housing, 200,000 square feet of office space and 100,000 square feet for education.

Among the hurdles, however, one remains to be fully addressed: Who will clean up the trichloroethylene, or TCE, plume which lies beneath the site?

Members of the Restoration Advisory Board want NASA to discuss the project with the RAB next year. But that may not happen, said Navy spokesperson Darren Newton, because the

RAB is meant for cleanup and mitigation topics, not issues of Moffett re-use.

The Research Park would sit right on top of the TCE plume at Moffett, which co-mingles with a TCE plume across Highway 101 in the Middlefield, Ellis and Whisman Road area, also known as the MEW (see story and map, page 13).

Local environmentalists aren't up in arms about the Research Park because it has been in the works for years. The park was the reason NASA pushed for cleanup in the late 1990s as the Navy and companies located in the MEW quarreled over who was responsible for cleanup.

The city of Mountain View also

► See NASA, page 12

## Foothill-De Anza among those eyeing Research Park

LOCAL DISTRICT JOINS UC, SAN JOSE STATE IN BID TO CREATE 'SUPER CAMPUS'

By Alexa Tondreau

Besides creating a consortium of federal agencies and private high tech firms, the NASA Ames Research Park at Moffett Field will include a strong educational presence — and the Foothill-De Anza Community College District hopes to get in on the game.

For nearly 12 years, officials at Foothill-De Anza have worked to secure a spot for their students at the Research Park. In an interview with the Voice earlier this week, Chancellor Martha Kanter said the district sees it as a chance to provide students with unprec-

edented learning opportunities.

Kanter said the district is working closely with San Jose State University and the University of California system to create a "super campus" where students work closely with professionals in the fields of math, science and engineering. She said the three university systems view each other as close partners in the park's development, and plan to build facilities adjacent to each other.

"We really want to be closely tied to them. What was very exciting for us was the possibil-

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## ■ SEEN AROUND TOWN



## Heirloom tomatoes

**Khoi Huynh** of California Street took this photo of heirloom tomatoes at the downtown farmers market last month. "I think that hand is mine!" wrote his wife, Karla Kane (who works at the Palo Alto Weekly, the Voice's sister paper).

If you have a photo taken around town which you'd like published in the Voice, please send it (as a jpg attachment) to editor@mv-voice.com.

## Obama comes to Google, announces 'innovation agenda'

Bay City News

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said he would unveil an "innovation agenda" Wednesday afternoon when he becomes the seventh presidential candidate to participate in the "Candidates@Google" town hall series there.

The Illinois senator is the fifth Democratic candidate to participate in the series, which allows Google employees to question the candidates about the issues. The appearances are then posted on Google's YouTube site.

"Like many Americans, Googlers are taking a keen interest in the campaign and are anxious to learn more about the candidates. These visits are a

chance for us to learn where the candidates stand on issues that are important to Google and our employees. Candidates are also interested in coming here to learn about Google, our technology, and to exchange ideas about the country's future," said Adam Kovacevich, Google's global communications and public affairs manager, in an e-mail interview.

At the town hall meeting (which took place after the Voice went to press), Obama planned to unveil his vision for the future of the Internet and for promoting innovative technologies if elected, according to an Obama campaign statement.

"We need to make sure that the next success story—the next Google—happens here in America," Obama said in the statement.

"The Google story is about what can be achieved when we cultivate new ideas and keep the playing field level for new businesses. But it's also about not settling for what we've achieved. It's about constantly raising the bar so that we're more competitive, and so we use technology to reach ever-expanding horizons."

The most popular candidate appearance in Google's YouTube series has been Republican candidate Ron Paul — who, besides talking to Google employees, also gave a speech nearby that anyone in Mountain View could attend. The Google appearance by the Texas congressman and Internet darling has been viewed more than 334,000 times, according to YouTube records.

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# Spartans, Lancers conquer CCS

FINISH LINE MARKS INCREDIBLE COMEBACK FOR TANIA MORIMOTO

By Theresa Condon

Mountain View and St. Francis high schools dominated the Central Coast Section cross-country running championships last weekend, with the Spartan girls capturing their first-ever CCS cross-country victory in school history.

The championships were held Saturday on the infamous dusty hills of Crystal Springs course in Belmont. There, the Lancer boys captured the title with help from senior Phil Pompei, who finished sixth overall. It is the Lancers' seventh CCS title.

St. Francis senior Shelby Golan placed second in the girls' race and will advance to the state meet as an individual.



Tania Morimoto

COURTESY PHOTO

The Mountain View girls also won, led by junior Mary Reynolds, who placed fifth overall. The Spartan boys placed third, and will also advance to the State meet in Fresno next week.

## Tania's comeback

For the Spartan girls, the first CCS cross-country championship in school history couldn't have happened without Tania Morimoto, the lone senior on the girls' team, whose win was a culmination of months of hard work and persistence to overcome a debilitating condition that could have cut her running career short.

Morimoto joined the cross-country team her freshmen year and quickly became one of its strongest runners. "She was a superstar her sophomore year," said Coach Evan Smith. A three-sport varsity athlete, she also competes on the soccer team in the winter and track in the spring.

Early in the 2006 season, Morimoto noticed that something wasn't right. "My legs felt

very heavy on every run, and they just couldn't recover," she said. Reluctant to stop running, she kept pushing herself, but her performance began to slide.

"It was emotionally very difficult because she knew how good she was, and she just couldn't do it," said Smith.

After many frustrating months and several doctors, Morimoto was diagnosed with low ferritin levels, a common health problem among athletes.

Ferritin is a protein that stores iron in bone marrow. Adequate iron stores are essential because iron in red blood cells binds oxygen, which is used throughout the body during aerobic activity.

Iron is lost in a variety of ways, and if it isn't replenished, muscles lose their vitality and physical activity becomes more difficult. It takes a long time for ferritin levels to re-establish themselves, as Morimoto learned the hard way. Even so, she managed to make her comeback within a year with the help of iron supplements.

Luckily, the joys of running proved irresistible for Morimoto, "There were times when I really didn't think it was worth it," she admitted. However, she said, "I love to run, and I didn't want to let the team down. I can't imagine my life without cross-country."

Although it took months before her energy fully returned, Morimoto kept pushing herself, and fully regained her strength and speed in time for a superb finish to the season. Saturday she celebrated with a Spartan victory with teammates.

Both the boys' and girls' teams will travel to Fresno for the State cross-country meet at Woodward Park on Nov. 24. ■

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## Burgers, fries and civics

COUNCIL TO DECIDE FOOD TRUCK'S FUTURE  
AT RARE LOS ALTOS HIGH MEETING

By Alexa Tondreau

The Los Altos City Council intends to make a real-life civics lesson out of a dispute between Los Altos High School and a food truck owner who wants to sell hamburgers and other fast foods to students.

The council will meet at Los Altos High School on Dec. 3 to take up the issue. At its last meeting, council member Ron Packard told his colleagues that it would be good for students to observe their local government in action. Members regard the December special meeting as a rare opportunity to involve students in a civics lesson based on a real-world issue in which they are directly involved.

The lunch truck, which is owned and operated by Julie Nguyen, parks on Jardin Avenue next to the school and offers students a variety of food items, snacks and beverages. Nguyen began parking the truck at lunch time at the beginning of the school year, and it quickly developed a large following among students who enjoyed the menu of burritos, hamburgers, fries and other fast food items.

District officials, including Superintendent Barry Groves, have not been pleased with the truck's presence, citing concerns about the low nutritional

value of the food and keeping mobile peddlers away from public schools in Los Altos.

"Schools, and the area around them, are special places," Groves said in a statement. "We have special rules, laws and regulations that attend to this special status."

Allowing the lunch truck to remain just off campus, Groves said, might open the door for other peddlers. An exemption exists for peddlers during school functions and events.

Additionally, the district doesn't think the food served by Nguyen follows healthy guidelines adhered to in the cafeteria, which aims to serve low-fat and low-sugar foods to students. Soda, for instance, is not available anywhere on campus, but students can purchase a can of Coke or other soda at the lunch trunk.

"In public schools, we have federal, state and local regulations that outline the nutritional standards for all food and beverages sold on campus," Groves said.

The Dec. 3 meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Eagle Auditorium at Los Altos High School. For more information, visit [www.mvla.net](http://www.mvla.net). ■

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**Monique Kane**, executive director of the Community Health Awareness Council, talks to fellow staff members during a meeting Tuesday.

**CHAC**

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where students will share their experiences as new residents of this country.

“A lot of children are trying to navigate between two cultures,” Delgado said. “There’s this assumption immigrants arrive knowing about U.S. culture, but it’s not like they hand you a Cliff’s Notes at the border on American life. We’re going to discuss the needs of this population and help them with their anxiety and stress. By having the support and the peer to peer education, they can easily integrate and learn about American values.”

CHAC’s executive director, Monique Kane, said “Culture Counts” would be one of several programs to benefit from funds received through the *Voice’s* Holiday Fund. CHAC’s “Just for Kids” program will also be a major recipient, Kane said.

That program, which has been in place in Mountain View public schools since the early 1990s, teaches living skills to second and third graders in the areas of family and environmental pressures, self esteem and age-appropriate substance abuse education.

“It’s one of our most important projects,” Kane said.

Kane said CHAC exists to address a variety of emotional problems that effect children and teens and which create stress within their families. CHAC also offers counseling for parents. Counseling takes place both at schools and at CHAC’s offices, and a majority of services are free of charge.

The nonprofit relies mostly on funds from Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills and their three school districts, and from funds raised through individual donations, corporations, local businesses, county contracts

and other groups.

In operation since 1973, the organization’s longstanding success is due in part to the fact that it constantly evolves to meet the needs of the population it serves. For example, CHAC will be piloting a program this year called “Teen Talk,” which will gather students together weekly to discuss a topic of their choice. The idea for the program came directly from the students themselves.

Counselor Christina Galloway, who is leading the “Teen Talk” program at Blach Middle School in Los Altos, said students “asked for education on making the transition from eighth to ninth grade.

“A lot of freshmen are approached to get into drugs and alcohol and other things. And there are a lot of urban legends going around of what happens when you get to high school. They didn’t want to be afraid or vulnerable,” Galloway said.

CHAC also works to fill gaps that aren’t addressed by schools. CHAC counselors saw a need for more teacher education on what they can do for gay and lesbian students, and began to provide training for local teachers. Additionally, CHAC has started a bi-monthly group for gay Hispanic males between the ages of 15-22.

“That community has almost no resources, and they are at risk for HIV,” said counselor Eileen Ross. “I think it’s a good thing we’re here.”

As the meeting adjourned Tuesday, Kane said everybody seemed to have their work cut out for them.

“There’s a lot of work getting done, and it’s pretty exciting,” she said. ▀

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# About the Holiday Fund

**V**oice readers who want to increase the impact of their charitable donations this season can give to the Holiday Fund, which helps arrange dollar-for-dollar matching grants that can double the size of contributions to seven local nonprofit agencies.

This year, the Wakerly Family Foundation, the David and

Lucille Packard Foundation, and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation will match, to the extent possible, all contributions to the *Voice* Holiday Fund on a dollar for dollar basis. Last year, *Voice* readers gave more than \$27,000, which after matching grants created a total contribution of \$54,534, or more than \$9,000 for each of the six nonprofit

agencies included in the Holiday Fund.

This year, all funds donated by *Voice* readers will be held and dispersed to the agencies by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation in February or early March. No fees are assessed by the Foundation, so that 100 percent of every contribution will go to the nonprofit agencies.

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Contributions to the Holiday Fund will be matched dollar for dollar, to the extent possible, and will go directly to the nonprofit agencies that serve Mountain View residents. Last year, readers contributed \$27,000, which was matched dollar for dollar for a total of

\$54,534 — more than \$9,000 for each agency.

No administrative costs are deducted from the gifts, which are tax-deductible as permitted by law. All donations will be shared equally with the seven recipient agencies listed here.

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## ZEPPELIN

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Area for \$500 a person in its 264-foot Zeppelin NT airship — which is slightly longer, but much quieter, than a Boeing 747.

The company hopes that a resolution from the City Council, requested last week, will help them sign a deal with NASA Ames by early next year.

"I don't think many know about the airship yet," said council member Tom Means. "I don't think there will be the noise issues, and the base is not the main location of use. They plan to operate mostly in the tourist areas."

Airship Ventures' deal with NASA would be similar to the one signed with the founders of Google in August. It would allow the company to keep its airship at Moffett and fly it for paid tours. The company would also earn revenue using the airship as a floating billboard.

In exchange, the company

would pay for the lease and must contribute in some way to NASA's general mission. Like the Google jet, the airship could carry scientific equipment to collect data for NASA.

sure that any concerns from residents are addressed early. The hope is that the airship will be "adopted by the community" the way other Zeppelin NTs are in Tokyo and

will want to see San Francisco landmarks like the Golden Gate Bridge. There will also be weekend excursions to the Napa Valley and the Los Angeles area.

But Hall is predicting that local high tech employees and airship enthusiasts will want rides out of Moffett. It will take an hour for the ship to fly from Moffett to San Francisco.

"It's the ultimate sky box," Hall said. "Given the preponderance of high tech companies, many will fly out of Moffett Field."

Neighbors will "see her at least once a week for maintenance," Hall said. "If the weather is awful they will see her once again."

At the very most, the company has predicted 1,000 flights a year out of Moffett. NASA Ames is allowed to have 25,000 total flights a year.

The modern Zeppelin NT has a perfect safety record in Japan and Germany, Hall said. It incorporates carbon fiber construction and computer controls. It can carry 12 passengers and will cost \$12 mil-

lion.

The USS Macon, a much larger airship for which Hangar One was built, crashed in stormy weather off the coast of Monterey, as did many other airships of the 1930s.

"The main difference now is we know what's coming in terms of the weather," Hall said.

Real-time satellite weather data will come in handy next year — the Zeppelin NT may be the first airship to cross the Atlantic Ocean in decades. Hall said its German manufacturer is studying whether to make the risky trip by air, which would "definitely be a media-worthy event."

If everything works out, the airship's arrival at Moffett in October 2008 would coincide with NASA's 50th anniversary, the 75th anniversary of the Macon's arrival at Moffett and Zeppelin's 100th anniversary.

More information can be found at [www.airshipventures.com](http://www.airshipventures.com). ■

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**"The modern Zeppelin NT has a perfect safety record in Japan and Germany."**

ALEXANDRA HALL

Such an agreement also helps NASA keep the federal airfield open without allowing commercial flights.

Airship Ventures CEO Alexandra Hall said the craft could assist communications during disasters such as an earthquake, because the helium-filled ship can float for up to 24 hours at a time and help transmit radio signals without using much fuel. The Zeppelin's return to Moffett would also mark a "historic reuse" of Hangar Two that is in the spirit of NASA's plans, Hall said.

Hall said she wanted to make

Friedrichshafen, Germany. The operation could bring as many as 35 new jobs to Moffett, she said.

The noise level of the Zeppelin NT is similar to that of a small airplane. Because it does not require engine power to keep it aloft, fuel efficiency is very high.

"It will probably be the quietest thing operating from Moffett," Hall said.

Daily operations of the airship would happen closer to San Francisco from a mooring mast on a truck. The company assumes that most customers

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**ORION**

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governs Army activities.)

NASA, for its part, has said the TCE came from buildings on the site decades ago, which would put the onus for cleanup on the Navy.

To nail down the source once and for all, the EPA is seeking funding to study a possible source across Highway 101 in the Leong Drive and Moffett Boulevard area known as the "vector control yard." But according to Lenny Siegel, an expert on groundwater contamination and director of the Center for Public Environmental Oversight, the yard is unlikely to be the source. That's because the highest concentrations of TCE are at Orion Park, and Siegel says he's never seen a plume move the way the Navy asserts this one has.

It's "an ongoing battle," said RAB co-chair Bob Moss, "The Navy has been saying it [the TCE] is coming from somewhere else—it's coming

from across 101, it's coming from outer space. Everybody else is saying, 'Prove it.'"

As for the Army's plans for Orion Park, Siegel said they will exacerbate Mountain View's job-to-housing imbalance, putting more people in cars on nearby roads, including Highway 101, which was described as a "a parking lot" during rush hour.

"Your people are going to be stuck in traffic, too, because they aren't going to be able to live on-base," Siegel told Army representatives.

"The local community is working hard to get people out of their cars," added one resident.

The Army responded by saying that many of the command center's 413 employees already live nearby, and that the 735 reservists who will visit on weekends won't add to rush hour traffic. Siegel asked them to document the issue in more detail.

To help alleviate traffic, some said they wanted a Stevens Creek Trail connection to the area which

would connect commuters from the Shoreline industrial area and numerous residential areas to a burgeoning Moffett Field.

But what Siegel wants even more is for the Army to "meet with NASA, the Navy and the EPA to come up with a strategy for cleanup," he said Tuesday. Also, "I would like them to meet with the city of Mountain View to discuss traffic."

Siegel said the Army's project at Orion is illegal under the National Environmental Protection Act. He said the Army had not studied an appropriate alternative—the only alternative listed was to not build the project.

In its defense, Love said the Army has incorporated many recommendations from the RAB, including a buffer along the creek and mitigations for dealing with TCE-contaminated soil during construction. ▣

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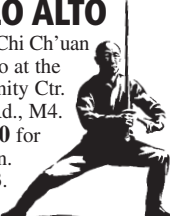


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ity of having a site where we could leverage each other's strengths, but not duplicate what's going on at our home campuses."

Kanter said the next step is to get faculty to discuss a curriculum that would allow students the chance to take classes from a variety of educational institutions. The idea, she said, is for students taking courses at the Research Park to receive their lower-division credits from Foothill-De Anza and then to complete their upper-division credits through San Jose State. Those going on to do graduate and research work could possibly become students of the UC system.

All the while, Kanter said, students would get the chance to work with NASA scientists and biotech companies in their fields of interest. Kanter said a "green tech/clean tech" emphasis is being developed as a main mission for scientists, companies and students who collaborate at the park. Google is also planning to have a major presence there.

"We want to try to put together a new model of education, one that addresses what a college education will look like in the future. We want

to make it much more engaging for our students," she said.

Kanter said student enrollment at Foothill-De Anza and community colleges across the state is down, and hopes student interest will increase as the park is developed. She also thinks the Mountain View location — a central spot on the Highway 101 corridor — makes it great for student accessibility.

If Foothill-De Anza is allowed to join the park, the district has at least two to three more years of planning before it could begin construction.

Through Measure C, passed by voters in the district in 2006, Foothill-De Anza was allocated \$40 million for construction of off-campus facilities. Kanter said she thinks the local community would rally around additional bond monies in the future for the project.

For now, Kanter and colleagues have to wait to see how plans for the park develop, a waiting game they've been playing for more than a decade.

"Every year we get a little closer to that vision. We have to be flexible and we have to stay focused. And we have to be patient while we wait for the go-ahead," she said. ▣

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## NASA

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gave input in the project's planning before signing a memorandum of understanding in 1998.

The next RAB meeting is scheduled for Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in NASA Building 943, just outside the Moffett main gate. Hangar One is

expected to dominate that meeting, because the Navy's final "Environmental Evaluation and Cost Analysis" on the subject is due in early December. In the document, the Navy will unveil its final decision on whether to demolish or restore the historic structure. ▣

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# Final push planned to clear TCE plume

By Daniel DeBolt

A new effort to clean the last vestiges of an underground plume of toxic chemicals known as TCE from beneath an area of Mountain View is under study, and could result in an accelerated cleanup campaign starting in 2009.

Maile Smith, project manager for Northgate Environmental, said new tactics and technologies for cleaning the plume, located in what is known as the MEW area, will be evaluated in a feasibility study released early next year.

Traditional “pump-and-treat” methods for cleaning up the groundwater have become gradually less effective, but will remain in place to keep the plume from migrating. Three quarters of the TCE has been cleaned up, Smith said Tuesday.

“It’s that last 25 percent that’s really challenging,” Smith said. “It’s a challenge across the entire country.”

Under study on Intel’s MEW property — bordered by Middlefield, Ellis and Whisman roads and Highway 101 — is a process where natural organisms break down the TCE. To feed the pro-

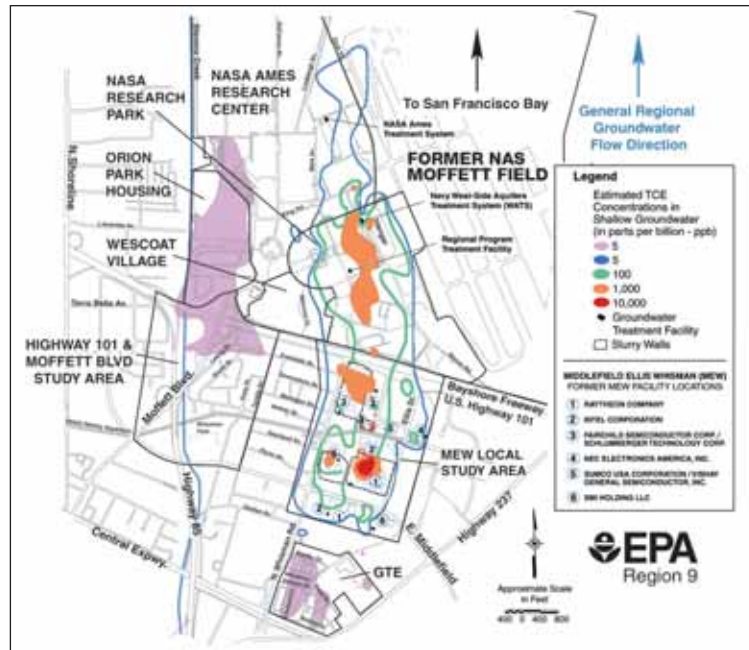
cess, soybean oil is injected into the soil.

Smith said such “bioremediation” has shown significant success since it began in 2005. It is on a list along with 20 other possible technologies for MEW cleanup, including injecting chemicals like hydrogen peroxide, ozone or potassium

permanganate into the ground to oxidize contaminants.

Once the study is approved by the EPA, renewed cleanup efforts can begin.

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## ■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

# Give locally with the Holiday Fund

For many families, life in Silicon Valley means good jobs, good schools and a warm home to return to every night. But for some local residents, that rosy scenario does not apply. They may be down on their luck, and often are forced to seek help from the small safety net of local non-profit agencies that offer food, shelter and other assistance to those in need.

These people are our neighbors who may have been laid off unexpectedly, or had a catastrophic illness, or suffer from addiction or mental health problems. They deserve our help.

One of the best ways for Voice readers to help is by contributing to the Holiday Fund, which provides grants to seven local nonprofit agencies. These are organizations which can offer a temporary home, arrange health care or provide counseling to bring an end to the substance abuse that destroys families and victimizes young children.

Last year through the Holiday Fund, the Voice and its partners — the Wakerly Family Foundation, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation — were able to raise \$54,534 for six local agencies. Half that contribution, more than \$27,000, was donated by Voice readers, which was matched dollar for dollar by the foundations. Each organization received just over \$9,000.

This year the Silicon Valley Community Foundation will hold and distribute the money. No administrative costs or fees are deducted from Holiday Fund gifts, so 100 percent of all donations will be received by the nonprofit agencies.

Here are the organizations that will benefit from this year's Holiday Fund:

### Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos

CSA assists homeless families and seniors with short-term housing, medical care and more. The nonprofit is a cooperative effort between 17 faith communities in Mountain View and Los Altos.

### Community Health Awareness Council

CHAC serves Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and seven school districts. It offers school-based programs to protect students from high-risk behaviors, such as drug and alcohol abuse.

### Mountain View RotaCare Clinic

The RotaCare Clinic provides uninsured community residents with medical care and medications and is frequently the last resort for this underserved demographic.

### Day Worker Center of Mountain View

The Day Worker Center provides a secure place for workers and employers to negotiate wages. It serves 50 or more workers per day with jobs, English lessons and guidance.

### Support Network for Battered Women

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 School of Music and Arts

CSMA provides hands-on arts and music projects in the elementary classrooms of the Mountain View Whisman School District. Nearly 40 percent of the students are low-income, and 28 percent have limited English proficiency.

### Partners for New Generations

This new Holiday Fund recipient matches adult volunteers with organizations serving youth in the Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills area.



## ■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### HIGH DENSITY HOUSING CREATES MORE PROBLEMS

Editor:

The Voice's article on Hawthorne Park reported that Tamara Colby, a member of the Sierra Club, wants high density infill housing on Whisman Road ("Greens clash with neighbors over 'Hawthorne Park,'" Nov. 9).

Ms. Colby does not realize that high density developments are the source of our present traffic congestion problems. Traveling north on Highway 101 is now stop and go, including in the diamond lane, for several hours in the evening from Embarcadero Road in Palo Alto to Ellis Street in Mountain View.

The City Council was asked if they had any responsibility for traffic congestion due to high density housing in Mountain

View. They failed to reply during a study session about a Rengstorff development. The mayor stated they do not answer questions in a study session.

Infill housing destroys the efforts of other Sierra Club chapters to save the Sierras and the Central Valley from development. For example, these new residents will require more water. The governor is asking for more dams to store water when the dams we have are only half full. Meanwhile, the Sierra Club is asking for dams to be removed so that the salmon fishery can be restored to its natural level.

The City Council should go for more open space that will not tax the environment, create even more traffic congestion and burden city services such as water, schools, etc.

Godfrey Baumgartner  
Betlo Avenue

### MONEY SPENT AT LOCAL BUSINESSES STAYS IN TOWN

Editor:

Every night when our Wal-Mart store closes, an armored car takes the day's receipts and sends them back to Bentonville, Ark. While this has been great for the Arkansas economy, it does little for Mountain View's.

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Ed Taub  
Devoto Street

### SFPUC'S CHLORAMINE POLICY A DISGRACE

Editor:

As a 20-year resident of Mountain View, I am very pleased to see our local paper take a stand on this issue, and thank the editors for doing so in the opinion piece from Sept. 28, "It is time to test chloramine."

There is no question that people are suffering as a result of chloramine exposure. There is most definitely question as to whether this suffering is in any way contributing to the "greater good," or that it is necessary at all. It is certainly clear that the decision to make this change was made by persons completely unaccountable to those affected.

Did anyone in Mountain View

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## ■ GUEST OPINION

# Hospital salaries match those of similar jobs

ALL PAY INCREASES AT EL CAMINO BASED ON STUDY OF OUTSIDE DATA

By Wes Alles

At our October meeting, the El Camino Hospital board of directors approved salary increases for the executive team. Before doing so, the board established an executive compensation philosophy and hired a highly respected national consulting firm to provide current data that would assure both the board and the community that the salaries and benefits are reasonable.

The consultant compared executive compensation at El Camino to that of other hospitals of similar size, revenue and organizational structure.

The salary increases approved by the board ranged from 2.2 percent to 11 percent, with an average of around 6 percent. Those executives receiving the larger increases did so because their compensation was below the market as determined by the compensation consultant. The board approved these increases only after sufficient review of the data and with assurance by the consulting firm that the salaries were reasonable and within the market range.

The board takes its fiduciary responsibility, commitment to transparency and public accountability very seriously. We have held a series of meetings over the last couple of years to give the public an opportunity to learn more about our process for determining compensation, to meet our compensation consultants and to provide input into the process. This has provided the public with access and input that is unprecedented for a hospital.

In addition, the public was invited to participate in the discussion about executive compensation during a study session. The public also was invited to offer comment during the October board meeting prior to approval of the executive compensation.

All El Camino employees have their compensation reviewed annually to ensure that they are

paid wages and benefits comparable to employees at peer hospitals doing similar work. This practice helps to ensure a high quality and stable workforce.

We have also released the salaries of approximately 2,300 of our staff to the press.

As has been documented many times, El Camino is recognized by independent, third party evaluators as a hospital that provides truly outstanding patient care. This recognition includes our Nursing Magnet status, Healthgrades designation as the best hospital in the state for overall heart care, the Commonwealth Fund's designation of El Camino as one of the four best hospitals in the United States and the American Hospital Association's Quest for Quality Prize naming El Camino one of the top five hospitals in the country.

In addition, the hospital's financial performance has been solid for many years. We are now about 18 months away from the opening of our new hospital. El Camino will be one of the few hospitals in the entire state to meet the deadline for the new seismic requirements, and our financial outlook remains strong.

The board takes its fiduciary responsibility quite seriously. As one member of the board, I find Mr. Krepick's editorial in last week's *Voice* ("Hospital overpaying its top executives") to be offensive. It is offensive to the board, offensive to the consultants, and offensive to the community in that it paints an inaccurate picture of the matter.

I believe that El Camino Hospital pays its executives at an appropriate level. In addition, the consulting firm is preparing a letter that attests to this fact. This letter makes a strong statement to the IRS and our community that our compensation program is both reasonable and within market range.

*Wes Alles is a member of the El Camino Hospital board of directors and chairman of its compensation committee.*

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have the opportunity to vote for the members of the SFPUC? Their actions affect millions of people. Throwing it back on the EPA — which has much to answer for, to be sure — is no excuse. The

SFPUC should have been the very first to demand thorough testing of chloramine as a condition of implementation.

The fact that they did not, and still maintain that they were justified in failing to do so, is reprehensible.

**Dyann Bingham**  
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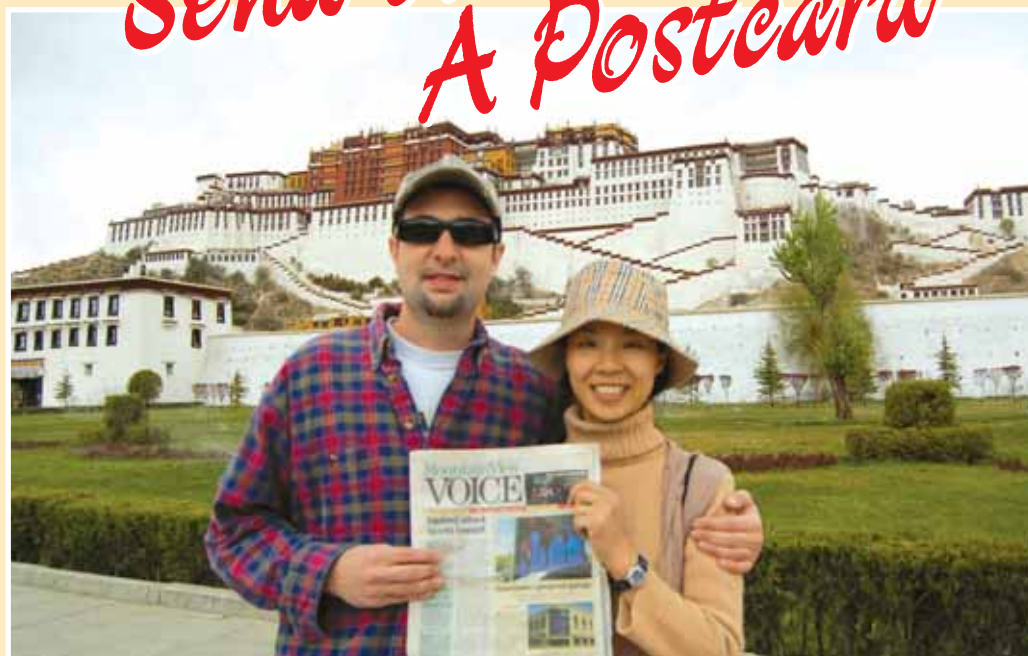
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## Thanksgiving: a word of action

By Carl Guardino

**T**hanksgiving, goes the old saying, is a word of action. Coincidentally, so are the words run, walk, help and eat.

If you were given the opportunity to help your neighbors in need, improve your overall health, get some fresh air, see world-class athletes in action and earn a guilt-free second piece of pie this Thanksgiving, would you take it?

If that sounds tempting — and not just the pie — then the opportunity is yours to participate in the Applied Materials Silicon Valley Turkey Trot. This is Silicon Valley's home-grown holiday tradition: founded and staffed by local

residents, with proceeds going to support three vitally important local charities that provide health, hope and a home for people right here in our communities.

If the lure of seeing some of the fastest runners in the world race through downtown San Jose streets isn't enough, and if exercising with family and friends sounds appealing but you need a little nudge, consider the work done by our three charity recipients.

The Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties is a private nonprofit organization that collects and distributes more than 30 million pounds of food each year to low-income children, adults and seniors. The Food Bank currently serves an average of 162,000 individuals each month; nearly 60 percent are families with dependent children.

The Santa Clara Family Health Foundation (SCFHF) is a nonprofit organization whose focus is on raising funds to support the Healthy Kids insurance program and the Children's Health Initiative in Santa Clara County. Through the Foundation, community leaders, community members, foundations, corporations,

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The Housing Trust of Santa Clara County is a nonprofit community benefit corporation that creates affordable housing opportunities through loans to first-time homebuyers, developers of affordable

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Why not make this Thanksgiving your own action word? I invite you to join my family and me — and thousands of your friends and neighbors — in taking action to improve our lives and the lives of others. I hope to see you at the Applied Materials Silicon Valley Turkey Trot. Register now at [svlg.net](http://svlg.net).

*Carl Guardino is CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group.*

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MARJAN SADOUGH

A skirt steak salad served at Maltby's restaurant in Los Altos

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

## The tavern goes upscale

MALTBY'S OFFERS GOOD COMFORT FOOD AT LOS ALTOS PRICES

By Elaine M. Rowland

When a place calls itself a "tavern," I picture a casual, OK-looking pub with better-than-basic-bar menu and plenty of beer — for a moderate price. There are exceptions: Chicago's Tavern on Rush, New York's Tavern on the Green, and Maltby's Restaurant and Tavern in Los Altos.

Maltby's is prettier than average pubs — picture British Banker's Club meets Hobees. It also strives to raise the bar on tavern fare, offering appetizers other than beer-battered onion rings (excellently beery and crispy here, for \$6.95, but

skip the runny dip) to include seared black-pepper-crusted Ahi tuna and baked brie.

And while \$13 to \$19 prices for dishes like duck cassoulet and braised lamb shank aren't bad, you'll pay Los Altos prices for things like meatloaf here. (Sandwiches, burgers and lunch specials are reasonable, however, with soup and salad for \$7.95 or soup and sandwich, with fries and slaw, for \$9.95.)

It's the perfect place to take a client for a "casual pub lunch" without all the embarrassing drunken patrons or noisy kids. And though Maltby's is a family-friendly restaurant — we saw pods of kids-parents-grandparents

dining together on a Sunday night — parents are admonished, on the kids' menu, that Maltby's welcomes well-behaved children who stay seated during the meal. That said, there were two tykes (not mine) orbiting during dinner who didn't get bounced, so I can't say how strictly enforced this is.

Maltby's offers a prime rib roast dinner on Sundays. It's not spectacular, but it's filling and worth a visit. The soup du jour was a rich, thick fennel soup (cup \$3.95; bowl \$6.95) with the texture of a potato soup; the flavor was powerful, not overpowering. But the entrees showed up very quickly, while I was halfway through the soup.

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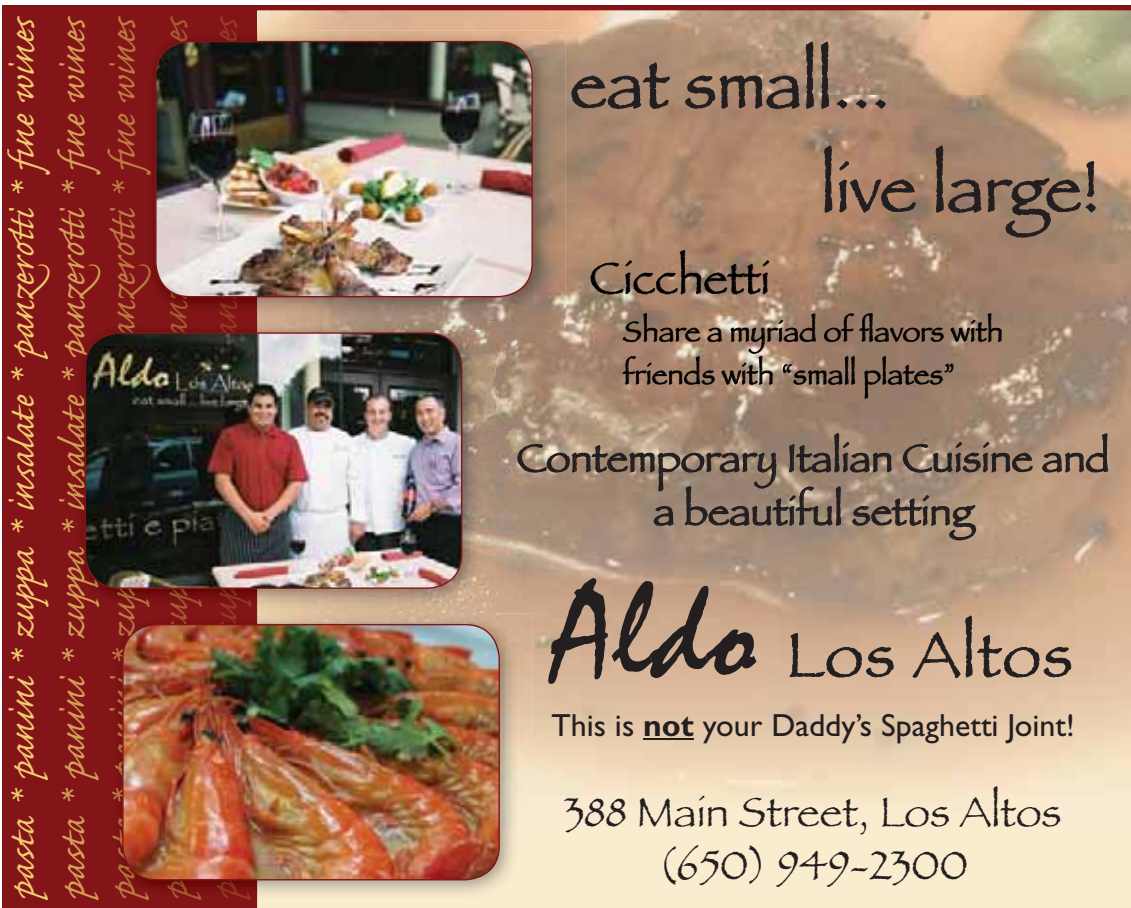
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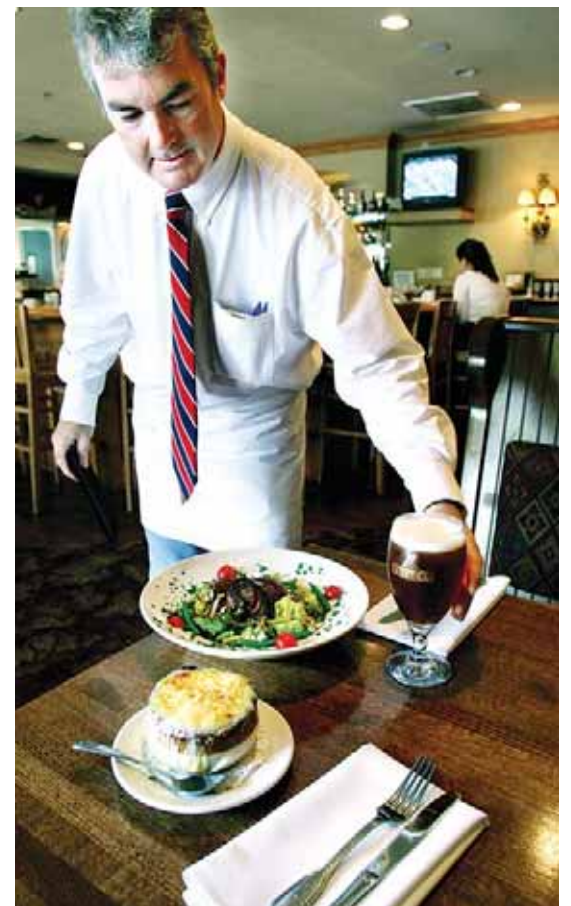
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MARJAN SADOUGHI

Restaurant owner James Maltby cheerfully serves his guests dinner, a beer and dessert.

The Sunday prime rib special (\$21.95), offered from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., was moderately tender with good flavor, served cooked to order. Potatoes, steamed veggies and Yorkshire pudding round out the dinner.

The wild ravioli mushroom with prosciutto and grilled chicken (\$16.95) entree was a small serving of ravioli alongside a small portion of tender and flavorful grilled chicken — very good, but both completely covered with a thick layer of prosciutto and mushrooms. Sage cream sauce lurked underneath, somewhere, but it, too, was overwhelmed by toppings. I'd have preferred more ravioli than prosciutto, but with the steamed al dente veggie side, no one goes home hungry.

The lunch and dinner menu is the same, with only the Sunday brunch menu (starting at 10 a.m.) varying. For \$18.95, Niman Ranch braised lamb shank with garlic mashed potatoes and steamed veggies was a slightly extravagant lunch, but tasted quite good and tender, fresh out of the oven. This large meal takes a while to eat, though, and after cooling it begins to get tough. The lamb-y flavor becomes more apparent, too, since the shank isn't seasoned with heavy herbs like rosemary.

French dip sandwich au jus (\$11.95) is more "lunch-sized." A classic on fresh bread with melted Swiss cheese, it showed no missteps.

Rich jus was good for dipping both sandwich and skinny fries, with a creamy side slaw complementing the sandwich. Can't go wrong ordering this.

Children get their own menu, though sometimes you have to request it. It has about a half-dozen choices like burgers, followed by a scoop of ice cream. Portions should satisfy even a starving 12 year old. Fusilli with tomato sauce is better than your average spaghetti marinara, with enough parmesan cheese to please any child. (\$5.95)

Of the Maltby's desserts I tried, both sounded better on paper. They weren't bad, but like much I tried at Maltby's (even the more complex dishes), tasted like comfort food, nothing fancy. Most desserts run \$7.95, the price of lunch at some restaurants, but you could split these between two people. Blackberry and

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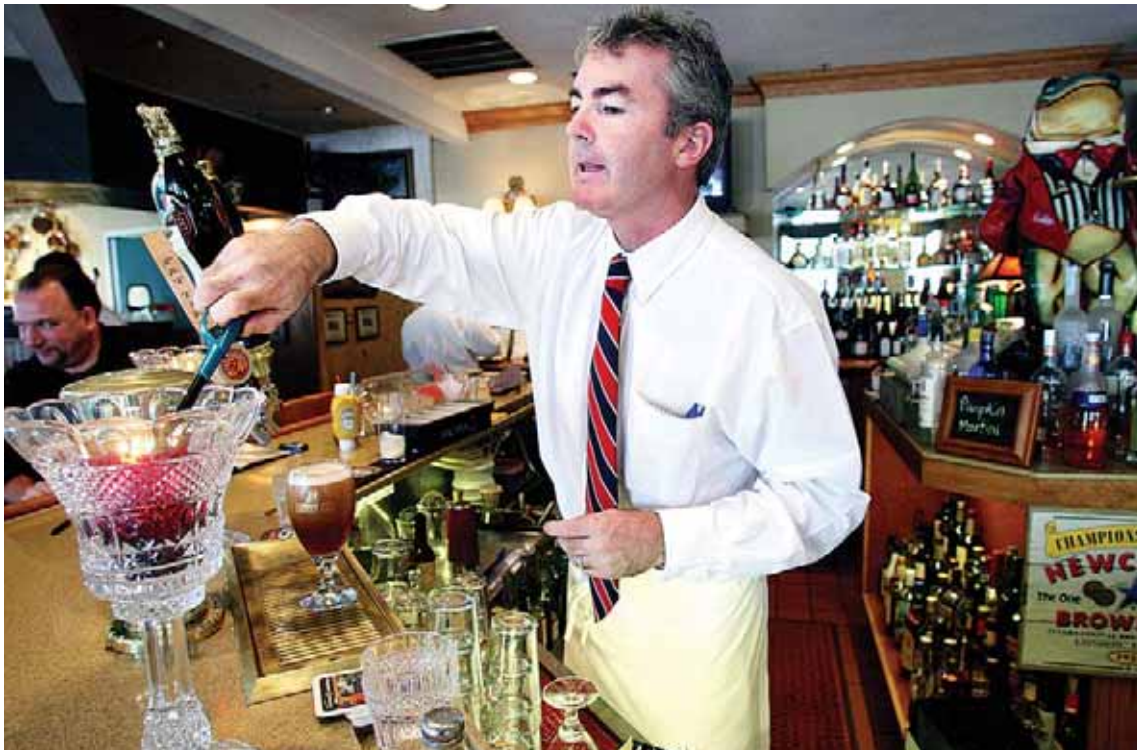
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apple cobbler had more apple than berry, and chocolate-cherry bread pudding with homemade caramel sauce and ice cream had a good flavor, but the texture was too soggy for my pudding-purist friend.  
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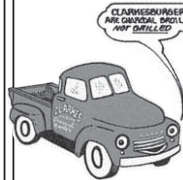
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**ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG-13) ★★★** Century 20: 7 & 10 p.m.

**AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) ★★★1/2** Century 16: 11:50 a.m.; 3:15, 6:50, 7:55 & 10:20 p.m. Century 12: 12:10, 1:20, 3:45, 5:10, 7:10, 8:50 & 10:53 p.m. With Spanish subtitles at 12:50, 4:20 & 7:55 p.m.

**AUGUST RUSH (PG)** Century 16: Sat. at 6:45 p.m. Century 20: Sat. at 7:30 p.m.

**BEE MOVIE (PG) ★★★1/2** Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 12:35, 1:45, 2:50, 4:15, 5:15, 6:55 & 9:20 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 12:40, 2, 3:05, 4:25, 5:35, 6:55, 8:05, 9:15, & 10:25 p.m.

**BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD (R)** Century 16: 2:25 & 7:35 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 2:20, 5:05, 7:45 & 10:30 p.m.

**BELLA (PG-13)** Century 12: 12:20, 4:10, 6:55 & 9:45 p.m.

**BEOWULF (PG-13) ★★★1/2** Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 12:55, 2:15, 4, 5, 7, 7:45, 9:45 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 12:10, 12:50, 1:30, 2:15, 2:55, 3:35, 4:15, 5, 5:40, 6:20, 7, 7:45, 8:25, 9:05, 9:45 & 10:30 p.m.

**BORDERLAND (NOT RATED)** Century 12: Fri. at 10:15 p.m. Tue. at 7:15 p.m.

**CRAZY EIGHTS (R)** Century 12: Fr. & Mon. at 1 p.m. Sun. at 8:20 p.m.

**DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) ★★★** Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 2, 4:40, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m. Century 20: 11:40 a.m.; 2, 4:40, 7:15 & 9:40 p.m.

**THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) ★★★** Century 16: 11:45 a.m.; 5:10 & 10:25 p.m. Century 20: Fri. & Sat. at 2:30 p.m. Sun. at 7:50 p.m. Mon. & Tue. at 2:30 & 7:05 p.m.

**THE DEATHS OF IAN STONE (NOT RATED)** Century 12: Fri. at 8:10 p.m. Sat. at 3:25 p.m. Mon. at 3 p.m. Tue. at 9:35 p.m.

**ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE (PG-13) ★** Century 20: 11:55 a.m.; 2:40, 5:20, 8 & 10:35 p.m.

**FRED CLAU (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 1:05, 1:55, 3:50, 4:50, 7:50, 9:30 & 10:35 p.m. Fri. & Sun.-Tue. also at 6:45 p.m. Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 2:25, 1:15, 2:30, 3:15, 4:10, 5, 6, 7:55, 8:50, 9:55 & 10:35 p.m. Fri. & Sun.-Tue. also at 7:05 p.m. With Spanish subtitles Fri.-Tue. at noon, 2:45, 5:30 & 8:20 p.m.

**THE GAME PLAN (PG)** Century 20: 11:25, 1:55 & 4:30 p.m.

**GONE BABY GONE (R) ★★★** Century 20: 1:10, 4:20, 7:25 & 10:10 p.m.

**INTO THE WILD (R) ★★★** Century 20: 12:20, 3:35, 6:50 & 10:05 p.m.

**LAKE DEAD (NOT RATED)** Century 12: Fri. at 3 p.m. Sat. at 6 p.m. Mon. at 9:30 p.m. Tue. at 1 p.m.

**LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (PG-13) ★★★1/2** Century 16: Noon, 2:30, 5:05 & 7:40 p.m.

**LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) ★★★** Century 16: 12:05, 2:35, 4:55, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m. Century 12: 12:15, 1:15, 2:55, 3:40, 5:20, 6:15, 7:50, 8:40 & 10:10 p.m.

**LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (R) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 16: 12:30, 3:45, 7:05 & 10:10 p.m. Century 20: 12:45, 4, 7:10 & 10:15 p.m.

**LUST, CAUTION (NC-17) ★★★ Guild:** 12:30, 4:15 & 8 p.m.

**MARTIAN CHILD (PG) ★★** Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 4:55 & 10:20 p.m.

**MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) ★★★1/2** Century 16: 1, 3:55, 7:05 & 9:55 p.m. Century 12: 12:40, 3:50, 7:05 & 10:05 p.m.

**MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) ★1/2** Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 2:20, 4:45, 7:10 & 9:35 p.m. Century 12: Noon, 12:20, 4:45, 7:15 & 9:35 p.m. With Spanish subtitles at 12:50, 4:20 & 7:55 p.m.

**MULBERRY STREET (R)** Century 12: Sat. at 8:10 p.m. Sun. at 3 p.m.

**NIGHTMARE MAN (R)** Century 12: Sun. at 6 p.m. Tue. at 3:10 p.m.

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**P2 (R)** Century 16: 10:15 p.m. Century 12: 1:45, 4:15, 7:20, 10:15 & 10:25 p.m.

**REDACTED (R) ★★★ Aquarius:** 2:15, 4:30, 7:30 & 9:40 p.m.

**SAW IV (R) (NOT REVIEWED)** Century 12: 12:55, 3:30 & 7:40 p.m.

**SOUTHLAND TALES (PG-13) Aquarius:** 1, 4, 7 & 10 p.m.

**TOOTH & NAIL (NOT RATED)** Century 12: Sat. at 10:25 p.m. Sun. at 1 p.m. Mon. at 7:15 p.m.

**UNEARTHED (R)** Century 12: Fri. at 6 p.m.

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■ **MOVIE REVIEWS**

**AMERICAN GANGSTER ★★★1/2**

Ridley Scott pumps up the volume with a gritty, glitzy valentine to the anarchic American drug wars. Superstars Russell Crowe and Denzel Washington bring heat to their central roles as a dogged Jersey supercop and the bad-to-the-bone Harlem dealer he's determined to shake down. Based on the true story of drug lord Frank Lucas (Washington), "Gangster" charts Lucas' trajectory from small-time businessman to millionaire kingpin. Along the way Lucas spouts family values and integrity, sticking close to his roots while viciously gutting the fools who stand in the way of his American dream. For his part, detective Richie Roberts (Crowe) is marking time as a clean cop in a dirty vice melting pot. Ultimately his gutsy maneuvers and outstanding ethics catch the eye of the big brass and Richie is assigned his very own drug enforcement task force. An explosive face-off is inevitable as all roads lead to Lucas. Scott brings nothing new to the table, relying on ripe clichés to cobble together a wannabe epic. Charismatic A-listers throw Scott a bone but bottom line, it's been-there, done-that. *Rated: R for excessive violence and language. 2 hours, 37 minutes.* — J.A.

**BEE MOVIE ★★★1/2**

(Century 16, Century 20) Graduating from three days of college, Barry B. Benson (voiced by Jerry Seinfeld) and his buddy Adam (voiced by Matthew Broderick) trade their mortarboard caps for corporate hardhats. New graduates select from an unappealing array of menial offerings, from honey stirrers to crud pickers. The bread-for-adventure pollen jocks are elite exceptions. In an act of rebellion, Barry goes out with them on a pollen run. Although colorful and liberating, the journey through New York City endangers the inexperienced little insect. Florist Vanessa (voiced by Renee Zellweger) saves his life. In return, Barry breaks a bee law and talks to a human. Their friendship opens Barry's eyes to the many ways that people exploit bees: stealing honey, glorifying bears such as Winnie the Pooh, and the appropriation of bee culture by celebrities such as Sting (voiced by Sting). Barry seeks to correct these injustices, which leads to a boring trial. Hoping for teaching moments in animated films may be asking too much, even though today's honeybee colonies are in crisis. *Rated: PG for mild suggestive humor, and a brief depiction of smoking. 1 hour, 30 minutes.* — S.T.

**DAN IN REAL LIFE ★★★**

(Century 16, Century 20) Dan (Steve Carell) is a New Jersey advice columnist who writes his popular column at home, in between folding laundry and squirting smiley faces of honey on the peanut butter sandwiches he makes for his daughters. The three girls pose the typical challenges, whether Jane (Alison Pill) begs to drive the family station wagon or Cara (Brittany Robertson) expresses her undying, crazy love for a boyfriend (Felipe Dieppa). As 4th-grader Lilly (Marlene Lawston), wise beyond her years, says to her loving but overly protective parent, "You're a good father but sometimes a bad dad." The simple boy-meets-girl story unfolds when Dan and daughters head to the beach house of his parents (Dianne Wiest and John Mahoney). The big question — Will Dan ever love again? — gets answered when he meets Marie (Juliette Binoche) in a local bookstore. The complication? She's in a new relationship and, you guessed it, shows up at the gathering as the guest of Dan's brother, Mitch (Dane Cook). comic riffs. "Dan in Real Life" has a lot of heart and will surely warm yours. *Rated: PG-13 for some innuendo. 1 hour, 35 minutes.* — S.T.

**ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE** ★

(Century 16, Century 20) In Shekhar Kapur's overwrought follow-up to "Elizabeth," the Virgin Queen's pent-up sexuality seems to explode in orgasmic style. The premise of William Nicholson and Michael Hirst's historically inaccurate biopic hinges on the queen taking a fancy to Sir Walter Raleigh. Cate Blanchett reprises the role of the monarch, who would have been 52 years old at the time. Yet trusted advisor Sir Francis Walsingham (Geoffrey Rush) urges her to marry and bear an heir to preserve the Protestant monarchy. Clive Owen swaggers into court, playing seafaring explorer Raleigh like a raffish cross between Douglas Fairbanks and Errol Flynn. When the icy queen gets around to asking him for a kiss he's already impregnated her lady-in-waiting (Abbie Cornish). The political plotline adds to the lurid melodrama. The narrative inflames the Holy War between Catholic Spain and Protestant England. Quivering in religious fanaticism, King Philip II wants to set England free of the devil and is in cahoots with the imprisoned Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots (Samantha Morton). From over-the-top emotion to hokey camerawork and CGI effects of an unimpressive armada, "Elizabeth: the Golden Age" is impossible to take seriously. *Rated: PG-13 for violence, some sexuality and nudity. 1 hour. 54 minutes. S.T.*

**LARS AND THE REAL GIRL**

★★★1/2  
(CineArts, Century 20) Lars Lindstrom (Ryan Gosling) is a socially awkward stiff living in a detached garage apartment across from older brother Gus (Paul Schneider) and Gus' wife Karin (Emily Mortimer). Karin is anxious to welcome her bachelor brother-in-law into the fold, perpetually throwing out breakfast invites and the like. It's a banner day for all when Lars announces he's dating and bringing his new gal pal to dinner. No one sees this one coming: Lars' squeeze is an anatomically correct silicone sex doll named Bianca. Gus and Karin go with the flow and at first opportunity nip Lars off to the local MD. Dr. Dagmar (Patricia Clarkson) informs them that Lars is working something out and asks them to play along with his delusion. As Lars, the community and we learn to love and respect Bianca, humor turns to sorrow. Lars continues to meet the good doctor, who subtly peels back layers of psychological wounds to get to the root of Lars' neuroses and tinker with his issues. Lars' measured reconciliation with his own emotional baggage is perfectly and profoundly poignant. *Rated: PG-13 for sexual content. 1 hour, 46 minutes. — J.A.*

**LIONS FOR LAMBS** ★★★

(Century 12, Century 16) Thought-provoking and poignant, director Robert Redford's intelligent drama explores the "war on terror" from several diverse vantage points. In Washington, D.C., journalist Janine Roth (Meryl Streep) is invited to meet one-on-one with popular Republican Senator Jasper Irving (Tom Cruise). Irving, wearing a flag on his lapel and flashing a plastic smile, begins to detail a clandestine new plan to win the war on terror as Roth listens dubiously and scribbles notes. In California, a passionate university professor (Redford as Stephen Malley) challenges a promising young student (Andrew Garfield as Todd) to realize his potential. Todd is intelligent and articulate but has steadily lost faith in the U.S. government and his own aspirations. And in Afghanistan, two of Malley's former students (Michael Pena and Derek Luke), now Army recruits, prepare to experience Irving's plan firsthand. It's a film released during a tumultuous time not as entertainment but as cinematic food for thought. Redford wasn't trying to score an Oscar nod or compete with popcorn blockbusters — he was trying to raise awareness. Mission accomplished. *Rated: R for some*

*war violence and language. 1 hour, 28 minutes. — T.H.*

**THE MARTIAN CHILD** ★★

John Cusack is science-fiction author David Gardner, a successful but lonely widower for whom penning a Harry-Potter-in-space series isn't offering adequate satisfaction. When David decides to adopt, his inner circle calls him crazy. Especially when he's drawn to a boy (Bobby Coleman as Dennis) who spends his days in a giant amazon.com box and insists he's from Mars. Peculiar meets quirky as the misunderstood adult cottons to his juvenile equal. But even David has difficulty dealing with a child who refuses to take off his weight belt (he'll float away), bestows Martian wishes and takes Polaroids of random

oddties in order to successfully complete his earthly mission. Naturally they power through their experiences courtesy a series of crafted-for-laughs (and tears) vignettes that almost have David convinced Dennis is the real deal. "Martian" tugs so hard at the heartstrings they threaten to snap, stretched taut by the notion of shared alienation and pathos. Only Cusack's perfectly engaging balance of eccentricity and sensitivity scores points and keeps "Martian" from falling to Earth with a resounding thud. *Rated: PG for mature themes. 1 hour, 48 minutes. — J.A.*

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# Goings On

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

## HIGHLIGHT

### "TURK AND RUNT"

Peninsula Youth Theatre will present the world premiere of this Thanksgiving comedy, adapted by Dexter Fidler from the book by Lisa Wheeler, as part of its "Stories on Stage" season. Show times are 9:30 and 11 a.m. (Nov. 16) and 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (Nov. 17). \$5-\$7. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [www.pyt.net.org](http://www.pyt.net.org)

## ART GALLERIES

**SURFACES AND LAYERS: FIBER ART EXHIBITION** Art Exhibition in CSMA's Mohr Gallery. Fiber art of Camille Ahern, Joan Schulze and Emily Stewart. Sponsored by Heritage Bank of Commerce. Oct. 3-Nov. 25, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [www.art-s4all.org](http://www.art-s4all.org)

## BENEFITS

**MOUNTAIN VIEW BOOK SALE** Friends of the Mountain View Public Library 2-Day book sale. Sat., Nov. 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. only, members of the Friends of the Mountain View Public Library get early entrance from 9-9:45 a.m. Sun., Nov. 18, 1-4 p.m. Located in the Book Mobile Garage. Call 650-526-7049.

## CLUBS/MEETINGS

**READING THE WORLD BOOK CLUB** A discussion of "What is the What" by Dave Eggers. Wed., Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. [www.booksinc.net](http://www.booksinc.net)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**ANXIETY AND STRESS IN TEENS** The Mountain View High School PTSA announces a workshop with Dr. Pilar Bernal (child and adolescent psychiatrist, Kaiser San Jose). Students, parents and the community are invited. Wed., Nov. 28, 7-9 p.m. Free. Mountain View High School, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View.

**TRACING MOUNTAIN VIEW'S FAMILY TREE** As part of Mountain View Reads Together, this interactive discussion traces the city's family tree and shows what perspectives and realities contributed to today's cultural mix. Led by Professor Dan Gonzales of San Francisco State University. Sat., Nov. 17, 10 a.m.-noon, free, in the Graham Middle School multipurpose room. [www.mvreads.org](http://www.mvreads.org)

of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 ext.305. [www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org)

**LANDELS SCHOOL FREE MOVIE NIGHT** Landels Elementary will be showing "Meet the Robinsons". Free popcorn. Dinner available: \$2 for hotdog, drink and cookie. Movie starts at 6 p.m. Fri., Nov. 16, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Edith Landels Elementary, 115 W. Dana St., Mountain View.

**MAKING BOOKS OF FAMILY STORIES** Families are invited to write, draw and assemble books from their own family stories and traditions. Bring photos to include. All other materials will be provided. This event is part of Mountain View Reads Together. Sat., Nov. 17, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. [www.mvreads.org](http://www.mvreads.org)

## FILM

**LIVING LIGHT CINEMA: "THE LIGHT BODY"** Based on "The Book of Knowledge: The Keys of Enoch." "Light vehicles, called Merkabah, cascade through space, appearing over sacred sites of the earth: the Pyramids, Machu Picchu, et al." Fri., Nov. 16, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, but call to reserve a place. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View.

## LIVE MUSIC

**DANIEL MANDEL AT RED ROCK** Daniel Mandel is a singer/songwriter from Oakland. He will be performing his original music from his one man show, "Brave Open Love" and from his CD "Might Be You," as well as newer material. Sat., Nov. 17, 8-10 p.m. Donations requested. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-967-4473. [www.redrockcoffee.com](http://www.redrockcoffee.com)

**LEANNE WEATHERLY CD RELEASE PARTY** Leanne Weatherly and ensemble celebrate the release of her new CD "Go and Find". One dollar of each CD sale goes to Crittenden Middle School. Fri., Nov. 16, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Crittenden Middle School Multi-Purpose Room, 1701 Rock St., Mountain View. Call


## DANCE

**ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING** Traditional and modern set dances to live music in a contemporary social atmosphere. Beginners welcome. All dances taught, no partner required. First, third and fifth Wednesdays through June. 8-10 p.m. \$9 (students \$5). Flex-It Studio, 425 Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-493-6012.

**SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING CLASSES** Beginning and experienced classes in Scotland's traditional ballroom dance style. Good exercise, no partner necessary, casual attire. Parties with live music. Wednesday evenings in Mountain View. 7:45-10 p.m. \$5 per night. Mt. View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-962-1939. [www.mtview-rsdc.org](http://www.mtview-rsdc.org)

## FAMILY AND KIDS

**FOUR WINDS NATIVE AMERICAN MUSIC & DANCE** Four Winds director Eddie Madril showcases Plains Indian dances: Hoop Dance, Grass Dance, Sacred Eagle Dance. Two performances, at 2 & 4 p.m. Sun., Nov. 18, Free. Community School



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- Monday, December 10
- ✱ **NEW FAMILY PROGRAM**

This program features a selection of support groups designed to help families throughout the first nine months after birth, offering something for everyone. Enrollment includes participation in Mother & Baby Mornings, Fathers' Nights, Working Mothers' Groups and the new Couples Coffee.

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**THE CORNER LAUGHERS IN MOUNTAIN VIEW** Indie-pop band The Corner Laughers will perform Sat., Nov. 24, 8 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 415-246-0090. myspace.com/cornerlaughers

**ON STAGE**

**"OLIVER!"** Peninsula Youth Theatre will open its 2007-08 season with Lionel Bart's musical adaptation of the Charles Dickens story. Show times are 2 and 7:30 p.m. (Nov. 10 and 17); 1 and 6:30 p.m. (Nov. 11); 9:30 a.m. (Nov. 15); 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Nov. 16); and 1 p.m. (Nov. 18). \$7-\$18 Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.pyt.net.org

**"THREE TALL WOMEN"** This Pulitzer-Prize winner by Edward Albee reflects a woman's life in a three-way mirror. Oct. 26-Nov. 18. Thu. - Sat. 8 p.m. Sundays at 2 p.m. Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave. Unit K, Mountain View. www.thepear.org

**SENIORS**

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR** This annual bazaar features home-made arts and crafts for sale by local vendors. For a sneak peak at some of this year's items, check out the MV Senior Center's display case. Sat., Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**MEDIA PREDICTS '08: WHAT'S HOT-WHAT'S NOT** An evening gala where industry trendsetters and chroniclers share the what they consider the most influential and cutting-edge technologies for the coming year. Wed., Nov. 28, 5-9:30 p.m. Members \$89-99, non-members \$105-120, affiliates \$105, students \$55. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. http://www.siliconprsa.org/events/blockbuster.shtml

**TALKS/AUTHORS**

**MV READS BOOK DISCUSSION AT BOOKS INC. MOUNTAIN VIEW** A Mountain View Reads Together drop-in discussion of "When the Elephants Dance" by Tess Uriza Holthe. Characters caught in the crossfire of Japanese and American fighting during the WWII invasion of the Philippines, struggle to keep themselves and their families alive. Sun., Nov. 18, 2 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net

**MORE LISTINGS**

For a complete listing of local events, see our website at [www.PaloAltoOnline.com](http://www.PaloAltoOnline.com).

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