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## OUR HOUSE:

A nutcracker stands guard in the living room of Jim and Jane Carter's Los Altos home. The home will be part of this weekend's "Christmas at Our House" tour, an annual fund raiser for Saint Francis High School. See story, page 7.

## Helping kids see the big picture

VOLUNTEERS IN 'PARTNERS FOR NEW GENERATIONS'  
ACT AS MENTORS TO INSPIRE LOCAL STUDENTS

By Alexa Tondreau

In a young person's life, the smallest amount of interest and support can be influential. One-on-one attention in the form of lunch dates, trips to the park, baseball games, bike rides and just hanging out after school can make all the difference. Providing this attention is the mission of a local nonprofit called Partners for New Generations.

For 11 years, Partners has been pairing up mentors with children and teens in the Mountain View and Los Altos communities who need extra help to stay on the right path. For the first time this year,

the organization is being included in the Voice Holiday Fund.

A lot of the children referred



to the program come from single parent households and live in neighborhoods where drugs and crime are ever-present.

"These are kids who are all dressed up but they've got no

place to go, and it's like that almost their whole lives," said Bob Adams, the fundraising chair for Partners, who himself worked as a mentor by coaching a boys basketball team at Alta Vista High School in Mountain View for 10 years. "They are prone to making very poor decisions," he said.

Partners for New Generations recruits and trains adult volunteers and matches them up with students who need the counsel and friendship. Current and retired Mountain View police officers, teachers and

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## Denser housing on way out?

SLOWER-GROWTH COUNCIL RE-EXAMINES CITY  
POLICIES, MAY KILL R4 ZONING NEXT YEAR

By Daniel DeBolt

A majority of the City Council sent a message to developers Tuesday that it wants "quality over quantity" in housing projects as it reconsiders city policies that increase housing density. Council members voted 5-2 to rescind a guideline set up by the previous council that asks developers to provide an explanation when they can't develop housing projects within 80 percent of the zoned density. Council members Nick Galiotto and Matt Pear were opposed.

*"There's been a lot of talk about this old council that did a lot of bad stuff."*

MATT PEAR

The council also decided 4-3 to re-examine R4 zoning, the city's highest density zoning at 60 units per acre, which was established last year by the previous council.

Council member Jac Siegel made the proposal to rescind the 80 percent guideline, saying that it told developers to "bring the numbers first and we'll worry about the quality later."

Council members Margaret Abe-Koga, Ronit Bryant and Laura Macias agreed.

"The density is not the problem," Bryant said. "The message I want to send out is quality."

Earlier Tuesday, developer Classic Communities pulled its

project at 209-251 Evelyn Avenue from Tuesday's council agenda. The project is slated to replace a dozen auto shops with 96 row homes and condos. Council members said it would have come in at 96 percent of the density allowed.

On Wednesday, Siegel said he wasn't sure why the project was pulled, but he imagined that the developer had talked to enough

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## Council OKs El Camino initiative

CITY AMONG FIRST  
TO ENDORSE SEVERAL  
'GRAND BOULEVARD'  
IMPROVEMENTS

By Daniel DeBolt

Mountain View became one of the first cities to sign onto the "Grand Boulevard Initiative" after council members voted 6-1 Tuesday night in support of the improvement project.

The Grand Boulevard Initiative is a longtime project planned by a consortium of 19 cities, including Mountain View, to improve El Camino Real, which spans the entire Peninsula from

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REDEFINING QUALITY SINCE 1990  
Reading between the emotional line makes the difference between finding a house and a home.

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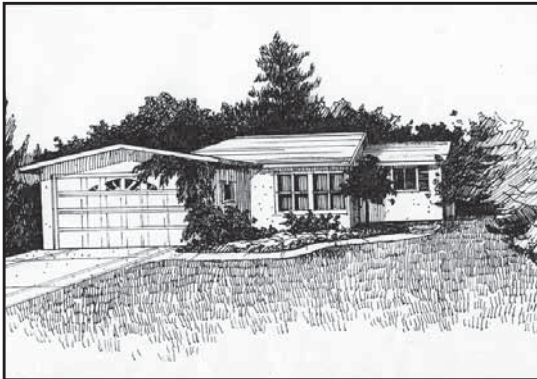
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# Voices

A R O U N D T O W N

Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Theresa Condon.

## Are you doing any holiday shopping online this year?



*"Yes, I haven't done it yet, but Amazon will be the primary site."*

**Matt Williams, Mountain View**



*"Yeah. I did some already at Toys R Us and Amazon. This year I'm trying to do it all online."*

**Kevin Lowenstein, Morgan Hill**



*"Yes. I'll go to surprisegifts.com, something like that. It's well laid out and easy to surf. My favorite is probably cabelas.com."*

**Phil Ho, San Bruno**



*"Probably not. I have nieces and nephews, they all want cash."*

**Sharon Gleeson, Palo Alto**



*"Sure, because it's much cheaper and I don't have to leave the house. A couple clicks and I'm done so I can spend my time doing things that have more value."*

**Vance Christensen, Mountain View**

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■ CRIMEWATCH

**ROBBERY, VILLA STREET AT MARIPOSA AVENUE, 11/22**

A man was riding his bike along Villa Street sometime between 7 and 8 p.m. when he was stopped by four unknown juveniles. They stabbed him in the back, then stole his wallet and bike. The victim did not report the crime immediately, but eventually sought medical care for the stab wound. He received treatment for his injury and was released. The hospital reported the incident to the police.

It is unknown if the crime was gang related.

The suspects are described as having shaved heads and goatees. The one who stabbed the man was wearing a dark colored hat.

**ARSON, 500 BLOCK CHESLEY DRIVE, 11/24**

Unknown individuals threw an incendiary device into the center of the baseball diamond at Cooper Park. A small fire started, but there was very little property damage.

An investigation is in progress.

■ POLICELOG

**ARSON**

500 Block Chesley Ave., 11/24

**AUTO BURGLARY**

1500 Block N. Shoreline Blvd., 11/19  
1800 Block Peacock Ave., 11/20  
200 Block Flynn Ave., 11/22  
800 Block E. El Camino Real, 11/23  
1300 Block Lubich Dr., 11/23  
100 Block Jenkins Ln., 11/24  
300 Block Shelby Dr., 11/24  
700 Block Continental Cl., 11/24

**BATTERY**

500 Church St., 11/23  
700 Block W. Dana St., 11/25

**COMMERCIAL BURGLARY**

600 Block E. Middlefield Rd., 11/20  
500 Block Showers Dr., 11/25

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

Calderon Ave./W.Evelyn Ave., 11/19  
Safeway, N. Shoreline Blvd., 11/22  
200 Block Castro St., 11/22  
1900 Block California St., 11/22  
200 Block Castro St., 11/24  
1900 Block Crisanto Ave., 11/25

**DISTURBANCE**

1900 Block Montecito Ave., 11/22  
2000 Block Latham St., 11/22  
200 Block Palo Alto Ave., 11/24

**FORGERY**

500 Block Showers Dr., 11/19

**GRAND THEFT**

1600 Block Amphitheatre Pkwy, 11/19

**GRAND THEFT**

700 Block Continental Cl., 11/20

**MISSING PERSON-ADULT**

100 Block N. Whisman Rd., 11/23  
100 Block Waverly Pl., 11/23

**PETTY THEFT**

Wal-Mart, 11/19  
Crittenden School, 11/20  
200 Block Castro St., 11/22  
100 Block Mercy St., 11/23  
Longs, 11/23

**POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA**

1900 Block W. El Camino Real, 11/19  
Leong Dr./Walker Dr., 11/19

**ROBBERY**

S. Shoreline Blvd./Villa St., 11/24

**SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/PERSON**

2300 Block Adele Ave., 11/19  
300 Block Flynn Ave., 11/22  
100 Block Del Medio Ave., 11/23

**TRESPASSING**

100 Block Ferguson Dr., 11/23

**THEFT BY FRAUD**

500 Block Showers Dr., 11/19  
1300 Block Charleston Rd., 11/19

**VANDALISM**

1900 Block California St., 11/20  
100 Block Espinosa Ave., 11/24

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## There arose such a clatter

By Don Frances

**L**OS ALTOS held its 30th Festival of Lights Parade last Sunday, and as usual we were there, giving our kids a chance to stay up late and gawk at the proceedings.

At one point, as I weaved my way through the crowd in search of my family's curbside spot, a great roar went up. Drums and trumpets grew suddenly louder, announcing the approach of another marching band.

Somebody barreled past me on the sidewalk holding a stick, and atop the stick a camera was attached, pointing back at the marchers. A large group of grown-ups — presumably parents of the marchers — hurried past as well.

Finally I reached a break in the crowd, and saw what was causing all the fuss: the award-winning Mountain View High School Marching Band. They were in perfect sync, looking resplendent in Spartan black (draped in Christmas lights), and high-stepped along proudly.

No other entry in the parade, with the possible exception of Santa himself, seemed to excite the crowd so much as the Spartans.

**JULIA CHENG** wrote with a true Christmas story:

“Teacher Njeri McGillicuddy, long-time veteran of the Waldorf School of the Peninsula of Los Altos, will be heading a Christmas production of ‘Amahl and the Night Visitors’ at the Christ Episcopal Church in Los Altos on Dec. 14 and 15. The star is Collin Putnam, a 13-year-old Mountain View boy.”

Cheng went on to say that “The opera reflects a very personal journey for the teacher,” who now works at Njeri’s Morning Glory School in San Jose. Here’s the testimony from McGillicuddy herself:

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VERONICA WEBER

**Leanne Weatherly** conducts sixth and seventh graders in her Intermediate Band class at Crittenden Middle School on Tuesday.

## Teaching jazz by example

CRITTENDEN’S LEANNE WEATHERLY SHOWS KIDS HOW IT’S DONE WITH LOCAL GIGS, NEW ALBUM

By Alexa Tondreau

**F**or Crittenden Middle School music teacher Leanne Weatherly, teaching sixth grade music lessons in the morning, conducting private voice lessons in the afternoon, and performing as a jazz vocalist at night is all in a day’s work.

Weatherly, whose new album “Go and Find ...” comes out Dec. 21, said she likes to stay busy,

even hectic.

“I like to be involved all the time with everything. I wouldn’t be able to choose between teaching and performing, I like them both so much,” she said in an interview earlier this week.

A native of Hollister, Weatherly brings her energy and



enthusiasm to “Go and Find ...” which includes an equal mix of jazz standards and Weatherly’s own original work. Her third full-length album, it combines elements

of big band, R&B and pop.

Weatherly is a graduate of

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## Hospital, union hatch a deal

NEW CONTRACT BOOSTS SEIU WAGES, ADDS BENEFITS

By Alexa Tondreau

**E**l Camino Hospital reached a tentative agreement early Tuesday morning on a new four-year contract with the labor union representing its hourly workers in the professional, technical, maintenance and service fields at the hospital.

The agreement ends nearly eight months of negotiations to replace a two-year deal that

expired in June.

Pending ratification next week by the United Health Workers-SERVICE Employees International Union members, the contract will include at least 34 new or revised provisions which the parties have agreed to over the past eight months.

SEIU’s Web site says it represents 1,001 employees at the hospital, and that 388 of them “choose to be members.”

Employees earn an average wage of \$27 an hour.

Major changes in the new contract include a 4 to 6 percent wage increase, improved health benefits, and an increase in the amount the hospital contributes to pension plans for employees with 15 years of service or more.

In the matter of “agency shop,” a long-contested issue between

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## Alert neighbor saves the day

QUICK THINKING DURING SAN PIERRE WAY FIRE MAY HAVE SAVED A LIFE AND A HOME

By Daniel DeBolt

**L**ast Saturday morning, a little after 9 a.m., Mountain View resident Scott Boding was driving down San Pierre Way when something caught his eye: Smoke was pouring out of the garage of a nearby home.

Boding stopped and knocked on the door. A woman answered, and “as far as I could tell she was completely unaware” of the fire, Boding recalled.

Suddenly they began to hear things exploding in the garage. Boding dialed 911. Within three minutes of his call, at 9:23 a.m., firefighters arrived and successfully stopped the fire from spreading.

Meanwhile, neighbors made sure the occupant got out, Boding said.

It didn’t dawn on him until later just how dangerous those flames could have become.

“When I drove by it must have just started,” Boding said. “There were only small flames.”

“I just did the right thing,” he said.

Fire department spokesperson Lynn Brown said the fire was caused by an apparently unsafe homemade food dehydrator.

Rex Manor resident Juan Aranda called the *Voice* to praise Boding after talking to neighbors on San Pierre Way about what happened. Last year, Aranda himself had helped a family whose home was partially destroyed three blocks away on Vaquero Drive — two days before Christmas.

Aranda said he wanted to make sure Boding and the other neighbors got credit for doing “what you would expect any good neighbor to do.”

City of Mountain View Community Services Department

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## ■ SEEN AROUND TOWN

### Fallen leaves



*"Who says California has no seasons," asks Monica Wong of Jason Way. Wong took this photo in her front yard after looking out the kitchen window and seeing "the entire yard and sidewalk were covered by golden leaves."*

*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.*

## ■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### DAY WORKER CENTER HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

After settling into its new location, the Day Worker Center of Mountain View is holding an open house on Friday, Nov. 30 at Trinity United Methodist Church, and the whole neighborhood is invited.

From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., attendees will get a chance to learn about the center through a slide show, as well as meet workers and eat "delicious" food, said director Maria Marroquin.

"It's really important for us that people know who we are," she said.

The event will be in the hall behind Trinity United church, located on the corner of Hope and Mercy streets.

— Daniel DeBolt

### BE A SANTA TO A SENIOR

Home Instead Senior Care is once again teaming up with local community organizations, retailers and volunteers to make the season merrier for lonely and isolated area seniors.

"We see older adults who have no one during this festive season, and that makes for a very sad and lonely time," said Michelle Rogers, operator of the Home Instead Senior

Care office in Mountain View.

In the program — the largest of its kind in the nation — local nonprofit organizations identify "orphaned" seniors who would benefit from a present or two, and provide these names to Home Instead. Christmas trees decorated with ornaments bearing the seniors' names and gift requests are then placed at the Rite Aid stores at 1040 Grant Road and 685 San Antonio Road from now until Dec. 10.

Shoppers then choose an ornament and give the unwrapped gift, labeled with the recipient's name, back to the store. Home Instead Senior Care will wrap and deliver the packages to the seniors' homes.

Those wishing to help gift-wrap packages on Dec. 10 at the Mountain View Senior Center can contact Rogers at (650) 691-9671.

### THEATREWORKS SCHEDULES AUDITIONS

TheatreWorks, a world-class professional theater company based in Mountain View, soon will hold auditions for the 2008-09 season.

Prospective performers may call between Dec. 5 and Dec. 20 to request an audition appointment. Auditions will take place Jan. 21, 23, 26 and 28 at 1370 Willow Rd. in Menlo Park.

All actors are welcome to try out

for TheatreWorks' roles, which are paid. Children must be at least 8 years old at the time of the audition. For more information or to schedule an audition, call (650) 463-7171 or visit [www.theatreworks.org](http://www.theatreworks.org).

### ELKS LODGE OFFERS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Elks National Foundation invites local high school seniors to apply for its Most Valuable Student Award scholarships. The scholarships are open to all high school seniors, and applications are available at local high schools, at the Elks Lodge or online.

The Elks foundation also offers a Legacy Awards Scholarship Program, which is only open to the grandchildren, step-children, step-grandchildren or legal wards of living, current paid members of the foundation. This application is only available at the lodge or online from the Elks Web site, [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars).

All applications are due at the Palo Alto Elks Lodge, or should be postmarked, by Friday, Jan. 11. The lodge is located at 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 94306.

— Theresa Condon

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# Christmas at their house

EVENT SPONSORING SAINT FRANCIS HIGH OFFERS TOURS OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES

By Karen Song

Jane and Jim Carter created their dream home, a blend of Mediterranean with Gothic styling, in the same place they lived two years ago — atop a winding road that gave them a prized view of Los Altos.

“We wanted to feel like the house was open and rustic,” Jane said of their sunlit, eclectic home.

Their home will be open to visitors for the Christmas at Our House tour, the 19th annual fundraiser for Saint Francis High School, on Nov. 29 and 30 and Dec. 1.

More than 500 parents, students and alumni have worked together to produce Christmas at Our House, which raised more than \$170,000 last year and was viewed by more than 2,200 people. The proceeds from this year’s event will support the high school’s campaign to build a new theater on campus.

For the Carters, who moved into their new home July 1, this will be the first time they participate in the event.

“We were moved to share our home because our daughter is a senior at Saint Francis and we hope to give back to the community,” Jane said.

The Carters chose to tear down the original house and build anew because they loved the location.

“I feel like I’m in the country up here,” she said. “There are no streets or sidewalks, yet we don’t have to drive out of our way to reach the stores and centers.”

Parisian paintings hang on the walls, alongside suede Venetian plaster. To the left of the foyer is a grand piano on a circular turret, two shining nutcrackers, and an overhanging crystal chandelier.

The house is infused with rustic charm. Upstairs, for example, the family has placed two glass windows from the Presidio military base within a cabinet frame.

These windows hold special meaning for Jane, whose father was both a World War II and Korean War veteran.

For the festivities, the Carters will be bringing in a nutcracker collection, hanging large wreaths on the sides of the house, and placing Christmas lights in the trees. Visitors will have a chance to win a “Twelfth Night” table setting for eight donated by Tiffany & Co.

Other homes on tour include:

■ A European Country Manor owned by Tom and Christina Papoulias Barton that features hand-painted murals and gardens.

■ A Romantic Tuscan Villa owned by Laurie Rubenstein and Hector Medina that includes intricate ironwork, outdoor loggia and a wood-burning pizza oven.

Other tour highlights include live entertainment performed by Saint Francis student musicians and vocalists, a complimentary tea and fashion show, a Christmas Gift Shoppe featuring the work of world and local artisans, Santa’s workshop, and a “Winter Garden” collection of decorative wreaths, winter bulbs and garden items. ■

## ■ INFORMATION

**What:** Christmas at Our House, a tour of three beautiful homes in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills with proceeds benefiting Saint Francis High School.

**When:** Twilight tour and “Gala Preview Party” is Thursday, Nov. 29, 4 p.m.; house tour is Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Cost:** Preview Party and twilight tour \$100; day tour with tea \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door (if available); luncheon \$20 by advance reservation only; Twelfth Night Table Setting drawing \$25 per ticket (or five for \$100); Santa’s Drawing Room \$5 donation per ticket (or five for \$10)

**Info:** For reservations and taped information, call (650) 968-1213, ext. 701 or visit [womensclub.sfhs.com/caoh.htm](http://womensclub.sfhs.com/caoh.htm)



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- Tuesday, December 18
- ✱ **HEART TO HEART SEMINAR ON GROWING UP**

Informative, humorous and lively discussions between parents and their pre-teens on puberty, the opposite sex and growing up. Girls attend these two-part sessions with their moms and boys attend with their dads.


- For Boys: Thursdays, January 10 & 17, 2008  
 - For Girls: Saturdays, January 12 & 19, 2008
- ✱ **MOTHERS OF SONS: THE JOYS AND CHALLENGES OF ADOLESCENCE**

Dr. Robert Lehman, adolescent medicine specialist, explores the challenges that moms face in raising adolescent boys and offers ideas on how to strengthen the relationship between mothers and their sons as they transition from childhood to adulthood.

- Wednesday, January 16, 2008
- ✱ **PEDIATRIC WEIGHT CONTROL PROGRAM**

This family-based, behavioral and educational weight management program promotes healthy eating and exercise habits for overweight children and their families. More than 80% of children achieve long-term weight loss through this program – and parents lose weight too! Call (650) 725-4424 to pre-register. Space is limited.

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**COUNCIL**

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council members to realize that its project needed changes, like

a larger open space and better parking.

“There’s been a lot of talk about this old council that did a lot of bad stuff,” Pear said. “I did not support the 80 percent rule, but

this time I would go along with it. Housing is a crucial item, there’s a pent-up demand for it.”

Council member Nick Galiotto said the issue was “academic” because the housing element of

the city’s general plan already encourages development to the maximum zoned density, and that policy can’t be changed easily.

When the slower growth coun-

cil was elected a year ago, many touted an update to the general plan as an alternative to “piecemeal” city planning. But the general plan update could take a few years, and Macias questioned whether the council wants to wait that long to take on the R4 zoning issue. Only one project has been approved in Mountain View under R4 zoning — the condo project at 291 Evandale Ave. — and two others were rejected this year, one on Rengstorff Avenue and one on El Camino Real. The upcoming study session on R4 zoning, scheduled for sometime early next year, could mean the death of R4.

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Sal Caruso, the architect for 291 Evandale Ave., opposed getting rid of R4 zoning, saying that the council already had plenty of tools at its disposal to lower project density. He also said a lot of work had gone into creating the high-density option.

At the same time the council reconsiders R4 zoning, it will also discuss whether to allow higher density row homes in areas zoned R2 for single family detached homes. That scenario has yet to be a problem, though the development proposed for 450 Whisman Road, on Hetch Hetchy open space, was slated to allow 69 row homes on an R2 lot.

Council members Pear, Galiotto and Tom Means opposed the study session on the R4 zoning and R2 row home issues.

“That’s very much a change in direction, no question about it,” Pear said about the consideration of stopping both practices. ▣

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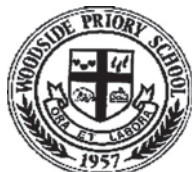
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## ■ CITY BRIEFS

### CITY FIRES PRIVATE INFO-TECH CONTRACTOR

The council decided unanimously Tuesday to create a 13-person, in-house information technology department to replace a costly private contractor.

Finance director Bob Locke said the city had been outsourcing IT services for the last 18 years, but recent developments were causing other California cities, such as Campbell and Riverside, to pull out of contracts with Texas-based Affiliated Computer Services, which has a monopoly on the small city government market.

When the company started demanding substantially higher fees, the city decided earlier this year not to renew its contract, worth \$1.5 million annually.

Locke said the use of outsourcing for IT has kept the city from recruiting and retaining quality IT employees. Meanwhile, ACS had high turnover rates and often left positions open for as long as possible, Locke said, which led to regular discussions between Locke and ACS.

Locke said the city expects to save millions in the first few years of having in-house services, even while paying its IT employees better than ACS did. The 13 employees who now work for ACS may be evaluated by an outside consultant to determine whether they will stay, said city manager Kevin Duggan.

### CITY HONORS NAVY MEDIC

The City Council on Tuesday recognized resident Shawn Nirdlinger for his uncommon valor in Iraq, which earned him the chance to join the Navy's Combat Meritorious Advancement Program last month. Nirdlinger, 32, is credited with saving several lives in Iraq after mortar fire killed a Marine and wounded 21 others.

Mayor Laura Macias read that Nirdlinger was going to be attending culinary school, so she contacted Chez TJ, Mountain View's finest restaurant, and got Nirdlinger a free 12-course dinner for two. Macias also got him a free year of cable from Comcast.

State Assembly member Sally Lieber presented a certificate on behalf of herself and Assembly member Ira Ruskin. "This is a young person who is among the best of the best," Lieber said. "Your personal sacrifices

should never be forgotten." State Sen. Elaine Alquist's office also honored Nirdlinger with a certificate.

Nirdlinger received the Purple Heart in 2006 after an explosive device went off under his Humvee near Martini, Iraq. Everyone in the back of the Humvee died except Nirdlinger, who later woke from a coma in the VA Hospital in Palo Alto.

### DEAL STRUCK WITH POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

After a year of union negotiations, a deal has finally been struck between the city and the Police Officers Association.

The police union agreed to a two-tiered system for retirees' health care, similar to what the Eagles and the SEIU received last year, which gives new employees a "defined benefit" designed to contain escalating retiree health care costs.

The large pension plan maintained in the deal resembled that given to the Eagles last year. That deal probably prompted the large numbers of recent retirements at City Hall. In fact, on Tuesday five retirees were honored for their service to the city: assistant community services director Paula Bettencourt, fire Capt. Tom Kopecky, senior administrative analyst Linda Masuda, executive assistant Maryanne Izumi and parks and open space manager Charles Gibson.

### GADFLY APPEALS WORKER CENTER PERMIT

Self-described gadfly Don Letcher has filed an appeal against the recently approved permit for the Day Worker Center's new site at Hope and Mercy streets downtown.

The permit was cleared by zoning administrator Peter Gilli, who said the council now has final say on the issue at a hearing to be scheduled for sometime early next year.

Council members seemed unlikely to deny the permit, and center director Maria Marroquin was unfazed by the move. She was more concerned with bringing the same number of employers to the new site that used to visit the old site on Escuela Avenue.

"Unfortunately it's really slow" right now, she said.

— Daniel DeBolt

## EL CAMINO

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San Jose through San Mateo County.

The initiative suggests several improvements for El Camino Real, including higher density development, better bus services, wider sidewalks and "places where people can live work, shop and play all along the corridor."

Council member Tom Means

voted against the initiative, and questioned whether its "nebulous" guidelines were realistic. He asked for examples of other grand boulevards — such as the Avenue des Champs-Élysées, known as the most beautiful street in Paris.

There are no known grand boulevards in the Bay Area, said a representative of the Grand Boulevard Task Force, which oversees implementation of the initiative.

"In some sense this is a mixed

bag," Means said. "I don't know if El Camino could ever be a grand boulevard."

Mayor Laura Macias said a grand boulevard was definitely doable, and held up Canal Street in New Orleans as an example of a high-traffic corridor that is pedestrian friendly.

"I think we have a grand boulevard in the making," said council member Jac Siegel about El Camino, which is over 150 years old and has already been made "walkable" in Menlo Park. ■

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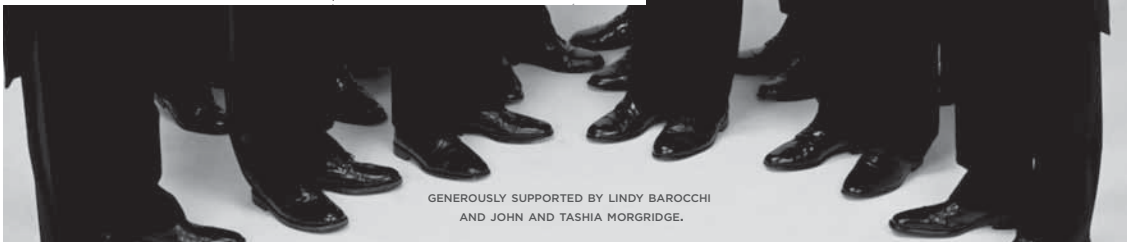
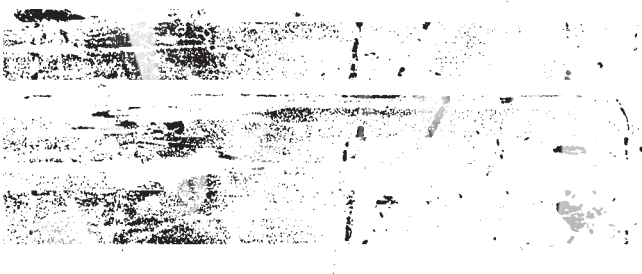
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**County study highlights economic benefit of arts**

*Bay City News*

A study presented publicly Wednesday suggests that arts in the Silicon Valley provide almost 4,000 full-time jobs and may provide millions to the local economy.

Santa Clara County Supervisor Liz Kniss partnered with the Arts Council Silicon Valley and the Los Altos Chamber of Commerce to explore the study and to stimulate discussion of the impact of arts on the local economy, Kniss' office announced.

According to the study, titled "Arts & Economic Prosperity III: The Economic Impact of Nonprofit Arts and Culture Organizations and Their Audiences in Santa Clara County," arts groups generate more than \$80 million in local salaries and wages, nearly \$12 million in local and state tax revenue and more than \$166 million in local economic activity.

The average arts seeker spends about \$21 per atten-

dance, according to the study. "This study shows how powerful it is, from an economic point of view, to have strong local arts programs," Kniss said.

Santa Clara County is one of 156 communities throughout the United States that participated in "Arts & Economic Prosperity III," which was conducted by the Americans for the Arts organization.

Silicon Valley has a long way to go before getting close to touching San Francisco's art scene, which takes in \$100 million annually from government and private donations, according to Bruce Davis, executive director of Arts Council Silicon Valley.

"Overall arts are holding their own," Davis said. "The overall funding is down \$4 million from where it was five years ago. But audiences seem to be up, is what we're hearing."

Davis presented the study Wednesday evening at the Los Altos Community Center, after the *Voice* went to press. ▀

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**WEATHERLY**

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San Jose State's music studies program and a regular performer at concerts and clubs around the Bay Area, including a summer gig every Sunday night at Junnoon's Restaurant in Palo Alto. These days, she's also gearing up to promote and perform what she considers to be her strongest work to date.

Her expressive, colorful vocal style is an ideal pairing with the friendly, personal tone of her songwriting.

"I draw inspiration from a lot of things that happen in my life, and the lives of people around me. I like to write songs people can relate to, but I also like to inspire," she said.

"Sunny Skies," an up-tempo number written by Weatherly, is a standout track on the record and one of her personal favorites.

"It's all about looking toward a more positive future, and believing things can get better," she said.

Tom Tomasello, who produced "Go and Find..." with Weatherly and played keyboards on the album, said she "speaks the language" of music with ease, and is "the kind of artist who knows what she wants."

Tomasello, himself an accomplished musician, producer and arranger who has worked with superstars Al Green and Loretta Lynn, cites Weatherly's strength as a vocalist and her stage presence as the main draws of her act.

"Her vocals are very strong, and she is so engaging when she sings. She'll go into these interludes where she'll sing to the audience, and it's completely improvisatory, which is the spirit of jazz. People really like that," he said.

Weatherly is a die-hard jazz enthusiast, and said she strives to cultivate an appreciation for the musical art form in her students at Crittenden. Without the interest of the younger generations, Weatherly said, jazz could disappear altogether, and already she sees a deficit in the Bay Area for good jazz clubs and shows.

Part of the problem, she thinks, is the difficulty some people face

when it comes to understanding jazz.

"Jazz can be hard to listen to. It's a lot of freestyle and not much structure. Generally you have to be music-educated to like it, and that's one of the reasons I'm a teacher. I'm trying to teach my students to play music, but also to be listeners. You have to listen to a lot of jazz before you start to get it," she said.

The Crittenden community has been very supportive of her career, Weatherly said, and quite a few students and parents turned out recently for her CD release concert on Nov. 16 at Crittenden, which featured a 10-piece band and a six-piece horn section.

Students are "always shocked" to see Weatherly step out of her teacher's role and into her singing role, she said with a laugh. She

views music instruction as a primary means to develop children's self-esteem, and hopes that when they see her perform, it helps to inspire their self-confidence.

Weatherly herself has become more confident as a performer over the years, said Tomasello — in part, he thinks, because her work as a teacher has honed her ability to communicate to an audience and be "acutely aware" of its needs. (It's not so easy on the vocal cords, however: "Teaching is one of the worst jobs for a vocalist," Weatherly said. "Your voice gets so tired.")

"Clearly she's continuing to grow as an artist," Tomasello said. "I've seen her grow in confidence, technique and quality. This is her best album, and I have no doubt her next one will be even better." ■

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■ **INFORMATION**

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## HOSPITAL

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the union and the hospital: Effective upon ratification, new employees hired into a position covered under the UHW agreement must either join the union or pay a fee.

Current employees still are not required to join or pay a fee. However, UHW can ask to hold an election during the contract term to decide whether all employees covered by the contract should be required to join or pay a fee.

Hospital officials said they sought a four-year contract due to the major changes the hospital faces when it opens its new building in 2009.

"The four-year term was something we really wanted to do. We're moving into the new hospital in two years, and this way we don't have to renegotiate and move in at the same time. We can all focus on getting situated

instead," said Charlene Gliniecki, vice president of human resources at El Camino.

Union spokesperson Mason Stockstill said the new contract more closely resembles the union's industry-standard contract than the previous one did.

"We're pleased with the contract. Obviously we would have liked to have an agreement much earlier, but in any bargaining process there are ups and downs. We're still really pleased with what we have," Stockstill said.

The hospital also pledged to contribute money to a UHW education fund, which will pay for employees to take training courses in their field.

"This contract certainly speaks to our interest in working together," said Gliniecki. "And it speaks to our interest in attracting and retaining the best people," she said.

"We think we have a very good contract." ▀

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VERONICA WEBER

**Dick Osgod**, a mentor for Partners for New Generations, shares a laugh with Kees DeJong, a sophomore at Alta Vista High School in Mountain View.

## PARTNERS

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administrators, as well as numerous community members both young and old, have become involved with the organization, Adams said.

Part-time coordinators for Partners have been placed at Mountain View, Los Altos and Alta Vista high schools, and they carefully pair mentors and students based on interests and needs.

"If a student has an interest in cars, we'll pair them with a mentor who knows something about cars too," Adams explained.

While mentors can choose to take students on a variety of activities — one took a student flying in his plane, Adams said — the point of their meetings, which occur a minimum of twice a month, is for the mentor to help the student develop self-esteem and to foster his or her goals and aspirations.

"We wanted to establish a line of communication with these kids," Adams said, "because there wasn't one."

Marcos Amaya, a graduate of Alta Vista, has been meeting with his mentor, Jim Geers, for over two and a half years now. The two regularly get together for lunch, and Amaya said the friendship has provided an important outlet for him.

"He understands everything I say, and he really listens to me. I can relate to a lot of the things he tells me," Amaya said. "Sometimes it feels like he is an older version of myself."

Amaya said Geers has provided critical support in helping him get motivated to go to college. Geers brought Amaya to Foothill Col-

lege, and sat with him as he met with advisors there.

"He opened my eyes to a lot of things," Amaya said.

Partners currently has 115 students and 110 mentors, and Adams said the organization is always looking for new mentors. Volunteers can also choose to be academic tutors in local elementary schools, working one-on-one or with a small group in reading, math and writing. And every year a few volunteers become child advocates with Santa Clara County through the help and guidance of Partners.

The organization prides itself on taking the time and effort to really get to know its volunteers and its students, so that the time they spend together is positive and enriching for both parties. However, the extra attention Partners spends getting to know its participants means more money spent on support staff.

Adams said funding for the organization comes from a variety of sources, including a number of service organizations in Los Altos and Mountain View, the Packard Foundation, the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District and numerous individual donors. Donations collected through the Holiday Fund will help support coordinators who work at the school sites, Adams said, and may open the possibility of expanding their services to full-time in the future.

"With the help we get from the community, we see ourselves being sustainable for the future," Adams said. ▀

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# About the Holiday Fund

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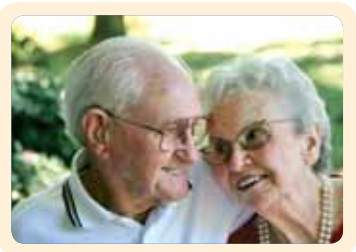
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## OBITUARIES

### ROBERT J. YATES

Mountain View native Robert Yates, known as "Robb" to family and friends, died at his Sunnyvale home on Tuesday, Oct. 30. He was 43.

Yates was a Navy veteran and spent the past 16 years working for Delta Airlines. He loved the outdoors, and his favorite activities were fly fishing. He shared his expertise by teaching fly fishing at sporting expositions and local fly shops.

He was the beloved son of Barbara Bignotti Johnson, grandson of Olga Bignotti and the late Alfred Bignotti, godson of Kenneth Bignotti and Charlotte Bignottib and cousin of Gina Biegel.

Yates is buried at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society or the Humane Society.

### GENEVIEVE M. GARCIA

Genevieve Garcia, a longtime resident of Mountain View, died on Monday, Nov. 19 at the age of 73.

Garcia was born May 15, 1934 in Visalia. She was an active member of St. Athanasius Catholic Church, and a teacher's aide with the Mountain View School District for over 20 years. She loved cooking and crossword puzzles.

She will be greatly missed by her husband, Eutimio; her children Tim, Anna, Eddie and Chris; her grandchildren Anthony, Yvette, Veronica, Emanuel, Nicole, Rayanne and Lucy; and her great-grandchildren Alexa and Trina.

A funeral Mass was held Nov. 27 at St. Athanasius on Rengstorff Avenue in Mountain View. Interment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos.

### EDITOR'S DESK

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"Amahl and the Night Visitors is a musical opera originally written in Italian. It was translated into French where my childhood teacher Jeannet Francsour discovered it. She later moved to Kenya to become a school teacher. She was so moved by the opera and wanted to share it with her students that she translated it into Swahili.

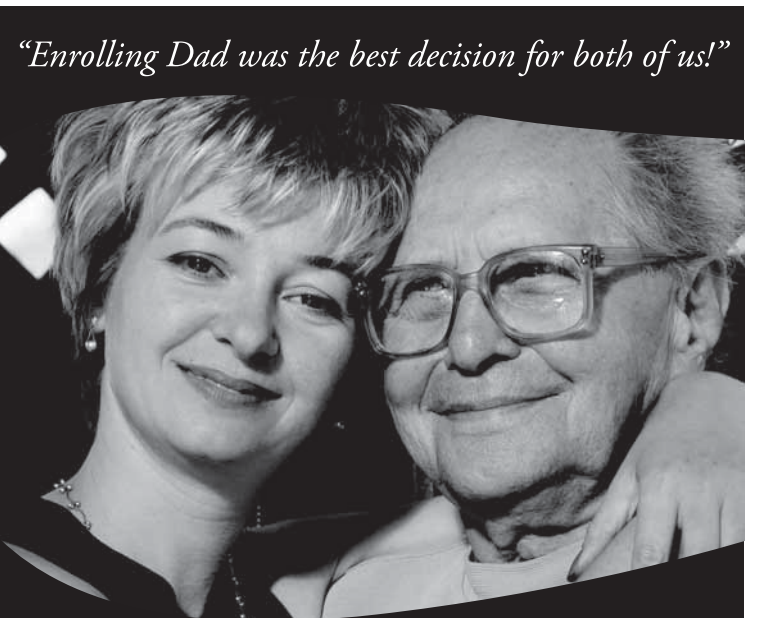
"I was cast in the lead role of Amahl as a 7-year-old girl in Kenya. I did not realize I could sing or act. Ms. Francsour gave a little 7-year-old girl a chance to blossom and I ultimately did. I have never forgotten the gift she handed to me and it has been my lifelong dream

to hand the gift down to another child."

So it's an honor that that child should be from Mountain View. As noted above, Collin Putnam will star as Amahl at Christ Episcopal Church, located at 1040 Border Rd. in Los Altos. Shows are Dec. 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available by calling Njeri's Morning Glory School at (408) 255-5520.

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## ■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

# Give Hangar One a second life

The Navy has an opportunity to make a lot of friends in Mountain View next month if it announces that Hangar One at Moffett Field will be preserved.

But if the decision goes the other way, setting a course to demolish this landmark, the public outcry will be huge and could include some politically powerful members of Congress, including Rep. Anna Eshoo, the Palo Alto Democrat, and her friend Nancy Pelosi, the Speaker of the House.

So far, there have been no clear signs on which way the Navy's decision will go. Not even a date of announcement is firmly set, although the Navy promised it would come in early December.

The high suspense surrounding the decision comes in part from a similar buildup a year ago, when the Navy announced that it would demolish the historic landmark due to the high cost (as estimated by the Navy) of preserving it. Local preservationists strongly disagreed. They convinced the Navy that its calculations were wrong, and that the hangar deserved a second look.

This time around, we hope the Navy will see the value in preserving this unique structure, which was built in 1932 to house the U.S.S. Macon. Preserving Hangar One will be expensive, but some studies have shown that removing the current siding, scrubbing the toxic PCBs from its frame and then re-covering it might not cost much more than tearing it down and carting it away.

Meanwhile, a local group called the Save Hangar One Committee has formed to preserve the hangar, and holds out hope that the Navy will decide to keep the giant structure intact. Possibilities abound for saving Hangar One, and include removing the present siding and replacing it with a rubberized material, an asphalt emulsion, or ceramic cladding. Another possibility is to simply strip the building to its frame and leave it.

Perhaps the most appealing idea, put forth by architect Linda Ellis and the Save Hangar One Committee, is to strip the siding, scrub away the toxics and wrap the building in a white Teflon skin, similar to the covering used at Shoreline Amphitheatre and numerous sports domes around the country. This option, estimated to cost about \$12 million, would allow sunlight to enter the building and would come close to restoring the hangar's original look.

Moffett's Hangar One is a landmark recognized and revered by thousands of the Peninsula's civilians, military personnel and NASA employees who have worked in and around the structure over the years. Rather than a liability, Hangar One should become an asset used for many noble purposes, including telling the Navy's story, at Moffett.

With a new skin and some new ideas, this structure could be our best and greatest landmark — an icon to last well into the next century.

## ■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### HAWTHORNE PARK ISN'T SMART GROWTH

Editor:

The Hawthorne Park development is not a solution to our city's growing pains. A quick look at the MLS shows that there are currently 66 units available in our city within the proposed development's \$800,000 to \$1.3 million potential price range. Some of these houses have been on the market for months. This is hardly affordable housing, and these units could never be bought by the school teachers, police officers, administrative support staff, and many other folks that currently drive two to three hours to work in our town.

In the meantime, the city's parks department recently bought some truly affordable housing, a small set of rental cottages at the intersection of Pettis and Dana. And what are they going to do with it? Put in a public park. So now we're destroying affordable housing for parks and putting in more high-end housing where a park could sit? How ironic. In no way could this be construed as "smart growth." It's quite the opposite.

Liz Snyder-Liles  
Chiquita Avenue

new shade of green," Nov. 23). But only if by "neighborhood" you mean the entire residential area of Mountain View between Central Expressway and Highway 101. That entire area has, I believe, only half the park acreage per resident of the rest of Mountain View.

The proposed project is close to Whisman Park, the largest park in the area, and would be connected to it via a short stroll through the nicely landscaped aqueduct right-of-way between Tyrella and Easy streets.

The immediate and larger neighborhood is short of yard space, however, because of greater housing density, and would benefit from more community gardens. The segment of the project's land parcel that has been designated as park space should instead become a community garden for the benefit of the residents and others nearby who lack land to grow vegetables and flowers.

There would be many environmental benefits if all new residential developments included gardening space, and Mountain View would then truly turn "a new shade of green."

Jennifer Anderson  
Horizon Avenue

### PROJECT SHOULD INCLUDE GARDENING SPACE

Editor:

It is true as you state in your editorial on the Hawthorne Park project that "the neighborhood ... is starved for parks" ("A

### HOSPITAL SALARIES ARE UNDESERVED

Editor:

I read with great interest the opinion piece by Bill Krepick on executive salary increases at

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El Camino Hospital (“Hospital overpaying its top executives,” Nov. 9).

Many physicians feel, also, that these are outrageous increases. Many of us, after four years of medical school, one year of internship, and three years of residency (in my case, internal medicine residency), plus two years of military service (one year in Vietnam as a field doctor), are making at best half the salary of the finance/accounting person at El Camino Hospital.

We endure long hours, deal with horrendous reimbursements from insurance companies, have to hire and fire personnel in our offices, deal with numerous phone calls day and night — and these people make those salaries? Ridiculous. Right on Mr. Krepick.

**Lawrence Epstein, M.D.**  
Grant Road

### ‘CEO WORSHIP’ LED TO HIGH SALARIES

Editor:

I applaud Bill Krepick’s intelligent persistence in evaluating El Camino Hospital executive salaries that have been raised to astronomical levels. Oh sure, they’ve looked at other hospital salaries which are also astronomical and concluded, “Our executives also deserve to be paid at astronomical levels.” The truth is, these CEOs are good, they’re just not *that* good.

We didn’t get to this ridiculous situation of CEO pay by only a few excessive payouts. It is the result of several years of CEO worship that has one board and then another participating in bidding wars for so-called “top talent” — talent that stays around a few years until the brass ring appears somewhere else.

Magazines also participate in the glory-fest with rabid attention and fawning articles, because they know readers buy into the worship rituals too. We too dream of wallowing in wealth that can’t be spent in a lifetime. Like the immigration mess, the cause is multi-rooted, and it takes the honed hatchets of insiders like Krepick to lay it bare — one root at a time.

**Allen Price**  
Velarde Street

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■ GUEST OPINION

## Plan for improving Latino math skills

STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE CALLING FOR GREATER ACADEMIC SUCCESS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

By Maurice Ghysels  
and Barry Groves

Our school districts are working together to improve the academic achievement of our Latino students, especially in the area of mathematics.

Many of our Latino students are several grade levels behind in core academic areas. We convened our first Latino Student Achievement Forum on Nov. 14 to listen to successful graduates and community members and take note of the requests of our students. We were not surprised by what we heard from the 150 middle and high school students and staff who participated in the event.

Our students told us that they want teachers “who hold us to high standards and who believe in us and our ability to meet their expectations.” Students told us of the powerful effect of teachers on their learning. Students like to be involved in their learning by having the chance to give, as well as receive, during the learning process. College is their goal and their parents’ dream.

In addition to listening to students, we invited community members and former students to share their stories and advice with our students. Foothill College President Judy Minor shared stories of her Latina childhood and how education increased her life choices. Mountain View Police Chief Scott Vermeer shared how he “kept his eye on the ball” and achieved what his father could not because of his father’s Spanish accent. District Attorney Javier Alcala talked about attending Landels School where he was the only Latino in his classroom. Speakers shared their stories and how they realized their dreams by “focusing on what is important” and hard work.

Last academic year, our dis-

tricts pulled together district mathematics teachers from kindergarten through community college to talk about ways that we can be more successful with students who have fallen behind in mathematics. Through these collaborative efforts, we are providing some of our students with additional instructional minutes of mathematics focused on mastering the California State Mathematics standards. We are working together to strengthen our summer school programs to stress mathematics mastery.

With the support and help from our staff, parents and community, we are focused on providing instruction that will help our students to be successful in high-level mathematics, including our goal to have all students complete Algebra II. Algebra II is a “threshold course” for the workplace, with over 80 percent of the people in the top quartile of annual income having completed that course.

Our school boards have focused resources to increase mathematics learning.

Our strategies include employing tutors, mentors, additional mathematics support classes, summer school, smaller mathematics class sizes, and new pedagogical techniques to help our students reach their goals.

We are dedicated to improving the achievement of our Latino students with the support of our families and community. Our Latino students and their families demand and deserve greater academic success from our schools.

*Dr. Maurice Ghysels is superintendent of the Mountain View Whisman School District. Dr. Barry Groves is superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District.*



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A plate of chirashi, a variety of sushi with brown rice, is served at Homma's Brown Rice Sushi in Palo Alto.

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

## Homma's Run

A TINY, WELL-LOVED PLACE FOR BROWN-RICE SUSHI

By Sheila Himmel

This restaurant's name has a healthier-than-thou tinge that kept me away for 20 years: Homma's Brown Rice Sushi. If there's brown rice in the name, what else lurks in the sushi? Wheatgrass?

Happily, Homma's keeps its health quotient in balance with good taste, and brown rice plays well with raw fish. The grains are larger and chewier than regular sushi rice, with a slightly nutty flavor that doesn't overpower the fish.

When Masakazu Homma decided to set up a restaurant selling brown-rice sushi, it was simply because he liked it and

nobody else was doing it. Now you can buy packaged brown-rice sushi in markets.

Homma was a sushi chef in Japan and on the East Coast before he moved to California in 1985 to work in Japanese restaurants, and then to open his own teeny place. Homma's seats 12 people inside and, unless it's raining, nine outside. A lot of Homma's business is takeout.

Technically on Birch Street, the Homma's building sits behind a dry cleaner near California Avenue. Even if you happen to walk by, the dark, tiny, barebones restaurant doesn't call out, "Come on in!"

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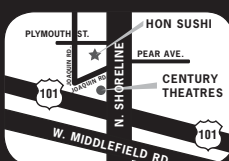
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But it's been there paying Palo Alto rent for 20 years. Brown Rice Sushi is doing something right.

"Now I have something to miss about Palo Alto," a young woman tells her mother after lunch at Homma's recently. And Homma hears this from another customer that day: "You're a genius!"

Homma's is not listed in the 2008 Zagat guide to San Francisco Bay Area Restaurants or in previous surveys. Homma's fans probably want to keep it to themselves. It is not built for speed.

Besides having few places to sit, the kitchen is small, with chef duties limited to Homma himself and sometimes his father-in-law. Savvy patrons know to come late, call ahead or get takeout. If they say it's going

to be 20 minutes, figure 25.

Among the popular sushi rolls are tuna and avocado (\$3.90) and barbecued eel and avocado (\$4), wrapped first in seaweed with rice on the outside. For a more esoteric uramaki, there's salmon, cucumber and plum leaf (\$3.70).

Brown-rice salad (\$10.80 with fish and vegetables, \$7 vegetables only) offers great practice at eating slowly. Homma's creamy sesame dressing embraces a bed of torn green-leaf lettuce loaded with chunks of raw fish, tomatoes, bias-cut par-boiled asparagus and green beans, radish discs and sprouts, and brown rice. You can't shovel.

Donburi dishes are more like deconstructed nigiri sushi than the usual hot donburi. Lovely to

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**Chef and owner Masakazu Homma**, of Homma's Brown Rice Sushi at 2363 Birch Street in Palo Alto, prepares a dish in the kitchen of his restaurant during the lunch hour.

## HOMMA'S

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look at and to eat, chirashi don-buri (\$10.80) is a bowl of brown rice topped with assorted cold fish, with wasabi and ginger on the side.

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The budget-minded Chef's Combo No. 1 (\$7.50) provides four pieces of nigiri, three pieces of tightly wound tuna roll and three pieces of cucumber roll. Recently the nigiri toppings were salmon, mackerel, yellow-tail and tuna on beds of brown rice that seemed to have been injected with wasabi centers, like savory Hostess Twinkies.

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MOVIE TIMES

**AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) ★★1/2**

Century 16: 11:50 a.m.; 3:20, 6:45 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: Tue. at 1:10 & 7:10 p.m. Century 12: 12:45, 4:10, 6:20, 7:55 & 10 p.m.

**AUGUST RUSH (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)**

Century 16: 11:45 a.m.; 2:30, 5:05, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m. Century 12: Noon, 1:30, 2:45, 4:15, 5:30, 7, 8:15 & 9:50 p.m.

**AWAKE (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**

Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:55 & 10:05 p.m. Century 20: 11:50 a.m.; 12:55, 2, 3:05, 4:10, 5:15, 6:20, 7:25, 8:30, 9:35 & 10:40 p.m.

**BEE MOVIE (PG) ★★1/2**

Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 1:45, 4:20, 6:55 & 9:20 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 12:35, 1:55, 2:55, 4:20, 5:15, 6:50 & 9:10 p.m.

**BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**

Century 12: 12:50 & 7:40 p.m.

**BELLA (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)**

Century 12: 12:10, 2:35, 4:55, 7:25 & 9:55 p.m.

**BEOWULF (PG-13) ★★★★★**

Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 2:15, 5, 7:45 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 12:45, 2:15, 3:30, 5, 6:20, 9:05 & 10:30 p.m.

**BLADE RUNNER (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**

Aquarius: 7 & 9:45 p.m. Fri.-Sat. & Mon.-Tue. also at 1:15 & 4 p.m.

**DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13) ★★☆☆**

Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 4:55 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 1:55, 4:45, 7:15 & 9:40 p.m.

**ENCHANTED (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)**

Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 12:55, 2, 3:35, 4:45, 6:50, 7:30, 9:30 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 1:05, 2, 3:40, 4:35, 6:15, 7:10, 8:50 & 9:45 p.m.

**FRED CLAU (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)**

Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 2:25, 5:10, 7:50 & 10:35 p.m. Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 2:20, 5:05, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m.

**GONE BABY GONE (R) ★★☆☆ Century 12: 3:50 & 10:25 p.m.**

**HITMAN (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**

Century 16: 12:50, 3:15, 5:35, 8 & 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 11:55 a.m.; 12:50, 3:10, 4:40, 5:35, 7, 8:05, 9:20 & 10:30 p.m.

**I'M NOT THERE (R) ★★☆☆ Century 16: 12:45, 3:55, 7 & 10:05 p.m.**

Century 20: 12:30, 4:05, 7:20 & 10:25 p.m.

**INTO THE WILD (R) ★★★★★**

Century 20: 12:20, 3:35, 6:55 & 10:10 p.m.

**LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) ★★☆☆ Century 12: 1, 3:20, 5:40 & 8 p.m.**

**LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (R) ★1/2**

Century 20: 7:30 & 10:35 p.m.

**MARGOT AT THE WEDDING (R) ★★☆☆**

Aquarius: 2:30, 5, 7:20 & 9:30 p.m. Sun. also at 12:15 p.m.

**MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) ★★☆☆1/2**

Century 16: 1:50 & 7:25 p.m. Century 12: 12:20, 3:30, 7:10 & 10:10 p.m.

**THE MIST (R) (NOT REVIEWED)**

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**MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) ★1/2**

Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:15 & 9:40p.m. Century 12: 12:15, 2:40, 5, 7:20 & 9:40 p.m.

**NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) ★★★★★**

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**THIS CHRISTMAS (PG-13) ★★☆☆1/2**

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- ★ Skip it
- ★★ Some redeeming qualities
- ★★★ A good bet
- ★★★★ Outstanding

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MOVIE REVIEWS

**AMERICAN GANGSTER ★★1/2**

(Century 16) 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 upstanding 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 cliches 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 bred-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.

**BEOWULF ★★★★★**

(Century 16, Century 20) This breathtaking animated epic is a virtual thrill ride that grips you from the get go. The

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film opens with cheer, as drunkard King Hrothgar (voice of Anthony Hopkins) holds a jubilant feast in his mead hall. High in the mountains, the disfigured and enormous creature Grendel (Crispin Glover) is tortured by the celebratory sounds. Hrothgar and his terrified followers are desperate for a hero to rid them of Grendel. Enter Beowulf (Ray Winstone). Beowulf and a handful of fierce men intend to kill Grendel and bring joy back to the hall of Hrothgar. A battle ensues that pits Beowulf against Grendel and leaves the creature with only one arm and on the brink of death. Grendel's mother (Angelina Jolie), a seductive and powerful dragon witch, mourns when Grendel dies and swears vengeance on Beowulf. A meeting between the two leads to a chance for Beowulf to become king, an opportunity he can't refuse. Years pass by and the name of Beowulf spreads across the land like fire. But a mistake from his past soon catches up to him, leading to a pulse-pounding climax. *Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of violence including disturbing images, some sexual material and nudity. 1 hour, 53 minutes. — T.H.*

**I'M NOT THERE** ★★★ (Century 16, Century 20) The life and times of poet and prophet Bob Dylan like you've never seen it before. A plethora of actors and identities own a piece of Dylan in a rag-tag pastiche of genius, wit and irony. As ambassador of Dylan's youthful dreams 11-year-old black troubadour Woody Guthrie (Marcus Carl Franklin) train-hops across the country spinning tall tales of melodious glory. Dylan's early success manifests itself in the character of folksinger extraordinaire Jack Rollins (Christian Bale), who skyrockets to fame by creating homespun music of the working man's conscience. Heath Ledger's Robbie is a New York actor playing Rollins in a counterculture biography of the absentee sensation. The film's most startling bit is the persona of Jude (Cate Blanchett) as Dylan's nihilistic, drugged-out self who suf-

fers the hardcore onslaught of fame's ghostly underbelly. In full retreat from a world gone wild is Billy (Richard Gere), shedding a celebrated past by living in virtual exile in podunks-ville Missouri. All of the above are cut with scenes of a renegade poet cum narrator (Ben Winshaw) in the midst of interrogation by an unspecified government commission. "There" is a satisfying oddity, an abstract tone poem that can't be denied its hip vibe and soulful labors. *Rated: R for nudity, profanity and drug use. 2 hours, 15 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.*

**LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA** ★1/2 (Century 16, Century 20) Trying to adapt Gabriel Garcia M-rquez's rich and revered novel to the screen was a futile exercise. Whereas the novel conveys what characters feel, think, remember and forget, the movie merely shows what they do. Despite

the talents of Academy Award-winning screenwriter Ronald Harwood ("The Pianist"), only the pale ghost of the Nobel Prize-winner's love story lingers on screen. Dr. Juvenal Urbino (Benjamin Bratt) teeters on a ladder and falls to his death. His widow Fermina (Giovanna Mezzogiorno) sinks into a swamp of grief, and the romantic Florentino Ariza (Javier Bardem) — who has loved her for 51 years, nine months and four days — declares his undying devotion once again. The principal cast members look like actors pretending to play elderly characters instead of making us believe they are. The acting doesn't improve when the film flashes back a half century. A few humorous scenes offer comic relief on the big screen, while the masterpiece about love and life can only be found on the printed page. *Rated: R for sexual content/nudity and brief language. 2 hours, 18 minutes. — S.T.*

**MARGOT AT THE WEDDING** ★★★ (Aquarius) Noah Baumbach knows his way around an honest exploration of family and friendship and "Margot" serves to reinforce the point. Baumbach pairs Nicole Kidman and real-life wife Jennifer Jason Leigh as squabbling sisters on the edge. Margot (Kidman) is a neurotic Manhattan type-A who sucks up her pride and sets off for the wedding of thorny, estranged sister Pauline (Jason Leigh) with teenage son Claude (Zane Pais) in tow. From the moment she sets foot on the family homestead Margot is caustically passing judgment on the status quo, condemning Pauline's intended (Jack Black as chubby underachiever Malcolm) and generally raking everyone over the coals. The sisters' complex relationship is a breeding ground for emotional sores both fresh and healing. Childhood stings, parental abuses, even the run-down state of the family home coalesce in a gale force of competition and dread. Margot's own marriage is troubled enough to restlessly rekindle a long-lost spark with next-door neighbor and fellow author Dick Koosman (Ciar-n Hinds). Peculiar and pleasing. *Rated: R for nudity and profanity. 1 hour, 32 minutes. — J.A.*

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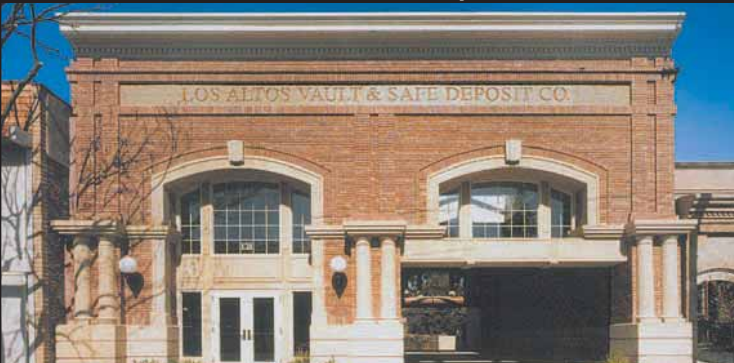


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**MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM** ★1/2

(Century 12, Century 16) Welcome to the wacky and oh-so-weird world of "Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium," a misguided fantasyland chock full of loose screws. Mr. Magorium (Dustin Hoffman) is the 243-year-old mad scientist cum proprietor of a magically frenetic toy emporium that's more migraine-inducing than captivating. His second in command (Natalie Portman as Molly Mahoney) is along for the ride, scotching her dreams of concert pianist to engage children and adults alike in the wonders of play. A reality check arrives in the form of buttoned-down accountant Henry Weston (Jason Bateman), who isn't in sync with the enchantment, hired by Magorium to determine the emporium's value so that Magorium might pass it along to Mahoney and finally take leave of this world. Visually "Magorium" is the ultimate picnic; chaotic colors and motion without bounds. But writer/director Zach Helm presents his holiday offering as a Message Movie and it's a mess. Believe in yourself, find your sparkle, rise to the occasion that is your life. Blech. *Rated: G as in "good" for all ages. 1 hour, 34 minutes.* — J.A.

**NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN** ★★★★★

(CineArts) Loveable loser Llewelyn Moss (Josh Brolin) is hunting antelope when he finds himself wrong place wrong time: In the middle of a shady drug deal gone bad. A ghostly tableau of stripped-down pick-ups, bullet-ridden point men, a stash of heroin and a satchel containing \$2 million. Hello opportunity! But there's a new law in town in the form of a homicidal psychopath sporting an unbecoming page-

boy and wielding a killer cattle stun gun (Javier Bardem as chilling Anton Chigurh). The implacable Chigurh wants his cash back and will stop at absolutely nothing to get it. The third player in this captivating triad is world weary local sheriff Ed Tom Bell (Tommy Lee Jones) who slowly, laconically, puts the pieces together; a step behind but progressively gaining ground. Mature, brilliant filmmaking at its finest. *Rated: R for language and very intense violence. 2 hours, 2 minutes.* — J.A.

**THIS CHRISTMAS** ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 12) All is right with the Whitfields this holiday season, at least on paper. Perpetually positive matriarch Ma'Dere (Loretta Devine) and supportive squeeze Joe Black (delicious Delroy Lindo) are throwing the doors open on a festive celebration that's drawing the whole clan together for the first time in four years. A handful of offspring descend with armloads of gifts and their own private baggage. Michael, a.k.a. "Baby" (Chris Brown), has a secret wish to sing and the pipes to work it, but fears Ma'Dere's wrath (deadbeat dad abandoned his brood to pursue music). Brother Claude ("Stomp the Yard" hunk Columbus Short) takes a break from military duty to drop an emotional bomb with lingering consequences. Homemaker sister Lisa (Regina King) kow-tows to her cheating husband and cat-fights with glamorous sib Kelli (Sharon Leal). Rounding out the kin are conflicted college brain Mel (Lauren London) and shady big bro Quentin (Idris Elba), a traveling musician who's up to no good. Fizzy holiday fun. *Rated: PG-13 for language and some violence. 1 hour, 57 minutes.* — J.A.

■ MOVIE REVIEWS

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## RENGSTORFF HOUSE - HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Authentic Victorian decorations. Join in caroling around the piano, holiday treats and a glass of holiday nog. RSVP's not required. Tue., Dec. 4, 7-9 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6073. www.r-house.org

## ART GALLERIES

**"Eugene Carriere and his circle"** Features the work of the painter and printmaker Eugene Carriere (1847-1906) and fellow artists and critics. Works by Odilon Redon, Auguste Rodin, Felix Bracquemond and others. Through Dec. 12, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Thu. until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, Just off Palm Drive, at Museum Way and Lomita Drive, Palo Alto. www.museum.stanford.edu/visit/public\_tours.html

**"Long Shadows"** Group exhibit explores play of light. 31 artists provide their own interpretation through painting, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, photography, collage and jewelry. Runs through Dec. 24. Tue.-Sat., 11-5 p.m.; Sundays in Dec. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

### Cubberley Artists Holiday Open Studios

The artists at Cubberley will open their studios in appreciation of the Palo Alto community for its continued support for the arts. They will be showing their most recent work. Studios are located in wings E, F & U. Sat., Dec. 1, 2-5

p.m. Free. Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Wings E, F, U, Palo Alto. Call 650-948-1752. www.cubberleystudios.com

### Gallery House Holiday Show & Sale

Featuring works in eight media including painting, mixed media, assemblage, photography, sculpture, ceramics, graphics and jewelry. Exhibit runs through Dec. 24, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Gallery House, 320 California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-326-1668. www.galleryhouse2.com

**Tour de France** Oil paintings from a spring tour of France by plein air artist Diana Jaye. Reception to meet the artist Sat., Nov. 3, 2-4 p.m. Gallery closes at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Exhibit runs through Nov. 30, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

## AUDITIONS

**"The Giver" at the Palo Alto Children's Theatre** Based on the award-winning children's book that follows 12-year

old Jonas, who discovers the truth about his "perfect" world. Auditions: Tue., Dec. 11 and Wed., Dec. 12, at 3:45 p.m. Open to ages 8 through high school. All audition materials provided by Children's Theatre. Performs Feb. 1-9, 2008. Free. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4930. http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/depts/csd/activities\_and\_recreation/attractions/childrens\_theatre.asp

## BENEFITS

**2nd Annual Holiday Boutique at Avenidas** Hand-crafted holiday gifts and original art presented by more than 20 local artists from the Firehouse Gallery to benefit the Avenidas Senior Center. Also featuring book readings by local humor columnist Mary Hanna and others. 5-9 p.m. (Dec. 7); 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 8 & 9. Free. Firehouse Gallery, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-5430. www.avenidas.org

**Art Show to support SJ Children's**

**Shelter** Holiday arts and crafts show to benefit the Children at San Jose Children's Shelter, sponsored by Art Through Women's Eyes. Sat., Dec. 8, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. 707 Continental Circle, Mountain View. Call 408-438-3893. http://www.artthroughwomenseyes.com/newevent.php

**LAHS Holiday Plant Sale** Los Altos High School Band Boosters will be selling holiday plants: poinsettias, fresh wreaths, decorated mini-trees, garden baskets and more. All proceeds benefit the LAHS Instrumental Music programs. Dec. 1 and 8, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos.

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**Celebrate The Season, Celebrate Life** Linda Lenore offers a new twist to the traditional aspects of Feng Shui. Please register in advance. Maximum of 20 people. Sat., Dec. 1, 2:30-4:30 p.m. \$35. Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072. www.commongroundinpaloalto.org

**Fiber Accessories - One Day Art Workshop** For teens and adults. Learn Sashiko, an ancient Asian hand-sewing method, and use fiber to make belts, necklaces, earrings, bracelets, buttons, more. Sun., Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$100 plus \$18 materials fee. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

**Learn to Make a One-Arm Shawl** For teens and adults. Learn to make hands-free, one-arm shawl. Make two shawls at workshop. Sun., Dec. 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$100 plus \$25 materials fee. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

**Parent Lecture - Positive Discipline/Self-Esteem** Explore discipline techniques that aim to preserve and boost self-esteem. Discussion includes ways to nurture communication, cooperation and altruistic behavior. Sue Dinwiddie, M.A. Human Development, trains staffs and teaches parent education throughout the Bay Area and in New York City. Tue., Dec. 4, 7-9 p.m. Free. Camino Medical Group, 701 E. El Camino Real, Conference Room D, Mountain View. Call 650-934-7380.

**Spa Gift Baskets** Learn to make bath and body gifts. Beeswax candle, mud masque, scented lotion or bubble bath. Sun., Dec. 9, noon-3 p.m. \$35 (class); \$20 (materials). Opal'z Zoap, 719 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-322-6500. www.opalzoap.com

## CLUBS/MEETINGS

**Issues with food?** Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous is for individuals recovering from addictive eating and anorexia based on the 12 steps of AA. No dues/no fees/no weigh-ins. Sundays. 7-8:30 p.m. Free. St. Marks Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto.

**Monday Night Out** Lesbian, Gay, bisexual and transgender group with supporters and friends. Discussion, social events, education and spiritual development. Mondays through December 17, 7 p.m. Offerings accepted. Unity Palo Alto Community Church, 3391 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-966-8290. www.unitypaloalto.org

**Scrabble: All Levels, Mondays, Free** The Palo Alto Scrabble Club is open to all levels of players and is free. The club is sanctioned by the National Scrabble Association and provides all equipment and score sheets. Mondays, ongoing. 6-10 p.m. Free Boston Market, 3375 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 650-326-6243. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pa-scrabble

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**20th Annual Christmas Creche Exhibit** 500 nativities from 65 countries on display. Live holiday music daily with evening concerts at 7 p.m. Children's room with crafts, costume and stories. Dec. 1-5, noon-9 p.m. Free. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

**Artists Holiday Fair** Local artisan offering holiday arts and crafts. Sat., Dec. 1, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Free. St Timothy's Church, 2094 Grant Rd., Mountain View. www.ambajane.com

**Canopy Tree Planting** Join Canopy in planting eight trees in south Palo Alto. Sat., Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-noon. Free. CAR, 525 East Charleston Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-964-6110. www.canopy.org

**PA High School Flea Market** Music Boosters Flea Market and Craft Faire is held on the second Saturday of each month. All proceeds go to the Palo Alto High School Music Department. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto.

## CONCERTS

**20 Harps for the Holidays** Harpeggio Music will present its 9th annual holiday concert. The program will include festive holiday and classical music, harp solos and ensembles, studio ensemble of more than twenty harps and guest artist Paul Hurst. Sponsored by LAUMC. Sat., Dec. 8, 4-6 p.m. \$10 - \$15. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 408-366-8810. www.harpeggio.com/concert.html

**A Holiday Celebration** Featuring Poulenc's "Gloria." The Peninsula Symphony and Stanford Symphonic Chorus will unite for a festival of seasonal music. Fri., Nov. 30, 8 p.m. \$20. Stanford Memorial Church, Stanford University, Stanford. Call 650-941-5291. www.peninsulasymphony.org

**An Italian Holiday Concert** The San Francisco Concert Chorale will present a program of Italian music for the holidays, featuring Respighi's "Laud to the Nativity" and Vivaldi's "Gloria." Sun., Dec. 9, 7 p.m. \$21/person All Saints' Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. http://www.sfconcertchorale.org/season.html

**Bluegrass In Mountain View** The multiple-award winning Claire Lynch Band. Sat., Dec. 8, 8-11 p.m. \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-691-9982. www.rba.org

**California Bach Society Concert** Charpentier: "In Nativitatem Domini Canticum." A selection of Charpentier's motets and instrumental noels composed in celebration of the Nativity. Sat., Dec. 1, 8 p.m. General \$25 / senior \$18 / student \$10 All Saints' Episcopal Church, 555 Waverly St. at Hamilton, Palo Alto. www.calbach.org

**California Youth Symphony** The California Youth Symphony offers a concert of classical and seasonal favorites. The program includes works of Gershwin, Auber, Beethoven and Liugini, as well as an array of traditional holiday music. Sun., Dec. 9, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-325-6666. http://www.cys.org

**Gloria! A Benefit Concert** The Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto choir and friends present a holiday concert to benefit the Opportunity Center, which serves the Midpeninsula homeless. Vivaldi's "Gloria," Henry Mollicone's "Flowers of the Soul" (West Coast premiere), and the LyriCats are featured. Dec. 1-2, 7-9 p.m. Sat; 3-5 p.m. Sun. \$12 advance/\$15 door, 12 and under are free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Rd., Palo Alto. Call 650-858-8062. http://uucpa.org/events\_news/faithEvents.html#concert

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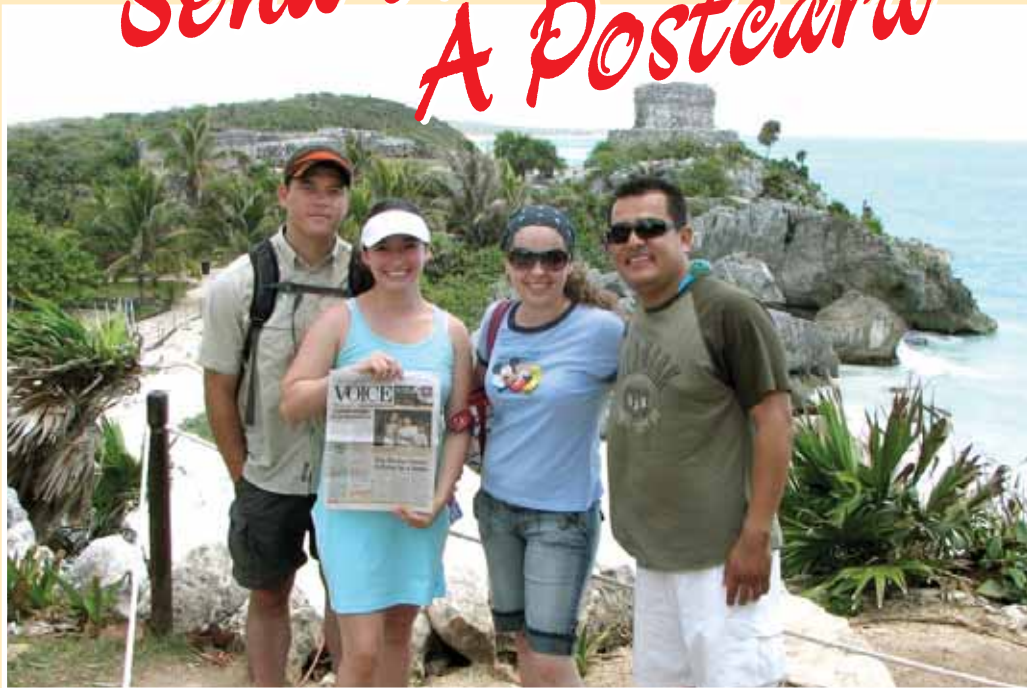


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**Holidays with the California Pops** The Pops, with conductor Kim Venaas, present holiday music. Guests: singer Iari Melchor and the Bay Bells. Holiday attire welcome. Sun., Dec. 9, 7:30-9 p.m. \$25 adults; \$20 seniors; \$15 students (with student ID); \$5 children ages 10 & under. Spangenberg Theater, 780 Arastradero Rd., Palo Alto. Call 650-856-8432. www.californiapopsorchestra.com

**Laurel Ensemble: An Evening with Igor Stravinsky** The music of Stravinsky is the inspiration for this performance. This versatile ensemble consists of Ann Lavin (clarinet), Sarah Holzman (flute), Christina Mok (violin), Jenny Douglass (viola) and Krisanthy Desby (violin, cello). Thu., Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 ext. 305. www.arts4all.org

**MPRO Holiday Concert** The Mid-Peninsula Recorder Orchestra's Holiday Concert will be presented. Sat., Dec. 8, 2-4 p.m. Free. Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 650-591-3648.

**Palo Alto Philharmonic Concert II** Second concert of the 20th Anniversary season. "Prelude to Die Meistersinger" by Richard Wagner, "Age of American Passions" by Stephen Paulus and "Symphony No. 5 in Eb major, Op. 82" by Jean Sibelius. Sat., Dec. 1, 8 p.m. \$17 general; \$15 senior; \$8 student. Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. http://www.paphil.org

**Peninsula Women's Chorus Winter Concert** The Peninsula Women's Chorus will sing Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols," intertwined with 20th century and contemporary choral works by Kodaly, Jasinski, Olsson, and Casals. Dec. 8-9, 4 p.m. \$15/\$18 in advance; \$18/\$20 at the door. St. Patrick's Seminary, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-327-3095. www.pwchorus.org

**Soli Deo Gloria Choral Concert** "Time Enough for Joy," under the baton of Artistic Director and Palo Alto resident Allen Simon. Seasonal and traditional choral music, including pieces by Kodaly, Praetorius, Victoria, Britten and Mendelssohn, and narratives set to music by Dr. Simon. Sat., Dec. 1, 5 p.m. \$25 (general) and \$20 (student/senior), grades K-8 are free. First Lutheran Church, 600 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. www.sdgloria.org

**Stanford Symphonic Chorus & The Peninsula Symphony Orchestra** Stanford's Symphonic Chorus and the Peninsula Symphony Orchestra, directed by Mitchell Sardou Klein, perform Poulenc's "Gloria" and works by Vaughan Williams, Holst, and Ravel. Sun., Dec. 2, 1:30 p.m. \$20 general / \$10 students. Memorial Church, Stanford University, Stanford. Call 650-723-0038. www.stanford.edu/group/Music/Events/index.html

**The Fortnightly Music Club Concert** The Fortnightly Music Club Centennial Season concert will include works by Chopin, Beethoven and Mendelssohn. Performers include John Provine, piano; Robert Marcus, bass clarinet; Yasuko Hattori, violin; Lucinda Lenicheck, cello; Carolyn Smith and H. Mizuno, piano. Sun., Dec. 9, 8-10 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Rd., at Embarcadero, Palo Alto. Call 650-522-8152. www.fortnightlymusicclub.org

## 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.

**2nd Sat Live Music Contra Dance** Caller: Mavis McGaugh. Band: The Fiddlerats (Caroline McCaskey, Terrell Leidstrand, Cole Ingraham). A traditional form of American social folk dance. Sat., Dec. 8, 8-11 p.m. Free beginners class at

7:30 p.m. Admission \$10, members \$8, students \$5. 1st Church Palo Alto 2Fl, 625 Hamilton and Byron, Palo Alto. Call 650-965-9169. www.BACDS.ORG/NEWCOMERS

**Ballroom Dancing** Rumba will be taught Fri., Nov. 30, 8 p.m. Lessons for beginning and intermediate levels, no experience and no partner necessary. General dance party 9 p.m.-midnight. Singles and couples welcome. Refreshments. Dressy casual attire. 8 p.m.-midnight. \$7. Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Call 650-856-9930. www.readybyte.com/fridaynightdance

**Congolese Dance** Congolese dance class led by Muisi-kongo Malonga, an accomplished dancer, choreographer and performer. Class features live drumming by master drummers Constant Massengo, Raphael Matingou and more. All levels welcome. Fall session began Aug. 5 and ends Dec. 16. 3:30-5 p.m. \$12. Cubberley Dance Studio, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 510-273-2407. www.congorhythms.org

**Foothill College Dance Party** Foothill College Repertory Dance directed by Bubba Gong will present its 22nd annual winter concert. From Pavarotti to The Pussycat Dolls, 100 dancers will showcase a diversity of dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$25 gen./\$20 students & seniors/children 10 and under free. Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7354. www.foothillcollege.org

**Robert Moses' Kin, Stanford Lively Arts Informance** Dance company that combines dance, music, poetry and visual arts. Fri., Dec. 7, 6-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 ext. 305. www.arts4all.org

**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. Intro party Sept. 5, classes start Sept. 12. 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

**The Dances George Washington Loved** English country dancing. Live music, informal instruction, no complicated footwork. Beginners welcome. No partner necessary. Low, comfortable shoes suggested. Light refreshments at the break. Fri., Nov. 30, 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$10 per person, \$5 students with ID. Palo Alto Masonic Temple, 461 Florence, Palo Alto. http://www.bacds.org/series/english

## EXHIBITS

**"Sections of the Fabric Orchestra"** Cay Denise MacKenzie, quilt artist and former musician, composes visual music using fabric. Gallery open during ITP library hours. Through

Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, 1069 E. Meadow Circle, Palo Alto. Call 650-493-4430 ext. 254. www.itp.edu

**Melanie Lacy Kusters: "Migration"** Lacy Kusters' installation based on pillows and human hair highlights the dialogue between personal history and domestic environment. Through Dec. 20, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Serra House, 589 Capistrano Way, Stanford. Call 650-725-0371. http://gender.stanford.edu

**Toys from the Attic** MOAH presents an eclectic collection of the toys from the past. Through Feb. 24, Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004. www.moah.org

## FAMILY AND KIDS

**"Aladdin"** Los Altos High School Drama Department presents "Aladdin." Performances run Nov. 29-Dec.1, 7-9 p.m. \$5 in advance; \$8 at the door. Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-960-8301.

**"OOPS" Original Family Musical Theater Premier in Palo Alto** "OOPS," subtitled "What Happens in the Clubhouse Stays in the Clubhouse," tells the story of a group of young cartoon characters with real life problems. Dec. 15-16, 4-5:30 p.m. \$12. Cubberley Theater, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 408-858-3910. www.Bethatkid.com

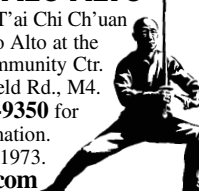
**Baby Music Class Demo** Experience a sample Kindermusik class for babies ages 2 to 17 months. Wendy Nelson will lead through group dances, instrument and prop exploration, and more. RSVP required. Thu., Dec. 6, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Free. Nelson home, 1404 Bonita Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-968-4733. http://wendyofmv.kindermusik.net

**Blach Holiday Faire** The Faire features handcrafted holiday gifts, jewelry, food items, holiday decorations, toys and more, all created by Blach students. Fri., Nov. 30, 12:30-4 p.m. Blach Middle School, 1120 Covington Road, Los Altos.

**California Avenue Holiday Train** Santa and a cast of characters arrives at California Avenue station. Train decorated with 40,000 lights includes two historic cars. Guests are encouraged to bring unwrapped toy or book for U.S. Marine Corp Reserves Toys for Tots program. Sing along to live holiday music. Sun., Dec. 9,

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At age 20, a 21 degree angle may not sound so serious. But, since a scoliosis increases, on average, at the rate of 1 degree per year, 30 years later we have a very serious problem that could be irreversible.

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**Understanding Language Acquisition: Mandarin** Dr. Yee Wan of the Santa Clara Department of Education speaks about how humans learn new languages. Then learn about how to support language learning at home. Sponsored by bilingual Mandarin school, Yew Chung International. Thu., Dec. 6, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Free. Yew Chung International School, 310 Easy St., Mountain View. Call 408-746-0441. <http://www.ycis-sv.com/>

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**Digestive Health** Heartburn, reflux, IBS, food sensitivities. Find out what triggers them and how nutrition factors in. Wed., Dec. 5, 7-8 p.m. Free. Digestive Health, 277 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-962-1036.

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## OUTDOORS

**Nature's Decoration Workshop** Create holiday decorations using natural objects brought to the workshop. The Palo Alto Open Space staff will help put it all together. Ages 6 and up. Space is limited. Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-noon \$5 materials fee. Baylands Nature Center, 2775 Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2506. [enjoyonline.cityofpaloalto.org](http://enjoyonline.cityofpaloalto.org)

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**Christmas Concert** Musical celebration featuring both new and traditional Christmas songs performed by the children's and adult

choirs. The audience will be invited to participate in a carol sing-along. A reception will follow the concert. Sat., Dec. 1, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Union Presbyterian Church, 858 University Ave., Los Altos. [www.unionpc.org](http://www.unionpc.org)

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**MVLA Spirit Girls U12 Soccer Tryouts** The MVLA Spirit, a Class 1 competitive soccer team for girls born after July 31, 1996, will be holding tryouts. Sat., Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. MVLA Spirit, Las Palmas Park, Sunnyvale. Call 650-812-4132.

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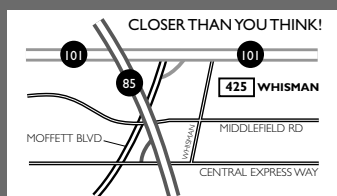
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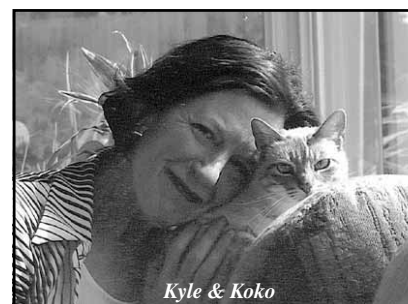
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# Public Notices

**995 Fictitious Name Statement**

IMPERIAL SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No. 501170  
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, 1) Imperial Software Technology, 2) IST, 883 N. Shoreline Boulevard, Suite D-220, Mountain View, CA 94043;  
PACIFIC IMPERIAL, INC  
883 N. Shoreline Boulevard, Suite D-220  
Mountain View, CA 94043  
California  
This business is being conducted by a corporation.  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 9/22/2006.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on October 22, 2007.  
(Voice Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2007)

NEW SAFFRON CLUB  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No. 501437  
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, New Saffron Club, 2700 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA 94040;  
SHAHI SIZZLER, INC.  
State Of California  
This business is being conducted by a corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on October 29, 2007.  
(Voice Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2007)

PRESCOTT PROPERTIES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No. 501884  
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Prescott Properties, 1430 WildRose Way, Mountain View, CA 94043;  
PRESCOTT MILLER  
1430 WildRose Way  
Mountain View, CA 94043  
This business is being conducted by an individual.  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 9-13-02.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 7, 2007.  
(Voice Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 2007)

THE NEW-U SALON  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No. 502126  
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Elegant Floors, 922 San Leandro Ave., # A, Mountain View, CA 94043;  
ELEGANT THREAD INC.  
California  
This business is being conducted by a corporation.  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 2-9-02.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 7, 2007.  
(Voice Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec., 7 2007)

SPARKT  
SPARKT MARKETING  
SPARKT DESIGN  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No. 502051  
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, 1) Sparkt, 2) Sparkt Marketing, 3) Sparkt Design, 2255 Showers Drive # 321, Mountain View, CA 94040;  
EILEEN MCSWEENEY  
2255 Showers Drive # 321  
Mountain View, CA  
This business is being conducted by an individual.  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 11/1/2007.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 13, 2007.  
(Voice Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2007)

PENINSULA CENTER FOR  
IMPLANTOLOGY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No. 501954  
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, Peninsula Center for Implantology, 105 South Drive, Suite 200, Mountain View, Ca 94040-4317;  
JOE A PROVINCES  
11585 Old Ranch Rd.  
Los Altos Hills, CA 94024  
This business is being conducted by an individual.  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on July 01, 2007.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 9, 2007.  
(Voice Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2007)

The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, The New-u Salon, 867 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA 94040;  
PHONG ANH TRAN  
570 Keyes St. #205  
San Jose, CA 95112  
This business is being conducted by an individual.  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 10-29-07.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 14, 2007.  
(Voice Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14 2007)

AIM LIBRARY & INFORMATION STAFFING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No. 501211  
The following individual(s) is (are) doing business as, AIM Library & Information Staffing, 843 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041;  
AIM STAFFING, INC.  
843 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041  
California  
This business is being conducted by a corporation.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on October 23, 2007.  
(Voice Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2007)

**997 All Other Legals**  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA  
No. 107CV097858  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner KRISTINA E. PEREYRA and CHRISTOPHER K. VIAGGI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
SPENCER GRANT VIAGGI to SPENCER GRANT PEREYRA VIAGGI.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: December 18, 2007, 8:45 a.m., Room 107.  
Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation,

printed in this county:  
MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE.  
Date: October 31, 2007  
/s/ Mary Ann Grilli  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(Voice Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2007)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA  
No. 107CV098292  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Petitioner MELINDA ANN NASIF and KENNETH MICHAEL SCRUGGS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
KATHERINE ANN SCRUGGS to KATHERINE ANN NASIF.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. NOTICE OF HEARING: December 18, 2007, 8:45 a.m., Room 107. Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.  
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:  
MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE.  
Date: November 6, 2007  
/s/ Mary Ann Grilli  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
(Voice Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2007)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE  
Date of Filing Application:  
To Whom It May Concern:  
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: JOIE DE VIVRE HOSPITALITY INC.  
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:  
860 E EL CAMINO REAL  
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040  
Type of license(s) applied for:  
70 - ON-SALE GENERAL RESTRICTIVE SERVICES  
66 - CONTROLLED ACCESS CABINET PERMIT  
68 - PORTABLE BAR  
(Voice Nov. 30, 2007)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE  
Date of Filing Application:  
November 7, 2007  
To Whom It May Concern:  
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: FLORES CARLOS DANIEL  
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:  
459 CASTRO ST  
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94041-2007  
Type of license(s) applied for:  
47 - ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE  
(Voice Nov. 30, 2007)



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**B**eautifully remodeled duplex. Unit B – Private, well-landscaped rear grounds featuring an array of fruit trees, roses and camellias, lush lawn area, and a slate patio for entertaining. 2bd, 1ba, 1,108 +/- square feet of living space, plus sunroom/3rd bedroom, gourmet chef's kitchen with granite countertops, living room with slate-faced, wood-burning fireplace, and hardwood floors throughout. Unit A – 2bd, 1ba, 894 +/- square feet of living space, updated, eat-in kitchen with tile countertops and backsplash, dual-paned windows, and a private courtyard with covered patio area. 6,825 +/- square foot lot conveniently located to Springer Elementary School, Blach Middle School, and Mountain View High School.

Offered at: **\$1,150,000**



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## 810 Wake Forest Drive, Mountain View



Open Sat & Sun  
1:30 to 4:30

**A**bundant natural light flows through this peaceful three bedroom, one bath home. This updated home offers high ceilings and is located in a great neighborhood. Beautiful stonescaping in the front and back makes this your own private oasis. Close to downtown, shopping, Stevens Creek & Hetch-Hetchy trails, Caltrain & Light Rail and some of the greatest companies to work like Google, Microsoft, HP and more!

- Three bedrooms, one bathroom, approx. 860 sq ft of living space situated on a 5610 square foot lot (not verified by Alain Pinel Realtors).
- Living room filled with natural light makes this a room your guests will want to be.
- Kitchen with newer cabinetry & appliances, a great 1955 Chef's sink, gas range and hutch for extra storage.
- Dining area with large window overlooking the peaceful front stonescaping.
- Three nice size bedrooms w/ spacious closets.
- One bathroom with re-glazed bathtub & tile surround, new vanity and fixtures.
- Immaculately clean with freshly painted interior walls. Shaw tile laminate flooring throughout. New light fixtures. Dual pane windows.
- Great patio looking out to the large backyard where you will enjoy planting & gardening.
- One car garage with laundry. Newer driveway.



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**979 Pinto Palm Ter #9 Sunnyvale \$579,000**

2 bed/2 ba end unit townhouse with an attached 1 car garage.  
[www.979PintoPalm9.com](http://www.979PintoPalm9.com) Open House, Sunday 12/2, 1:30 - 4:30

**280 Easy St. #312 Mountain View \$349,000**

1 bed/1 ba top floor end unit condominium with 1 car carport.  
[www.280Easy312.com](http://www.280Easy312.com) Shown by appt. Call for private showing

**1312 Grand Blvd. San Jose (Alviso) \$539,000**

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The master bedroom features a glass wall including Anderson sliding door allowing you to enjoy the spacious and private backyard. The master bath is remodeled beautifully with custom tile and oversized shower, a one of a kind. The homes open floor plan, numerous upgrades, spacious interior, and desirable neighborhood make it a lovely place for anyone to call home.

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**1743 Pilgrim Avenue, Mountain View**



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**49 Showers Drive #A131  
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Los Altos schools  
Formal entry  
Inside washer & dryer hook-ups  
Remodeled kitchen & master bath  
Separate dining area  
Secure building w/ underground parking  
Old Mill Complex features swimming pools, spa, clubhouse, streams and lakes

**Priced at: \$549,000**

**1983 San Luis Avenue #5  
Mountain View**

**Open Saturday  
11:00 to 2:00**



Appealing 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath town home end unit  
Remodeled kitchen w/ granite counter and back splash; new cabinets, sink, faucet and appliances  
New carpeting  
Hardwood floor in entry way  
Master suite includes wall of closets & access to private balcony  
Master bath features tub/shower combo with enclosure  
Professionally landscaped backyard

**Priced at: \$599,000**

**236 Flynn Avenue  
Mountain View**

**Open Sat & Sun  
1:30 to 4:30**



Beautifully remodeled 2 master suites, 2.5 bath town home nestled in Rock Creek complex  
Marble and bamboo hardwood floor  
Kitchen features granite counters  
Private slate patio  
Vaulted/cathedral ceiling with skylight  
Security alarm system  
Custom fireplace surround in master bedroom and living room  
Complex features children's play area, greenbelt, pool & spa

**Priced at: \$725,000**

**400 Ortega Avenue  
Mountain View**

**Coming Soon...**



Remodeled 2 bed, 1 bath 1st floor condo  
Los Altos schools  
Secure building w/ underground parking  
New carpet  
Spacious living room with balcony that overlooks pool & clubhouse  
Updated kitchen with new maple cabinets, granite counter with back splash and all white appliances  
Bath features additional vanity area - both w/ granite vanity top, vanity cabinets and tub/shower combo w/ tile surround and glass enclosure  
Master bedroom with walk in closet

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**MOUNTAIN VIEW** **4BR | 2.5BA**

**1560 LAYLA COURT** **\$1,250,000**  
 Crown cul de sac! Spacious flr plan. Newly landscaped, great backyard with flowers and trees. Enjoy outdoor & Indoor.  
**Alice Chakhmazova** **650.948.0456**



**LOS ALTOS** **5BR | 4BA**

**989 STANLEY AV** **\$2,699,000**  
 Brand New Home. Almost 3560Sqft living space on 12,432Sqft lot. Cherry hrdwd in fam kit. Beautiful travertine in liv and din rms. Chef's kitchen. Andersen windows.  
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**LOS ALTOS** **3BR | 2BA**

**5100 EL CAMINO REAL #101** **\$899,000**  
 Brand new condos with Los Altos schools. This model unit offers many upgrades including closet organizers, designer carpet & window coverings. You must see it to believe it!  
**Terri Couture** **650.941.7040**



**SUNNYVALE** **4BR | 2BA**

**1167 HOLLENBECK AVENUE** **\$1,045,000**  
 Expansive & stunning Eichler offers approx. 2,150 sq. ft. Gorgeous master bath, six operational skylights & enclosed atrium. Cherry Chase School, Homestead High.  
**Elizabeth Thompson** **650.941.7040**



**SAN JOSE** **4BR | 2BA**

**3562 EL GRANDE DR** **\$998,000**  
 Beautiful home with 2549 sf of living space. Hardwood floors, Formal living room, sep. dining room & family room, eat-in kitchen, built in hot tub. Short commute to downtown SJ.  
**Kathleen & Dave Pasin** **650.325.6161**



**MOUNTAIN VIEW** **1BR | 1BA**

**255 S RENGSTORFF AVE #34** **\$395,000**  
 Large upstairs condo with vaulted ceilings & peaceful deck nestled in treetops. Park-like community with two pools. Near downtown & transportation.  
**Owen Halliday** **650.325.6161**

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**CAMPBELL**  
 1946 WHITE OAKS RD  
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$940,000**  
 4 BR 3 BA Lovely, bright 4 br/3 bath home-1 bdrm & full bath on 1st floor. Fresh paint. New flooring. Large yard. Laundry room. Central A/C  
**Fran Papapietro** **650.948.0456**  
 630 W. SUNNYOAKS  
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$725,000**  
 3 BR 2.5 BA 1 yr Townhome, hwd flrs, Gourmet kit w/gas & stainless steel appliances, gas fp. Fully landscaped yd. Separate laundry, approx 1620sqft.  
**Marge Bosetti** **650.948.0456**

**LOS ALTOS**  
 MODERN STYLE IN OLD LA **\$1,998,000**  
 4 BR 3.5 BA Convenience of a new home with an Old Los Altos address. Open floorplan of approx. 3,150 sq. ft. Crown moldings, recessed lighting & granite kitchen.  
**Jo Buchanan** **650.941.7040**  
 1405 REDWOOD DR  
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,850,000**  
 4 BR 3 BA Set among lush landscaping with wonderful bay & city views. At the end of a cul-de-sac with a full circle driveway. Easy access to 280 & 85.  
**Gil Orah** **650.325.6161**  
 5 MAYNARD WAY  
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,695,000**  
 4 BR 2.5 BA Spacious home open floor plan. 2 fireplcs, eat-in kitchen, family rm, dining rm, 2-car gar, fenced yard, close to town/schools.  
**Dorothy Gurwith** **650.325.6161**

**LOS ALTOS HILLS**  
 HIGHLY DESIRED HILLS HOME **\$2,249,000**  
 3 BR 3 BA An easy indoor/outdoor flow enhance this classic ranch home. On a nearly level lot, close to Downtown. Los Altos schools  
**Paige Gienger** **650.948.0456**  
**MENLO PARK**  
 1015 PEGGY LN  
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$898,000**  
 3 BR 1 BA 3 lrg bdrms + addi. bonus rm. Secluded prt patio & porch. Inside lndry. Lrg kit w/bkfst nook & wlk in pantry. Close to Downtown Menlo Park, Stanford U.  
**Gary Herbert** **650.948.0456**

**PALO ALTO**  
 1344 TASSO ST **\$2,995,000**  
 5 BR 3.5 BA Formal living room & separate dining room, library, family room adjacent to gourmet kitchen, entertainment center room, 3 fireplaces. Outstanding master suite.  
**R. Brendan Leary** **650.325.6161**  
 3180 COWPER ST  
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,895,000**  
 7 BR 4 BA Spacious new home. 10,745sq ft. Separate dining room, spacious family kitchen with cherry cabinets and fireplace.  
**Sue Rotha** **650.325.6161**  
 730 ARASTRADERO RD  
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$995,000**  
 2 BR 2 BA Renovated cottage with Bonus room. Near Gunn HS and Terman MS. New granite kitchen with stainless appliances. Great investment property zoned R-2.  
**Celia Bella** **650.325.6161**

**SAN JOSE**  
 6781 MUSCAT DR  
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$569,950**  
 3 BR 1 BA Charming! Move-in condition! Updates include kit cabinets, Corian counters, travertine tiles in bathroom, crown molding and much more. A must see!  
**Yasemin Richardson** **650.948.0456**  
 1312 GRAND BOULEVARD  
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$539,000**  
 2 BR 1 BA The home features hrdwd flr in LR. Remod kitchen & bath. Huge 4 car garage. Covered front porch. Lovely landscaped backyard.  
**Ric Parker** **650.948.0456**  
 MIDTOWN CHARMER  
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$499,950**  
 2 BR 1 BA Charming home offers 820+ sq. ft. with new carpet, paint & electrical. Remodeled kitchen has new appliances. New heater. Large basement. Garage.  
**John Blaly** **650.941.7040**

**CUPERTINO**  
 CONVENIENT DUPLEX **\$1,199,888**  
 3 BR 2 BA Large 3BR/2BA in each unit. Excellent Cupertino schools. New dual pane windows. Fresh paint. Newer vinyl floors & carpets. One car garage for each.  
**Terrie Masuda** **650.941.7040**

**MOUNTAIN VIEW**  
 2063 SUNNYVIEW LN.  
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,210,000**  
 3 BR 2 BA Tree-lined Cul-de-sac with A/C, Up-scale kitchen, Dual pane windows, hardwood floors, Spa shower & jet tub, Laundry & Study. Award winning MV Huff Elem, Graham Middle.  
**Karen Amon** **650.328.5211**  
 85 PAUL AV  
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$975,000**  
 3 BR 2 BA Roomy updt kitchen w/gas stove, hardwood floors, two-way fireplace in living & dining rooms, skylite, floor to ceiling windows in living room overlooking backyard.  
**Nancy Adele Stuhl** **650.948.0456**

**MOUNTAIN VIEW**  
 CHARMING COTTAGE **\$799,000**  
 2 BR 1 BA Remodeled kitchen. Dining & family rooms. Hardwood floors & fireplace. Bonus room. Yard. Close to shops & dining. Two car attached garage.  
**Patricia Robinson & Ursula Cremona** **650.941.7040**  
 1001 ASBURY WAY  
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$749,000**  
 2 BR 2.5 BA Remodeled. Kitchen w/ breakfast nook & new appliances. Huge yard & 2 balconies. Luxurious master w/ walk-in closet & double sinks. Full-size laundry.  
**Julie Lau** **650.325.6161**

**REDWOOD CITY**  
 702 CASSIA STREET  
 SUN 2 - 5 **\$629,000**  
 1 BR 1.5 BA Close to Downtown, home features a gated front yd w/ beautiful trees & lush landscape. Renovated kitchen w/granite counters & a spacious living room w/tile floors  
**Noemi Ruelas** **650.948.0456**  
 741 6TH AV  
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$599,000**  
 2 BR 1 BA Hardwood floor. Remodeled kitchen with tile floor. New windows, crown molding. Family dining room opens to patio and yard. 1 car garage.  
**Royce Cablayan** **650.948.0456**

**SANTA CLARA**  
 3557 SUNNYDAYS LN  
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$748,000**  
 3 BR 2 BA 7yrs young Mediterranean style. Custom upgrades incl: Gourmet kit w/granite counter, hwdw floors, granite surround fireplace. 2 car attached garage.  
**Eshagh "Isaac" Malek** **650.948.0456**  
 2549 AMETHYST DR  
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$578,000**  
 3 BR 2 BA Great location! Lrg bedrooms. Inside laundry. Ideal floor plan! Wonderful south/northern exposure  
**Vivi Chan** **650.948.0456**

**EAST PALO ALTO**  
 LARGE LOT-PRIVATE STREET **\$550,000**  
 2 BR 1 BA Two Bedrooms, One Full Bath, Double Paned Windows and Tile Roof. Landscaped yards. Two Car Garage converted to full studio-permits unknown.  
**Prieto Team** **650.325.6161**  
 GREAT OPP. GARDENS AREA!  
**\$434,000**  
 2 BR 1 BA with some work, this place can be a true beauty. Fireplc in LR. One car garage w/ extra storage. Spacious backyard-nearby baylands & shopping center.  
**Prieto Team** **650.325.6161**  
 LOWEST PRICED IN AREA **\$425,000**  
 3 BR 1 BA Great opportunity for handy clients or investors, newer car and gravel roof, spacious bedrooms, two car garage and low maintenance yards.  
**Prieto Team** **650.325.6161**

**GILROY**  
 1174 SPRIG VY  
 SAT/SUN 1 - 4 **\$919,900**  
 5 BR 3 BA New Construction! One of three hms. Granite kit, 2 sided bdrm fp in mstr & retreat, 2 master closets. Hwd, carpet, tile, alarm, front rear yd.  
**Steel Framing-New Construction** **650.948.0456**  
 1194 SPRIG VY  
 SAT/SUN 1 - 4 **\$909,900**  
 5 BR 3 BA New construction! One of three hms. Granite kit, 2 fp, 2 mstr closets. Hardwd, tile, alarm. Carpet, light fxts. Lndscpd front & rear yds w/sprinklers.  
**Steel Framing-New Construction** **650.948.0456**  
 1184 SPRIG VY  
 SAT/SUN 1 - 4 **\$889,900**  
 5 BR 3 BA New construction. Granite kit, refig incl. 2 fp, 2 mstr closets. Hardwd, tile, alarm. Carpet, light fxts. Lndscpd front & rear yards w/sprinklers.  
**Steel Framing-New Construction** **650.948.0456**

**MOUNTAIN VIEW**  
 236 FLYNN AV  
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$725,000**  
 2 BR 2.5 BA Elegantly updated w/marble & bamboo flrs. Granite counters & remod bath. Formal dining, eat-in kit, dual mstr suites w/ vaulted ceilings. 1 mstr w/tp  
**Royce Cablayan** **650.948.0456**  
 1983 SAN LUIS AV #5  
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$599,000**  
 2 BR 2.5 BA Hrdwd flrs, new kitchen w/granite counters, cherry cabinets new appliances. Fireplace in living room. Dual mstr suites. Inside laundry. Attach garage. Large yard.  
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**SAN JOSE**  
 2581 CHERRY AVENUE  
 SUN 1:00 - 4:00 **\$975,000**  
 4 BR 2.5 BA Fully Remodeled Willow Glen Gorgeous remodeled home with beautiful stone work, great lighting & beautiful yard. Fabulous home for entertaining!  
**Michele Morrison** **650.948.0456**  
 489 MILL RIVER LN  
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$718,888**  
 3 BR 2.5 BA Gorgeous Executive Townhome in the heart of Silicon Valley. Millbrook complex is 14 years new, with a sparkling pool & spa, steps from your doorway.  
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**SUNNYVALE**  
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**\$975,000**  
 Well maintained Four Unit complex, convenient location, each unit features 2 beds/1 bath, Owner's Unit is 2/2. One Carport each & shared laundry room.  
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 988 BELMONT TERRACE #1  
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$589,000**  
 2 BR 2.5 BA Fresh paint, carpet & staged! New appliances in kitchen, new Pergo flr. Central air w/filter system. 2 car tandem garage. 2 mstr bdrms suites  
**Steve Scheck** **650.948.0456**  
 979 PINTO PALM TE #9  
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$579,000**  
 2 BR 2 BA Wilson art wood flrs. Living room w/tp opens to balcony. Master suite w/tpd ceilings. Guest suite opens to patio. Inside w/d. Attached garage.  
**Ric Parker** **650.948.0456**

**LOS ALTOS**  
 ONE OF A KIND **\$23,900,000**  
 5 BR 3 BA Julia Morgan-style home on gated acre near Village. Built by RJ Dailey. Walls of glass, 60' entry, wine cave, billiard room, theatre, terraces & pool.  
**Judy Bogard-Tanigami & Sheri Hughes** **650.941.7040**  
 946 MERCEDES AV  
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,980,000**  
 5 BR 4 BA In sought after North Los Altos. Superb craftsmanship. Beautiful ceiling treatments. Gorgeous hardwood floors. Approx 3477sqft lot- 12,197 (Metrosac)  
**Jim Galli** **650.948.0456**  
 NEWLY CONSTRUCTED  
 5 BR 4.5 BA Elegant residence in enviable close-in Country Club area. Terraced gardens, soaring ceilings, multiple fireplaces. Near Loyola Corners & top schools.  
**Terri Couture** **650.941.7040**

**LOS ALTOS HILLS**  
 12125 OAK PARK CT  
 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$4,380,000**  
 6 BR 4 BA Over 6,000 sf of elegance. Marble entry. Gleaming hardwood floors. Dramatic staircase. Upscale carpeting. Granite kitchen with quality appliances.  
**Jim Galli** **650.948.0456**

**LOS ALTOS HILLS**  
 280 EASY ST #312  
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$349,000**  
 1 BR 1 BA Spacious living room w/built-in. Din area w/ sliding door opens to balcony. Updated kitchen & bath. Good sized bedroom w/ full walk closet & Pool and clubhouse  
**Ric Parker** **650.948.0456**

**SAN JOSE**  
 125 N. BUENA VISTA AVENUE  
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4 **\$675,000**  
 2 BR 2 BA Craftsman w/ modern amenities & Rose Garden charm. Two bedroom, one recently updated bathroom w/ a bonus room that would make a great office / studio  
**Michelle Morrison** **650.948.0456**  
 WILLOW GLEN TRADITIONAL!  
**\$625,000**  
 3 BR 2 BA Spacious family home on a large deep lot. A separate building can be an additional living space.  
**Garrett Mock** **650.328.5211**

**WOODSIDE**  
 VICTORIAN RETREAT **\$1,698,000**  
 6 BR 4 BA Glorious retreat in Woodside's peaceful redwd setting on 1.55AC. Grand foyer, sep LR w/tp. Luxury Mstr suite. Guest qtrs. Only 18 minutes to hwy 280.  
**Hannelore Blanchard** **650.948.0456**

**LOS ALTOS**  
 425 LOS PAJAROS CT  
 SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,295,000**  
 4 BR 3.5 BA Approximately 2817 sqft of living space. Lot size of approximately 13299sqft. Brand new remodeled everything to studs  
**Mandana Simai** **650.948.0456**

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**WOODSIDE**  
 VICTORIAN RETREAT **\$1,698,000**  
 6 BR 4 BA Glorious retreat in Woodside's peaceful redwd setting on 1.55AC. Grand foyer, sep LR w/tp. Luxury Mstr suite. Guest qtrs. Only 18 minutes to hwy 280.  
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**18289 Swarthmore Drive  
Saratoga \$929,000**

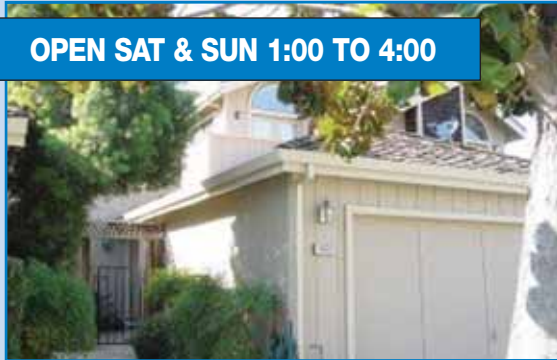
Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in great neighborhood! Additional 400 square foot sunroom with permits! Updated throughout with hardwood floors and much more! Ready to move in! Come see!



**215 N. Avalon Drive  
Los Altos \$3,695,000**

Beautiful Brand New Craftsman Home! This one of a kind property has exceptional quality built into every part with 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, wine cellar, butlers pantry, state of the art home automation system, high ceilings, gourmet kitchen with Thermador professional appliances, and much, much more. You must see this fine home to appreciate all the custom touches!

**OPEN SAT & SUN 1:00 TO 4:00**



**16831 Sorrel Way  
Morgan Hill \$549,000**

Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome featuring spacious floorplan, master suite with huge walk-in closet, dual sinks in bathroom, separate dining room, den/study, large deck off living room for gracious entertaining, lots of storage, 2 car garage and all amenities in this very nice complex. Come see!

**OPEN SUNDAY 1:00 TO 4:00**



**720 Promontory Point #2401  
Foster City \$1,688,888**

Absolutely gorgeous luxury waterfront penthouse with commanding views. You must see this spacious rare one level, 2927 SF, unit with 3 suites, powder room, and large tiled terrace. Formal living and dining, wet bar, high ceilings, stunning marble foyer, designer kitchen with slab granite, custom cabinetry, stainless steel appliances and more. All the finest touches enhance this special property. Underground secure parking with extra storage and all amenities.

**OPEN SUNDAY 1:00 TO 4:00**



**153 Canyon Drive  
Napa \$3,195,000**

Beautiful custom built home on hillside with incredible valley views, featuring large 20,000+square foot lot with over 4500 sq ft of spectacular living space, located within the lovely gated community of Silverado Crest. Meticulously maintained 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths with granite kitchen and top of the line appliances, hardwood floors and so much more! For more information call 408-691-3940 or 3 408-219-0725.

**OPEN SUNDAY 1:30 TO 4:30**



**1741 Oswald Place  
Santa Clara \$889,000**

Brand New Home in the Heart of Silicon Valley! This wonderful property has 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths Beautiful floor plan with high ceilings and formal entry, 2 master suites with private patio, A/C, 2 Sun Tunnels, inside laundry, 2 car garage, great landscaping and more. Close to schools, transportation and Highways. Come See!

**OPEN SUNDAY 1:00 TO 4:00**



**1139 Sage Street  
East Palo Alto \$585,000**

Great Home! Great Price! Great Location! Come see this terrific property with large kitchen, French doors, dual-pane windows, new water heater, insulated throughout to be energy friendly, huge lot with large back, front and side yard with parking for up to 6 cars and garage with extra storage.



**690 Persian Drive #28  
Sunnyvale \$74,950**

Enjoy adult living in this spacious 2BR/2BA triple-wide home situated in a quiet mobile home park. Features include a spacious kitchen with a gas range and breakfast bar, spacious family room, dining area with built-in china cabinet, and very large living room. Great home at great price in convenient location.

**Mountain View**  
(650) 966-1100

**Sunnyvale**  
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