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VERONICA WEBER

Day workers learn English phrases and words during a lesson taught at the Day Worker Center in Mountain View on Wednesday.

Day Worker Center continues to grow despite challenges

By Daniel DeBolt

Lorenzo Organista once led a platoon of men in the Mexican Army. Now, in Mountain View and nearby cities, he's a leader of another sort.

With his crew cut and green jacket, Organista, 39, still looks a bit like an army officer, and the workers seem to regard him as if he were. But since coming to the U.S. nine years ago, he was made his living as a day worker specializing in tree trimming and gardening.

Lately, he has been getting a little extra money from the police department for a part-time job reaching out to day workers on the street. Once a week, Organista meets workers as they wait around on street corners and informs them of

their rights and responsibilities, and of the free services at Mountain View's Day Worker Center.

Over the last year, thanks to the efforts of Organista and police Officer Tony Lopez, more and more workers are using the Day Worker Cen-



ter. There are at least 200 day workers in the city, officials estimate, and about half seek work on the street, where employers have been known to write bad checks or pay egregiously low wages.

The others seek work through

the center, where employers and workers alike can be held accountable. The center, open since 1996, also provides English lessons, lunches, legal advice and a mobile medical clinic that visits regularly.

Workers at the center have been hard hit by the slowing economy. Last week, center director Maria Marroquin was surprised when there were only 14 jobs available for the 99 workers waiting for work. It has been "horrible," she said, considering that on an average day in a good economy the center might have 60 to 70 jobs available.

Meanwhile, there are more day workers than ever before, competing for a shrinking number of jobs.

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Home stretch for Mayfield project

ISSUE OVER TUNNEL APPARENTLY OVERCOME;
FINAL CITY APPROVAL DUE NEXT WEEK

By Daniel DeBolt

The project that seemed to define the city's debate over housing and parks will come before the City Council for the last time this Tuesday, capping five years of planning and discussion.

"We're presenting it as ready to go," said city manager Kevin Duggan about the controversial plan to build about 450 new homes at 100 Mayfield Ave. "That should be it from the City Council's perspective."

The Dec. 9 meeting culminates an unusually long public process that involved about 30 meetings. The project was often at the center of the debate over the city's efforts to balance housing growth and quality of life, and was considered a "litmus test" in the 2006 City Council election.

Monta Loma Neighborhood Association leader Elna Tymes said a few concerns remain, but most design issues "have pretty much been taken care of."

Neighbors and council members are still concerned about whether developer Toll Brothers will continue to oppose the \$6 million pedestrian tunnel the developer is required to pay for under Central Expressway, connecting the new homes to the San Antonio train station and nearby shopping centers. Toll Brothers spokesperson Jo Price said last month that "the tunnel is just not going to work at the moment."

However, Mayor Tom Means said Toll Brothers has removed about 20 homes to accommodate the tunnel in the final design. Price said last week that she could not confirm this, saying she was no longer permitted to comment

to the *Voice* because of the paper's last story on the project.

Over the years, neighboring Monta Loma residents had organized themselves in opposition to the project, criticizing its density and design. After those efforts, a City Council majority emerged in 2006 that voted to decrease the size of the Mountain View portion of the project from 578 homes — the number originally called for in the 2005 gatekeeper request — to 450 homes. An additional 45 homes are planned on a portion inside the Palo Alto city limits.

Monta Loma neighbors still fear that the development will

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Final arrests in double homicide

KENNETH IVORY THOMAS,
SISTER FAITH THOMAS
CAUGHT IN LOS ANGELES

By Casey Weiss

Last week's arrests of two fugitives wanted in the brutal murder of a brother and sister on Plymouth Street mean that all eight suspects are now in custody, leaving police and residents to try to make sense of one of the most

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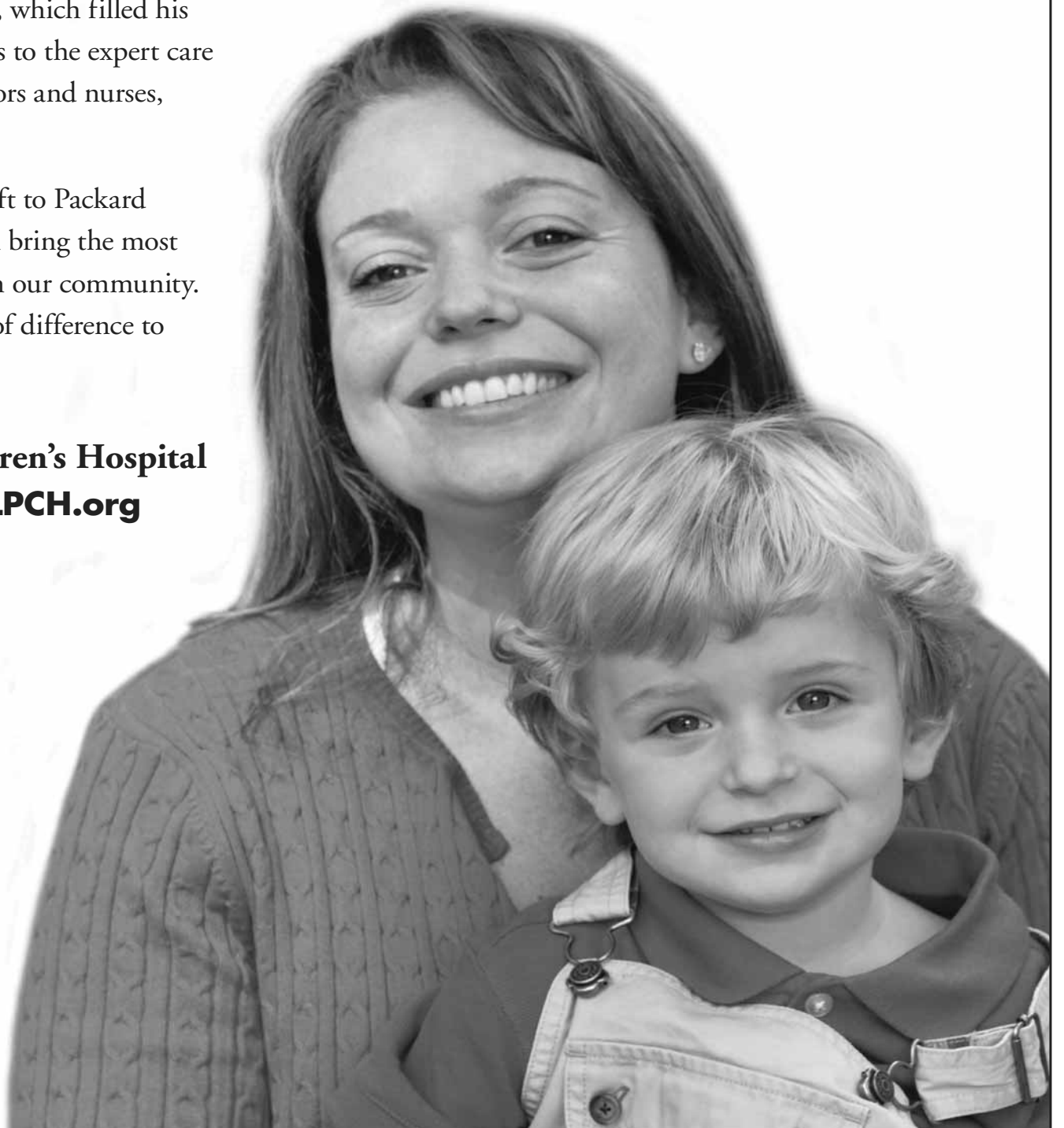
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Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Kelly Truong.

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Srinath Murthy, Los Altos



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Greg Moretti, Mountain View



"As the president who sent us to Iraq."

Jessica McCartney, San Jose



"As a failure. I don't think any country should invade another country to steal its resources. And it took him eight years, but look where our economy is now."

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Scouts and clouts

By Don Frances

“THERE ARE four boys from Troop 30 having their Eagle Court of Honor,” wrote Mountain View resident Alan Huwe. One of them is his son, Brian Huwe. The others are Justin Bettman, Thomas Tarlton and Derek Yam, all 17. The four will be honored at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 at Christ Episcopal Church of Los Altos.

As Huwe noted, “Eagle Scout is the highest honor awarded by Scouting. Fewer than 5 percent of boys who join Boy Scouts earn the rank of Eagle.”

AND HERE are some youth sports victory announcements:

“The MVLA Dynamite, a Class 1 U-12 girl’s soccer team, has won the 2008 CYSA District II Cup,” wrote Richard Maestas. “The 2008 D II Cup victory and the victory in the 2007 Cup gives the team back to back wins as the D-II Cup Champions. The Dynamite also won the Hannah Welker Memorial Tournament earlier this year.

“Their coach of four years, Stacey Mallison, led the Dynamite through their most challenging, most successful tournament season to date. The Dynamite placed in several elite California tournaments such as CYSA State Cup, SoCal Blues Cup and the Placer United Prestige Cup.” ...

Also, an anonymous writer informed me that the Mountain View Marauders have taken the Northwest Regional Championship, Junior Midget Division III, winning against the Indians from Spokane, Wash.

PHILANTHROPIC news also comes my way. The Monta Loma neighborhood, for example, is holding several holiday dinners this month as a way to socialize with neighbors while helping

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This mailbox on Marilyn Drive is among several in Mountain View which may be removed.

TOM LUSTIG

Ode to an old mailbox

POST OFFICE CONSIDERS DROPPING UNDERUSED COLLECTION SITES

By Casey Weiss

Old-fashioned letters are not as popular as they once were, with more people relying on e-mail and other high-tech means of communication. And it may be your neighborhood mailbox that pays the price.

In an effort to cut back on expenses, the regional U.S. Postal Service headquarters in San Francisco is looking to remove neighborhood collection boxes that receive fewer than 25 pieces of mail a week. In response, the local branch has conducted “destiny checks” to see how many items are deposited into each of the mailboxes,

according to Mountain View Postmaster Debora Powell.

No mailbox removals are immediately planned, she said, but the post office is planning to remove 15 to 20 collection boxes in the city. Postal workers have put signs on the boxes warning residents that they will be taken away, but they do not know exactly when this will happen, according to Mountain View branch supervisor Romie Mejia. In the meantime, the post office is still collecting mail from these boxes.

Tom Lustig, who lives on Marilyn Drive, said there is a notice on his neighborhood mailbox warning residents that it will soon be removed. He said

he and his wife put at least 25 pieces of mail every month in the mailbox, which has been there for more than 50 years. He also said he sent an e-mail to Powell, looking for more information about the removal.

“I noted that in this time of identity theft, the mailbox served a good purpose for our outgoing mail. Also, during this energy crisis, it allowed us to securely mail items without using our cars,” Lustig said.

He said Powell responded, telling him that the mailbox was not used enough and “therefore must go.” ■

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Huzzahs for Higgins

SCHOOL TRUSTEE STEPS DOWN TO BEGIN TEACHING CAREER

By Casey Weiss

After 230 board meetings during her six years as a trustee of the elementary school district, Gloria Higgins has decided to trade the board room for the classroom.

Higgins, who resigned her posi-

tion Nov. 20, is completing the work necessary to obtain a teaching credential.

During her last meeting, dozens of parents, teachers and students lined up to thank Higgins, who herself has



Gloria Higgins

kids in middle school, for her “quiet passion” and “steadfastness” during her time on the Mountain View Whisman board. Stephen Olson will be sworn in

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Measure B foes denied a recount

LAWSUIT SEEKING TO DELAY BART TAX FILED TOO LATE, JUDGE RULES

Staff and Wire Reports

A San Francisco Superior Court judge has denied a temporary restraining order requested by opponents of Measure B, meaning the county BART tax is likely to pass with 66.78 percent of the vote — a mere .11 percent over the threshold.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge Peter Busch ruled on Tuesday that the lawsuit, brought by a non-profit group focused on Bay Area transportation and environment, was filed too late.

The Transportation Solutions Defense and Education Fund, or TRANSDEF, was seeking a manual recount of 10 percent of precincts for the measure. The group had initially filed its suit last week in Santa Clara County, but was forced to file another suit in San Francisco because the Secretary of State doesn’t have an office in Santa Clara County, according to group president David Schonbunn.

Despite Tuesday’s scheduled court hearing, Santa Clara County officials had certified the election results early Tuesday morning. Barring an expensive recount funded by the opponents themselves, the current election results are final.

Opponents had fought the 1/8-cent sales tax — created to help fund operating costs of a BART extension to Santa Clara County — because they believe BART is too expensive and environmentally damaging compared to other transit options. Supporters say the extension is an essential component to Bay Area mass transit. The sales tax still will not take effect unless all

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■ SEEN AROUND TOWN

Zeppelin overhead



Birgit Starmanns took this photo of the Zeppelin airship as it passed over her Pacchetti Way home.

She wrote, "I had wondered what prompted a Zeppelin to be in the sky, and found the explanation one week later in the Nov. 28 issue of the Mountain View Voice, in the article on Moffett Field's 75th anniversary and the dedication of the airship "Eureka."

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.

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this week as the board's newest member.

Local politicians sent along proclamations recognizing her community service, and former teachers and superintendents returned to honor the outgoing trustee.

In addition to her district role, Higgins has worked on education issues at the county level, served on the board of the Community Health Awareness Council and helped run campaigns in support of local parcel tax measures.

Trustees wrote a resolution recognizing all of Higgins' service.

"The 230 meetings doesn't even begin to cover it," board president Fiona Walter said.

"So many times when passions have flared, she has remained steady," parent volunteer Laura Blakely said. "We will miss that."

Newer administrators in the district said Higgins helped them learn the ropes when they were hired. After Superintendent Maurice Ghysels came to the district, Higgins sat him down with a list of important names and facts. He said this was one of his first impressions of the trustee, and he

would never forget her response after he thanked her.

He also said Higgins played a crucial role in helping the district move forward.

"Without you this district wouldn't be where we are now. I don't want you to walk away thinking anything else."

Although administrators, teachers and parents all said they would miss Higgins, they anticipated her return as a teacher.

"I am looking forward to the day I get a call from you saying can I come talk to you about a job," said director of administrative services Stephanie Totter. ▀



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The power of sexy

MOUNTAIN VIEW MODEL GOES GREEN WITH 'HOT CHIX DIG' PIN-UP CALENDAR

By Daniel DeBolt

Some local environmentalists are deploying a new weapon in the fight against global warming: the female figure.

Mountain View resident Avida Verde, realizing that few things attract more attention more quickly, has created a pin-up calendar, complete with scantily clad women in gaudy wigs, to get her message across. Verde (not her real name), said the idea came to her one day as she rode her bike past a truck driver with a wandering eye.

"If I had a sign on my bum that said, 'I like truckers who

use biodiesel,' that would have impacted his behavior," she said.

Verde, a fitness instructor, said she'd seen other calendars dealing with environmental issues — at least one had pictures of starving people — but "People get pissed off by negative messaging that makes them feel like they can't do anything." Instead of a downer, her calendar would be sexy.

So she rounded up some girlfriends, a few photographers and lots of enthusiasm, and soon the "Hot Chix Dig" 2008 calendar was born, followed by another edition for 2009. In the calendars, models

pose with solar panels, hug trees and straddle bicycles. Verde, who is featured in some of the images, says she now has more photos than she knows what to do with.

Each calendar page comes with tips on sustainable living. But the tips, rather than being pedantic, are written to seem more like "sexy thoughts," Verde said. One blurb on the advantages of re-useable wares, for instance, states that "We won't use you and throw you away."

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bizarre murder cases in Mountain View history.

Kenneth Ivory Thomas, 19, and his sister Faith Thomas, 17, were arrested without incident last Wednesday in Los Angeles, ending a five-month, multi-state manhunt. Police say the siblings plotted the events which led to the murder of Mountain View residents Omar Aquino, 24, and

Maria Teresa Sanchez-Aquino, 27, themselves siblings who lived on the 1900 block of Plymouth

bedroom while the suspects ransacked the house before killing the two victims, police say.

Police believe Kenneth Thomas was the shooter, but all the suspects, who range in age from 15 to 22, are being charged with either murder or conspiracy to commit murder.

Street. Sanchez-Aquino's 8-year-old son was asleep in the next

The murder took place in the early morning hours of June 28.

According to a complaint filed in Superior Court, the eight suspects executed an elaborate plan to rob

Aquino that night, with another Thomas sibling, 15-year-old Fame, going to the movies with Aquino while others staked out the Plymouth Street house. The suspects had planned the robbery for months, the document says, and used text messages to communicate on the night of the murders. They allegedly stole an iPod and other items from the house.

Police believe Kenneth Thomas was the shooter, but all the suspects, who range in age from 15 to 22, are being charged with either murder or conspiracy to commit murder. Besides the Thomas siblings, who are Campbell residents, the suspects are: Nicory Spann, 18; Michael David Adams, 20; Kim Pham, 19; Eric Williams, 22; and Victoria Thompson, 20. Williams is from Fremont and the others are all from the South Bay. Police said they are all "connected socially," and that they knew Aquino.

Kenneth and Faith Thomas fled the state shortly after the murders, and police said they traveled by Greyhound bus, possibly stopping in Las Vegas, Florida and Georgia. The FBI became involved in the investigation after Georgia police

said Kenneth was wanted for pimping out a missing 15-year-old runaway from the Bay Area.

Mountain View detectives, who went to Georgia to help the investigation there, also linked Thomas to three violent robberies.

"They have been all over the place," police spokesperson Liz Wylie said of the two siblings. She said she could not comment on how police tracked down the two in Los Angeles.

Police arrested Kenneth on Nov. 26 at a hotel in Los Angeles, and took Faith into custody several hours later.

The siblings have been brought back to Santa Clara County and were arraigned Monday. They are scheduled to enter plea bargains on Dec. 15. Kenneth is charged with two counts of murder and conspiracy and could face 50 years to life in prison. Faith is charged with conspiracy to commit murder and could be sentenced to 25 years to life, said Amy Cornell, spokesperson for the District Attorney's office.

"Of course the investigation is ongoing. Charges could be added or dropped," she said. "It depends on the investigation." ■

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■ CITY BRIEFS

SEGWAYS BANNED ON DOWNTOWN SIDEWALKS

Segway scooters are not allowed on sidewalks in the downtown business area, but they are allowed on other city sidewalks as well as park trails, City Council members decided Tuesday.

Earlier this year, Richard Roeder, a Mountain View resident who rides a Segway to his job at Microsoft via the Stevens Creek Trail, expressed concerns to the mayor's office after park rangers told him he could not ride his vehicle on the trail.

After reviews by three committees and commissions, the council approved by a 6-1 vote a two-year pilot program during its Tuesday meeting, allowing bikes and Segways on trails and sidewalks throughout the city, but regulating their use downtown.

"We talk about sharing the road, we need to look at sharing the trail," Vice Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga said before the vote.

During the meeting several residents expressed concerns that allowing the vehicles, which can travel up to 12 mph, on the trails could endanger pedestrian safety. Council members said they would revisit the issue in two years if need be.

"If it is not working, we will change it," said council member Jac Siegal.

— Casey Weiss

DECISION TIME FOR CUESTA ANNEX

Besides addressing the Mayfield plan, the City Council is scheduled to approve a master plan for the Cuesta Annex dur-

ing its upcoming meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Future use of the 12-acre parcel of open space next to Cuesta Park has been a controversial issue, drawing hundreds of residents to city meetings on the subject. The council has expressed support for a flood detention basin in the front third of the Annex that will prevent flooding along Permanente Creek, has yet to decide on a community garden in the rear portion of the Annex.

There is also debate over a proposed city history museum at the Annex. Some residents say the structure would hinder the view of the mountains, especially if it is more than one story high. City manager Kevin Duggan said the master plan will not determine the height of the museum.

— Daniel DeBolt

COUNCIL

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mean more drivers cutting through their neighborhood to find the most direct route to U.S. Highway 101. The council hopes that traffic calming measures such as speed humps will mitigate that problem.

"Monta Loma has been very concerned about this development and its traffic impact," Tymes said, adding that it will also put 800 to 900 more cars on San Antonio Road, which is already backed up with traffic during rush hour. A city-commissioned traffic study said that there would actually be less traffic with homes than with the former office use, but neighbors disagreed, and performed their

own traffic study to prove it.

The 27-acre development on the corner of Central Expressway and San Antonio Road was once the site of the Mayfield shopping mall — one of the first indoor shopping malls in the country. The building was heavily remodeled for Hewlett-Packard offices in 1986.

If the project is approved and developed, the existing building would be demolished and hundreds of trees cut down. New condo buildings would be five stories tall in some areas, with building heights tapering down in the approach to the existing neighborhood. Forty-two two-story single family homes would line the perimeter. The plans also call for two parks totaling nearly four acres.

Earlier this year, Toll Brothers chose not to exercise its option

to buy the property from Hewlett-Packard for an undisclosed amount. Mayor Means believes that HP may sell the land and the approved project to the highest bidding developer next year.

There is a chance that the council will push discussion of the project into next year. Council member Laura Macias says she wants the council to approve it in pieces over several meetings.

However, the Dec. 9 meeting is the last for this City Council. Mike Kasperzak and John Inks will replace Matt Pear and Nick Galio to when meetings resume in January. But the council's attitude towards Mayfield is not expected to change significantly. ▀

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MEASURE B

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funding for the BART extension is lined up in advance.

The request for a recount hinged on a technical issue: The registrar's office normally is required to conduct recounts when the margin of victory is less than .5 percent. But because "margin of victory" is defined as the difference between votes for

and against a measure — 33.56 percent in this case — state and county officials argued they can't perform the recount, Schonbrunn said.

"The issue is that the margin of victory is less than one vote per precinct," Schonbrunn said. "We have no way of knowing whether the measure actually won."

He said the rules that are in place to ensure accuracy in close races don't apply to ballot measures

requiring supermajorities, such as the two-thirds approval required for Measure B.

"The Secretary of State created this problem by issuing faulty regulations," Schonbrunn said. "Now, instead of having resolve they're hoping the whole issue would go away."

A spokesperson for the Secretary of State has said that state election officials are considering revisions to the regulations. ▀

to Second Harvest Food Bank. The Sobrato Family Foundation matches all donations to the food bank made by Dec. 31, so the dinners' organizers — Pat Jordan, Silke Gurlich, and Eggi Kochta — are delighted that the total contribution will be \$1,750. ...

And thanks, belatedly, to the

Mountain View firefighters for their "Thanksgiving Meal Give-away" last week at the Senior Center. About 120 meals were served on Tuesday, surely brightening up someone's holiday. ▀

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the hungry.

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Cubberley Artists Holiday Open Studios

Sunday, Dec. 7, Cubberley artists will open their studios to the public for this year's Cubberley Artists Holiday Open Studios. There will be hands-on activities and art-making demonstrations as well as lots of artwork on display. 2-5

p.m. Free. Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Wings E, F & U, Palo Alto. Call 650-200-5242. www.cubberleystudios.com

Gamble Garden will host a holiday puppet show Saturday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. "A Time to be Jolly" by The Puppet Company will be performed. \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Reservations required. Age 3+ with adult. 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Visit <http://www.gamblegarden.org> for more information.

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Barn Stage's show, performing through Dec. 20. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22-\$32. Bus Barn Stage Company, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551 or visit www.busbarn.org.

FESTIVE FEASTS

The Palo Alto YMCA will host a holiday card and cookie-making social on Thursday, Dec. 11. The cards and cookies created will be donated to the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. Please bring a donation of cookie dough or baked cookies to the event. Noon-1 p.m., 3412 Ross Road, Palo Alto.

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Viva la Musica! presents "Celebrate the Nativity!" Sunday, Dec. 7, 3-5 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$25. St. Mark's Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. For more information, call 650-281-9663 or visit www.vivalamusica.org

WHERE TO GIVE

The Mountain View Police Department is accepting new, unwrapped toys and clothing as well as gift cards and cash for children up to 18. On Saturday, Dec. 20, children from the community will gather at the Mountain View Police Department for the six annual "Cops That Care" holiday gift-giving event. This program is designed for families in Mountain View who are unable to purchase gifts for their children this holiday season. Donations can be brought directly to the police department. For more information, contact Officer Ron Cooper at 650-903-6344. 1000 Villa St., Mountain View.

PETCO stores are selling ornament cards in denominations of \$1, \$5, \$10 or \$20 to benefit the PETCO Foundation for orphaned animals. Donations may also be made online through Dec. 24. Visit www.petco.com or call 650-966-1233. 1919 El Camino Real, Mountain View.

Holiday tree-lighting event Monday

By Kelly Truong

The public is invited to celebrate the holiday season with friends, family and neighbors next week during the Mountain View Community Tree Lighting Ceremony. The event will take place at the Civic Center Plaza on Monday, Dec. 8, beginning at 6 p.m.

The event, a yearly favorite, will feature refreshments, family activities and a live appearance by Santa Claus. Local Mountain View groups will perform live

holiday music, and children will have the opportunity to have their pictures taken with Santa.

The city of Mountain View encourages the public to bring a can of food to the event to help build a "giving tree," which benefits Community Services Agency. CSA, based in Mountain View, provides assistance to thousands of local residents in need.

The ceremony will take place from 6 to 8 p.m., rain or shine, in the Civic Center Plaza, located next to City Hall at 500 Castro Street. ■

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VERONICA WEBER

Marcos Leyva goes over vocabulary words and common English phrases while subbing for an English class at the Day Workers Center in Mountain View on December 3, 2008.

DAY WORKER

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In the San Antonio shopping center parking lot, where many day workers go to await an employer, men gather in small groups of eight or so, usually based on countries of origin, said Officer Lopez. If a man arrives from Guatemala, he will usually hang around other Guatemalans.

Some of these groups don't like the rules that the center imposes, which include no drinking or gambling. Others say there isn't enough work at the center, and still others have developed relationships with employers who don't use the center.

Meanwhile, last year the center had to move to its current location at Hope and Mercy streets, putting it farther from the San Antonio parking lot and making Organista's job that much harder.

But despite all these obstacles, "We have noticed a real change in the attitude of the workers on El Camino," Organista says. "This program has had an impact. More people are arriving from El Camino Real to find employment at the Day Worker Center

of Mountain View."

Lately, Organista has been accompanied by Stanford student Joe Mellin, who is working on a Web site for day workers to help them find jobs. It provides each worker's story, work experience, a summary of skills and testimonials from employers. Some day workers have years of experience in skilled labor such as construction trades, but employers usually know little about the workers they hire, Mellin said.

As for Organista, his goal is to save enough money to open a small supermarket. But he admits that is a long way off. Like a lot of the workers, it has been years since he's seen his children — he was forced to leave the four of them behind because there weren't any jobs in Mexico. Now he considers the center a "second home," where people are like family.

Marroquin said money from the *Voice* Holiday Fund will go towards community relations efforts. The center also is looking for contributions that will help pay to renovate its newly purchased building on Escuela Avenue.

For more information, visit www.dayworkercentermv.org or call (650) 903-4102. ■

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LORENZO ORGANISTA



About the Holiday Fund

Voice readers who want to increase the impact of their charitable donations this season can give to the Holiday Fund, which helps arrange matching grants from local foundations that can nearly double the size of contributions to seven local nonprofit agencies.

This year the Wakerly

Foundation, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation will match, to the extent possible, all contributions to the *Voice* Holiday Fund. Last year, *Voice* readers gave \$42,000, which after matching grants created a total contribution of \$75,125, or \$10,732 for each of the seven

nonprofit agencies.

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

How to Give

Your gift helps children and others in need



Contributions to the Holiday Fund will be matched dollar for dollar, to the extent possible, and will go directly to the nonprofit agencies that serve Mountain View residents. Last year, *Voice* readers contributed more than \$40,000, which with matching grants,

provided more than \$10,000 to each agency

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

This year, the following agencies will be supported by the Holiday Fund:

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Enrollment surge puts district in a bind

The Mountain View Whisman Elementary School District may have painted itself into a corner.

Just two years ago, the district looked at its slumping enrollment and decided that it could squeeze itself into six elementary schools and give up Slater School, which it signed over to Google for \$650,000 a year on a five-year lease.

Today, the district is watching its enrollment shoot upward, reaching near capacity at all elementary campuses. Current enrollment numbers were not expected until 2011.

And now the district faces a new problem: The highly regarded and popular PACT program (Parents, Children, Teachers) is outgrowing its home on the Castro campus. So last month, members of the school board discussed spending nearly \$2 million to build a new home for PACT at the district office on San Pierre Way. By doing so, space would open at Castro School and the pressure to accommodate more students would be relieved.

It's an appealing option, but expensive, even after the \$2 million. That's because a new PACT campus would be housed in a site now being leased to the YMCA. Counting lost rent and additional expenses, the new campus would cost the district \$400,000 a year to maintain.

And as longtime board member Ellen Wheeler immediately pointed out, now is not the time to be spending such a large sum when the outlook for state education funding is so bleak. Wheeler raised the issue of salary increases for teachers, asking rhetorically, "Do we say no teacher raises, but we are going to spend \$400,000 a year to move PACT?"

It's a tough question, and one the district will continue to ponder. But it is difficult to ignore the bind the district created when it gave up Slater School, along with the capacity to house more than 300 students, back in 2006.

Equally difficult to ignore is the almost certain loss of about \$1.5 million in state revenue that is expected to be announced in the next few months. Couple that with the \$2 million price tag for a new PACT building, and the loss of \$400,000 a year, and the district is looking at a huge financial burden in its near future.

Meanwhile, the students continue to pour in. As for taking back Slater School, that can't happen until the 2011-12 school year — and, of course, it comes with its own debilitating loss of the \$650,000 a year in rent which Google pays the district. That may be the cheaper option, however, compared to the alternative of building a whole new campus.

Given the sour economy and the rotten outlook for state funding, the best course is for the district to shepherd its resources for the benefit of all its students, not just the 160 in the PACT program. Now is not the time to commit to even a minor building project.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

DRIVING WHILE TALKING IS DANGEROUS

Editor:

I can't say that I am sorry that you received a ticket for driving while cell phoning (From the Editor's Desk, Nov. 28). Having been rear-ended twice by people talking on their cell phone, I am all for whatever it will take to stop people from talking on phones while driving.

I will live with pain forever because those drivers thought their lives were so much more important than anything else. I just wish the law was in place in 2005 and 2007 when I was hit, so both drivers would have been arrested for causing accidents and bodily injury while talking on their phones.

Besides pain, I had the hassle of car repairs, doctor's appointments, diagnostic exams, physical therapy, reduced activity and hassling with insurance companies. So I just don't feel too bad for people who are ticketed and have to pay fines, even if they would rather use that money to purchase the latest cell phone or headset.

It is about time people learned to be considerate of the rest of us.

Ann Schneider
Hillwood Court

HANG UP AND DRIVE

Editor:

No sympathy here. I am sick and tired of cell phone users forcing me to take evasive maneuvers to stay alive because they are weaving all over the road while talking or texting on their phone.

Just to make it clear, I also fear: the lady on Central Expressway who does her hair every morning with the butane powered curler and the driver's sun shade down

to use the mirror (no way she can see the road), the man on Central Expressway who reads the *New York Times* while driving by draping it over the steering wheel, all the Prius owners on Interstate 280 and Highway 85 with Obama stickers and diamond lane tabs who look only at the little TV screen to check their mileage and never look out the windshield.

And last, but not least, the ladies in Cupertino who hide behind large green or orange eye shades and then hold the phone flat on their hand and talk and weave all over the road.

If you are in the car, drive, and leave the other things to do when you are in Starbucks.

Paul Tetach
Canyon Vista

IS PEACE IN THE AIR?

Editor:

With the changing of the guard from President George W. Bush to President-elect Barack Obama, there has emerged a general attitude of anticipation that the bulk of our troops will be home with their families within the next 18 months. However, there has also been considerable skepticism. People around the world are holding their collective breath.

The local nonprofit group Mountain View Voices for Peace (MVVP) was organized to promote ending wars and to advocate civil methods to resolve disputes threatening to escalate into military combat. Its members have, for nearly a decade, engaged in many peaceful antiwar demonstrations, rallies, public vigils, Congressional appeals, public forums, veteran memorial events, newspaper ads and articles and inspirational

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■ GUEST OPINION

Local sub-acute center helps man in need

By Heidi Stone

In the summer of 2008, Oscar Arriola was a victim of violent crime and was admitted to Stanford Hospital after a brutal attack on his life.

Paula Zenti, social worker at Stanford, developed a close relationship with Oscar. Oscar was not a U.S. resident; he was a citizen of Guatemala. He had no insurance and only a cousin in the area.

When Paula would call his family in Guatemala on her work cell and put it to his ear, he would light up. His wife would cry on the phone because she couldn't be near him to comfort him. He wasn't able to communicate or remember very much.

Numerous attempts were made by Paula to make connections with the limited family he had here, but the future looked bad for Oscar. After weeks in the hospital, Los Altos Sub-Acute and Rehabilitation Center was contacted by Paula and asked if the patient could be admitted into the skilled nursing facility for medical treatment and rehabilitation.

Because of the lack of insurance, but due to the strong relationship between the hospital and Los Altos Sub-Acute, a financial agreement was reached to provide care to Oscar by Stanford for the first two to three months of service.

Oscar came to Los Altos Sub-Acute (LASA) with multiple head injuries, wearing a helmet to help keep his skull intact. He could not speak, could not walk, and was at a high risk of falls.

The timeframe for coverage arranged by Stanford had long passed, however Los Altos Sub-Acute kept Oscar safe and continued care for another five months. Oscar lost the need for the helmet, became completely ambulatory and spoke at length (in Spanish only) to several staff members of LASA.

The time came that Oscar

was healthy and ready to be discharged from LASA, but with no family, the loss of his job and temporary home here, he had nowhere to go. The relationships that Oscar built with the staff at LASA — including one with Victor Reyes, admission coordinator (who is also from Guatemala) — were truly that of genuine care. It became evident that the only safe discharge plan would be to return him home to his family.

Efforts were made between Janeth Alvarez, social worker at LASA, and Paula Zenti at Stanford in the hopes of sending Oscar back home to Guatemala. With the support and financial assistance, not only did Stanford purchase a ticket for Oscar back home, they also purchased a ticket for Victor to escort him to Guatemala. Funds also were raised by the staff at LASA for Oscar so that he could afford future medications and food for his family.

Oscar was reunited with his family on July 8 of this year. His family was there to greet him.

However, the team at LASA recently learned that Oscar had suffered what appeared to be a stroke just within the last month, and could not afford the medical attention or medications needed. Together with the help of their sister facilities — Grant Cuesta Sub-Acute and Rehabilitation in Mountain View and Palo Alto Sub-Acute and Rehabilitation — LASA has again made fundraising efforts, and to date has raised close to \$1,000 to send to Oscar's family.

We are proud to serve the communities in which we live. As practiced, "We are families, serving families." ■

Heidi Stone is director of marketing for the Los Altos Sub-Acute and Rehabilitation Center. Anyone interested in donating funds to help Oscar Arriola can call Stone at (650) 814-8657.

LETTERS

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community gatherings.

Encouraged by the bright promise Obama has been manifesting for bringing the Iraq war and occupation to an end, MVVP is organizing an "Expect Peace" community candlelight gather-

ing to be held in the Mountain View park located at the corner of Castro Street and El Camino Real on Friday, Dec. 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The event will include singing along with the entertaining trio "Annie and the Vets" and an open mic for sharing relevant thoughts. All are encouraged to attend.

Fred Duperrault
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Cars line the parking lot outside the 99 Ranch supermarket in Mountain View.

VERONICA WEBER

Doors open at new 99 Ranch

INTERNATIONAL SUPERMARKET REPLACES NOB HILL ON GRANT ROAD

By Kelly Truong

An entirely different kind of supermarket recently took up residence where the old Nob Hill used to be at 1350 Grant Road.

The 99 Ranch supermarket, which renovated the shopping center before opening one month ago, sells mostly Chinese food but includes a selection of products from around the world, including Mexican, American, Filipino and other foods.

The supermarket doubles as both a grocery store and dining facility, featuring a hot foods area with rotisserie duck, chicken, buns, congee, and self-serve dim sum. Customers may pick and choose

any three individual dim sum items for \$2.20. Also featured are a bakery and deli section, as well as a large produce section and live seafood tanks.

The supermarket features a hot foods area with rotisserie duck, chicken, buns, congee, and self-serve dim sum.

As a predominantly Asian grocery store, 99 Ranch offers items not commonly found in Western supermarkets, such as popular Asian snacks Pocky, lychee, wasabi peas

and mochi. Since its opening, the supermarket has extended its parking area by offering new parking spaces behind the store.

The store's closest competition is the new Nob Hill next door, as well as the Nijiya Japanese market and Smart and Final across the street. There are also two small Asian markets on Castro Street.

A similar store called the Golden Phoenix closed a few years ago at Middlefield Road and Rengstorff Avenue. That site is set to reopen as a Fresh 'n Easy grocery store in 2009.

The 99 Ranch chain has 21 other stores in California, and more stores in Nevada, Washington state and even Indonesia. ▀

E-mail Kelly Truong at ktruong@mv-voice.com

Business advice from the master

By Angela Hey

The Computer History Museum, together with the Churchill Club, recently presented an evening with Sam Wyly, who was interviewed by venture capitalist Dixon Doll.

Sam Wyly is one of the computer industry's great entrepreneurs. Unusual for a high tech entrepreneur, he branched out beyond the computer business into steakhouse, craft shop, financial and energy businesses. As we enter an industry downturn, he has plenty of advice for the budding entrepreneur. After all, a recession can be the best time to start a business.

As a high school football player,



Wyly learned that to succeed you must set goals and practice, and persist despite defeats. He observed how his father's newspaper business, in the Louisiana bayou, had purchased used equipment. He did so years later when, with a University of Michigan MBA and IBM sales experience under his belt, he purchased a used Control Data 1604 computer.

Wyly then found some space in Southern Methodist University and set up a timesharing business, University Computing Corp., in Dallas. He relentlessly focused on selling, and on understanding his customers.

All this reminded me of a talk I heard earlier in the year at Books Inc. by Rupert Hart. Hart was promoting his book, "Recession Storming." His thesis is that in a

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The way forward

SPRINGBOARD FORWARD HELPS EMPLOYEES
SET AND REACH THEIR PROFESSIONAL GOALS

By Jennifer Pence

Until recently, a sign on Shoreline Boulevard in Mountain View marked the headquarters of Springboard Forward, a nonprofit that helps low-income workers achieve a career path of "Engaged Employment." Springboard Forward has since relocated to larger quarters in Belmont, but it is still helping employees in Mountain View and beyond to achieve their career dreams and move upwards from low-wage jobs that can otherwise lead to a cycle of hopelessness and low performance.

Springboard Forward was founded by former Mountain View resident Elliott Brown to align the interests of businesses and low-wage workers in an unprecedented way. "Asking business to 'do good' in our communities because it's the right thing is counter to how our economy works. Springboard Forward has found a way to leverage Silicon Valley businesses by solving some of their most difficult challenges," says Brown.

Brown theorized that when employees develop a career path, even one that includes eventually leaving their current employer, they become more engaged in their work and perform better, creating value for the company as well as themselves. Data from Springboard Forward's programs confirm this idea. For Home Depot employees as a whole, only 38 percent were still employed at Home Depot a year later, but 86 percent of Springboard Forward participants were still there, saving hiring and training costs.

Supervisors also notice a significant difference in employee's attitudes. Tamara Stafford, director of education at El Camino Hospital (one of Springboard Forward's partners) explains, "We're investing in our employees' futures, and

they truly appreciate it. Our supervisors say that staff are already more motivated and engaged at work."



Employees who participate in Springboard Forward begin by attending a kick-off workshop where they develop a career map depicting their strengths, weaknesses and interests. For some employees, the career mapping process is a very emotional experience. At a recent seminar, one employee cried, saying that no one had ever asked her before what she actually wanted to do at work.

From there, each participating employee is assigned a career coach. All 60 of these career coaches are professional coaches who are recruited and trained by Springboard Forward; coaches are paid for their work, but at a fraction of their usual rates. Career coaches begin by meeting with both the employee and the employee's manager to discuss the employee's goals. These goals may include things as varied as taking community college classes, getting a raise at work, or training to become a plumber. Employees meet with coaches for one hour every other week for the first three months, then sessions switch to once every two months. The meetings are employee-driven since the role of the coaches is to support employees in their decisions, not force goals on them or tell them what they should do.

Springboard Forward currently serves over 300 employees. Mountain View-based partners include El Camino Hospital and Bon Appetit, which provides food services at Google and Cisco, among other places. Springboard Forward is also working with a number of Bay Area Ross stores and Home Depots, and has plans

to expand beyond the Bay Area.

The biggest thing constraining Springboard Forward's growth is the availability of career coaches. Any career coaches who are interested in learning more can do so at www.springboardforward.org, as can companies that might be interested in setting up a Springboard Forward program for employees.

Says Robert Reich, Former U.S. Secretary of Labor, "Springboard Forward is a wonderful example of leveraging capitalism to address the economic divide. Organizations like Springboard Forward are exceedingly important in order that companies know how they can be profitable and also achieve social objectives." ▀

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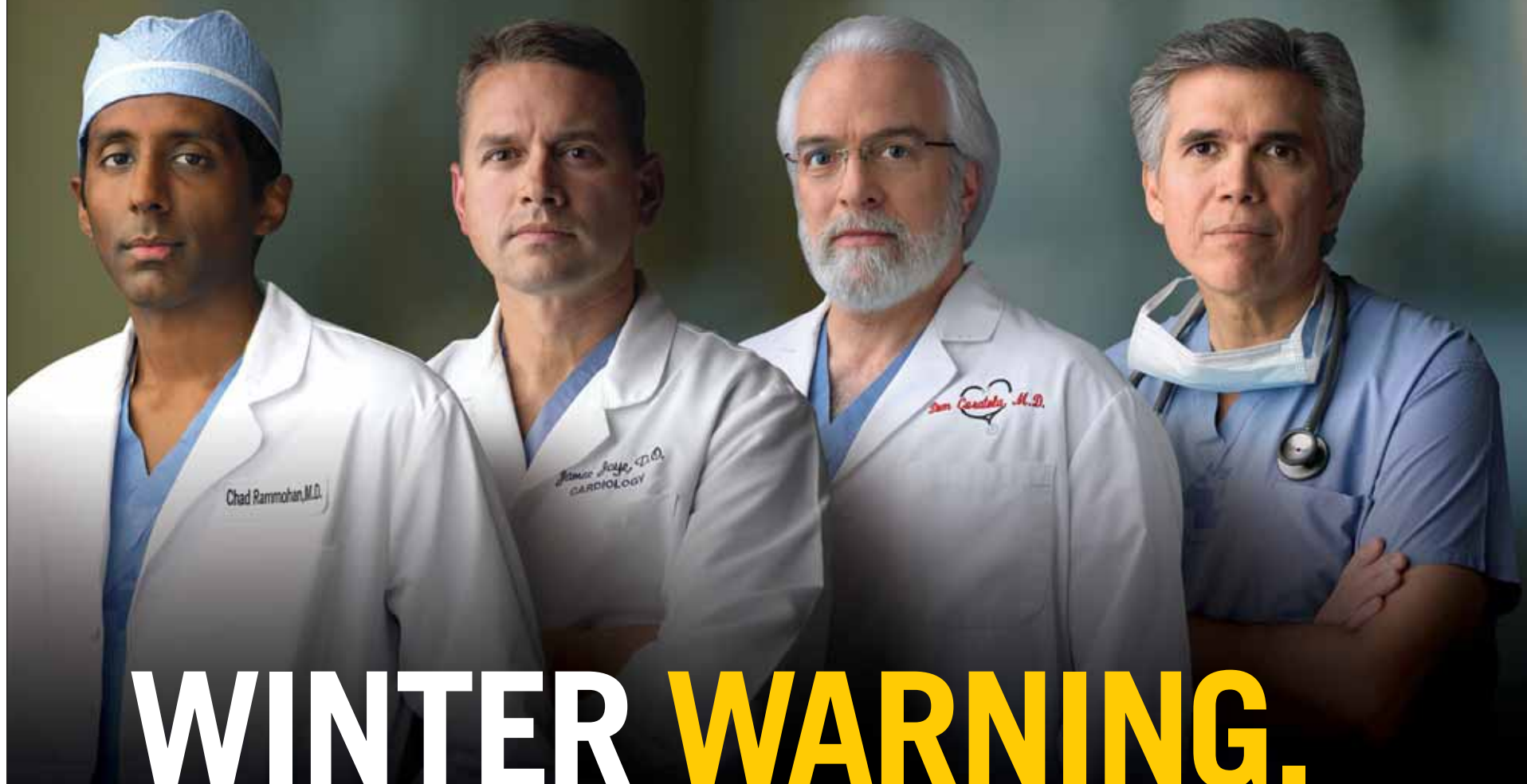
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recession you need to be out there, vigorously persuading customers to spend money and working with buyers to close sales. Instead of laying off a sales force that can't close orders, companies can storm the recession by improving sales management, marketing more intensely and creating special offers to retain business.

Another lesson Wyly learned early in life was the importance of building the right team. In his autobiography, "Entrepreneur to Billionaire: 1,000 Dollars and an Idea," he writes, "Great teams do not always win, but without a great team — without synergy and oneness — winning becomes that much tougher."

Wyly choices were sometimes made for him, not by him. He loaned a friend some money who had helped him with University Computing Corp.

in his early days. The friend put up a chain of restaurants as collateral. When the chain couldn't be sold, Wyly was left with Bonanza steakhouses. After some thought, he decided he couldn't let the restaurants fail, and worked over 20 years to grow Bonanza into a franchise of 600 restaurants. He sold the chain when weekly numbers started to turn down, for he had observed in prior recessions that a decline in restaurant sales were a six-month leading indicator.

Wyly showed how his optimism and long-term thinking helped him bounce back from business failures. For example, he invested \$100 million for eight years in Datran, a data networking company that shut its doors in 1976. Undaunted, he went on to found more companies based on networking.

Sterling Williams, a top salesman from UCC, joined forces with Wyly to create Sterling Software, an enterprise software company. Sterling Commerce split off from Sterling Software

as the businesses started to trade over computer networks. In 2000, Sterling Commerce was sold to Computer Associates for \$4 billion in stock. (Not mentioned during the Dixon Doll interview was the bitter proxy fight that Wyly waged to try to oust Computer Associates' corrupt board.)

Wyly spoke of how he had diversified by investing in the Michaels chain of craft shops and hedge funds. Throughout the interview, he emphasized how passion is critical to business success. His latest passion is Green Mountain Energy. His www.BeGreenNow.com Web site lets you offset your carbon consumption by buying energy credits and carbon offsets. And it lets you give green gifts, such as a tree for an ecosystem restoration project.

He offered plenty of wisdom for the New Year: Set goals, be optimistic, join a winning team and look forward to success in 2009. ■

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■ BUSINESS BRIEF

DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES HOLD HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Downtown Mountain View businesses will spread the holiday cheer later this month with window displays, music and free beverages on Castro Street during the Central Business Association holiday open house.

The annual open house is an opportunity to enjoy the holiday season while also encouraging downtown business, according to Julie Smiley, the association's executive director. The event is Thursday, Dec. 18, and the Central Business Association is holding a window display contest for downtown businesses from 6 to 9 p.m. Customers will vote on the winner during the event.

Some stores plan to set up sidewalk sales and provide free drinks and treats for customers, and merchants will offer discounts for the holiday season. The Mountain View High School Madrigals will provide entertainment during the Open House, dressing up in Victorian era clothing and singing up and down Castro Street.

— Casey Weiss



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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

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PALO ALTO'S CAFE EPI DISHES UP
EURO-AMERICAN BISTRO FARE

By Dale F. Benton

Cafe Epi was not easy to spot while I walked along the north side of University Avenue in Palo Alto one day. It was near hidden behind the brawnier Abbey's Diner and the former Taxi's Hamburgers, near the corner of Waverly. Happily, I sailed by Abbey's and peeked into a contemporary, stylish diner that immediately registered as one of those chic cafes ubiquitous in Paris.

Epi (pronounced ay-pee) is French for an ear of wheat, or a baguette that resembles a stalk of wheat. An epi baguette has eight "ears" on it; each ear can be pulled off for an individual serving.

The notion of French baguettes matches owner Todd Le's predilection for French food. A former electrical engineer, Le ditched his high-tech job and enrolled at the California Culinary Academy about eight years ago.

Specializing in pastries, he partnered for a time with brother Hung Le, who owns Three Seasons and Bistro D'Asie in Palo Alto. Todd Le opened Cafe Epi in March on the site of the departed Fratelli Deli.

"My passion was always food. I have always been fascinated with French cuisine, especially French pastries, which are not as sweet

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as American pastries," Le said. "Since we opened, we have been overwhelmed with love from our customers."

Like any good French bistro, Cafe Epi is open long hours, from breakfast through late-evening repast.

Service is prompt and the menu affords a wide range of choices from omelets, appetizer plates, soups, salads, sandwiches, pastries and desserts to an assortment of coffees, teas, beers and wine. It's a place to linger over the morning paper, get into and out of quickly, or socialize with friends.

The interior is brightly lit with tables neatly aligned towards the front and to one side. The service counter and three large glass deli cabinets line the other. The glassed cabinets display appetizing pastries such as croissants,

turnovers and cookies, along with salads, individual servings of cheesecakes, mousses and cakes. Nearly everything is made on the premises.

There are daily specials too. I enjoyed the steak frites (\$12.95), a reasonably portioned rib-eye steak with bordelaise sauce, fresh-cut French fries and green salad. The rib-eye at Cafe Epi far exceeds the quality of entrecote typically served with steak frites in Europe.

The menu lists seven soups made on a rotating basis with at least two available each day. The roasted red pepper with gouda cheese (\$3.50 cup, \$5.95 bowl) was tangy but not spicy hot, velvety, with a nice balance of cheese and sweet pepper.

The Nicoise salad (\$7.95) was particularly good. Over a crisp bed

"Since we opened, we have been overwhelmed with love from our customers."

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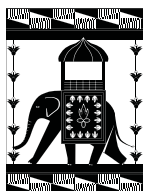
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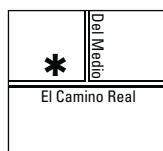
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CAFE EPI

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of organic baby greens were finely diced radish, onion and capers,

and large chunks of albacore tuna. A brisk vinaigrette brought the salad to glistening life.

Other salads include beef tri-tip, smoked salmon, mixed sea-

food, Caesar, mixed baby greens and chicken breast. Prices range from \$7.95 to \$10.95.

Cafe Epi's sandwiches excel. Served on fresh-baked baguettes,

most come with a choice of side vegetable as well. The roast turkey breast sandwich (\$7.95) was loaded with tender chunks of meat, French brie, mixed greens

and cranberry sauce.

Several delicious vegetarian sandwiches are available. The tasty grilled eggplant (\$7.95) I tried was layered with roasted red peppers and mozzarella cheese, drizzled with olive oil and housed between thick slices of baguette.

Besides croissants, turnovers and cranberry nut bread, Cafe Epi offers eat-in or take-out individual desserts (\$4.50-\$5). For breakfast, numerous scrambled-egg and omelet combinations (\$7.75-\$10.95) are served until 11:30 a.m. Not to mention myriad juices and coffees. ▀

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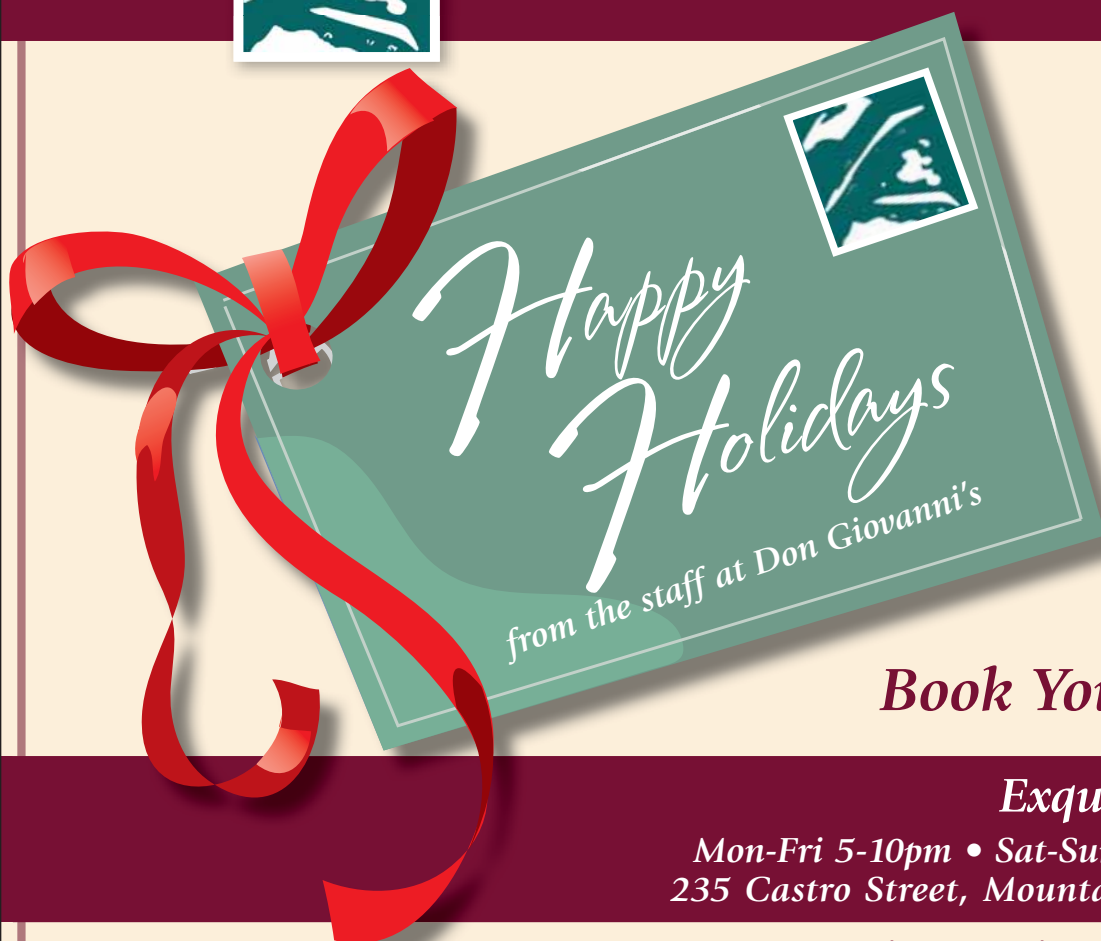
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AUSTRALIA (PG-13) ★★1/2

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Palo Alto Square: 1:30, 5 & 8:30 p.m.

BOLT (PG) ★★1/2

Century 16: 10:35, 1, 3:25, 5:50 & 8:20 p.m. Fri. & Sat. at 11:45 a.m.;
2:15, 4:35 & 7 p.m. Sun. also at 9:25 p.m.
Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 12:05, 12:50, 1:50, 2:30, 4:30, 5, 7, 7:30, 9:30 & 10:05 p.m.

THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS (PG-13) ★★1/2

Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 1:50, 4:20, 6:55 & 9:20 p.m.
Century 20: 11:50 a.m.; 2:20, 4:55, 7:20 & 9:45 p.m.

CADILLAC RECORDS (R) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:35, 4:15, 7:15 & 9:50 p.m.
Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 2:15, 4:50, 7:25 & 10 p.m.

CHANGELING (R) ★★1/2

Century 16: 1:15 & 7:05 p.m.
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FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 20: Tue. & Wed. at 12:40 & 6:20 p.m.

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Century 16: Fri. at 10 p.m.

KILL BILL: VOL. 2 (R) ★★1/2

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MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA (PG) ★★

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Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 2, 4:45, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m.
Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 2:40, 5:15, 7:50 & 10:25 p.m.

PUNISHER: WAR ZONE (R) (NOT REVIEWED)

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

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (R) ★★

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

ROLE MODELS (R) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 10:45, 4:25 & 10:15 p.m.
Century 20: 12:30, 3:05, 5:40 & 8:05 p.m.

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG-13) ★★1/2

Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 1:55 & 4:25 p.m.

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) ★★

Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; 2, 4:45, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m.
Aquarius: 1, 2:45, 4, 5:30, 7, 8:30 & 9:40 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at noon.
No 5:30 or 8:30 show Thu.

TRANSPORTER 3 (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 12:30, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55 & 10:25 p.m.
Century 20: 1, 3:25, 5:50, 7:10, 8:15, 9:40 & 10:40 p.m.

TWILIGHT (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

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

Note: Screenings are for Friday through Tuesday only.

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For show times, plot synopses and more information about any films playing at the Aquarius, Guild and Park, visit www.LandmarkTheatres.com

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★★★ A good bet
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For show times, plot synopses, trailers and more movie info, visit www.mv-voice.com and click on movies.



MOVIE REVIEWS

AUSTRALIA ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) From the get-go the tone of "Australia" is too diverse, starting with some slapstick melodrama that follows English rose Lady Sarah Ashley (Nicole Kidman) as she crosses the globe to Faraway Downs, the remote cattle station owned and operated by her errant husband. What she finds is a dilapidated farm, a dead spouse and a motley crew of Aborigines that includes a mystical youngster by the name of Nullah (Brandon Walters), whose poignant voice-over unfurls Australia's long and difficult history with the Stolen Generation. Naturally Sarah needs a driver to help her get 1,500-plus head of cattle from A to B to secure a lucrative military contract. The driver in question is hot and hunky Drover (Hugh Jackman). Nothing surprises here: the burgeoning beauty-and-the-beast romance, Sarah and Drover's growing attachment to Nullah nor the good vs. evil narrative that's just shy of stale. *Rated: PG-13 for language, some violence and mature themes. 2 hours, 35 minutes.* — J.A.

BOLT ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Protective pooch Bolt (voice of John Travolta) is the star of a popular television show about a super-powered dog and his "person," Penny (voice of Miley Cyrus). The show's methodic director feels the program's success rests on the fact that Bolt actually believes he has super powers. Bolt busts free when he mistakenly believes Penny has been kidnapped, and is accidentally shipped to New York. There he forces a sarcastic alley cat, Mittens (voice of Susie Essman), to help him rescue Penny, and the two set off on a cross-country trek. "Bolt" is a near-perfect family film — appealing to the eye and the heart. *Rated: PG for some mild action and peril. 1 hour, 36 minutes.* — T.H.

THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS ★★1/2

(Cinearts) Mark Herman crafts a taut World War II drama that packs a controversial wallop. It's a tense Germany in the 1940s, and a well-placed SS commandant (David Thewlis) is promoted up the ranks. He then sees fit to relocate his wife and children from Berlin to the relative safety of the German countryside. The family's new home backs up onto a concentration camp, though mom and her offspring naively believe it to be a working farm labored by displaced Jews. Then son Bruno (a remarkable Asa Butterfield) befriends an 8-year-old prisoner named Shmuel (Jack Scanlon) who finds solace in the hush near the high-voltage fence. Nazi war films have come and gone, but few have displayed such a fresh and poignant perspective. *Rated: PG-13 for intensity and disturbing themes. 1 hour, 34 minutes.* — J.A.

I'VE LOVED YOU SO LONG ★★1/2

(Aquarius) Kristin Scott Thomas is Juliette, newly arrived at her sister Lea's home (Elsa Zylberstein) from a place we mustn't discuss

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— prison. Her brother-in-law isn't pleased, resisting the emotional warp and woof of his wife's family crises. Little by little the disquieting details are revealed: Juliette has spent the last 15 years locked up on a murder charge. Whom did she murder and why did she do it? The undercurrent of tragedy is probing and persistent. And the essence of writer/director Philippe Claudel's drama is the unspoken: resentment, fear and a fierce desire to make amends. *Rated: PG-13 for disturbing adult themes. 1 hour, 55 minutes. In French with English subtitles.* — J.A.

MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA ★★
(Century 16, Century 20) Alex the lion (voiced by Ben Stiller) and friends Marty the Zebra (Chris Rock), Melman the Giraffe (David Schwimmer) and Gloria the Hippo (Jada Pinkett Smith) escape from the Central Park Zoo, gain transport on a shipping freighter and end up washed ashore in Madagascar. Blink. And now the four friends intend to catch a flight home on a wreck of a plane, piloted by those pesky penguins. Blink again. The CG-movie has hardly begun. Adults will experience deja vu with the sequel, although appreciating the animation and music-and-dance numbers. There's less fun than the barrels of monkeys working to repair the plane — and more idle dialogue than monkey chatter. But kids will be kids. What don't they like? *Rated: PG for some mild crude humor. 1 hour 29 minutes.* — S.T.

QUANTUM OF SOLACE ★★★
(Century 16, Century 20) Daniel Craig continues his smoldering run as takes-a-lickin'-and-keeps-on-tickin' British super agent James Bond. "Quantum" is a true sequel, picking up where the more stylish "Casino Royale" left off, with Bond so blinded by inconsolable rage (over the death of favorite femme fatale Vesper Lynd) that he's laying waste to his nemeses with reckless abandon. Bond goes rogue to avenge Vesper's death, much to the consternation of unflappable M16 head M (Judi Dench). She wants his kinetic energies focused on Mr. Greene (Mathieu Almari), a spiteful bad boy ostensibly rejuvenating the earth while secretly gaining control of natural resources by negotiating illegal pipelines with foreign dictators. *Rated: PG-13 for language, violence and adult themes. 1 hour, 45 minutes* — J.A.

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

■ **MOVIE CRITICS**

S.T.-Susan Tavernetti,
J.A.-Jeanne Aufmuth, T.H.-Tyler Hanley

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HIGHLIGHT

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The Friends of Rengstorff House invite the community to delight in the seasonally decorated Victorian house, sing carols around the piano and enjoy a cup of cider. Tue. Dec. 9, 2008, 7-9 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.r-house.org

ART GALLERIES

'Winter Gifts' All gallery exhibit featuring painting, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, photography, collage, metal work and jewelry. Through Dec. 24. Gallery 9 hours: Mon-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

BENEFITS

LAHS Holiday Plant Sale Decorate for the holidays and support Los Altos High School Instrumental Music programs! Poinsettias, wreaths, bulbs, dish gardens, baskets, Christmas trees and more for sale at the high school and downtown Los Altos. Sat. Dec. 6 and 13, 2008, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. <http://sharepoint.mvla.net>

Spectrum Fine Homes 7th Annual Pajama Party A Holiday open house, potluck and pajama drive benefiting Mountain View Community Services hosted by Spectrum Fine Homes, Inc. Dress is very casual (many guests arrive in pajamas). Please bring family, an hors'd'oeuvre or dessert to share, and a new pair of pajamas for a child age 8-16. Sun., Dec. 7, 1-5 p.m. Free. Spectrum Fine Homes, Inc., 188 S Whisman Road, Building A, Mountain View. Call 650-960-2449. www.spectrumfinehomes.com

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

CPR and First Aid Basic CPR and first Aid Classes. Healthcare professional/renewal CPR. Call and pre-register. Wednesdays, 5-9:30 p.m. Basic CPR \$60 and Basic First Aid \$40 or combination of \$75 and Health care Professional \$75. All Care Plus, Inc. 862 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-0204. www.allcareplus.org

Seasonal Baking Creations Learn about the making of breads and sweets with farm fresh seasonal ingredients. Ages 8 and up. Location: Wolken Education Center. Sat., Dec. 6, 2-5 p.m. \$30 per person Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. <http://www.hiddenvilla.org/calendar.php>

CLUBS/MEETINGS

Palo Alto Ski Club The Palo Alto Ski Club has owned its lodge in Squaw Valley since 1967. The club meets the first Wednesday of each month, plus special events and parties. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. www.paloaltoskiclub.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

3rd Annual Holiday Market at GISSV Holiday Market at the German International School of Silicon Valley in Mountain View. The market will take place Dec. 6. Hot food and beverages, live music, vendors offering goods like jewelry, glass items, books, Stollen and more. 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. German International School of Silicon Valley, 310 Easy St., Mountain View. Call 650-254-0748. www.gissv.org

Egan School Holiday Faire Egan School seventh- and eighth-grade students sell homemade crafts, gift items and foods. The Faire raises funds for the school library and teaches students entrepreneurship. Fri., Dec. 12, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Egan Junior High School, 100 West Portola Ave., Los Altos. www.eganschool.org

Holiday Gift Fair Support craftspeople overseas; music, refreshments and other holiday activities. Items for sale include jewelry, scarves, soaps and lotions, stationary, purses and bags, rugs, bowls and toys. Sun., Dec. 14, noon-2:30 p.m. Free. Open Door Church Mountain View, Fellowship Hall on the grounds of Mountain View First Presbyterian Church 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-330-7525.

Human Rights, International Justice Professor Allen Weiner, Stanford Law School, will speak in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights. Wed., Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Youth Center, 1 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos.

CONCERTS

Peninsula Women's Chorus Peninsula Women's Chorus presents its Winter concert series, "Seven Joys" featuring San Francisco composer, Kirke Mechem's "Seven Joys of Christmas" and seven movements of "Autumn Landscapes" by PWC friend and composer Veljo Tormis. Sat., Dec. 6, 8 p.m. \$18 advance/ \$20 at concert. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-327-3095. www.pwchorus.org

DANCE

Dances of Universal Peace Dances of Universal Peace (Sufi Dancing) are a spiritual practice for peace. Dancers join hands in a circle, sing sacred phrases from different spiritual traditions and dance simple movements and patterns. No experience is necessary. All are welcome. 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free-will donation. Fireside Room, Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 East Charleston Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-368-6121. <http://www.peaceworks-dancesna.org/EventsByState.asp?state=CA>

English Country Dancing English Country Dance. Live music, no partner needed, all dances taught, comfortable clothes and shoes. 1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesdays through June. 8-10 p.m. \$9/\$7 members/\$5 students. Flex-It Studio, 425 Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-224-5318. http://www.bacds.org/series/english/mountain_view/

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Docent-Led Walks of Shoreline Learn about Shoreline at Mountain View's: maritime history; landfill legacy; environmental processes; ecosystems; birds, wildlife; and more. Walks depart from Rengstorff House and last about one hour on the 4th Sunday of every month. Bring/Wear: layered clothing, walking shoes, binoculars. No advanced reservations required. 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Rengstorff House, Shoreline at Mountain View, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6073. <http://www.d.mtnview.ca.us>

EXHIBITS

CreatiVision3 - Foothill College Digital Photo Show CreatiVision3, a digital photography show, featuring the images of Barbara Collins, Tamara Barr, and Marcia Bhide. CreatiVision3 highlights the work of three local award-winning artists. Barbara Collins, Tamara Barr, and Marcia Bhide. Through Dec. 7, Free. Foothill College Photography Department Gallery, Building 6100, 12345 S El Monte Road, building 6100, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7014.

Moffett Field Historical Society Museum Museum displays memorabilia, artifacts, photos and aircraft models; tours of museum and view of the exterior of Hangar One. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wed.-Sat. Admission fee charged. Moffett Field Historical Society Museum, Building 126, Moffett Federal Airfield, off Highway 101, Mountain View.

FAMILY AND KIDS

Book Launch: "Jay and Juhi, The Taj Mahal Adventure" Story time, snacks and a meet and greet with author, Monica Kumar. Brother and sister explorers, Jay and Juhi find themselves in the middle of one of the wonders of the world in: The Taj Mahal Adventure. Ages 4 - 8. Sat., Dec. 6, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Books, Inc., 350 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net

Choral Festival; Music School & MVHS Sunnyvale Music School will join the Mountain View High School choral department for a choral festival, featuring 150 young children combining voices with the Madrigals and other choral groups from the high school. Sun., Dec.

7, 4-5:45 p.m. Suggested donation: \$8 adult/\$5 child. Mountain View High School; Spartan Theater, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. Call 408-739-9248. www.themusicschool.org

Family Yoga For parents and their children 5-12. Beginners are welcome. To register call 650-903-6897. Thu., Dec. 11, 7-7:45 p.m. Free. City of Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7054. <http://library.mountainview.gov>

Girls Engineer Their Tomorrows An afternoon of engineering for girls in grades 4-5. Make lip gloss, bracelets with solar beads, build bridges and lemon batteries. Presented by the Space Cookies, the all-girl high school robotics team sponsored by NASA Ames & Girl Scouts of Northern California. Sat., Dec. 6, 1-5 p.m. \$40. location given with registration, Palo Alto. Call 510-537-9607.

Kindermusik Demo Classes Demo of music classes includes singing, instrument/prop exploration and movement. Demos for babies (ages birth to 17 months) Tue., Dec. 9, at 9:30 a.m. and Thu., Dec. 11, at 11 a.m. Demos for preschoolers age 3 - 5 on Wed., Dec. 10, at 1:15 pm. RSVP required. Free. Nelson home, 1404 Bonita Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-968-4733. <http://wendyofmv.kindermusik.net>

HEALTH

CPR and First Aid Classes Every Wednesday night, CPR and first-aid classes. CPR basic/health care professional/renewal and basic first aid class. Please call and pre-register. Can be taken separately or combination. 5-9:30 p.m. \$75 for both. 862 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-0204.

LIVE MUSIC

Fortnightly Music Club Concert Fortnightly will present its monthly concert, Sun., Dec. 14. Works include Liszt's "Dante Sonata" performed by pianist Natalya Lundvelt; French songs performed by soprano Peggy Spool; Prokofiev's Violin Sonata in D performed by violinist Clarice Horelick and pianist Anthony Doheny. 8-10 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto.

Call 650-714-5400. www.fornightlymusicclub.org

ON STAGE

"A Christmas Carol" at Palo Alto Children's Theatre A musical adaptation of Dickens' holiday classic follows Scrooge's magical journey. Plays Dec. 5-20, \$10 adult, \$5 child. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4930. www.cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre

"The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" The Foothill College Theatre Arts Department teams up with Peninsula Youth Theatre for a production of "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe," Dec. 4 through Dec. 7, 2-3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7. Discounts are available for groups of 15 or more. Parking is \$2. Foothill College Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7360. <http://www.foothill.edu/fa>

The Nutcracker Western Ballet performs this classic. Friday Dec. 12 at 7 p.m., Sat. Dec. 13 at 1 and 7 p.m., Sun. 14 at 1 and 6:30 p.m. Sweet Tea Parties follow the matinee performances on Saturday & Sunday at 3 p.m. \$24 adults, \$23 seniors/children. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-4455. www.westernballet.org

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Francisco Jimenez to speak at Graham

Noted author on the immigrant experience, Professor Francisco Jimenez of Santa Clara University, will speak at Graham Middle School in Mountain View on his childhood as a migrant farm worker through completing high school and entrance to Santa Clara University. Tue., Dec. 9, 6-8 p.m. Free. ALearn presents Dr. Francisco Jimenez, Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-948-3746.

Furry Friends Rescue Holiday Pet

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Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum Don Reynolds, a retired engineer from NASA Ames Research Center, talks about his experience working on infrared astronomical instruments and the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy. SOFIA: The Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy, on Tue., Dec. 9, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$11, \$12 for non-members. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. <http://tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml>

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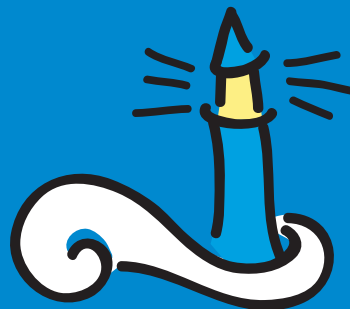
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File No. 516299
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Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 4, 2008.
(Voice Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5, 2008)

ASHLEY'S PET AU PAIR
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File No. 516334
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Ashley's Pet Au Pair, 807 Emily Dr., Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County:
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807 Emily Dr.
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County on November 4, 2008.
(Voice Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5, 2008)
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File No. 516357
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 5, 2008.
(Voice Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2008)

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File No. 516654
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Quality Chinese Translation Services, 880 E. Fremont Ave., Suite 106, Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County:
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File No. 516941
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, The UPS Store # 1847, 650 Castro St., Suite 120, Mtn. View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County:
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(Voice Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2008)

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 24, 2008.

(Voice Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2008)
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File No. 517278
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997 All Other Legals

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Date of Filing Application: NOVEMBER 4, 2008
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(Voice Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 2008)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
ELIZABETH G. DAVIDSON
also known as
BETTY DAVIDSON
Case No. 1-08-PR-164285
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ELIZABETH G. DAVIDSON, also known as BETTY DAVIDSON.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: MARY ANN WELLER SAMUELSON in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MARY ANN WELLER SAMUELSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on JANUARY 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 15 of the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ John F. Foley
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(Voice Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2008)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Date of Filing Application: November 13, 2008
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MOUNTAIN VIEW

604 EL RANCHITO WAY

\$889,500

Spacious bungalow style home near downtown Mountain View. Large back yard, 3br/2ba, approximately 1700 sq. ft. of living space. Large family room with fireplace, hardwood floors, freshly painted.

▼ OPEN SUNDAY, 1:30-4:30

LOS ALTOS HILLS



12100 OLD SNAKEY ROAD

\$4,498,000

Newer custom built Mediterranean estate w/Old World details throughout. 5BR incl large master suite w/sep sitting rm, 5 bathrooms, library/office. Chef's gourmet kitchen & large breakfast nook opens to spacious family room.

25870 RIDGEWOOD LANE

\$2,295,000

This approx. 4300 sqft family home offers great living space for the active family. The spacious home boasts 6 BR/4BA & an open Kitchen/Family rm floor plan. Filled with light, there are wonderful vistas from most rooms. Downstairs, there is a second family rm which opens to the pool. Close in location & excellent Los Altos Schools.

LOS ALTOS

1486 FAIRWAY DR

\$3,798,000

Newly constructed 5 BR home on approximately half AC flat lot. Beautiful gourmet kitchen, open family room, soaring ceilings, crown moldings, hardwood floors, office, 3 car garage.

1520 MONTEBELLO OAKS

3,495,000

Custom designed home w/ exceptional attention to detail. Soaring ceilings, crown moldings, gorgeous stone & hwd floors. Sep. in-law quarters w/ living rm plumbed for kitchenette, laundry & separate entry. Game rm, wine cellar, sauna, theatre rm. Wonderful yd w/professional landscaping & rm for pool.



287 QUINN HILL RD.

\$2,648,000

Fabulous Wendell Roscoe designed home perched high on a knoll top with views of the hills. The great floor plan features a large great room, formal dining room surrounded by windows with views and a lower level room with bath that could be used as a four bedroom, office or theater room. Beautiful mature landscaping and patio enhance outdoor living with pool and koi pond.

▼ BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

LOS ALTOS HILLS

ENTERTAINER'S DREAM ESTATE

\$13,600,000

This elegant estate includes a library, two family rooms, theater room, au-pair quarters, wine making facility, pool, cabana, 8-10 car garage. MBR suite w/sep. retreat and fireplace. 2,000 SF guest house. Palo Alto Schools.

SPACIOUS LIVING

\$4,988,000

Set on 3.23+/-AC, the main residence of this estate has 5BR suites incl. master w/sitting area & FP. Kitchen w/center island, formal dining rm, living rm, library, theatre rm, family rm w/built-in entertainment system, sep. in-law qtrs. Pool & spa, sprawling lawns, patios, cabana, gazebo. 5-car garage.

CUL-DE-SAC LOT

\$2,395,000

This ideal 1.18AC cul-de-sac lot is graced with luscious mature trees. The property offers privacy & tranquility. Sewer & water available at the property. PG&E & cable available near property line. MDA: 6,611 / MFA: 15,861.

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Living room with fireplace, high ceiling and wood floors
Gourmet kitchen features granite counter top, maple cabinets and stainless steel appliances
Dining area with crown molding and recessed lights
Dual master suites with vaulted ceiling, plantation shutters and walk-in closets
Attached 2 car garage
Inside full size laundry hook-ups
Priced at: \$898,000

919 La Mesa Terrace #C
Sunnyvale

Open Saturday
1:30 to 4:30



Updated 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome
Formal entry
New bamboo floors & new carpet
Living room w/ wood burning fireplace
Kitchen with granite counter top
Large dual master suites
Baths with dual vanities & skylights
Inside laundry hook-ups
Attached 2 car garage
Priced at: \$698,000

1562 Canna Court
Mountain View

Open Sat & Sun
1:30 to 4:30



Beautifully updated 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome w/ greenbelts
New dual pane windows
Remodeled kitchen features hardwood floors, granite counter top, maple cabinets and large pantry
Living room with fireplace and sliding glass door to patio
Bedrooms with ceiling fans and new neutral colored carpet
Baths with granite counter tops and new cabinets
Attached 2 car garage
Priced at: \$658,000

347 Sierra Vista Ave. #1
Mountain View

Open Sunday
1:30 to 4:30



Desirable 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome end unit
Hardwood floors on 1st level
Living room with bay windows and wood burning fireplace
Remodeled kitchen with granite counter top, recessed lights, new cabinets and new appliances
Full baths w/ granite counter tops
Master suite with vaulted ceiling
Priced at: \$638,000

625 Teresi Lane
Los Altos

Open Saturday
1:30 to 4:30



Desirable 4 bedroom, 2 bath home in great location and full of opportunity and potential
Vaulted wood beamed ceiling in eat in kitchen, living and family rooms
2 way fp in living & family room
Skylight in each full bath
Oversized backyard with aggregate concrete, mature fruit trees, wood deck & bench and 2 storage sheds
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- Brand New Granite Vanity Counter Tops in Bathrooms
- Brand New Tiled Floor in Kitchen
- High Vaulted Ceiling in DR & LR
- Hardwood Floors in LR & DR
- Brand New Carpet in Bedrooms, Hallway, & on Stairs

- Brand New Dishwasher, & Drop in Range Oven
- Brand New Light Fixtures Thruout
- Huge Skylight in Living Room
- Fireplace in Living Room
- Upstairs Patio off Living Room W/ a gorgeous green belt view
- Downstairs Patio off Master Bedroom has Flagstone
- New Designer Paint Colors Thruout

Offered at: \$598,000

183 Jenkins Lane, Mountain View



Just Listed

Open Sat & Sun
1-4 p.m.

- 4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths
- 1,839 Sq. Ft. of Luxurious Living Space
- 3,485 Sq. Ft. Premium Lot
- New Custom Exterior Paint
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- Remodeled Kitchen with Granite Counter Tops with Full Backsplash & Granite Breakfast Bar
- Brand New Stainless Finish Appliances
- Maple Engineered Hardwood Floors Downstairs

- Remodeled Master Bath with Granite Vanity Top, Travertine Shower Walls and Floors
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- Landscaped Backyard w/ Flagstone Patio
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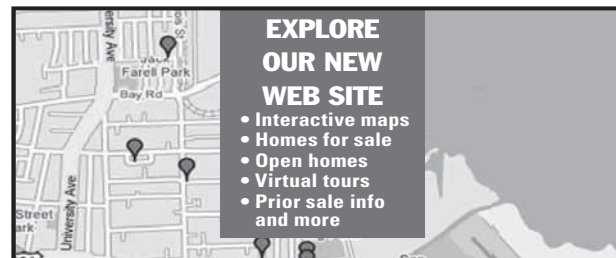
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Yvonne Gau**650.941.7040****MOUNTAIN VIEW****4 BR | 2.5 BA****1551 CANNA COURT****\$658,000**

Best location in complex! Overlooking Greenbelt! A/C! Spacious Living rm w/fireplace. Updated kitchen w/pantry. Updated bathrooms w/granite. Terrific floor plan!

Afsie and Sia**650.948.0456****MOUNTAIN VIEW****3 BR | 3 BA****610 WILLOWGATE ST****\$799,000**

Refinished hardwood floors. New carpets. Separate family room & dining room. Walk to downtown and light rail station.

Garrett Mock**650.328.5211****PALO ALTO****2 BR | 2 BA****440 CESANO COURT #203****\$699,000**

Single level, secure building. Gated parking. Office. High ceilings. Inside laundry. Pool.

Charlene Geers/Vicki Geers**650.941.7040****MOUNTAIN VIEW****4 BR | 3 BA****342 MARTENS AVE****\$1,095,000**

Formal entry, Jacuzzi tub, office, cottage, guest suite, fireplace, mature landscaping & large lot.

Tim Trailer**650.325.6161****MOUNTAIN VIEW****3 BR | 1.5 BA****8 SUTTER CREEK****\$549,500**

Priced to sell!!!! Bright Townhome with a nice patio, garage & inside laundry. New paint, new carpet and double pane windows.

Shilpa Merchant**650.948.0456****CARMEL****EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY****\$3,250,000**

Enjoy the future benefits of owning white water views. Lot size approx. 5,800 sq. ft.

Dora Thordarson**650.941.7040****GILROY****1154 SPRIG WAY****\$719,000**

5 BR 3 BA Granite kit, prep sink, 2 sided bdrm, frplace in Master. & retreat. 2 master closet, hdwd.

Justin Berglund**650.948.0456****LOS ALTOS****BEAUTY IN THE DETAILS****\$3,198,000**

4 BR 3.5 BA Mediterranean completed in 2007. Near Club. Marble, mahogany, art glass & over-sized doors.

Terri Couture**650.941.7040****EXCEPTIONAL NEW HOME****\$2,888,000**

4 BR 3 BA Striking architectural design & fine quality craftsmanship.

Julie Lau**650.325.6161****568 SHIRLYNN CT****SUN 1:30 - 4:30****\$2,750,126**

5 BR 4 BA Built by builder for himself-no expense spared-open floor plan around huge greatroom

Jerry Haslam**650.948.0456****45 ROCKPOINT LN****SAT/SUN 1 - 4****\$2,520,000**

5 BR 4 BA Price Reduction! Breathtaking views! I of a kind! Privacy & seclusion! Easy access to 280.

Katalin Kathy Horvath**650.948.0456****PRESTIGE DOS PALOS****\$2,195,000**

3 BR 3 BA Beautiful remodel by creek on cul-de-sac. Cook's kitchen. Formal dining. Top schools.

Anne Ward**650.941.7040****660 S SPRINGER ROAD****SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30****\$1,949,000**

4 BR 3 BA Lovely hm set far back from street on approx 23,000 sq ft lot in desirable Los Altos. Pool

Royce Cablayan**650.948.0456****MONSTER VIEWS!****\$1,799,000**

New cul-de-sac. Near town. Utilities under-ground. 4-lot subdivision. MFA is 5,700 sq. ft.

Gerry Lawrence**650.941.7040****301 BLUE OAK LANE****SUN 1:30 - 4:30****\$1,478,000**

3 BR 2.5 BA Cul de sac loc on lrg lot w/mature trees and pool! Creek side is back & side of property.

Barbara Cannon**650.948.0456****LOS ALTOS****1701 PENNY WAY****SUN 1:30 - 4:30****\$1,428,000**

4 BR 3 BA Flexible flr plan w/great curb appeal, excellent Cupertino Schls! LR w/vaulted ceilings

David Blockhus**650.948.0456****DESIRED LOCATION****\$878,000**

2 BR 2.5 BA Super sharp remodel in Los Altos Square. Approx. 1,568 sq. ft. 3 pools, sauna & clubhouse.

Dora Thordarson**650.941.7040****A PLACE TO CALL HOME****\$799,000**

3 BR 2 BA New condos. Los Altos schools. Stainless appliances. Anderson windows & doors. Last one!

Terri Couture**650.941.7040****LOS GATOS****ELEVEN GORGEOUS ACRES!****\$2,650,000**

Approximately 11 acres in area of spacious, lovely homes. Fully fenced. 3 wells plus city water. Electric & telephone on property. Los Gatos Schools.

Charlene Geers**650.941.7040****MENLO PARK****120 DUNSMUIR WAY****SAT 1:30 - 4:30****\$1,129,000**

3 BR 2 BA Hdwd flrs, sep.FR, fp. crown molding & raised 6 panel doors. French drs to lg backyard

Royce Cablayan**650.948.0456****2140 SANTA CRUZ AV #B201****SUN 1:30 - 4:30****\$489,000**

2 BR 2 BA Gated commnty ideal for residents 55+ yrs w/rec activities all-yr round. Lot's of amenities

Yasemin Richardson**650.948.0456****MOUNTAIN VIEW****HOME + INCOME IN MT. VIEW****\$2,100,000**

3 BR 2 BA Remod&like new SFR vacant, six lbd/lba units w/tenants, hwd flrs,FP,new custom tile baths

Tim Trailer**650.325.6161****692 BRYANT AVE****SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30****\$1,799,000**

5 BR 3 BA Top-of-the-line upgrades. Full wet-bar, bonus loft, outdoor kitchen, gazebo, pool/spa.

Owen Halliday**650.325.6161****TUCKED AWAY...****\$1,675,000**

5 BR 3 BA Cul-de-sac near MV High. 2,940+ sq. ft. Remodeled kitchen. Large family room. Patio, pool.

Joanne Fraser**650.941.7040****MOUNTAIN VIEW****WAVERLY PARK BEAUTY!****\$1,550,000**

5 BR 2.5 BA New House w/room for all! Spacious back yard! Great Waverly Park location.

Nancy Adele Stuhr**650.948.0456****DESIRED WAVERLY PARK****\$1,148,000**

4 BR 2.5 BA Fantastic home in desired area. Spacious floorplan. Solar heat savings! Near MV High.

Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen**650.941.7040****1269 CUERNAVACA CIRCULO****SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30****\$1,135,000**

4 BR 2.5 BA Largest flr plan in Cuernavaca! Euro-style eat-in kit, mstr w/fireplace & sunken tub.

Barbara Cymrot**650.948.0456****225 LAUELLA CT****SUN 1:30 - 4:30****\$898,500**

3 BR 2 BA Wonderful & well maintained home. New roof & new painting.

Robert Branden**650.948.0456****913 CAMILLE LN****SUN 1:30 - 4:30****\$898,000**

3 BR 3.5 BA FP, hi ceil, sep fam rm, 2-car. Nrlly new w/2 mstr suites. LR w/FP, high ceil, wood flrs.

Royce Cablayan**650.948.0456****1891 DREW AVE****SAT 1:30 - 4:30****\$898,000**

4 BR 2 BA Extensively expanded & remodeled. High Cathedral ceilings w/ skylights. New kitchen & baths

Garrett Mock**650.328.5211****DOWNTOWN LOCATION & CHARM****\$863,000**

3 BR 1 BA Old fashioned original w/hrdwd flrs, frplc, sep din rm, classic gas stove, walk to train.

Nancy Adele Stuhr**650.948.0456****IT'S A CHARMER!****\$788,000**

3 BR 1 BA Charming house in Blossom Valley. Refinished hardwood floors, spacious yard. Near park.

Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen**650.941.7040****1775 ELSIE AVE****SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30****\$730,000**

3 BR 1 BA Cute & Cozy, New Anderson Double Pane Windows, New Stucco exterior, close to schools.

Geraldine Asmus**650.325.6161****1390 W DANA ST****SUN 1:30 - 4:30****\$699,000**

1 BR 1 BA Close to everything! The home is 890 square feet & the lot is 5060 square feet.

Steve Scheck**650.948.0456****421 SIERRA VISTA AVENUE #2****SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30****\$688,000**

3 BR 2.5 BA Vault ceilings, skylites, updated kit, inside Indry. Granite counters in kitchen. 2 car gar

Royce Cablayan**650.948.0456****MOUNTAIN VIEW****1562 CANNA CT****SUN 1:30 - 4:30****\$658,000**

4 BR 2.5 BA Tile entry, remod kit features hardwd flrs, granite counters, maple cabinets & lrg pantry.

Royce Cablayan**650.948.0456****132 ALLEY WY****SAT 1-4****\$650,000**

2 Bed 2.5 Bath townhome. Convenient Location. Top Los Altos Schls. Close To Shops, Dining & Caltrain. Must See To Appreciate!

Prvt Garage, Extra Storage, Two Mstr Suites.

Two Patios. Excellent Complex Features: Spa, Pool & Playground.

Vladimir Altman**408.996.0100****2091 SAN LUIS AV #2****SUN 1:30 - 4:30****\$549,000**

2 BR 2.5 BA 2 mstr suites w/walk-in's, updt kit & ba's, fp, prvt @ rear of complex-overlooks greenbelt

Nancy Adele Stuhr**650.948.0456****REMODELED WITH A WOW!****\$399,000**

2 BR 1.5 BA "Short Sale" Make your best offer and the bank might accept it! Opportunity of a lifetime!

Geraldine Asmus**650.325.6161****PALO ALTO****DESIRABLE COMMUNITY!****\$1,080,000**

3 BR 2.5 BA Approx. 2,200 sq. ft. Den. Soaring ceilings. Large patio. Complex pool. Gunn High School.

Yvonne Gau**650.941.7040****SPACIOUS CORNER UNIT****\$699,000**

2 BR 2 BA Single level, secure building. Gated parking. Office. High ceilings. Inside laundry. Pool.

Charlene Geers /Vicki Geers**650.941.7040****REDWOOD CITY****EMERALD HILLS VIEW HOME****\$1,275,000**

4 BR 3 BA Updated contemporary. Views! Expansive deck. Remodeled kitchen, baths. Roy Cloud school.

Kim Copher**650.941.7040****STORY-BOOK HOME!****\$658,800**

2 BR 1 BA Home on a rare, magnificent cul-de-sac lot, close to Red Morton Community center, & YMCA.

Francis Rolland**650.948.0456**

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LOS ALTOS

60 LOS ALTOS SQUARE

2BR/2BA \$878,000

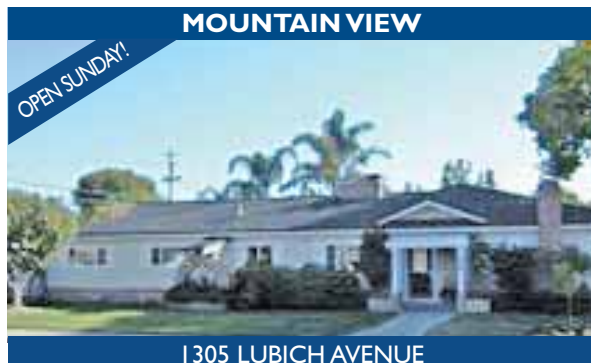
Super sharp, recently remodeled home in much desired Los Altos Square location. Elegant & artistic touches.Approx. 1,568 sq. ft. of living space with two master suites.Walk to Whole Foods. Complex offers 3 pools, sauna & clubhouse.



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MOUNTAIN VIEW

1305 LUBICH AVENUE

4BR/2.5BA \$1,148,000

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MOUNTAIN VIEW

1758 CRANE STREET

3BR/1BA \$788,000

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GILROY

1154 SPRIG WAY

5BR/3BA 719,000

STEEL FRAME NEW HOME! Granite kit, prep sink, 2 sided bedroom, fireplace in Master. & retreat. Jet tub in master bath, 2 master closets, hardwood floors, carpet, tile, alarm, side walkway,front & rear yard w/sprinklers. Long cement walkway in side yard.



Justin Berglund

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MOUNTAIN VIEW

2724 DOVERTON SQUARE

5BR/2.5BA \$1,550,000

WAVERLY PARK BEAUTY! Popular Waverly Park location. Formal entry, formal living rm w/frplc, sep. dining rm, lg sep family rm w/ frplc & updt eat-in kit. Lg master bed rm w/2 closets, hdwd flr thru-out, inside laundry, pantry dual zone heat & AC, lg back yd & more!



Nancy Adele Stuhr

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LOS GATOS

715 CILKER COURT

4BR/3.5BA \$1,799,000

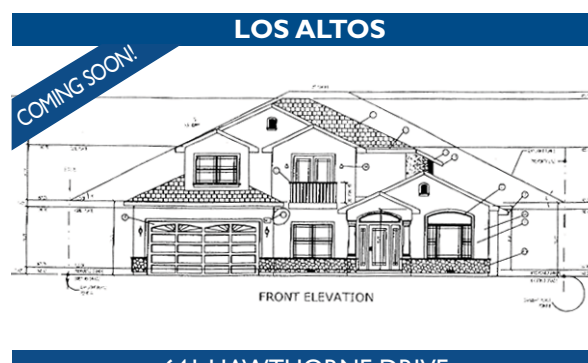
BEAUFIFUL NEW HOME! 2-story + finished basement w/BR/BA. Vaulted ceilings, fireplace, hardwood down; carpet up. Large eat-in kitchen, open flr plan w/LR/DR combo. Large master suite w/spa tub. 2nd story opens to below. 2-car garage



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LOS ALTOS

641 HAWTHORNE DRIVE

4BR/3.5BA Price Upon Request

Completion date: January 2009. Custom designed home is overflowing with high-end finishes. No expense has been spared in building this residence. Stunning entry. Formal living & dining rooms. Chef's delight kitchen has high end appliances. Oversized family room. Spectacular master suite. Expansive patio. CAT 5, wiring for surround sound, intercom & more!



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