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Ana Arrieta holds her 4-month-old daughter **Liliana** for **Dr. Paul Protter** as he checks her pulse at the **RotaCare** clinic last Wednesday.

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ROTACARE FREE CLINIC RECEIVES OVER 8,200 VISITS
EACH YEAR FROM LOCAL PATIENTS

By Casey Weiss

For four days, Ana Arrieta tried everything to nurse her newborn baby back to health, but nothing seemed to cure Liliana's cold and ear infection.

Arrieta lost her health insurance recently when she was laid off. After paying bills and everyday expenses for her two children, her family did not have enough money left over for the \$300 doctor visit for the baby.

Last week, after Liliana's crying and pain persisted, Arrieta turned to RotaCare, the free clinic located alongside El Camino Hospital. Funded by the El Camino Hospital Foundation — with crucial help from local

donors, such as those giving to the *Mountain View Voice* Holiday Fund — the clinic receives 8,200 visits a year from underinsured or uninsured patients like Arrieta. Around 250 volunteer nurses, doctors, pharmacists and their interpreters provide medical services for the patients, including care for minor illness, chronic pain management and free medications.

"We don't have a job, we don't have health insurance. The most important thing is a doctor can check her out," Arrieta said as

she waited in an examination room with Liliana.

That same day, dozens of other patients filled the RotaCare lobby, waiting to refill their medications or see doctors and nurses. Children played with building blocks and

read books, while Red Cross volunteers occupied patients with a safety preparedness demonstration. The clinic is open three evenings a week from 5:30 to 9 p.m., and patients must call beforehand to make an appoint-

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Local leaders: Race relations must improve

CHALLENGE TEAM MEMBERS SAY RECENT
INCIDENT SHOWS NEED FOR MORE DIALOGUE

By Casey Weiss

A week after police arrested three Mountain View High School students for alleged hate crimes, community leaders said the incident is a wake-up call on the need to discuss issues of race and tolerance.

The suspects, all white males ages 14 and 15, allegedly shouted racial slurs and threatened to kill four Latino 11-year-olds as the boys walked home from Graham Middle School on Dec. 5. They eventually ran out of the home they were in, police said, and chased the boys down the 1200 block of Mercy Street while brandishing a "replica firearm."

Police arrested the teens that same day on charges of hate crimes, criminal threats, brandishing a replica firearm and conspiracy to commit a felony.

Last Thursday, members of the Challenge Team, a consortium of local leaders which meets once a month to discuss issues facing at-risk students, called for a community-wide response in order to explore the roots of racism in the city.

"The reason I am adamant about doing something as a community to address this issue is I feel hatred is not hereditary. It is an acquired disease, and unless there is early detection and intervention it will spread," said Oscar Garcia, president of Mesa de la Comunidad, a nonprofit that advocates for the Latino community in Mountain View.

The suspects, whose names are not being released, do not have

criminal records, police said. But Graham Middle School Principal Gretchen Jacobs said that according to school records they were a "continuous problem" and "always in trouble" when they attended Graham last year.

The alleged crimes are an isolated incident, she said, adding that the Graham campus is normally calm and free of racial tension.

No one at the meeting seemed to doubt the guilt of the three teens, though police Chief Scott Vermeer

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Election results show city leans left

By Daniel DeBolt

Mountain View showed left-leaning political stripes in the November election, voting to the left of the county and much of the state according to certified results released earlier this month.

Compared to the average voter in Santa Clara County who cast a ballot on Nov. 4, Mountain View residents voted farther to the left on

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"Yes, I think they have to. It's important to bail them out because of the loss of jobs."

Shirley Hall, Mountain View



"No — let them fail. The U.S. has enough infrastructure that if they fail, someone else will put it back together again."

Randolph Tsien, Palo Alto



"With restrictions. The executives won't get bonus compensation, and their fiscal expenses need to be closely monitored. And they should pay it back."

Cindy Ingalls, Palo Alto



"I think the economy of the U.S. is based on free marketism. If the business was not good, it has to be phased out of the market. I don't think that help from the government is wise — otherwise, we'd become socialists."

Calvin Peng, Fremont



"If they're going to [increase] employment, then that will be good."

Alejandra Herrera, Palo Alto



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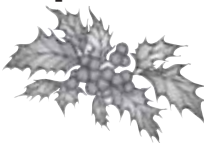
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200 Block Charleston Road, 12/9
Del Medio Ave., 12/11
San Antonio Road/Terminal Bl., 12/11
200 Block N. Shoreline Bl., 12/11

BATTERY

200 Block N. Shoreline Bl., 12/8

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE

San Antonio Cl., 12/11

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Fairchild Dr., 12/8
600 Block Leong Dr., 12/10

GRAND THEFT

Church St., 12/9
Runningwood Cl., 12/9
Ellis St., 12/11

MISSING PERSON - ADULT

Rite Aid - Grant, 12/11

MISSING PERSON - JUVENILE

100 Block Garden Way, 12/11

PAROLE VIOLATION

Higdon Ave., 12/11

PETTY THEFT

Castro St., 12/8
Annie Laurie Ave., 12/9
200 Block N. Shoreline Bl., 12/9
200 Block Fayette Dr., 12/9
200 Block Grant Road, 12/9
YMCA, 12/9
ECH, 12/9
200 Block Hospital Dr., 12/9
Independence Ave., 12/11

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/PERSON

Castro St., 12/8
Central Ex./Mayfield Ave., 12/8
100 Block Tulane Dr., 12/8
City Hall, 12/11

VANDALISM

200 Block Old Middlefield Way, 12/9

■ CORRECTION

A story in the Dec. 5 *Voice* provided incorrect information on new city regulations on the use of Segway scooters. Segways are banned on all Moun-

tain View sidewalks, not just those in the downtown area. They are still allowed on park trails.

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■ NEWS BRIEFS

EL CAMINO HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES WIN \$150K IN STATE LOTTERY

Fifteen employees at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View won more than \$150,000 collectively from the California State Lottery last week, according to lottery officials.

The employees, who have been playing draw games as a group for years, matched five of the six numbers in last week's MEGA Millions draw to win \$158,951, lottery officials said.

Members from the group said they plan to use their winnings to buy new TVs, new laptops and holiday presents.

One member reportedly said he did not plan to tell his wife about the money, but that she might find out anyway because she does the taxes, lottery officials said.

The winning ticket was purchased at Ernie's Liquors in Palo Alto, located at 3870 El Camino Real. The winning numbers were 21, 27, 46, 52 and 55, and the MEGA number was 14, lottery officials said.

— Bay City News

HETCH HETCHY WORK TO CAUSE CLOUDY TAP WATER

Mountain View's tap water may look, smell or taste slightly different in the coming weeks, city officials said, as a result of routine maintenance on the Hetch Hetchy water system by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

The most noticeable change will be a cloudy or milky appearance due to air in the water. Despite the temporary change in its appearance, the water is still safe to drink, city officials said.

Maintenance work on the system is scheduled to continue into January. For more information, visit www.ci.mtnview.ca.us.

— Staff Reports



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PARADE OF COLOR:

Local residents celebrate the Lady of Guadalupe Festival on Sunday in downtown Mountain View. Hundreds of participants, undeterred by the weather, wore traditional garb and marched down Castro Street during the annual parade, which is organized by St. Joseph Church.

Boards pick new leaders for new year

By Casey Weiss

Local governing hospital and school boards are ringing in 2009 with new members and leadership.

Only the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District had a contested election this year, but several new candidates ran unchallenged for other board positions in the region, and have recently been sworn in.

In the Mountain View Whisman Elementary School District, Steve Olson, a district parent and volunteer with the Day Worker Center, attended his first meeting last week as a trustee. He ran uncontested to replace Gloria Higgins, who stepped down to pursue a teaching career. Phil Palmer is

the board's newest president, Ed Bailey will serve as vice president and Fiona Walter is the clerk.

All five trustees in the high school district are returning for another term after incumbents Susan Sweeley and Phil Faillace won in the November election against challenger Colin Rudolph. Judy Hannemann will continue as board president with Joe Mitchner as vice president and Julia Rosenberg as clerk.

Foothill-De Anza Community College District trustees appointed Pearl Cheng as the board's newest member this month to fill an open vacancy. Paul Fong stepped down as trustee after local residents elected him to be an assembly member for District 22, which includes Mountain View.

Cheng, who ran against two dozen applicants for the open spot, has served on the Cupertino Union School District Board of Education for the past eight years. She currently works with an educational nonprofit, but was previously employed by NASA Ames in Mountain View.

The board also has a new leadership team, with Laura Casas Frier as president and Betsy Bechtel as vice president.

The El Camino District board of directors also has a new member, Uwe Kladde, who ran in an uncontested race to fill Edward Bough's seat. Kladde used to be the hospital's director of surgery services. The hospital board will not appoint a new leadership team until June 2009. ■

Police arrest six in gang stabbing

By Casey Weiss

Police say six Norteno gang members are in custody for the alleged stabbing of a rival gang member, part of an increase in violent gang-related crimes in Mountain View this year.

According to police spokesperson Liz Wylie, the six Nortenos were walking home Nov. 25 from

Terra Bella Academy — a county-run school for at-risk students on Terra Bella Avenue — when they encountered a group of Surenos on N. Shoreline Boulevard. A fight broke out, and one Sureno was grazed with a knife.

"They are all at Terra Bella together. It is always brewing," Wylie said of the two gangs.

By the time police arrived on the scene most of the people

involved in the fight had fled, and there was not enough evidence to make an arrest, Wylie said. The victim was not hospitalized or seriously hurt, and did not report the crime for several days.

After a week of gathering information from school staff and the victim, police arrested six minors on Dec. 3 and 4 associated with

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Plan for sustainable city whittled to 19 goals

By Daniel DeBolt

After a year of work by dozens of local environmentalists, City Council members have narrowed down a long list of goals to create the city's first "environmental sustainability action plan," to be approved early next year.

There are currently 19 goals in the plan, after 89 possible goals were developed by a 60-person Sustainability Task Force earlier this year. Making the cut are several green building programs, water conservation plans, composting and recycling programs, public education programs, a plan for hundreds of new trees and plans to encourage walking, biking and transit use.

Council members Jac Siegel, Margaret Abe-Koga and Ronit Bryant discussed the 19 goals on Monday. The members were pleased to see that city staffers intend to provide details on each goal, including costs and possible "unintended consequences." For Siegel, the main issue was money as the city's \$90 million general fund faces a projected deficit of about \$6 million next year.

"Every city in the country is facing financial problems," he said, adding that it might come to "whether to pay \$200,000 for this or lay off a policeman or close the library an extra day."

Task force members were adamant that the economic recession should not slow the efforts. Task force chair Bruce Karney said the council should move faster to adopt goals for greenhouse gas reduction, which are due next fall.

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Google vacates some buildings, buys others

By Daniel DeBolt

In an effort to centralize its workforce, Google has moved employees out of three buildings totaling 128,000 square feet, now up for lease, and moved the employees closer to the Googleplex. Meanwhile, the company has purchased four other buildings totaling 240,000 square feet.

The three vacated 42,630-square-foot buildings, which the

company is now subleasing, are at 2375 Garcia Ave., 2350 Bayshore Parkway and 1500 Salado Dr. Employees will be shuffled to the former Alza Corp. headquarters, a 450,000-square-foot building that was the last large property on the Googleplex's block not occupied by Google.

"We've always liked to have a dense campus core," said Google spokesman Andrew Pedersen. "It increases efficiency and helps people work better and more

economically."

The company has reportedly purchased four buildings just south of Googleplex along Shoreline Drive: 1010 and 1015 Joaquin Road, 1058 Huff Road and 1708 N. Shoreline Blvd. Those buildings would be more conveniently located between the Googleplex and large campus planned around Shorebird Way on 64 acres. The company says it is planning for its long-term growth.

The changes come as Google slows its once-rapid hiring pace. Google's workforce increased by only 519 employees worldwide in its last quarter, Pedersen said, down from 1,000 to 2,000 employees per quarter in recent years. The company now employs 20,123 employees worldwide.

Google also is subleasing 225,000 square feet of office space on Page Mill Road in Palo Alto that it never used. Meanwhile, the company has several large office building projects in Mountain View that are on hold. ■

GANG

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the Nortenos, and charged one of them with assault with a deadly weapon. The other five were charged with battery. All are 16 or 17 years old.

"They all got into a fight, but it seems the Nortenos were the first to make blows," Wylie said. "It turned into a big case over the course of a week."

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number of violent crimes involving gang members increased in 2008, even though overall gang-related crimes decreased this year. The police department is still tallying up the information.

The Terra Bella case is not yet closed, and there still could be more arrests, Wylie said. ■

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County offers 'Second Chance' over jail time

Bay City News

Santa Clara County law enforcement agencies will offer the gift of freedom this holiday season to people with outstanding misdemeanor criminal and traffic warrants, according to the sheriff's office.

The "Operation Second Chance 2008" program will allow all law enforcement agencies in the county to hand out citations with a new court date for those with outstanding warrants — instead of booking the people into jail.

Only individuals with non-violent misdemeanor and traffic warrants will be allowed to participate in the program, which runs until Dec. 31, sheriff's Sgt. Don Morrissey said.

The program is meant for people arrested for crimes such as petty theft, misdemeanor vandalism or reckless driving who are told to appear in court on a certain date and fail to do so. A warrant is then issued and the person can be booked into county jail if located.

With the Operation Second Chance program, people with these outstanding warrants can surrender to any law enforcement agency in the county and receive a citation

with a new court date instead of being locked up, Morrissey said.

People under warrants with any bail amount, including warrants stamped with "No Cite and Release," "No Walk Over," and "Post and Forfeit," will be allowed to receive a warrant citation with a new promise to appear in court.

The sheriff's department has had the Operation Second Chance program in place for the last three years, and had more than 200 people surrender last year.

"We've cleared about 1,000 warrants over the last three years through this program," Morrissey said. "It reduces the impact on the judicial system altogether."

Morrissey said that in addition to the people who will avoid spending the holidays in jail by setting a new court date, some cases are resolved on the spot with a fine or other resolution.

Those with felony warrants or warrants for violent crimes will not be allowed to avoid arrest but are encouraged to turn themselves in, Morrissey said.

Additional information about the program is available from the sheriff's office by calling (408) 808-4717. ▀

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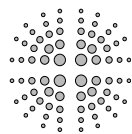
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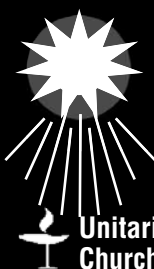
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LocalNews

SUSTAINABLE

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"There is a climate war going on — we can't afford to delay," Karney said. He added that the city would have to decrease its emissions by 2.5 percent a year over the next 40 years to meet the requirements of AB32. He said cities that lead the way will be more likely to receive help from President-elect Barack Obama's administration.

The city has met with the Valley Transportation Authority for one goal: to provide better transportation within Mountain View with a shuttle service. A staff report said city funds should not be used to subsidize such a service, as many have suggested. Instead, Abe-Koga, the city's VTA liaison, said the transit agency likely will start working with local cities to develop effective shuttle programs, as many cities have had similar complaints about poor transportation planning.

One of the committee's more

ambitious sustainability goals is a "zero waste" action plan which is at least three years off and would follow Palo Alto's lead in recycling or composting every bit of garbage in the city (the city currently recycles over 60 percent of its waste). A pilot food composting program for businesses also is being considered. Another proposal would put recycling bins near every garbage can in public places and provide them free to businesses.

Council members selected two different goals to encourage green building, as buildings are the second largest source of emissions in the city after transportation. One would train city planning staff and building inspectors to be familiar with green building techniques, another would require all new public buildings to be rated LEED Silver, which the council already voted against once before. Bryant said she was "embarrassed" the first time it was rejected, but hopes for a second chance to persuade the council.

The committee also wants a

pedestrian master plan, which would outline ways to make the city more connected and walkable for pedestrians. City staff said it would require up to \$200,000 for a hired consultant to coordinate the effort, but task force members said they were close to having made their own.

"We have volunteers offering to provide a draft," Bryant said. "I would say 'thank you.'" City staffers said they would have to think about it.

One short term goal was to redesign the city's utility bills to encourage water conservation, possibly giving cheaper rates to those who use less water. Educational goals included a rotating sustainability book display at the library and sponsor outreach at local events.

To continue to get the expert input of task force members, the council is considering an ongoing Green Citizens Collaboration and Action Team.

For more, see www.sustainablemountainview.com. ▀

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RACE

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said they grew up under difficult circumstances.

"The suspects in this case have a challenging home life," he said. "They are going to find ways to bring attention to themselves."

As for the victims, they have been given group counseling through Youth Services Unit, a new police

unit that brings counselors and police officers together to prevent gang violence and other problems facing youth.

Counselor Nicole Gwire said the boys are "angry" and "confused," but are healing thanks to support from the community, police officers and teachers.

"Typical mentality is they will turn their anger and confusion on someone else," Gwire said. "We don't want that to happen to

another innocent person."

Community leaders said they hope the Mercy Street incident will spark a conversation about race and hate crime in Mountain View. Alicia Crank, a member of the Human Relations Commission, had already been planning a showing of "Not in Our Town," a documentary about residents in a Montana town who rally against local hate crimes. Although the showing was planned for the spring, Cranks and other community and church leaders now want to show the film in early winter to encourage discussion about race.

"One of the reasons we want to push up the date is it is coming from somewhere," Cranks said of the alleged hate crimes. "Where is this coming from? It is sparking something for people to react like this. Let's find out what it is."

An average of one hate crime per year is reported in Mountain View, according to police spokeswoman Liz Wylie. The Mercy Street incident is the first reported hate crime in 2008.

The classification of "hate crime" is sometimes subjective and often controversial. In October, Spanish-language signs belonging to the elementary school district were stolen and reappeared on Shoreline Boulevard with "No More Aliens" spray-painted on them in red. District administrators called the vandalism a hate crime, but police said they did not have enough information to make that assertion. ▀

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ELECTION
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issues such as gay marriage, high speed rail, BART to San Jose, animal rights and parental notification for abortion. The only city in the county to vote more to the left on such issues was Palo Alto.

“If anything I think we might be getting even more progressive,” compared to last year, said Vice Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga. “In terms of voter registration, we’re overwhelmingly Democratic, though the number of Independents has grown.”

President-elect Barack Obama had more voter support in Mountain View and Palo Alto than in any other cities in Santa Clara County, winning 76.9 percent of the vote in Mountain View and 80.1 percent in Palo Alto. The average for a city countywide was 69.5 percent.

For state Proposition 8, a proposed ban on gay marriage, 69.3 percent of Mountain View voters opposed the measure, the

largest opposition in the county behind Palo Alto’s 75.7 percent. The proposition won in only three Santa Clara County cities: Morgan Hill, Milpitas and Gilroy. It won statewide anyway by a margin of 3 percent.

State Proposition 4, which would have required parental notification before a minor could have an abortion, followed a similar pattern among

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VICE MAYOR MARGARET ABE-KOGA

local voters. Only Palo Alto had a more liberal stance than Mountain View, with 71.5 percent voting against the measure compared to Mountain View’s 68.2 percent.

Abe-Koga echoed other officials in saying that Mountain View voters were instrumental in turning the tide on BART to San Jose, helping to pass Measure B by the slimmest of margins despite having opposed several BART-to-San Jose fund-

ing measures in previous years. Measure B required 66.67 percent of the county vote to pass, and garnered 66.78 percent countywide. Mountain View was among the most supportive of Santa Clara County cities, with 68.7 percent of voters in favor of the measure.

“Mountain View helped to put that over the top, basically,” Abe-Koga said. “I was extremely happy about that.”

Abe-Koga was also pleased with the city’s registered voter turnout—the highest of any large city in the county at 89.7 percent (the county average was 86 percent). Smaller Palo Alto had 89.8 percent, and Los Altos topped them all with a 91.6 percent turnout. County workers called the large turnout a once-in-a-lifetime event, likely due to the heated presidential race and controversial propositions.

Abe-Koga credited Mountain View’s “progressive” lean to the city’s changing demographics: more young people, more college educated people and changing racial demographics. ▀

How we voted on Nov. 4

	Mountain View	Santa Clara County	State
Percent voting for Barack Obama	76.9	69.5	61.1
Percent voting for John McCain	20.8	28.5	37.1
Percent voting for U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo	73.5	60.9	N/A
Measure A: For hospital seismic safety and medical facilities (Passed)			
Percent Yes	79.8	78.1	N/A
Percent No	20.2	21.9	N/A
Measure B: For BART extension (Passed)			
Percent Yes	68.7	66.8	N/A
Percent No	31.3	33.2	N/A
Proposition 1A: For high speed rail (Passed)			
Percent Yes	62.8	60.4	52.6
Percent No	37.2	39.6	47.4
Proposition 2: Standards for confining animals (Passed)			
Percent Yes	69.8	66.3	63.5
Percent No	30.2	33.7	36.5
Proposition 3: Children's Hospital bond (Passed)			
Percent Yes	57.3	60.3	55.2
Percent No	42.7	39.7	44.8
Proposition 4: Parental notification before ending pregnancy (Failed)			
Percent Yes	49.1	43.2	48.0
Percent No	50.9	56.8	52.0
Proposition 5: Nonviolent drug offense: sentencing, parole, rehab (Failed)			
Percent Yes	49.1	43.0	40.3
Percent No	50.9	57.0	59.7
Proposition 6: Police, law enforcement funding: criminal laws (Failed)			
Percent Yes	25.0	29.7	30.8
Percent No	75.0	70.3	69.2
Proposition 7: Renewable energy generation (Failed)			
Percent Yes	31.2	36.0	35.4
Percent No	68.8	64.0	64.6
Proposition 8: Ban on same-sex marriage (Passed)			
Percent Yes	30.7	44.3	52.3
Percent No	69.3	55.7	47.7
Proposition 9: Criminal justice system: victims' rights, parole (Passed)			
Percent Yes	43.4	47.7	53.8
Percent No	56.6	52.3	46.2
Proposition 10: Altern. fuel vehicles and renewable energy bonds (Failed)			
Percent Yes	38.6	42	40.4
Percent No	61.4	58	59.6
Proposition 11: Redistricting (Passed)			
Percent Yes	53.2	53.2	50.9
Percent No	46.8	46.8	49.1
Proposition 12: Veteran's bond (Passed)			
Percent Yes	62.5	62.0	63.5
Percent No	37.5	38.0	36.5

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This year the Wakerly

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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.



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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.

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ROTACARE

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ment.

"The clinic is the safety net for anyone who isn't insured," said nurse and community services coordinator Cheryl Canning, one of the clinic's few paid employees. "Volunteers are helping out the neediest people in the community."

Originally established by the Rotary Club, which set up nine similar clinics in the Bay Area, RotaCare moved to El Camino Hospital in 1996 and served 250 patients in its first year. The clinic now has specialists on staff, and can provide orthopedic, dermatological and vision care services.

Dr. Ethan Daniels, a cardiologist who volunteers at RotaCare once a month, said most of his patients visit the clinic because they "just need reassurance." The volunteers work together to provide appropriate medications and treatments despite the clinic's limited resources, Dr. Daniels said.

Many RotaCare patients have medical conditions that require steady treatment, Canning said, such as diabetes, hypertension and mood disorders. But it is difficult to provide this type of treatment since patients rarely see the same doctor.

A new case management program at the clinic helps to solve this problem by pairing a nurse practitioner with 143 patients with chronic conditions. She teaches them how to

make healthy lifestyle choices and helps the patients apply for medication. Canning said many of these patients cannot otherwise afford these medications. Money from the Holiday Fund will go toward helping run this case management program.

"These patients are living paycheck to paycheck," Canning said. "Sometimes they have to decide if they are going to use money to buy medication or feed their children."

When RotaCare staff sees a more serious case, they must rely on outside help, often from the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, to treat these patients.

The clinic used this community support earlier this year when Rabia, a 22-year-old refugee from Afghanistan, visited RotaCare with chronic pain. Rabia's leg had been hurt during a bomb blast in her home country. Unable to care for herself, she came to the U.S. to live with family. But without proper medical care, her condition had worsened.

"By the time she got to us, it was evident the injury was beyond anything we could do," Canning said.

Clinic staff arranged for the leg to be amputated and found a prosthetist to fit Rabia with an artificial leg during the surgery, so that "she would wake up in the operating room with two feet at the end of the bed," Canning said. ▀

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Student volunteers
Hovhannes Avagyan, 14, and Diana Contreras, 13, reorganize RotaCare patient files.

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■ OBITUARIES

CHESTER DRAGANOWSKI

Mountain View resident Chester Draganowski, a former Marine, died on Dec. 1 after a lengthy illness.

Draganowski was born in Przemysl, Poland in 1928. In 1956 he moved to Mountain View, where he settled with his wife Regina. He worked for Westinghouse Marine Division in Sunnyvale for 37 years, winning awards for perfect attendance 12 years in a row. He and his wife were instrumental in the development of the St. Brother Albert Polish Roman Catholic Pastoral Mission, where he became Chairman of the Liturgy.

Draganowski is survived by Regina, his wife of 49 years; his daughter Monica; son-in-law Gary Davis; and son Andrew.

A rosary was held on Dec. 7 at the Cusimano Family Colonial Mortuary, and a funeral mass was held on Dec. 8 at St. Brother Albert Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to St. Brother Albert Catholic Mission.

GORDON EDWARD DIEHL III

Longtime Mountain View resident Gordon Edward Diehl III died on Sunday, Dec. 14. He was 66.

Born Aug. 6, 1942 in San Francisco, Diehl grew up in Mountain View. A member of the Carpenters Union for 45 years, he was known affectionately as "2-40 Gordie" and "Papa D."

He was preceded in death by his parents Gordon Jr. and Ruth Farrell and stepfather Glenn Farrell. He is survived by his wife Donna; his children Gordie, Kim and Nick; sister Sandy Territo; six grandchildren; and many other relations.

Visitation began on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. at Cusimano Family Colonial Mortuary, with funeral services at noon. The mortuary is located at 96 W. El Camino Real in Mountain View. Interment follows at Alta Mesa Memorial Park, 695 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Lung Association or your favorite charity. To view and sign a guestbook, go to www.cusimanocolonial.com.

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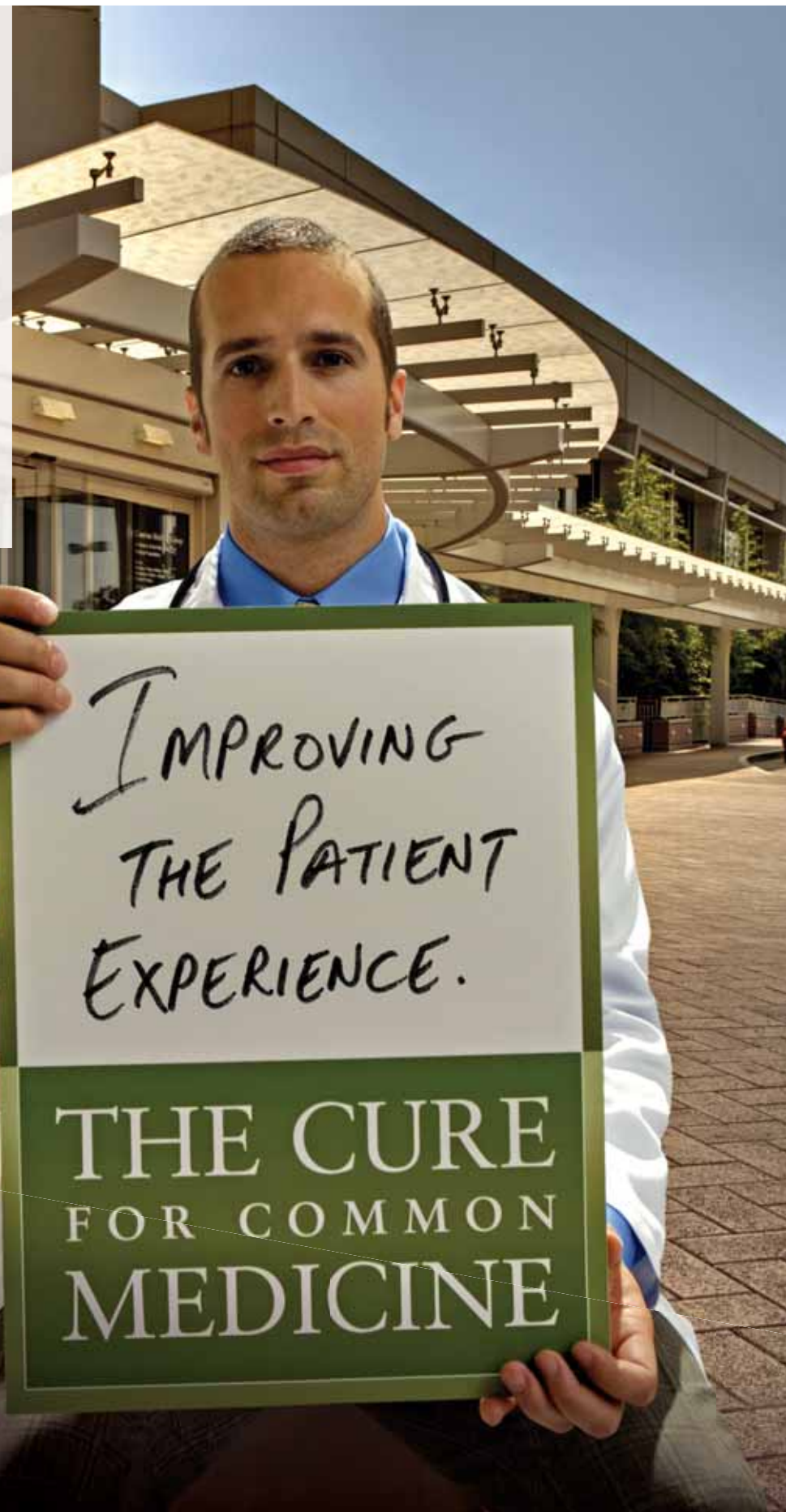


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The framed mirrors that hang over a bed in Kit Davey's house are made of styrofoam and are secured to the wall by earthquake-proof hangers.

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SLEEP TIGHT

A FEW MINOR MODIFICATIONS CAN ADD PIZZAZZ TO YOUR BEDROOM WHILE MAKING IT A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP

By Kit Davey

The focal point in most bedrooms is the area directly over the bed. A standard decorating technique is to hang one or two framed pieces of art there.

But here in earthquake country, this technique could be dangerous. What can you put over your bed that adds pizzazz to the room, but won't endanger your life? Try one of these suggestions for a creative, yet safe, bedroom focal point.

Dress the walls

If you are wary of hanging anything

at all over your bed, try a paint or wallpaper technique.

- Pick a predominant color in your color scheme and paint the section of wall behind your bed in that color, leaving the space to either side and the other walls off-white or another color.

- Sponge or rag the area behind the bed in a different color, filling in an arch of textured color directly over the bed.

- Choose an image in your bedspread, or from a piece of artwork or from an architectural detail in the room — for example, a flowerpot, a section from an antique quilt, lighting bolts, maple leaves, teacups, etc.

— and stencil the decorative motif in the area over your bed. Or, buy ready-made stencils, such as a pair of angels, a fleur-de-lis or a large floral swag. These can be purchased from your local craft store or on the Internet.

- If you're up for an even artier effect, you can create your own mural or trompe l'oeil. A few simple ideas: a shuttered window and landscape beyond, a painting of a painting, or clouds floating across an evening sky.

- Use wallpaper border to frame in a rectangular shape over the bed. Paint the area inside the "frame" in a harmonizing color.

- Cut out large-scale flowers from a

roll of wallpaper and glue them to the wall over your bed.

Think soft

What can you hang over your bed that wouldn't hurt if it landed on your head during an earthquake?

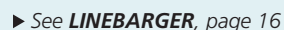
- Wrap or drape an obi (a wide silk belt used by Japanese women to fasten their kimonos) or a long length of colorful fabric from a curtain rod.

- Hang a collection of antique lingerie, gloves, fans or hats in a pleasing arrangement.

► See **SLEEP**, next page

By Forrest Linebarger

Every week seems to bring a new study showing how suburban sprawl increases carbon emissions, adds congestion, increases home prices, reduces the quality of life, reduces wildlife diversity, decreases community satisfaction and even makes us fatter. Still we close our eyes to reality. The population of California was 19 million in 1970, now it is 38 million. We think if we reduce growth in our neighborhood we are preserving our way of life when the exact



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from NIMBY neighborhood opposition to development projects. Elected officials, sensing the tide of popular opinion, follow up that opposition with new rules restricting density. Twenty neighbors around each project have defined land use throughout our communities to the detriment of us all.

The results are untenable. Transportation by walking, biking and mass transit becomes exponentially more difficult in suburban sprawl. For those who wish to bike or walk, the infrastructure has become so focused on cars that the roads are often unsafe.

Land use and transportation are two sides of a coin: The Bay Area emits three times the world average of carbon dioxide per capita despite our mild climate, and more than 50 percent of it comes from transportation. The automobile made the suburbs possible, and the suburbs have

made the automobile essential.

But things are not all doom and gloom. In fact, with a little discipline we can have a more vibrant, healthy and satisfying community while greatly reducing our carbon footprint. The changes that must be made involve redesigning our land use patterns to make more vibrant and interactive communities that are less automobile-centric. This process, known as "Smart Growth" or "New Urbanism," means building more density near jobs and transportation and integrating stores, jobs and houses more tightly.

Proper urban planning opens the door to walking or biking to the store and our jobs. It allows us to find cultural activities near our homes. It revives a sense of community and neighborhood that is alien to sprawl. People living in such integrated neighborhoods have been found to be more satisfied with their community. ■

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Mountain View Home Sales

TOTAL SALES REPORTED: 32

LOWEST SALES PRICE: \$383,000

HIGHEST SALES PRICE: \$1,545,000

HOME SALES

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Mountain View

- 142 Alley Way** R. Bhagat to C. Labrecque for \$650,000 on 11/4/08; previous sale 4/03, \$464,000
- 701 Astor Court** J. Bahn to J. Saenz for \$570,000 on 10/30/08
- 1910 Cambridge Drive** Plymouth Colony Limited to M. Walker for \$692,000 on 10/17/08
- 1928 Cambridge Drive** Plymouth Colony to N. Bonfiglio for \$635,000 on 11/5/08; previous sale 10/08, \$680,500
- 1522 Canna Court** F. Tsai to K. Gragg for \$625,000 on 10/15/08; previous sale 1/00, \$382,500
- 385 Carmelita Drive** M. Stoddard to S. & M. Scott for \$1,260,000 on 10/22/08; previous sale 5/91, \$376,000
- 212 Central Ave.** Donnellan Trust to A. Kosut for \$690,000 on 10/30/08; previous sale 5/99, \$400,482
- 1114 Doyle Place** Squaglia Trust to M. Ulinich for \$1,000,000 on 10/30/08
- 221 Easy St. #14** J. Loewy to M. Miatovich for \$475,000 on 10/21/08; previous sale 8/97, \$182,000
- 426 Foxborough Drive** J. Kirby to N. Kachwala for \$1,165,000 on 10/22/08
- 297 Higdon Ave.** Bank of New York to W. & W. Wang for \$574,000 on 10/31/08; previous sale 6/06, \$905,000
- 126 Iris Drive** Castle Principles to J. Hummel for \$1,017,500 on 10/31/08
- 132 Iris Drive** Castle Principles to C. Segantini for \$1,004,000 on 10/30/08
- 134 Iris Drive** Castle Principles to B. Schneider for \$990,000 on 10/31/08
- 855 Jefferson Drive** D. Li to C. Chien for \$1,035,000 on 11/7/08; previous sale 8/02, \$715,000
- 1934 Limetree Lane** Rea Trust to C. & J. Lentz for \$1,545,000 on 11/7/08
- 421 Loreto St.** Kristenson-Xia Trust to E. & C. Cordero for \$860,000 on 10/24/08; previous sale 7/02, \$644,000
- 1572 Meadow Lane** Lai Trust to C. & L. Lai for \$800,000 on 11/7/08; previous sale 10/01, \$880,000
- 341 Mercy St.** Rose Trust to N. & J. Fey for \$850,000 on 10/29/08
- 500 W. Middlefield Road #26** C. & C. Tang to C. Cobb for \$383,000 on 11/6/08
- 2040 W. Middlefield Road #9** L. Jackson to S. & I. Saksena for \$625,000 on 10/31/08

- 221 Orchard Glen Court** K. Gelman to B. Bargenguast for \$870,000 on 10/31/08; previous sale 5/01, \$660,000
- 550 Ortega Ave. #A113** K. Canaan to F. & M. Ascano for \$598,000 on 11/5/08; previous sale 3/04, \$430,000
- 1717 Pilgrim Ave.** C. Griffin to T. Singh for \$950,000 on 11/6/08; previous sale 4/00, \$640,000
- 2210 Raspberry Lane** Rockberry Villas to B. Quittner for \$723,000 on 11/5/08
- 363 N. Rengstorff Ave. #13** D. & P. Fullerton to I. Noone for \$565,000 on 10/22/08; previous sale 5/99, \$339,500
- 831 San Lucas Court** Ditlevson Trust to M. Long for \$810,000 on 10/15/08
- 990 San Marcos Circle** W. & L. Fisher to T. Shui for \$898,000 on 11/7/08
- 1052 Sladky Ave.** D. & B. McCarthy to I. & E. Pistelak for \$1,200,000 on 11/12/08; previous sale 7/90, \$439,000
- 505 Sleeper Ave.** McDonald Trust to D. & K. McDonald for \$1,300,000 on 11/3/08; previous sale 9/98, \$1,250,000
- 1675 Tulane Drive** G. & D. Steele to J. Hugly for \$1,110,000 on 10/16/08; previous sale 2/95, \$320,000
- 1095 Wright Ave.** L. Nguyen to M. Wu for \$775,000 on 11/5/08; previous sale 6/06, \$412,000

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- 2047 Montecito Ave. #8** Federal Home Loan Mortgage, 10/15/08, \$386,850, 1000 sf, 2 bd
- 175 Evandale Ave. #6** National City Bank, 11/04/08, \$387,100, 1,167 sf, 2 bd

Los Altos

- 23270 Mora Heights Way** Cathay Bank, 11/12/08, \$1,000,000, 6,720 sf, 6 bd

Sunnyvale

- 787 N. Fair Oaks Ave. #2** Morgan Stanley, 10/28/08, \$262,500, 926 sf, 2 bd
- 790 Lakewood Drive** Long Beach Mortgage, 11/04/08, \$374,000, 1,108 sf, 3 bd
- 861 Lori Ave.** Washington Mutual Bank, 11/04/08, \$507,600, 1,000 sf, 3 bd
- 418 S. Mary Ave.** JP Morgan Chase Bank, 10/15/08, \$553,500, 1,144 sf, 3 bd
- 881 San Mateo Court** Morgan Stanley, 10/30/08, \$381,619, 1,549 sf, 3 bd
- 1385 Socorro Ave.** Goldman Sachs, 11/03/08, \$326,906, 1,000 sf, 3 bd

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Economic crisis challenges us all

Many local residents are worried about the economy these days, fretting over the availability of home loans, or what's happening to their personal stock portfolios and retirement accounts.

But those are the lucky ones. Others have more fundamental worries, such as how to provide dinner for their families, or where to shelter against the bitter cold.

Not in decades, perhaps not since the Great Depression, have so many people in our region felt economic hardship so badly, according to officials running the philanthropic organizations which work to help the area's hungry and homeless.

"We're at a crisis," Emmett Carson, respected CEO of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, declared at a "Food and Shelter Summit" in Mountain View earlier this month. He was speaking to an audience of about 100 leaders of community organizations, businesses and foundations involved in providing or funding community services.

Shelter and food providers at the summit said they are facing an increased level of immediate need that is unprecedented in decades, even as donations have fallen off sharply. Even major philanthropic entities like the David and Lucile Packard Foundation have seen the bottom fall out of their investment portfolios.

Providers said the combination of layoffs and foreclosures has given rise to a "new poor" — formerly middle-class employees, including white-collar managers, who have unexpectedly fallen into poverty and are struggling to stay afloat day to day, physically, financially and emotionally.

"What's striking is that the current economic crisis is erasing the delicate line between the poor and us," said Poncho Guevara, executive director of the San Jose-based Sacred Heart Community Service. People who used to volunteer in food lines are now standing in them, he said.

While the crisis reflects state, national and global trends, the need at a local level is immediate and real. For instance, by early December, Second Harvest Food Bank, the largest provider of food assistance to our two-county region, had distributed 25 million pounds of food this year — yet the nonprofit estimated there is still an unmet need for more than 140 million pounds.

In the face of all this, Carson expressed optimism, but acknowledged that a difficult challenge lies ahead. His Community Foundation is providing \$3 million in "Strengthen the Safety Net" emergency grants to 47 organizations providing direct-assistance services in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. (Find more on the new program at www.siliconvalleycf.org.)

People are responding to the problem, he said, citing more than 135 individuals and organizations across the region that within six weeks made donations ranging from \$20 to \$250,000. Thanks to them, the foundation was able to increase its safety-net grants from the initial \$1 million goal to \$3 million in December.

But those funds are a stopgap effort that will last only into early 2009, he said. More responses from the heart and pocketbook are necessary — a test of our soul, both individually and collectively. We believe we can pass that test, as we have before, but it will take as much courage and generosity as we can muster this holiday season and in the months ahead.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

LEFT BEHIND BY WHOM?

Editor:

I thoroughly support the teachers and administrators who are struggling to meet the performance standards your editorial, "Left Behind," mentions ("Time to fix broken 'No Child' Law," Dec. 12). What misinforms the reader is your erroneous statement, "NCLB sets ever-increasing standards for public school students." This is a significant error that is being passed on by so many media organizations. The *San Jose Mercury News* has made the same error.

Wikipedia clearly states that NCLB does not set performance standards, or the tests, or the schedule for achieving them. The law supports local educational control by having the states set their own individual performance standards as well as the rates of yearly improvement.

I was also shocked when I learned this, because everyone was screaming at the feds, not the states. The fact is, NCLB simply requires them to achieve their own goals or incur increasing penalties. It was California that set the annual improvement rates that started slow and are now accelerating.

The Voice could do the community a service and clearly state that it is the State Board of Education to which one should complain, not the feds. This misinformation has gotten so far out of hand that it begins to sound like a Bigfoot tale.

Allen Price
Velarde Street

LOOK OUT FOR UNLIT BICYCLE RIDERS

Editor:

Could somebody please do something about the plethora of unlit bicycle riders that infest our streets after dark? Several times I've come within inches of striking a biker after dark. To make matters worse, most of them wear dark clothing. It's only a matter of time before disaster strikes.

Jim Thurber
Snow Street

THANKS TO GIOVANNI'S

Editor:

In deserving recognition, a tribute to Don Giovanni's Italian Restaurant on Castro Street on behalf of my friends, as well as myself, for so generously providing us, as well as our community of varied ethnic backgrounds, such beautifully prepared, tasty, generously portioned Thanksgiving Day meals.

The event was excellently organized. The entire staff, without exception, was pleasant, smiling and welcoming to every guest.

Over the years, Don Giovanni's has been to my knowledge the only downtown business so generously and graciously giving of itself to the community. I'm sure that in these hard and difficult times, they like so many others are being affected by our country's economic crisis; our community appreciates and keeps them in mind.

Frances Trimmer
S. Rengstorff Avenue





Ristorante Bella Vita offers salmone grillata, which is grilled fish with lemon butter and capers on a bed of mashed potatoes and sautéed vegetables.

MICHELLE LE

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Life is good

RISTORANTE BELLA VITA EXPANDS
TO DOWNTOWN MOUNTAIN VIEW

By Sheila Himmel

Restaurant "Grand Opening" signs are pretty common in downtown Mountain View, but even for Castro Street this change was fast. The new restaurant across from Books Inc. seemed to be Diyar Bistro & Wine Bar one day, Ristorante Bella Vita the next.

The decor and a couple of servers from Diyar stayed on, so when you walk in, it feels very familiar. Adding to the confusion, the same owners have another Ristorante Bella Vita three miles away, in downtown

Los Altos. (They also have a third restaurant, different name, in the East Bay.)

The Mountain View Bella Vita is about half the size of the one in Los Altos, which also has a private dining room, a wood-fired oven for baking focaccia, and a 2,000-bottle wine cellar. Los Altos has a full bar; Mountain View is in the process of getting a liquor license. The menus are the same. Still, one of my companions detected a lighter hand with the garlic in Mountain View.

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Service at the new Bella Vita is very pleasant, whether you're a group of 10 or two, a family with an infant or a table of coworkers. Water is poured and plates are cleared with dispatch. At lunch, though, our waiter disappeared for a while. We happened not to be in a hurry. If you are, say so, or order food to go, a popular option.

The house-baked pita bread is available at lunch on the panini sandwiches, which go for \$9.95 and \$10.95 and touch all the bases: vegetarian, salmon, chicken breast and sausage. At dinner, the bread should have been fresher, warmer or both.

The house wine, Nathanson Creek, is not bad, especially at \$5.95 for a hefty glass of Chardonnay, Merlot or Cabernet Sauvignon. The Mountain View list offers a lot of bottles under \$40.

The former tenant's wine bar and warm feeling remain. With the Tuscan yellow walls and faux painted scenery, it's like you're on the set of a play taking place in an Italian courtyard. At dinner, the white tablecloths come out but it's still a casual restaurant.

The recitation of daily specials takes a moment, always with a fish entree, risotto and pasta at lunch, adding an entree and

occasional dessert at night. Popular specials include papardelle with lobster cream sauce, beef short ribs in a mushroom Barolo wine sauce, and veal shank in a Marsala demiglace. But the regular menu offers good choices in antipasti, primi and secondi, topping out at \$15.95.

For starters, a heaping plate of calamari (\$8.95) arrived hot and crisp. Lightly coated in crispy semolina, the rings and tentacles stayed tender, for dipping in a pleasant tartar sauce or drizzling with lemon. A refreshing patch of house green salad accompanied the seafood.

Salads and entrees were split at no extra charge. In the Caesar salad (\$8.95), very fresh and cold romaine lettuce was dressed with a hint of anchovy and a good amount of Parmesan cheese. Fresh house-made croutons took to the corners of the square plates. The arugula salad (\$8.95) also is very good.

Spaghetti Bolognese (\$13.95) is made with ground veal, Chianti and plum tomato sauce. For texture, I preferred Penne alla Siciliana (\$12.95), featuring chunks of roasted eggplant.

Secondi tap into the greatest hits of American Italian menu

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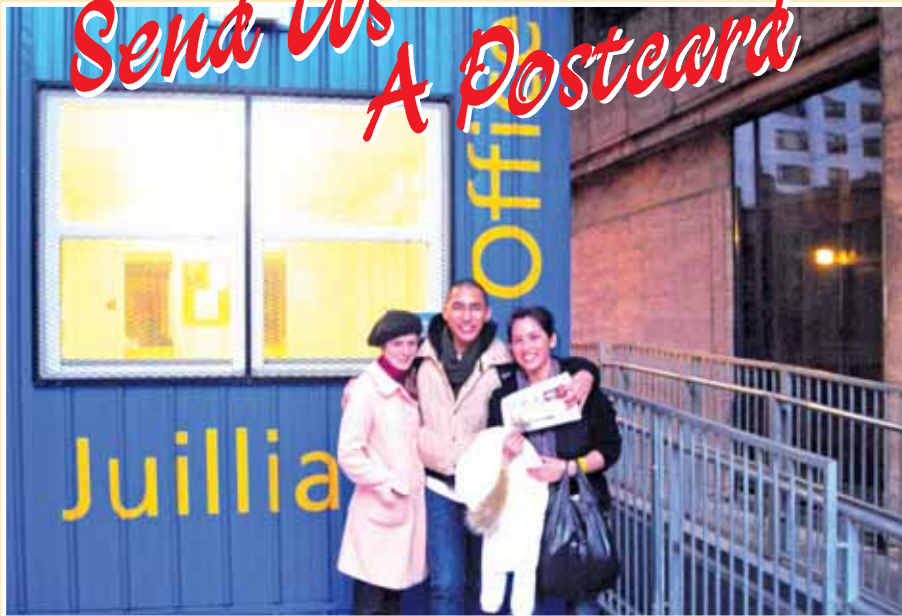


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Ristorante Bella Vita head chef Jose Nativad sautees mixed vegetables during the lunch hours.

BELLA VITA

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items. A plate of veal scallopine (\$18.95) offered plenty of tender meat in Marsala sauce that could have used more mushrooms, very good mashed potatoes and julienne vegetables.

Life is good, also, for tiramisu (\$6.95) at Ristorante Bella Vita.

It's not one of those giant soggy sponges, but a sweet ending with distinct strokes of espresso, amaretto and creamy mascarpone.

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THEATER REVIEW



Pearl Sun as Hope and Ben Evans as Charles.

TRACY MARTIN

A holiday hit

THEATREWORKS' 'LONG STORY SHORT' IS A BEAUTIFUL, FUNNY HEARTWARMER

By Jeanie Forte

Go get your tickets now. "Long Story Short," the new TheatreWorks musical by Brendan Milburn and Valerie Vigoda of the band GrooveLily, is the best thing to hit the holiday season in a long time, bringing us a love story for our modern age laced with humor, pathos, honesty, authenticity and great music.

The last show Milburn and Vigoda did for TheatreWorks, "Striking 12," was noteworthy for its unusual structure and the novelty of the band being on stage the whole time, narrating and playing both music and roles. Long Story Short, in contrast, is much more conventional in structure and presentation. The band (Milburn and Vigoda do not perform in this show) is in the pit, and two actors play the two roles in a typical fashion.

But convention fails to describe the joy of seeing and hearing this new work unfold on stage, as delightful and engaging as it is. Milburn and Vigoda based their work on the play "An Infinite Ache," by David Schulner, but did a fair amount of trimming and rewriting to turn it into a musical. Their success with this first effort is a stunning contribution to contemporary musicals.

The story gives us one couple — Ben Evans playing Charles, and Pearl Sun playing Hope — from their initial meeting in their 20s through the next 50 years, chronicling their ups and downs, their falling in and out of love, their attempts to deal with tragedies and loss, and the vagaries of life. Songs are sometimes serious, more often comic. There is a plot twist at the end I won't reveal, but it doesn't alter the tremendous warmth and feel-good factor of the piece. As Charles and Hope

navigate the uncharted waters of love and marriage, we recognize and resonate with their hopes, dreams and aspirations, identifying with the honest human emotions they experience.

Milburn and Vigoda have a wonderful sense of humor that comes through loud and clear as a consistent thread in the show, preventing it from wallowing in pathos or heavy sentiment. The end result is a sweet, amusing and moving show, which serves up serious subject matter with wisdom and wit.

Part of the success lies naturally with the two performers, Evans and Sun, who are both terrific actors and singers. They created the roles in the first performances of the show in its development at City Theatre of Pittsburgh, Penn., and seem to perfectly embody the characters. Both effect transformations in age without makeup or wigs. Slight changes in costume and lighting are the only aids as they believably portray different stages between 25 and 75, changing in mere seconds, sometimes mid-line. The effect is remarkable and also adds to the amusement for the audience.

The whole is greater than any description of the various parts. I guarantee you'll leave the theater smiling. ■

INFORMATION

WHAT: "Long Story Short," a new musical by Brendan Milburn and Valerie Vigoda, presented by TheatreWorks

WHERE: Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

WHEN: Through Dec. 28; Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m.

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Palo Alto Square: Fri.-Tue. at 1:35, 5 & 8:30 p.m.

BOLT (PG) ★★★1/2

Century 16: 12:15 & 2:45 p.m. Fri.-Tue. & Thu. also at 5:15 p.m. Fri. -Thu. also at 11:05 a.m.; 1:35, 4:05 & 6:55 p.m. Fri. & Sun. - Thu also at 9:25 p.m.

Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 12:05, 1:50, 2:30, 4:30, 5, 7:05 & 9:30 p.m.

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

Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 4:55 & 10:25 p.m.

Century 20: 2:20 p.m. Fri. - Tue. & Thu. also at 7:20 p.m.

CADILLAC RECORDS (R) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 1:50, 4:40, 7:15 & 9:50 p.m.

Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 2:15, 4:50, 7:30 & 10:10 p.m.

CHANGELING (R) ★★★1/2

Century 16: 1:45 & 7:20 p.m.

THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL (PG-13)

Century 16: 11 & 11:40 a.m.; 12:20, 1:10, 1:40, 2:20, 3, 3:40, 4:20, 5, 5:40, 6:20, 7, 7:40, 8:20, 9, 9:40 & 10:10 p.m.

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

DELGO (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8 & 10:15 p.m.

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

FOUR CHRISTMASES (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: Noon, 2:15, 4:30, 6:50, 7:50 & 9:05 p.m.

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Century 16: Fri. at 10:05 p.m.

I'VE LOVED YOU SO LONG (PG-13) ★★★1/2

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MADAGASCAR: ESCAPE 2 AFRICA (PG) ★★

Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 1:55, 4:25, 7:10 & 9:30 p.m.

Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 2, 4:35, 7:15 & 9:35 p.m.

MILK (R) ★★

Century 20: 1, 4, 7 & 10 p.m. Sat. also at 10:10 a.m.

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Century 20: Noon, 2:40, 5:15, 7:45 & 10:15 p.m.

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QUANTUM OF SOLACE (R) ★★

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ROLE MODELS (R) (NOT REVIEWED)

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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 run 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 named Nullah (Brandon Walters), whose poignant voice-over unfurls Australia's long and difficult history with the Stolen Generation. Sarah also needs a driver to help her get 1,500-plus head of cattle from A to B to secure a military contract. The driver in question is hot and hunky Drover (Hugh Jackman). Nothing surprises here: the 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.

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 Germany in the 1940s, and an SS commandant (David Thewlis) is promoted up the ranks. He then relocates 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 — 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

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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 déjà 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.

MILK★★★★1/2

(Cine Arts, Century 20) Performances are king in this poignant homage to late great San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk. Sean Penn has a field day portraying the first openly gay man elected to office in the U.S. After several misfires Harvey is elected supervisor and makes a name for himself in the City by the Bay, chumming around with liberal mayor George Moscone (Victor Garber) and trying to making nice with conservative supervisor Dan White (Josh Brolin). The rest is history — a painful chapter in American politics. *Rated: R for lan-*

guage, sexuality and mature themes. 2 hours, 7 minutes. — J.A.

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 Almar), 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,

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MOVIE REVIEWS

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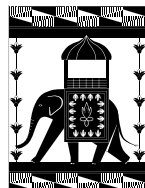
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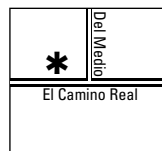
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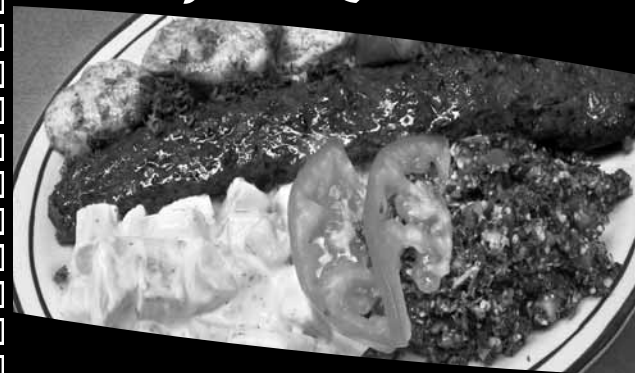
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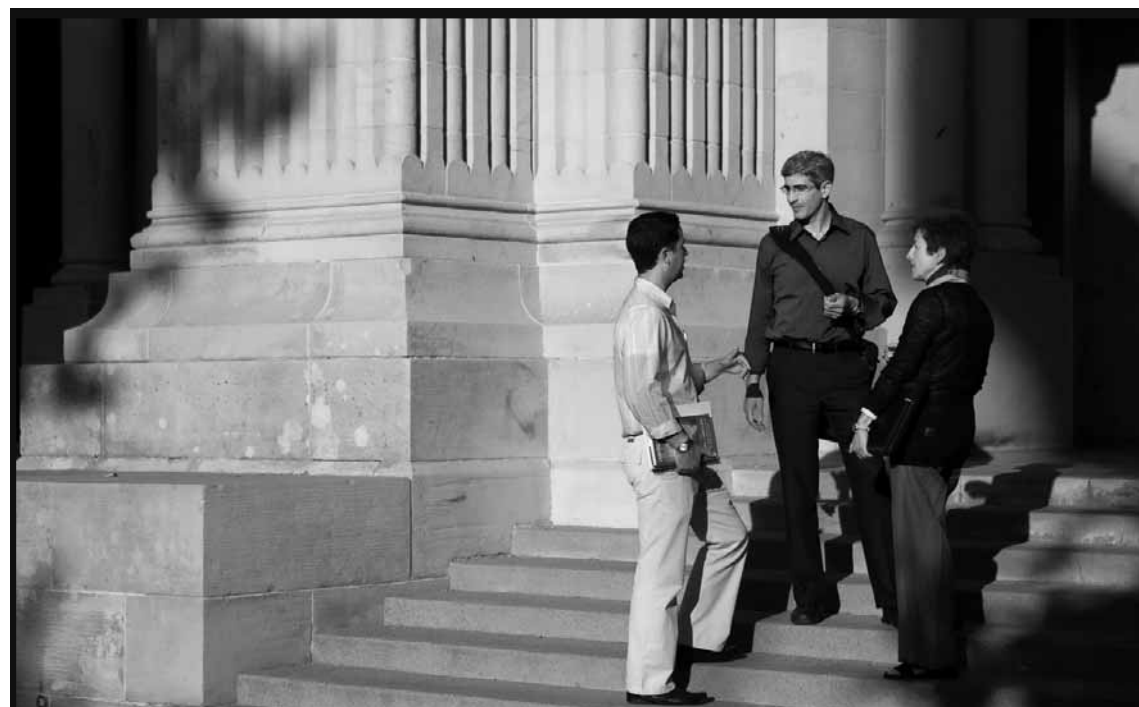
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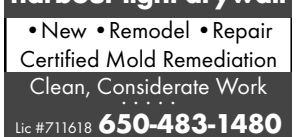
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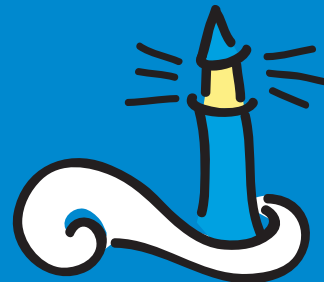
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT
File No. 516941
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706 Saranac Dr.
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This business is owned by an individual.
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on May, 2001.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 19, 2008.
(Voice Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2008)

PLANET SOURCING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT
File No. 517071
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Planet Sourcing, 1167 Maraschino Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County: MURTUZA HABIBULLA
1167 Maraschino Dr.
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This business is owned by an individual.
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 24, 2008.
(Voice Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2008)

INVESTMENT EXCHANGE SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT
File No. 517278
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Investment Exchange Services, 360 Kiely Blvd., Ste. 205, San Jose, CA 95129, Santa Clara County: CAROL J. BOLSTER
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Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on Feb. 7, 1993.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on December 1, 2008.
(Voice Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2008)

INNOVAE DESIGNS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT
File No. 516408
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Innovae Designs, 255 Easy St. #6, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County: SEJAL PAREKH
255 Easy St. #6
Mountain View, CA 94043
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Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on May 1, 2008.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 5, 2008.
(Voice Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2008)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT
OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME

File No. 517347
The following person(s)/entity(ies) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office.
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STATEMENT
File No. 516625
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, J C Builder, 1370 White Rd. Santa Clara, CA 95051, Santa Clara County: CHONG B. JWA
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Santa Clara CA, 95051
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Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 11-12-2008.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 12, 2008.
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D M W BUILDING ACCOUNT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 517449

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(Voice Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2008, Jan. 2, 2009)

CLARITY INFO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT
File No. 517644
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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, CLARITY INFO, 421 LORETO STREET, MOUNTIAN VIEW, CA 94041. Santa Clara County: CLARE CORDERO,
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MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94041
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on Dec 9, 2008.
(Voice Dec 19, 26, 2008, Jan 2, 9, 2009)

ANEW HEALTH CENTER
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT
File No. 517670
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Anew Health Center, 227 Castro St, Mountain View, CA 94041 Santa Clara County: Flavia Fiamma Kreis,
201 Flynn Avenue #19
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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 December 10, 2008.
(Voice Dec 19, 26, 2008, Jan 2, 9 2009)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No. 517020

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(VOICE Dec 19, 26, 2008, Jan 2, 9, 2009)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
HOWARD E. LEBOWITZ
Case No. 1-08-PR-164246
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of HOWARD E. LEBOWITZ.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: ANTHONY DELAS in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANTHONY DELAS 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 5, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 15 of the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. 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/ Anthony Delas
777 N. First St., Ste. 325
San Jose, CA 95112
(Voice Dec. 12, 19, 26, 2008)

SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER: RG07360577
(Numero del Caso):
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:
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JAMES E. REED, RICHARD K. VERES, 3370 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549
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NOTICE OF BULK SALE (subject to Com. C. 6106.2)
The following definitions and designations shall apply in this Notice without regard to number or gender:
SELLER: Anuva Enterprises, LLC, 2105 Old Middlefield Way #F, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043
BUYER: Gurpreet S. Marwah, 2105 Old Middlefield Way, # F, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043 BUSINESS: Subway #11198, 2105 Old Middlefield Way, #F, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043

DATE OF CONSUMMATION: January 8, 2009.
LAST DAY TO FILE CLAIMS: January 7, 2009.
ESCROW HOLDER: WILLIAM H. DUNN, Attorney at Law, 1350 Dell Avenue, Suite 204, Campbell, CA 95008.
Notice is hereby given that Seller intends to make a bulk sale of the assets of the above described Business to Buyer, including all stock in trade, furniture, and equipment used in said Business to be consummated at the office of the Escrow Holder at the time of consummation or thereafter. Creditors of the Seller may file claims with the Escrow Holder on or before the last day to file claims stated above. This sale is subject to California Commercial Code 6106.2.
Seller has used the following other business names and addresses within the last three years so far as known to buyer: NONE. BY: WILLIAM H. DUNN Agent for the Buyer, Gurpreet S. Marwah.
(VOICE Dec 19, 2009)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Date of Filing Application: DECEMBER 5, 2008
To Whom it may concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: GOLD STAR NIGHT CLUB INC.
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:
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MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94041-1326.
Type of License(s) Applied for: 48 - ON-SALE GENERAL PUBLIC PREMISE.
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Corner of Arbutus Avenue, 1 block east of Ross Road,
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Living room with wood-burning
floor-to-ceiling honed
Halelah Travertine fireplace



All new kitchen with Coast Granite island and
counters, solid natural cherry wood cabinets
and stainless steel Kitchen Aid appliances



Glass sliding doors from informal
dining area open to outdoor
entertaining/dining patio



Master bedroom wing consists of 3 bedrooms
and 2 full baths; guest/aupair/in-law office
wing includes 2 bedrooms and a full bath



Master bath has double vanity, Jerusalem
Gold Granite counters, custom shower with
frameless glass enclosure and river rock floor



Arizona flagstone patio with raised seat
wall and trellis flows from entertaining/
dining area to children's play yard

*Warm, inviting neighborhood across from Don Jesus Ramos Park, walking and biking
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LOS ALTOS

1476 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.

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EAST PALO ALTO

GORGEOUS CONDO

\$479,000

Wonderful one bedroom, one bath third level condominium with convenient access to major commute routes, shopping, and more. Spacious family room, kitchen with breakfast nook, and private patio with views of the Western hills and Creek.

LOS ALTOS HILLS

SO MUCH TO OFFER

\$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.



ENTERTAINER'S DELIGHT

\$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.

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.

IDEAL 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.

SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME

\$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.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

CLOSE TO TOWN LOCATION

\$889,500

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- Brand New Light Fixtures Thruout
- Huge Skylight in Living Room
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- Upstairs Patio off Living Room with a gorgeous green belt view
- Downstairs Patio off Master Bedroom has Flagstone
- New Designer Paint Colors Thruout

Offered at: \$558,000

183 Jenkins Lane, Mountain View



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- 1,839 Sq. Ft. of Luxurious Living Space
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LOS GATOS

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A GREAT DEAL!

\$799,000

Creekside home. First time on the market in 30+ years. Recent double paned windows.

Elena Talis

650.941.7040



Open Sat & Sun.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

4 BR | 2.5 BA

1551 CANNA COURT

\$658,000

Best location in complex! Overlook the Greenbelt! A/C! Spacious Living rm w/fp. Updated kit.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW

5 BR | 2.5 BA

BEAUTIFUL AND REMODELED

\$1,550,000

Lrg lot, separate family rm, living & formal dining, central AC, solar panels, much more.

NANCY ADELE STUHR

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Open Sunday

LOS ALTOS

3 BR | 3.5 BA

875 RIVERSIDE DR

\$2,695,000

No detail overlooked in this contemporary, remodeled home. Separate office, media room, DR. Family room kitchen with built-in desk area.

R. Brendan Leary

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Open Sunday

LOS ALTOS

4 BR | 3 BA

140 MERRITT RD

\$2,888,000

Striking architectural design & fine quality craftsmanship. Hand hammered copper sinks & matching plumbing fixtures, open beam ceilings & French doors.

Julie Lau

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CARMEL

EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY \$3,250,000
Enjoy the future benefits of owning white water views. Lot size approx. 5,800 sq. ft.

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CUPERTINO

REMODEL OR BUILD NEW \$899,000
3 BR 1 BA Large lot: 10,454 sq ft (81x132) also a separate 1 bed 1 bath cottage in the back yard.

Garrett Mock 650.328.5211

LOS ALTOS

BEAUTY IN THE DETAILS \$3,198,000
4 BR 3.5 BA Mediterranean completed in 2007. Near Club. Marble, mahogany, art glass & oversized doors.

Terri Couture 650.941.7040

568 SHIRLYNN \$2,750,126
CT SUN 1:30 - 4:30
5 BR 4 BA Built by builder for himself-no expense spared-open floor plan around huge greatroom

Jerry Haslam 650.948.0456

PRESTIGE DOS PALOS

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

Anne Ward 650.941.7040

MONSTER VIEWS!

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

Gerry Lawrence 650.941.7040

PRESTIGIOUS COUNTRY CLUB

Wonderful neighborhood, property is adjacent to and overlooking the golf course.

Jim Galli 650.948.0456

301 BLUE OAK LANE

SUN 1:30 - 4:30
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

DESIRED LOCATION

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

LOS ALTOS HILLS

CONTEMPORARY MASTERPIECE \$4,300,000
2 BR 2.5 BA One of a kind. Open kitchen/family room. Spacious master suite. Spa, jacuzzi & steam room.

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EXQUISITELY REBUILT

6 BR 3.5 BA Exotic hardwood, top wooden windows, doors. Restaurant quality kitchen. Botanical gardens.

Elena Talis 650.941.7040

LOVELY & SPACIOUS FOR YOU

4 BR 3 BA Well cared for home on 1+ acre with pool & spa. Dining room, family room. Top schools.

Vicki Geers 650.941.7040

LOS GATOS

ATOP THE HILLS \$2,195,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Beautifully remodeled two level home & vineyard in Alta Vista area with far reaching views

Vicki Geers 650.941.7040

715 CILKER CT

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
4 BR 3.5 BA In small development! 2-story + finished bsmt w/BR/BA. Vited ceilings, large eat-in kit

Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456

A GREAT DEAL!

4 BR 2 BA Creekside home. First time on the market in 30+ years. Recent double paned windows.

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MENLO PARK

SENIOR LIVING AT ITS BEST \$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

MILPITAS

648 COSTIGAN CIRCLE \$715,000
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Spacious two story home-Master Suite with walk-in closet & large bathroom with dual sinks.

Gordon Ferguson 650.328.5211

MOUNTAIN VIEW

HOME + INCOME IN MT. VIEW \$2,100,000
3 BR 2 BA Remod&like new SFR vacant, six 1bd/1ba units w/tenants, hwd flrs,FP,new custom tile baths

Tim Trailer 650.325.6161

RESORT-LIKE WAVERLEY PARK

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...

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

DESIRED WAVERLY PARK

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

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I269 CUERNAVACA CIRCULO

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
4 BR 2.5 BA Largest flr plan in Cuernavaca! Euro-style eat-in kit, mstr w/fireplace & sunken tub.

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MT. VIEW HOUSE & COTTAGE

4 BR 3 BA Formal entry, jacuzzi tub, office, cottage, guest suite, frpl, mature landscape & lrg lot.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW

DESIRABLE CUL DE SAC! \$898,500
3 BR 2 BA Wonderful & well maintained home. New roof & new painting.

Marli Szpaller 650.948.0456

FABULOUS EXPANSION

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

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CHARMER NEAR DOWNTOWN! \$828,000
2 BR 1 BA Priced w/accnt on value! Updated. Close to Downtown Mt. View. Lrg backyard.

Gary Herbert 650.948.0456

IT'S A CHARMER!

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

Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen 650.941.7040

NEWLY REMODELED

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

Geraldine Asmus 650.325.6161

GREAT FAMILY HOME

3 BR 3 BA Refinished hw flrs. New carpets. Sep family room & dining rm Walk to downtown & light rail

Garrett Mock 650.328.5211

421 SIERRA VISTA AV #2

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Vault ceilings,skylites, updated kit,inside Indry. Granite counters in kitchen. 2 car gar

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FABULOUS TOWNHOME!

4 BR 2.5 BA Spacious 4 bed t/home.Fabulous Updtd Kit & baths,1 whirlpool.Laminate/wood floors

Aileen La Bouff 650.948.0456

BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED

2 BR 1.5 BA End unit set back in desirable Bonita gardens. Updated Kit & Ba's.LR opens to spacious yrd

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347 SIERRA VISTA AV #1

SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA HW flrs on 1st lvl. LR w/ FP. Remod Kit w/ gran cntrs. Sep DR w/ bay wndw.

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1983 SAN LUIS AV #17

SAT 1:30 - 4:30
2 BR 2.5 BA Townhm w/hrdwd flrs. Upstairs dual master suites Fp,inside Indry. Atta gar. Prvt backyd

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PALO ALTO

655 KINGSLEY AVE \$3,399,000
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
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535 N. CALIFORNIA AVE

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
5 BR 4 BA Stunning Craftsman by J5 Homes. Open Floor Plan, Imported Materials, High-End Finishes!!

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OLD PALO ALTO \$2,639,000
3 BR 2 BA Mediterranean revival home with enchanting walled courtyard. Remodeled kit woodburning fp

Debbie Nichols 650.325.6161

EXCEPTIONAL MIDTOWN HOME

4 BR 4 BA Open and elegant home - thoughtfully designed & multi-featured. Solar power & central A/C

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I212 PARKINSON AVENUE

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
4 BR 3 BA Open, Bright and spacious home. 2500 sqft living space, & 5000 sqft Lot.

Maha Najjar 650.325.6161

904 COWPER ST

SUN 1:30 - 4:30
4 BR 2 BA Beautiful vintage 2-story home in terrific downtown location. Gorgeous woodwork.

Sharon Witte 650.325.6161

FABULOUS PALO ALTO HOME

3 BR 2 BA French drs, granite, hdwd, custom blinds, lush landscape, marvelous master.

Tim Trailer 650.325.6161

4343 MIRANDA AVE

SUN 1:30 - 4:30
4 BR 2 BA Located on a large lot. Fresh paint hardwood flrs, A/C. Private backyard. Top PA schools.

Doris Deising 650.325.6161

LOVELY COUNTRY SETTING

4 BR 1 BA Quaint living room w/ wood beamed ceiling. Palo Alto schools. Landscaped private lot!

Wendi Selig-Aimonetti 650.328.5211

ARTISTIC FLOOR PLAN

3 BR 2 BA Don't judge from the street. This house is large. Designed by an artist to bring light

Nancy Goldcamp 650.325.6161

ORIGINAL MIDTOWN COASTWISE

2 BR 1 BA Desirable Midtown location near shopping & services 6825 sq ft lot Opportunity for remodel

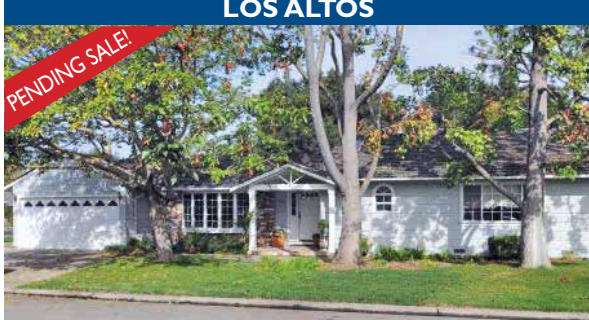
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LOS ALTOS



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3BR/2BA Priced in the \$700,00-\$900,000s

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LOS ALTOS



436 VALENCIA DRIVE

2BR/2.5BA \$1,650,000

2738Sqft home on 9680 Lot size. Bright floor plan. 2 Master Suites w/full bath. Solarium w/indoor garden. Formal Dining Rm w/fireplace, Living Rm w/fireplace & half bath. 2 car garage.



Dianne Vernon

650.948.0456

MOUNTAIN VIEW



956 BONITA AVENUE #10

2BR/1.5BA \$629,900

Turn-key End unit set back in desirable Bonita gardens. Updated kitchen with Maple cabinets & top of line appliances. West side of El Camino Real.



Ellie Zias

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MOUNTAIN VIEW



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