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## Report: Minton's project would decrease traffic

By Daniel DeBolt

Despite downtown neighborhood complaints to the contrary, the 213 apartments proposed to take the place of Minton's Lumber and Supply would have no major impact on traffic or parking in the area, according to a report released this week.

The report by the firm Aecom

concludes that the project would actually reduce downtown car traffic by 33 percent and provide "sufficient" parking to keep new residents from taking up the available parking on neighborhood streets.

Robert Cox, treasurer of the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association and a member of the opposition group Minton's Redevelopment Neighborhood Alliance, said that opponents were still examining the study and had no comments at press time.

"It's hard for us to evaluate these types of complicated issues," said developer John Moss of Prometheus Real Estate Group. But based on other developments Moss has been involved with, he said, "it wasn't a complete surprise."

Neighbors have repeatedly said the project, which is nearly twice the density allowed under the site's precise plan, would add to the area's parking problems. They have taken issue with the city giving requiring only 1.4 parking spaces per home in the development — less than the normal 2.3 — because of its location near the downtown transit hub.

Comparing the project's proposed parking to that of six comparable apartment complexes, the report finds the 313 parking spaces in the underground garage, along with spaces for 235 bicycles, to be sufficient. It estimates that "when the project is 100 percent occupied, parking occupancy would only be around 85 percent."

The report notes that people usually prefer to park in the gated underground garage rather than on the street, where they might get a ticket because "most of the streets in the vicinity of the proj-



Katelyn Lo, left, and Sara Raza receive a donation from Farris Scott while her friend Stephanie Wilson looks on. Lo and Raza, representing Los Altos High School's Free the Children organization, were in downtown Los Altos on Tuesday raising funds for Haiti's earthquake victims.

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## Holiday season's final tally

LOCAL BUSINESSES SHOW GUARDED OPTIMISM FOLLOWING BETTER-THAN-EXPECTED SALES

By Dana Sherne

The holiday season is officially over, and Mountain View business owners are finally able to assess how it went. The consensus: This year consumers were more willing to spend where they could, even if that meant shopping more thriftily.

According to business owners, holiday spending actually rose in Mountain View, at least for businesses selling low-priced goods.

"People were getting things that were rich in quality but not in price," explained Nick

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## Students and teachers respond to Haiti quake

MANY AT LOS ALTOS HIGH WORRY ABOUT SISTER SCHOOL IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

By Kelsey Mesher

Last Tuesday's catastrophic earthquake in Haiti has spurred more than just discussion on the Los Altos and Mountain View high school campuses: It has provoked swift action among both staff and students to collect relief money for the victims.

Some in the Los Altos High School community perhaps feel a special responsibility since, as social studies teacher Seth Donnelly explained last week, "The Amnesty International Club has a sister school in Port-au-Prince."

The sister school is the Society of Providence United for the Economic Development of Petion-Ville, or SOPUDEP, which was

founded in the 1990s and had grown to more than 500 students.

Donnelly said some members of the Los Altos High School community have had ongoing relations with SOPUDEP. He also said they have heard that the school's director, Rea Dol,

who paid a visit to the Los Altos campus this fall, is alive.

"The school is still standing, which is remarkable," he said Tuesday, but "some of the teachers and students were killed."

"It's been horrific," he said. "We've worked very closely with the director of that school," Donnelly said, adding that he himself has visited Haiti seven times in the last five years, and once stayed in an orphanage there which apparently collapsed in last week's quake.

"Many of the kids get their only hot meal of the day at school," he said.

Another Los Altos High teacher, Ryan Icada, has also visited Haiti

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**Rhys Chard, Los Altos**



"Yeah, I do because I think there are security issues involved for a lot of Google's customers. To protect their customers I think they really have to think about it."

**Sandy Chargin, San Jose**



"I do actually. I think it would be more beneficial to our community if there are more jobs here."


**Amanda Ferris, Sunnyvale**



"I think any business, in U.S. or in China, has to obey the law."

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**■ CORRECTIONS**

Last week's story "Schools line up for federal dollars" stated incorrectly that the Los Altos School District had opted out of the "Race to the Top" program application. Although at first the district was going to forgo the application, trustees voted Monday, Jan. 11 to apply.

An education brief last week reported that a proposed bond measure in the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District would extend the current tax rate for 20 years. The proposed bond would actually extend the current tax, set to expire in 2024, by six years — meaning all school bonds would be paid off by 2030, 20 years from now.

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## City holds up in stormy weather

Staff Reports

As several powerful rainstorms wash over the Bay Area this week, reports from all over have described flooding, power outages, felled trees and traffic delays, among other problems.

But as of press time Wednesday, Mountain View appears to be holding up just fine, according to emergency personnel.

"We're getting calls for service here and there," said Lynn Brown, Mountain View Fire Department spokesperson and coordinator of the city's Office of Emergency Services. Despite these calls, he said, overall the city had not yet seen any major damage due to the weather.

"I just spoke with the battalion chief and he said everybody else in the county is running all over the place" — but not in Mountain View. As a result, authorities so far were "not overwhelmed" by the storms.

Brown said that last week, in preparation for the storms, the Fire Department sent word to the Community Emergency Response Team, or CERT — nearly 1,000 Mountain View residents who have been trained by the department — to be on alert in case of flooding or emergencies.

Brown said on Wednesday that the city's emergency responders weren't getting complacent, especially since "the ground is saturated now, so if we get some high winds we could have some trees falling down."

Meanwhile, city residents did experience some power outages as PG&E crews struggled to keep the lights on throughout the region.

The first storm, which hit Monday, knocked out power to tens of thousands — about 56,000 PG&E customers around the Bay Area as of Tuesday morning, with nearly half of those outages on the Peninsula, according to utility spokeswoman Tamar Sarkissian.

Power was restored to most customers by Tuesday afternoon, but another storm that night again knocked out power for many. As of 8 a.m. Wednesday about 22,000 Bay Area customers were without power, the utility reported.

Sarkissian said the outages were temporary and that PG&E crews

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JAMES TENSUAN

Live music accompanies opening night of the "Out of the Box" exhibit, a series of mandalas painted on pizza boxes by cancer patients and survivors currently showing at Main Street Cafe and Books in downtown Los Altos.

## Art with a healing agenda

CANCER SURVIVORS CHECK DISEASE AT DOOR OF INSPIRATIONAL ART CLASS

By Kelsey Mesher

Tehila Eisenstat's art students can talk about mixing color, using shape and mapping out a painting.

"It's like laying out a format," said Mountain View resident Joan Manchester, who has been attending Eisenstat's Creative Expressions classes for over a year.

The students can also tell

stories about surgery, radiation therapy or chemotherapy — because all of them live with or are survivors of cancer.

"The wonderful thing about the art class is there is no cancer in that room — you can check it at the door," Manchester said.

Eisenstat's students gathered at Main Street Cafe and Books in Los Altos last Friday for a reception for their most recent exhibit, "Out of the Box." The

show features several dozen colorfully painted pizza boxes, inspired by Tibetan Buddhist sand mandalas.

"Mandalas are very centered, very healing," Eisenstat said. "And it's outside of the box, because we all need to be out of the box."

The mandala project is just one of many Eisenstat has

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## CHM HOSTS UNIQUE HEALTH CONFERENCE

The Computer History Museum was abuzz this week with hundreds of health and technology representatives from around the world, who came to Mountain View for a conference on "personalized medicine" — the use of patients' genetic material to customize treatments and improve outcomes for diseases like cancer and heart disease.

The Tuesday-Wednesday conference focused on new technologies in this growing field, as well as ways to better bring these technologies to patients.

"It takes a long time to get new developments in medicine into actual practice, and we're trying to shorten that up for the physicians

and patients," said Lynn Dowling, a consultant for El Camino's Genomic Medicine Institute, or GMI. A keynote speaker on Wednesday was GMI director Dr. Paul Billings.

El Camino, a sponsor of the conference, is the only community hospital nationwide which focuses on personalized medicine, according to hospital spokesperson Chris Ernst.

For more information, visit [www.pmw2010.com](http://www.pmw2010.com).

— Dana Sherne

## LEAGUE TO HOST COMMUNITY COLLEGE FORUM

Trustees of the Foothill-De Anza district board and members of the community will discuss the chal-

lenges facing community colleges in light of declining funding during a public forum at the Los Altos library next Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Sponsored by local chapters of the League of Women Voters, the discussion will address ways in which the state budget crunch could affect the colleges' core mission. Attendees will be able to voice their opinions on what the colleges' priorities should be.

The event kicks off a League-sponsored series, "Hot Topics," focusing on hot-button national, state and local issues.

The forum is from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Los Altos Public Library, 12 San Antonio Road. For more information, visit [www.lwvlamv.org](http://www.lwvlamv.org) or call (650) 941-4846.

— Kelsey Mesher

## Former mayor David Tripiano dies at 89

By Daniel DeBolt

David Tripiano, Mountain View's mayor of 1954 and a major advocate for the creation of El Camino Hospital, died of cancer last Tuesday, Jan. 12 at the age of 89.

Tripiano was born in Mountain View on Dana Street in 1920. His family had come from Palermo, Sicily at the turn of the century and eventually opted for California's Mediterranean climate over the winter snow in Baltimore's Little Italy, their home until 1910.

Tripiano was class president at Mountain View High School in 1938. He was also running back on the football team, where he was nicknamed "Trip the Light Fantastic" for his running speed, said his son Ron Tripiano.


He joined the Army just weeks before the invasion of Pearl Harbor in 1941 and was stationed in an infantry unit in the Aleutian islands off Alaska. In 1945 he returned to Mountain View and began Crowley plumbing company with his uncle.

In 1952 he was elected to City Council and became mayor in his last year on the council in 1954. He would always be proud of his efforts to bring El Camino Hospital to Mountain View, facing opposition by Stanford Hospital and another hospital in San Jose, both of which said there were not enough people in the county to support the new facility.

But the rest of the 1950s would see explosive growth. Tripiano's plumbing business, Crowley Plumbing Co., boomed as well, growing to 100 employees, the largest on the Peninsula, Ron said. It closed in the 1990s.

Tripiano retired at age

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70 in 1990 and would go on to lead a golfing group for seniors in which he organized tournaments.

Ron Tripiano recalled Christmas with his father when he was a child: "He would put on a Santa Claus suit and go to friends' houses and hand out gifts to children. He was a lot of fun."

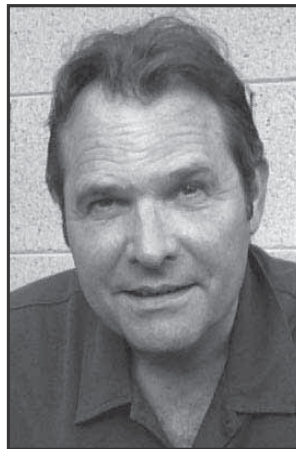
Tripiano is survived by his wife Vera Lee, his sons Bruce and Ron,

six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His son Joseph Scott died eight years ago.

A funeral was held Tuesday, Jan. 19 at St. Joseph Church. City flags were lowered to half staff on that day in Tripiano's honor. ▀



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# MediaNews files for bankruptcy protection

By Jeb Bing

MediaNews, publisher of the *San Jose Mercury News*, *Palo Alto Daily News* and dozens of other daily newspapers around the Bay Area and country, announced last Friday that it is filing for bankruptcy protection.

PR Newswire reported that MediaNews Group Inc., using the name of Affiliates Media, Inc., a holding company that had not been disclosed previously, announced it would seek protection from the federal courts from creditors, including Hearst Corp., owner of the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

The announcement was also made over the weekend in various newspapers under MediaNews control.

Under the so-called "prepackaged bankruptcy" filing, according to the reports, the percentage of the company controlled by William Dean Singleton, its chairman and chief executive officer, will double from 10 percent to 20 percent. However, Hearst Corp., owner of the *Chronicle*, will apparently lose its share in the 54-newspaper chain, along with Singleton's longtime partner, Richard Scudder, 96, of New Jersey.

Scudder was previously chairman of MediaNews. Now Singleton is both chairman and CEO, as well as CEO of the Associated Press organization.

The *Wall Street Journal* reported that MediaNews had been teetering for months and, according

to Singleton, had been trying to rework its debt load instead of filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. "It was personally difficult for me," Singleton told the *Journal*. "I'm a ranch kid from West Texas, and we don't like the 'B word.'"

The *Journal* described Singleton's ability to retain control over MediaNews as "a face-saving victory in the company's restructuring."

Singleton said that once the bankruptcy is over, he plans to lead an industry-wide consolidation. Asked which newspapers or groups of newspapers might be combined, he answered: "You can look at the map."

The MediaNews chain owns most of the paid-circulation dailies in the Bay Area. Besides the *Mercury News*, it owns the *Oakland Tribune*, *San Mateo County Times*, *Contra Costa Times*, *Tri-Valley Herald*, *Marin Independent Journal*, *The Argus* in Fremont, *The Daily Review* in Hayward, and many others.

In its statement issued through PR Newswire, Affiliated Media said it has obtained the approval of its lenders for the financial restructuring of the company that will sharply reduce its debt, boost its cash flow and allow greater financial flexibility. The plan will be implemented in the near future through the "prepackaged" chapter 11 filing.

Only the holding company will restructure. ■

*Jeb Bing is publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly, a Voice sister paper. See a longer version of this story at www.mountainviewonline.com.*

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**Armed robbery  
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station leads to  
four arrests**

By Kelsey Mesher

Mountain View police have arrested four suspects they say committed armed robbery with a semiautomatic assault handgun in front of the police station Friday night.

At approximately 11:50 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15, two men in their late 20s were walking near the corner of Villa and Franklin streets when a blue Dodge Dakota pickup truck pulled up, according to police. Police say three men and one woman got out of the truck and robbed the men of their wallets with a Leinad 380, an illegal assault weapon.

"We got the report of this basically instantaneously," said police spokesperson Liz Wylie, who added that the victims flagged down a Fire Department battalion chief who was driving near the station.

A quick description of the suspects and vehicle were dispatched to police, said Wylie, "and then pretty quickly thereafter one of the officers saw the vehicle."

Wylie said the officer, who was alone, followed the truck from the corner of Rengstorff Avenue and Old Middlefield Road until enough units arrived to stop the vehicle as safely as possible on Highway 101 at Embarcadero Road. She said the California Highway Patrol also shut down a portion of 101 near the Embarcadero exit. The arrest "went without incident, thankfully," she said.

Wylie said keeping traffic out of the way in a case like this is much safer for everyone, "especially with this type of gun involved," which she described as an "Uzi-type" weapon.

"When we recovered the gun the victims identified it as well," she said, calling it a "gnarly weapon" that police are "glad to take off the street."

Arrested were Ottoiela Saenz, 21, of Sunnyvale; Jonathan Gomez, 22, of San Mateo; Jose Diaz, 18, of East Palo Alto; and Christopher Enriquez, 39, of East Palo Alto. All were charged with robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery and booked into county jail. Enriquez was charged with possession of the illegal weapon. ■

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**BUSINESS**

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Chaput, owner of Dana Street Roasting Co. and president of the Central Business Association. "I got the feeling that they were treating themselves" —but on smaller items like books, rather than expensive items like iPods.

In this environment, certain stores thrived. Although he wasn't seeing the usual post-September climb in sales leading up to the holiday season, Chaput says his coffee shop saw increasing sales beginning two weeks before Christmas. He estimates that sales increased 10 to 15 percent each week, rather than the 2 percent he'd expected.

Similarly, Books Inc. on Castro Street experienced an increase in sales leading up to the holidays. Customers there actually seemed excited about shopping, said manager Steven Sparkman.

Many of the items sold at Books Inc. were nicer, more expensive gift books, such as coffee table or cook books, Sparkman said. He added that some customers even requested hardcover copies of books already out in paperback in order to give a nicer gift.

"Let's say you've got a photographer" you're shopping for, Spark-

man said. "You can afford a book about photography, even if you can't afford a new camera lens."

While sales at stores with lower-priced items exceeded expectations, other retailers were hindered by a hard economic year.

"Lean times require lean payrolls and lean inventories," said Wayne Whelan, co-owner of Therapy, a

**"Most local merchants are still feeling the impact of the economy, but there is a sense of guarded optimism."**

OSCAR GARCIA

clothing and gift store on Castro. "We bought less, and we sold a higher percentage of what we had based on the fact that we had less on hand."

December sales were lower at Therapy's Mountain View store than they were in the 2008 holiday season. But the chain of stores, which includes five other locations in San Francisco, Campbell and Burlingame, saw December sales that were roughly even with the year before despite lower inventory.

"My expectations for this year are much higher than they were for

last year," Whelan said. While he reduced inventory for 2009, he is buying more this year and is optimistic that he can sell it.

Most local merchants are still feeling the impact of the economy, but there is a sense of guarded optimism, said Chamber of Commerce president Oscar Garcia.

"I think the attitude of people in the business community is that 'We survived 2009, so what can we do differently to thrive in 2010,'" he said.

Garcia said more business owners are coming to events held by the Chamber to learn how to increase sales. At a networking event for small and mid-sized businesses,

he said, nearly 300 people attended from as far away as Berkeley and San Jose. Normally such events average 120 to 150 people.

Nationally, consumer spending rose for the holiday season. Sales in November and December increased 1.1 percent to \$446.8 billion, according to the National Retail Federation, which had forecast a 1 percent decrease in sales over that period. In 2008, holiday sales dropped 3.4 percent nationally. ▣

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**HEALING**

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taught to cancer patients since the inception of Creative Expressions, part of El Camino Hospital's Healing Arts program, in 2003. A successful artist — one of her paintings hangs in the White House — Eisenstat said she started the class purely out of interest.

"It's my absolute pleasure and

and layered them, dark to light, to create her mandala: a contrasting mix of purples, blues, yellows and oranges.

"We paint with acrylics, and so acrylics go from dark to light," she said. "You have to figure out how to come into the light, but not too quickly."

"I've always enjoyed art but I've never physically painted," said Jane Gibson, a Waverly Park resident and breast cancer survivor. "Now I'm getting pretty good."

"I focus on teaching to paint,

cer. "Obviously (her class) is not medicine," said Saul Eisenstat, Tehila's husband, who is a surgical oncologist at El Camino Hospital. "It's not going to make a patient live longer, but it's going to improve their quality of life."

He spoke of one student who recently passed away, noting that "to the very end she wanted to discuss her art." ▣

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SAUL EISENSTAT

honor to do what I do," she said.

Her students take their work seriously, and that sincerity is reflected in the art.

Manchester's mandala box is painted purple, with rainbow accents and several white doves.

"To me this is a symbol of peace, and how it's far-reaching throughout the world," she said.

Cathy Smithwick, who in March will be a five-year cancer survivor, has been taking Eisenstat's class for four years. She explained how she mixed colors,

not on individual pain," Eisenstat explained, though her students say the class gives them much more than art instruction.

"Tehila is so sensitive," Manchester said. "Last week I was in a different place, and she knew I just needed to be left alone and just do my art."

But even though students like Manchester say they can leave cancer behind in art class, the reality of the disease is always with them: Just this past month they lost two classmates to can-

**■ INFORMATION**

"Out of the Box," an exhibit of mandalas on pizza boxes painted by cancer patients, is on display through Jan. 31 at Main Street Cafe and Books, 134 Main St., Los Altos. The cafe is open Monday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information call (650) 948-8040.

Tehila Eisenstat's Creative Expressions art class, part of El Camino Hospital's Healing Arts program, is for cancer patients only and meets at the YMCA (near the hospital) on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. To register, call the El Camino Hospital Cancer Center at (650) 988-8338.

For more information on Tehila Eisenstat, her artwork or the Creative Expressions program, visit [www.tehila-art.com](http://www.tehila-art.com).



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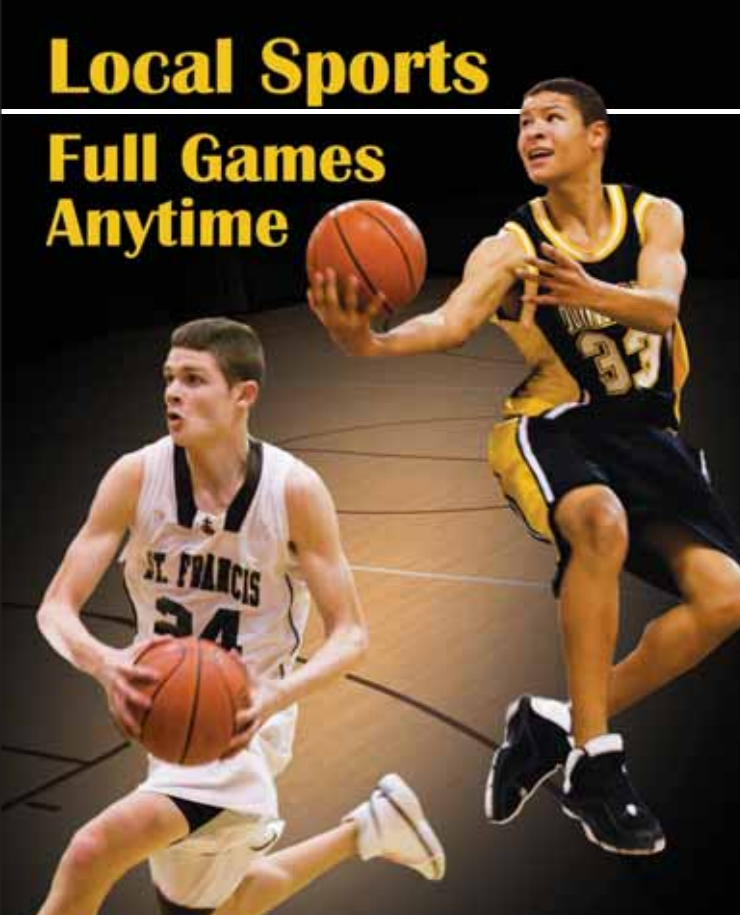
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## HAITI

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several times, and will be compiling video footage from both before and after the earthquake “for students to be visually educated,” Donnelly said.

He added that another campus club, Students for Social Justice, is holding a live music concert Jan. 30 at Jungle Digital Imaging in Palo Alto to benefit relief efforts.

At Mountain View High School, students immediately began to collect money for the Red Cross upon hearing of the tragedy.

“There’s been really great response on campus,” said Mountain View High junior Amika Bist, president of the school’s Red Cross Club. “People are really talking about it and have been affected. Even in my classes people have been discussing what they want to do.”

According to Bist, the Red Cross Club had set out donation boxes in classrooms by Wednesday, and in just one day collected nearly a quarter of their \$400 goal. The club will continue to monitor donation boxes, and is planning additional fundraising campaigns.

“People are really devastated,” Bist said, adding that she’s heard student discussion turn from building codes to whether the U.S. should

shelter refugees to how the Haitian government will rebuild when its own buildings are in ruins.

“It’s just a lot of really intellectual and really interesting conversations to hear, and also really surprising,” she said.

At Egan Junior High, the student council held an emergency meeting the day following the earthquake, according to Principal Brenda Dyckman. She said the students voted unanimously to donate the earnings of their recent “Cookies for Kids” fundraiser to the International Red Cross. The student council matched the money, for a total donation of \$1,000.

Even students at Bubb Elementary School are taking action, according to teacher Adria Flores, as fifth-graders organize a “penny drive” with donations going to the Red Cross.

Some of the relief efforts are being orchestrated by nonprofits operating within the schools. One Dollar for Life, a nonprofit started by Los Altos High social studies teacher Robert Freeman, launched a regional campaign Tuesday morning to collect one dollar from every high school student. The organization typically collects money to build schools in developing nations.

“We were trying to get all the high schools in Santa Clara County to come together in a singular fund-

raiser,” Freeman said, “so every high school student in the county can say, ‘I gave a dollar.’”

As of Tuesday afternoon the organization had verbal confirmation that at least six high schools from five districts around the county would be utilizing its “kits” to collect money. The kits, put together by Los Altos students, contain informational materials about Haiti and the earthquake as well as collection boxes to place in classrooms.

Freeman referenced the United Nations Relief Agency, which has called the recent quake “the greatest humanitarian crisis of modern times.” He said the money collected by his group will be donated to the Haiti Emergency Relief Fund, a Berkeley-based organization that gives money to grassroots groups in the country.

“Every single dollar raised will go to relief projects on the ground in Haiti,” he said. “We want the teenagers to feel efficacy as a group.”

Other, larger local organizations which have pledged money to support relief efforts include Google (\$1 million), Sutter Health (\$1.25 million), and the Irene S. Scully Fund, a donor-advised fund of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation (see sidebar). For more information on SOPUDEP, visit [www.sopudep.org](http://www.sopudep.org). ■

## Local drives net thousands for Haiti

A drive by Mountain View’s Silicon Valley Community Foundation to raise \$50,000 to help victims of the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti was accomplished within a day, the foundation announced last Friday — so quickly, in fact, that a second \$50,000 drive is now underway.

The first campaign, spurred on by a matching grant from the Irene S. Scully Fund, began last Wednesday and was met in less than 24 hours, raising a total of \$100,000.

“I am pleased that our donors have shown such great leadership and generosity. They sparked the creation of this fund to help Haiti in the wake of this enormous human tragedy,” said Emmett D. Carson, CEO and president of the Community Foundation.

The new campaign is driven by The Lieve Roelandt Foundation, which is a part of the Community Foundation. As with the first campaign, if another \$50,000 is donated by the community, every dollar will be matched. Taken together, the two campaigns would raise \$200,000.

The funds will be given to organizations working to provide critical assistance to help Haiti recover, following the worst earthquake there in more than 200 years. Those include Save the Children, World Vision, Partners in Health and the American Red Cross.

Carson said the donations from community members have come in all sizes.

“We have received donations both large and small. We’ve heard from students in our region who want to help by pooling small contributions and from donors who want to make large gifts,” he said.

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■ CITY BRIEFS

**CITY WORKERS GET HOME LOAN PERK**

Mountain View's city employees will now be eligible for low interest home loans worth up to \$100,000 thanks to a late Christmas present from the City Council approved Tuesday.

The council voted 6-1, with John Inks opposed, to invest \$2 million in low interest home loans worth up to \$100,000 for city employees.

The First Responder's Homebuyer Assistance Program was pitched as a way to encourage more city employees to live in the city so they can quickly respond in the event of an emergency. Firefighters and police are known to live in far-off places like Turlock, where they can afford to buy more land, but the program was extended to include other city employees as well.

The program is funded by \$1 million from the city's Below Market Rate Housing fund and \$1 million in general funds. Police and firefighters of all income levels can use the general fund portion of the program, while any city employee making less than 120 percent of the area median income can use the BMR-funded portion. The home must cost less than \$1,047,000 and be the employee's primary residence.

**MV JOINS SOLAR BULK BUY**

The City Council on Tuesday unanimously agreed to sign on to a "power purchase agreement" with Santa Clara County, which is administering a bulk solar panel lease arrangement for dozens of city governments in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, giving dozens of cities a way to afford solar purchases.

Once purchased, the panels could be installed on as many as 90 properties owned by cities on the Peninsula.

Joan Jenkins, transportation and policy manager, said it would be cheaper in the long run for the city to purchase its own solar panels, but the up-front cost is not affordable for the city. The lease agreement breaks up the payments over a 15- to 20-year lease, while keeping overall costs during the lease term lower than PG&E rates, Jenkins said.

Jenkins said there would be a second "offering" from the county for a bulk purchase of solar power once cities are able to see how the first agreement pans out.

City staff listed three possible sites for solar panels in Mountain View, including the parking garage at 135 Bryant Street, the Shoreline Golf

Links parking lot or pro shop, and the Shoreline maintenance facility and carport structures. City Hall was ruled out due to a lack of suitable roof space.

**CITY COULD BUY CASTRO STREET PROPERTIES**

The City Council considered the purchase of a quarter acre of prime real estate on Castro Street during a closed meeting Tuesday night.

The former Der Wienerschnitzel building at the corner of Castro and California streets, now a Mediterranean restaurant, was one of two pieces of property the council discussed. The other is a small office building directly behind it at 756 California St.

With property values down, the acquisitions could be seen as a strategic move for the city. Economic development director Ellis Berns said it is not clear what the city would do with the property, but that it would be in line with the city's ongoing downtown redevelopment efforts.

The properties would be purchased with downtown redevelopment authority funds, which would not affect the city's general fund deficit.

— Daniel DeBolt

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ect have a parking limitation."

Parking on neighboring streets is already "horrendous," neighbors have said, but the report finds that on weekdays, neighborhood street parking is 42 percent full at 6 a.m. and peaks at 72 percent full at 1 p.m.

As for traffic, the existing businesses generate 1,720 trips per day, while the proposed apartment complex would generate 1,295 per day, the report says. The report concludes that the project has the potential to reduce traffic on nearby residential streets because some of Minton's customers may come from the neighborhood.

However, the project will generate an estimated 47 additional outbound trips during morning rush hour and three additional inbound trips during evening rush hour.

The city commissioned and managed the report, and Moss said his

firm had not been in contact with Aecom until it was finished.

Prometheus has also launched a Web site for the project at [www.455westevlyn.com](http://www.455westevlyn.com) in an effort to inform the community about it. The city's Environmental Planning Commission is set to review the project on Feb. 10, and the City Council is expected to review it in late March, Moss said. ■

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The full report is available online at the city's Web site, [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov), under "News Items." The city is accepting written comments on the report until Feb. 17. Send e-mails to [nancy.minicucci@mountainview.gov](mailto:nancy.minicucci@mountainview.gov), or write to:

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**STORMS**

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were working hard to restore power.

"We have been preparing for this and we have all hands on deck," she said.

Anyone who sees a downed power line should call 911. Otherwise, outages can be reported to (800) 743-5002.

The series of storms was expected to blow over by the end of the week and to bring nearly 10 inches of rain to the Bay Area, according to the National Weather Service.

Bob Benjamin, a National Weather Service forecaster, said Sunday that the system was unusual in its quick progression of storms.

"One will lead right into the other, and each individual storm will be accompanied by periods of heavy rain and higher winds," he said. "To have this progression, this number of systems, is not unheard of but it's not usual. If it progresses as anticipated, at the end, we will probably have to go back 10 years or more to find a system of equal rainfall and intensity." ■

Bay City News contributed to this report.

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### ■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

## Cities should stop next money grab

California's continuing struggle to pay its bills has come about not because the state lacks resources, but because the Legislature and governor lack the will to cut expenditures while enacting sensible taxes and fees that would provide a balanced budget in good times and bad.

A major part of the problem is the requirement that a budget must be passed by a two-thirds vote in both houses of the Legislature. Hamstrung by this rule, which enables a tiny minority of legislators to block passage of the budget and prevent any tax or fee hikes, the state has resorted to raiding the coffers of cities and counties, which in turn have no choice but to cut services.

But this vicious cycle may be ended once and for all if a constitutional amendment promoted by the League of California Cities gains enough signatures to be placed on an upcoming ballot. Such an amendment, should it pass, would prohibit the state from touching a wide range of funds now controlled by, or allocated to, local governments.

This is a fundamentally fair idea, especially since these days it's the best-run local governments, such as Mountain View's, that suffer the most. In last year's budget boondoggle, Mountain View was stripped of \$3 million over two years to help the state make up a huge deficit. This year, the city is attempting to close a \$4 million hole that may mean employee layoffs and significant service cuts.

"The feeling is they (state legislators) will do anything they can to find money rather than do what's hard to do, which is raise taxes," said City Council member Mike Kasperzak, who is also second vice president of the League of California Cities.

The League's measure states that it "would prohibit the state from taking, borrowing or redirecting local taxpayer funds dedicated to public safety, emergency response and other vital local government services," including public transportation. The measure also assures "once and for all that our gas taxes go to fund road improvements."

Kasperzak is an adamant supporter of the measure, and for good reason. Last week he told the *Voice* that "The governor is talking about taking away the Prop. 42 gas tax. Part of that goes to cities for roads. He can abolish it and propose a different tax that goes to the state. They could take hotel taxes, utility taxes and redevelopment authority funds."

This is why local governments should take strong action to force the state to live within its means, increase taxes, or both — whatever it takes to balance its budget without robbing local coffers. If a ballot measure is the only way to compel Sacramento to abide by these rules, then we're all for it.

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#### ON ATTEMPTS TO THWART ANOTHER STATE MONEY GRAB

If Sacramento wants the additional money, let them come to the people directly with tax hikes. This indirect tax strikes me as taxation without representation.

**Will Joseph, a resident of the Shoreline West neighborhood**

Actually, it is taxation with representation. Our elected legislature and executive are responsible. In fact, our Assembly member has an office on Castro Street, next to the appliance store if you're looking where to picket.

This money grab is more reason to reform or get rid of Prop 13.

This happens because local governments no longer have control of revenues. Instead of local property taxes paying for services, cities and counties rely on the state sales tax for revenues. Those revenues are controlled by the state. This is a serious issue and will continue to be an issue, even with a Constitutional Amendment to protect the amount the state must dedicate to those purposes. Such is the case with the education proposition that forces the state to spend a set amount of the general fund for education.

**dfb, a resident of the Shoreline West neighborhood**

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**HandyAndy, a resident of the Cuesta Park neighborhood**

#### ON AN ARMED ROBBERY ATTEMPT IN FRONT OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE STATION

A job well done for all concerned (the victims, the MVFD battalion chief and the responding MVPD officers). When citizens are proactive in reporting crime in this fashion, they become the extra eyes and ears of the police, and a vital link in the chain of crime prevention and solution.

**The Eye, a resident of the Old Mountain View neighborhood**





VIVIAN WONG

Gordon Biersch's southwest egg rolls features pulled chicken, black beans, corn, roasted red peppers and pepper jack cheese.

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

## Familiar food, liberal libations

GORDON BIRSCH IN PALO ALTO STILL ROCKS DESPITE UNEVEN KITCHEN AND WAITSTAFF

By Dale F. Bentson

Dan Gordon and Dean Biersch founded their eponymous brew pub restaurant chain in 1988, on the site of what was once Palo Alto's Rialto Theater.

The space has a sky-high ceiling, lots of glass in the front, sturdy wood tables and chairs and is sectioned off creating several smaller dining spaces. The bar area, replete with jumbo TV screens, dominates the rear of the building.

Gordon Biersch is now a

chain of 38 eateries scattered across the U.S., situated wherever throngs of young people hang out. Messrs. Gordon and Biersch are long gone. The restaurants are now operated by Big Rivers Brewery of Chattanooga, Tenn. The brewery operation is owned by a billionaire from Las Vegas. So much for the local connection.

Ownership doesn't stand in the way of having a good time though, and that's what Gordon Biersch is all about, from Happy

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#### Portafoglio di Pollo con Prosciutto e Fontina Chicken Pouch with Prosciutto and Fontina

- 4 boneless chicken breasts-6 ounces each
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup plain breadcrumbs
- 12 Prosciutto slices
- 10 oz. shredded Fontina cheese
- Salsa di Pomodoro
- 2 large tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons of extra-virgin olive oil basil
- salt and pepper to taste

#### Preparation:

Pound chicken breasts to 50% larger and evened out. Cut each breast to form a pouch, flour each piece then dip it in beaten eggs and finally dredge in breadcrumbs. Open each pouch and fill it with slices of prosciutto and 4 oz. of the Fontina. Prepare Salsa di Pomodoro (see below)  
Place oil in medium hot Sauté pan. Add the coated breasts and cook for 7-9 minutes or done and internal temp reaches 160 degrees. Coating should be golden brown. Serve with a fresh tomato salsa made of diced tomatoes seasoned with extra-virgin olive oil, pepper, salt and basil.  
Note: Coated and stuffed breasts may be browned and finished in a 400° oven for 12 minutes or until cooked.

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Hour to Monday night broadcasts of Inside Stanford Sports. It's a vibrant restaurant early in the evening, segueing to pulsing bar scene as the night unfolds.

The menu is huge, with over 100 items counting sides and daily specials. It's a big assignment for any kitchen to turn out perfect orders with regularity, even given the relative simplicity of the dishes. Indeed,

the unevenness of the food was palpable, from visit to visit and course to course.

Crispy artichoke hearts (\$9.50) were a great way to start any meal. The crispy 'chokes were topped with a sprinkle of Parmesan cheese, as good as any I've had in Castroville. Alas, the lemon aioli dipping sauce was lifeless.

The Kobe sliders (\$11.95)

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**GORDON BIRSCH**

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were terrific. Three tender Kobe beef mini-burgers were sandwiched between tender house-made rolls with a slice of kosher dill pickle and mustard sauce. Served with fried onion strings, it was a meal itself.

Southwest egg rolls (\$9.25) were bursting with flavor. Pulled chicken, black beans, corn, roasted red peppers and pepper jack cheese were stuffed

inside crisp wrappers. The roasted jalapeno ranch dipping sauce was piquant enough to energize the egg rolls without scorching the tongue.

Chicken wings (\$8.95) glazed with sweet chili and ginger was the perfect appetizer, enough tang to awaken the taste buds but not too big a portion to subdue the appetite.

The signature Gordon Biersch garlic fries (\$5.95) were as tasty as ever, with the garlic much in evidence yet not overpowering the crisp fries.

The cedar plank pecan crust-

ed salmon (\$20.95) was a disaster. Cedar is supposed to infuse the fish with a delicate smoky flavor. There was flavor to the dish alright, although smoky is not an adjective I would use. The honey pecan crust was at odds with whatever the wood flavor was. The result was a most unappealing entree.

Further, the salmon couldn't have been grilled for more than a half minute, it was absolutely raw just under the pecan crust. Unhappily, my waitress was nowhere around. Despite my frequent protestations about waitstaff constantly haranguing patrons about the quality of each dish, this was one instance when I wished the server had been more attentive. When she finally showed and offered to have the dish remade, we were finished eating. She did take it off the bill though.

Which brings me to overall service issues which were generally too fast or too slow. Several times, appetizer plates were collected just as the entrees arrived. Or it took an inordinate amount of time for the dessert to come, or fresh utensils, or the check.

There are half a dozen mellow Gordon Biersch beers on tap, plus other labels. The wine list is good and fairly priced, with dozens of wines available by the glass. Martinis, margaritas and alcohol-free cocktails rounded out the lengthy libations menu.

Gordon Biersch, the brew pub, has a lot to offer. Gordon Biersch, the restaurant, perhaps has more to offer than the kitchen and waitstaff can handle. ▣

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MOVIE TIMES

- A Single Man (R) ★★★★★**  
**Aquarius Theatre:** 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 2 p.m.
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) (Not Reviewed)**  
**Century 16:** 11:30 a.m.; 1:45, 4, 6:30 & 8:45 p.m.  
**Century 20:** 11:10 a.m.; 1:30, 3:45, 6, 8:20 & 10:40 p.m.
- An Education (PG-13) ★★★**  
**Aquarius Theatre:** 7:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 2:30 p.m.
- Avatar (PG-13) ★★★**  
**Century 16:** In 3D at 11:35 a.m.; 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7, 9 & 10:30 p.m.  
**Century 20:** 2:30 & 8:40 p.m.; In 3D at 11:20 a.m.; 12:30, 1:40, 2:50, 4:10, 5:30, 6:30, 8:05, 9:10 & 10 p.m.; Sat. also at 10:10 a.m.
- The Blind Side (PG-13) ★★ Century 16:** 12:05 & 6:15 p.m.  
**Century 20:** 12:40, 4, 7:30 & 10:25 p.m.
- The Book of Eli (R) ★★★ Century 16:** 11:45 a.m.; 1:10, 2:30, 3:55, 5:15, 6:40, 8, 9:30 & 10:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:20 a.m.; 12:45, 2, 3:35, 4:45, 6:25, 7:35, 9:15 & 10:25 p.m.
- Broken Embraces (R) ★★★ Guild Theatre:** 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
- Crazy Heart (R) ★★★**  
**CinéArts at Palo Alto Square:** 2, 4:40 & 7:15 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:55 p.m.
- Daybreakers (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 20:** 3:20 & 9:55 p.m.
- Extraordinary Measures (PG) ★★ (Not Reviewed)**  
**Century 16:** 11:40 a.m.; 2:10, 4:40, 7:15 & 9:55 p.m.  
**Century 20:** 11:40 a.m.; 2:20, 4:55, 7:45 & 10:20 p.m.
- Invictus (PG-13) ★★★ 1/2 Century 16:** 3:05 & 9:10 p.m.  
**Century 20:** 12:10 & 6:40 p.m.
- It's Complicated (R) ★★★ Century 16:** 1, 4:10, 7:10 & 10:15 p.m.  
**Century 20:** 11:15 a.m.; 1:55, 4:40, 7:40 & 10:30 p.m.
- Leap Year (PG) (1/2 star) Century 16:** 3 & 8:05 p.m.  
**Century 20:** 11:25 a.m.; 1:50, 4:35, 7:05 & 9:30 p.m.
- Legion (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55 & 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m.
- The Lovely Bones (PG-13) ★★ 1/2 Century 16:** 11:55 a.m.; 1:25, 2:55, 4:25, 5:55, 7:25, 8:55 & 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m.; 1, 2:35, 4:05, 5:40, 7:10, 8:45 & 10:10 p.m.; Sat. also at 10 a.m.
- The Metropolitan Opera: Der Rosenkavalier (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Century 20:** Wed. at 6:30 p.m.  
**CinéArts at Palo Alto Square:** Wed. at 6:30 p.m.
- Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire (R) ★★★ 1/2 Aquarius Theatre:** 5 & 9:55 p.m.
- The Princess and the Frog (G) ★★★**  
**Century 20:** 11:35 a.m. & 2 p.m.; Fri.-Tue. & Thu. also at 4:30, 6:55 & 9:35 p.m.
- Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) ★★★ 1/2 Century 16:** 12:45, 3:45, 7:05 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 1:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 10:15 p.m.; Sat. also at 10:20 a.m.
- The Spy Next Door (PG) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35 & 10:05 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:15, 2:40, 5, 7:25 & 9:45 p.m.
- Tooth Fairy (PG) (Not Reviewed)**  
**Century 16:** 11:50 a.m.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:30 & 10 p.m.  
**Century 20:** 1:50, 4:25, 7 & 9:30 p.m.; Fri. & Sun.-Thu. also at 11:15 a.m.
- Up in the Air (R) ★★★ 1/2 Century 16:** Noon, 2:35, 5:05, 7:45 & 10:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:45 a.m.; 2:25, 5:10, 7:50 & 10:35 p.m.
- The Young Victoria (PG) ★★★ 1/2**  
**CinéArts at Palo Alto Square:** 2:20 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 4:50, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m.; Sun.-Tue. & Thu. also at 4:50 & 7:20 p.m.
- Youth in Revolt (R) ★★★**  
**Century 16:** 12:10, 5:40 & 10:35 p.m.  
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MOVIE REVIEWS

THE BOOK OF ELI ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) This hell-on-earth movie stars Denzel Washington as a man with a mission beyond mere survival. Thirty winters have passed since the flash, a vaguely described cataclysmic event of global proportion. Either the sun or the war blinded many survivors. Considered an old man and one of the few who remembers the world as we know it, Eli (Washington) says that people had more than they needed and no idea of what was precious. They would discard items that survivors would kill for now. He's heading west with precious cargo: a leather-bound tome, coveted by a power-hungry book lover (Gary Oldman). If Washington or the filmmakers had hit a single false note, the action scenes might have been laughable. Instead they offer riveting reprieves from Eli's achingly slow road trip, turned up a notch when joined by a runaway (Mila Kunis). *Rated: R for some brutal violence and language. 1 hours. 58 minutes.* — S.T.

LEAP YEAR (1/2 star)

(Century 16, Century 20) This film is neither romantic nor comic, and the central character is so annoying you want to slap her. Amy Adams, all flirty smirks and tossed hair, plays Anna, a Boston stager who's been in a relationship with Jeremy (Adam Scott) for four years. But, though they're about to buy a condo together, he has yet to pop the question. Jeremy, a cardiologist so dull he barely seems to have a pulse, is about to leave for Dublin to attend a convention. Anna learns that, according to an old Irish tradition, a girl who proposes to her beau on leap year day can't be refused, so she packs her Louis Vuitton bag and she's off. Because of a storm, Anna finds herself far from Dublin at a country inn/pub run by Declan (Matthew Goode). *Rated PG for sensuality and language. One hour, 37 minutes.* — R.P.

THE LOVELY BONES

★★★ 1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Alice Sebold's bestseller "The Lovely Bones" held good potential for a screen treatment, but Peter Jackson squanders it on a schizoid film that largely misses the point of the novel. "The Lovely Bones" takes place partly in the afterlife of Susie Salmon, teen victim of a rape-murder. Sebold's story finds Susie exploring her "In-Between" purgatory while failing to let go of Earth, where her family mourns and her killer roams free. Jackson fails to engage us in the hurt of the Salmons, to whom at least half of the story should belong. Jackson contains himself mostly to the obsession of Susie's father Jack (Mark Wahlberg), who believes he can and must solve his daughter's murder. *Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material involving disturbing violent content and images, and some language. Two hours, 15 minutes.* — P.C.

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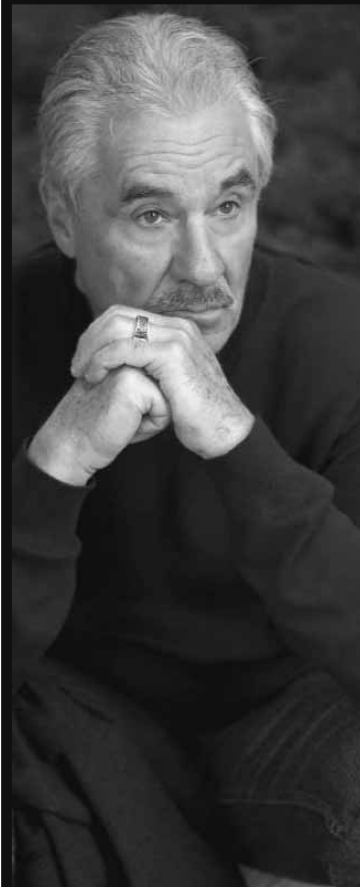
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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Step Out for Pro-Choice** Annual rally and walk in downtown Los Altos to support woman's right to choose. Friday, Jan 22. Organized by American Association of University Women. Address by Linda Williams, president/CEO, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte. Program begins at noon. Fri., Jan. 22, noon-1:30 p.m. \$1 at the door. Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [www.aauw-losaltosmountainview.org](http://www.aauw-losaltosmountainview.org)

**CONCERTS**

**Bluegrass Music Concert** RBA presents The Tuttle with AJ Lee, a traditional bluegrass band of (mostly) teens and pre-teens. Sat., Jan. 23, 8-11 p.m. \$18/advance, \$20/door. First Presbyterian Church, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-691-9982. [www.rba.org](http://www.rba.org)

**ENVIRONMENT**

**Tree Planting: Stevens Creek Trail** Mountain View Trees' 4th anniversary. Cake/refreshments. Meet in parking lot near El Camino & Stevens Creek (by Hwy 85). No experience required. Tools, trees and instructions are provided. Wear gardening clothes and work gloves. Children are welcome as long as each is accompanied by one adult. Sat., Jan. 23, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Stevens Creek Trail, El Camino Real to Sleeper Avenue, Mountain View. Call 650-450-6881. [www.mountainviewtrees.org](http://www.mountainviewtrees.org)

**EXHIBITS**

**"Out of the Box"** An unusual display of mandalas painted on pizza boxes is the work of cancer

patients at El Camino Hospital who participate in the Creative Expressions classes. The exhibit can be seen at Main Street Cafe and Books in Los Altos. Through January, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Main Street Cafe and Books, 134 Main St., Los Altos. Call 650-988-7514. [elcaminohospital.org](http://elcaminohospital.org)

**FAMILY AND KIDS**

**Autism Spectrum Disorders: Educational Series for Parents** The Stanford Autism Center at Packard Children's Hospital is offering a 10-part educational series for parents of children and adolescents with a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder. This series is designed to provide parents with information about ASD diagnoses, treatments and services. Thursdays through March 25, \$5 per session. Stanford University, 401 Quarry Road, Room 2209, Stanford. Call 650-721-6327. [childpsychiatry.stanford.edu](http://childpsychiatry.stanford.edu)

**Kids Story Hour** First and third Wednesday of every month on the first floor. One hour of picture-book reading and songs. 10-11 a.m. Free. Redrock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View.

**Open House at German Intl. School of Silicon Valley** The German International School of Silicon Valley's Open House to learn about GISSV's bilingual programs (German/English). Sat., Jan. 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. German International School of Silicon Valley, 310 Easy St., Mountain View. Call 650-254-0748. [www.gissv.org](http://www.gissv.org)

**The Global School of Silicon Valley**, a new private school offering an innovative, multicultural education for K-8 students, will open its first U.S. branch in San Jose in September 2010. The Global School is currently enrolling students for the 2010-2011 school year, and will host an Open House for parents and prospective stu-



**COPPER'S DREAM DOG ADOPTION** Mobile adoption event for dogs and puppies. Sat., Jan. 23, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Whole Foods Market, 774 Emerson St., Palo Alto. [www.coppersdream.org](http://www.coppersdream.org)

dents on Saturday, January 23 at the Computer History Museum (1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View) at 10:00 AM. For more information or to RSVP, please call 1-888-558-8828, email [admissions@myglobalschool.org](mailto:admissions@myglobalschool.org), or visit [www.myglobalschool.org](http://www.myglobalschool.org).

Thu., Jan. 28, 1 p.m. Free. 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Burns Supper and Scottish Ceilidh** The South Bay Scottish Society hosts a traditional Robert Burns Supper that includes the piping in and toast to the haggis. Sat., Jan. 23, 5:30-10:30 p.m. \$18 to \$45. Mt.View Masonic Temple, 890 Church (corner of Frank-

lin), Mt.View. Call 408-554-9711 or 650-941-0214. <http://www.southbayscotts.org/>

**TALKS/AUTHORS**

**Lawyer Quits; Finds Heart/Soul** Jeff Brown, author of "Soulshaping: A Journey of Self-Creation," shows how a driven lawyer quit his job, changed his path and transformed his life. Tue., Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. [www.eastwest.com](http://www.eastwest.com)

**SDForum Tech Women Event: Organizational Savvy for Women** Dr. Rick Brandon will empower SDForum Tech Women to break through barriers to their influence, impact, and advancement due to gender norms. Thu., Jan. 28, 6-8:30 p.m. \$10 for SDForum members; \$25.00 for non-members. Symantec vCafe, 350 Ellis St., Mountain View. <http://www.sdforum.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventID=13624>

**Suruchi Mohan, "Divine Music"** Suruchi Mohan, author of the novel "Divine Music," gives a free talk and reading. Wed., Jan. 27, 7 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. [library.mountainview.gov](http://library.mountainview.gov)

**The World Is Your Stage: A Story of Music on the iPhone, How We Got Here, and Where We're Going** Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley's weekly Talks on Computing Systems. This week's topic is on the research that is being done on mobile phones at Stanford and at Smule. Tue., Jan. 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley, NASA Research Park, Bldg 23, Moffett field. Call 650-335-2852. [www.cmu.edu/silicon-valley/news-events/seminars/index.html](http://www.cmu.edu/silicon-valley/news-events/seminars/index.html)



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Electric Bikes information  
Electric vehicle Engineering  
Free Chakra Healing & Reiki  
Free Intro to Zen Shiatsu  
Free Reiki Open House  
Free Theta Healing talk

French/English tutor  
Meditation Classes  
Nordic Choir in concert, Jan. 22  
Seeking Spanish Teachers  
The M.L.K. Birthday Celebration

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Tu b'Shv'at Seder Dinner  
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### 140 Lost & Found

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File No. 531988

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STATEMENT**

File No. 532547

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File No. 532940

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## 2235 SYCAMORE COURT, LOS ALTOS



### *Charm and appeal nestled on a Los Altos Cul-de-sac*

This attractively updated 4 bedroom, 2 ½ bath 2,017 sq. ft. (*per county*) home is nestled on a quiet, tree-lined cul-de-sac. Boasting an expansive lot of over ¼ of an acre (*per county*), the home rests among the trees and mature landscaping. An updated eat-in kitchen with granite counters and ceramic tile floors leads you to a living/dining room featuring a vaulted, open-beam ceiling, marble-tile, wood-burning fireplace and a wide view and access to the deck and expansive backyard. The adjoining family room also accesses the deck and backyard and features a second wood-burning fireplace and built-in cabinets, bookshelves and desk. Three ample bedrooms and an updated hall bath lead to the spacious master suite. Designer touches shine throughout the home, including custom paint, crown and base molding, modern lighting and fixtures, and Oak hardwood floors. The large backyard and deck are ideal for entertaining and the home is ideally located just minutes from shops and restaurants, Foothill Expressway and Hwy 280.

**List Price \$1,398,000**

**OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1:30-4:30pm**

***Come and enjoy Complimentary Lattes and Catered Lunch at the Open House***



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Open Sunday

**PALO ALTO** 4 BR | 3 BA

**1234 PITMAN AVENUE** \$2,649,000  
9-year-young custom built lot over 7000. House over 2700+ Attached garage. Family room+separate study.  
Julie Lau 650.325.6161



Open Sat & Sun

**PALO ALTO** 3 BR | 2 BA

**3633 PARK BLVD** \$848,000  
Remodeled kitchen with granite cntertops, cherry cabinets, stainless steel appliances.  
Shelly Potvin 650.941.7040



Appointment Only

**PALO ALTO** 5 BR | 3 BA

**SECLUDED PROPERTY** \$2,998,000  
Private property-value in the land. Excellent opportunity in Old PA. 13,500 sf w/90'x150'.  
Leannah Hunt & Laurel Robinson 650.325.6161



Open Sat & Sun

**MOUNTAIN VIEW** 3 BR | 2 BA

**1639 TODD STREET** \$1,048,000  
Remodeled 5 years ago and has Los Altos schools.  
Margot Goodman 650.941.7040



Open Sat & Sun

**MOUNTAIN VIEW** 3 BR | 2 BA

**1594 NILDA AVENUE** \$979,500  
Remodeled kitchen, re-finished hardwood floors, dual pane windows, large kitchen with separate breakfast nook.  
Gary Herbert 650.941.7040



Appointment Only

**PALO ALTO** 4 BR | 2 BA

**EICHLER ON LARGE LOT** \$979,000  
Sharp, clean with remodeled kitchen with granite counters. Updated baths, new carpet & paint. 8400 sf lot.  
Jo Jackson 650.325.6161

**ATHERTON      LOS ALTOS      MENLO PARK      PALO ALTO      SAN JOSE**

**301 STOCKBRIDGE AV**  
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,998,000  
4 BR 3.5 BA Outstanding West Atherton Opportunity in Las Lomitas. Large Lot & Room for Expansion!  
L.Hunt & L.Robinson 650.325.6161

**24481 SUMMERHILL AVE**  
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,599,000  
3 BR 1.5 BA What a FIND! Idyllic private location w/gorgeous views! 20,000 sq ft lot, charming Hm. Hrdwd flrs, frplc.  
Terri Couture 650.941.7040

**166 SAND HILL CIR.**  
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$979,000  
2 BR 2 BA Townhome by Golf Course. Beautiful TH on the tranquil area. Hardwood floors in living room, dining room & kitchen  
Patsy Kodama 650.325.6161

**3780 STARR KING CIR**  
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,199,000  
4 BR 2 BA Beautiful & Bright, this fully renovated home is a classic contemporary with open-design.  
Lan L. Bowling 650.328.5211

**422 GALLERIA DR #7**  
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$508,000  
2 BR 2 BA Elegant and Upscale Home. Immaculate & fabulous home near Rivermark, & major Hi-Tech companies.  
Alice Chakhmazova 650.948.0456

**10952 SWEET OAK ST**  
SUN 1:30-4:30 \$599,000  
2 BR 2 BA With no shared common walls.Highly sought-after neighborhood near Los Altos border. One level TH w/2 car garage.  
Yasemin Richardson 650.948.0456

**966 SPENCER WAY**  
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,350,000  
3 BR 2 BA Eat-in kit.opens to Fam Rm w/ red brick fireplace,enlarged master bedroom & mstr bath.  
Bea Waller 650.941.7040

**1 W EDITH AV #A104**  
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$849,000  
2 BR 2 BA Newer condominium w/all amenities & conveniences for individuals 55+ yrs  
J.Buchanan & S.Bowen 650.941.7040

**ENJOY PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP** \$599,000  
2 BR 2 BA Top floor, 1 lvl, 1200 sf condo w/formal entry, eat-in kit, lg LR w/balcony, MP suite, A/C  
Robert Marchetti 650.325.6161

**555 BYRON ST #205 & #207**  
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$875,000+  
2 BR 2 BA Luxury Adult Living. The Hamilton, PA's elegant over '55 adult condominiums, offers luxurious retirement living  
Jo Jackson 650.325.6161

**322 N 19TH ST**  
SUN 1 - 4 \$499,000  
2 BR 2 BA Victorian-style home harkens to a gracious bygone era & now has modern amenities.  
Melanie Johnson 650.941.7040

**LUXURY 1ST LEVEL END-UNIT** \$548,888  
2 BR 2 BA Condo in the heart of Cupertino.The 1st condo unit at the Travigne Villas, 2 BD, full Ba's  
Ron & Nasrin Delan 650.941.7040

**ATOP THE HILLS** \$1,899,900  
4 BR 2.5 BA Beautifully remodeled two level home & vineyard in Alta Vista area with far reaching views  
Vicki Geers 650.941.7040

**LOT CLR & READY TO BUILD** \$1,080,000  
4 BR 3 BA List price reflects Hm being built by owner/bldr as approved by the city.Permits in place  
Eppie Cf Lam 650.941.7040

**THE HOPKINS 14 UNITS** \$2,550,000  
Great location with easy access to El Camino Real, shopping & commuter train. Fully rented.  
Veronica Rudick 650.325.6161

**FABULOUS VIEW PROPERTY!** \$1,199,000  
4 BR 3.5 BA Enjoy this beautiful sunrise for the rest of your life! San Mateo Highlands remodeled  
Brendan Callahan 650.325.6161

**820 SEA SPRAY LN # 303**  
SUN 1 - 4 \$488,000  
2 BR 2 BA Resort Style Living top floor home. Secure elevator in bldg Full inside W/D. storage.  
Joanne Shapiro 650.328.5211

**578 OLIVE ST**  
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,695,000  
6 BR 6 BA New, 5000 sf Craftsman in W. Menlo. +10k lot! High-End Finishes & Countless Amenities  
Mandana Nejad 650.325.6161

**ELEGANT, LIGHT FILLED** \$929,000  
4 BR 2.5 BA Contemporary home w/high ceilings.Updtd w/slate & bamboo flrs;fam rm kit,inside Indry.  
Kathy Horvath 650.941.7040

**3883 FARM HILL BLVD**  
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,035,000  
4 BR 3 BA Farm Hill Estate Location. Beautifully remodeled throughout with sunny exposure & views of hills.  
Denise Monfette 650.325.6161

**20783 ASHLEY WAY**  
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,498,000  
5 BR 4 BA Fabulous Family Home. 4,168 sf interior spread over more than 1/2 an acre in a cul de sac adjacent to Creek.  
Perry Mistry 650.941.7040

**50 PINE LANE**  
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,988,000  
5 BR 5.5 BA French country home presents classic elegance and modern functionality. Stunning New Home-15K Lot  
Terri Couture 650.941.7040

**UPDATED TURN-KEY HOME** \$2,595,000  
3 BR 2.5 BA Live & entertain in recently updated turn-key home on the 3rd fairway of the golf course  
Nancy Goldcamp 650.325.6161

**FIRST FLOOR END UNIT** \$399,000  
2 BR 1 BA Overlooking lawn area. Completely updated,kitchen cabinets w/ granite counters.  
Melanie Johnson 650.941.7040

**5142 BELA DR.**  
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$849,000  
5 BR 2.5 BA Rare Happy Valley home! www.5142Bela.com-Super clean home! Country Lane Elementary. Rich wood floors, modern kitchen with granite counters.  
Francis Rolland 650.948.0456

**1152 BENNINGTON DR**  
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$888,000  
3 BR 2 BA With hardwood floors thru out, updated kitchen with granite, & updated master Bath with tile surround.  
J.Buchanan & S.Bowen 650.941.7040

**BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED** \$2,900,000  
6 BR 4.5 BA From top 2 bottom. 5 bdrms, 3 are Suites & a Office, 4 full Ba & 1 1/2 Ba Indry on both lvls  
Phyllis Carmichael 650.941.7040

**2357 SHARON OAKS DR**  
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,069,000  
2 BR 2 BA No steps single-level, end unit in desirable Sharon Oaks. Attached 2-car garage. Bonus room.  
Matlock & Christie 650.941.7040

**955 ADDISON AVE**  
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,980,000  
6 BR 5.5 BA Exquisite 2 story 8 yrs new custom built in Crescent Park. 4300 sq ft living area. Lot size 12,400 sq ft.  
Dora Thordarson 650.941.7040

**EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS!** \$719,950  
3 BR 2 BA Set on a small cul-de-sac in a desirable Cambrian neighborhood. Extensive remodeled thruout home.  
Yasemin Richardson 650.948.0456

**MUST SEE! GREAT POTENTIAL** \$629,000  
4 BR 3 BA Ideal with Mother in law qtrtrs. 4 br/3 ba, 2 kitchen, 2 LR. Enclosed patio area. 2 car attached garage.  
Letty Guerra 650.941.7040

**TRI-LEVEL TOWNHOME** \$398,000  
1 BR 1.5 BA Fenced brick courtyard with arbor entrance, Living room/dining room combo with high ceilings, laundry in unit.  
Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456