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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Kindergartner Ava Taylor, 4, gets an uplifting hug from big sister Ellie, 7, as brother Silas, 6, looks on. It was Ava's first day of school at Mariano Castro Elementary School on Monday, Aug. 23. All over the Mountain View Whisman district students headed back to class after summer break.

MICHELLE LE

Spotting the warning signs

HIGH SCHOOL STAFF SCHOOLED ON SUICIDE PREVENTION

By Nick Veronin

High school staff went back to school for suicide-prevention training, following a "surprisingly high" number of attempted suicides by Mountain View and Los Altos high school students last year, and the much-publicized suicide cluster at Gunn High School in Palo Alto in 2009.

The Aug. 13 training session at Foothill College drew 35 employees of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District.

It focused on a suicide prevention protocol known as "question-persuade-refer," or QPR.

Students who contemplate killing themselves often feel pressured, depressed, overwhelmed or hopeless and very often suffer from a form of mental illness such as bipolar disorder or psychosis, said Brigitte Sarraf, associate superintendent of educational services at Mountain View-Los Altos. She was at the training where Susan Flatmo, a contract psychologist

with the district, outlined some of the indicators that a person may be considering suicide.

The training focused on spotting the warning signs and engaging students in the QPR protocol, which involves asking students if they are depressed and are considering suicide, attempting to persuade them against ending their lives and referring students to a qualified mental health official.

Between May 2009 and Janu-

ary 2010, five people affiliated with Gunn High School committed suicide. Three were Gunn students at the time, one was an incoming freshman and one had recently graduated in the class of 2008. Sarraf had no concrete figures for the number of attempted suicides in her district last year, but said many had been reported and that it was disconcerting.

"We would like to think it was an aberration, but we don't want to take a chance on that," Sarraf said. "We want the adults in our schools to be aware, so that we can assist students before they seriously act on a suicide plan. This is all aimed at saving lives." ▽

MV Whisman sets new policy on nepotism

NEW RULE TO GUARD AGAINST CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, IMPROPRIETY

By Nick Veronin

Responding to a recommendation from the California School Boards Association, the local elementary-middle school district has a new policy to guard against nepotism in its ranks.

Prior to adoption of the policy, the Mountain View Whisman School District did not have any specific rules prohibiting district employees from being supervised by a relative or someone with whom they share an intimate relationship, said Superintendent Craig Goldman.

"I think that there are many members of the community that will appreciate an explicit policy on this issue," Goldman said.

The board of trustees for the district adopted the policy at its Aug. 19 meeting. All members present voted unanimously to approve the policy. Steve Olson was the only board member not present at the meeting.

When asked why a policy was not already on the books, Gold-

man said that the district had rules related to sexual harassment and conflict of interest. "We see this policy as one that adds clarification, not that is fundamentally different than what we had before," he said.

The new rule "prohibits the appointment or continuing assignment of any person to a position for which his or her relative (or a person with whom he or she has an intimate or romantic relationship) maintains management, supervisory, evaluation, or promotion

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'Amazing' false alarm — TV show is a no-show

Brace yourself, Castro Street, The Amazing Race is coming!

At least that was the announcement circulated Friday by shop owner Kathleen McCabe and many others who mistakenly believed McCabe, including the Central Business Association and city officials. According to e-mails, voicemails and Facebook updates, the network TV show, which sends teams on an around-the-world race punctuated by unusual tasks, was supposedly stopping at Global Beads on Castro Street at about 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21, for some sort of challenge involving beads.

When the *Voice* turned up on Saturday to see what was going

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"Yes, there is life on other planets — with the size of the universe, it's more than just a possibility."

Jason Crow, San Jose



"There must be life on other planets. From a scientific background, it doesn't seem plausible that Earth is the only planet that can possibly hold life."

Daphne Fong, San Jose



"The universe is fairly large. There must be something else out there."

Morgan McLain-Smith, San Jose



"I definitely believe there is other intelligent life in this world because we are continually evolving and moving toward higher life-forms."

Khris Fuller, Mountain View



"I think there's life on other planets. They might even impact and affect us."

Fumi Matsuno, San Jose

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Due to a production error, the ad for *Congregation Beth Am* that ran in *The Mountain View Voice* on August 20 had the wrong event date.

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The simulator has also been extensively used to develop aircraft controls. Contractors told

the *Voice* last year that it was being used to help develop an airship for the U.S. Department of Defense.

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—Daniel DeBolt

City Council campaign on a shoestring

LONGTIME RESIDENT GREG DAVID BELIEVES \$1,000 IS ENOUGH TO WIN A SEAT

By Daniel DeBolt

A city policy encourages City Council candidates to spend less than \$20,000 on their election campaigns, but candidate Greg David intends to spend well below that.

"My personal view is it shouldn't take thousands or tens of thousands of dollars to be a council member," David said.

About \$1,000 is all David said he intends to spend.

He's written a check for a \$500 ballot statement and he hopes that will be his biggest expense. He plans to make campaign signs from recycled wood and leftover paint.

"If you have a vision that is shared

by voters, they are going to vote for you," David said. "You shouldn't need a big war chest." He adds that "this shouldn't be something people do as a career."

In the November election he will be competing for three open council seats against five other candidates, including three incumbents: Jac Siegel, Margaret Abe-Koga and Mayor Ronit Bryant.

David, 40, was born and raised in the same downtown Mountain View neighborhood he lives in now. Before taking a job as a logistics analyst at Hewlett Packard in 1997 for 10 years, he helped his father and brother run Eddy's Sport shop, which opened on Castro Street in 1950 and was run by three genera-

tions before it closed in 2002. His father, Jerry David, was an outspoken attendee at City Council meetings in his day.

David currently works as a census taker for the U.S. Census, knocking on doors and interviewing people. He expects the job to get him through the end of the year.

David is not married but has a long-term girlfriend in Aptos. He said he doesn't hope to live on the \$500 a month council members are paid. He'll be looking for a full-time job soon.

He said he's always "monitored" city politics in Mountain View, but David said his candidacy marks his first foray into city politics. He's been a registered Republican since

age 18 but describes himself as more of a Libertarian. He says city council decisions should be about what is best for the city instead of political ideology.

In a nutshell, he said his campaign message is "to say, basically, I want to do things that make sense."

His positions include support for local medical marijuana dispensaries, support for a high speed rail station in downtown Mountain View and a "path of smart and realistic growth."

"As much as we would all love to see a utopian society where you don't need a car, there is no pollution, and everyone gets along, this

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El Camino layoffs draw criticism

HOSPITAL OFFICIALS RESPOND TO ACCUSATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY, EMPLOYEES

By Nick Veronin

What's to blame for the layoffs at El Camino Hospital? It depends on who you ask.

Nonetheless, the future is uncertain for 195 hospital employees who were told earlier this month that they may be laid off by mid-October. In an effort to save money, the hospital announced that 140 of the 195 employees on the list would lose their jobs within 60 days of the notice, delivered Aug. 12.

Since then, comments on the *Voice's* Town Square forum have blamed the layoffs on hospital administration, inflexible unions and El Camino's decision to purchase the Community Hospital of Los Gatos last year.

One hospital employee who spoke with the *Voice* directly said she felt that the hospital could have avoided the layoffs through more prudent management and criticized the manner in which the hospital announced the cuts.

"This is the worst approach," said the woman, who asked not to be named. She said that by being vague about who would be let go, the hospital has put a cloud of doubt over the heads of its staff, which has been "horrible for morale."

"People are so paranoid right now," the woman said, explaining why she wished to remain anonymous. "Nobody trusts anybody."

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The woman was critical of the hospital's board of directors voting to give a 4.7 percent raise to hospital administration last year. "It was not an appropriate thing to do," she said, noting that the raises were voted upon in the middle of the recession. "It shouldn't have even

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Local educators upbeat about new federal curriculum standards

TECHNICAL TEXTS, GREATER DEPTH EMPHASIZED
IN NATIONAL EDUCATION STANDARDS

By Nick Veronin

California's adoption of a national standardized public school curriculum will benefit Mountain View students in many ways, state and local education officials said.

The state's Aug. 2 approval of the Obama administration's Common Core Standards will modernize a curriculum not revised since 1997, get the state on the same page as 33 other states across the country, and make local public schools eligible for federal dollars and aid.

Among the updates to the state curriculum are reading requirements that emphasize nonfiction, science and technical texts, which are aimed at preparing kids for careers in science and technology. Additionally, a "staircase" approach to teaching is meant to ensure that students master lower-level concepts in greater depth before moving on to more advanced concepts.

"I think it's a good idea," said Mary Lairon, associate superintendent for the Mountain View Whisman School District. By adhering to nationally recognized standards, she said, the federal government will become "an incredible resource for us for materials."

It will also make things easier for private textbook manufacturers, who won't have to make as many editions of their publications to fit the disparate needs of various states' curricula, she said.

Lairon was not as impressed with the funding Mountain View Whisman will be eligible to receive as a result of joining the roster of Common Core states. Adopting the standards will boost the state's chances of earning all \$700 million of federal Race to the Top dollars for which it is eligible. By the time that money gets distributed among all the school districts in California, it will be "a drop in the bucket," she said.

Barry Groves, superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District, said the changes that

schools in his district will see are still a few years off. He said one of the biggest advantages of the program will be to students who move from one Common Core state to another. Since state curricula will be more uniform, students who move will have an easier time picking up where they left off.

"I'm supportive of that effort," Groves said.

There is no firm timeline in place for when the state will begin unrolling the newly adopted standards, according to Maria Lopez, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Education.

California's curriculum is often described as being 'a mile wide and an inch deep.'

First the state must review which parts of its curriculum are already in line with Common Core Standards. The department must then decide how to use the flexibility built into the program to best suit the needs of California. The Common Core Standards require that states integrate 85 percent of the federal curriculum, but allow wiggle room with the remaining 15 percent.

Significant portions of the standards were modeled after California's current state curriculum, Lopez said. Many of the changes in the new federal standards come as a result of a job market that values technical knowledge more than ever before.

Although the new federal standards emphasize more nonfiction, technical and scientific readings in English classes, Lopez said that literature will still be a major component of language-arts learning in the state. The standards, however, aim to introduce students to a wider variety of writing styles earlier, so that they are better equipped for college and technical careers when they graduate.

"We need to prepare children for the world we live in today, not the world that we came from," said Brigitte Sar-

raf, associate superintendent of educational services for Mountain View-Los Altos.

Sarraff noted that when she was young it was common for children to take Latin and Greek in high school. The times have changed, she said, and we now live in a world where the "understanding of science and the ability to problem-solve and read a nonfiction text is very important."

The Common Core Standards address these needs, Sarraff said — without abandoning literature and the humanities.

"We are not throwing out literature or saying that we no longer value it," she said. "The standards are striving for a healthy balance."

Lopez said that the "staircase" approach was introduced in part to respond to a common critique of California's curriculum — that it is a "mile wide and an inch deep."

Sarraff said that under the new standards, students will be exposed to fewer concepts, but will be driven to drill deeper into each. "It's a focus on depth as opposed to breadth," she said.

In the staircase approach, students will also be exposed to little bits of larger concepts, one piece at a time. For example, Sarraff said, students in elementary school may be introduced to the concept that letters are used not only to form words, but that they also may represent numbers. That way, when they reach middle school and begin learning algebra, the concept of a mathematical variable will seem less foreign to them.

Sarraff, who lived in Germany until she was 16 and has education colleagues working throughout Europe and Asia, said that the new standards are more in line with the way the rest of the world teaches its students. She said that the adoption of such a standardized system of education in America is overdue.

"I'm happy that we're moving in this direction," Sarraff said. ▀

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is not a reality any of us will see in our lifetimes. People will continue to drive cars and cars need efficient road networks and parking spaces. I don't care what the planners say, 1.5 parking spaces is not enough for a two-bedroom apartment," wrote David in an e-mail, alluding to the controversial parking requirement at the recently approved Minton's project. He believes the council diverged from public opinion in approving the project, which is just over 200 apartments along Evelyn Avenue.

David has thought quite a bit about having a high-speed rail station in Mountain View, which he says would benefit the city and its businesses by making Mountain View a major destination. He says there is more room for a high-speed rail station in Mountain than the

two other cities being considered for a mid-peninsula stop — Palo Alto and Redwood city.

He said that opposition to high-speed rail largely stems from a fear of the unknown.

"For fear of sounding cliché, I have lived in Germany and have seen how well high-speed rail works first hand," he wrote in an e-mail. "We are already 20 years behind and we need to catch up."

David said the timing of his decision to run for City Council this year has nothing to do with his brother Brian's efforts to open a medical marijuana dispensary in Mountain View. And while he supports his brother's efforts, he said he would have to recuse himself from council decisions that relate to it.

Along with concerns about traffic and the growth of the city, David said balancing the city budget would be his top priority. To



GREG DAVID

that end, he finds the cost of city employee salaries "unsettling" and would like the city to "leverage its assets" to find new sources of funds because "nobody likes new taxes."

"With daily headlines questioning the compensation of city workers state-wide, it's a bit unsettling seeing Mountain View used as an example of bloated payrolls," he wrote. ▣

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AMAZING

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on, there were no camera crews, no large crowds, only a handful of onlookers, including two City Council members who had wondered if the news were true as well. Instead of a reality TV show, a mother and two elementary school kids walked up with

a card table and some beads, followed by a Mercedes with some parents who frantically spelled out some words with the beads in a faux Amazing Race challenge.

The misunderstood event was actually a fundraiser for Loyola elementary school in Los Altos. It involved 14 couples and raised over \$1,000 for the school.

Global Beads owner McCabe was unapologetic when contact-

ed about the misunderstanding.

"I never used the word TV show," she said. "I think that was a conclusion that was jumped to."

People writing on the Voice's Town Square online forum suspected it was a publicity stunt to help McCabe's business.

"If they want to call it a publicity stunt, shame on them," McCabe said.

—Daniel DeBolt

NEPOTISM

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responsibilities." Goldman said that the rule is not meant to discourage district employees from recommending relatives or dating.

"The policy does not prohibit district employees marrying, being related, or having romantic relationships," Goldman said. "It sets a standard around supervisors and subordinates, and creates a mechanism to ensure that conflicts of interest don't exist."

If two people enter into a romantic relationship that violates the new policy, they will be able to work with the superintendent toward a "collaborative resolution." If none can be reached the superintendent

has the authority to reassign one or both of the individuals involved.

Goldman said that the district's decision to adopt the policy is not directly related to the controversy that surrounded former superintendent Maurice Ghysels over his affair with Carmen Mizell, the principal of Landels Elementary School. Rumors circulated on the Voice's Town Square forum over supposed favoritism that caused Ghysels to transfer Mizell from her position at the lower-performing Castro School.

Ghysels denied those rumors, saying that as soon as he and Mizell became romantically involved he transferred his supervisory role to Mary Lairon, the assistant superintendent.

"Soon after his relationship was established," Goldman said of Ghy-

sels, "there was a change in the supervisory structure. That would have been consistent with the new board policy."

Goldman said that the board of trustees is sensitive to the possibility of a superintendent becoming romantically involved with any other district employee. His contract and future superintendent contracts will contain a clause delineating how the district will proceed in the event that such a relationship should arise.

The objective of the new policy is to maximize staff and community confidence in district hiring, promotion and other employment decisions by promoting practices that are free of conflicts of interest or the appearance of impropriety. ▣

■ NEWS BRIEFS

TRUCK FIRE SET INTENTIONALLY

Investigators have determined that the fire that consumed a white Chevrolet pickup just off of Ednamary Way two weeks ago was set intentionally, according to Mountain View police. However, they have yet to determine whether the fire was arson.

In order for the fire to be clas-

sified as arson, it must be determined that the blaze was set both intentionally and maliciously, according to Liz Wylie, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department.

At this time, she said, investigators are not sure whether the fire — which broke out in the early hours of Aug. 9 in the back lot of the Office Depot, located at 910 El Monte Ave. — was set with mali-

cious intent.

"I don't want to speculate as to why someone would start a fire inside a truck, but it is possible it was not for the reason of destroying the truck," she said in an e-mail.

Wylie wrote that arson has not been ruled out and that the fire department is still investigating the incident.

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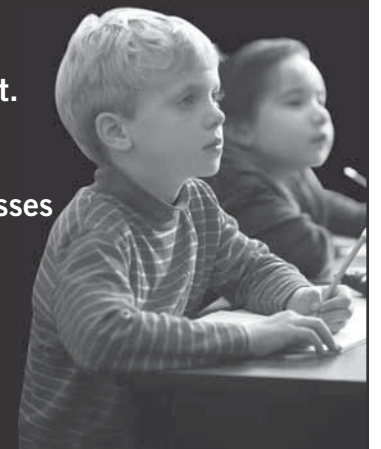
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COURTESY SETH SHOSTAK/SETI INSTITUTE

The SETI Institute's new offices in Mountain View at 189 Bernardo Avenue are larger and "more permanent" than the old offices on Whisman Road, said senior astronomer Seth Shostak.

Shostak: 'Pretty good chances' of finding alien life in next 25 years

By Daniel DeBolt

Based on technological advances and predictions made by luminaries like Carl Sagan, it is a "real possibility" that alien life could be found in our galaxy within 25 years, said Seth Shostak, senior astronomer at Mountain View's SETI Institute.

Shostak told a crowd at SETICon last weekend in Santa Clara that "I actually think the chances that we'll find ET are pretty good. Young people in the audience, I think there's a really good chance you're going to see this happen."

Determining how many alien civilizations exist is the point of the Drake equation, named after Mountain View's own SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) Institute-employed luminary Frank Drake. The equation takes into account factors such as how quickly stars form, how many planets are habitable and how long it takes for radio messages to travel in space.

Because many of those factors are unreliable, answers to the question are mere estimates. The late Carl Sagan put the number of alien civilizations at 1 million, while science fiction writer Isaac Asimov put it at 670,000. Drake himself has the most conservative estimate at 10,000.

"These people may know what they're talking about," Shostak said. "If so, then we need to listen in the direction of a million or so star systems to have a good chance of finding ET. And that's something we could do in the next two dozen years."

With new technology SETI hopes to listen for signs of life in millions of star systems in earth's

galaxy over the next 25 years. If the search for alien civilizations is like finding a needle in a haystack, "we know how big our haystack is" — there are several hundred billion star systems in our galaxy, Shostak said. So far, SETI has listened to only a small portion of that haystack — 750 star systems.

"SETI has been an enterprise for half a century now and we haven't found a signal" from intelligent life elsewhere in the universe, Shostak said. "Some people think that's significant but I don't think it is significant because we haven't looked at that many star systems."

SETI is listening for radio signals in the galaxy with a new array of 42 radio telescopes near Redding, but hopes to quicken the search for ET by expanding the array to 350 telescopes by raising another \$35 million.

Shostak also bases his 25-year estimate on Moore's law, the well-known observation in Silicon Valley that a computer chip of the same size will double in power every two years. Computing power is a limiting factor in how quickly signs of alien life can be found via radio signals in the galaxy, Shostak said.

Deciphering a radio message from aliens may be another problem in itself, but simply having evidence that we are not alone would be world-changing, Shostak says.

SETI Institute, a 25-year-old group of over 100 privately funded Mountain View scientists, held its first ever convention on Aug. 13-15 at the Santa Clara Hyatt. SETICon was attended by over 1,000 people, Shostak said. ▀

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Blocked pathway causes a stir

By Daniel DeBolt

The city is looking into complaints from residents after a homeowners association decided to block off a well used path through the neighborhood to Rengstorff Park, the Senior Center and downtown. So far, the city's research indicates that the path was never meant for the public.

Ryland Towne Court is a town-

house development at the north end of Ortega Avenue. A pedestrian pathway cuts through its eastern fence at the corner of College and Leland streets near Mi Pueblo Market and the railroad tracks. Two residents complained last week on the *Voice's* Town Square forums that this pedestrian path was blocked with a plywood board across the fence last weekend. Without the path, a long detour onto busy Califor-

nia Street becomes necessary for pedestrians in the area heading east toward downtown or Rengstorff Park.

On Tuesday, planning director Randy Tsuda said that the city was still researching the issue, "but at this point the files we've looked at seem to indicate that pedestrian access was for the benefit of the residents in the Ryland Court project. It is not a public access route. There's no public access easement through that gate."

Despite this, the public has been making use of the path and some

find it invaluable.

A resident of The Crossings, a nearby development to the west, wrote, "I walk everywhere I possibly can, and this route is certainly the more desirable to get to Rengstorff Park, the Senior Center, the Community Center, to continue on to downtown. I would never dream of walking to any of those places if my only choice were to walk along California Street."

City officials said they had some understanding about why the path was blocked.

"The HOA apparently had concerns with some security issues and some vandalism," said Ellis Berns, Mountain View's economic development director, who filled in for Tsuda last week.

The city has been looking into the legality of closing off the pathway. Berns said last week the town homes were built about 10 years ago and it is possible that the path was a city requirement for the development.



In another case of a blocked pathway, the city opened access through a fence separating an Escuela Avenue apartment complex from Rengstorff Park and the Senior Center last year. That was despite concerns that it would encourage apartment dwellers to park in the crowded Senior Center parking lot.

"We're always doing our best to try to connect communities," Berns said. But sometimes there are other concerns, he said.

"We are always trying to find that balance." ▣

EL CAMINO

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been on the table."

Judy Twitchell, a spokeswoman for the hospital, wrote in an e-mail that while other sectors of the economy were being adversely impacted by the recession last year, El Camino Hospital was not.

At that time, the hospital's publicly-elected board of directors approved a salary range, which started at \$189,000 for the vice president of professional corporate and community health services, and extended to \$632,640 for CEO Ken Graham. This year, the hospital board voted not to raise salaries for hospital administration.

Twitchell defended the board's decision to raise executive base salaries in 2009, writing that the increase was determined by analyzing "benchmarks from both national and local markets for tax-exempt, independent hospitals of a similar size and complexity to El Camino Hospital."

Additionally, since Graham has joined the hospital he has raised net operating revenue by about \$234 million, or about 41 percent, she wrote. In 2006, when Graham took the job, the hospital reported \$335 million in net operating revenue. That number was up to \$569 million at the close of the hospital's 2010 fiscal year, which ended June 30.

Graham's salary is below average for non-profit hospital CEOs in the state, according to Ron Shinkman, publisher of *Payers & Providers*, a weekly publication covering health-care business and policy news in California.

Shinkman, who has been writing about health care since 1993, recently completed a salary survey of more than 100 CEOs at non-profit hospitals in California. He found that CEOs at non-profit hospitals made \$732,000 per year on average, including all benefits. Ken Anderson, CEO of John Muir Health, topped Shinkman's list, earning \$745 million in 2008.

Shinkman feels that many hospitals throughout the state would do well to reconsider what it takes to retain competent, effective

executives.

"Once you get over the \$350,000 to \$400,000 mark, you should be able to find somebody at that level that's competent to run a hospital," he said.

Shinkman said the nature of the industry, however, is such that hospital boards feel that they need to keep offering more and more money to attract top talent. "It becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy."

Yet, while he noted that some hospital CEOs take in exorbitant paychecks, slashing administrative positions and cutting back on upper management's salaries isn't a silver bullet.

Holding off on hospital expansion projects is a much bigger money saver, he said.

'Overextended'

In April 2009, the El Camino Hospital bought the former Community Hospital of Los Gatos, renovating the facility and opening it on July 12, 2009.

The hospital employee who spoke with the *Voice* said she felt the money spent on the Los Gatos facility — \$103 million — would have been more appropriately spent on the new main hospital building, which officially opened Nov. 15, 2009.

She said that by purchasing the Los Gatos campus in the midst of the recession, the hospital "overextended" itself, a problem that became clear to her in late 2009. After she moved into the new hospital building in the winter of 2009, she said she was told on numerous occasions that the hospital did not have the staff to fix problems she reported.

"They were just stretched far too thin for what needed to be done," she said.

"We stand by our decision to successfully develop El Camino Hospital Los Gatos," Twitchell wrote in her e-mail. "It was a bold decision to expand during a recession in order to reposition and strengthen our organization."

Twitchell said that after opening the facility, El Camino Hospital hired more than 450 employees, added about 400 doctors to its medical staff and said that net patient revenue increased by about

15 percent due to the addition of the Los Gatos campus.

"The acquisition has already helped, and will continue to help, both sites capitalize on the other's strengths," Twitchell said.

Industry struggling

The health care industry has been struggling for more than a year, Shinkman said.

In April, 1,967 hospital employees nationwide were hit with mass layoffs, according to June 14 article in *American Medical News*, which is published by the American Medical Association.

El Camino officials said in a press release announcing the layoffs that they have seen a "sustained decrease in patient activity" due to the recession.

Chris Ernst, a spokeswoman with El Camino, said that the hospital had been working hard through its Accelerating Continuous Excellence—or ACE—initiative to find ways to save money without cutting employees.

"Even with the ACE improvements, we continue to see a very challenging economy," Ernst said. "It is ultimately the right business decision for the long-term health and strength of this hospital."

Unions

Among those informed that they may lose their jobs are 47 members of the hospital's nurses union and 129 members of the hospital's service workers union. Representatives from both unions — Professional Resource for Nurses and United Healthcare Workers, respectively — said that their bargaining units would be working hard with hospital administration in an attempt to save their members' jobs. Patricia Briggs of PRN and Lisa Hubbard of the SEIU-UHW both dismissed claims made on the *Voice's* website that union inflexibility led to the hospital's financial strain.

"As a publicly-owned hospital, we value the relationships we have with the unions that represent employees at El Camino Hospital," Twitchell wrote. "Although sometimes we may disagree during negotiations, our relationships are conducted in a professional manner." ▣

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Smartphones bump, and share files

By Angela Hey

Will smartphones replace business cards? Mountain View's Bump Technologies (<http://bu.mp>) enables you to exchange contact information using your smartphone, just like you exchange business cards. With Bump installed on your phone, you can send up to four photos or contacts from your address book to another Bump user. Bump evangelist Sadie Bascom tells me that Release 2, due out later this summer, will enable more photos and contacts to be shared.

Sharing happens when you bump two phones running the Bump app into each other. Each phone sends a message to Bump's cloud server. If it sees two phones close together bumping at the same time it asks the users if they would like to share data. If the users consent, the data is shared.

I shared contacts and pictures between iPhones and between an Android phone and an iPhone. Android version is a release behind the iPhone version. The iPhone version has an additional feature, enabling you to compare contact lists.

When I compared long contact lists on the iPhones, an older first generation iPhone crashed. Its network connection

dropped and I suspect it was short of memory. That's not the only reason to upgrade to an iPhone 4 that offers 16 or 32 gigabytes of memory. Another reason is that an app like Bump can run in the background, sending pictures while you're doing another task. Sadie told me that Bump's founders want to make mobile phones more relevant for everyday tasks. Phones are limited when it comes to playing or working with the person next to



HEY TECH!

or Facebook. ABC Family offers an app based on Disney's "Pretty Little Liars." You trade secrets by bumping phones. It's a hot app for teenage girls.

Bump's investors are Sequoia Capital and Y Combinator. Bump was the billionth download from the Apple store when it first came out in April 2009. With developers adding Bump to their apps and the recent iPhone 4 release fueling demand, Bump is expanding from its 14 employees and hiring.

Another company that benefits from the iPhone 4 is Mountain View's Loopt. I've had this app for a while, but never had many friends on it. Many friends have chosen foursquare as their main location app, but with iPhone 4, Loopt gets a second chance. It can run in the background and earn rewards. The Music Reward gives you five free songs. You have to find a bar with a "star" icon by its name. When you check in you get a reward. So now my old iPhone cannot run the new and improved version of Loopt. In fact, as I upgraded my apps, eight of them would not install because they need the new iPhone iOS 4.0. Yet another reason for a new iPhone. ▣

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PayPal uses Bump to help people share money by bumping their phones together — most useful if you are sharing restaurant expenses. Bump helps families share pictures on their mobile phones without having to send them to a photo-sharing site like Flickr

Volunteer service bonds mothers and daughters

How can you establish a closer bond with your teenage daughter while also teaching her to engage in philanthropic, cultural, and leadership activities? National Charity League (NCL) offers one answer to this question for mothers and their daughters in grades 7-12.

Mother-daughter pairs are generally encouraged to participate in the league for all six years since each year has a different focus. However, since the local Orchard Valley chapter was just founded last year by Los Altos resident Laura Rogers, the chapter is still accepting applications for girls in all classes except the class of 2014. The goal is to eventually have 25 girls in each class.

Mothers ("patronesses") and daughters ("ticktockers") commit to doing a minimum number of service hours per year — 10 hours for grades 7, 8, and 12, and 15 hours for grades 9, 10, and 11 — in addition to participating in league meetings and social and cultural activities. Members volunteer with NCL-approved charities, which for the Orchard Valley chapter currently include the local branches of three national charities — Special Olympics, Meals on Wheels, and Habitat for Humanity — as well as two local groups, Inn Vision and Stretch to Kindergarten.

According to Rogers, many members have committed to volunteering this summer with this last group, which is a new program that seeks to prepare incoming kindergarteners in Mountain View who haven't had preschool by improving their general knowledge, language development, and social and emotional skills.

Last year's kickoff activity for the group in October involved creating gift baskets for the families moving into the five new units built by Habitat for Humanity at 2255 Gianera Street in Santa Clara. The girls made ceramic platters with the families' names, and the mothers incorporated these platters into gift baskets with food and other items to welcome the families to their new homes. The dedication ceremony was a special one for Habitat for Humanity, as well, since it included their milestone fiftieth home built in Santa Clara County. Rogers says

that the group enjoyed this activity so much that they plan to maintain contact with these five families and do something for them each holiday season.

Kimberly Dickerson and her daughter Isabella, who will enter ninth grade this fall at Mountain View High School, are one of the three mother-daughter pairs in the chapter who reside in Mountain View. Most of the other pairs are from Los Altos. Kimberly reports that NCL has given her and her daughter a more personal relationship with the recipients of their philanthropic efforts.

"Before, we always did some philanthropic activity together as a family at Christmas time, but this was the first time we actually had interaction with the people we were serving, which was more meaningful for us."

Last year, Isabella and her friends helped conduct a clothing drive to create a "teen depot" of appropriate clothes and shoes for Inn Vision's clothing closet. Then at Christmas

'This was the first time we actually had interaction with the people we were serving, which was more meaningful for us.'

KIMBERLY DICKERSON

time, she helped with a toy drive by wrapping gifts and babysitting for low-income families while parents were selecting gifts.

Kimberly also emphasizes how much she enjoys the social interaction with both her daughter and the other club members. "I am amazed by the whole group — sharing a common goal, meeting everyone, learning how it all works — it's all very inspiring."

To learn more or to apply to join, see nclorchardvalley.org or contact Laura Rogers at lerogers@pacbell.net. ▣

Mountain View resident Jennifer Pence is founder of the Windmill Giving Circle and founder and owner of Academic Springboard, a tutoring group. If you have a business that is "doing well by doing good," please email Jennifer at japence@hotmail.com for possible inclusion in a future article.

Bigger is better for NASA supercomputer

In the world of supercomputing, it seems that size really does matter — and in that respect, NASA's Ames Research Center certainly has something to boast about. The machine at Ames known as Pleiades garnered the No. 6 spot on the Top 500 list of the world's most powerful computers, said NASA officials.

Operating with Intel and SGI technology, Pleiades has nearly 82,000 cores; that's about the equivalent of 41,000 MacBook Pros. The machine requires 24 miles of cable, according to a NASA press release.

The announcement was made on June 1 at the 25th International Supercomputing Conference in Hamburg, Germany.

An institution like NASA —

which deals with complex mathematical models and huge data sets — counts on a supercomputer like Pleiades to be fast and power-efficient. Since earning its sixth-in-the-world rank in November 2009, engineers at the NASA Advanced Supercomputing (NAS) division at Ames have doubled Pleiades' capacity.

"The expanded system is already being fully utilized and is hammering away at full throttle to successfully meet the demand of scientists and engineers across NASA," said William Thigpen, chief of the Systems and Engineering Branch in the NAS Division.

Pleiades solves problems in what NASA calls "four key mission areas," which include aeronautics, exploration systems, science, and

space operations. Specifically, Pleiades produces math- and physics-based models of space vehicles, climate patterns, and dark matter and galaxy evolution. Because of the huge scale of these models, NASA requires a computer that's big enough to be time-efficient. It's the bottleneck effect, only with ones and zeros.

"The NAS can now deliver twice the sustained computing capability to NASA scientists, which reduces simulation turnaround times and supports higher-fidelity models," said Bob Ciotti, supercomputing systems lead in the NAS Division at Ames.

The system was named for the Pleiades star cluster.

— Emily Hamilton

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Hospital lay-offs a shocker

With 3,000 employees and a brand new building, not to mention a recently acquired hospital in Los Gatos, El Camino Hospital does not have the profile of a struggling company.

But conventional wisdom went out the window on Aug. 12 when El Camino announced that it was sending notices to 195 employees, telling them they could be one of the 140 who would lose their full or part-time-jobs in the next 60 days. It was a shock to this small portion of the hospital's workforce, including 46 nurses who shared an award for administering top-notch care to thousands of patients this year.

The hospital's message was delivered by spokesperson Chris Ernst, who did not have a lot to say. "We've been trying really hard to avoid today," she said when announcing the lay-offs. She said the hospital had been impacted by the recession and has seen a "sustained decrease in patient activity." She said the cuts would cover all ranges of employees, from service-level to administrative workers.

In the weeks following the layoff announcement, disgruntled employees and others began the blame game, saying the hospital's new building is too costly with its automated robots delivering medications, and its plush lobby. And then there are the critics who say the hospital made a bad decision when it laid out \$103 million to buy the Community Hospital of Los Gatos. That deal was approved by CEO Ken Graham and hospital board members, who said the purchase was necessary to give El Camino a place to grow, and bring more business to the hospital's specialized doctors and clinics at the Mountain View campus.

So far, it has been difficult for outsiders to tell exactly what financial circumstances led to the decision to make the layoffs, although we doubt that the Los Gatos purchase and start-up costs were the driving factor. More than likely it was the recession, which has caused a general downturn in hospitals nationwide, as well as at El Camino. Certainly the Los Gatos purchase might not look as rosy today as it did a year ago, when the hospital was flush with some \$300 million in profits sitting in the bank.

At the time, Graham and his board said the hospital needed to grow and the only choice was to look south, given the strong presence of Stanford Hospital and Clinics next door in Palo Alto. With the cash in hand, the purchase looked like a good bet, although the cost was high and the hospital did not get high marks for disclosing its decision with the public until after the decision had been made.

Now two key unions — the Service Employees International and the nurses union, have said they will challenge the layoffs. Many employees are particularly upset by the way the hospital got the word out early to everyone who could possibly lose their job, which unfortunately left most layoff candidates on edge, not knowing if they would be one of about 55 employees who will survive the cuts. That is a horrible burden to bear, and we hope hospital officials will consider taking another course if it becomes necessary to lay off anyone in the future.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

PARKING, PARKS ARE KEY NEEDS TO BOOST DOWNTOWN BUSINESS

We can turn downtown Mountain View into an even more family-friendly neighborhood and a viable business center if we can create more space for parks and family activities and accommodate more parking space.

One can see the turn-outs on Thursday evenings on Castro Street, for example.

A park and playground make sense because families would want to get out to downtown, have a nice dinner or lunch on the weekend and have a nice place for kids to play — all without having to get in the car and drive to Cuesta or Rengstorff parks. It is also a healthy habit and it would bring more business to downtown.

Parking space has to be accessible to downtown — people will not park miles away and take the bus in. It's not in our culture to do that nor is it economically feasible. Instead, we need options to park nearby, walk to dinner, go play at the park — all in one.

Imagine that. How? Take the largest available lot in downtown (currently a run-down unofficial parking lot and an adjacent "official" parking lot) at Bryant and California. Build a two-stage underground garage and grow some grass and build a play-

ground at street level. Imagine how cool downtown Mountain View would be.

Anthony Hathuc
California Street

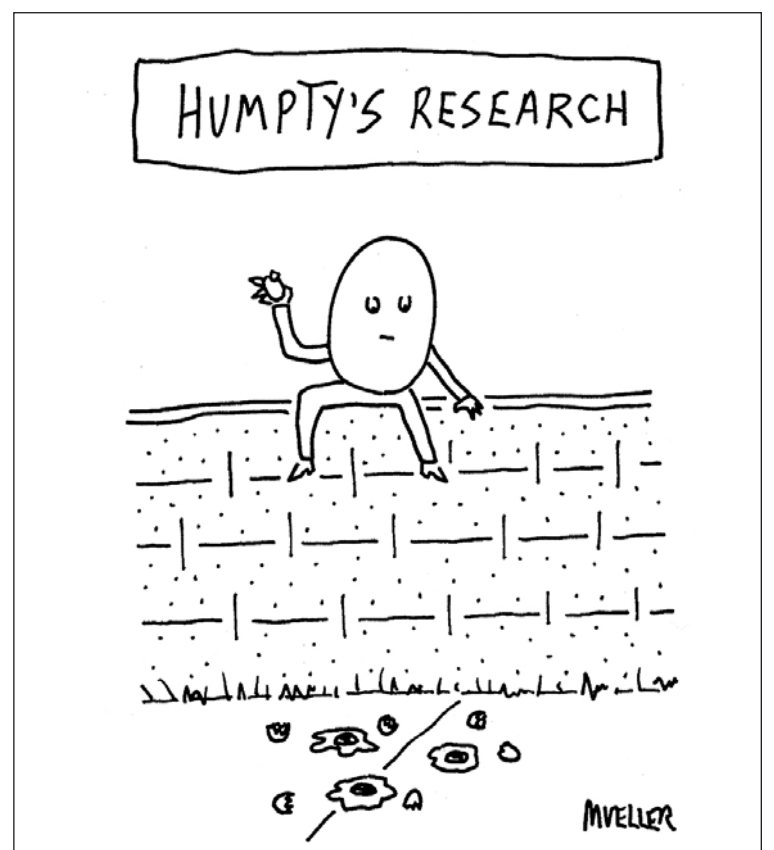
CYCLISTS NEED THE SEATS IN THE BIKE CAR

In view of anticipated service cuts next year, I ask that Caltrain add more bike capacity to its trains, particularly during commute times. Every day, cyclists get bumped while seats for walk-on passengers remain empty (unless occupied by someone's bags).

I would also like to see more careful checks by the conductors to make sure that seats in the bike cars are prioritized for cyclists. Every day, I see many people without bikes seated in the bike cars. In the morning, I can usually get a seat, but almost never in the afternoon. Walk-on passengers should have to choose from empty seats in other cars; not take up seats meant for cyclists who need to be there for safety reasons and to keep an eye on their bikes.

I have ridden a lot of transit in the Bay Area and Caltrain is by far the most comfortable, the most reliable, and the most pleasant to ride. I would like to see it get even better with the addition of more bike capacity.

Jennifer Dickinson
San Mateo



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Mountain View Voice readers go wild for these local businesses, and they showed their love by voting in this year's Best of Mountain View poll.

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Visit www.MountainViewOnline.com/best_of for more photos and a list of raffle prize winners.



FOOD & DRINK

BAGEL

A warm, fluffy bagel with melt-in-your-mouth cream cheese is a popular combination at **Posh Bagel**, which Readers' Choice voters have elected their favorite bagel shop. If it seems more crowded than usual, it could be because customers of the Menlo Park Posh Bagel location are making a longer trip for a bagel fix, since that store was damaged by a June 16 fire that started in a neighboring business.

444 Castro St. Suite 120, Mountain View; Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; 968-5308

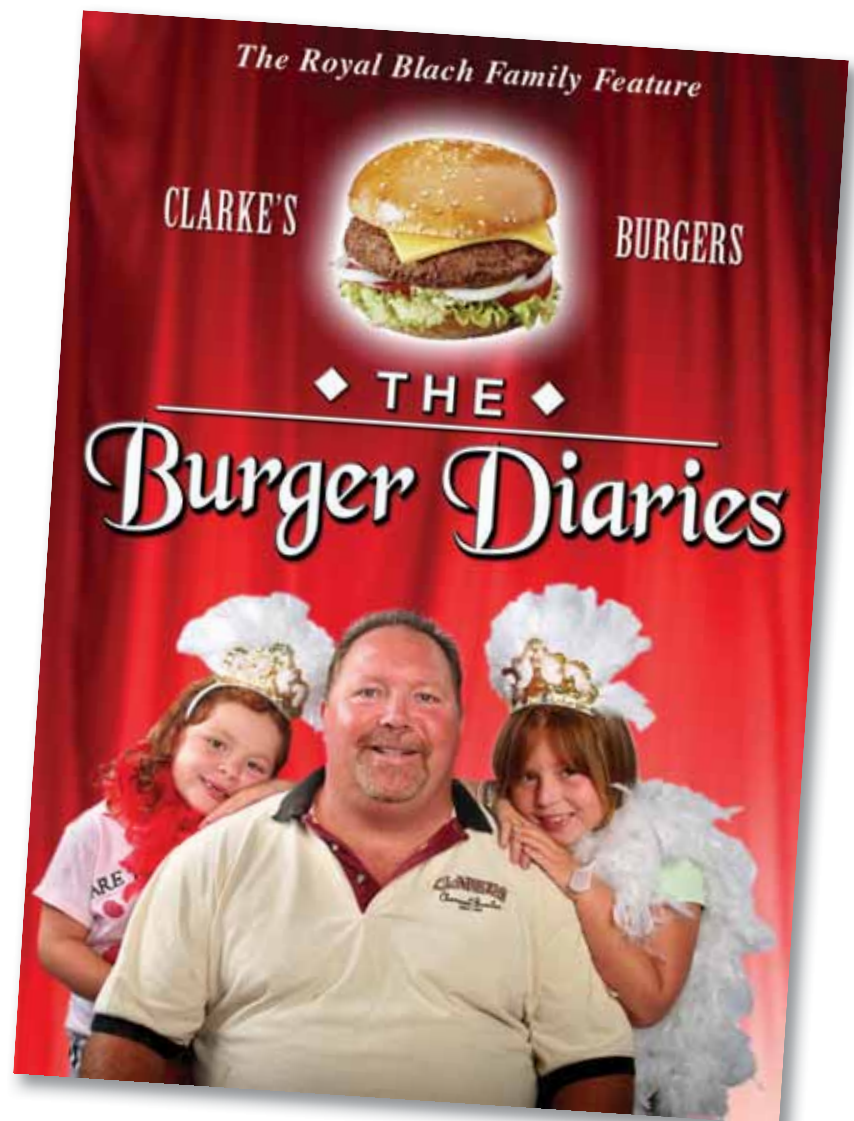
BAKERY, SANDWICH

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BREAKFAST

When yet another bowl of cereal makes you want to skip the morning meal, locals recommend Hobe’s. The Bay Area chain of homey, no-frills cafes serves a range of lunch and dinner items, but it’s best known for its omelets and scrambles, hashbrowns and coffee cake, with breakfast served all day. Joanie’s Cafe came in a close second with readers. 2312 Central Expressway, Mountain View; Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; 650-968-6050; 4424 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 650-856-6124; 67 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto, 650-327-4111 hobees.com

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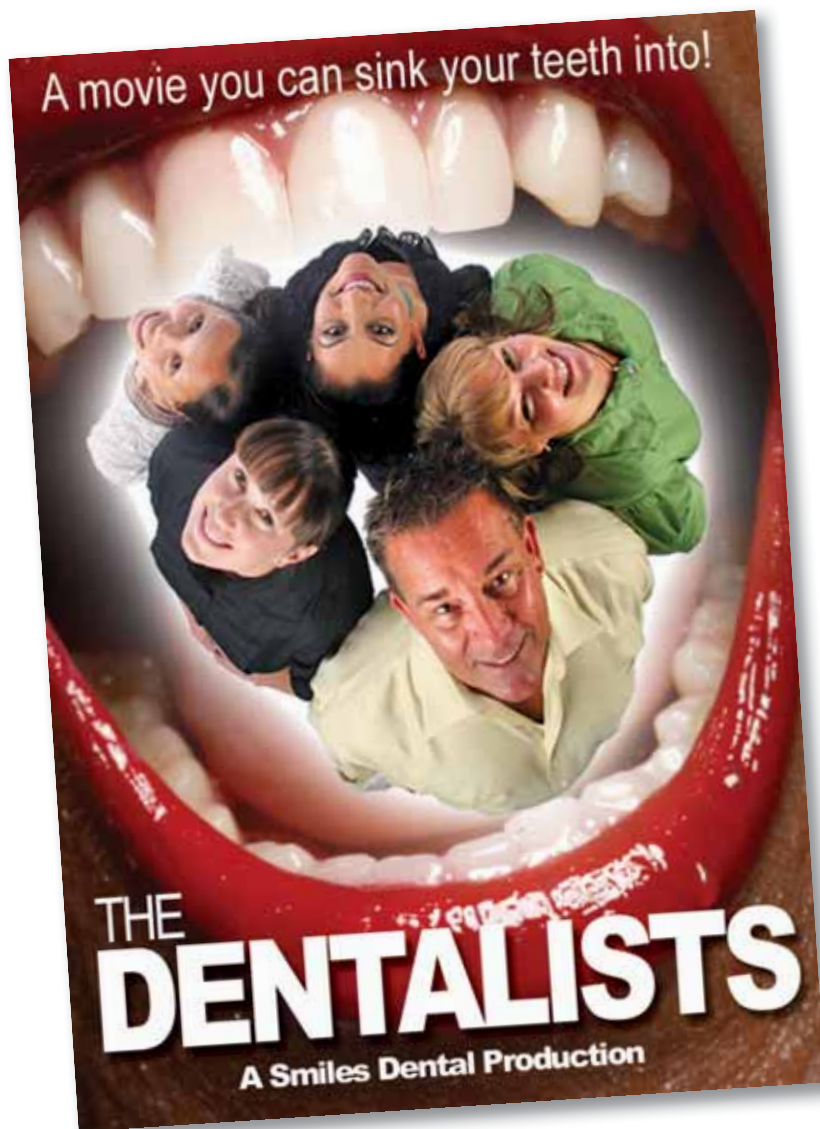
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2078 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View;
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At **Chef Chu's**, diners can order such timeless favorites as Mongolian beef, Kung Pao chicken and chow mein. But also hidden on the huge menu are delicacies not found at every neighborhood Chinese restaurant — Eight-Treasure Squab, anyone? It's this commitment to Chinese cuisine at its best that has made Chef Chu's a favorite for Peninsula residents, who also chose it as their favorite take-out spot. A close second for Chinese restaurant: **Su Hong** in Palo Alto.

1067 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos; Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.,
Sat.-Sun. noon-10 p.m.; 948-2696.

COFFEE HOUSE

This year's winner for Best Coffee House, **Red Rock Coffee** on Castro, has just celebrated its 10th anniversary. Assistant Manager John Dustman said Red Rock is popular not only because of its coffee (though he said customers are partial to the cappuccino), but also because of its community-oriented focus. The cafe showcases local art, hosts book clubs and three different knitting



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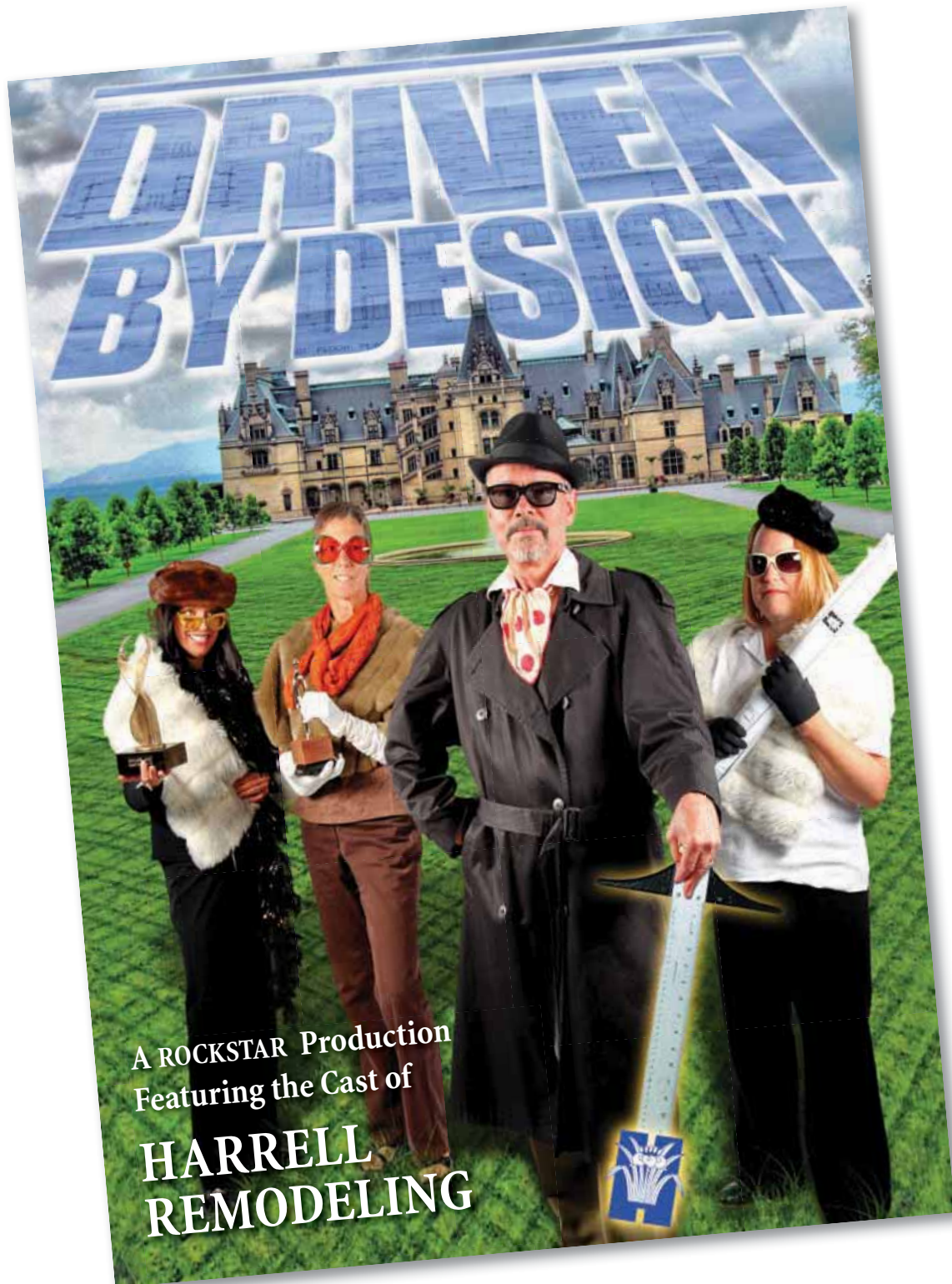
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INDIAN

Owner Vijay Bist opened Amber India 16 years ago, and he says, "Our chef has been passionate about cooking since day one." Amber India has since expanded to four locations, but Mountain View diners can still find great service and delicious dishes at its El Camino Real restaurant. 2290 El Camino Real, Mountain View; daily, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5 p.m.-10 p.m.; 968-7511

ITALIAN

Frankie, Johnnie and Luigi's does home-style Italian food, and does it well. You won't find the Godfather here, but in addition to traditional pastas and garlic bread, there's a wide selection of pizzas (try the margherita) and wine. Open until midnight on weekdays and 1 a.m. on weekends, it's also perfect for after-hours late-night cravings. 939 El Camino Real; Mon.-Thu. 11 a.m.-12 a.m.; Fri. 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sat. 11:30 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sun. 11:30 a.m.-12 a.m.; 967-5384

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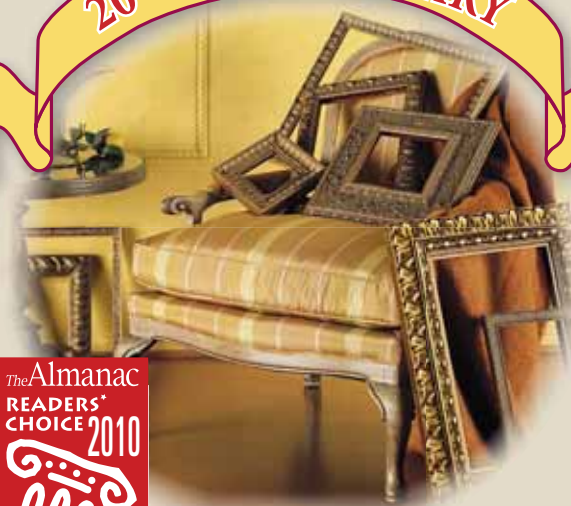
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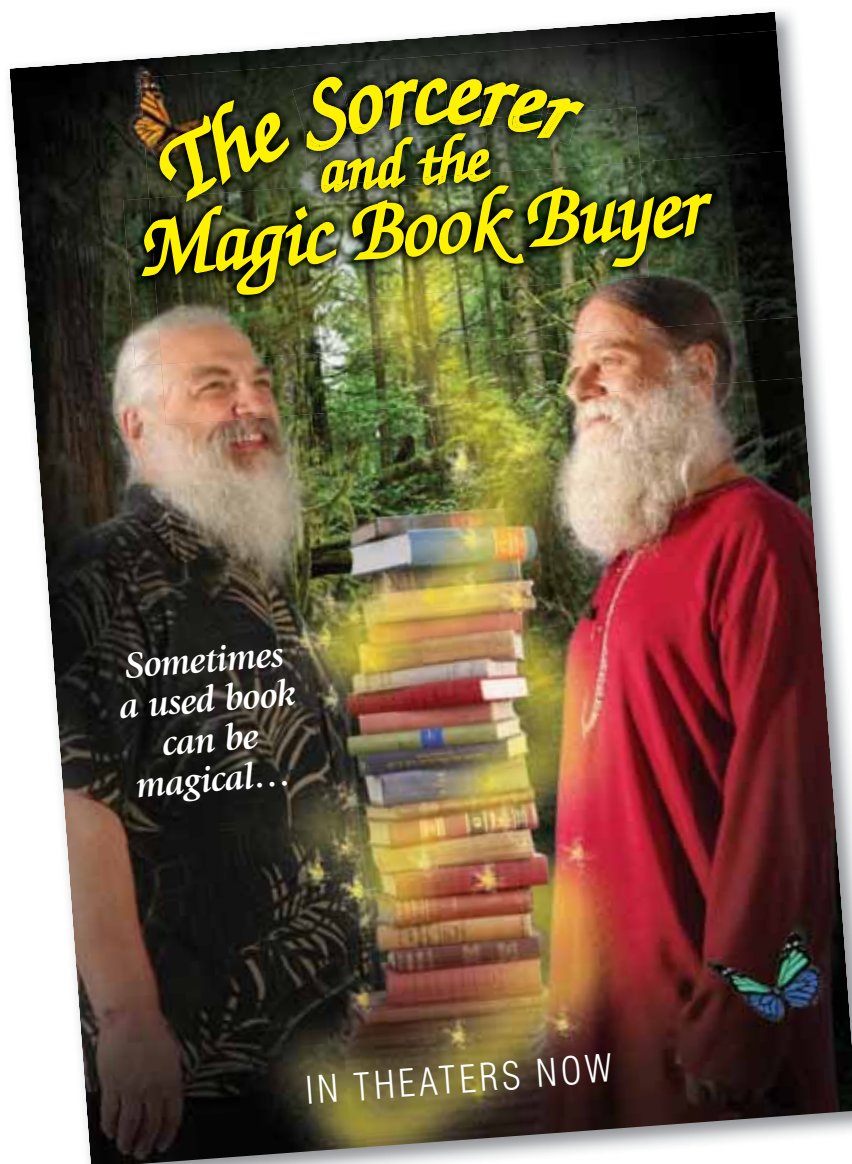
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1005 N Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View; Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5 p.m.-9 p.m.; Fri. 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sat. noon-9:30 p.m.; Sun. noon-9 p.m.; 965-9354

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NOODLES

Toru Hagiwara, store manager, says **Maru Ichi** is proud of its "Japanese traditional noodles." Customers appreciate the noodle house for the steaming bowls of tasty ramen in rich broth, as well as the low prices, quick service and casual atmosphere.

368 Castro St. Mountain View; Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.-10 p.m., Sat. 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Sun. 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; 564-9931

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tea, it also has teas, snow bubbles and icies in flavors like green bean, red bean and lychee (and also more common flavors for those less adventurous). It also doubles as a lunch place: try something from the pan-Asian snack menu like the Vietnamese spring rolls or Chinese pork buns.

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PIZZA

Mamma Mia! Amici's East Coast Pizzeria has Mountain View in love again. With thin-crust New York-style pizza, Amici's offers a taste of the East Coast in the Bay Area. The pizza margherita is a must have, and Amici's combo with pepperoni, meatball, bacon, sauteed mushrooms and black olives is a close second.

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SEAFOOD

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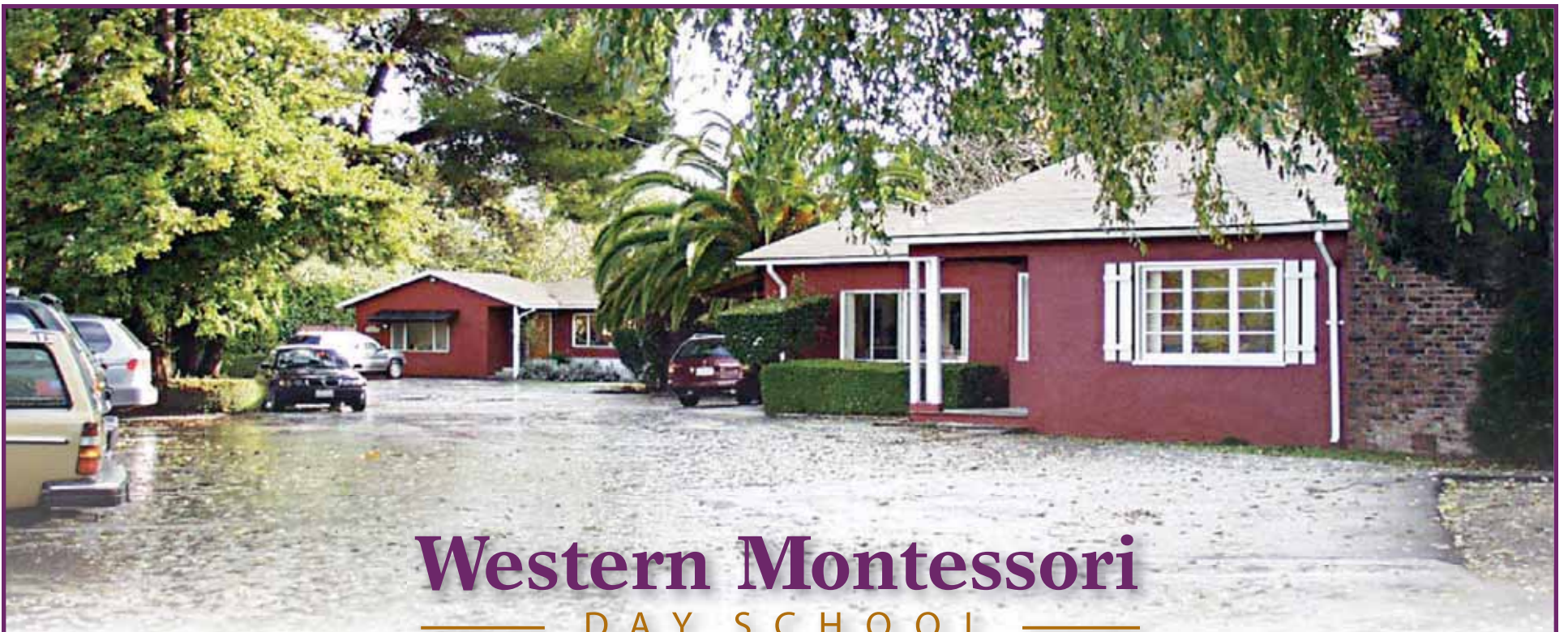

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C&C Body Shop's experienced professionals, reasonable price estimates and quick service — often sooner than the estimate — have earned it a spot on the "Best of Mountain View" for the second year running. It offers services like 24-hour emergency help and paint repair, and will even provide early bird drop-offs and loaner cars.
251 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View; Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; 964-3119

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555 E Evelyn Ave., Mountain View; (888) 588-2279

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2526 Leghorn St., Mountain View; Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; 492-5443

BOUTIQUE

A new category this year, Boutique 4 wins the nod for the best boutique. Offering timeless and classic clothing for women, Tamara Michel, co-owner with her sister Julie, says that they have "styles that never go out of style." The shop also sells accessories and gifts, such as bath and body products.
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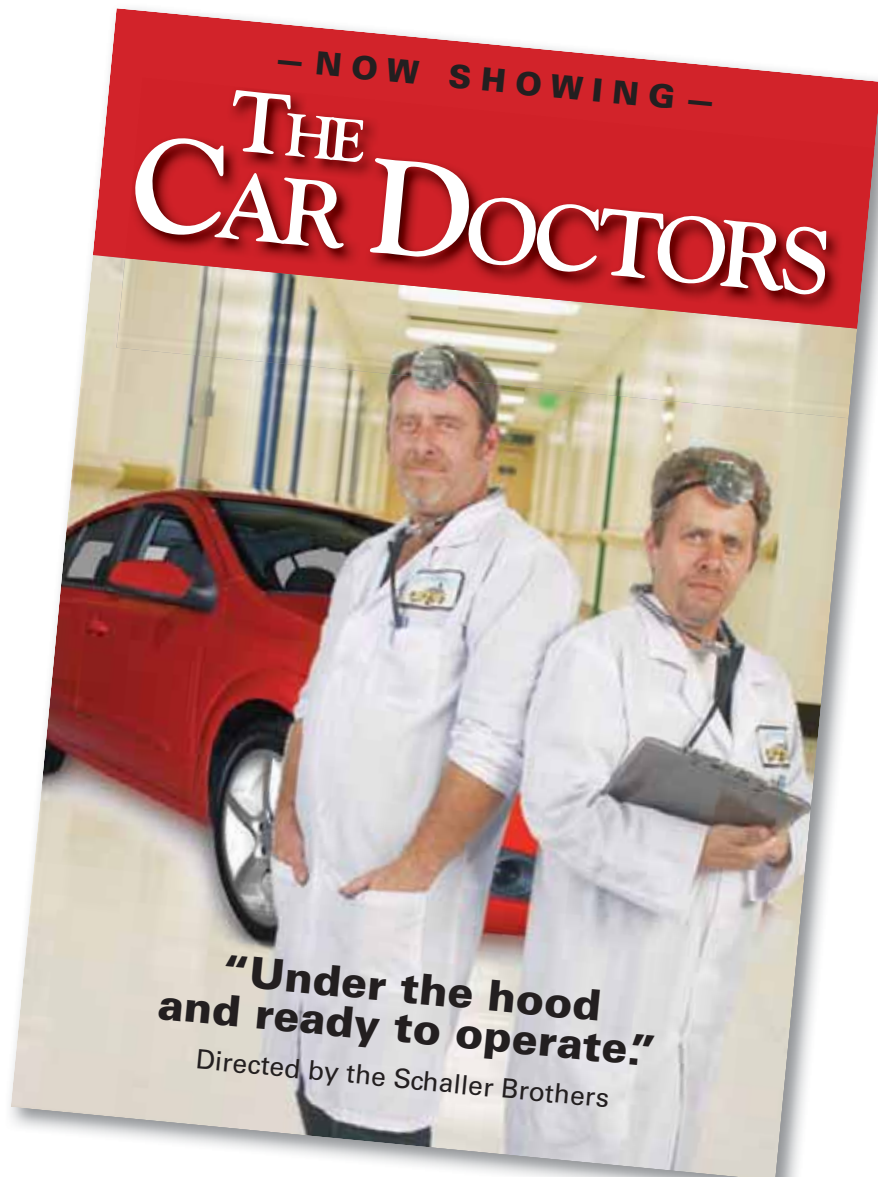
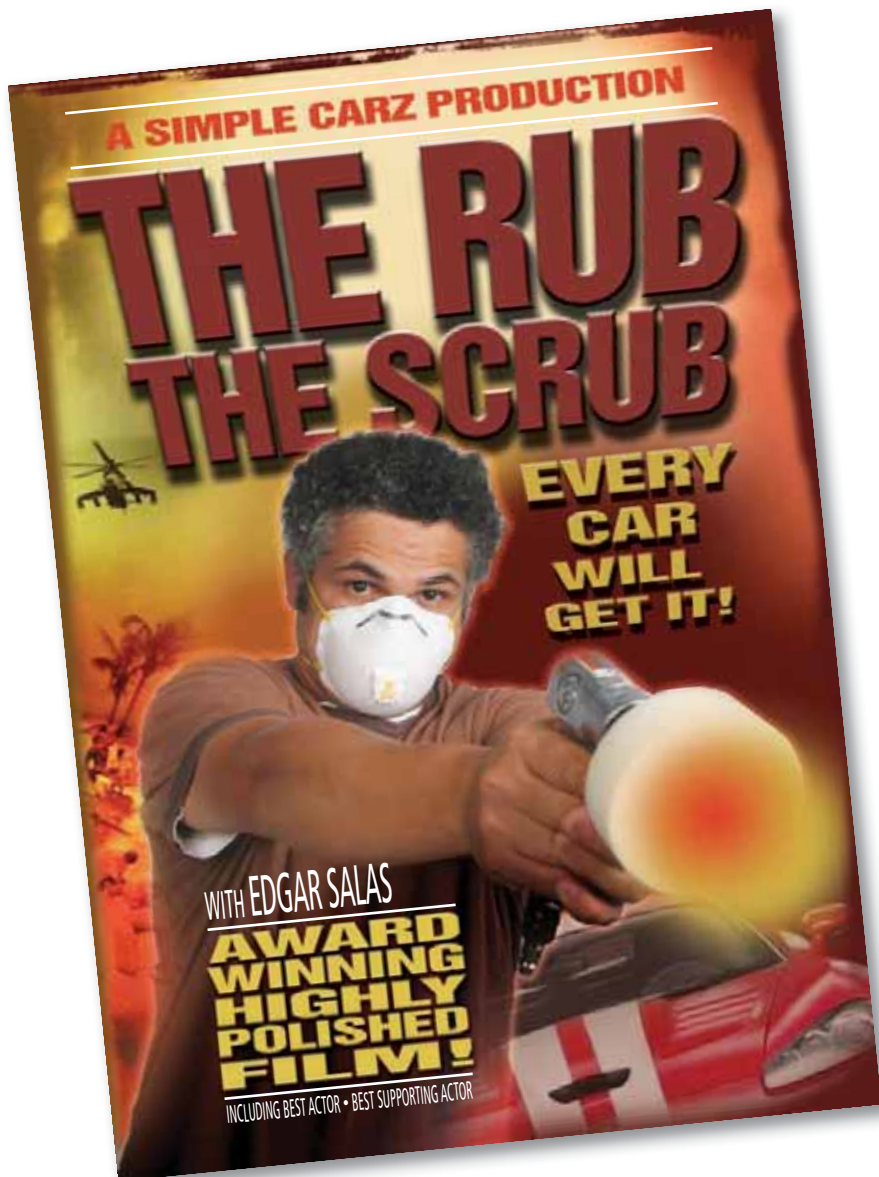
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1265 Montecito Ave., Mountain View; Mon. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue. 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Wed. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; 428 0950

DENTIST

With near-perfect scores on Yelp!, **Smiles Dental** is a favorite of Mountain View residents. Business manager Dena Ramirez attributes the business' success to its top dentists as well as the customer service staff's attention to detail. In addition to all using digital x-ray technology, the office also provides televisions and snacks for customers.

100 El Camino Real, Suite 63A, Mountain View; Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; 964-2626

DRY CLEANERS

After 45 years in the same location, **Blossom Valley Cleaners & Drapes** still sees the occasional new customer. When employee Sandy Leung asks how they've found the store, they usually say they're new to Mountain View and this was their neighbor's first recommendation. "We know there must be something we're doing right," Leung says.

1782 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View; Mon. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 968-1321

ENTERTAINMENT

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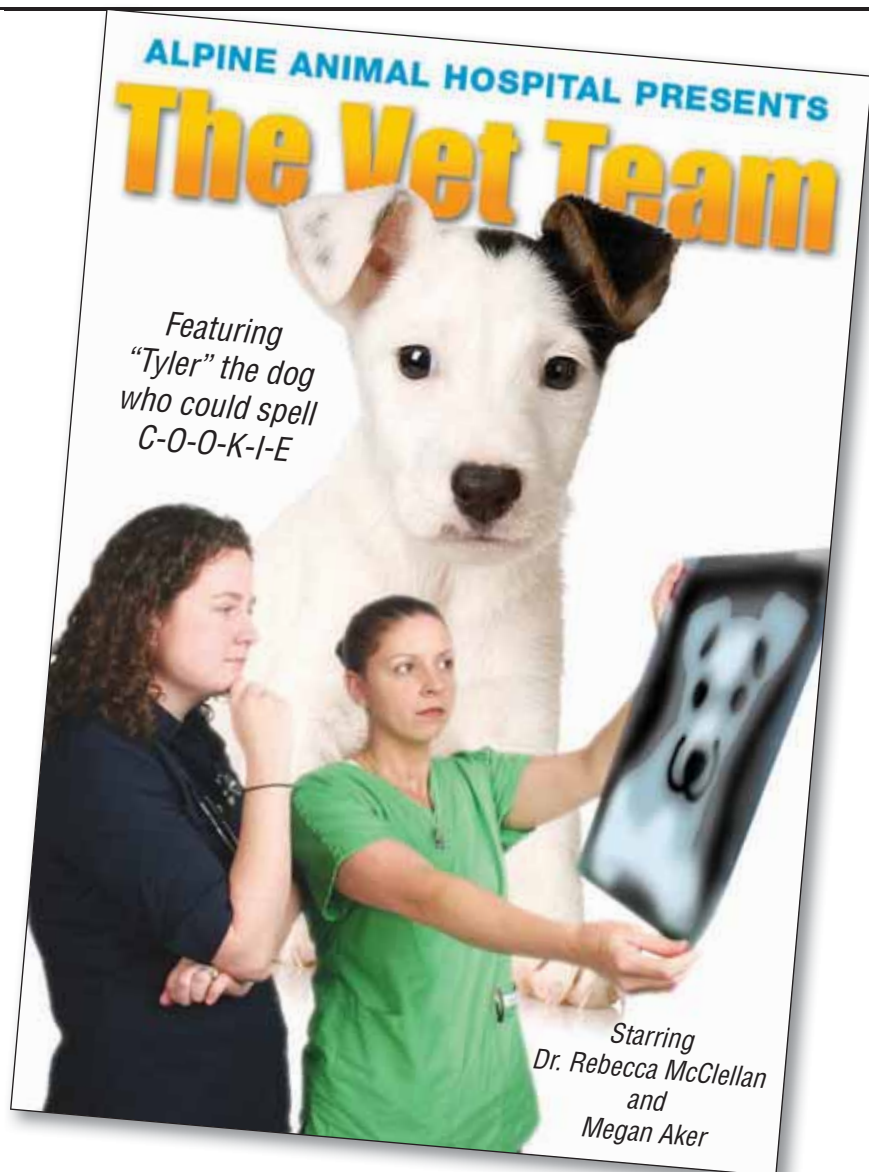
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2400 Grant Road, Mountain View; Mon.-Thu. 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 5:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sat.-Sun. 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; 969-9622

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"Watercourse Way was inspired by the natural hot springs of Tassajara," co-manager Nathan Hanley says. Visitors enjoy the spa's peaceful ambience during massages, and can opt for a hot stone or couples massage. Watercourse Way also provides hot tub rentals and a variety of spa and skin care treatments.

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650 Castro St., Ste. 175, Mountain View; Mon.-Sun. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; 968-9901

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A "Best Of" runner-up in years past, **Book Buyers** surged into the leading role this year. It's known for being a community place, where customers can find books on almost any subject. But besides serving Mountain View's human population, the shop also has some canine regulars. Each month, the shop profiles a "community dog." They've also seen rabbits, birds, and cats in the store. A close second in this category is Books Inc.

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UNUSUAL

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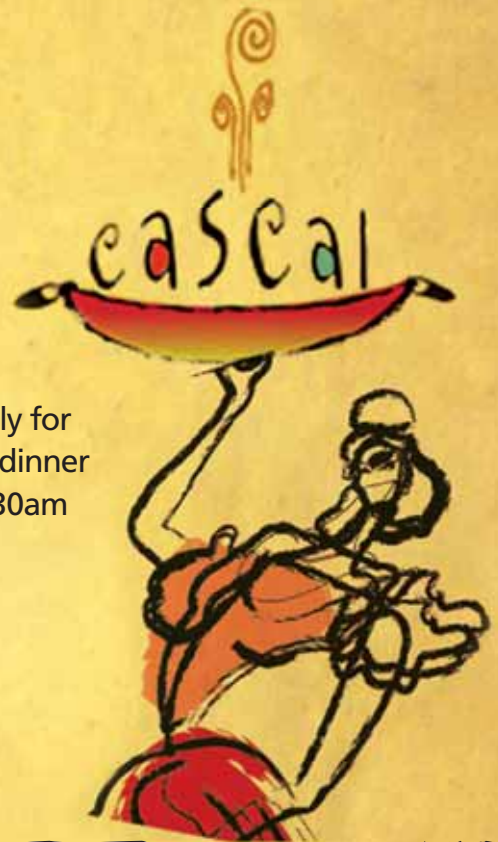
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By Sheila Himmel

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Ever seen a marble floor in a grocery store? Haddad can identify stones in the floor from Brazil, China, India, Italy and a handful of the four dozen coun-

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Robin Dupre sniffs the selection of tea at Crossroads World Market.

WORLD MARKET

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tries whose products are sold here.

On your left, as you walk in and pick up a basket, are crackers and breads from Armenian dark rye to kosher challah, and fresh pita, white or wheat.

In the middle of the store is the cashier, who, while very nice, was

the only employee on a recent busy Saturday except for a bagger, who only bagged. Lacking an information desk, you're pretty much on your own. Have fun!

Proceeding past the bread department, you'll face the freezer, fully stocked with pelmeni, pierogi and filo dough, to name a fraction of what's there. We bought a frozen Alsatian pizza (\$5.49), with cooking instructions noting that its name, Flammenkueche, means

Use the scooper and sample at home.

Continuing clockwise, the olive bar contains excellent half-sour pickles, crisp and not too salty. The oven-baked falafel balls, while healthier than fried, were a little dry. Also in this vicinity, the Greek-style yogurt, labneh, is spectacular.

Think of feta cheese as a salt lick? Crossroads stocks a half-dozen that will change your mind, including French, Greek

“burnt edges.”

Back away from the freezer and you're at one of my favorite spots, the raisin bar. Here are familiar black raisins (\$1.99 a pound), plump and irregular goldens (\$2.99 a pound) and intriguing green Iranian raisins that look like shriveled pistachio nuts (\$3.99). Go for the golden.

There's also a date bar, and a hand-lettered sign: “Do not sample without assistance.” You are unlikely to get assistance.

and Bulgarian, in a cold case behind the cashier.

In the bountiful wine section, I found a large, reasonably priced bottle of Polish mineral water that proved invaluable when we sat down to eat the fabulous Costa Rican yellowfin tuna in olive oil (\$7.29 for 6.7 ounces), Latvian sprats (like herring) and Russian-style smoked sablefish.

At the Eastern wall, a refrigerator case stocks sausages and cured meats including a very good coppa (\$9.99 for 180 grams, about 6.5 ounces), cured pork shoulder from Casa Italia, made in Canada. Fans of Fabrique Delices will note the good prices on their pates, mousses and rilletes.

I couldn't possibly do justice to the pasta section, the sweets, and the sauces. From Bulgaria, tasty Zergut eggplant “caviar”

spread (\$2.99 for a 19 ounce jar) works as well as a pasta sauce. Roland pesto from San Remo, Italy (\$2.99 for 3 ounce jar) also is very good.

Just reading the packages is a trip. From the Cracovia brand of linden honey: “Ingredients: honey.” From Pastificio G. Di Martino: “Tofette, al dente in 11 minuti.” Cook the pasta for 11 minutes, not 10 or 12.

What didn't we like? Villa Reale caperberries in brine were squishy. From Belarus, capelin “caviar” has a mousse-like consistency and tasted more of smoked soybeans than salmon. A search for Belarus reveals it is landlocked, which might have had something to do with it. Another benefit of shopping at Crossroads is that you'll get a little more familiar with all the former Soviet Union countries. ■

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MOVIE REVIEWS

EAT PRAY LOVE ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Julia Roberts plays Gilbert, a writer who tells her astonished husband (Billy Crudup) she doesn't want to live in unhappiness anymore. In a twink, she's taken up with a younger lover (James Franco), but their affair also slumps into unhappiness. Realizing her problem is internal, Liz thinks of Ketut (Hadi Subiyanto), a medicine man she met in Bali on a journalism assignment. And so she hatches a plan to go to Italy and "Eat," visit an ashram in India and "Pray," and return to Indonesia where, if Ketut's palm reading was right, she just may find "Love." *Rated PG-13 for brief strong language, some sexual references and male rear nudity. Two hours, 20 minutes. P.C.*

MAO'S LAST DANCER ★★

(Aquarius) "Mao's Last Dancer" begins with an 11-year-old Li (Wen Bin Huang) being plucked from rural Shandong Province by a couple of Madame Mao's cultural aides to attend the Beijing Dance Academy. The child becomes a teenager (Chengwu Guo) in tune with a quietly rebellious teacher who prioritizes the artful aesthetic of dance over its potential to be a propaganda tool. When his teacher fails to hold the tide of Communist influence, Li's mentorship gap is quickly filled by Ben Stevenson (Bruce Greenwood), the artistic director of the Houston Ballet. On a visit, Stevenson singles out Li (Chi Cao) as a diamond in the rough. Thanks to a cultural exchange program, Li wins the opportunity to spend a few months in America under Stevenson's tutelage. *Rated PG for a brief violent image, some sensuality, language and smoking. One hour, 57 minutes. P.C.*

MIDDLE MEN ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) The film's story stretches back to 1988 and sprawls forward to 2004. But most of it takes place in the "middle," the 1990s, when slovenly, bickering roommates Wayne Beering and Buck Dolby (Giovanni Ribisi and Gabriel Macht) inspire each other to reinvent porn as an instant and private pastime — via the Internet. Otherwise dumb as rocks, they're in desperate need of rescue by a man with a business plan. Enter Jack Harris (Luke Wilson), an all-purpose business-fixer who sees a chance to get in on the ground floor of something big. Those expecting a comical look at how two losers stumbled on "the greatest invention of all time" (online credit-card billing) will be satisfied with the film's opening movements. Unfortunately, "Middle Men" swiftly turns into a pastiche of Scorsese movies and their many descendants, contrasting a high-roller lifestyle with its seedy underbelly as Jack goes on a journey of temptation to sin. *Rated R for strong sexual content, nudity, language, drug use and violence. One hour, 45 minutes. P.C.*

NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) As in the first film, the bulbous-nosed, bucktoothed, portly, warty Nanny McPhee (Emma Thompson) spirits into the life of a needy family. Again, she imparts five lessons to unruly English moppets, her superficially unattractive features fading away to reveal Thompson's

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MOVIE TIMES

Animal Kingdom (R) Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 1:55, 4:40, 7:25 & 10:05 p.m.

Avatar (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: In 3D at 11 a.m.; 12:30, 3, 4:30, 7, 8:20 & 10:35 p.m. **Century 20:** In 3D at 11:35 a.m.; 3:15, 7 & 10:35 p.m.

Bells Are Ringing (1960) Stanford Theatre: Wed. & Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG) Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; 1:25 & 3:35 p.m.

Despicable Me (PG) ★★1/2 Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 1:55, 4:20, 6:50 & 9:15 p.m. **Century 20:** In 3D at 11:20 a.m.; 1:40, 4:10, 6:45 & 9:10 p.m.

Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 2:20, 5:05, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 1:20 & 6:30 p.m.

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

The Expendables (R) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 12:15, 1:30, 4, 5:15, 6:40, 7:50, 9:20 & 10:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:30, 3, 4, 5:30, 8:05, 9:15 & 10:35 p.m.

Funny Face (1957) Stanford Theatre: Sat.-Tue. at 7:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun. also at 3:15 p.m.

Get Low (PG-13) ★★★ Guild Theatre: 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

The Girl Who Played with Fire (R) ★★ Aquarius Theatre: 2, 5 & 8 p.m.

Inception (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: 12:10, 3:35, 7:05 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:45 a.m.; 3:25, 7 & 10:15 p.m.

The Kids Are All Right (R) ★★★ CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: 2:10, 4:45 & 7:15 p.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 9:50 p.m.

Kismet (1944) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 5:40 & 9:25 p.m.

The Last Exorcism (PG-13) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:05 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:55 a.m.; 1:10, 2:30, 3:40, 4:45, 6, 7:05, 8:15, 9:25 & 10:30 p.m.

Lottery Ticket (PG-13) Century 16: 11:50 a.m.; 2:25, 5, 7:45 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:10, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35 & 10:05 p.m.

Love in the Afternoon (1957) Stanford Theatre: Sat.-Tue. at 5:10 & 9:25 p.m.

Mao's Last Dancer (PG) ★★ Aquarius Theatre: 3, 5:45 & 8:30 p.m.

Mesrine: Killer Instinct (R) CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:40 & 7:20 p.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 10 p.m.

Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) ★★1/2 Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 2, 4:45, 7:10 & 9:45 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m.; 1:50, 4:25, 7:05 & 9:40 p.m.

The Other Guys (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 12:05 p.m.; 2:40, 5:20, 8 & 10:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:55 & 10:25 p.m.

Piranha 3D (R) Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:10 & 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** In 3D at 11:25 a.m.; 1:35, 3:50, 6:10, 8:25 & 10:40 p.m.

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

The Scarlet Empress (1934) Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

Scott Pilgrim vs. The World (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 1:20, 4:55, 7:35 & 10:15 p.m. **Century 20:** Noon, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50 & 10:30 p.m.

The Solid Gold Cadillac (1956) Stanford Theatre: Wed. & Thu. at 5:40 & 9:50 p.m.

Step Up 3 (PG-13) Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 1:50, 4:25, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m. **Century 20:** In 3D at 9:30 p.m.

The Switch (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 11:45 a.m.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:25 & 10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:50 a.m.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m.

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

Toy Story 3 (G) ★★★ Century 20: In 3D at 11:15 a.m.; 1:45, 4:20 & 6:55 p.m.

UFC 118: Edgar vs. Penn 2 (PG-13) Century 16: Sat. at 7 p.m. **Century 20:** Sat. at 7 p.m.

Vampires Suck (PG-13) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40 & 9:50 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:25 a.m.; 1:30, 3:35, 5:40, 7:50 & 10 p.m.

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natural beauty. But this time McPhee visits the working-class Green family on their Deer Valley Farm: mother Isabel (Maggie Gyllenhaal) and kids Megsie (Lil Woods), Norman (Asa Butterfield) and Vincent (Oscar Steer). An unspecified war means that Mr. Green is away and in danger; thus, tensions are running high (the circumstances and style suggests the '40s, but in a modernistic time warp). Tensions run so high that the arrival of rich cousins Cyril (Eros Vlahos) and Celia (Rosie Taylor-Ritson) Gray, sent to the country to dodge a London blitz, triggers a civil war between the Green and the Gray. Thompson is after a lesson in harmony for adults and kids. *Rated PG for rude humor, language and thematic elements. One hour, 49 minutes. P.C.*

SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Rock-music, video-game and comic-book sensibilities collide for a refreshingly unique blend of action and comedy. The quirky story centers on likable loser Scott Pilgrim (Michael Cera), the bass player for mediocre garage band Sex Bob-omb. Scott's strange love life — the 22-year-old is dating a schoolgirl five years his junior, and his ex-girlfriend is a tempestuous singer — gets an adrenaline boost when he meets the enigmatic Ramona Flowers (Mary Elizabeth Winstead). Scott and Ramona enjoy an almost instant chemistry that leaves Scott on cloud nine, until Ramona drops some unsettling news. If the two are to be together, Scott must defeat Ramona's "seven evil exes." *Rated PG-13 for stylized violence, sexual content, language and drug references. 1 hour, 53 minutes. — T.H.*

THE SWITCH ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Neurotic New Yorker Wally Mars (Jason Bateman) enjoys a healthy friendship with best pal Kassie Larson (Jennifer Aniston). Although Wally has long harbored deeper feelings for Kassie, several years of romantic inaction have forced him into the friend zone. Kassie confides in Wally that she is anxious for offspring and plans to be artificially inseminated, despite Wally's effusive disapproval. Kassie's quirky friend Debbie (Juliette Lewis) throws her a pregnancy party — an "insemination celebration" — during which Wally meets handsome sperm donor Roland (Patrick Wilson) and subsequently drinks himself into an inebriated daze. When Wally stumbles into a guest bathroom where Roland's donation cup waits and accidentally spills the contents, he refills it with a donation of his own. Flash forward seven years. Kassie returns to New York after living in rural America with her 6-year-old son, Sebastian (Thomas Robinson), in tow. Kassie and Wally quickly re-spark their friendship and Wally begins to realize that little Sebastian has some very recognizable qualities. *Rated PG-13 for mature thematic content, sexual material, drugs and language. 1 hour, 41 minutes. — T.H.*

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Vintage Ballroom Dance The Varsity Dance Club meets on the third Sunday of each month for a vintage ballroom dance with Paul Price's Society Orchestra. 4-6:30 p.m. \$20. Palo Alto Masonic Temple, 461 Florence St., Palo Alto. www.paulpriceorchestra.com

EXHIBITS

"Longing for Sea Change" This series of video installations by contemporary artists living and working in Africa and the diaspora addresses broad human issues of humanity in moments of upheaval, fragmentation and transition. (Museum open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays.) Through June

26, 2011, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. Call 650-724-3600. museum.stanford.edu/news_room/sea_change.html

By Hand: American Women with Needle and Thread The exhibit features a sampling of quilt styles representing key quilting periods over the last 150 years. Samplers, crochet, cross-stitch, and needlepoint will also be displayed. Free educational speaker series: July 7, 28, August 4, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 So. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 408-391-8519. www.losaltoshistory.org

Palo Alto Art Center Summer Exhibitions Three summer exhibitions of work by various artists explore the ways that Surrealism has permeated contemporary artists' imagery and process. An opening reception is set for June 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibition runs June 20 through Sept. 4: Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-269-0141. www.cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter

Picture This! A History of Photography Exhibit showcases examples of how photography has contributed to the comprehension of life and history as the technology of making and preserving images has been improved. An exhibit highlight is "Capturing Light and Time", a presentation of the photographic work of Wayland Lee. Through Oct. 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004. www.moah.org

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Massages Avenidas offers 30-minute massages by certified massage therapists every Tuesday and Thursday. Massages also available every Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wear comfortable clothes; no disrobing. Ages 50+. \$26 members/\$31 non-members. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-2453. avenidas.org

LIVE MUSIC

Sunday Nights at Joya Live music performances on the patio at Joya, with styles including flamenco, reggae and jazz. Every Sunday evening, 6-9 p.m. Free. Joya Restaurant & Lounge, 339 University Ave., Palo Alto. www.joyarestaurant.com

OUTDOORS

Gardening Group Each Friday at noon, Katie leads container planting, gardening and light maintenance projects at Deborah's Palm. Noon-1 p.m. Free. Deborah's Palm, 555 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto. www.deborahspalm.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Congresswoman Eshoo at the Senior Center Congresswoman Anna Eshoo is marking Social Security's 75th Anniversary at the Mountain View Senior Center. Wed, Sept. 1, 10:30 a.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.





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The Great Outdoors Sports Basement will demonstrate camping and hiking activities, including water filtration and freeze dried foods. They will also offer food samples and coupons. Chain Reaction Bicycles will have bike displays and there will be composting demos. Aug. 27, noon-2 p.m. Free. Stanford Blood Center, 3373 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-723-7831. www.bloodcenter.stanford.edu

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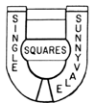
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Menlo Park, 953 Cotton Street, Sat, Aug. 28, 9-3
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MP: 955 Sherman Ave., 8/28, 8/29, 9-4
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 540568

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Marc Javier Photography and Design at 240 Oak Street, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by:

An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

MARC JAVIER

240 Oak St.

Mountain View, CA 94041

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 07/26/2010.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on July 27, 2010.

(Voice Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2010)

GEN ACUPUNCTURE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 540120

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Gen Acupuncture at 1704 Miramonte Ave. #6, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by:

Husband and Wife.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

OLIVIA JUNG

1235 Wildwood Ave., # 242

Sunnyvale, CA 94089

JUNGHO JANG

1235 Wildwood Ave., # 242

Sunnyvale, CA 94089

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 July 13, 2010.

(Voice Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2010)

DH KRAHN SPIRITS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 540617

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

DH Krahn Spirits at 144 A&B South Whisman Rd., Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by:

A Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

CLASSICK IMPORT & EXPORT LLC

865 Sonia Way

Mountain View, CA 94040

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 09/02/2005.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on July 28, 2010.

(Voice Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2010)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 540077

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Ramon Montijo Jr., Attorney at Law, 95 South Market St. Suite 300, San Jose, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

Ramon Montijo Jr., 1250 Mercy St., Mountain View, CA 94041.

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 July 13, 2010.

(Voice August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2010)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 540746

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Medical Strategy Consulting, 224 Lassen Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by:

An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

KRISTIN SCHMIEDEHAUSEN, 224 Lassen Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043

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 July 30, 2010.

(Voice August 13, 20, 27, September 3, 2010)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 540952

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

BLUE CAB CO., 2850 Malabar Ave. #1, Santa Clara, CA 95051, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by:

A General Partnership.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

RAMANDEEP SINGH, 2850 Malabar Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95051.

TASVINDER PAL SINGH, 2850 Malabar Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95051.

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 August 5, 2010.

(Voice Aug 13, 20, 27, Sep 3, 2010)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 540952

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

BLUE CAB CO., 2850 Malabar Ave. #1, Santa Clara, CA 95051, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by:

A General Partnership.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

RAMANDEEP SINGH, 2850 Malabar Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95051.

TASVINDER PAL SINGH, 2850 Malabar Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95051.

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 August 3, 2010.

(Voice Aug. 27, Sep. 3, 10, 17, 2010)

Sunnyvale, CA 94085

THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY

an individual. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on July 27, 2010.

(Voice Aug.20,27, Sep.3,10, 2010)

GEN ACUPUNCTURE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 541180

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

GEN ACUPUNCTURE at 1704 Miramonte Ave. #6, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by:

A Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

GEN ACUPUNCTURE, LLC 1704 Miramonte Ave. #6 Mountain View, CA 94040

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 August 11, 2010.

(Voice Aug. 20, 27, Sep. 3, 10, 2010)

LUCKY EXPRESS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 541414

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Lucky Express at 600 Rainbow Dr., #185, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

DONG SUK YOO 600 Rainbow Dr., # 185 Mountain View, CA 94041

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 August 17, 2010.

(Voice Aug. 27, Sep. 3, 10, 17, 2010)

JOYOUS FAMILY COACHING

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 540886

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Joyous Family Coaching at 16 Dorchester Drive, Mountain View, CA 940043, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

CONNIE ALLEN GREIG 16 Dorchester Drive Mountain View, CA 94043

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 05/15/2010.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 3, 2010.

(Voice Aug. 27, Sep. 3, 10, 17, 2010)

997 All Other Legals

EL CAMINO HOSPITAL DISTRICT

FORMAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 2, 2010, Governing Board Elections will be held in the District named below, and that offices for which candidates may be nominated are set forth after the name and business address of each District.

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NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that

Declarations of Candidacy for eligible candidates desiring to file for elective office may be obtained from the District Office shown above or from the office of the Registrar of Voters, 1555 Berger Dr., Building #2, San Jose, California, 95112. Declarations of Candidacy must be filed with the Registrar of Voters at the above noted address no later than 5:00 pm Friday, August 6, 2010; that appointment to each elective office will be made in the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees for each office and a petition for the election, signed by ten percent

(10%) of the voters or 50 voters, whichever is the smaller number in the District, has not been filed by 5:00 pm Wednesday, August 11, 2010 as provided by law.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that processing of vote by mail ballots to be counted will commence on Friday, October 22, 2010.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that on the day of the election, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and that the ballots cast at said election will be publicly counted at the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office, 1555 Berger Drive, Building #2, San Jose, California, commencing at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 2, 2010. Dated this 8th day of August, 2010

Jesse Durazo, Registrar of Voters 8/27/10

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Mountain View Voice

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SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$545,000
3 BR 2 BA Remodeled kitchen w/wood lam flrs, maple cabinets, granite counters, rec lights.
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12790 CAMINO MEDIO LN
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5 BR 2 BA Remodel or build your dream home on this mostly flat lot close to the village, PA schools.
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2783 RANDERS CT
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$333,000
1 BR 1 BA One level w/no one above or below, FP, remod kit w/granite, slate flrs, new appliances, patio
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PALO ALTO

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SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,075,000
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FARM HILL ESTATES RANCH \$1,035,000
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4 BR 3 BA Nestled at the end of a private driveway sits this beautiful and spacious home w/Cup.schls
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MOUNTAIN VIEW

14321 SADDLE MOUNTAIN DR
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SAN JOSE

1186 HAPPY VALLEY AV
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,098,000
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SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,695,000
4 BR 3.5 BA Tree-lined street, 1/3+ acre lot, formal dining, great room, 2 master suites, hrdwd flrs.
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1638 CASTILLEJA AVE
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,295,000
4 BR 4 BA Totally rebuilt in 2007. Features great rm leading to chef's kit. Gorgeous finishes.
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984 AMARILLO AVENUE
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962 BONITA AVE
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3 BR 3 BA Architectural jewel in North PA. Artistically restored & remodeled vintage home.
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SANTA CLARA

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815 RUNNINGWOOD CIRCLE
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$899,000
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1560 MARIPOSA AV
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,495,000
2 BR 2 BA Updated, good natural light, hardwood floors, attic storage space, dual pane windows.
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3421 ORINDA ST
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$818,000
3 BR 2 BA Charming bungalow. Freshly painted, granite countertops, wood flooring, prof. landscaping.
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SARATOGA

15363 PEACH HILL RD
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,198,000
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1753 MAYFLOWER COURT
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21 ROOSEVELT CT
SUN 1 - 4 \$1,198,000
3 BR 2 BA Gracious home w/bonus dining room & bedroom. Solar-heated sparkling pool in back yard.
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115 GREENMEADOW WAY
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$449,000
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SUNNYVALE

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3 BR 3 BA Formal entryway w/marble tile floor. Spacious LivRm & DinRm. www.1136viscaino.com
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81 LOS ALTOS SQUARE
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$829,000
2 BR 2.5 BA Sleek home, remold w/granite in kitchen & baths. Open living/dining space w/fp.
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1032 CUESTA DRIVE
SAT/SUN 2 - 4 \$839,900
3 BR 2 BA Spacious LR/DR combination w/FP, hardwood floors, family kitchen. Los Altos schools!
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