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Google employees **Kousha Nakafi** and **Rebecca Mashhadian** check out a framed honeycomb held by apiarist **Bill Tomaszewski** on Sept. 16.

## Google's 'Hiveplex' is the place to bee

BEEKEEPING IDEA TAKES FLIGHT ON GOOGLE'S CRITTENDEN CAMPUS

By Nick Veronin

When employees at Google encounter a problem in their work environment — a burnt out light bulb or keyboard on the fritz — they file an electronic ticket with the help desk.

Six months ago, Rob Peterson, engineering manager for Google Analytics, filed a ticket for a rather unique problem: bees. More precisely, a lack thereof.

"I was wondering if I could keep bees," Peterson said about the ticket he filed on March 16. About three weeks passed before the help desk wrote back that Marc Rasic, executive chef for Google, was also interested in bringing bee hives to the company's Mountain View

campus.

The two men were introduced, and shortly thereafter four hives, which are home to roughly 50,000 bees each, were delivered to the Crittenden campus by the Marin Bee Company.

Over the next five months, Peterson and Rasic helped assemble and worked with four Google beekeeping teams — one for each hive in the "Hiveplex."

In the process, Peterson said he met Googlers he never would have been introduced to; he saw people confront and overcome fears; he learned about the intricate and somewhat engineer-like life of bees; and, best of all, he and everyone else involved in the Hiveplex took home a jar of honey when

they harvested it on Thursday, Sept. 16.

### 'Fun' and 'interesting'

Excitement was apparent on harvest day, as Googlers watched and helped Bill Tomaszewski of the Marin Bee Company extract the Hiveplex's sweet, golden goo. He enthralled the crowd gathered in The Alley Cafe — one of Google's many on-campus eateries — with various methods for harvesting the honey.

Mason jars lined the buffet counter and Googlers jostled and stood on tiptoes to get a better look as Tomaszewski and several grinning volunteers scraped away

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## Council: let the affordable housing proposals pour in

By Daniel DeBolt

With \$18 million in affordable housing funds burning a hole in its pocket, the City Council Tuesday supported allowing a larger number of affordable housing developers to propose projects in Mountain View.

During the study session Tuesday, Council member Margaret Abekoga said she had heard affordable housing developers complain recently that they had been turned away by Mountain View's planning department. That was because the council's own affordable housing strategy prescribed where and how affordable housing would be developed, which added many complications any time developers wanted to make their own proposals.

With that strategy expiring, the Council said Tuesday that it would abandon it in favor of what is called a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to streamline the process. City staff said that NOFAs in the cities of Oakland and Napa encouraged a higher number of affordable housing developers to propose projects.

"I think you will have a lot more enthusiastic developers and more of them," said Duncan McVicar, a member of the homeless housing coalition, which aims to build housing for the homeless in Mountain View. Also supporting the idea was Doug DeLong of Advocates for Affordable Housing.

Councilwoman Laura Macias was the only council member to oppose the idea, noting the amount of thoughtful work that went into the city's affordable housing strategy, created by the council in 2006.

Under that strategy, the City Council identified certain affordable housing needs and came up with three affordable housing projects with a total of 275 units, including 120 efficiency studios at San Antonio Place, 104 senior homes at Paulsen Park and 51 affordable family homes at Evelyn and Frank-

lin streets. The city contributed \$17 million to those projects.

"I'm concerned we'll end up funding things that are not a priority for our residents," Macias said.

Macias disagreed with the assertion from city staff that it was not clear what type of affordable housing the city needed at this point — she pointed to affordable housing goals for Mountain View specified by the Association of Bay Area Governments.

"I'm frustrated by the fact that we have millions of dollars that we are

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## Cuesta phone calls lead to arrest

By Daniel DeBolt

After making a series of allegedly threatening phone calls to her opponents, a woman who seeks to preserve the Cuesta Annex and its trees was arrested and booked into county jail by Mountain View police last week.

Targets of what police termed "annoying phone calls" included Mayor Ronit Bryant, a Santa Clara Valley Water District board member and a resident who supports plans to build a flood basin in the Cuesta Annex.

A phone company trace led to Mountain View resident Alexandria Gerontinos, 48, a vocal opponent of a plan to build a 4.5-acre flood basin in the front of the Cuesta Annex, a 12.5-acre lot and former orchard next to Cuesta Park. Gerontinos is especially passionate about the loss of the trees in the front of the

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*"I don't know the safety concerns well enough to say yes or no. It's a tragedy."*

**Paul Crowl**, Mountain View



*"They should make every little piece of info available to us. I don't think there is a need to make anything private."*

**Joy Farber**, Mountain View



*"They should be doing far more. People should know exactly where the pipelines are, and there should be automatic shutoff valves put in place."*

**Gene Bradley**, San Jose



*"They got all this money. They need to be doing a lot more. They need to be out inspecting the lines and improving them."*

**Barbara Kindle**, East Palo Alto



*"They should at least provide a more comprehensive map. I think the public has a right to know that information."*

**Charles K**, San Francisco

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### CRIME BRIEF

#### SUSPECT NABBED IN BANK ROBBERY

Police arrested a Santa Clara man and charged him with robbing five South Bay banks, including the Heritage Bank of Commerce, located at 175 E. El Camino Real in Mountain View, which was robbed last week.

Cyrus Cesar Wietecha, 32, of Santa Clara is suspected of robbing the Mountain View bank last Thursday, Sept. 16, according to Detective Brian Eagan of the Mountain View

Police Department. Eagan said the man is also suspected of committing four other bank robberies in San Jose and Santa Clara.

Jaime Garrett, a spokeswoman for the police department, said the man entered the bank shortly before 9:30 a.m. and displayed a note to a teller. Police were notified of the robbery by silent alarm.

Eagan said police departments in Santa Clara and Sunnyvale helped Mountain View police track down Wietecha.

### POLICE LOG

#### ASSAULT W/ DEADLY WEAPON

200 block Castro St., 9/17

#### AUTO BURGLARY

2900 block Shoreline Rd., 9/14  
1400 block Shoreline Rd., 9/15  
1300 block Charleston Rd., 9/16  
600 block Cuesta Dr., 9/16  
2600 block Solace Pl., 9/20  
500 block Cyprus Point Dr., 9/21

#### BATTERY

3500 block Truman Ave., 9/14  
1700 block W. El Camino Real, 9/17  
Mountain View High School, 9/17  
2500 block W. El Camino Real, 9/17  
100 block Easy St., 9/20

#### RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

900 block W. Dana St., 9/21  
1000 block Boranda Ave., 9/21

#### GRAND THEFT

2200 block Latham St., 9/15  
1300 block Space Park Way, 9/17

900 block Camille Ln., 9/20  
300 block Bryant St., 9/20  
1700 block Walnut Dr., 9/20  
400 block Kasra Dr., 9/21

#### INDECENT EXPOSURE

1100 block Grant Rd., 9/18  
Old Middlefield Way and N. Rengstorff Ave., 9/20

#### ROBBERY

1300 block Phyllis Ave., 9/14  
E. Middlefield Rd. and N. Whisman Rd., 9/16  
1600 block E. El Camino Real, 9/16

#### VANDALISM

Cuesta Dr. and Grant Rd., 9/18  
Crittenden Ln. and N. Shoreline Blvd., 9/18  
1900 block Latham St., 9/20  
1300 block Charleston Rd., 9/20  
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Rengstorff Park, 9/20  
600 block Showers Dr., 9/20



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## San Bruno's exploded gas line runs through Mountain View

PIPELINE RUNS THROUGH RIGHT OF WAY FOR MASSIVE HETCH HETCHY AQUEDUCT

By Daniel DeBolt

The 54-year-old gas transmission line that blew up in San Bruno, killing seven people, also runs through residential areas of northern Mountain View, along with two other major gas pipelines slated for retrofitting.

Known as Line 132, the pipeline runs down the Peninsula from San Francisco along the Interstate 280-Junipero Serra Boulevard corridor but snakes

into populated areas in Palo Alto and Mountain View on its way southward to Milpitas along State Route 237.

The cause of the explosion in San Bruno, which burned four blocks of homes and damaged many others, is still under investigation. But it has increased scrutiny of Pacific Gas & Electric's gas pipeline system and city officials are seeking infor-

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## El Camino forecasts profit by fiscal year's end

HOSPITAL OFFICIALS EXPECT LOS GATOS TO MAKE UP FOR MV'S LOSSES

By Nick Veronin

Although El Camino Hospital is off to a rocky start this fiscal year — the hospital's Mountain View campus is projected to be in the red by the end of next June — officials expect revenue generated by the Los Gatos campus will more than make up for the shortfalls and put the organization as a whole in the black by mid-2011.

Both El Camino locations posted operational losses in July, the first month of its current fiscal year which ends June 30, 2011. In July, hospital operations in Mountain View and Los Gatos lost \$3.26 million and \$39,000, respectively. El Camino officials had budgeted to lose more than that at the Mountain View campus, but had expected to see \$275,000 in profits in Los Gatos.

In an effort to make up for falling revenues, the hospital announced last month that it would lay off 140 employees. El Camino spokeswoman Chris Ernst said that the layoffs could save the hospital as much as \$14 million annually.

The El Camino Hospital Foundation, the surgery center and other entities did make money in operations in July, but the organization as a whole still posted a total operating loss of \$3.1 million for the month.

At the end of July, the hospital had \$281 million in cash on hand, according to Kyle Wichelmann, director of finance for the hospital.

The hospital's 2010-11 budget, approved earlier this month by the board of directors, anticipates the Mountain View campus will lose \$2.35 million from its operations

during its fiscal year. However, Ernst said the hospital is projecting that it will make \$4.17 million from operations at its Los Gatos site. That would be enough to put the organization's bottom line in the black — with a total operational income of \$1.8 million for the fiscal year.

Yet, after factoring in other operations costs associated with the El Camino Hospital Foundation, the hospital district and Silicon Valley Medical Development, the hospital expects to see \$494,000 in operating revenues by next year. That is down from a profit of \$4.48 million last year and \$52.7 million the year before.

Because El Camino is not-for-profit, Ernst said, the budget does not use the term "profit" to describe hospital earnings, and any excess revenue goes back into the hospital. In the coming fiscal year, factoring in all operational and non-operational expenditures and revenues, the hospital is budgeting to be \$14.3 million in the black. That is down from \$36.6 million in profit last year and \$71.37 million the year before.

"Operations" refers to all of the hospital's core business, such as patient care at the hospitals and the surgery center, according to Ernst. Non-operational costs and revenues come from investments and joint-venture activities, among other things.

For the coming fiscal year, the hospital has budgeted to spend \$606 million, Ernst said.

The hospital anticipates the Los

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## Test scores rise, but schools stuck in 'program improvement'

By Nick Veronin

The Mountain View Whisman School District is entering its second year of what is known as "program improvement," even though academic performance increased overall and test scores were up in kindergarten through fifth grade.

The district improved its academic performance index score by nine points last year, and elementary school students showed

overall growth in standardized test scores in language arts and math over the same period. Still, it was not enough to keep the district from entering program improvement — a state- and federal designation for a district or school that has missed certain specific academic targets for two years running.

Assistant Superintendent Mary Lairon acknowledges that work needs to be done, especially in the district's middle schools and among special education students. Stu-

dents in sixth through eighth grade showed little growth in language arts and an overall drop in math achievement. Test scores for eighth-grade history and science dropped slightly, as did scores for fifth-grade science. Special education students also failed to hit state standardized testing targets.

Still, Lairon said she feels that the district has been doing well in general, and noted that the rules surrounding the program improvement designation need

to be modified.

"The regulations associated with program improvement are sometimes frustrating," Lairon said.

Not all public schools and districts in California are subjected to meeting state standardized testing targets in order to avoid falling into program improvement. The Mountain View Whisman School District

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## Memorial for El Camino Hospital founder

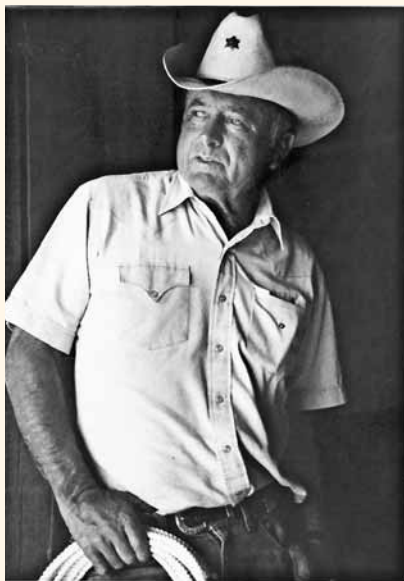
A memorial service for Dr. William A. Reeves, one of the founders of El Camino Hospital, is set for 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the Stanford Memorial Chapel.

He died Sept. 12 at the age of 86, after a brief illness.

In the early 1960s, Reeves helped found El Camino Hospital, where he served as the hospital's first medical chief of staff. He was heavily involved in the establishment of the Rota-Care Free Health Clinic, which provides free health care to the uninsured, and started the Older Adult

Resource Center. He served for many years on the El Camino Hospital board and remained active on the hospital foundation's board until his death.

Reeves was born in Salinas in 1924, served as a naval officer in the Pacific during World War II, and graduated from Stanford University and the Stanford School of Medicine. He



began his obstetrics and gynecology career in Los Altos in 1955, delivering thousands of babies during his 40 years in private practice.

He was a member of the Los Altos Country Club and the Rancheros Vistadores group. Family members said Reeves was an avid horseman and the patriarch of the family's working cattle ranch, Cienega Del Gabilan Ranch near San Juan Bautista.

He is survived by his three children: Lauren Reeves Boyle of Los Gatos, Bill Reeves of Los Altos and

Michael Reeves of San Juan Bautista; his sister Marilyn Baldocchi; seven grandchildren; and his fiancée, Pat Pierce. He was preceded in death by his wife Ann in 2001.

The family prefers memorial donations be made to the El Camino Hospital Foundation. Spangler Mortuary of Los Altos is handling funeral arrangements.

## ARREST

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Annex, including one she calls "the goddess tree."

"It wasn't right the way I handled it," Gerontinos said Monday. "But it was for the defense of the Annex. I feel very passionate about the place. I grew up here."

A resident who supports the flood basin received a voice mail on Sept. 12 from Gerontinos that "made vague reference to the safety of his family," said police spokesperson Liz Wylie.

"Our interpretation was that a physical threat was a part of the message being communicated," said the resident, who wished to remain anonymous. He described the two calls he received as "disturbing."

Mayor Bryant also received a call from Gerontinos on Sept. 7.

"I received a phone call that I felt was definitely threatening," said Bryant, adding that she felt threatened with violence. "I didn't recognize the voice but I felt it was very unacceptable."

Gerontinos was apologetic about the calls.

"I feel bad about how it was handled," she said. "I didn't in any way mean physical threat or bodily

injury to anybody."

Gerontinos said the calls were a passionate response to seeing signs torn down from in front of the Annex that a group of preservationists had put up to inform the public of an upcoming Water District meeting. She said the act appeared political because the official signs for the meeting placed by the Water District remained.

"I took it out of line a little bit, I misplaced some blame, I guess," Gerontinos said.

Gerontinos described the Annex as "like a child to a lot of us, so beautiful and innocent. I was responding like a mother to a child being hurt."

She added that, "if you walk out there with a headache your headache will go away."

The alleged threats were not specific enough to legally qualify as threats of violence, but police charged Gerontinos with two counts of making annoying phone calls to the resident, Wylie said. At \$3,000 bail for each count, it was just enough to book Gerontinos in jail (the bail minimum for jail is \$5,000.)

Wylie said additional counts could not apply to the calls made to public officials because the law is different for them.

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# Enrollment jumps at MV Whisman

By Nick Veronin

Enrollment is up substantially this fall at local elementary and middle schools. Officials speculate that the marked — and unanticipated — rise is due, in part, to an influx of military families moving into Moffett Field housing, as well as fewer fifth-graders than usual leaving the district.

The Mountain View Whisman district has 170 more students than it did last year, about three times more than expected, according to Stephanie Totter, assistant superintendent. The district had anticipated an additional 40 to 60 students, Totter said.

This year 222 students from military families will attend local schools.

Rebecca Murga, a representative of the 63rd Regional Support Command at Moffett Field, said she was not permitted to give exact numbers of military families living on base or in other military housing.

However, Murga said, the 63rd is a relatively new. It was created in September 2008 when two smaller commands merged and the command's headquarters was moved to Moffett Field.

Totter said that the elementary schools may have been able to absorb the growth better than the middle schools because the district recently increased its student-teacher ratio in kindergarten, first-, second- and third-grade classrooms. This year, in an effort to address budgetary issues, it rose from 20-1 to 25-1.

Yet, because of the unexpected growth, classrooms across the district have exceeded even those increased target ratios.

It's not a cause for alarm, Totter said. Most of the district's bigger classes are only two or three students over their target student-teacher ratio.

"For some students there may not be a negative or a positive impact," Totter said, noting that some might say the larger the class, the lower the chance that individual students' needs will be met. "There is some research that suggests a smaller class size doesn't necessarily guarantee success of every child."

So far this year, the district has hired two new full time elementary teachers — one at Huff and a dual immersion instructor at Castro. At Crittenden and Graham, administrators have worked to rearrange the master schedules to ensure students are spread as evenly as possible throughout the schools.

Next year, she said, the district expects to hire more middle school instructors to keep up with the growing student body. ■

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not spending,” said Mayor Ronit Bryant. “Making progress on any of these needs seems like a good thing.

Bryant suggested that developers propose projects that mix affordable housing types.

The city now has \$18 million with which to subsidize new affordable housing projects, enough to build two or three housing projects,

according to a city staff report. Fees on market rate housing development contributed \$8.6 million while the city’s revitalization district “housing set aside” funds contributed \$9.3 million. City staff do not expect another influx of housing funds until the economy rebounds.

City Manager Kevin Duggan said the NOFA process could be a “reality check” for the city as another affordable housing strategy could result in projects that “nobody wants to do.”

### HOSPITAL BUDGET

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Gatos campus will generate a portion of \$4.17 million in operational income through “strategic initiatives” that include expansion of the men’s health program, orthopedics, the vascular program and the opening of the inpatient rehabilitation program, Ernst wrote.

El Camino’s budget anticipates the new hospital building to lose

money because of additional costs due to a full year of depreciation and interest on the new Mountain View campus, Ernst wrote. “But we are implementing cost control activities at both campuses and we are forecasting an increase in revenues from new services and a price increase in some service areas.”

Ernst wrote that El Camino officials are “confident in the improvements we are making” through its financial planning program.

### ARREST

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“Unless there is a criminal threat you have the right to call your council members and voice your concerns,” Wylie said.

Vice Mayor Jac Siegel, who had received messages in his mail box about the Cuesta Annex from Gerontinos, is up for reelection in November along with Mayor Bryant.

“Every election cycle some-

thing goes on,” Siegel said. “Whether this has to do with that or not, who knows? When you become a little more seasoned you don’t worry too much about it.”

The Cuesta Annex flood basin was recently approved by the Water District and is on its way to the City Council for final approval. The basin will be 21.5-foot deep in some areas and is designed to protect homes in the area from a 100-years flood from nearby Permanents Creek.

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# MV Holiday Inn sued for harassment

By Daniel DeBolt

The Holiday Inn on El Camino Real near San Antonio Road is being sued by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for allegedly firing a front desk clerk for complaining about being sexually harassed and threatened by her boss.

The EEOC says former Holiday Inn employee Beatriz Garcia was the victim of “unwelcome touching, sexual comments and threats in response to complaining about the harassment” from a supervisor. The EEOC said she was fired in retaliation for complaining about the harassment to Holiday Inn management and faced further retaliation for filing a complaint with the EEOC — her former manager called her new employer “in an attempt to warn him about Garcia and obtain her new contact information.”

“I came to this country to work hard and achieve the American dream,” Garcia said in a press release. “At the Holiday Inn Express I found a great job. But I also found sexual harassment and retaliation. Soon after being promoted, I realized that the promotion came at a price I did not want to pay. I could not continue to work where I was being treated as a sexual object. So instead I decided to take a stand against sexual harassment and retaliation for anyone like me who has suffered from harassment at work.”

The suit seeks an undisclosed amount in monetary damages for Garcia, as well as workplace training about anti-retaliation and anti-discrimination laws and posting notices about the law at the workplace.

“By law, employers must protect their workers and take responsibility for the actions of their supervisors,” said EEOC regional attorney William Tamayo in a press release, which encourages employers to “send a clear message that sexual harassment will not be tolerated in your workplace.”

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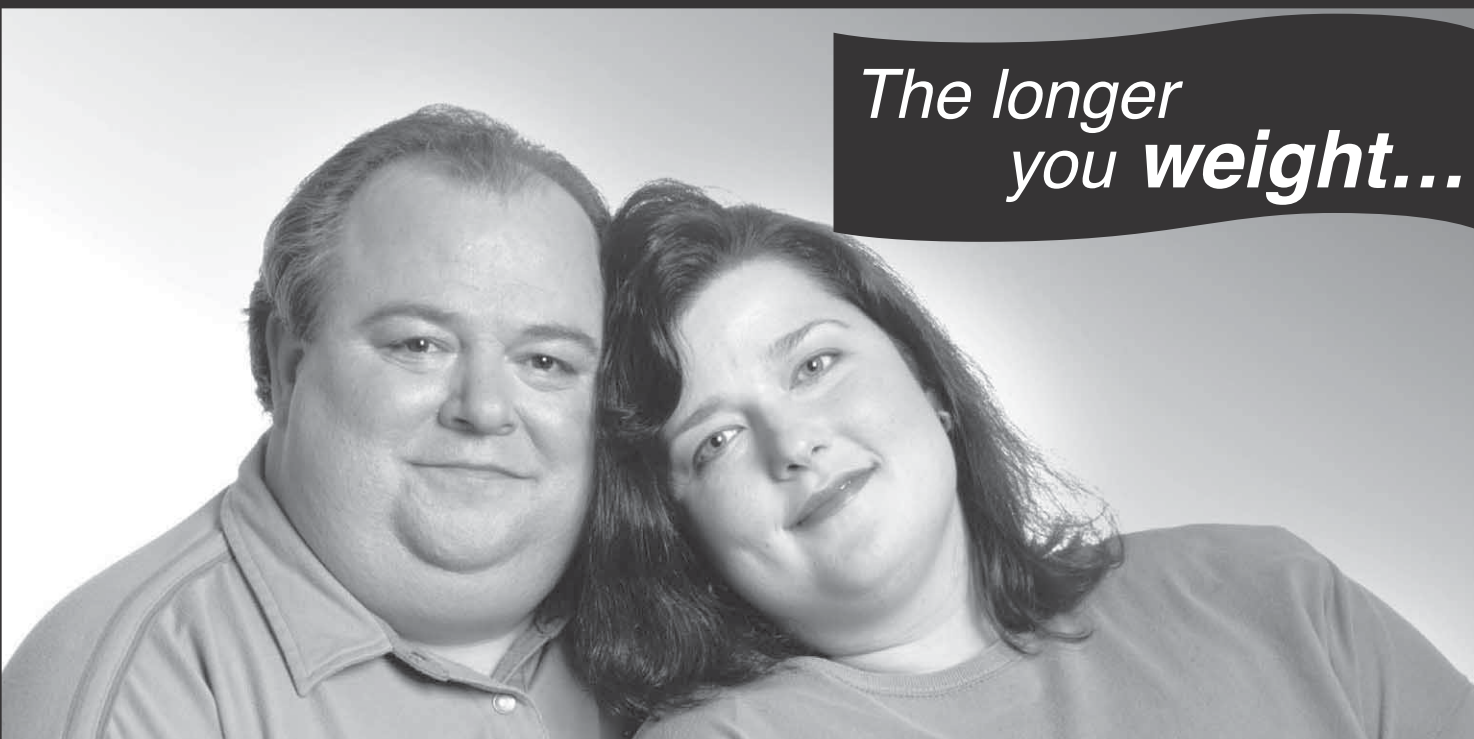
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**GOOGLE BEES**

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the honey with a hot knife or a wire brush, or fed the rectangular honeycomb racks through a special honey-harvesting machine.

Kathleen Chen and Diane Ratto, who both work in consumer operations on the Crittenden campus, licked their sticky fingers after helping Tomaszewski.

"I'm having lots of fun," Chen says. "It's cool to see how everything is made."

"Bees were always interesting to me," Ratto says. "I want my own

hive when I have a house."

**Confronting fears**

Neither woman said they had much trepidation of bees. Chen said that she was scared of the fuzzy insects for a time after she was stung on the finger as a child, but that her fear was never overwhelming. Cliff Redeker, who works on the Google Apps team, has a different story.

"I have been afraid of bees since I was really little," Redeker said, as he stood about 25 yards back from Tomaszewski and a handful of Googlers who examined the hives. Thousands of bees filled the mid-

afternoon air, a few occasionally buzzing past Redeker's head. Getting this close to bees would have made him very nervous when he was younger, he said.

Yet, there he stood. As a foodie who loves putting honey in his tea and his yogurt — "it's one of the ultimate condiments" — Redeker said he felt an obligation to confront his fears and learn more about bees. "When I heard about it, I knew it was something I had to do," he said.

Learning about the bees and being involved in the Hiveplex has helped ease his aversion to the insects.

**The Hiveplex**

Convincing the powers that be to allow the Hiveplex on campus was surprisingly easy. The Hiveplex abuts the bay on the eastern most edge of the Google's Crittenden campus, where the bees have access to ample water and wildflowers.

"It was pretty seamless," Peterson said. He and Rasic met with Google medical and security staff to ensure that the Hiveplex would not pose a threat to employees, but beyond that, both men said management was very receptive to the idea.

Google, in Peterson's experience, has always been a company very open to discussion. "I've been at Google for quite a while, but I was still surprised for how receptive the higher-ups were."

**Sustainability**

Just as the blue, red, yellow and green hives mirror the colors of the company logo, Peterson and Rasic said the Hiveplex mirrors Google's commitment to sustainability.

Google tries to find local sources for the food it serves in its cafes.



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*Kathleen Chen licks her fingers during a honey-making demonstration at Google.*

The roughly 450 pounds of honey Rasic estimated came from the Hiveplex won't even come close to the amount Googlers use in a week, but that isn't the point.

"The point was to find new ways to be creative around here and really show that we could have a source of honey very close to us," Rasic said.

In keeping bees right on the Google grounds, Rasic said, the Hiveplex demonstrated that the company could do even more than 150 Cafe — a Google cafeteria that sources all of its food from within a 150-mile radius of its Mountain View campus.

**Colony Collapse Disorder**

Peterson and Rasic had another goal in bringing the Hiveplex to Google. They hoped to raise awareness about Colony Collapse Disorder — a mysterious worldwide phenomenon, wherein a colony's adult honey bees disappear, leaving

behind immature bees and honey. It's estimated that last year, U.S. beekeepers lost about one-third of their bee hives.

Colony Collapse Disorder could have grave consequences on agriculture, as many commercial crops rely on bees for pollination.

"I think we've brought attention to it," Peterson said. "Obviously we don't have a solution. But there are so many smart people at Google."

He said that he does not expect someone at the search engine giant to crack the mystery of Colony Collapse Disorder, but that getting more bright people to think about the problem couldn't hurt.

**Work is where the hive is**

Peterson noted that, as an engineer, he is very taken with the bee's flat management structure. He drew parallels between

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the peer review process of Google engineers and the inherent order visible in the bees buzzing in and out of the Hiveplex's hexagonal honeycombs.

"We trust engineers to do the right thing," Peterson said. "In some ways, that's the way the bees operate. They are self-directed. The best engineers have a passion for doing what they do, and they are the most happy when they get results without interference from management."

Rasic agreed. If someone comes up with a good idea and presents it well, that idea is likely to get a green light from management, just as his director approved of his beekeeping idea immediately.

Google's executive chef said he is especially pleased with the way the honey from the Hiveplex tastes, noting its "light citrus flavor." Still, perhaps the most transformative experience for Rasic came when he mustered up the courage to work with the bees barehanded.

"It feels amazing," he said, describing the sensation of hundreds of bees crawling all over his hands. "They are very gentle creatures. They are beautiful." ■

## GAS PIPE

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mation about Mountain View's large gas pipelines. Line 132 has not been replaced since its installation in 1956, PG&E spokeswoman Katie Romans said Friday.

In Mountain View, line 132 runs east from the Palo Alto border along Middlefield Road before cutting through the middle of the Whisman neighborhood along the Hetch Hetchy aqueduct right of way.

Public Works Director Mike Fuller said that an explosion of the gas line next to the Hetch Hetchy aqueduct would be a unique disaster as the massive water pipeline supplies water to San Francisco and much of the Peninsula, including parts of Mountain View.

Fuller said on Monday that the city had been trying for a week to schedule a meeting with PG&E to learn the condition of the gas lines in Mountain View, but apparently faces competition from other cities seeking the same thing.

"Our staff is working on this and ensuring that we are safe," said Mayor Ronit Bryant. "I know that they are monitoring the situation and will take whatever steps necessary to make sure (the pipelines) are safe."

"Terrible things like what happened in San Bruno are extremely

rare," Bryant added. "Disaster can always strike but these are very rare events."

### Older test methods

Line 132 and two other major gas lines in Mountain View are on a list of 10 aging pipelines scheduled for a multi-million dollar retrofit that will allow them to be assessed by the most current safety testing equipment. None of the aging lines currently can be inspected using the latest technology, called "smart pigging." Pigging is an industry term referring to the process by which a data-gathering instrument travels through the pipe to assess steel-pipe wall thickness and look for weakened metal, such as cracked welds and corrosion, according to a PG&E report.

PG&E spokeswoman Nicole Liebelt said the lines in the Mountain View area are typically tested through "external corrosion direct assessment," or ECDA, one of three federally approved methods for testing gas pipelines. The other two methods being smart pigging and pressure testing (pumping water into the pipe at high pressure to see if it holds.) The direct assessment involves "above ground electrical surveys," Liebelt said, which apply an electrical current to the pipe to determine its integrity by measuring the resulting electromagnetic

field or electrical resistance. Suspect sections are excavated for more direct inspection. ECDA is the one method that does not involve turning off the gas flow in the pipe.

Of Line 132's 51.5 miles, a 31.9-mile segment has been identified for retrofitting as part of PG&E's In-Line Inspection major capital-improvements projects for 2012, according to a 2009 PG&E report. It was not immediately clear if any Mountain View gas line segments need retrofitting.

Two other major gas transmission lines that run through Mountain View — lines 101 and 109 — are also slated for that retrofit project, but PG&E spokespeople could not comment as to whether Mountain View's sections were part of the project.

Line 109 roughly follows alongside line 132 until Highway 85 when it turns north through populated areas before continuing east along Highway 101. Line 101 runs south west along the Highway 101 before

turning east near Amphitheatre Parkway to run through office buildings, Shoreline Park and Mof-fett field.


The lines change diameter along the route, up to a maximum of 30 inches, Romans said.

The last corrosion check on Line 132 was done in November 2009 and the last routine gas-leak surveys, which are above ground, were done on March of this year, Romans said.

Liebelt added that the entire length of Line 132 was resurveyed after the San Bruno explosion.

On Monday, PG&E released a list of its top 100 riskiest gas lines, which are project priorities. None of the projects are located in Mountain View, with the nearest being located in the Stanford area. Liebelt stressed that the projects were not immediate problems, which PG&E would otherwise fix immediately. ■

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**PROGRAM IMPROVE**

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is subjected to it because the district itself, along with some of its schools, accept Title I funds under the No Child Left Behind Act. That act stipulates that schools and districts receiving Title I funding must meet state-defined Annual Yearly Progress—or AYP—goals among each of their statistically significant subgroups. These groups are defined by race, socioeconomic status and disabilities, among other criteria.

In order to get out, the district must either hit all of its subgroup AYP targets for two years running, or make significant overall gains across the board for two consecutive years.

The latter of these options, known as “safe harbor,” occurs when a school or district improves overall test scores by more than 10 percent from a previous year. Two district schools, Monta Loma and Theuerkauf, which would have entered their third year of program improvement, qualified for safe harbor status thanks to the latest test scores. If both schools manage to qualify for safe harbor next year, or if they can hit all of their standardized testing goals among all their subgroups, they can get out of program improvement status.

But in a move district trustee Stephen Olsen called “ironic,” parents of 62 students pulled their kids from Monta Loma and Theuerkauf shortly before classes began this fall. Under the No Child Left Behind rules, the district is obliged to honor the transfer requests. For Olson, the irony lay in the fact that the 62 students that left those two schools were likely the most mobile and most socio-economically advantaged. By losing those students, Olson said, the two schools are likely doomed to do even worse on test scores in the coming school year.

It’s another pitfall of the current rules surrounding Title I funds—one which Lairon hopes will be changed soon.

The problem, Lairon said, is that those targets rise every year. By the 2013-14 school year, schools receiving Title I funds will be required to score proficient in 100 percent of all of their subgroups. If the No Child Left Behind rules don’t change by then, Lairon said, all schools receiving Title I funds will be in program improvement.

“We want to do better; that is our goal,” Lairon said, noting that she did not want to make excuses. But, “when everybody gets into program improvement, what’s the point?”

Overall, Lairon said, she is happy with the improvements made in the district’s academic performance index (API), and with Monta Loma and Theuerkauf.

“We are proud of the fact that our two schools made AYP that were in program improvement,” Lairon said. ▀

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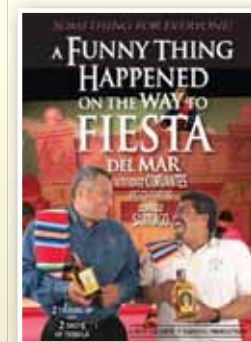
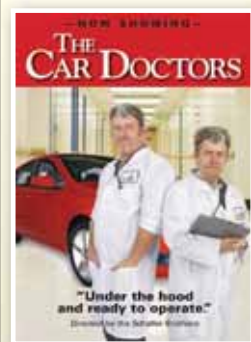
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## ■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

# PG&E must be more responsive

Mountain View residents who live in the Montaloma, Stierlin Estates and Whisman neighborhoods have every reason to be concerned about the aging gas line that runs beneath their feet. It is a section of the same line that exploded Sept. 9 in San Bruno, leaving a terrifying trail of flattened homes and seven people dead.

Pacific Gas & Electric officials say a 31.9-mile segment of the 51.5-mile gas line has been identified as needing retrofitting as part of major capital improvement projects for 2012, but early this week the utility could not say which sections of the line need to be replaced. On Monday, the utility released a list of its 100 riskiest pipeline segments in the state, which did not include any portions in Mountain View.

In the meantime, residents are apparently going to have to accept the risk that a leak could result in another catastrophic explosion. And since the San Bruno explosion, living around one of PG&E's 54-year-old gas lines has become worrisome, if not downright frightening.

Due to PG&E's reluctance to share detailed information about the exact location and condition of its major gas lines on the Peninsula, it is difficult for anyone to assess the risk of a leak and possible explosion somewhere in the system. More will be known when the cause of the San Bruno explosion has been made public, although it seems clear that many of PG&E's major gas lines lacked systematic maintenance.

Whatever the cause of the San Bruno explosion, PG&E faces a huge liability and will have to pay out millions of dollars in claims to the residents who lost their homes and all their possessions. And the damage awards will only increase if it is found that the utility was negligent by failing to inspect and maintain its pipelines.

City officials should do everything in their power to convince PG&E to immediately conduct the best possible risk assessment tests along all pipeline corridors in the city, and to continue the process periodically until the planned retrofit is completed, hopefully in 2012. It is unconscionable for PG&E to put so many Mountain View residents at risk just because they live near a gas pipeline.

It is PG&E's responsibility to properly maintain all its gas lines at all times, no matter what the cost. Somehow, the utility lost its commitment to making safety its highest priority. We can only hope that a San Bruno-type explosion never happens again.

## ■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### EXPO VISITORS NEED TRANSPORTATION

Two front page stories in your Sept. 17 edition make me wonder if the City Council is paying attention.

"Will millions flock to Moffett Field for World Expo?" and "High speed train station idea loses steam."

Does anybody seriously think Mountain View could receive anything like "tens of millions" of visitors over a six-month period **without** a high speed rail station? Would we expect all these people to stay in hotels that are a reasonable commute by conventional means from someplace else in the Bay Area, maybe "600,000 people a day" **extra** arriving and departing on our existing roads and trains from nearby accommodations, while the locals try to manage their normal travel to jobs, school and everywhere else? Would the visitors even get here in time each day to spend as much money as we hope they would?

Instead, consider tourists arriving by the trainload in the morning from 100 or 200 miles away, spending their money all day and evening in Mountain View, getting around by shuttles, **not** requiring enormous parking lots for their rental cars and tour buses, and then leaving without congesting our roads.

Vice Mayor Jac Siegel's opinion that, "it would take a miracle," to interest him in a Mountain View station, while shrugging off half a year of unthinkable traffic congestion ("It's not forever,") in his seemingly boundless enthusiasm for hosting the Expo, sums up the apparent complete discon-

nect here. The City Council seems willing to run toward something that looks like a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, especially if the Great State of California (taxpayers) would chip in some infrastructure, but won't make the tough choices that might make it a good thing for our city.

If we would consider building a facility that could house enormous revenue-generating events, and provide jobs and even university facilities for decades to come, why would we not consider transporting people to those events, jobs and research centers efficiently, from as wide an area as possible? We want to be seen as the hub of Silicon Valley and the future of technology, but we don't want trains of the future to stop here?

Tracy Schwartz  
Marilyn Drive

### LEAVE BIG FIELDS AT MCKELVEY

I'm writing about the McKelvey Field flood basin project. It's exciting to get new fields but I'm moving up to the big fields soon, and I want to leave it there.

I have been playing since I was 5 and loved it ever since. My whole life was baseball. McKelvey was my second home and if you close big McKelvey, juniors' hearts would be broken. All of Mountain View loves these fields.

If you could take this into consideration to have and keep big McKelvey, I would be one of many grateful baseball players.

Alex Reelfs (age 10)  
Dell Avenue

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## LETTERS

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### PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS NEED TO PAY ATTENTION

In a recent "Voices Around Town" you asked local residents if they thought there was a pedestrian safety issue in Mountain View. I agree with the first responder, who said there is an issue in the entire state. Furthermore, it's an issue on both sides: pedestrians and drivers.

I will start off by saying that I am from New York. While it's also far from perfect, I believe that there's one fundamental thing that New York can teach the West Coast: be aware of your surroundings.

Not a day goes by when I don't see a pedestrian step onto the street without looking. Yes, most of the time they have the right of way when they are in the crosswalk, and have waited until the light turns in their favor. The fact is, though, that a car can be barreling towards them and they would be blissfully unaware because they didn't bother heeding their kindergarten teacher who said, "Look both ways **before** you cross." A car could have lost control, be driven by a drunk driver, or merely by someone distracted.

This brings me to the other side of the equation. Every day I see an accident on the highway. But the highways are broad, straight and well maintained, the weather is good, visibility is far, and driving for more than 10 miles is a daily event for many

people.

Yet every day I see people speeding and talking/texting on their cell phones. They are drifting off into their imaginary worlds. Others are looking at the scenery. There are so many distractions that do not take the form of something happening directly in view. So a driver may be off in daydreamland and suddenly hit another car, or worse yet, a pedestrian.

When it rains, it's even worse, because so many drivers are still moving like it is dry out. Driving in the rain is much different than driving in the sunshine, so people slam on the brakes with a little skid and then wind up completely out of control.

So, fellow Californians, please wake up and pay attention. Life moves fast.

George Fallhammer  
California Avenue

### BILL STOPS PG&E FROM CHARGING FOR NEGLIGENCE

State Sen. Mark Leno announced Sept. 15 that he would introduce legislation to prohibit PG&E from charging its assured customers ("ratepayers") for damages caused by the utility's negligence. That way, the company would have a financial incentive to act in a way that avoids harm to residents.

Every candidate for governor, U.S. Senate, the state Legislature and even city councils should be asked to take a position on Leno's proposal. A candidate's position, if true, could reveal just what we need to know before voting.

Gary Wesley  
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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

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Shezan features bhindi masala, okra in garlic, tomato and onion sauce, garnished with herbs.

MICHELLE LE

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

## Satisfying Shezan

SHEZAN OFFERS REFINED HOME-STYLE PAKISTANI-NORTH INDIAN FARE

By Sheila Himmel

Jamshed Syed has been a company controller and an accounting professor. He is a champion bowler in the Northern California Cricket Association. Since June he's been running a restaurant, and it may be the hardest thing he's done yet. But as the chef/owner of Shezan, a home-style Pakistani-North Indian restaurant in Mountain View, Syed says, "This was the only thing left in my dream."

Syed came to the United States to study, and found himself hungry for the foods of home. He kept calling his mother in Pakistan for help. While earning his master's degree in business administration he says,

"I learned quite a bit of cooking." Shezan is pronounced SHEE-zan (not sheh-ZAN, and definitely not sheh-ZAM, a common error). It means "beautiful," and reminds Syed of a restaurant from his childhood in Pakistan. He and his wife, Samina, have reformatted the Castro Street spot that housed Sue's Indian Cuisine and then Godavari. They removed the booths and put in cheery white chandeliers and warm wooden floors. Acoustics can be an issue.

Jamshed offers some of his mother's recipes, and lots of his own, refined when he helped a friend open a restaurant and trained the chef, and in catering he has done from home. Samina is in charge



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Tandoori lamb chops is one of the home-style recipes at Shezan.

of the desserts, also all made in-house.

"Our spices come in through the side," is how Jamshed Syed describes his Pakistani tradition. You should be able to close your eyes and know that you're eating cauliflower, okra or eggplant, rather than being overwhelmed by spices. He variously chops, crushes or juliennes fresh ginger to achieve the correct effect.

The meats are halal, in keeping with Muslim practice. Beef shanks are stewed to tender stringiness in nehari (\$9.50), a citrus-inflected broth dotted with cardamom pods and ginger. Also excellent, mutton do-piazza (\$9) features caramelized goat meat, onions and tamarind.

On the richer side, chicken tikka masala (\$9) is bathed in a cream

and tomato curry.

Unlike most everything else on the menu, the appetizers lean heavily on frying. Crispy and hot, vegetable samosas (\$5) are stuffed with potatoes, cilantro, peas and dappled in cumin seeds.

Pakistan's staple grain is wheat, and it is a predominantly bread-eating country. Shezan's clay oven produces a lovely plain naan (\$1.50) as well as naan stuffed with ground beef (\$3.50) and garnished with garlic (\$2). Two other breads are fried. The pan-fried aloo paratha (\$3) adds potato and cilantro to the mix.

In the plain basmati rice (\$2), also good for sopping up sauces, each grain maintains its integrity.

The signature rice dish is Jam-

shed's mother's bone-in chicken biryani (\$9), mildly but plentifully flavored with 11 herbs and spices, wafting in saffron.

Shezan's weekday lunch buffet (\$9.99) is a very good deal,

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**SHEZAN**

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including chai tea, luscious rice pudding and gulab jamun, the

addictive deep-fried dough balls drizzled in syrup. Even the mango ice cream is house-made. The yogurt drinks called lassi also get high marks. A customer reportedly liked Shezan's mango lassi so

much that he downed six glasses at a sitting.

Because of the noise level, Shezan wouldn't be a great choice for intimate conversation, but it is very welcoming to children. ▼



MICHELLE LE

Rabi Sharma, Shezan's head waiter, clears the tables.




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MOVIE TIMES

**Alpha and Omega (PG) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** In 3D at 11:25 a.m.; 1:45, 4:15, 6:30 & 8:50 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:20, 2:40, 4:55 & 7:10 p.m.; In 3D at 11:20 a.m.; 1:35, 3:50, 6, 8:15 & 10:30 p.m.

**The American (R) ★★ Century 16:** 11:15 a.m.; 1:50, 4:25, 7:15 & 9:50 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri.-Tue. at 1:50 & 6:40 p.m.

**Anna Karenina (1935) (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Stanford Theatre:** Sat.-Mon. at 7:30 p.m.; Sun. also at 3:25 p.m.

**Beauty and the Beast Sing-Along Event (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** Wed. at 6:30 p.m. **Century 20:** Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

**Cairo Time (PG) ★★★ Guild Theatre:** 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.

**Devil (PG-13) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 11:05 a.m.; 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:50 & 10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:35 a.m.; 12:40, 1:45, 2:45, 3:55, 4:50, 5:55, 6:55, 8:05, 9 & 10:10 p.m.

**Easy A (PG-13) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 11:40 a.m.; 12:55, 2:20, 3:20, 4:45, 5:45, 7:10, 8:15, 9:45 & 10:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m.; 12:25, 2:50, 4:25, 5:15, 7:50, 9:15 & 10:20 p.m.

**Eat Pray Love (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16:** 11:35 a.m. & 6:35 p.m.

**The Exorcist Director's Cut Event (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** Thu. at 7 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** Thu. at 7 & 10:30 p.m.

**Going the Distance (R) ★★ Century 20:** 12:15 p.m.

**Heartbreaker (PG) (Not Reviewed) Aquarius Theatre:** 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

**Inception (PG-13) ★★★1/2 Century 16:** 2:55 & 9:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 3:25, 6:45 & 10 p.m.

**Jack Goes Boating (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 11:45 a.m.; 2:15, 4:55, 7:45 & 10:20 p.m.

**Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10 & 10:40 p.m.; In 3D at 11 & 11:30 a.m.; 1:30, 2:10, 4:10, 4:50, 6:50, 7:30, 9:30 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri.-Sun. at 11:55 a.m.; 2:25, 4:55, 7:25 & 9:55 p.m.; In 3D (Fri.-Thu.) at 11:25 a.m.; 12:30, 1:55, 3, 4:25 & 10:25 p.m.; Fri.-Tue. also at 5:30, 7, 8 & 9:25 p.m.; Wed. also at 7 & 9:25 p.m.; Thu. also at 5:30 & 8 p.m.

**Mao's Last Dancer (PG) ★★ Aquarius Theatre:** 2:30 & 5:15 p.m.; Fri.-Mon., Wed. & Thu. also at 8 p.m.

**Resident Evil: Afterlife (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** In 3D at 11:20 a.m.; 2:05, 4:30, 7 & 9:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 9:30 p.m.; In 3D at 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m.

**The Romantics (PG-13) (Not Reviewed) Century 20:** 11:45 a.m.; 2:15, 4:40, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.

**The Social Network (PG-13) (Not Reviewed) Century 20:** Thu. at 12:01 a.m.

**Tapestries of Hope (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Aquarius Theatre:** Tue. at 8 p.m.

**The Town (R) ★★1/2 Century 20:** Noon, 1:30, 3, 4:30, 5:50, 7:30, 8:50 & 10:30 p.m. **CinéArts at Palo Alto Square:** 1:25, 3, 4:25 & 7:15 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 6, 8:50 & 10:05 p.m.; Sun.-Tue. & Thu. also at 6 p.m.

**The Virginity Hit (R) (Not Reviewed) Century 20:** 12:05, 2:20, 4:45, 7:20 & 9:40 p.m.

**Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 11 a.m.; noon, 12:50, 2, 3, 3:50, 5, 6:20, 7:20, 8:20, 9:20 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:50 a.m.; 12:55, 2, 2:55, 4, 5, 6, 7:05, 8:10, 9:05 & 10:05 p.m.

**We Live Again (1934) (Not Rated) (Not Reviewed) Stanford Theatre:** Sat.-Mon. at 5:55 & 10 p.m.

**You Again (PG) (Not Reviewed) Century 16:** 11:10 & 11:55 a.m.; 1:40, 2:40, 4:10, 5:10, 7:05, 8, 9:55 & 10:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:40 a.m.; 1:10, 2:30, 3:45, 5:05, 6:20, 7:40, 8:55 & 10:15 p.m.t

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MOVIE REVIEWS

THE AMERICAN ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) For those making throwback, '70s-styled paranoid thrillers, it's clear by now that George Clooney is the go-to guy. But one should have a good reason (and a good script) to go there, and the spare "The American" sets off ill-equipped. Based on Martin Booth's novel "A Very Private Gentleman," "The American" concerns Jack (or is it Edward?), an aging contract killer who finds out the hard way that he's become a target. And there you have it: See Jack run, see Jack build a custom rifle, see Jack bed a prostitute, see Jack suspect everyone. *Rated R for violence, sexual content and nudity. One hour, 43 minutes.* — P.C.

CAIRO TIME ★★★

(Guild) Patricia Clarkson plays Juliette Grant, a Canadian in Cairo. Her United Nations-employed husband Mark (Tom McCamus) has been held up at the refugee camp he runs in Gaza, leaving vacationing Juliette in a holding pattern. Mark arranges for old friend Tareq Khalifa (Alexander Siddig) to look after Juliette. A retired policeman and current coffee-shop owner, Tareq knows the city like the back of his hand. He's a chivalrous breath of fresh air for Juliette, who's unaccustomed to being the object of Cairo's sometimes brusque public sexism. The picturesque romantic travelogue that follows is as obvious but elegant as the bit of symbolism that ends it. The plot consists of two people strolling around Cairo, each becoming more and more attuned to the attractiveness and uniqueness of the other. *Rated PG for mild thematic elements and smoking. One hour, 30 minutes.* — P.C.

EAT PRAY LOVE ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Julia Roberts plays Liz 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.

GOING THE DISTANCE ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Extra! Extra! Hip People with Cool Jobs Have Relationship Problems! Or so we "learn" in "Going the Distance," the debut fiction feature from documentarian Nanette Burstein. Sarcasm aside, the raison d'être of "Going the Distance" is exploring long-distance relationships. What a shame, then, that it has nothing much to say on the subject that isn't completely obvious. Drew Barrymore and Justin Long are likeable as the star-crossed lovers but unlike its characters, the movie never takes flight. *Rated R for sexual content including dialogue,*

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**Los Altos Hills Historical Society Presentation**  
**Julia Morgan's Cohorts, Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010**  
 For more than twenty years, Inge Schaefer Horton has been researching early women architects who lived and practiced at the same time as Julia Morgan, the eminent California architect. Her research led to her decision to write a book *Early Women Architects in the San Francisco Bay Area - The Lives and Work of Fifty Professionals, 1890-1951*.  
 Inge Horton will talk about a few of the women she unearthed, how they decided to become architects, which training was available to them, how they found their first jobs and how they practiced, how they combined marriage and motherhood with their career, and how they spent their retirement years, and also show slides of their work.  
 Please join us at the quarterly meeting of the Los Altos Hills Historical Society, Sunday October 3, 2010, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Los Altos City Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. Refreshments will be served after the program. For information about Los Altos Hills Historical Society, please visit our web site <http://www.losaltoshillshistory.org>, or call (650) 776-9226.

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**MOVIES**

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language, drug use and brief nudity. One hour, 43 minutes. — P.C.

**MAO'S LAST DANCER** ★★ (Aquarius) The film 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 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 filled by Ben Stevenson (Bruce Greenwood), the artistic director of the Houston Ballet. Stevenson singles out Li (Chi Cao) as a diamond in the rough. Thanks to a cultural exchange program, Li wins the chance to spend a few months in America under Stevenson's tutelage. *Rated PG for a brief violent image, sensuality, language and smoking. One hour, 57 minutes. — P.C.*

**THE TOWN** ★★1/2 (Cinearts, Century 20) Doug MacRay (Ben Affleck) is the conflicted leader of a bank-and armored-car-robbing quartet based in the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston,

Mass. Doug's unfortunate family background (his mother left when he was a toddler and his dad, played by the always excellent Chris Cooper, is languishing in a federal prison) helped create the criminal he has become. Things get complicated when the gang kidnaps bank manager Claire Keesey (Rebecca Hall) during a brazen robbery, blindfolding the terrified young woman and setting her free at the edge of a river. Doug's right-hand man/best friend Jem (Jeremy Renner), a trigger-happy bruiser, expresses concern when he learns that Claire lives in the same Charlestown neighborhood as Doug and his pals. Doug agrees to keep an eye on Claire, which quickly develops into a passionate relationship between the two. Suddenly life isn't so bleak for Doug. He

is anxious to run away with Claire, leaving his drug-addicted ex (Blake Lively), relentless FBI agent Adam Frawley (Jon Hamm) and Charlestown itself behind him. But bigwig gangster Fergie Colm (Pete Postlethwaite) won't let Doug hit the road without pulling off one last job: a dangerous and profitable heist of Boston's Fenway Park. *Rated R for strong violence, pervasive language, some sexuality and drug use. 2 hours, 5 minutes. — T.H.*

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**HIGHLIGHT**

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE**

There will be musical performances, interfaith prayers and readings, as well as arts and crafts to celebrate peace. The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") was established by the United Nations in 1981, and this year the City of Mountain View will celebrate its first Peace Day. Sept. 25, 3-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View.

**CLASSES/WORKSHOPS**

**About Advance Health Care Directives** This will teach how to share your healthcare preferences with physician, friends, and family. Thurs, Sept. 30, 1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

**Balancing Work and Family** Learn tips on balancing work and parenting, and how to can include self care in the mix. With Sue Dinwiddie of Parents Place. Sept. 28, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7054. [http://www.mountainview.gov/city\\_hall/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/library)

**Free Landscaping Class - California Natives** This class will provide design tips on the use of California native plants that thrive in this area. Thurs, Sept. 30, 6-9 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-349-3000. [bawsca.org](http://bawsca.org)

**CLUBS/MEETINGS**

**Candidates Forum Assembly, Congress** All candidates in the Nov. 2 election for CA Assembly - 14th District and U.S. Congress - 21st District will appear at a free public forum sponsored by the Leagues of Women Voters of Palo Alto and Los Altos/Mt. View on Sat., Sept. 25, 2-4 p.m. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston, Palo Alto.

**Rengstorff Park Master Plan Community Meeting** The City is hosting a community meeting to gather public input to development the Rengstorff Park Master Plan. The Master Plan will serve as a general guide for future development of the Park, indicating the location and shape of major features. Childcare and language interpretation provided. Fri, Sept. 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6311. [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov)

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Living History Day** Hands-on, interactive event for all ages. Victorian-era activities such as crafts, games, dress ups, household tasks, nature hikes and more. Oct. 3, noon-3 p.m. free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. [r-house.org](http://r-house.org)

**Move to Wellness Festival** Move to Wellness Festival at Rengstorff Park includes activities for families and seniors, such as exercise demos, health screenings, resource fair, health insurance sign-ups. 1-4 p.m. Sept. 26. Free. Rengstorff Park, 201 Rengstorff Ave, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6397. [movetowellness.org](http://movetowellness.org)

**ENVIRONMENT**

**What the Younger Generation is Doing to Help Our Planet** A panel discussion in which high school students discuss ways they are helping the environment and the behind-the-scenes organization that is required. Learn what motivates and inspires these young leaders and how they encourage others to take action. Sept. 25, 4-5:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-383-7540. [www.greentownlosaltos.org](http://www.greentownlosaltos.org)

**EXHIBITS**

**Constitution Display** El Palo Alto DAR has a Constitution Display at the Mountain View Library. The exhibit shows the importance of the U.S. Through Sept. 27, Mt. View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View.

**FAMILY AND KIDS**

**German Book Fair** The German International School of Silicon Valley will host its German Book Fair from September 23 to 25. More than 200 German children's and youth books will be on display and available for orders. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. German International School of Silicon Valley, 310 Easy St., Mountain View. [www.gissv.org](http://www.gissv.org)

**LIVE MUSIC**

**Global Drum Circle** David DiLullo leads a drum workshop. No experience is necessary; drums are provided, or bring your own. Sept. 25, 8-9:30 p.m. \$25 day of event. \$20 before. East West Book Store, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-988-9800. [www.eastwest.com](http://www.eastwest.com)

**Great Girls Blouse/ Death to the West** Indie music will be performed Sept. 24, 8-10 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View.

**Mark Kostrzewa** Mark Kostrzewa performs Sept. 25, 8-10 p.m. Free. Red Rock, 201 Castro St., Mountain View.

**OUTDOORS**

**San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory Big Sit Birding at Charleston Slough** Pati Rouzer and Jill Bluso Demers lead a birdwatching walk. Expect to see South Bay shorebirds, waterfowl, passerines, and raptors during this relaxing event. Funds support the Bird Observatory's California Fall Challenge. Sun., Sept. 26, 8 a.m.-noon. \$50, pre-registration required. Charleston Slough, San Antonio Road & Terminal Blvd., Mountain View. Call 408-946-6548. [www.sfbbo.org](http://www.sfbbo.org)

**SENIORS**

**Wii Bowling** Learn the basics of the Wii video game system while bowling with fellow seniors. Fridays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov)

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Marching Band Community Thank You** Mountain View High School Marching Band and Color Guard perform "Out of Exile," the music of Dmitri Shostakovich's "Field Show." Two other local high school bands also debut their shows. Sat., Oct. 2, 4-6 p.m. Free. Marching Band Community Thank You, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View.

**TALKS/AUTHORS**

**"Fine Dining and Burgers"** Douglas L. Graham will discuss "Fine Dining and Burgers: El Camino's Restaurant Row 1930-80 at a free pub-

lic meeting of the Palo Alto Historical Assn., Sun., Sept. 26. Refreshments served. Sept. 26, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

**A Peek Inside the Yellow Box** Retired Kodak Executive Robert Beck presents, "A Peek Inside the Yellow Box: Random Memories of My 40 Years at Kodak." Sept. 26, 2-4 p.m. Members free/ \$5 non members. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004. [www.moah.org](http://www.moah.org)

**Ariel Balter** Meet Ariel Balter, author of "Maternity Labyrinth," a chronicle of the couple's five-year-long quest to have a child. Oct. 5, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 74 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto. [www.booksinc.net](http://www.booksinc.net)

**Does Border Enforcement Matter?** Wayne Cornelius (professor at UCSD) presents, "What Mexican Migrants Can Teach Us." What has the US accomplished with its build-up of immigration enforcement along the border and in the interior of the country since 1993? From the standpoint of U.S. policymakers, what has "worked," what has not, and why? Sept. 30, 4-6 p.m. Free. Stanford Humanities Center, Levinthal Hall, 424 Santa Teresa St., Stanford. Call 615-310-1200.

**Matthew Rothenberg and Marc Cendella** Matthew Rothenberg and Marc Cendella will discuss "You're Better Than Your Job Search." Oct. 6, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. [www.booksinc.net](http://www.booksinc.net)

**Waverley Writers presents "INDIVISIBLE"** Waverley Writers presents "INDIVISIBLE: An Anthology of Contemporary South Asian American Poetry." Featured Poets: Ravi Chandra, Maya Khosla, Tanuja Mehrotra and Pireeni Sundaralingam Open Reading To Follow. Oct. 1, 7:30-10 p.m. Free. Waverley Writers, Friends Meeting House 957 Colorado Ave, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-9877.

**TEEN ACTIVITIES**

**Teen Open Gym** Teen Open Gyms are open every Saturday night for various sports. Middle School and High School students only; bring student ID. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Whisman Sports Center, 1500 Middlefield Road, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410.

**VOLUNTEERS**

**Deborah's Palm Volunteer Opportunities** Deborah's Palm is a women's resource center located in downtown Palo Alto. It has many volunteer opportunities available ranging from front desk greeters, fund raising, grant writing, special events and much more. Deborah's Palm, 555 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto. [www.deborahspalm.org](http://www.deborahspalm.org)

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**Stanford Cats Need Foster Homes** Stanford Cat Network needs foster homes for newcomer cats to campus. For more info and to volunteer, go to the SCN website and complete the Foster Home Profile: [catnet.stanford.edu/support\\_foster.html](http://catnet.stanford.edu/support_foster.html). Adoption fair help also needed. Opportunities ongoing. Stanford Cat Network, P.O. Box 18287, Stanford. Call 650-566-8287. [catnet.stanford.edu](http://catnet.stanford.edu)

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 26, 2010.  
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R.S. LIMOUSINE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 541819  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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This business is owned by: A General Partnership.  
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HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 541895  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites at 93 W El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: A Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
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RELIANCE LIMO SERVICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 542183  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Reliance Limo Service at 460 Tyrella Ave., Unit B, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.  
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File No.: 541802  
The following person (persons) is (are)

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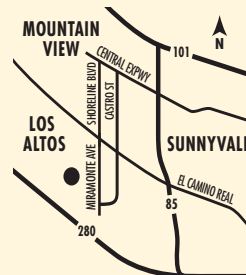
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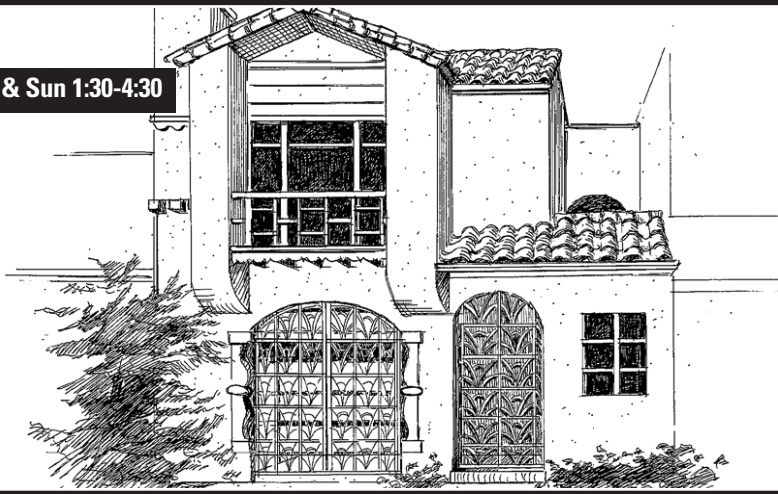
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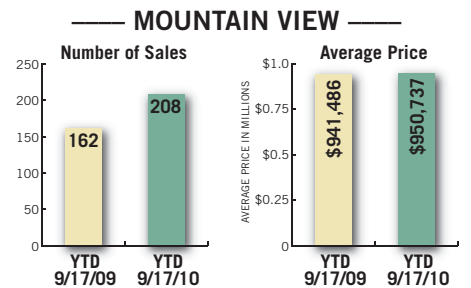
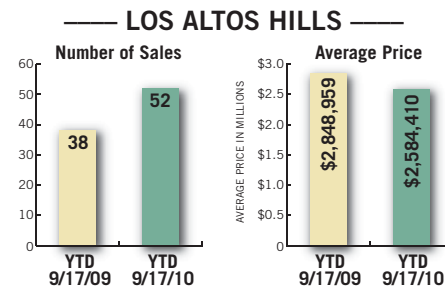
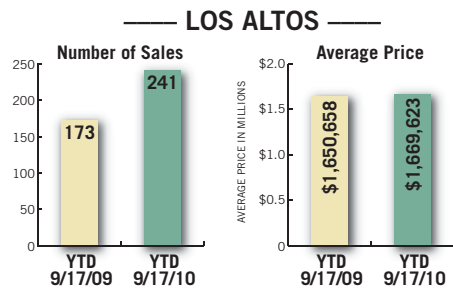
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Gorgeous newly built Mediterranean Estate. 6BR/4.5BA, formal LR & DR, Chef's kitchen, spacious family rm opens to ideal yard for entertaining. Close to town & L.A. Schools.

▼ OPEN SUNDAY, 1:30-4:30



### LOS ALTOS

**1640 CRESTVIEW DR. \$2,950,000**  
Stunning contemporary in the Country Club Area. Approx 4,500 sq.ft. hs. 14,250 sq.ft. lot. 4BR/ 4.5BA, Sep. office w/ loft & Au pair quarters. Great for entertaining.

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### LOS ALTOS

**13914 MIR MIROU DR. \$6,450,000**  
Exceptional Estate includes a 1.12 Acre parcel w/ main home 6BR/5.5BA, pool, gazebo + a 1.25 Acre parcel w/ gst house, tennis court, total of 2.37 Acres adj. to the Preserve. PA Schools.

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### LOS ALTOS HILLS

**28025 NATOMA RD. \$10,899,000**  
State-of-the-art Villa embodies "Old World" charm. This home offers privacy & seclusion. Throughout the 2 levels of 10,916 sq.ft. 5BR/7+ BA, Enjoy superior finishes & amenities.

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### LOS ALTOS HILLS

**BUILD YOUR DREAM ESTATE \$1,795,000**  
Approx. 1.28 acres w/ expansive views of the Bay. Approx. 1,860 sq.ft 2BR/2BA home. Approved plans for 5,000sqft hm w/ a pvt entrance off Elena. Great Seller financing avail.

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### LOS ALTOS HILLS

**WONDERFUL FAMILY HOME \$2,895,000**  
Experience a rare opportunity for unforgettable family living. Situated on over an acre of exquisite landscaping, vineyard, fruit trees and vegetable gardens. 4BR/3.5BA + sep. gst house.

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### LOS ALTOS HILLS

**PARK LIKE SETTING \$4,100,000**  
Desirable neighborhood. Newly rebuilt custom 4BR/3.5BA home on 1 acre private park-like setting. Separate 700 sq.ft. gst hs., Tennis Court, sparkling pool w/ hot tub. 3 car garage.

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## 13363 Pastel Lane - Mountain View

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



- ★ Wonderful ranch home in highly desirable Waverly Park neighborhood
- ★ Hardwood floors throughout
- ★ 3 bedrooms and 2 baths
- ★ Living room with wood burning fireplace and crown moldings
- ★ Dining room with high vaulted ceiling, crown molding and skylight
- ★ Gourmet remodeled kitchen with granite slab counters, dual ovens, stainless steel appliances, center island, breakfast bar, wall of windows & abundant cabinet space
- ★ Separate family room with access to backyard
- ★ Remodeled hall bath and updated master bath
- ★ Huff Elementary, Graham Middle & Mountain View High Schools (buyers to verify with school districts)
- ★ Covered patio area off family room with stamped concrete patio
- ★ Refreshing pool in backyard plus huge lawn area with stunning landscaping
- ★ Close by access to the popular Stevens Creek Trail
- ★ Approx. 10,625 sq ft lot size (per county tax records)
- ★ Approx. 1,734 sq ft of living space (per county tax records)
- ★ Attached 2 car garage

Virtual tour at: [www.13363Pastel.com](http://www.13363Pastel.com)



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## SUNNYVALE 3 BR | 3 BA

**1136 VISCAINO AV \$959,000**  
Formal entryway w/marble tile floor.Spacious LivRm & DinRm.  
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**Ric Parker 650.948.0456**



Sat/Sun 1:00-4:00

## REDWOOD CITY 1 BR | 1 BA

**268 ALEXANDER AV \$473,000**  
Adorable cottage. Stunning remodel on kitchen & bath w/granite,Viking, Cherry cabinets.  
**Geraldine Asmus/Maha Najjar 650.325.6161**



Open Sun 1:30-4:30

## PALO ALTO 4 BR | 3 BA

**1501 BRYANT ST \$3,849,000**  
Classic Center Hall Colonial hm on a lrg 12,825 sq. ft. lot. Separate dining rm, hd flrs.  
**Debbie Nichols 650.325.6161**



Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30

## PALO ALTO 3 BR | 2 BA

**4290 PONCE DR \$875,000**  
Large 3BR+Loft/2BA, 2-car attached gar. Gunn HS Dist (ck availability). Community pool.  
**Dante Drummond 650.325.6161**



Sat 1:30-4:30, Sun 1-4

## LOS ALTOS 4 BR | 4.5 BA

**418 VALENCIA DRIVE \$2,198,000**  
Offering 4 bed/4.5 bath; each bed w/own full bath.Great Rm w/granite Kit,FamRm w/FP.  
**Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen 650.941.7040**



Open Sun 1:30-4:30

## LOS ALTOS 3 BR | 2 BA

**1621 KINGSTON COURT \$1,250,000**  
Cul de sac location. Excellent Los Altos Schls.Hrdwd flrs & d new carpet. 1485 SF, 1,880 lot.  
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ATHERTON	LOS ALTOS HILLS	MOUNTAIN VIEW	PALO ALTO	REDWOOD CITY
<b>85 WATKINS AVE \$1,445,000</b> SAT 1:30 - 4:30 4 BR 3 BA Fabulous Atherton home near Holbrook-Palmer Park. Large sunny backyard. Feels like new! <b>Janie &amp; John Barman 650.325.6161</b>	<b>12790 CAMINO MEDIO LN \$2,500,000</b> SUN 1:30 - 4:30 5 BR 2 BA Remodel or build your dream home on this mostly flat lot close to the village. PA schools. <b>Dorothy Gurwith 650.325.6161</b>	<b>809 ALICE AV \$825,000</b> SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2 BA Updated w/granite & stainless steel in kitchen w/breakfast bar.LivRm has frplc & bay wndw <b>Jim Galli 650.941.7040</b>	<b>336 HAWTHORNE AV \$1,549,000</b> SUN 1 - 4 2 BR 2 BA Modern Living in Downtown Palo Alto. Award winning design by David Solnick Architect. <b>Rod Creason 650.325.6161</b>	<b>MT CARMEL COLONIAL \$1,799,000</b> 4 BR 4 BA Colonial in serene Mt Carmel. Beautiful hm renovated w/updatd bathrms, kit & landscaping. <b>Denis Morrissey 650.325.6161</b>
<b>BELMONT</b> <b>2615 HASTINGS DR \$925,000</b> SUN 1 - 4 3 BR 2.5 BA Immaculate home w/stunning views of the Bay, partial views to SF, East Bay & South Bay. <b>Teresa Lin 650.325.6161</b>	<b>PARCEL C DAWSON ROAD \$1,995,000</b> SAT/SUN 1 - 4 MDA 26,168 sq. ft., MFA 17,445 sq. ft. Large lot with Panoramic View of Bay, Close in. <b>Phyllis &amp; Jamie Carmichael 650.941.7040</b>	<b>2080 MARICH WAY #2 \$788,000</b> SAT 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2.5 BA Spacious ~1650 sf TH w/yard. Hi ceilings, inside Indry, grge. Tranquil, borders Los Altos. <b>Shilpa Merchant 650.941.7040</b>	<b>1560 MARIPOSA AV \$1,495,000</b> SUN 1:30 - 4:30 2 BR 2 BA Updated, good natural light, hardwood floors, attic storage space, dual pane windows. <b>Pooneh Fouladi 650.325.6161</b>	<b>461 MYRTLE ST \$829,000</b> SUN 1 - 4 4 BR 3 BA Opportunity on rare 9800sf level lot! Tree-lined street in desirable Mt Carmel neighborhood. <b>Wendi Selig-Aimonetti 650.328.5211</b>
<b>CAMPBELL</b> <b>58 WATERFORD CT. \$739,000</b> SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3BR, Baths 2 1/2 <b>Shelly Potvin 650.941.7040</b>	<b>PARCEL A EASTBROOK \$1,795,000</b> SAT/SUN 1 - 4 MDA 30,790 sq. ft., MFA 12,725 sq. ft. Large view lot, close in, with Tennis court site. <b>Jamie &amp; Phyllis Carmichael 650.941.7040</b>	<b>49 SHOWERS DR #L474 \$669,900</b> SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2.5 BA www.49ShowersL474.com Best loc. Remod. GAS kitch w/granite counters. Los Altos schools!! <b>Francis Rolland 650.948.0456</b>	<b>1499 COWPER ST \$1,495,000</b> SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2.5 BA Bring your contractor! Explore options on 7k SF lot in Old PA facing Lawn Bowling Green Pk <b>Clara Lee 650.328.5211</b>	<b>8 ENSENADA RD \$795,000</b> SUN 1 - 4 3 BR 2 BA Traditional home with exceptional, dramatic views. Living rm & dining rm have views of Bay <b>Arvada Darnell 650.325.6161</b>
<b>CUPERTINO</b> <b>11000 MARIA ROSA \$1,428,000</b> SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 4 BR 3 BA This traditional Hm offers ultimate convenience & flexibility. <b>Charlene &amp; Vicki Geers 650.941.7040</b>	<b>PARCEL B EASTBROOK \$1,195,000</b> SAT/SUN 1 - 4 MDA 33,395 sq. ft, MFA 15,313 sq ft. Large lot, close in, with Tennis Court site <b>Jamie &amp; Phyllis Carmichael 650.941.7040</b>	<b>1469 TYLER PARK WY \$649,000</b> SUN 1:30 - 4:30 2 BR 2.5 BA Close to Cuesta Pk,shipping & great schls. Convinient to Hwys.Includes new Kt&windows. <b>Susan Marsella 650.941.7040</b>	<b>382 CHRISTOPHER CT \$1,189,000</b> SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2 BA South Palo Alto residence privately situated on a large lot in a cul-de-sac location. <b>Mark Nadim 650.325.6161</b>	<b>2052 KIMBERLIN PL \$699,000</b> SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 3 BA 1 bedroom downstairs.2 master suite upstairs.Remodeled bathrooms with granite.1935 sq.ft. <b>Mimi Baker 650.941.7040</b>
<b>LOS ALTOS</b> <b>439 RINCONADA CT \$3,395,000</b> SUN 1 - 4 4 BR 3.5 BA Enjoys Mills Act benefits.Classic Farnsworth hm in the heart of Los Altos,built in 1895. <b>Jo Buchanan &amp; Stuart Bowen 650.941.7040</b>	<b>VINTAGE OAKS CUL-DE-SAC \$2,695,000</b> 4 BR 3.5 BA Tree-lined street, 1/3+ acre lot, formal dining, great room, 2 master suites, hrdw flrs. <b>R. Brendan Leary 650.325.6161</b>	<b>1354 DALE AV #1 \$538,000</b> SUN 1:30 - 4:30 2 BR 2.5 BA 2 lrg bdrms w/priv.balconies,plus patio,LivRm/DinRm combo,2-car attchd gar,frplc,A/C. <b>Kathy Horvath 650.941.7040</b>	<b>21 ROOSEVELT CT \$1,148,000</b> SUN 1 - 4 3 BR 2 BA Gracious home w/bonus dining room & bedroom. Solar-heated sparkling pool in back yard. <b>Joanne Shapiro 650.328.5211</b>	<b>15363 PEACH HILL RD \$2,198,000</b> SUN 1 - 4 5 BR 4.5 BA Fabulous, "move-in ready", private, ~4700sf on >1 ac. in Montalvo area. Saratoga schls! <b>Shilpa Merchant 650.941.7040</b>
<b>LOS ALTOS HILLS</b> <b>12100 OLD SNAKEY RD \$3,795,000</b> SUN 1:30 - 4:30 5 BR 5 BA Green Gables w/formal LR w/ fp, updated kit w/granite & stainless apps. FR w/ built-ins. <b>R. Brendan Leary 650.325.6161</b>	<b>1020 SHERMAN AV \$1,249,500</b> SUN 1:30 - 4:30 4 BR 2 BA This charming home near Downtown Menlo Park features stepping stones & towering trees. <b>Veronica Kogler 650.325.6161</b>	<b>END UNIT W/INSIDE LAUNDRY \$333,000</b> 1 BR 1 BA One level w/no one above or below, FP, remod kit w/granite,slate flrs,new appliances,patio <b>Greg Stange 650.325.6161</b>	<b>764 CLARA DR \$997,000</b> SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 2 BR 2 BA A nice midtown home on a quiet tree lined street, fresh paint, P.A. schools, comfortable <b>David Korner 650.328.5211</b>	<b>PREMIUM DOWNTOWN TOWNHOME \$899,000</b> 2 BR 2.5 BA Unique, light-filled & updated throughout! Approx 1,485 sq ft. Convenient to vibrant dntwn <b>Maha Najjar 650.325.6161</b>
<b>MOUNTAIN VIEW</b> <b>13363 PASTEL LN \$1,169,000</b> SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2 BA Located on a quiet cul-de-sac!Formal living rm/frplc,frml DinRm,FamRm w/French doors. <b>Ric Parker 650.948.0456</b>	<b>1781 STONE PINE LN \$898,000</b> SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2.5 BA Beautiful, spacious 3-level home. Walls of glass. Large, bright kitchen w/breakfast rm. <b>Ken Morgan/Arlene Gault 650.328.5211</b>	<b>NEW HOME IN OLD PALO ALTO \$4,450,000</b> 5 BR 5.5 BA New 5,695sf home w/gourmet kit & att FR w/FP.Full basement w/media room. MST ste w/walk-in <b>Debbie Nichols 650.325.6161</b>	<b>3421 ORINDA ST \$818,000</b> SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2 BA Charming bungalow. Freshly painted, granite countertops, wood flooring, prof. landscaping. <b>Jon Anderson 650.325.6161</b>	<b>434 IVES TERRACE \$750,000</b> SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2.5 BA Largest Model in beautiful,ambient Stratford Gardens.Apx 2,354SF(per realquest) <b>Merrian Nevin 650.941.7040</b>
<b>LOS ALTOS HILLS</b> <b>815 RUNNINGWOOD CIRCLE \$879,000</b> SUN 1:30 - 4:30 2 BR 2 BA Single story home in lovely community with pool,tennis and walking paths.Large master. <b>Elizabeth Thompson 650.941.7040</b>	<b>1675 MIDDLEFIELD RD \$1,929,000</b> SAT/SUN 1 - 4:30 3 BR 3 BA Architectural jewel in North PA. Artistically restored & remodeled vintage home. <b>Suzanne Jonath 650.325.6161</b>	<b>1501 BRYANT ST \$3,849,000</b> SUN 1:30 - 4:30 4 BR 3 BA Classic Center Hall Colonial hm on a lrg 12,825 sq. ft. lot. Separate dining rm, hd flrs. <b>Debbie Nichols 650.325.6161</b>	<b>4137 THAIN WY \$739,000</b> SUN 1:30 - 4:30 2 BR 2 BA Cathedral ceilings, firepl, wd flrs, good light, good storage, balconies, big laundry rm. <b>Nancy Goldcamp 650.325.6161</b>	<b>541 N BAYVIEW AV \$528,000</b> SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 3 BR 2 BA Cheerful & bright Eichler*Exquisitely remodeled *Oak hrdwd flrs thru out*Updtd Kitchen <b>Afsie &amp; Sia 650.948.0456</b>
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