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## Hangar One funding lost

By Daniel DeBolt

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo has declared dead an \$8 million request for Hangar One, which means the icon's massive steel skeleton may be left bare when the Navy strips it of its PCB-laden siding this spring.

The \$8 million earmark was in an omnibus appropriations bill that died due to lack of support from Senate Republicans, who had threatened to mount a filibuster to stop it.

"When the Omnibus died, the \$8 million I was proud to secure for Hangar One died with it," Eshoo said in an e-mail Friday.

The defense appropriation, originally set at \$10 million, had passed through a congressional defense subcommittee and was eagerly awaited by the community, where elected officials have overwhelmingly supported Hangar One's restoration. A fight to save the historic structure has been going

on for over five years.

The Depression-era airship hangar has been caught in a wave of "anti-earmark" anger on the part of Republicans, said Lenny Siegel, an advocate for the preservation of Hangar One.

NASA, which took ownership of Hangar One from the Navy in 1994, has promised \$20 million in funding to restore it, but the space agency was counting on the \$8 million request to provide the last bit of funding needed. NASA's

\$20 million will not be enough to re-skin Hangar One, Siegel said.

Eshoo, however, remained optimistic.

"What encourages me is that (NASA) Administrator Bolden has given his commitment to me that he will preserve Hangar One," Eshoo wrote. "He has the authority to allocate NASA funds for the purpose of re-skinning."

NASA's official statement on the matter came from spokeswoman Rachel Hoover via e-mail: "Congresswoman Eshoo has been a staunch supporter on Hangar One, and NASA will continue to work with her on this issue. However,

the lack of congressionally directed funding for this project makes this more of a challenge."

The Navy has already demolished much of Hangar One's internal structures in recent weeks as part of its obligation to clean up asbestos, PCBs and lead paint. The Navy is set to remove Hangar One's laminate Galbestos siding this spring.

Siegel said an effort is under way to raise funds to preserve the hangar's unique windows, which could cost \$1.2 million to save. Some of the windows are corrugated and may not be replaceable. For more on that effort, visit [airandspacewest.org](http://airandspacewest.org). ▣



Nurse practitioner **Mirella Nguyen** checks patient Modesta Peña Nunez's vision at RotaCare.

MICHELLE LE

## A right to health care

ROTACARE CLINIC HELPS THE UNINSURED GET WELL AND STAY WELL

By Nick Veronin

As far as Cheryl Canning is concerned, health care is a human right. And by all accounts, the doctors, nurses, medical professionals and other volunteers who give their time

to the RotaCare clinic in Mountain View feel the same.

Canning, a registered nurse and director of clinical services of the Mountain View medical center,



said the "army of volunteers" who make the organization functional would not be there if they did not care deeply about what

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## A good year for trails

NEW CROSSINGS WILL ENABLE WALKERS, BIKERS TO SKIRT FREEWAYS, OLD MIDDLEFIELD

By Daniel DeBolt

Two major highways will no longer stand in the way of cyclists and pedestrians on two popular Mountain View trails once a pair of bridges are finished in early 2012.

The city broke ground on a milestone engineering project on Dec. 16 that extends the Permanente Creek Trail from Shoreline Park and Google headquarters to residential areas by way of a bridge over Highway 101 and a tunnel under Old Middlefield Way. Meanwhile, bids have just come in under budget for a Stevens Creek Trail crossing over Highway 85 at Dale Avenue, which will probably begin construction in February.

The city is on track to have both trail extensions complete by spring 2012.

Last week, city officials, Google employees and residents celebrated the groundbreaking of the Permanente Creek Trail projects. Google welcomed the ceremony by providing food and allowing the use of one of its parking lots along Alta Avenue.

"What we've heard from the community is the need to connect the city" so that the city is

no longer "pieces separated by freeways," said Mayor Ronit Bryant. "It will help give us the walkable, bike-able city residents tell us they want."

At a cost of \$8.29 million, the project includes a long concrete bridge over Highway 101 and a tunnel under a busy section of Old Middlefield Way. The Permanente Creek Trail is expected to eventually terminate along Permanente Creek near Crittenden Middle School.

Mountain View's City manager of 20 years, Kevin Duggan, said the project would be "well used and well loved," and called it "one of the best projects we've ever done."

The trails will connect the western half of the city to its major office district, which is known for being isolated from the rest of the city by Highway 101. It is home to Google, Microsoft, the city's movie theater, Computer History Museum, and Shoreline Park, all of which are sure to have more pedestrian traffic coming in from the Permanente Creek trail.

"You won't even notice," traffic impacts from construction,

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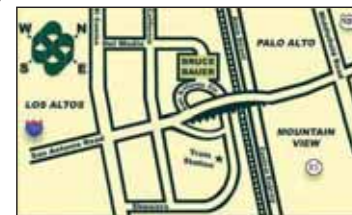
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**Jamie Kwon, Alameda**



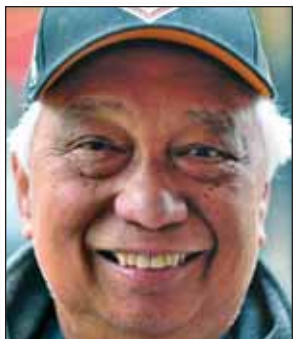
*"I am going to see family in Merced."*

**Ulysses Pena, Mountain View**



*"Staying home and relaxing because I work 16 hours a week and go to school."*

**Genna Mapanao, Mountain View**



*"Staying at home. It's great and I have a nice house."*

**Vince Gomez, Mountain View**



*"I'm coming here from Georgia for the break."*

**Kelly McCormick, Atlanta, Georgia**

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■ CRIME BRIEF

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GARAGE WHILE FAMILY  
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A gray, 2008 Honda Odyssey minivan was stolen out of the garage of a home on the 3300 block of Brower Avenue sometime during the night between Dec. 16 and 17. A burglar or burglars broke into the house and took money from a wallet along with the vehicle's keys, police said.

The house's residents — a family — were sleeping at home at the time the crime occurred, but were not roused, accord-

ing to Mountain View police spokeswoman Jaime Garrett.

Police believe the thief, or thieves, gained access to the home through an external garage door, took the keys, opened the main garage door and fled with the car, Garrett said. Police have no suspects at this time.

"Lock all your doors," Garrett said, "and remember, your garage is also a point of entry to your home."

The case is still under investigation.

—Nick Veronin



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# The lights are brightly shining

Open-armed greetings from Springer Road in Los Altos.  
 Below: A shadowy figure on Sladky Avenue in Mountain View.

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**W**e searched high and low for the most dazzling homes decorated for Christmas in the area, and found most of them just across the border of southern Mountain View.

The search began with a tip about several nicely decorated home on Sladky Avenue in Mountain View, but we were soon distracted by nearby Los Altos, first by a home on the west side of Springer Road near Cuesta Drive.

A detour off of Grant Road just north of Fremont Avenue led us to several nicely decorated homes on Ranchita Drive and Garthwick Drive.

The most dazzling home of all was off of Ranchita Drive on the 1500 block of Julie Lane, which was covered with numerous details to hold your attention: lights, figurines and even the sound of pleasant Christmas tunes playing from a speaker.

Have you pulled out the stops this year in decorating your house to dazzle your friends and neighbors? Readers can submit their own photos of decorated homes — and anything else Mountain View-related for that matter — online at [mv-voice.com/photo\\_gallery](http://mv-voice.com/photo_gallery).

-Daniel DeBolt



Brightening the night on Oak Avenue in Los Altos.

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A dazzling display on Julie Lane in Los Altos.

DANIEL DE BOLT

# Christmas greetings from afar

LOCAL SOLDIER'S FIRST CHRISTMAS AWAY FROM HOME WILL BE SPENT IN WAR-TORN AFGHANISTAN

By Daniel DeBolt

Mountain View native Isamar Gomez will be spending her Christmas in Afghanistan, where she is stationed as an intelligence analyst with the U.S. Army.

The mountains, dust and wind make her base in Zabul province somehow beautiful and unpleasant at the same time, she said. She's a single mom who misses her 9-month-old son, Jack, and her parents, whom she talks to every day. "I do miss Mountain View a lot," she said.

At 20 years old, special agent Gomez keeps soldiers on the ground as safe as possible as she collects and disperses classified intelligence at night.

Gomez, who grew up in an apartment complex on Old Middlefield Way, joined the Army — a longtime dream — right after graduating from Los Altos High School. She said it has been a good opportunity for her to see the world.

"This is the first time I'm going to be away" for Christmas, she said. "That's really the hardest part. I know they will still celebrate Christmas and I know they are fine. Talking to them and seeing how things are going back home makes me feel like I'm not missing anything."

She wants to join the Central Intelligence Agency or the Federal Bureau of Investiga-

tion someday, and hopes her job will give her experience towards that goal.

Gomez was able to see Germany when her unit was stationed there until deploying to Afghanistan three months ago. She trained in Missouri and will return to the U.S. in six months to be stationed in Kentucky. She has not been able to experience Afghani culture yet, however, as the base is too far for a quick trip to the nearest populated area, Qalat City.

While conditions in Afghanistan are as bad as they have ever been, according to reports from the Red Cross, there isn't any fighting going on near Gomez's base, and the base has never been the target of attack during her stay there.

On a weekly basis soldiers meet village elders to see if they need something built, such as a well, a school or a mosque. The U.S. will pay the villagers to do the work, she said. Some take the U.S. soldiers up on the offer but others don't, while some will continue to support the insurgency despite the new infrastructure.

"We're just trying to give them a hand, hoping that puts them on our side," Gomez said. ▣

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Special agent Isamar Gomez fulfilled a longtime dream when she joined the Army.

## San Antonio Center revamp study available for comment

The environmental impacts of redeveloping a large swath of San Antonio Shopping Center have been reviewed and a draft of that study is now available for comment.

The proposal from developer Merlone Geier would redevelop a 16-acre portion of the shopping center at San Antonio Road and El Camino Real, replacing Rite Aid and Sears with 100,000 square feet of additional retail space, including a new Safeway grocery store, several shops, restaurants and large retailers. Mixed-use buildings with 350 apartments are also part of the proposal, along with a long park along the Hetch-Hetchy right of way.

Among the impacts cited in the draft environmental impact report, there are "significant and unavoidable" impacts in regards to air pollution and climate change caused by car traffic and

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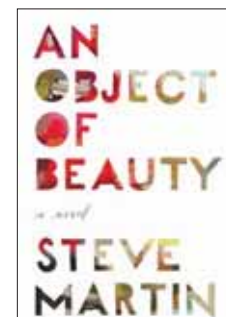
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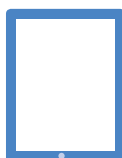
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# Model trains mesmerize a neighborhood

RAILROAD DISPLAY HAS BEEN ATTRACTION FOR YOUNG, OLD SINCE 1977



By Daniel DeBolt

To the 3-year-old boy next door, the scale trains running in circles are the neatest thing in the world.

"He'd be here all night if you let him," said Kim Maddox of her son, who was happily staring at the trains running around and round. "It's the first thing he talks about when he leaves the house and the last thing he talks about at night."

Maddox lives next to a longtime neighborhood attraction in Mountain View, the model trains in Ernie and John Bianco's front yard at 2387 Adele Ave. The father and son have been running the trains for everyone to see since 1977, when they decided to extend their Christmas tree train through their front window onto a platform. It's grown since then to include two larger sets of tracks on the front lawn.

When Maddox was buying the house, she was pregnant with her son, and the Biancos mentioned that he might like their train display. She really had no idea what they were talking about until they brought out piles of gravel, train tracks and dozens of train cars, which change every night.

Now her son is one of hundreds of young kids who show up every day between 6 and 8:30 p.m. to watch the trains run between early November and Christmas Day. The Biancos take a break Monday nights to watch football.

"The kids get a huge kick out of it," said Ernie, the elder Bianco. One night there were 300 people who came out to see the trains after an article in a local newspaper. Others have "garden trains" in their backyards, but the Biancos decided not to hide theirs.

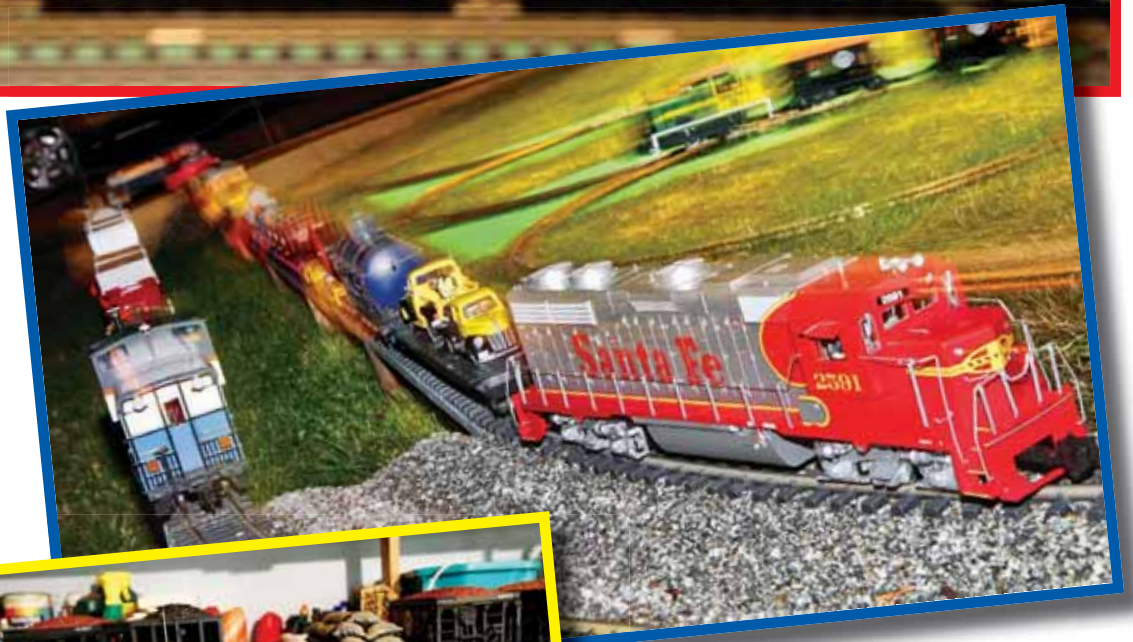
"Kids come around trick or treating on Halloween and they are asking 'when are the trains going up?'" Ernie said.

On Thursday night last week, a handful of young families with children were there early, waiting on some rugs the Biancos put on their front lawn. The Biancos have the routine down pat. A special ramp was used to quickly load the two larger sets of tracks on the lawn with trains, and pieces of the front window were removed to allow the smaller trains through. John slowly turned up the knob on the transformer, and the show began to mesmerize the kids.

One year, an excited kid jumped out of his parents' car and ran straight for the train, toppling it over, Ernie said. Since then, the Biancos have had to put up a small fence made of rope.

The Biancos also started another tradition. On Christmas Eve the entire length of Adele Avenue is lit with lights in paper bags called "farolitas."

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**John Bianco** sets his trains on their tracks as his father Ernie watches from the doorway. The Biancos put on a train show every night except Mondays from 6 to 8:30 p.m.  
MICHELLE LE





*The city broke ground last week on this bridge, left, over Highway 101 for the Permanente Creek Trail. Image courtesy of the City of Mountain View.*

## TRAILS

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said public works engineer Bob Kagiya. Each direction of Highway 101 between Shoreline Boulevard and Rengstorff will be closed in the late hours of the night for only two days, with traffic being redirected onto side streets. During those two days, large support structures will be hoisted up for the reinforced concrete that will be poured as the bridge is built with traffic passing beneath.

### Stevens Creek Trail update

The same contractor who is building the Permanente Creek Trail bridge and tunnel, Gordon N. Ball, submitted the low bid last week of \$4.13 million for a Stevens Creek Trail bridge over Highway 85 at Dale Avenue.

The City Council is expected to approve a bid in January, allowing the Highway 85 bridge to break ground in late February. Over half of the funds are coming from state grants.

To discuss construction issues, the city will hold a meeting for neighbors of the bridge on Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room C at the Palo Alto Foundation's Mountain View hospital at 701 El Camino Real.

The bridge will connect the well-used five-mile trail from its southern most tip at Sleeper

Avenue across the highway to Dale Avenue and the neighborhood around the hospital. Construction could be complete in February 2012, Kagiya said.

The City Council has already approved the concept of extending the Stevens Creek Trail even farther south for its final extension, and has approved an environmental study of the route.

To build that extension the city must locate about \$10 million in funding and engineer the trail around various obstacles, including a tight squeeze between the Highway 85 sidewalk and an apartment complex's parking lot near Dale Avenue. Moving the sound wall or buying a piece of the apartment complex's property would be necessary, Kagiya said.

Fortunately, the city owns the meadows the trail will run through on the east side of Highway 85, Kagiya said. Those meadows are now closed to the public.

The creek itself is also an obstacle and a large bridge over it may be necessary where it connects with a diversion channel midway between the Dale Avenue bridge and a proposed bridge over Highway 85 to Mountain View High School.

"There's definitely going to be some challenges there," Kagiya said. "We've done a lot of trails so we've got the experience. We're pretty comfortable with our relationships in dealing with Caltrans and the Santa Clara Valley Water District. It has definitely been a long-term partnership." ▀

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## CENTER

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new building construction.

Numerous nearby intersections along San Antonio Road would continue to operate with a "D" level of service rating (just shy of the worst "F" traffic rating) under the proposal. The only significant traffic impact, according to the draft EIR, would be to the Miller Avenue and San Antonio Road intersection, currently rated "F", which would suffer "significant impacts" but could be made "less than significant" by prohibiting left turns onto Miller Avenue from San Antonio Road.

For a closer look at the 312-page report, a PDF file can be downloaded on the city's website at [tinyurl.com/SACstudy](http://tinyurl.com/SACstudy).

Comments on the draft EIR can be made until Jan. 14, addressed to Mountain View senior planner Scott Plambaek or e-mailed to [Scott.Plambaek@mountainview.gov](mailto:Scott.Plambaek@mountainview.gov). ▀

-Daniel DeBolt

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**ROTOCARE**

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they are doing, as most have very busy lives and careers.

Still, Canning said, volunteers at the clinic often report that the work they do is extremely rewarding.

“We all came to RotaCare tonight because we believe we are making a difference,” Dr. David Quincy, medical director and clinical volunteer at RotaCare, wrote of a day’s work at the clinic in a testimonial on the organization’s website. “We will all come back again next time because we want to keep making that difference.”

RotaCare aims to provide free, quality care to the uninsured through its 11 clinics located all around the Bay Area — from Pittsburg and San Rafael to Gilroy and Monterey.

The organization gets its name from the various local Rotary Clubs that support it. Founded in 1989, it is funded entirely by grants and donations and staffed

primarily by volunteers.

Canning has been with the Mountain View clinic since 1996, when it was run out of a small church hall. Back then, doctors and nurses would care for about eight patients each week, she said. Today, the clinic operates out of a proper medical building on the El Camino Hospital Campus and serves more than 200 patients weekly. It is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



The Mountain View clinic has almost 300 volunteers, 113 of whom are medical professionals, including doctors, nurses, physician’s assistants, pharmacist, and medical and nursing students. Non-medical professionals work as office administrators and interpreters, and in coordinating with the local restaurants that donate food for the volunteers every night the clinic is open.

One of RotaCare’s main goals, Canning said, is to serve as a primary care clinic for the uninsured with chronic conditions, such as asthma, diabetes and heart disease. “For the uninsured, it’s very difficult to find primary care

providers.”

Managing people’s health while they are well helps keep emergency rooms clear to deal with catastrophic injuries and other sudden-onset illnesses, and ultimately saves taxpayers’ money, Canning said.

Physicians at RotaCare specialize in many fields, including cardiology, dermatology, endocrinology, rheumatology, gynecology and more.

“These are all specialty fields where it is difficult for us to refer our patients to other systems,” Canning said. With specialists in-house, the clinic helps patients manage their health effectively.

“Pediatrics is a very large component of what we do,” Canning said, noting that donations received from the Voice’s Holiday Fund are likely to go to care for children. “In the past 12 months we have seen a 72 percent uptick in requests for pediatric services.”

The rise in children coming through RotaCare’s doors echoes an overall rise in demand for the services Canning and her colleagues provide. The recession and ballooning unemployment have forced many people — of all stripes and socioeconomic

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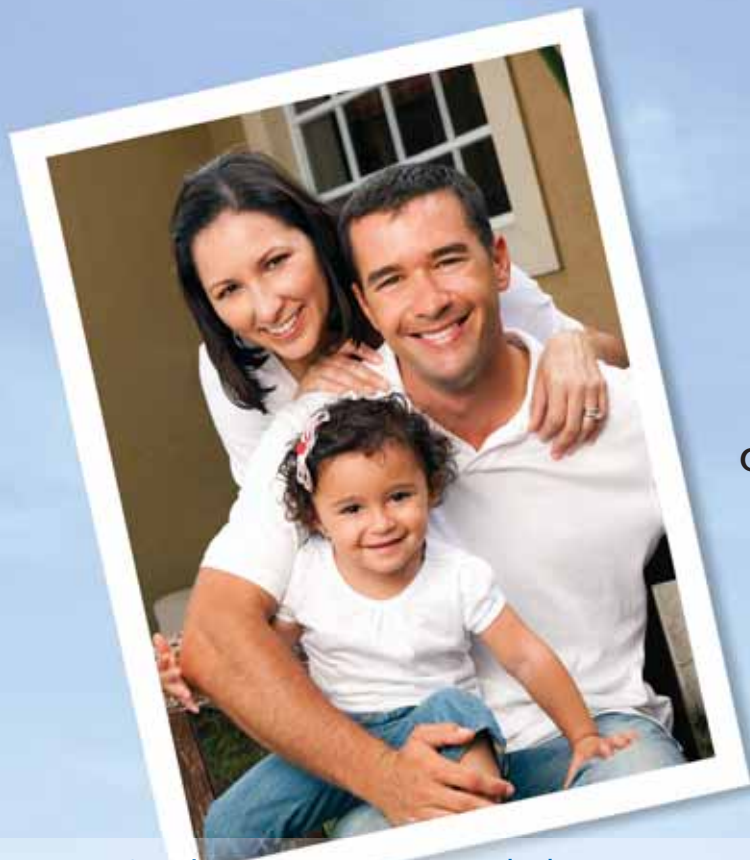
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**ROTOCARE**

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standing — to choose between paying the insurance company, and putting food on the table and paying rent.

The services RotaCare provides do not go unappreciated. In addition to all the smiles and heartfelt thanks that come standard at any one of

the Bay Area clinics, Canning said that a significant portion of RotaCare patients contribute some amount for medical services.

“People want to participate in any way they can in their own care,” Canning said. “Whatever it is they can afford, we accept that.”

In 2010, patients donated about

\$18,000 to the Mountain View clinic — enough to cover diabetes medication for 60 patients for an entire year.

Canning said it is difficult to put an annual price tag on the service RotaCare provides in Mountain View, but she estimated that it is somewhere in the “tens of millions of dollars.”

Whatever the cost of keeping her clinic up and running, Canning said, it is worth it, and not just because it saves lives or keeps patients from clogging up emergency rooms.

“If you have someone who is sick in your community, your community is sick,” she said. “The best way to keep your community healthy is to take care of every single individual in the community, not only those fortunate enough to be insured.”



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# A guy's guide to last-minute shopping

By Nick Veronin

It is a well-worn gag, drilled into the ground by television commercials and cheesy sitcoms with canned laugh tracks that play after each tired punch line and pun: the space-case guy who forgets to buy his sweetheart a gift until the day of; in a panic, he sets off to find a suitable present before time runs out.



Well, guess what? Trite though it may be, there is more than a kernel of truth to that stereotype. Just ask Erika Posadas.

"It's usually guys doing last-minute shopping," Posadas says, standing behind the register at The



Body Shop. Posadas has worked at this Stanford Shopping Center location for more than a year, and has been in retail

for about a decade.

She says that as Christmas Eve draws nigh she sees many frantic young men dash into The Body Shop looking for a last-minute gift for a mother, sister or girlfriend on their list.

When that happens she knows what to do. She says gift sets are very popular among the 11th-hour crowd. These sets combine a smattering of items — hand cream, body butter, lip balm and lotion — in one ready-to-go pack-



age. In the case of Posadas' store, the prefab boxes of beauty products are even adorned with a bow, which saves the step of wrapping.

Cosmetics are not the only type of gift that comes in bundles. Consider the local Starbucks or Peet's. All those impulse items stacked on shelves and display tables throughout the store — that ceramic mug, half-pound of Sumatra beans and French press package, for example — make great gifts.

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*Last-minute gifts at Starbucks include this Christmas Blend coffee sampler.*



COURTESY STARBUCKS

often a better deal than purchasing each item individually, the thrifty gifter can save a few bucks by dividing up such a package.

Mark Wheldon, while waiting in line to pay for a shirt at Macy's, says that when it comes down to the wire and he needs a gift for mom, he might go for jewelry or something crafty. If his brother or a friend suddenly announces they are coming by for a holiday visit, it is really easy.

"Liquor," Wheldon says. There is two-buck Chuck, all the way up to Johnnie Walker Blue Label, depending on how well you know the guy.

A clerk at Macy's, who asked that he not be identified since he was not authorized to talk to the media, says that the closer it gets to Dec. 25 the more he sees small items, such as ties, wallets and hats flying off the shelves.

Priyank Sheth, another Macy's shopper, says that when it comes to the women in his life, he goes with accessories or perfume. It makes for a worry-free purchase, he says, because "I'm not too familiar with sizes."

For male friend, Sheth says a video game or something from an electronics store would do in a pinch.

And then, of course, there is the gift card. Although it is maligned by some for being impersonal and uncreative, one thing is certain — letting people choose their own gift is a sure-fire way to ensure that they get what they want. These days, with debit gift cards available at the checkout counter of most major groceries stores, it is easy to pick up a gift for someone anytime.

Finally, here is an idea for the fantastically frugal shopper: dollar stores. Sure, it may sound cheap to some, miserly even. But, hey, you barely know your girlfriend's uncle's new squeeze from Adam, and at the rate that Casanova burns through gal pals, it will be a wonder if she is still around next week to give him a New Year's kiss.

Plus, have you been to a dollar store lately? They have some pretty useful items. A set of wine glasses, some candlesticks, tree ornaments and other great stocking stuffers can be found.

The point is that options abound and are often hiding in plain sight. For the resourceful gifter there is no such thing as last minute. ■

*Staff Writer Nick Veronin can be e-mailed at [nveronin@mv-voice.com](mailto:nveronin@mv-voice.com).*



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## ■ EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

# A manager who made the most of Mountain View

As a young man growing up in Mountain View, Kevin Duggan was quite familiar with the pig farm and landfill that covered most of the city's northern shoreline.

And we have to assume that back in 1990, the year he took the helm as city manager, he had no idea that this makeshift property would one day house a company named Google, now a \$750 billion worldwide corporation that pays the city \$5.3 million a year for its leaseholds in the North Bayshore area, and millions more in property taxes.

Attracting and keeping Google has to be one of Duggan's proudest accomplishments in his tenure as city manager and exemplifies his philosophy of issuing long-term leases on city property to high-tech companies. It is a strategy that has produced stellar financial results for the city, which now has substantial income from one of the nation's premier high-tech companies.

Back in the 1990s (Google came in the 2000s), these corporate giants could have gone anywhere in Silicon Valley, but somehow, they landed in Mountain View, the former fruit-growing hamlet that stretches between Palo Alto and Sunnyvale and Cupertino.

Just as important to the city's future well-being was Duggan's whole-hearted support and vision to invigorate the Shoreline redevelopment district established in 1969 that has created the financial underpinnings of the regional park we have today, including a golf course and clubhouse, the Michael's at Shoreline restaurant, a man-made lake and a system of walking/hiking and biking trails that ultimately connects north and east to Palo Alto and south and west to the city's downtown. Just last week a ground-breaking ceremony was held signaling the start of an \$8 million overpass and tunnel project that will remove the final barrier standing between Shoreline

and the western half of the city for pedestrians and bikers.

Certainly Duggan would never want to take all the credit for this web of income-producing property that sits atop the old landfill and pig farm. But it was his careful guidance that slowly developed the city's North Bayshore region into the economic engine that it is today.

Beyond his business acumen — he has been highly focused on avoiding deficit spending and building healthy reserves throughout his career — there are other key traits that set him apart from many others in his sometimes volatile trade.

For example, Mountain View is known as a city that is fair to its workers, even though some favorite union perks started to disappear recently when it became clear that the city could not sustain such a high level of retirement benefits without employees sharing some of the burden. Duggan achieved this in the process of collective bargaining without becoming a pariah to the city's unions.

And council members admire Duggan's ability to steer a neutral course through the thicket of city politics, preferring to stay out of the limelight and leave the political issues to the council. He also scores valuable points with the media by always being available and taking plenty of time to explain complex issues. His demeanor is always calm, even when he is defending an unpopular position.

Unquestionably, Kevin Duggan will be a difficult act to follow for his successor. The good news is that much of the groundwork has been done. There is a plan to keep the budget in check and to continue to build on the successes at Shoreline. Mountain View will go on without Mr. Duggan, but it will take years to forget his impact on making the city what it is today.

## ■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### WARM GESTURE TO SOLDIERS FROM ANONYMOUS PATRON

I'd like to share a heartwarming event which occurred Dec. 10.

While having lunch with 13 other military members at Chevy's Restaurant in Mountain View, we were notified by the manager not to worry about our lunch bill. When asked why, she stated, "someone paid our bill for us and wanted to say thanks for serving our country."

Our entire group was humbled and thankful for this kind gesture. Do the math. Fourteen people for lunch is a nice size bill.

Later, to our surprise, the manager comes back to our table and hands out gift cards for our next lunch. Again, she said "someone else paid for the gift cards and wanted to say thanks for our service." In both cases, we pressed her to identify the nice folks recognizing us, but were told they wanted to remain anonymous.

As a military member, I am proud to serve my country and am willing to make many sacri-

fices. Like others in uniform, I do not seek recognition, but when I do, the moment is both humbling and special. On behalf of the men and women in uniform, I thank those who take the time to say thanks to those of us who are serving our great country.

**Col. Henry Pandes, USAF**

### VOICE MISSED A HEARING ON CUESTA FLOOD BASIN

I waited for at least two weeks to make sure my letter wouldn't be premature, but in neither this week's paper, nor last week's paper did you mention the Nov. 29 Cuesta Annex detention basin design workshop held at City Hall by the Santa Clara Valley water district. Why is that?

The Voice did report on the Nov. 18 McKelvey Park detention basin workshop, and even wrote an editorial championing the local neighborhood for collecting nearly 200 signatures supporting a larger neighborhood park.

At the Cuesta Annex detention basin meeting, a 400-signature petition opposing the Cuesta

Annex detention basin was presented to the water district and you said absolutely nothing.

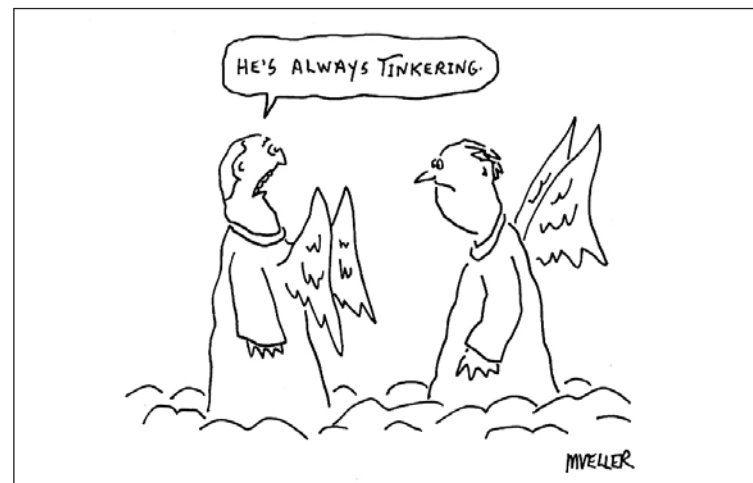
Also, the much-loved Grant Farm property that for 30 years brought joy to thousands of children who enjoyed its toy train, farm animals and it supplying their families' pumpkins and Christmas trees, disappeared forever this October under the bulldozer treads of Summerhill Homes construction, and your staff remained silent.

The Rengstorff House hosted two art shows this year includ-

ing the August Arts Festival (an annual event for over a decade), but they were not listed; rather, Palo Alto art exhibits received more of your attention.

Since I know the editor is new to Mountain View, and your newspaper office is now located in Palo Alto, you should review the Mountain View articles written by the veteran staff of the Los Altos Town Crier, so that you don't overlook important local news.

**Robert Schick  
Los Altos Hills**



# Weekend

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## Sushi with a bite

CASTRO STREET'S FOUR-MONTH-OLD BARRACUDA PUTS THE FUN BACK IN JAPANESE FOOD

By Monica Hayde Schreiber

A menu full of pictures often is not a good sign.

Don't get me wrong. I can admit to having ordered a Grand Slam or two — enticed, perhaps, by a larger-than-life photo of eggs and pancakes, glistening in full-color glory on a plastic menu. But restaurants that want to be taken seriously don't usually present patrons with a menu that looks more like a picture book.

But that's the thing about Barracuda: It doesn't want to be taken too seriously. Barracuda wants you to have fun. And what is not fun about a photo of a flaming maki the size of Godzilla's thumb? Barracuda knows what else makes

for a fun night out: good drinks for a fair price, long happy hours, and cocktails with names like the Green Geisha.

It never hurts to have a little dance music going, either.

"Fun sushi" is not a new concept. Think of those places that float your tekka maki to you in little boats or the raucous joints with disco balls and night club lighting. Barracuda — a local chain with five outposts from San Francisco to Mountain View — finds inspiration in the sushi-is-sexy model, but has not traded flavor for flash. The restaurant casts a wide net with its menu and reels in everything from

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**Barracuda Japanese restaurant** features the Barracuda roll, soft shell crab tempura avocado roll, wrapped with salmon and mango, with tobiko and a creamy spicy sauce.



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## BARRACUDA

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traditional Japanese to outlandish Californian/Hawaiian/pan-Asian creations, with a detour even to South America — ceviche won ton tacos anyone? A few of the items we tried seemed too overwrought, as if the kitchen was being too aggressively creative, but overall the food is as good as it is fun.

The Barracuda chain hatched in 2006 in San Francisco, on Market Street in the Castro, subsequently spawning outposts in Daly City, Burlingame, and Redwood City. The Mountain View spot, which opened four months ago, has a small bar upfront and a modern wood-and-tile decor. Executive chef Chad Kaneshiro hails from the great celebrity chef incubator of Silicon Valley: the Google cafeteria.

Even with small, regional restaurant chains, some corporate uniformity can start to dull the vibe after the second or third location. But by then, they usually have a winning formula down pat. We knew immediately on our first visit that we were in good hands. Our waitress brought kid-friendly chopsticks, secured at the top with a rubber band, for the young ones and assured us that the \$5 cocktail special was still on, even though it was 7:30 p.m. on a Saturday night. Now, that's a winning formula: family-friendly touches coupled

with drinks trendy enough to allow us to pretend the kids belong to someone else and that we still live in the Mission. Cucumber martini in one hand, a steaming bowl of miso soup in the other, we happily perused the huge menu.

Barracuda's signature rolls have names like the Gangsta and the Cherry Blossom, many stuffed with bits of mango or other fruit, and drizzled with sauces made of blueberries, unagi, or even wine. We opted first for the comparatively simple Crazy roll (\$9.95), a thick tube of rice swelling with tuna, salmon, avocado, and cucumber and sprinkled with tobiko (flying fish roe). It was good — more interesting than a typical California roll and filled to bursting with hunks of fresh fish.

Next came The Flamer! (\$12.95). Where to begin with this cylindrical piece of insanity? A shrimp, snow crab and spicy tuna center was enveloped in strips of salmon, yellowtail and tuna, then covered with a spicy mayo, wrapped in foil, and set aflame. You let the monster burn at the table for one to three minutes, depending on how much you want your fish cooked. The Flamer tastes smoky, with chipotle-like spice, but so many types of fish in that rather goopy mayo turned me off. My husband enjoyed it.

By contrast, the ginger tuna tartare (\$14.95) was simple and refined. Glistening hunks of ahi arrived in a little mound, dressed up only with sesame oil and gin-



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ger, and perhaps a dash or two of rice vinegar. The mini ceviche tacos (\$10.95) veered back into wacky-fusion territory, but with some success. The thick won ton taco shells were too robust for the delicate trio of marinated fish concoctions, but the interior of each taco was bright with a tangy fish-and-lime marinade, one tilapia, one ahi and one shrimp.

The chicken kara-age appetizer (\$7.95) was perfect for the kids and pleased adult palates as well. Lightly fried, bite-sized chunks of chicken were glazed with soy sauce, ginger and garlic. It was a cold night, so we also had a steaming, satisfying bowl of the seafood yaki udon (\$12.95) jam packed with shrimp, clams and fish. The house-made noodles were outstanding: firm, wheaty and not doughy.

Dessert was a surprise, more Western than Eastern. We opted for two creamy towers of decadence: a fluffy and nutty hazelnut mousse, layered with cream and an airy cake, and the “exotica,” a frothy mango and

cream mousse (both \$7.95).

I also had a pleasant lunch at Barracuda. The nighttime dance tunes gave way to Sinatra and holiday music for an early December lunchtime crowd. The service was pretty scattered that day. Twice we had to turn away confused servers trying to bring us food meant for another table. We ordered the intriguing lollipop scallops tempura (\$9.95) as an appetizer, but were informed after about 10 minutes that they were out of the scallops. I then ordered what turned out to be a nice tuna poke appetizer (\$12.95)—a martini glass full of ahi sashimi, studded with avocado in a ginger-sesame marinade—but this intended appetizer arrived after we were almost finished with our main dishes. A coupon for 10 percent off our next visit, presented with our bill, seemed an insufficient apology.

My friend had the giant bowl of tempura udon (\$8.95), quite a substantial meal for the price. The tempura was delicious, fried with a light touch and remarkably devoid of grease. I dug into the salmon and avocado tower (\$12.95), a two-layer

edifice of deep pink chunks of raw salmon topped with ripe avocado. It was pretty if slightly bland.

In furtherance of Barracuda’s focus on fun, the restaurant stays open until midnight on the weekends, providing Castro Street with a little more late-night life. Welcome to the neighborhood, Barracuda. ▣

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**127 Hours (R) ★★★ Aquarius Theatre:** 5:15 p.m.; Fri. also at 3 & 7:30 p.m.; Sat.-Thu. also at 9:45 p.m.

**All Good Things (R) ★★★ Aquarius Theatre:** Sat.-Thu. at 3 & 7:30 p.m. **Guild Theatre:** Fri. at 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m.

**Black Swan (R) ★★★ Century 16:** 11:20 a.m.; 2:25, 5:05 & 8:10 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri. at 11:35 a.m.; 12:55, 2:15, 3:35, 5, 6:10, 7:35 & 8:50 p.m.; Sat.-Thu. at 3:05, 5:55, 7:35, 8:50 & 10:15 p.m.; Sat. also at 12:25 p.m.; Sun.-Thu. also at 12:20 p.m.

**Burlesque (PG-13) Century 20:** Fri. at 11:15 a.m. & 4:50 p.m.; Sat.-Thu. at 2 & 7:40 p.m.

**The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) Century 16:** In 3D at 10:15 a.m.; 1, 3:55, 6:50 & 9:35 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri. at 12:20, 3:05, 5:50 & 8:35 p.m.; In 3D at 11:05 a.m.; 1:45, 4:25 & 7:10 p.m.; Sat.-Thu. in 3D at 1:45, 4:25, 7:10 & 9:50 p.m. Sun.-Thu. in 3D also at 11:05 a.m.

**The Fighter (R) ★★1/2 Century 16:** 11:10 a.m.; 12:55, 1:55, 3:45, 4:40, 6:40, 7:40 & 9:40 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri. at 11 a.m.; 1:40, 4:30, 7:10 & 8:05 p.m.; Sat.-Thu. at 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 8, 9:55 & 10:45 p.m.; Sun.-Thu. also at 11 a.m.

**Gulliver's Travels (PG) Century 20:** Sat.-Thu. in 3D at 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:05 & 10:20 p.m.; Sun.-Thu. in 3D also at 10:50 a.m.

**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16:** 11:45 a.m.; 3:25, 6:55 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:25, 3:40 & 6:55 p.m.

**How Do You Know (PG-13) Century 16:** 10:20 a.m.; 1:10, 4:10 & 7:30 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri. at 12:40, 2, 3:30, 6:20 & 7:40 p.m.; Sat.-Thu. at 12:40, 3:35, 4:50, 6:25, 9:15 & 10:30 p.m.; Sun.-Thu. also at 11:15 a.m.

**I Love You Phillip Morris (R) ★★★ Aquarius Theatre:** 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m.; Sat.-Thu. also at 9:15 p.m.

**It's a Wonderful Life (1946) Stanford Theatre:** Fri. at 9 p.m.

**The King's Speech (R) ★★1/2 Century 20:** Sat.-Thu. at 2, 4:55, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m.; Sun.-Thu. also at 11:20 a.m. **CinéArts at Palo Alto Square:** 1:30, 3, 4:20, 5:55, 7:15 & 8:45 p.m.; Sat.-Thu. also at 10 p.m.

**Little Fockers (PG-13) Century 16:** 10 & 11:30 a.m.; 12:40, 2:20, 3:40, 5:10, 7, 8 & 9:55 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri. at 11:30 a.m.; 12:45, 2:10, 3:20, 4:35, 5:50, 7:05 & 8:20 p.m.; Sat.-Thu. at 12:50, 2:10, 3:20, 4:35, 5:50, 7:05, 8:20, 9:35 & 10:45 p.m. Sun.-Thu. also at 11:30 a.m.

**Made in Dagenham (R) Guild Theatre:** Sat.-Thu. at 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

**Megamind (PG) ★★1/2 Century 16:** 10:15 a.m. **Century 20:** 12:30 p.m.

**The Social Network (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 20:** 10:05 p.m.

**Tangled (PG) ★★★ Century 16:** In 3D at 10:05 a.m.; 12:30, 3:20, 6:20 & 9 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri. at 11:25 a.m.; 1:55, 4:35 & 7:20 p.m.; In 3D at 12:45, 3:15, 5:45 & 8:10 p.m.; Sat.-Thu. at 1:50 & 4:35 p.m.; In 3D at 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:10 & 10:35 p.m.; Sun.-Thu. also at 11:25 a.m.

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**Tron: Legacy (PG) ★★1/2 Century 16:** 11 a.m.; 2, 5, 8 & 10:50 p.m.; In 3D at noon, 3:30 & 7 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri. at 10:45 a.m.; 1:50, 4:45 & 7:50 p.m.; In 3D at 11:30 a.m.; 1, 2:30, 4, 5:30, 7 & 8:30 p.m.; Sat.-Thu. at 2:55, 6:10 & 9:05 p.m.; In 3D at 1, 1:50, 4, 4:45, 7, 7:50, 10 & 10:40 p.m.; Sun.-Thu. also at noon; Sun.-Thu. in 3D also at 10:45 a.m.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

**ALL GOOD THINGS ★★★**

(Guild) The story is modeled after the mysterious disappearance of Kathie Durst in 1982 and the subsequent investigation of her husband, a Manhattan real-estate scion. In the film, the pair are named Katie and David Marks and played by Kirsten Dunst and Ryan Gosling. Few good things exist in the dark world of this disturbing fictional account of a true-crime saga. *Rated: R for drug use, violence, language and some sexuality. 1 hour, 41 minutes.* — S.T.

**THE FIGHTER ★★1/2**

(Century 16, Century 20) Christian Bale plays a crackhead in mid-'90s Lowell, Mass. Ex-boxer Dicky Eklund milks his status as "The Pride of Lowell" as he struts the streets, crowing, "Making my comeback!" Walking a half-step behind Dicky, younger half-brother Micky Ward (Mark Wahlberg) wears a weary smile. Co-dependency zig-zags through Micky's extended family as he pursues his own light welterweight boxing career Micky trusts Dicky's boxing instincts, but Micky's no fool. When a promoter dangles a deal with the condition of "no crazy-time nonsense," Micky recognizes the opportunity, though it takes the moral support of new girlfriend Charlene (Amy Adams) to take a leap. *Rated R for language throughout, drug content, some violence and sexuality. One hour, 54 minutes.* — P.C.

**TRON: LEGACY ★★1/2**

(Century 16, Century 20) Released in 1982, the original "Tron" film boasted groundbreaking graphics and established a tech-savvy fan base. But "Tron: Legacy" arrives about 15 years too late. Leading the foray into digital delirium this go-round is Sam Flynn (Garrett Hedlund), the 20-something son of video-game guru Kevin Flynn (Jeff Bridges). When family friend Alan Bradley (Bruce Boxleitner) tells the rebellious Sam that he's received a cryptic message from Kevin — who vanished some 20 years earlier — Sam goes to visit his dad's old arcade in the hope of finding clues. After a little reckless computer use, he's transported to "the grid," a digital world where gladiatorial games and luminous attire are the norm. *Rated PG for sequences of sci-fi action violence and brief mild language. 2 hours, 7 minutes. Rated PG for sequences of sci-fi action violence and brief mild language. 2 hours, 7 minutes.* — T.H.

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### ART GALLERIES

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**English Cathedrals** Pacific Art League: Norton Gallery (upstairs) Dec. 1-31: English Cathedrals, Black & White Photographs by John Eaton. Featuring photographs from several of the greatest medieval English Cathedrals together with a brief architectural history and 19th century pen-and-ink floor-plan of each cathedral. Free. Pacific Art League, Norton Gallery, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-3891. [www.pacificartleague.org](http://www.pacificartleague.org)

### AUDITIONS

**"Seussical, Jr."** Auditions Jan. 4 and 5, 4-6 p.m. Callbacks Jan. 6, 4-7 p.m. Musical, casting ages 10-20. Prepare two-minute song showing character and humor. Bring sheet music or instrumental recording. Come prepared to move. Performs March 11-26. Fee after casting. Hillview Community Center MPR, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-947-2796. [losaltosrecreation.org](http://losaltosrecreation.org)

**Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions** For boys ages 6-12 who love to sing. SVB rehearses after school in downtown Palo Alto. Boys are placed in a level based on their skills and experience. The choir is taught by Julia Simon who specializes in training the voices of boys and young men. Jan. 8, 10 a.m. Free audition, semester fee. First Lutheran Church, 600 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. [www.svboychoir.org](http://www.svboychoir.org)

### CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**Seed Propagation** This class will explain how to make healthy flat soil, transplanting, pricking out seedlings from flats and proper watering. Jan. 8, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$31. Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072. <http://commongroundin-paloalto.org/upcomingclasses.htm>

### CLUBS/MEETINGS

**SPAUG General Meeting** SPAUG General Meeting Stanford-Palo Alto User Group meets monthly to discuss problems, solutions, software and hardware. Learn more about computing, meet fellow computer users. Get help and advice from experienced users. Second Wednesday of the month, ongoing, 7-9:30 p.m. first meeting free, \$35/year. American Legion Post, 347 First St., Los Altos. Call 650-493-9307. [www.svuga.org/](http://www.svuga.org/)

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Learn about Wireless Telecom Facilities in your Neighborhood** "Is there a wireless telecom facility going up right in your neighborhood? Talk to others facing the same issue. Learn about the technology, the impacts, and what you can do," even organizers say. Jan. 4, 8-10:30 p.m. Hacker Dojo (in the Upper Deck), 140 South Whisman Road, Mountain View. [www.stophsteeple.com](http://www.stophsteeple.com)

### CONCERTS

**BIG BACH for the New Year** James Welch presents the annual New Year's Eve concert at St. Mark's. Concert includes several Bach works for organ: Fantasia in G; Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in C; Passacaglia in C minor, plus seasonal works by French Baroque and Romantic composers. Performed on the organ with 4,568 pipes. Dec. 31, 8-9 p.m. \$10 at the door. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-856-9700. [welchorganist.com](http://welchorganist.com)

**SFCO Main Stage Concert #1: Bottoms Up (Palo Alto)** Celebrate the New Year with Nathan Chan (cello) and Michel Taddei (bass). Pre-concert talk 30 minutes before show. Doors open 45 minutes before show. Jan. 1, 3-5 p.m. Admission free, but tickets required--available at door or online St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call 415-692-5297. <http://www.sfchamberorchestra.org/concerts/mainstage/>

### DANCE

**Affordable New Years Eve Singles Bash** Includes dancing, party hats and favors. Adults of all ages welcome. Dressy attire recommended.

Fri., Dec. 31, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Sheraton Hotel, 625 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 415-507-9962. [www.thepartyhotline.com](http://www.thepartyhotline.com)

**Ballroom Dancing - New Year's Eve Party** Waltz will be taught at the New Year's Eve Dance Party Fri., Dec. 31, 8 p.m. Beginning & intermediate lessons, no experience or partner necessary. General dance party 9 p.m.-12:30 a.m. w/ dance demos, games, prizes, gifts, food, midnight toast, toys. Singles/couples welcome. Casual/dressy. \$20. Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-856-9930. [www.readybyte.com/fridaynightdance](http://www.readybyte.com/fridaynightdance)

**Vintage Ballroom Dance** Dance to authentic arrangements of music from the 1900s to 1930s: Grand March, Tango, Foxtrot, Waltz, One Step, Two Step, Charleston, mixers, and more. Dressy attire; vintage dress admired but not required. Sundays, 4-6:30 p.m. \$20. Palo Alto Masonic Center, 461 Florence St., Palo Alto. [www.PaulPricceOrchestra.com](http://www.PaulPricceOrchestra.com)

### EXHIBITS

**Cabinet of Curiosities** What do a silicon crystal, a 3,000 year old cuneiform tablet and an 18th century slide rule have in common? They are all treasures from local collectors and will be on display in MOAH's upcoming exhibit, "Cabinet of Curiosities." Dec. 3-May 1, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004. [www.moah.org](http://www.moah.org)

**Holiday Bells & Whistles:** Exhibit of electric trains, meccano models, and holiday quilts. Through Jan. 2, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 So. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [www.losaltoshistory.org](http://www.losaltoshistory.org)

**Pancakes, Coffee and Heroic Actions** Exhibition of drawings and paintings by artist Norm Rosenberger. Opening reception and artist talk on Friday, Dec. 10, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Mohr Gallery, Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 ext. 306. [www.arts4all.org/attend](http://www.arts4all.org/attend)

### FILM

**"The Fog of War"** "The Fog of War" is a 2003 film about the life and times of former U.S. Secre-

tary of Defense Robert S. McNamara. Directed by Errol Morris, it won the Academy Award and Spirit Award for Best Documentary Feature (2003). Faculty Talk Back will be led by Scott Sagan (CISAC). Jan. 6, 7:30-10 p.m. Free. Annenberg Auditorium, 435 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-0997. <http://ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu/ethics-events/events/view/1026/?date=2011-01-06>

**"Vlci jama / The Wolf Trap"** 1957; dir. by Jiri Weiss; 90 minutes; English subtitles. Highly-regarded Czech Drama. An ambitious young provincial politician, who married an older and possessive woman, strikes up a friendship with her young ward. Story of frustration and denial against a backdrop of post-WWI bourgeois banality. Jan. 7, 7-9 p.m. Free. Stanford University, Language Corner, Building 260 (Pigott Hall), Room 113, Stanford. Call 650-725-2563. [crees.stanford.edu](http://crees.stanford.edu)

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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](http://avenidas.org)

### LIVE MUSIC

**Flutist/Composer Robert Dick in Concert** Robert Dick, with guest artists Areon Flutes, performs a concert featuring his compositions on Fri., Jan. 7, 8-10 p.m. \$20 adult/\$10 student. Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-961-1566.

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**Senior Walking Group** Easy, moderate and strenuous walks. Every Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Meet in Avenidas parking lot. 8:30-

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**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](http://www.deborahspalm.org)

### SENIORS

**Big Bingo** Big Bingo in the social hall Jan. 3, 1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

**Senior New Year's Eve Day Bash** Lunch, live band, dancing and champagne. Buy pre-sale(\$13) tickets at Lucie Stern and Cubberley Community Centers, Avenidas & Oshman Family JCC. Presented by the City of Palo Alto. Sponsored by Palo Alto Recreation Foundation and La Comida de California. Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. \$13 pre sale/\$18 day of (limited) Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4953. [www.cityofpaloalto.org/recreation](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/recreation)

### TALKS/AUTHORS


**Rainn Wilson** Rainn Wilson, Emmy-nominated star of The Office, share "Soulpancake: Chew on Life's Big Questions," which covers such topics as life and death, love and sex, and science and religion. Jan. 6, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. [www.booksinc.net](http://www.booksinc.net)

### 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.





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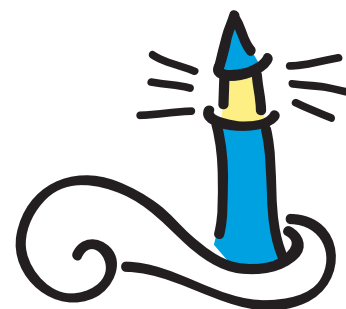


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STATEMENT  
File No.: 544955  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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(Voice Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2010)

AY CARAMBA IT'S LA BAMBA TAQUERIA  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 545248  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Ay Caramba It's La Bamba Taqueria at 580 K North Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 545425  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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This business is owned by: An Individual.  
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on December 7, 2010.  
(Voice Dec. 17, 24, 31, 2010, Jan 7, 2011)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 545384  
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## 997 All Other Legals

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