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## MAKING A VETERAN'S DAY

**Maj. Thomas W. Keegan** kisses his son Tom at a medal ceremony held at Moffett Field on Saturday, Nov. 5. Keegan was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, one of the U.S. Air Force's highest honors, for his service in Afghanistan's Helmand Province. He was one of 10 members of the Air National Guard's 129 Air Rescue Wing honored at the ceremony for their service in combat rescue missions.

## Move gas pipe from under school?

PG&E SEEKS TO MOVE ONE OF TWO GAS LINES BENEATH CRITTENDEN SOCCER FIELD

By Nick Veronin

Officials with the Mountain View Whisman School District would like to see PG&E remove both gas lines running beneath Crittenden Middle School's soccer field, but for the time being, it appears that they will have to settle for just one.

PG&E has proposed moving a portion of a gas pipeline currently running beneath the Whisman Sports Center's soccer field, located on the back end of the Crittenden campus. PG&E

officials said the project would update its infrastructure and increase public safety.

At a Nov. 3 presentation to the Mountain View Whisman School District's board of trustees, representatives from the utility explained their tentative plan to move gas transmission line No. 109 to Middlefield Road.

In the PG&E proposal, the pipe would still run under a portion of Crittenden property — the school's parking lot, which sits between Middlefield Road and a PG&E valve station, located just west of the school. The pipe must

ultimately connect to that station, and PG&E officials would like to cut through the lot to get it there.

The district's board of trustees is considering whether to allow PG&E to dig up and remove the pipe, as well as whether to give the utility permission to reroute the line beneath the school's parking lot.

Craig Goldman, superintendent for the district, said he would like to see the pipe removed from beneath the Whis-

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## Simitian will run for Supervisor

ABE-KOGA REMAINS IN RACE; KASPERZAK, MACIAS IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW

By Daniel DeBolt

State Senator Joe Simitian's announcement on Saturday that he will run for the County Board of Supervisors has caused two potential Mountain View candidates to withdraw from the race.

Mountain View council members Mike Kasperzak and Laura Macias expressed interest earlier this year, though both said Monday that they will be supporting Simitian's candidacy instead.

"It very clearly means that I am not going to be running for the board of supervisors," Kasperzak said Monday. "I can't think of a more qualified candidate for the position," he said of Simitian.

Simitian faces bids from Mountain View City Council member Margaret Abe-Koga and former Saratoga Mayor Kathleen King. Both King and Abe-Koga continue to campaign to represent District 5, which includes Mountain View, Los Altos, Palo Alto, Cupertino and Saratoga and part of Sunnyvale.

"I consider him a friend," Abe-Koga said in an email about Simitian. "And I welcome him to this race."

Simitian announced his candidacy for supervisor at an annual brunch in Palo Alto Sunday morning, Nov. 6. Among the more than 200 attendees of the event at the Lucie Stern Community Center were Macias, U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Palo Alto, and current Santa Clara County Supervisor Liz Kniss, he said. Kniss will be termed out of the District 5 seat at the end of 2012.

"Our county government deals with some of the state's great-

est challenges, including health care, welfare, public safety, and regional land use," Simitian stated in a press release. "More than 1.7 million county residents expect county government to deliver real results on a daily basis. I look forward to being part of that effort."

Simitian's public-service career has its roots in Palo Alto. He served on the Board of Education, including as president; City Council, including a term as mayor; the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors; and State Assembly.

Kasperzak said he felt that

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## Study finds downtown is booming

By Daniel DeBolt

Mountain View has an enviable success story on Castro Street, where office spaces are full and retail sales are up.

That's according to a study of the downtown's economic state. The report concludes that downtown growth has caused a 56 percent increase in retail sales over the last 10 years, while the district has added almost 1,000 employees.

Meanwhile, construction increased downtown housing stock by 13 percent, and 87 percent more people are using

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# Voices

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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Anna Li.

*Has Bank Transfer Day influenced your opinion of banks and credit unions?*



*"We do stick to our old banks because of loyalty but we think twice before we do an ATM transaction. We should not be charging the end consumer, especially for the services we get today — you never get to talk to a teller; you always have to be on the phone. We're just taken for granted."*

**Radhika Raghavan**, Cupertino



*"There is a disconnect between what the bank's mission is and how they're gutting people's accounts through fees and 'nickel and diming' people."*

**Christian Mackey**, San Francisco



*"I actually do business at both a credit union and a major bank. And I'm happy with both relationships. I feel that's the best opportunity for me to acquire a good return on my investments."*

**Damian Miller**, Los Gatos



*"I feel that people should switch from their banks mostly because they're being scammed. Everything that you do with the banks is somebody wanting money from you. I know I've had two overdrawn fees for something that wasn't my fault."*

**Corey Mendoza**, San Francisco



*"So far my bank hasn't started charging fees. But if they do ... I'll definitely look into switching to a credit union or another option."*

**Wendy Walker**, Mountain View

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## CRIME BRIEFS

### PEDESTRIAN FATALITY

Mountain View police are hoping to find witnesses to a fatal car accident that took the life of a 91-year-old pedestrian on Monday, Nov. 7.

The victim may have been trying to cross the street at the intersection of El Camino Real and The Americana when he was struck by a white Toyota pickup truck just before 5:40 p.m., said police spokeswoman Liz Wylie. The driver, a 78-year-old from Sunnyvale, was turning from The Americana onto eastbound El Camino Real when his truck struck the man, Wylie said.

The victim died of his injuries at the hospital later that same evening, she said. His name had not been released as of the *Voice's* press deadline on

Tuesday, pending the notification of his family.

The driver, whose name was also withheld, cooperated with police, Wylie said. Drugs and alcohol do not appear to have been a factor, she said.

Almost no witnesses were at the scene, although traffic investigators believe a number of people may have witnessed the accident, since it occurred at a busy time of day. Police planned to hand out leaflets to drivers Tuesday night in the hopes of finding more witnesses, Wylie said.

### HOME ROBBED OF JEWELRY

Jewelry was reported stolen from a home in the 600 block of

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## Heaps of hazards for garbage sorters

By Daniel DeBolt

Most people see the improper disposal of hazardous waste to be an environmental problem, but locally it has exposed garbage facility workers to toxic fumes and needle pricks from dirty syringes.

At least two dozen workers are constantly sorting through whatever goes into Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale's garbage, pulling out large objects and recyclables before the loads enter complex mechanized sorters.

"A needle stick, those are really difficult to stop," said Rich Gurney, general manager

of the Sunnyvale Materials and Recovery Transfer Station, or SMaRT Station. "If people see them on conveyor belts, we use special devices to get them off and not touch them."

Gurney said the facility has been evacuated several times because of toxics in the garbage. Containers holding solvents have been ripped open by the sorting machinery, which act like a massive blender for the garbage. "There were a few situations where we had to evacuate because of the fumes," Gurney said.

The facility is tucked away near the Bay on Sunnyvale's

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Workers at Sunnyvale's SMaRT Station manually remove cardboard, wood and large objects from a conveyor belt leading to mechanized garbage sorting equipment.

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## El Camino doctor helps troops overseas

By Nick Veronin

One of El Camino Hospital's top surgeons recently returned from a two-week stint at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, where he was helping American soldiers wounded in combat and sharing his expertise with military medics stationed there.

"This was just an amazing opportunity," said Dr. Tej Singh, clinical director of vascular surgery at El Camino. Landstuhl is the largest American hospital outside of the country and it serves as the evacuation and treatment center for all U.S. soldiers and civilians injured in overseas conflict zones.

Singh said it was an "honor" to use his abilities as a vascular surgeon to help Americans wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I participated in the operating room and educated the staff on vascular topics," Singh said. Over the course of his stay, Singh delivered 10 lectures, or

"modules," on vascular nursing. "The nurses there were so appreciative that I brought the training modules," he said, noting that there had been a dearth of continuing education on the topic of vascular nursing at the Landstuhl medical center.

"But in the end," Singh said, "I think they taught me more about myself as a doctor."

Singh, who also serves as the director of the Vascular Center at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, said he was enriched by the strong sense of teamwork and dedication to the mission that he encountered at Landstuhl. Singh was particularly impressed with the efficiency of the military's evacuation and treatment protocol.

"It's an amazing system that

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Dr. Tej Singh

**'In the end, I think they taught me more about myself as a doctor.'**

DR. TEJ SINGH

## Eshoo focuses on woes of poor, middle class

MORE THAN 9,000 PARTICIPATED IN WIDE-RANGING TELEPHONE TOWN HALL

By Daniel DeBolt

Washington's lackluster efforts to represent the interest of America's poor and middle class were the focus of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's telephone town hall meeting last week.

Mountain View and Sunnyvale residents got robo-calls asking them to participate in the Wednesday evening town hall, an annual event for Eshoo since 2008. Eshoo's office reported that 9,000 people listened in on all or part of the discussion.

During the discussion Eshoo

made statements in support of policies and reforms to help most Americans, which included tax hikes on the rich, cuts to military spending, decreasing the costs of health care and education and making lower-cost loans available to those who are about to lose their homes to foreclosure.

Eshoo said that stopping the country's foreclosure crisis was key to an economic recovery.

"I've seen so many people losing their homes who thought they could pay their mortgages," said a woman named Adrian from Sunnyvale.

"It is a horrendous and cata-

strophic situation," Eshoo sympathized.

Eshoo said she wants to allow people to refinance their homes with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac loans at the current low rates — near 4 percent — and allow those who are "underwater" in their mortgages to only pay on the principle of their loans.

She and other California Democrats have written a letter pushing President Obama to implement those reforms, encouraging him to use his executive powers to bypass Congress.

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## Workers dig up Native America skull

By Daniel DeBolt

Construction workers happened on what is believed to be a 100-year-old Native American skull while working on a housing development at the corner of Calderon and Evelyn avenues a few weeks ago.

City officials say that developer Classic Communities had to halt work on the 65-home project within 50 feet of the skull, which was found under the basement of the Abate home on Calderon Avenue.

The coroner's office deter-

mined that it was at least 100 years old and Native American, so the police didn't waste much time investigating possible murder. Still, there's only suspicion as to why it was there. Apparently, some still wonder if it was murder.

"What happened to the rest of the body is what I wondered," said Mayor Jac Siegel.

State law requires that a member of a local Native American community be contacted when such remains are found, said Community Development Director Randy Tsuda. The per-

son contacted was Andrew Galvin, an East Bay resident and representative of the Ohlone tribe.

Developer Scott Ward reportedly told the Old Mountain Neighborhood Association's vice chair Robert Cox that a few additional bones were found with holes drilled in them. "It was most likely a skeleton used for lessons on human anatomy. Still, we paid a fee for a proper burial of the remains, and will remain mindful of what we have found as we excavate the rest of the property." ▣

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man Sports Complex. However, he acknowledged, the proposal is not perfect.

While the utility has proposed moving line No. 109, Tamon Norimoto, a PG&E government relations representative, said the energy provider has no plans at this time move a parallel line that also runs beneath the Crittenden field, line No. 132 — the very same line which caused the massive San Bruno explosion and fire last fall.

“Why can’t you just remove both?” Steve Olson, a Mountain View Whisman trustee, asked the PG&E representative at district meeting.

Norimoto said that the line had been recently tested and that officials with the utility are confident it is in good condition.

The portion of line 132 running beneath Crittenden was last tested on Aug. 14, according to Brittany Chord, a PG&E spokeswoman. During the so-called hydrostatic pressure test, the pipes were subjected to 1.5 times the maximum allowable operating pressure for eight hours while crews monitored the line for any irregularities or leaks. Chord said line 132 passed

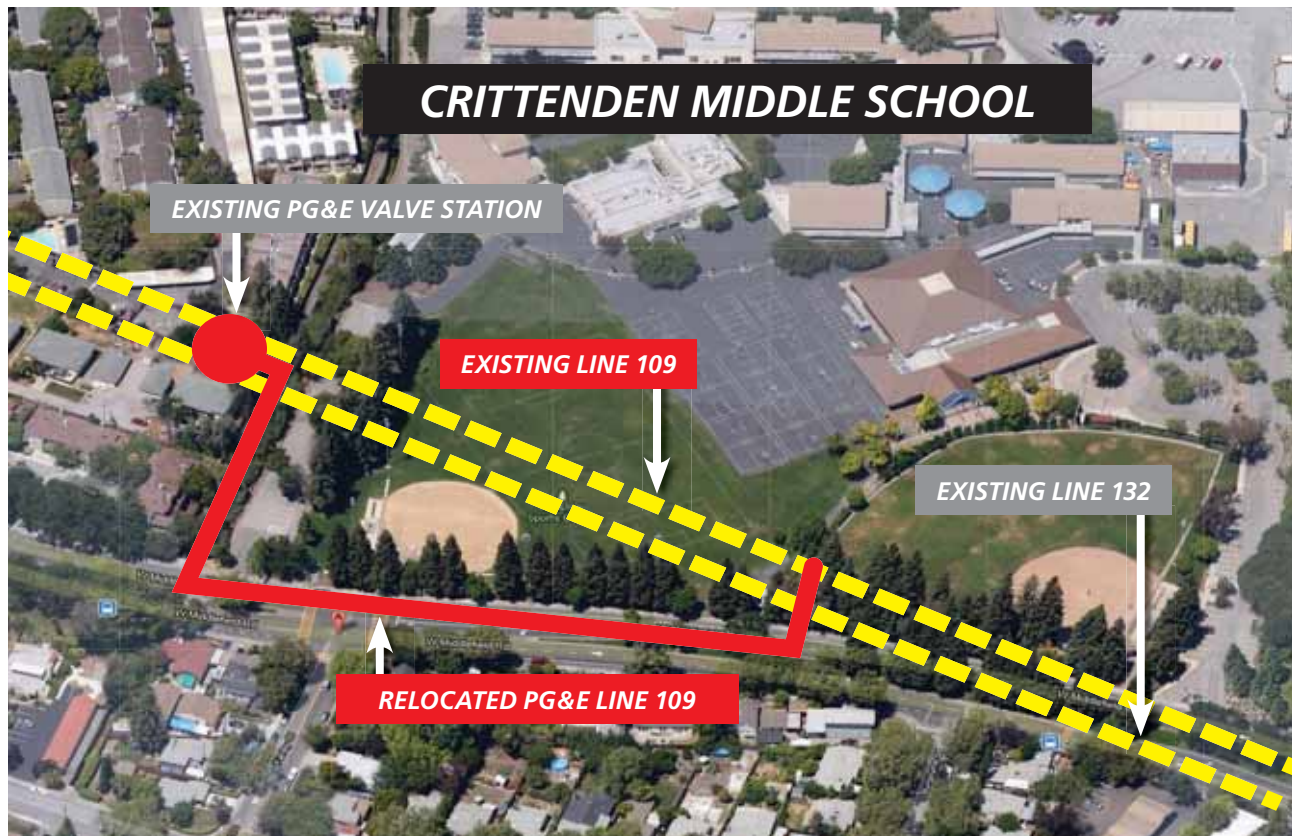
these tests.

“We are doing everything we can to ensure that our system is operating safely and reliably,” Chord said.

Members of the board pressed Norimoto and the other PG&E representatives — proposing that they might as well move both lines while they were digging down to remove line 109.

Goldman was particularly interested in the removal of both lines — not only because of safety — but also because the district plans to install artificial turf on the Whisman Sports Complex soccer field in the near future; the installation of turf would require extra caution if one of the pipes remains under the field. The 22- and 24-inch pipes are buried about two feet below the ground.

The representatives reiterated



PG&E has proposed moving gas transmission line No. 109 from its current location under the Whisman Sports Complex to Middlefield Road.

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their confidence in the integrity of line 132 and said that removing both lines would be expensive as well as disruptive to PG&E customers in the area.

PG&E plans to deactivate and

reroute the line no matter what the district decides, according to Norimoto. The utility will just have to take a different route if the district does not grant an easement.

“We clearly prefer that it be moved,” Goldman said of the infamous pipe. “That being said, we appreciate that PG&E has recently tested the line and is confident that it is secure.”



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# MV Whisman teachers get small raise

'AMICABLE' CONTRACT TALKS END IN 1 PERCENT PAY RAISE, SHARED MEDICAL COSTS

By Nick Veronin

After two short days of negotiations, teachers and administrators with the Mountain View Whisman School District have reached an agreement on revisions to the current teachers' contract.

The amendments, unanimously approved on Nov. 3 by the school district's board of trustees, provide a 1 percent pay increase for all Mountain View Whisman teachers and ensure that the district will pay for more than half of next year's increases in health insurance costs — with all teachers footing a portion of their premiums for the first time in district history.

Both parties are "pleased" with the new contract, according to a joint statement issued by the district and the Mountain View Educators Association, the union that represents the teachers.

Craig Goldman, superintendent of Mountain View Whisman, said the contract negotiations were "amicable" and wrapped up in record time.

"We were able to complete negotiations over the course of two morning sessions," Goldman said. "To the best of our recollection, it was the fastest negotiations on record."

The superintendent said he felt that everything the teachers

requested was reasonable.

"It was a true compromise," Donna Campbell, president of the teachers union, said. "We went back and forth. They gave some. We gave some. It was good."

While the Mountain View Educators Association continually seeks to keep teachers pay in step with the cost of living, Campbell said the upcoming hike in healthcare premiums was the primary driver of this most recent round of negotiations.

Last school year, during the last round of contract negotiations, the teachers secured a 3 percent raise and one-time bonus and the district put a cap on how much it would pay toward healthcare costs for teachers. Teachers were aware that they might have to begin paying toward their premiums as healthcare costs rose, but they had not anticipated by just how much Kaiser and Anthem would increase their rates in just one year.

"The increases were out of this world," Campbell said.

If MVEA did nothing to amend the current contract, teachers would have been facing a 10 percent jump for Kaiser coverage and a 12 percent spike with Anthem.

MVEA and the district were able to work out a deal, however. The district will pay 90 percent of

any two-party coverage or family coverage plan and 95 percent of any single-party coverage.

Campbell said that teachers "really wanted single employees to pay nothing." They also wanted a larger raise. But in the end, most of her colleagues felt that it would have been inappropriate to push on the district too hard, especially given the current fiscal outlook.

According to Goldman, while the district is in better financial shape this year than it has been in recent years, it is still possible that the state may end up cutting \$1.3 million from his district's budget by the end of the year.

Goldman credited the teachers for putting up with nominal raises and agreeing to shoulder a portion of their healthcare costs. "We've had a longstanding collaborative relationship with our teachers' association," he said.

All told, Goldman said the raise and the rise in healthcare premiums will likely cost the district around \$247,000.

"We view it as a necessary cost of doing business," he said, noting that his district's teachers have seen their base salaries increase by 4 percent over the past six years. "We need to ensure that we are providing our employees with a fair and competitive compensation package." ▀

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the military has to save lives," Singh said. "To see that coordination and commitment first-hand was amazing."

He said that the Army is able to transport even gravely wounded soldiers from a battlefield in Afghanistan to a local trauma center, on to Landstuhl and finally back to Bethesda, Md. in just a few days time.

Any civilian nurse, doctor or surgeon would benefit from spending time in such an efficient and fast-paced environment, Singh said. Going through medical training and then practicing in the states, it is easy for doctors to lose track of the importance of coordination in healthcare, he said.

He said he has returned from Germany with a renewed commitment to teamwork.

"This trip confirmed all along that a team approach is the best thing for our patients," Singh said. "When you have a great system and a great team working together the results are always the best."

Singh said that medical professionals — and surgeons in particular — often have egos that can get in the way of their performance. At Landstuhl, however, there was a sense that everyone was working toward a greater cause — a philosophy he attributed to military philosophy.

"There's no time for bickering or complaining — pushing your own agenda forward," he said. "Every hospital should have that, but you'd be surprised how many don't."

Singh said he hopes he will be able to transplant that Spartan philosophy to his staff and colleagues at El Camino and the Palo Alto Medical Foundation. If he can, he said, all of the hospital's patients will be better served as a result. ▀



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## Not all startups wind up like Google

By Angela Hey

“The best startup ideas don’t come from people trying to think of startup ideas, they come from people trying to solve problems.”

Paul Graham, co-founder of Mountain View’s Y Combinator, gave this advice to budding entrepreneurs at the seed funding organization’s Startup School at Stanford. He then went on, with

Y Combinator partner Harj Taggar, to interview the entrepreneurs behind four embryonic startups.

The first startup aimed to help programmers measure and track users of websites and mobile apps by making it easier to inter-



act with analytics programs like Mixpanel and KISSmetrics. Graham had a hard time seeing the value-add for this startup, especially as the entrepreneur had difficulty explaining what he was really doing. This pitch sounded more like a feature to existing services than a truly new business. The risk here is that Mixpanel improves its usability and provides interfaces to other analytics programs like KISS-

metrics and Google Analytics, thereby threatening the startup.

The next startup wanted to store health records in the cloud. The company favored the approach of Lawrence Weed who, in 1967 at the University of Vermont, developed problem-oriented medical practice rather than widely used source-oriented records that use, for example, lab test data. Health records are a notoriously difficult domain. Even Google is discontinuing Google Health after Jan. 1. Graham was skeptical a startup could change standard medical

practice. He urged the company to listen and re-listen to the private practice physicians who were testing the software.

Two women with computer science degrees from Stanford proposed an event registration app for Facebook. They proposed walking tour companies and small businesses offering experiences as initial customers. Graham gave the impression that it was a waste of a Stanford degree to make such a simple application.

“It’s better to do something that’s hard if you are capable of doing hard things,” he told the entrepreneurs. Graham also said he thought that the business development and user interface would be difficult, but that’s precisely what Facebook enables. Note that Eventbrite, a popular web-based registration system, was co-founded by Stanford and Oxford graduate Kevin Hartz. A valid critique of this business was, “How would the business make money?” A business model like Eventbrite’s could work well by taking a transaction fee on paid events.

The final startup wanted to set up a dating site for matchmakers. It would enable matchmakers to introduce and schedule dates for friends. In cultures where matchmakers play a prominent role, this could be interesting, not just for lovebirds but also for bringing together potential business partners. I’m skeptical, for unless you have many couples you plan to introduce, an email or text introduction with calendar might suffice. If you are in the business of matchmaking, many packages and scripts let you manage your own dating service.

Y Combinator has provided seed funding and venture coaching for over 200 startup companies. Many are in cloud and mobile software.

Currently Y Combinator is selecting companies to interview in mid-November for the biannual funding round.

Chris Steiner, whose company Aisle50 was funded in the last round by Y Combinator, gives loyalty card users special grocery deals, like Groupon for food. The first customer is Lowes Foods around North Carolina, but Aisle50 expects to sign up California grocery stores before long. As Chris says, “Nobody chooses Y Combinator. They choose you.”

Cardpool, another Y Combinator investment, enables people to resell gift cards. Blackhawk Network, a Safeway subsidiary, recently acquired it.

Paul Graham’s Startup School interview is hosted by Justin.tv, a video-streaming company funded by Y Combinator. It can be found at [tinyurl.com/AngelaHey](http://tinyurl.com/AngelaHey). ■

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## SMART STATION

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Carl Road, a site used for land-fill for most of century before it became a garbage sorting center run by contractor Bay County Waste Services. The *Voice* toured the facility last week with a group of residents participating in Mountain View Reads Together as part of its month-long series of events on environmental awareness.

Last month a garbage truck came into the SMaRT Station with some muriatic acid on board, which creates a potentially toxic gas if mixed with other chemicals or organics in the garbage, Gurney said. It was caught before it was pushed onto a conveyor belt toward workers.

"We inspect the loads coming in," Gurney said. "If we see something out of the ordinary we wind up pulling it to the side."

"We do get biohazard bags that companies throw away. There might be a red bag that comes through," he added.

Unfortunately many hazards still get by this initial inspection, including syringes that have stuck workers. Fortunately, no one has contracted any serious

diseases, Gurney said. As a precaution, workers are given hepatitis and tetanus shots. They also wear smocks and gloves, but "we haven't found anything that will protect somebody from a needle stick," Gurney said.

For all the risks of the job, the garbage sorters are paid \$23 an hour, plus health and dental benefits, Gurney said. They rotate in and out of various jobs at the facility to reduce repetitive stress injuries.

The workers are the last chance a piece of garbage has before it is poured into huge rotating barrels with sharp points that rip into everything before it is filtered through variously sized holes and magnetic fields to pick up metal. Workers stood near bins holding what's been caught before hitting the machines: propane canisters, car tires and fire extinguishers.

This reporter had three small propane canisters to get rid of the same day, but was told by a SMaRT Station employee that they would have to be brought back later in the month. Getting rid of hazardous waste can be a challenge, which officials blame on the cost of collecting it.

"It's a very expensive program to collect hazardous waste," Gurney said. A gallon of household paint, for example, can cost

several dollars to dispose of. He added that Santa Clara County has been working for years to improve collection methods.

Despite a mist sprayed over the garbage when it is first pulled off the truck, during the tour the smell of garbage hung in the air and a layer of dust was seen on the sorting equipment. Only three of the workers sorting the garbage had taken up the option of wearing a dust mask. Gurney said dust collection is incorporated into the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. While workers could be exposed to just about anything on a daily basis, Gurney said periodic testing of the station's indoor air found it to have levels of toxics within limits set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Detailed accident records were not available by press time, but according to records from the Occupation Safety and Health Administration's Form 300, the 129 employees of the Smart Sta-



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A group of workers manually sort garbage at Sunnyvale's SMaRT Station, removing paper, cardboard and other recyclable materials.

tion had 19 injuries in 2010, eight in 2009 and six in 2008.

To dispose of hazardous waste, call the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program at (408) 299-7300. Those who want to dispose of some types of hazardous waste, such as old gasoline or solvents, may find themselves driving to San Jose after making an appointment to drop it off. But local residents are urged to make

the effort for the sake of the workers at the Sunnyvale SMaRT station, and the environment.

The City of Mountain View reports that the closest place where needles and syringes can be disposed of is in Sunnyvale at the Valley Health Center Pharmacy at 690 S. Fair Oaks near El Camino Real. At the SMaRT Station, needles can be dumped into a designated red dumpster, no questions asked. ■

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**Meg Waite Clayton**, is the nationally best selling author of *The Four Ms. Bradwells*, *The Wednesday Sisters*, and *The Bellwether Prize* finalist *The Language of Light*. She lives with her family in Palo Alto, and is at work on a fourth novel to be published by Ballantine in 2013.

**Pamela Gullard**, Pamela Gullard's stories have appeared in the *North American Review*, *Arts and Letters*, *The Iowa Review*, *TriQuarterly* and other journals and anthologies. With co-author Nancy Lund, she has written three nonfiction books; the latest, *Under the Oaks: Two Hundred Years in Atherton*, appeared in 2009. Pamela teaches personal narrative and literature at Menlo College.

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**ESHOO**

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"Imagine if everyone could refinance at that low rate, what that would mean," Eshoo said. "I think the (Obama) administration really underestimated what this meant to the national economy. I don't think the national economy is going to make the comeback we're all hoping and praying for unless this very issue, the housing foreclosure prevention, really takes place."

As it becomes clear to many that America's income gap is widening, two callers pushed for America's wealthy to pay more taxes.

"Get the dang Republicans to loosen up and pay some taxes," said one older man named George. "In our day everybody was happy to pay their taxes every year. Our country needs the tax money and these guys are just trying to sink Obama."

Another woman said recent history shows that giving tax breaks to the wealthy "just doesn't work, our economy is not improving."

"I think the American people are really on to this," Eshoo said, noting that polls show more than 60 percent of Americans favor higher taxes for wealthy people.

"I don't think we should come across as being punitive if someone is successful," but the "people who have done the best are at the top of the economic ladder," while "the middle class has slipped downward. The poor get it coming and going."

Unless the wealthy pay a higher proportion of taxes "the middle class and the poor among us will have to carry that on our backs and I don't think that's fair," Eshoo said. "I don't think that is who and what we are. I think we are a better people than that."

In the same vein, another caller pushed for cuts to military spending, a place where the federal government could find billions in savings. "It angers me when our secretary of defense scares us out of any reductions in defense spending," said the caller. "I think we could cut defense spending by 10-30 percent, and we'd still be the biggest defense spender in the world."

Eshoo agreed, saying there were plenty of areas where military spending was "unnecessary" and pointed to her voting record. She noted that military spending has swelled from \$356 billion a year to \$856 billion in recent years.

Several older callers were concerned about whether they could count on their Social Security income during retirement. Eshoo assured the callers that Social Security was well funded in the near future and that those who say Social Security is "broken" and "unsustainable" are being "reckless" with their words.

"I think that's a reckless description of Social Security," she said, adding that it is "singularly the most successful program in the modern history of our country."

Eshoo supported President Obama's jobs bill, which aims to create jobs through the construction of new infrastructure and education projects. But she noted that the Republican-controlled House has not even considered the bill.

"They don't seem interested in it, which hurts our country," Eshoo said of Republicans. Republicans also "have not brought a jobs bill to the floor since they took over the House of Representatives in January of this year. And it's now November."

A nurse from Mountain View named Mary said she was concerned about health care. "We can't have a strong country unless everybody has health care. Unless you have health, you don't have anything," she said.

"You stated the case pretty eloquently," Eshoo said.

Eshoo praised President Obama's healthcare reforms, noting that some would have preferred a single-payer alternative, but "there weren't votes for that."

"I think history will write that it was landmark legislation and that for the first time in the history of our country we started to shape the healthcare landscape," Eshoo said. She noted that people with pre-existing conditions can no longer be discriminated against, while those under age 26 can now be covered under their parents' health care plans. "We're making progress," she said.

A caller named Bob from Sunnyvale noted a large problem of campaign finance, which has created a situation where "a politician's first job is fundraising" and "their second job is politician."

Eshoo clearly agreed with the caller, saying there is now a massive amount of money flowing into politics, which is "corrosive and corruptive." Eshoo called for public financing of political campaigns.

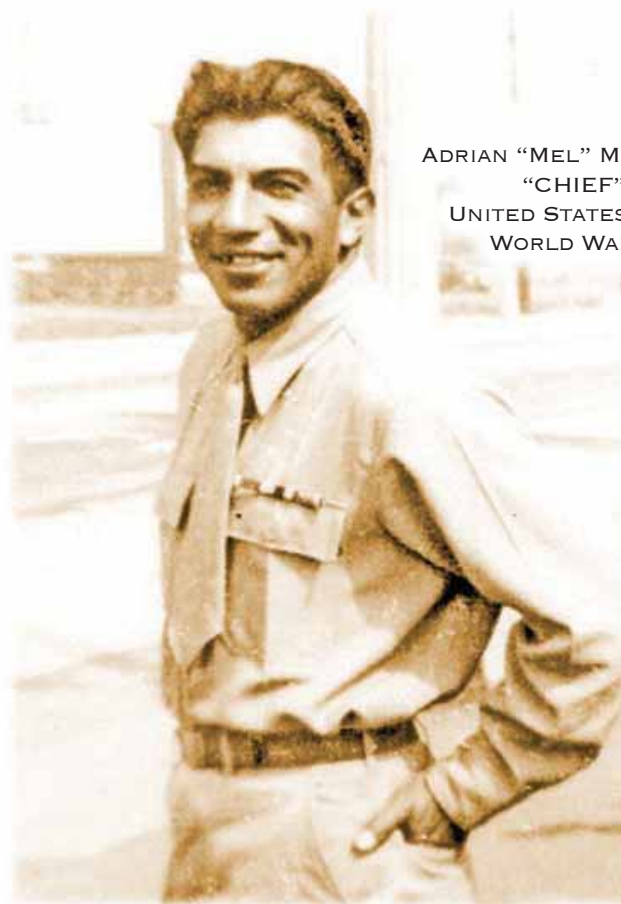
"I think the American people are going to have to rise up against this and send a very direct message to whoever is in Congress," Eshoo said. "This system is simply undemocratic. Can you imagine if money were taken out of politics what kinds of decisions would come out of Congress?"

She also called for a reversal of the Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court, which allowed corporations and unions to spend as much as they like to support or attack political candidates.

The amount of money entering politics "has increased to tsunami levels" and is "hurting our country," she said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

**SIMITIAN**

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Simitian's experience made him "perfectly suited for the challenges the county is going to face."

"It's hard for me to believe that Mountain View, Palo Alto and Los Altos and part of Sunnyvale would elect a supervisor from Saratoga, which is a very different community," Kasperzak said of King.

Macias said that Simitian was a great fit for the county supervisor job because he has the skills necessary "in an age of needed re-engineering of government practices and processes."

Simitian was elected to the California State Senate in November 2004 to represent the 11th State Senate District, which includes portions of San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties.

He has also served as an election observer/supervisor in El Salvador and Bosnia, and he participated in refugee relief and resettlement efforts in Albania and Kosovo.

Simitian's long term plans for a seat in Congress have reportedly been derailed by Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's plans to run for another term in 2012.

— Palo Alto Weekly staff contributed to this report.

**DAY WORKER CENTER TO CELEBRATE 15 YEARS**

This weekend the Mountain View Day Worker Center will celebrate its 15th anniversary with two days of festivities.

It all starts on Saturday Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community School of Music and Arts with the showing of a 20-minute documentary filmed at the center, followed by a Q&A session and a silent auction fundraiser where the gifts include a vacation home stay in the Sierras or Carmel Valley. Admission is a \$10 suggested donation. The event ends at 8:30 p.m.

On Sunday Nov. 13 a longer event is set for 12:30 to 5 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic School. It features live music, free food, face painting and a cake walk. A soccer tournament between teams from Bay Area day worker centers begins at 10 a.m.

Admission is free.

The Day Worker Center is also looking for items to sell in an online fundraising auction. To donate auction items or RSVP to the Saturday event, email [info@dayworkercentermv.org](mailto:info@dayworkercentermv.org) or call 903-4102.

— Daniel DeBolt

**CITY LAUNCHES GREEN GARDEN SHOWCASE**

The Public Works department is looking for Mountain View residents whose gardens exemplify low-maintenance and low water-use landscaping for a new feature on the city website, the "Green Garden Showcase."

Three exemplary gardens have already been posted, including the duplex at 1245-1247 Phyllis Avenue, a home at 1620 Todd Street, and the city's new Devonshire Park at 62-66 Devonshire Avenue.

Public Works has posted a map, photos and a narrative about each garden on the city's website — [mountainview.gov](http://mountainview.gov) — under Public Works and water conservation.

Those who would like to nominate their own gardens must submit photos, write a bit about their garden and answer questions about how much water, fertilizer and pesticides are used, among other things.

Residents are asked to be respectful of the gardens in the showcase, to stay on sidewalks and not damage plants.

**DITTMER'S TO LEAVE MOUNTAIN VIEW**

A popular Mountain View butcher shop and delicatessen that shut down after a fire in January, Dittmer's Gourmet Meats and Wurst-Haus, is set to reopen early

next year in Los Altos, the owners announced on Tuesday.

"It is with great regret that we announce that Dittmer's will not be open for the coming holiday season" but that "real progress" has been made in order to open in early 2012 in Los Altos, the owners announced in a Facebook post.

Owner Dittmer Bubert said in May that a bigger and better location in Mountain View had been found, but said in the update that negotiations fell through for the property, "leading to greater delays than we had anticipated." He added that plans for the new location have been submitted to the city of Los Altos.

The Facebook post garnered 65 responses within four hours, including "my holiday season is ruined" and "Where oh where is the Facebook 'dislike' button?"

— Daniel DeBolt

**CRIME BRIEFS**

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Lola Lane that showed no signs of forced entry, said Mountain View police. The 87-year-old victim was on vacation with her family between Oct. 24 and Nov. 5, and reported the burglary when she returned, said Liz Wyle, the police spokeswoman.

About 20 pieces of jewelry were reported stolen, worth about \$7,900, Wylie said. There were no signs of forced entry, but the burglar may have entered through an unlocked window, she said.

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**DOWNTOWN**

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the downtown train station, now the second busiest on the Peninsula after San Francisco's.

"We've done a good job is what it says," said Mayor Jac Siegel of the study "We're very thrilled about it."

An example of the success is 444 Castro Street, the high-rise Mountain Bay Plaza, where office space is 99 percent full, Siegel said. "We've never had anything that high. Everybody is looking for space downtown."

Overall, downtown office vacancy is less than 4 percent, the study reports.

Siegel said it was key to find "balance" and not mess it up, which is why the city also studying downtown parking needs. According the results of a new downtown parking study, the downtown will see a "deficit" of between 180 and 600 parking spaces "in the next several years."

Right now, downtown parking is free, but council member John Inks says that at some point downtown-goers may have to pay for the cost of parking, something some businesses oppose. Building a new parking structure, with retail on the ground floor, could cost between \$4.7 million and \$11.3 million.

The economic study examines several areas that could be redeveloped, including the St. Joseph's Church parking lot and the block where Dunn's Automotive is located at Bryant and Dana streets. City staff is encouraging those property owners to allow redevelopment to

help continue downtown's growth, Inks said. A city effort to buy a key downtown property on the list, the former Wienerschnitzel building at 383 Castro Street, fell through earlier this year.

The City Council is also examining the results of a downtown grocery store feasibility study, which concludes that the downtown may be able to support a grocery store and deli of up to 10,000 square feet in size. The city had been looking at the possibility of subsidizing a grocery store on a city lot at California and Bryant Streets to meet the demands vocalized by the neighborhood. But that appears unlikely now that the 10,000-square-foot Mountain View Market on Castro Street has new owners who aim to transform the once-popular Asian market into a grocery store and deli, Siegel said.

"I'm sure we couldn't support two, 10,000-square-foot stores downtown," Siegel said. "We just couldn't do it."

The downtown studies were set to be discussed by the council shortly after the *Voice's* early press deadline on Tuesday, Nov. 7, due to the Veteran's Day holiday on Friday.

The studies were commissioned by the City Council as one of the last major efforts of the downtown's 1969 Revitalization Authority, which will sunset in two years after four decades. The district used downtown property taxes to take the downtown from what was once a relatively dead place to a vital city center. The council will have about \$3 million left to spend on downtown improvements before then. ▣

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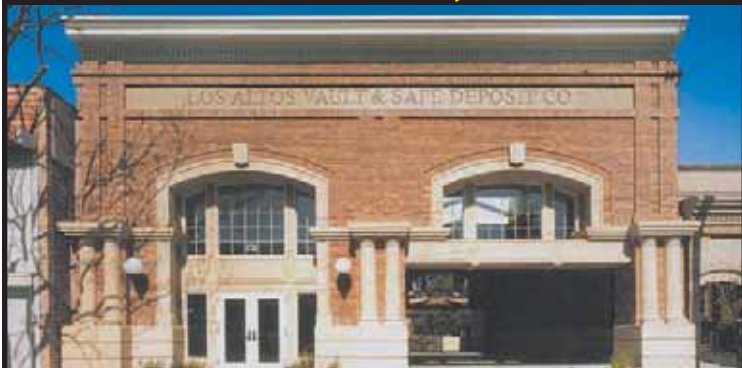
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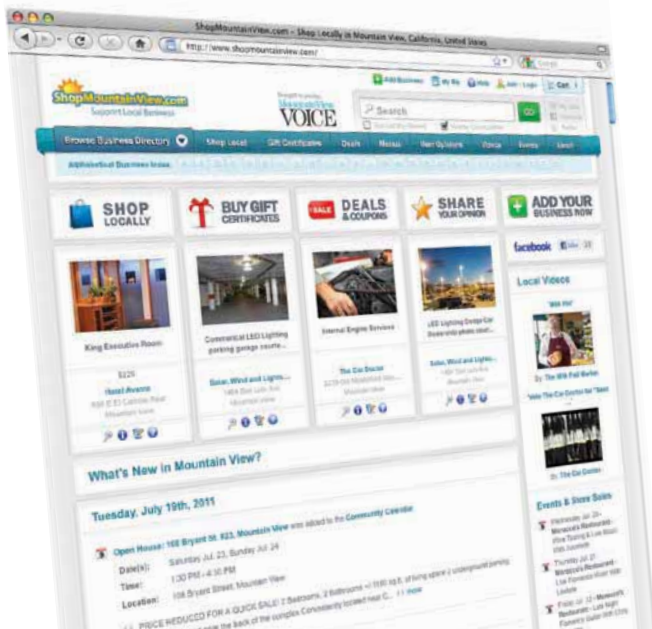
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### ■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

## Where's funding for HSR plan?

Some Mountain View residents are no doubt pleased that the state's High-Speed Rail Commission is making a noble effort to bring some veracity to the business plan that will guide development of a high-speed train project between the Bay Area and the Los Angeles basin.

The major changes that were announced last week to the highly criticized original plan include the admission that the ultimate cost of the project will more than double to nearly \$100 billion, a number that could go much higher if certain scenarios take place. Under the plan, the system will not be complete until 2033, 13 years later than previously forecast.

But this new-found cost realism does not lead to financial viability.

Outside the \$10 billion in state bonds and \$3.4 billion in federal grants, very little of the remaining funding needed has been identified. The plan is counting on up to \$11 billion in private capital that is little more than wishful thinking.

Just a few months ago we said in this space that high-speed rail was in deep trouble due in part to its funding challenges at the federal level, where it faces the almost impossible task of seeking major support from a Republican-controlled Congress that is not eager to pass anything that can be seen as raising the federal deficit.

The new business plan only makes this challenge more formidable. How can Californians responsibly support this gargantuan project when the state is borrowing just to finance day-to-day operations?

In its 230-page revised business plan, the commission did scale back its ridership projections, although we still have a hard time understanding how the trains can possibly carry some 30 million passengers a year — more than 80,000 a day.

And the report abandoned plans for adding a parallel set of tracks on the Peninsula, which means that the high-speed trains would share Caltrain tracks between San Jose and San Francisco as suggested by area legislators.

"The good news is that we finally have a realistic number on the table," said state Sen. Joe Simitian. "The bad news is it's a very scary number."

And Assemblyman Rich Gordon is equally concerned, saying: "California remains in fiscal crisis. We do not have enough revenue to meet our expenses as it. Until we address our structural fiscal problems, I do not see how California can afford additional debt from high-speed rail."

The bottom line is that high-speed rail is inevitably dependent on mostly government financing, and is simply not affordable. There is nothing wrong with the vision of high-speed rail, which could reduce pollution and the need to build or expand roads and airports. But with the economy struggling at the state and national levels for the foreseeable future, legislators must act to end this project, either by not approving the sale of the bonds, or sending the issue back to the voters.

### ■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

#### WE NEED TO REGAIN CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT

We are on the verge of another Civil War. This time we are not fighting to bring secessionist states back into the Union. This time we are fighting to bring Washington back to understanding and acting upon the real needs of actual Americans and not just satisfying their corporate paymasters.

Corporations only care for profits. They float above our capitol like giant spaceships, beaming down money and raking in untold billions through their control of our government. Their needs inflate our defense budgets, embroil us in endless needless wars and fatten corporate farmers while many in this nation go hungry.

Although the battle will be long and hard, the will of the American people, just as during the first Civil War, shall and must prevail. We must again strive towards a government of, by and for the American people.

Ed Taub  
Devoto Street

#### UNION MEMBERSHIP NOT MANDATORY

It is unfortunate that your story (Battle Brewing, Oct. 28) perpetuates the myth that workers in the United States can be forced to become union members. It is also an all-too-frequent practice to intimidate naive employees into thinking that union membership is a requirement for some jobs.

In this country one can be required to pay an agency fee or join the union and pay union dues if the union has a contract requiring payment of a representational fee. Actual union membership, which provides voting rights within the union and payment for non-representational (read: political) activi-

ties, is never a legal requirement for any employment.

An employee may also resign from union membership by written request at any time. One does have to sign an agreement for agency fees to be taken from the paycheck when an exclusive representation contract exists, as at El Camino Hospital.

Raymond R. White  
Whitney Drive

#### NOT PART OF THE 99 PERCENT

I am not rich but the Wall Street Occupiers do not speak for me and I am not part of the 99 percent.

I have come from being very poor as a child and have managed to advance to the middle class. This happened by hard work, carefully saving money, starting a small business and investing. Now that I am a senior citizen I do receive Social Security that I paid into but aside from that I have not received handouts nor do I expect any handouts. This is the American way.

Where do these brats who are protesting get the idea that they deserve any kind of redistribution of money that the rest of us have earned through years of hard work? How dare they crash windows of banks where hard working people are employed and where millions of Americans have savings accounts and investments?

How dare they block access to streets and ports where people are involved in daily commerce just trying to do a day's work? How dare they sleep in the streets creating a smelly, unseemly mess? And worst of all how dare the teachers, who are state employees supported by public tax money, dare to take off a day from school to support this left-wing, dangerous mob? It's beyond outrageous.

Nancy Deussen  
Sylvan Avenue



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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

## Rock the casbah at Morocco's

DOWNTOWN MOUNTAIN VIEW RESTAURANT IS A WORLD OF ENTERTAINMENT

By Sheila Himmel

Morocco's restaurant is trying very hard. It could be just the place for couples, possible couples, and families out for a good time that doesn't cost a fortune.

With live entertainment just about every night, Morocco's is more in tune with "Rock the Casbah" than with, say, Zitune, the Los Altos fine-dining Moroccan restaurant that closed early this year. On the other hand, Morocco's business plan may ride out the recession.

Portions are generous for the price. Not every dish sings, but servers know the menu, the owners are super-friendly, and how often do you get to eat under a colorful, flowing tent?

Start with five briwatts (\$10), little triangular filo dough pies stuffed with your choice of fillings. Like bastilla, these are crisp and topped with cinnamon and confectioners' sugar. The chicken filling was tasty, but a little mushier than shredded. Seven salads offer a wide variety, from spicy cucumber to sweet orange and carrot. All are \$8.50, and during lunch hours you can make a meal by adding chicken, beef or shrimp kebabs (\$4-\$6).

Eggplant puree salad was excellent, spiced with a cumin kick. But it was served with wheat crackers. If you're going to serve mass-produced crackers in a Moroccan restaurant, how about pita? As one of my companions observed,

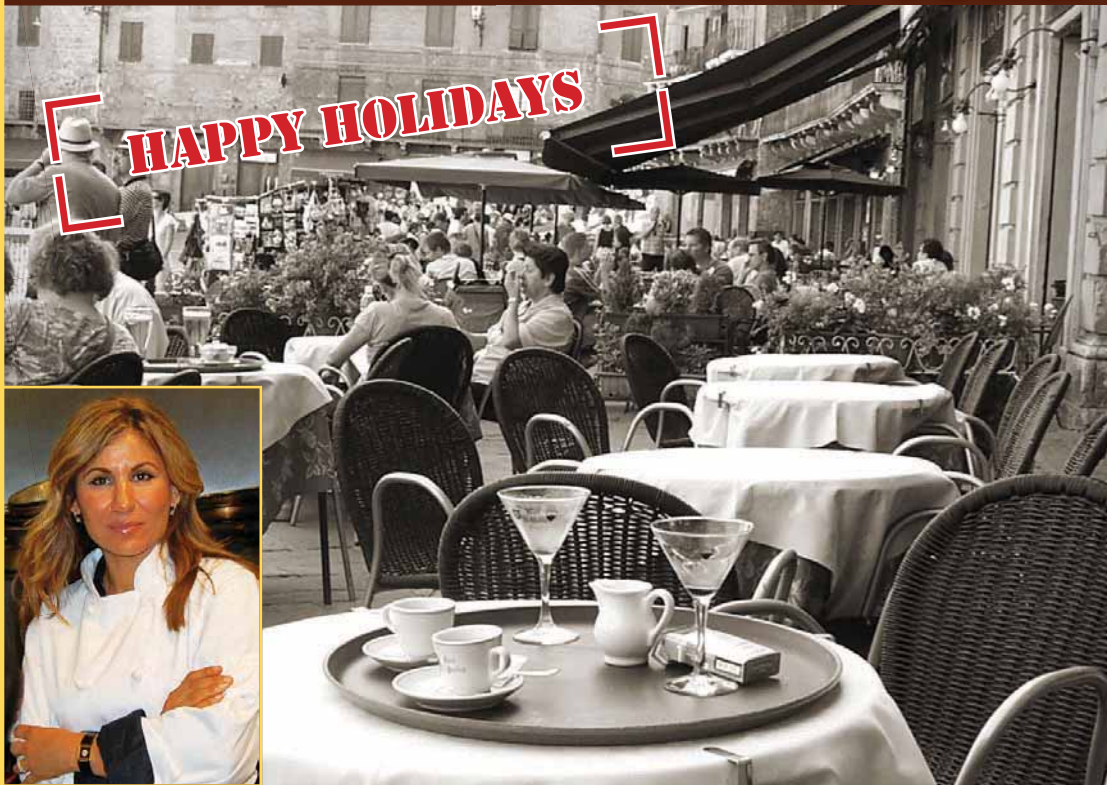
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Morocco's has braised beef tagine served with prunes and apricots and garnished with almonds and sesame seeds.

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- 6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion chopped fine
- 2 carrots chopped fine
- 2 stalks of celery chopped fine
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- flour, spread on a plate
- 3/4 cup dry white wine
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1-1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup 6 & 1 tomatoes, crushed with their juices
- freshly ground pepper to taste
- salt to taste

### Preparation instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in foil pan. Add the onion, carrot and celery. Cook until the vegetables soften, about 10 minutes then drain the oil.
3. Meanwhile, heat the other 4 tablespoons of olive oil in a foil pan. Dredge the veal shanks in the flour, coating on all sides and shake off the excess flour. When the oil is hot, slip in the shanks and brown them on all sides. This should take about 6-7 minutes per side. Remove the veal shanks and place them in the first pan on top of the cooked vegetables.
4. Add the wine, butter, chicken broth, tomatoes, pepper and salt to the pot. The liquid should come at least two thirds of the way to the top of the shanks. If it does not, add more broth.
5. Cover the pan and place it in the oven. Cook for about 2 hours, turning and basting every 30 minutes, until the meat is very tender.
6. Transfer the Ossobuco to a warm plate and carefully remove the strings.

To serve place Ossobuco on a plate with Risotto Milanese, or Pastina pasta in herbed olive oil and garlic.

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“Make an effort.”

It's odd, because effort is certainly made elsewhere. The wine list is well chosen to match the food, with nearly 20 choices. It lights up when you open it, as if happy to see you. Not only easy to read, it's easy to price: Whether from Morocco or Monterey, all wines are \$10 a glass, \$35 a bottle. We asked about three, and were given tastes before deciding.

Morocco's also has beer and spirits. The house sangria (\$8) is like cold mulled wine, thick and redolent of cloves, cinnamon and lemon. It tastes like dessert.

Our best entree was the beef tagine (\$18), slightly sweet and very tenderly braised with prunes and Turkish dried apricots. Sesame seeds and Marcona almonds dot the top. In fancier Moroccan restaurants, tagines are served in colorful clay pots with tent-shaped lids. Morocco's doesn't do that. The menu describes tagine as “a crock pot before the crock-pot was invented.”

In the fresh fish and vegetable tagine (\$18.50), tender mild white fish was set off nicely with garlic, cumin, cilantro and paprika and mixed vegetables.

The same carrots, zucchini and onions showed up in the lamb and



MICHELLE LE

Left: Morocco's appetizer sampler of briwatts offers a choice of fillings.

Right: Morocco's waiter Justen Otaka preps for lunch.

vegetable couscous (\$19), which featured a meaty lamb shank and garbanzo beans.

There are also three vegetarian tagines and a vegetarian couscous.

Two items were disappointing. The chicken kebabs (\$13.50) may have been grilled but they weren't skewered. Instead of chunks of meat with a little crust, there were small pieces stuck together. And the Moroccan bread was leaden.

If you're feeling celebratory or very hungry and have at least four people, the eight-course menu (\$29.95) offers choices in each course.

In Mountain View as at the 3-year-old Morocco's in San Jose, there is musical entertainment every night. It ranges from belly dancing to blues, so if there's some type of music you'd really rather not eat with, check the events listing on Morocco's website, moroccosrestaurant.com. The Mountain View restaurant is small. The night we visited, however, the musicians played happily in a corner and were not at all intrusive.

Yelpers have carped about the automatic dine-in 15 percent service charge. Our servers deserved the 18 percent they got. ▀



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- Margin Call (R) ★★1/2**  
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- Revenge of the Electric Car (PG-13)**  
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- Susan Lenox: Her Fall and Rise (1931)**  
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Stanford Theatre: Wed. & Thu. at 6 & 9:25 p.m.
- Twilight Saga Tuesdays: Eclipse (PG-13)**  
(Not Reviewed)  
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Century 16: Thu. at 12:01 a.m.  
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- Twilight Saga: Marathon (PG-13)**  
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MOVIE REVIEWS

ANONYMOUS ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) According to "Anonymous," the true author of Shakespeare's plays was Edward de Vere, the 17th Earl of Oxford. As the theory goes, the aristocrat found a front so as not to compromise his position with the political intimations and liberality of his plays (because, after all, a poor guy who never went to college couldn't possibly have written them). Screenwriter John Orloff offers wildly overreaching historical fiction, dotted with salacious conjecture (two words: accidental incest) and inaccuracies that range from trivial to head-scratchingly bald. As played by Rhys Ifans, de Vere comes off as a seriously repressed cold fish. Even allowing the film's conceit that circumstances force de Vere to hold back his passions, we're never convinced this guy ever took delight in his own freewheeling humor and poetic soul. *Rated PG-13 for some violence and sexual content. Two hours, 10 minutes.* — P.C.

MARTHA MARCY MAY MARLENE ★★1/2

(Palo Alto Square) "Martha Marcy May Marlene" points with its alliterative title to the blurring of self necessary to brainwash. The Martha (Elizabeth Olsen) in question allows herself to be absorbed by a cult, a forced-smiley bunch ruled by a Svengali who tells her, "You look like a Marcy May." John Hawkes plays the cult leader as an ideological and sexual seducer of the highest order. Taking turns with Martha's stint in the cult is a second timeline, depicting her escape to mainstream society, as represented by her superior sister Lucy (Sarah Paulson) and impatient brother-in-law Ted (Hugh Dancy). Lucy's lake house seems wholly alien to Martha, who has lost any social graces she might have had. As a matter of course, she questions the privileged lifestyle of her hosts and Martha's disconnect leads to unnerving faux pas, like padding into Lucy and Ted's room and curling up on the end of the bed while they're having sex. *Rated PG-13 for language and sexual content. One hour, 45 minutes.* — P.C.

TOWER HEIST ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Ben Stiller plays Josh Kovacs, the super-competent building manager of a deluxe apartment in the sky, called simply "The Tower." Josh's tight ship hits an iceberg when he learns that penthouse tenant Arthur Shaw (Alan Alda) — who agreed to invest the pensions of the building's staff — has committed securities fraud "of epic proportions," losing the pensions in the process. When he becomes convinced that Shaw has \$20 million in cash hidden in the apartment, Josh hatches a scheme to break in, steal the money and play Robin Hood to his devastated co-workers (fun fact: Stiller's salary for the picture was \$15 million). *Rated PG-13 for language and sexual content. One hour, 45 minutes.* — P.C.

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**'Cuba In Focus, An Exhibition by American & Cuban Photographers'** The exhibit features the work of 11 American photographers, all of whom were Foothill College students, in conjunction with images from seven Cuban photographers. Exhibit runs through Dec. 8. 7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Admission to the gallery, lecture and reception are free; parking is \$2. Krause Center for Innovation at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7082. cubainfocus.wordpress.com/

**'Rhythm III' Photo Exhibit** 'Rhythm III,' a group fine arts photo exhibit by several up-and-coming Bay area photographers, runs through Nov. 17, free. Main Street Cafe, 134 Main St., Los Altos. Call 650-504-4186.

**'The Bird Show'** Watercolors on board and canvas by Floy Zittin are on display throughout November. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

**Tove Norlander & Dale Snyder** Dale Snyder and Tove Norlander are featured artists at Gallery 9, Los Altos, through Nov. 20. Snyder is exhibiting acrylic paintings and Norlander is showing jewelry designed in the lost-wax method. Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. noon to 4 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9-losaltos.com

## BENEFITS

**Friends of Mountain View Library Book Sale** Sat., Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sun., Nov. 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bookmobile Garage, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7031. www.mvlibraryfriends.org

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**'Memory Games and Alzheimer's'** Dr. Ashford will discuss Alzheimer's disease, how to recognize it, what it does, and current research on the disease at Stanford and around the world. He will also engage in a memory screening game, MemTrax, anonymous and open to anyone who would like to participate. Nov. 17, 1 p.m. Free. City of Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

**'Take the Perfect Holiday Photo'** Have cider and cookies, and hear photographer and

instructor, Nate Donovan, discuss lighting, camera options and other tips for taking a good holiday photo. Nov. 13, 5-6:30 p.m. Free. Fun With Media Studio, 1764A Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-962-5400. www.funwithmedia.com

**Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley Information Session** Carnegie Mellon University Silicon Valley offers part-time and full-time graduate programs in software engineering and software management. Nov. 16, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley, NASA Research Park, Bldg 23, Moffett Field. Call 650-335-2852. www.cmu.edu/silicon-valley/prospective-students/info-sessions.html

**Communication Workshop (ToastMasters Orbiters)** Toastmasters meet every first and third Thursdays to work on communication skills in a friendly environment. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Community Center, 210 South Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 408-571-1844. orbiters.freetoasthost.us

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**'Catch the Spirit'** The Los Altos Museum Store will be fully stocked with gift items during this holiday-shopping event. Holiday punch and snacks will be served. Special guided tours of the festive 1905 J. Gilbert Smith House will run continuously during the event. Nov. 16, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.losaltoshistory.org

**15th Anniversary - Day Worker Center of MV** Day 1 of the 15th-anniversary celebration features a screening of "Borderless Dreams," a documentary on day workers; and an auction. Nov. 12, 5:30-8 p.m. Suggested donation \$10. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 6509034102. dayworkercentermv.org

**15th Anniversary - Day Worker Center of MV** Day 2 of the 15th-anniversary celebration features food, games, a soccer tournament and live music. Nov. 13, 12:30-5 p.m. Free. St. Joseph Catholic School, 1120 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-4102. dayworkercentermv.org

**Toys for Tots Toy Drive** Toys for Tots and Allied Auto Works are partnering together for a holiday toy drive. Nov. 7-Dec. 15, 8:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Toys for Tots, 1540 Miramonte Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-947-7228. www.alliedautoworks.com/

## CONCERTS

**The Tuttles & AJ Lee Bluegrass** The Tuttles with A.J. Lee play bluegrass, old time, and folk. Nov. 12, 8-10 p.m. \$18/ free for under 13 yrs./ \$9 for ages 13-18 yrs. First Presbyterian Church, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-691-9982. www.rba.org/

## DANCE

**Ballet Class** For the Love of Dance studio is offering ballet class for teens and adults. Students will stretch and learn ballet technique in a comfortable setting. Wednesdays through June 26, 7-8 p.m. \$60 per month. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite B, Mountain View. Call 650-861-0650. fortheloveofdancemv.com

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## FAMILY AND KIDS

**'Your Only Child'** Early-childhood educator Karen Friedland-Brown shares advice of raising an only child. Nov. 17, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6897. www.mountainview.gov/city\_hall/library/

## HEALTH

**Free Hearing Screening** Students from San Jose State University will be offering free hearing tests accompanied by counseling on the status of hearing, communication strategies for how to communicate with trouble hearing, and tips on how to communicate with people who have difficulty hearing. Nov. 17, Free. City of Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.



## READING DAY

Celebration of reading includes a puppet show, crafts, a balloon clown, a baby/toddler musical storytime, read alouds in Spanish, Mandarin and by police and firefighters, a Friends of the Library Booksale and more. Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6897. www.mountainview.gov/city\_hall/library/

## ON STAGE

**'Almost, Maine'** The comedy "Almost, Maine" will be performed Nov. 17-Dec. 18, 8 p.m. \$24-\$32. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. www.busbarn.org

**'Cats'** The musical "Cats," presented by Peninsula Youth Theatre Nov. 12-20, \$10-20. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.pyt.net

**'Mauritius'** The bequest of a stamp album fans the flames of greed and sibling rivalry in "Mauritius." Runs Thu.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. Through Nov. 20, \$15 - \$25. Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-254-1148. www.thepear.org

**'The Laramie Project'** The Foothill College Theatre Arts Department presents "The Laramie Project" Nov. 4-20. The play spotlights the 1998

torture and murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard and the town that was torn apart by the notorious hate crime. Nov. 20, See website for schedule. \$16 general admission; \$12, seniors, students and Foothill-De Anza employees; and \$8, students. Foothill College Lohman Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7360. www.foothill.edu/theatre

**'Up the Down Staircase'** Saint Francis High School presents "Up the Down Staircase." The play is about a teacher trying to teach a group of difficult high school students. In the end, everyone learns the message of hope. Nov. 10,11,12,17,18 and 19, 7 p.m. \$12 at the door or \$10 in advance. SFHS Fall Drama, 1885 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. www.sfhs.com

**'Wind in the Willows'** Peninsula Youth Theatre presents "Wind in the Willows" Nov. 11 at 9:30 and 11 a.m.; Nov. 12 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. \$8-\$10. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6000.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Wine Tasting @ Artisan Wine Depot** "Tasting of Highly Rated New Releases from California's Legendary Ridge Vineyards." This is a walk-around tasting event. Nov. 11, 4-7 p.m. Artisan Wine Depot, 400 A Villa St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-3511. www.artisanwinedepot.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=EVENT-RIDGE4

## SPORTS

**Little League Baseball Registration** Walk-in registration on Sunday, Nov. 13 at McKelvey Park. Sign up boys and girls 4 to 14 years old for 2012 Baseball Season. Noon-2 p.m. Mountain View Little League, P.O. Box 614, Mountain View. Call 650-961-2065. www.mvll.org

## TALKS/AUTHORS

**Nada Prouty** Nada Prouty discusses "Uncompromised: The Rise, Fall, and Redemption of an Arab American Patriot in the CIA." Nov. 16, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net

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Date of Filing Application: October 24, 2011

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Type of license(s) applied for:  
41-ON-SALE BEER AND WINE- EATING PLACE  
(MVV Nov. 4, 11, 18, 2011)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RENA J. MCHENRY, aka RENA JEAN MCHENRY  
Case No.: 1-11-PR-169662  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RENA J. MCHENRY, aka RENA JEAN MCHENRY. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: CORY E. RADER in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that: CORY E. RADER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on November 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 3 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara,

located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: /s/ Barry E. Bialick 51 E. Campbell Ave., Ste. 101-C Campbell, CA 95008 (408)376-5010 (MVV Nov. 4, 11, 18, 2011)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WILLIAM JOHN BUTLER  
Case No. 1-11-PR169751

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of WILLIAM JOHN BUTLER

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by John Walker in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that John Walker be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 14, 2011 at 9:00 AM in Dept. No. 3 located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA 95113.

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## 105 LAUREL AV

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