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Huff Elementary School's 5th grade students listen to Kira Wampler prior to their hike, during Science Camp at the Walden West Cupertino site, Wednesday, Nov. 9.

Kids get hands-on with nature at camp

By Nick Veronin

When he reached the vista point and looked out over Mountain View and its neighboring cities for the very first time, Anthony Katwan was amazed.

"It looked like a golden city,"

he said, describing the view he glimpsed during a recent night hike through Stevens Creek County Park. It was the first time the Huff Elementary School fifth-grader had ever seen his city and the surrounding Bay Area from on high, and the experience was revelatory. "I didn't really

think this area was so big."

Anthony took in the sight, along with a group of his peers from Huff and a handful from Crittenden — all of whom spent Monday, Nov. 7, through Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Walden West

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Google bridge plan wins over council

DESIGN WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO NASA AMES FOR PEDESTRIANS, BIKES, BUSES

By Daniel DeBolt

After blasting the project in July, City Council members were not only civil in discussing Google's plan to build car bridges over Stevens Creek trail on Tuesday, but also supportive.

"I didn't think I was going to like it but I like it," said Mayor Jac Siegel of the bridge architecture renderings, echoing a sentiment shared by other council members during the study session. "I thought it was going to look overwhelming."

Council members indicated in May that they would be very sensitive to bridge design and how it impacted the city's nearby wetlands and cherished Stevens Creek trail, which the bridges would tower over. Perhaps it helped that Google's real estate and construction manager John Igoe said in April's "civility roundtable" that "enhancing the environment ... enhancing the wetlands ... is the responsibility of the company."

The bridges — three have been proposed — connect Google headquarters with an isolated NASA Ames Research Center property

at the north end of RT Jones Road near the Bay. Google has signed a lease with NASA for the property to build a yet-to-be designed 1.2-million-square-foot campus for Google's "Planetary Ventures" division with 5,000 employees, recreation facilities and possibly 175,000 square feet of housing.

The bridges would be privately owned by Google for 50 years before they revert to the city. In the meantime, agreements would limit public access to walkers, bicyclists, public transit buses and police and fire trucks. Google would pay to maintain the bridges and regular automobile traffic would be prohibited. Google's private shuttles would have access to the bridges, but Google employees are primarily going to be using bicycles, Igoe said.

Council members said the new design would improve pedestrian and bike access onto smaller bridges between the levees on each side of the creek. One would be new, near

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New school boundaries for MV Whisman District?

CHANGES IN STORE FOR BUBB, CASTRO AND MONTE LOMA STUDENTS

By Nick Veronin

The Mountain View Whisman School District may change the attendance boundaries of three local elementary schools next year.

The changes are being considered to control school size, encourage students to walk to school and to reduce the demand for busing in the district, according to Superintendent Craig Goldman.

"We're doing our best to get kids into

their neighborhood schools," Goldman said.

Should the district approve the changes, two areas currently assigned to Bubb would become a part of Castro's attendance pool, and students from a third area, currently assigned to Castro, would switch to Monta Loma.

No students will be transferred out of their current schools, Goldman emphasized, and siblings of current Bubb and Castro students would be given special

consideration for intradistrict transfers.

The three areas under consideration are:

Area No.1, currently a Bubb attendance area, would switch to a Castro attendance area and comprises all homes bounded by Latham Street, Escuela Avenue, El Camino Real and South Rengstorff Avenue.

Area No. 2, currently a Bubb attendance area, would switch to a Castro attendance area and comprises all homes bounded

by Central Expressway, Chiquita Avenue, California Street and Escuela Avenue.

Area No. 3, currently a Castro attendance area, would switch to a Monta Loma attendance area and comprises all homes bounded by Central Expressway, South Rengstorff Avenue, California Street and Ortega Avenue.

The board of trustees plans to discuss the boundary changes at its Nov. 17 meeting with the aim of making a final decision by Dec. 8.

Goldman is optimistic that the changes will be agreeable to most parents in the affected neighborhoods. The new bound-

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How could downtown Mountain View be made safer for pedestrians?



"For the most part, I think the streets are safe. It's just that people are in a hurry. In the downtown area, there should be a light in some spots."

Hector Quiroz, Redwood City



"There are crosswalks without blinking lights. Cars aren't sure who has right of way. It would be safer if we install flashing lights at crosswalks."

James Laird, San Jose



"Downtown Mountain View is absolutely safe. I don't think there are any difficulties at all for pedestrians around here. The only thing that would be better would be to eliminate cars, period."

Matt Boston, Mountain View



"Enforcing red lights: I've almost been hit on the sidewalk or at crosswalks by people who are driving up on the sidewalks or through the red light. This has happened three times in the last month. Also better signs for people who don't read English or understand our signs."

Sarah Rodriguez, Mountain View



"A lot of people are in a hurry around traffic time in the afternoon. People are willing to take risks that they normally wouldn't take because they're in a hurry. So some way to slow them down."

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■ CRIME BRIEFS

ATTEMPTED RAPE

Police are searching for a man accused of sexually assaulting a female employee of a Mountain View motel on Sunday, Nov. 13.

According to police spokeswoman Liz Wylie, the 49-year-old housekeeper and Mountain View resident was cleaning a room at about 11:50 a.m. at the Tropicana Lodge — located at 1720 W. El Camino Real — when a man came in and insisted that she come take a look at something in the adjacent room. As the victim looked in the door, the man pushed her into the room, closing the door behind him.

The man kissed the woman against her will and exposed himself, “repeatedly asking her to have sex with him,” Wylie wrote in a press release. Shortly afterward, the man became “preoccupied with something around his waist” and the woman was able to push him away and escape from the room. She was not hurt in the attack.

She hid in a nearby empty room, reported the attack to the front desk and called 9-1-1, Wylie said.

Police know that the man who rented the room in which the assault occurred lives in Southern California. He checked out around the time of the assault, but it is unclear whether he was the one who attacked the housekeeper. He was gone by the time police arrived, Wylie said.

The suspect is described as a white male of medium height and build in his 20s, Wylie said. He has blond hair and was wearing blue jeans.

Wylie said anyone with information that may help police find the suspect should call 650-903-6344. All callers may remain anonymous.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

After knocking down a local man and attempting to take his wallet, a would-be robber abandoned his nefarious endeavor and fled without taking anything, police said.

The victim, a 56-year-old Mountain View man, told police he was

approached by a man on Nov. 11 at about 7:17 p.m. in the 300 block of Ortega Avenue, in front of Klein Park, according to police spokeswoman Liz Wylie. The would-be robber approached the victim, offering him a cigarette; the victim accepted, but instead of a smoke, the attacker punched the man in the face.

The victim fell down and his assailant tried to root around in the man’s pockets, Wylie said. However, the man resisted and told his attacker that he was going to call the police. The suspect — described as a 25-year-old, short, skinny Hispanic male, in a black sweatshirt and blue jeans — ran away without taking any of the victim’s possessions.

Police were unable to locate the suspect. The victim had some abrasions on his face but declined medical attention.

PEDESTRIAN IDENTIFIED

The Santa Clara County medical examiner’s office has identified a 91-year-old man who was hit and killed by a car in Mountain View on Nov. 7 as Abbas Vahidi.

Vahidi, a resident of Mountain View, died at Stanford Hospital following the collision at the intersection of El Camino Real and The Americana at about 5:40 p.m.

A 78-year-old driver from Sunnyvale was turning from The Americana onto eastbound El Camino Real in a 1997 white Toyota pickup truck when he struck Vahidi, who police say may have been crossing the street.

It is unclear if Vahidi was in the crosswalk. It also is unclear who was at fault.

The pickup driver stayed after the crash and cooperated with the investigation, police said. Drugs and alcohol do not appear to have been a factor.

The Mountain View Police Department is trying to find witnesses to help determine what caused the collision. Anyone with information is asked to contact traffic Sgt. Bryan Albarillo at (650) 903-6733.

■ POLICE LOG

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Rachel Buckley, right, holds her baby Cassidy, while selecting clothes from a table covered in gifts from Celebrate the Military Child and Soldiers' Angels.

Bringing military moms together

GROUP BABY SHOWER AT MOFFETT HELPS CREATE CONNECTIONS

By Nick Veronin

The women giggled and made small talk as they combed through the assortment of brightly colored blankets, knit hats and pajamas, arranged in piles atop one of the tables.

Everything before the women — all recent or expectant mothers — was donated by people from around the country and brought to the Moffett Field military housing clubhouse for the event, which might best be described as a group baby shower.

Toby Nunn is executive director of Soldiers' Angels, the charitable organization

that collected and distributed the donations given out at the Moffett Field event. Nunn said the idea behind the Oct. 27 gathering was to bring military wives and pregnant service women together in a social setting, where they could talk with others who have had similar experiences.

"You always hear about people having a baby shower just for their own baby, but I thought it was a really good idea to have a joint baby shower," Shelby Sumner said. "I think it was a great idea for all of the expectant mothers to get together, meet each other. I really enjoyed it."

Sumner, who is pregnant



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with her first child, said her husband will be deployed to Afghanistan soon after their baby, Jasper, is born. She knows

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Council OKs funds for affordable housing projects

By Daniel DeBolt

The largest addition to the city's affordable housing stock in recent memory got its start on Tuesday after City Council members set aside \$10 million in funding for three projects.

Council members voted 6-1 in support of funding the three projects totaling 85 units on Chiquita Avenue, El Camino Real and Rengstorff Avenue, despite worries

from neighbors about parking, traffic and the perception that their property values would go down as a result.

"I'm a neighborhood preservationist, I do care about you and your neighborhood," Mayor Jac Siegel said to neighbors. "That said, you need to look at facts and not anecdotal data."

The council will vote on the projects' designs later.

Proposals included a Habitat for

Humanity proposal for eight ownership homes for "very low- and low-income families" at 300 Chiquita Ave., where several households would have to be evicted to make way. The council allocated \$2.8 million for it.

At 1581-1585 El Camino Real, First Community Housing proposes 25 apartments for developmentally disabled individuals with "low and

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Rail hearing draws hundreds

CRITICS AND ADVOCATES CLASH OVER CONTROVERSIAL, \$98.5 BILLION RAIL PROJECT

By Gennady Sheyner

Critics and supporters of California's proposed high-speed rail system faced off Tuesday in Palo Alto over a \$98.5 billion question: Is the voter-approved project a desperately needed job engine or an out-of-control boondoggle that needs to be stopped?

Both sides came out in full force at the Nov. 15 hearing to watch top officials from the California High-Speed Rail Authority, legislative analysts and leading rail advocates and critics testify about the rail authority's latest plans for the rail line. More than 200 people, including dozens of union workers and community activists, crammed into the Council Chambers for the afternoon hearing, filling every bench and foldout chair and spreading out against the chambers wall.

The hearing centered on the rail authority's newly released business plan, a document that showed the rail system's price tag spike from an initial estimate of about \$33 billion in 2008 to \$98.5 billion. The document attributes the sharp cost increase to new design elements such as tunnels and aerial viaducts, inflation adjustments and an increase in development over the past decade, which made purchases of land more expensive.

The new business plan, while

generally seen as an improvement over the rail authority's 2009 effort, has prompted a fresh set of concerns from city officials, state legislators, rail watchdogs, nonpartisan analysts — all of whom were represented at Tuesday's hearing.

Gaps in the plan

Farra Bracht, principal analyst at the Legislative Analyst's Office, said her office has several major concerns about the new business plan. Chief among them: Where will the money come from?

"The funding available now would only complete the initial construction segment," Bracht testified. "That leaves a lot of questions about where funding would come from to complete the rest of the project."

Bracht also called the business plan out for failing to analyze a number of possible impacts of the rail line, including jobs and economic activity that would be lost because of businesses that would have to be displaced by the new line and increased congestion near station locations.

William Kempton, who chairs a peer-review group that vets the rail authority's reports, was more optimistic about the business plan, which he called "a reasonable approach to proceeding in a way that will allow high-speed rail to be implemented segmen-

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VERONICA WEBER

California Assemblymen and members of the High Speed Rail Authority hold a public meeting discussing the rail authority's business plan at City Hall in Palo Alto.

■ SEEN AROUND TOWN

Hanging by a thread



This orb-weaver spider image comes courtesy of Sunnyview Lane resident Marti Wright. The non-aggressive spiders are frequently found in gardens, and spin large circular webs of 6 feet or more in diameter, says Wright. All in day's work for a busy arachnid seeking a supper of flies, mosquitoes or moths.

If you have a photo taken around town which you'd like published in the Voice, please send it (as a jpg attachment) to editor@mv-voice.com.

LASD plans to fight latest court ruling on Bullis

DISTRICT TRUSTEES AGREE TO TAKE LEGAL BATTLE TO STATE SUPREME COURT

By Nick Veronin

There's no end in sight to the legal battle between the Los Altos School District and Bullis Charter School.

At the school district's Nov. 15 board meeting, trustees decided that the cost of fighting the latest appellate court ruling — which overturned a prior Santa Clara County Superior Court ruling in favor of the district — would be well worth it.

"The needs of the district students are not represented in the latest decision," said Jeff Baier, superintendent of the Los Altos School District.

Countering Baier's claims, Anne Marie Gallagher, a member of the Bullis board of directors, said that the district is simply attempting to delay justice.

"This maneuvering is keeping the case in the courts and just gives them the opportunity to not comply with the law for longer," Gallagher said.

On Oct. 28, the California Court of Appeal for the Sixth District unanimously overturned a November 2009 ruling issued by the Santa Clara County Superior Court. The initial ruling rejected Bullis' complaints that the district had violated Proposition 39 by not equitably sharing its facilities with the charter school.

In reversing the lower court's decision, the appellate court ruled that the district had failed to tally more than 1 million square feet of space that should have been counted when calculating the "reasonably equivalent" share of public school facilities it is required to provide Bullis under the provisions outlined in Proposition 39 — legislation passed in 2000 that, among other things, laid out guidelines for how school districts should share their resources with char-

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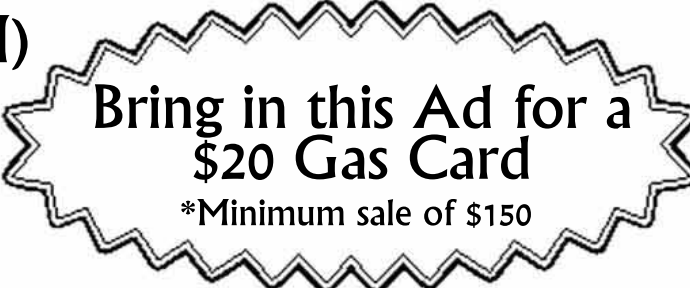
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A view of one of Google's two proposed bridges over Stevens Creek, this one at the end of Crittenden Lane.

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Charleston Road, while another already exists near Crittenden Lane.

Council members were not convinced that Google needed a pair of vehicle bridges, which Google's architects said would allow more "flexibility" in accessing or maybe even evacuating the new campus, with one at the end of Charleston Road and the other at the end of Crittenden Lane.

"Purely from a technical standpoint, we don't see anything that justifies two bridges," said Community Development Director Randy Tsuda.

Shani Kleinhaus, environmental advocate for the Santa Clara Val-

ley Audubon Society, said the Crittenden Lane bridge would put a driveway across an important wildlife buffer zone on the east side of the creek. "For us, the fewer bridges the better," she said.

There was also concern about a tree nursery that exists alongside the trail south of Charleston Road, but council members were assured by Google consultant Peter Ingram that the bridge "would not necessarily interrupt the nursery or its operation."

On Tuesday Google's Igoe added that there will also be a park with public access just south of the campus along the creek.

"We have an obligation in our lease with NASA to have a park there," Igoe said. "It won't be a city park but it will have public access to it, that's my understanding."

Council members were told that without the bridges, it would take firefighters responding to medical and fire emergencies an extra four minutes to reach the new Google campus, which is the only part of NASA Ames within city limits. County funding of \$300,000 is in jeopardy if first responders can't make it to the scene of an emergency in less than eight minutes, according to an agreement with the county mentioned in a city staff report.

Tsuda estimated that the city could see as much as \$700,000 in new property tax revenue once the campus is built, which is several years off. ▣

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extremely low incomes," replacing an apartment building and a commercial building. The city's price tag for it was \$2.13 million.

The largest project would put 52 efficiency studios for "extremely low-income" people above 2,700 square feet of new retail at the corner of Rengstorff Avenue and Old Middlefield Way, replacing the 1948 building where the well-known La Costena eatery is located, and an adjacent duplex. The developer is ROEM Apartment Communities and Eden Housing.

Council member Inks was opposed to the final deal, which allocated only a third of the \$8.67 million in recommended funding to the ROEM/Eden proposal until its design is found to be satisfactory.

If the designs are approved, the three projects would receive most of the below market rate funds the city has received in recent years from

fees on new housing projects. "We have all this money and it is so difficult to spend it," said council member John Inks, who opposes the practice of charging developers for affordable housing.

The city had requested proposals from affordable housing developers, who ended up not having to

compete for the funding because only three viable proposals were made. The three proposals were set to use \$15 million of the \$18.8 million available. ▣

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The Shoreline Lake's Aquatic Center and Lakeside Cafe are selling owl-shaped, hand-decorated sugar cookies as a fundraiser for Mountain View's burrowing owls.

Silicon Shores Corporation, which operates the aquatic center and café, plans to donate \$2 for each cookie, which sell for \$4.95. The proceeds will go to the city of Mountain View and the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society to support efforts to improve the owls' habitat and raise awareness about the dwindling population.

"An innovative local opportunity to help save the owls is always welcome," said Shani

Kleinhaus, an environmental advocate with the Audubon Society.

The local burrowing owl population numbered in the hundreds in the 1980s when the city began to track their numbers. It has dwindled to 35 pairs today.

Phil Higgins, a city-employed biologist who maintains the owls' habitat, attributes the owls' steep decline to numerous predators. Not only do hawks and dogs attack the birds, humans also pose a serious threat. Park maintenance workers may accidentally run over their burrows with a truck. Wildlife photographers often get too close, which may cause the owls to abandon their eggs.

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aries will make it much easier and safer for children in Area No. 1 to walk to school. Before, students living in this area would have to cross El Camino Real and walk about two miles to Bubb; should the changes go through, that walk would be cut down to a little more than a block at most, and students would no longer have to cross El Camino Real.

"We think, for the most part, parents will prefer to send their children to a neighborhood school, rather than putting their children on a bus," he said, adding that the proposed boundaries make more sense for the students that would be affected by them.

For example, Goldman said, currently — and "ironically" — there are some students who walk right past Castro to catch a bus that takes them to Bubb.

Additionally, he said, the district already receives many intra-district transfer requests from families wanting to move their children from Castro to Monta Loma, because it is closer.

On top of that, the district has seen an influx of families with children moving into the neighborhoods closer to Bubb; it only makes sense to do some shuffling, Goldman said.

"By shifting some of the students from the Castro area to Monta Loma, it frees up space for kids who live closer to Castro to attend their neighborhood school."

Goldman said that Mountain View Whisman has been considering making many of these changes for some time. However, an unsafe crossing at the Caltrain tracks on Rengstorff Avenue had stopped the proposal from going forward. Upgrades have since been made to that crossing making it safer, the superintendent said. ▀

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ter schools. The court also found that the district overstated the facilities it offered to the charter school.

In the decision, the appellate court used strong language, at one point even suggesting that there was evidence to support the accusation that the district had acted in bad faith in its negotiations with Bullis.

Despite the strong language of the decision, Baier said, "We believe that there are serious errors with the decision."

Baier said the cost of fighting the decision — which he estimated to be between \$50,000 and \$60,000 — are worth it, espe-

cially when considering that it will result in a better educational environment for students at his district's nine schools.

If the district were to let the appellate court decision stand, it would result in a diminished educational experience for those students, Baier said. "The district can't let a decision that doesn't consider the rights of our students stand unchallenged."

Gallagher is confident, however, that the decision of the appellate court will stand. "We feel that the court of appeals has ruled, and they ruled clearly, that BCS has been treated unfairly," Gallagher said. "We'd like to move beyond this and work together for the good of all children in the Los Altos School District. ▀

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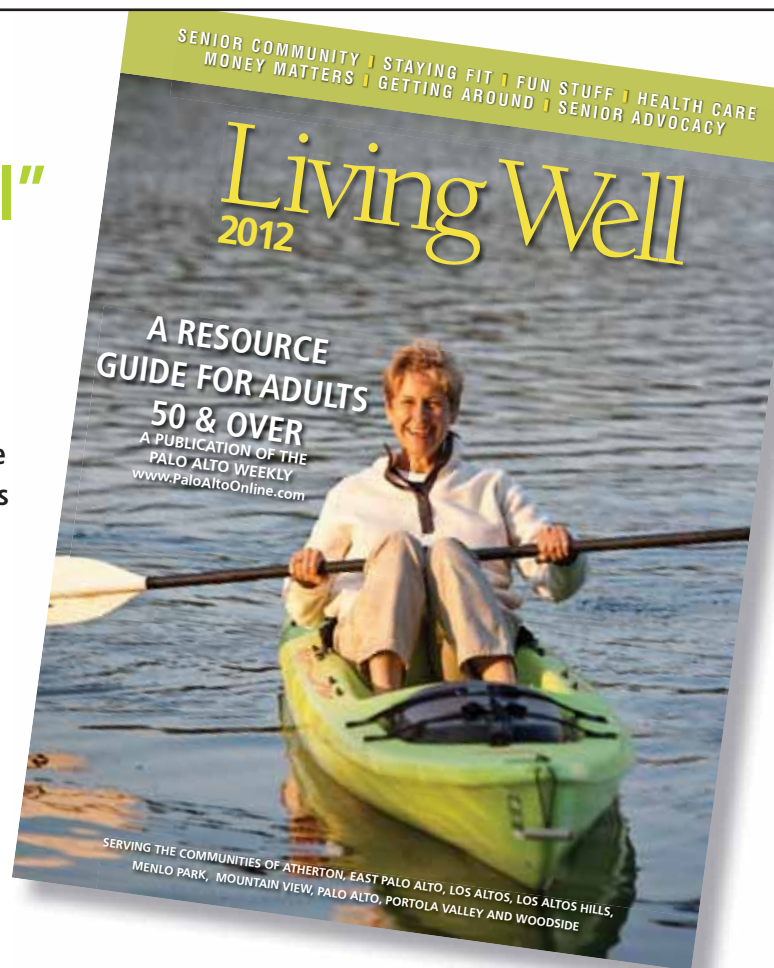
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from prior experience that she can get lonely when her husband is away on duty. In addition to the donations of diapers and baby clothes she received at the event, she appreciated the chance to meet other expectant military wives living in the Bay Area.

On average, Sumner and her husband, Jason, have moved to a new military outpost every two years for the better part of a decade, and Moffett Field is the closest they have ever lived to her home and family in the Los Angeles area.

Sumner is optimistic that she may become friends with some of the women she met at the group baby shower. "It just helps to talk to people who are going through a similar situation, so you're not isolated."

Showing support

"It's nice to meet a stranger who cares," said Micayla Wiltron, the San Jose woman who organized the Moffett Field gathering. "It shows them that they do have community support."

Wiltron has been involved in Soldiers' Angels for more than six years. She joined the organization to honor her brother, a Desert Storm veteran. For years, she had worked through Soldiers' Angels on a project that collected holiday care packages for 12 members of the Air Force stationed locally.

Soldiers' Angels was founded in 2003 by the mother of a soldier who was inspired to take action when her son wrote home saying he was saddened that many of his brothers in arms seldom received care packages from home — if ever.

The organization has a number of projects aimed at helping American service men and women, along with their families. Some are as simple as sending letters of thanks or boxes of shaving razors overseas; other projects raise

money to buy airline tickets for soldiers so they can come home to visit family.

The Moffett Field group baby shower was Wiltron's first time participating in another Soldiers' Angels effort, called Operation Top Knot — named for a style of beanie-like infant hats.

At the shower, the women enjoyed refreshments and played games during a social hour before the donations were distributed. Some of the women's older children played with one another while the mothers socialized.

In addition to building a sense of community for local military moms, the donations were also appreciated, Wiltron said.

"A lot of people make the assumption that soldiers get everything they need because they're enlisted, but they don't," Wiltron said. "They have bills like we do."

Sumner, who is giving up her job to stay at home and take care of Jasper, said that she and her husband recently bought a car, because they needed a vehicle with a backseat for the baby.

"We have expenses, just like everybody else," Sumner said, noting that she appreciated all of the "essential items," and was especially grateful for the video baby monitor that she and all of the mothers at the baby shower received. "That was very generous."

Nunn, who held the rank of sergeant first class when he served in the Army, said that as a soldier, "one of the things you worry about the most is the wellbeing of your family." He is proud to work for Soldiers' Angels and likes Operation Top Knot because it is a way to show appreciation to both the soldier and mother (who are sometimes one and the same).

"As a soldier, knowing that my family is being taken care of, I can focus better on my mission, which means that I'll be able to return home sooner and more ready to reintegrate," he said. ■

Top: Natasha Wiltron hosts the game "Guess Mommy's Tummy Size" during the Soldiers' Angels baby shower Oct. 27.

Middle: Amanda Davis, right, pregnant with twins, helps another expecting mom pick out donated baby clothes.

Bottom: A camouflage diaper mug is among gifts contributed by Celebrate the Military Child and Soldiers' Angels.

MICHELLE LE

Despite 'range anxiety,' electric vehicle owners happy

HOW SOON WILL GLOBAL WARMING MOVE THE TIPPING POINT ON PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION?

By Daniel DeBolt

Quiet enough to sneak past a librarian, a trio of electric cars parked in front of the library on Saturday for perhaps the first car show ever organized by a book club.

The event was organized by Mountain View Reads Together to go with this month's assignment, the book "Eaarth" in which journalist Bill McKibben describes global warming's already devastating impact and gives his prescription for living as gracefully as possible without affordable fossil fuels. Bruce Karney, who helped organize several such events scheduled for this month, reminded those attending that "flying and driving" are the things that Mountain View residents do that make the biggest contribution toward global warming.

So on Saturday a small crowd surrounded the beautiful blue electric roadster sold by Silicon Valley's Tesla, a three-wheeled Zap Xebra and the practical new Nissan Leaf, all beloved by their owners who say that you don't necessarily have to give up much if you want your car to help save the planet.

Griff Derryberry's Xebra goes only 20 miles on a charge and doesn't go fast enough for the freeway, but it still gets heavy use on a daily basis, bringing the kids to school and getting groceries. Found on Craig's List for \$6,500 with less than 4,000 miles on it, the 1,000-pound three-wheeler with a fiberglass shell is technically a motorcycle. Derryberry affectionately calls the car "Sweet Pea." It doesn't have much in the way of safety features, but "we're all still alive," Derryberry said. Though parts are no longer available from the manufacturer—and he admits he's no technical guru—he's managed to keep it going for 8,000 miles, replacing the car's



Top: Mountain View resident Griff Derryberry shows off his electric Zap Xebra, known as "Sweet Pea."

Bottom: Mountain View Reads Together founder Sharlene Gee and her husband Rune Dahl remove the top from a borrowed Tesla Roadster on Saturday for a Mountain View Reads Together event about electric cars.

DANIEL DEBOLT

worn wheel bearings once and its six lead batteries twice at a cost of over \$1,000.

At some point, Derryberry said he expects to buy a car like the Nissan Leaf, which costs \$25,000 after a tax rebate, and offers the promise of a fairly practical, safe and dependable electric vehicle.

"It's something a lot of people can afford," said Leaf owner Lenny Siegel, a downtown resident and director of the Center for Public Environmental Oversight. With no transmission, crankshaft, pistons or fuel injection pump, "there's not that much that can break," Siegel said.

With a 100-mile range, it's tempting to take the Leaf on trips out of town.

"The biggest problem is range anxiety," Siegel said. "I might make it to San Francisco and back," the key word being "might."

Electric vehicle owners can make use of an online network called plugshare.com to find charging stations and electrical outlets in a pinch, including Derryberry's house on Springer Road and a charging station at Los Altos Hills town hall.

In the short time Siegel's owned the Leaf he's noticed that its version of a fuel level gauge "isn't very

accurate and isn't very consistent." It calculates how many miles are left on the battery, but he says that he and other Leaf owner "want to know how much charge is left so we can make the decision ourselves."

Mountain View Reads Together founder Sharlene Gee brought her friend's \$100,000 Tesla Roadster. Range anxiety isn't much of a problem with the Tesla, as its lithium batteries allow anywhere from 100 to 300 miles on a charge, depending on how heavy your foot is. The problem is that it's hard not to drive it fast because it's "so much fun," said Gee, who once borrowed it for three weeks. Maybe that's why

Gee's PG&E bill went up to \$145 from the \$25 she normally pays when she borrowed it for three weeks.

"We usually don't spend that much on gas," she said.

Her husband, Rune Dahl, said he's driven other sports cars, "but there's no comparison" to how the Tesla performs. The car serenely accelerates from a stop to 60 miles per hour in four seconds, a rate normally achieved by the most exotic sports cars, while also providing heaps of torque at low speeds, making it easy to negotiate traffic.

The owners are keenly aware of the cost of owning their electric vehicles, which can vary with the cost of batteries and electricity. In California electricity can range from 50 cents a kilowatt hour during summer peak hours to 5 cents in the middle of the night for electric vehicle owners with a special PG&E meter installed in their garages. That means that charging the Tesla can range from \$1.50 under the special electric vehicle rate to \$5, Gee said. All told, the consensus seemed to be that an EV was a good investment, environmentally and financially.

"I think it's possible we'll see a very rapid shift to EV's," Siegel said. "People get shocked into doing things sometimes."

Mountain View Reads Together events continue Nov. 18 with a tour to observe Google's environmentally friendly practices, a live presentation of Al Gore's "Inconvenient Truth" on Nov. 19 and a talk by a Buddhist nun about the spirituality of going green on Nov. 29. The book will be discussed on Nov. 21.

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SCIENCE CAMP

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Science Center's science camp in the Cupertino foothills.

It is common for fifth-graders to be astonished by many of the things they see at science camp, said Ron Lauder, a field instructor with Walden West. In fact, Lauder and his colleagues aim to instill a sense of wonder in the children who attend their educational camps.

"A lot of these kids are so sheltered," said Lauder, who has been working on educational programs at Walden West since 1997. He said many of the kids who arrive at the Walden West science camp have never been in the forest, dipped their hands in a creek or seen a wild deer.

"It's a really eye-opening experience for them," said Nicole Grimm, a fifth-grade teacher at Huff. "Being able to go on a hike and see leaves and organisms firsthand can really link what they learned in the classroom to the real world."

Grimm, who has accompanied her class to science camp for the past four years, said the time spent roaming around outdoors, examining leaves and rock formations, really helps the students contextualize what they have read in their textbooks and apply their lessons in the real world.

One of Grimm's students, Abhiraj Giritharan, explained with relish how on one science camp hike he was able to identify a plant's xylem and phloem structures; another, Brianna Sauter, discussed animal scat with a straight face; a third, Sarah Davenport said she had come to a realization about the role trees play in producing oxygen when she considered how fresh the air was outside her cabin each morning.

"In the city, there aren't as many trees, and the air isn't as fresh," Sarah said.

Grimm said that science camp has always proved to be a positive experience and that this year was no exception. Hearing her students talking to one another about topics they have discussed in class and watching them actively involved in one of field guide's lesson plans is gratifying. "They're so excited by what they're learn-

ing," she said. "That gets you every year."

In addition to supplementing the students' life-science curriculum, Lauder — who goes by the nickname "Spider" with campers and coworkers — said it has always been a mission of Walden West to

teach kids to be stewards of the environment.

After every meal, Lauder has all the children dump their leftovers into a plastic bucket, which he then shows the group in order to illustrate how much food they are

throwing away that day. On hikes the kids pick up any piece of trash they see, while keeping an eye out for deer. All of this is aimed at changing the children's behavior for good.

"I think that the most value that comes out of camp is a kind of the rewiring of their brain," Lauder said. "In the past they weren't going to be thinking about nature, they weren't going to be thinking about where their food comes from, they weren't going to be thinking about where an aluminum can goes if you throw it in the trash. What we're hoping for is when they go home that they might actually start doing some things to protect the environment."

According to Grimm's observations over her several years attending Walden West, many of her students are making the positive changes Lauder hopes they will, both at school and at home.

"The science camp experience encourages personal responsibility for our environment and the world around us," said Craig Goldman, superintendent of the Mountain View Whisman School District. "It gives students an opportunity to think about how their day-to-day practices impact today's world and the world of the future."

Goldman has been a big supporter of the fifth-grade tradition since he was a principal at Huff. Back then, he said, outgoing students would regularly tell him that their fondest memory of Huff was attending science camp.

In addition to making life-science lessons "personally relevant" and teaching children to be more environmentally conscious, the experience of going to camp also helps build critical social skills that will be useful later in life.

"For many, it's their first opportunity to be away from home for an extended period of time, to interact and to work with peers on a 24-hour-per-day basis for four days," he said. "I think it's a very positive experience to have to share close quarters with other students. It's a great life skill."

The district pays for the majority of the \$225 per child cost for a week of science camp and does not turn any child away due to financial hardship. ▣



Top: Huff Elementary School student Samuel, left, catches up with the rest of his class as it heads out for a hike. **Bottom:** Huff Elementary School's 5th grade boys clean up and play around after lunch.

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tally or incrementally into the future.

“I think the plan does lay out a reasonable, logical sequencing approach and makes a very good case for segmented construction,” Kempton said.

But even he voiced some concerns about the latest plans, particularly the extension of the timeline from 2020 to 2033. He said his committee would continue to evaluate the rail authority’s revenue and ridership numbers, a subject of major dispute among transportation experts. Kempton also said inadequate staffing remains a problem at the rail authority—an issue that he said needs to be addressed for the project to succeed.

HSR officials confident

Rail officials maintained Tuesday that the rail line would achieve operating profit and that it would attract investment after the initial segment is built. Rail authority CEO Roelof van Ark also defended the rail authority’s decision to build its first segment in the Central Valley, between north of Fresno and north of Bakersfield.

The authority’s phased approach



Left: Members of the public filled the council chambers at City Hall to listen to a discussion on the High Speed Rail authority’s business plan.



Right: High Speed Rail Authority board members from left, Dan Richard, Michael Rossi, Jim Hartnett and Chief Executive Officer of the authority, Roelof van Ark, listen to panelists during a public discussion of the authority’s business plan.

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calls for paying for this segment entirely with public funds and then soliciting private investment for future expansions of the line. Dan Richard, a newly appointed member of the authority’s board of directors, said the second phase would entail stretching the line either north, from Bakersfield to San Jose, or south, from Merced to San Fernando Valley.

The rail authority is banking on getting most of the funding for the line from the federal government. The federal money would be

matched by funds from the \$9.95 bond state voters approved in 2008 for the project. The rail authority also anticipates local contributions and about \$11 billion in private investments, which it anticipates receiving after the first segment is built.

“What that initial operating segment would do is trigger the build-out of the rest of the high-speed-rail system both by establishing ridership and bringing in further investment to help build out further segments,” Richard said.

Peninsula skeptics

The Tuesday hearing was organized by Assemblyman Rich Gordon, D-Menlo Park, who chairs a budget subcommittee focused on transportation spending. Gordon was also one of three Midpeninsula lawmakers — along with state Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, and U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Palo Alto — to call for a blending of high-speed rail and Caltrain on the Peninsula, a proposal that the rail authority largely embraces in its new business plan.

The meeting was a rare public visit for top rail officials to a city that has gradually emerged as a leading critic of the rail project. The Palo Alto City Council, which in 2008 urged voters to support the bond measure, last year took a position of “no confidence” in the rail authority. On Monday night, the council began considering an official request for legislators to either kill the project or bring it back to the voters.

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Palo Alto had also joined its neighbors Menlo Park and Atherton and a coalition of nonprofit groups in filing a lawsuit against the rail authority, forcing the agency to revise parts of its environmental analysis. Another lawsuit against the agency was filed this week by two residents of Kings County in Central Valley. The plaintiffs, John Tos and Aaron Fukada, claimed the rail authority violated the terms of the 2008 bond measure by beginning construction in Central Valley.

Michael Rossi, who along with Richard was recently appointed to the rail authority's board of directors, defended the business plan and its finding that the rail system would operate under a profit.

"The finances in the plan are documented, they are transparent, they are current and they are public," Rossi said. "We have a plan that justifies the statement that this is an operating-profit organization and I'm pleased to have that discussion with anybody, anytime."

Many were skeptical. Jessica Zenk, transportation policy director for the Silicon Valley Leadership Council, said her group is now reconsidering its earlier support for the project because of all the recent changes.

Elizabeth Alexis, co-founder of the Palo Alto group Californians Advocating Responsible Rail Design, said the new business plan is an improvement of the previous version but called the new document a "very risky plan." Alexis, whose group was the first to point out flaws in the rail authority's ridership methodology, urged the agency to take its time and to come up with a more realistic ridership model.

"You need another year to gather data, you need another ridership model," Alexis told the rail officials.

Rail authority CEO Roelof Van Ark said the new business plan is based on fair, reasonable and conservative assumptions. He also defended the rail authority's decision to build its first segment in the Central Valley, between north of Fresno and north of Bakersfield. The decision had led some state legislators and U.S. Congressmen to dub the proposed system a "train to nowhere."

"This is the way the experts in the rest of the world have implemented the high-speed rail systems in other countries," van Ark said, referring to the agency's decision to start construction at the center of the line.

Labor support

Labor leaders, meanwhile, remain steadfast in their support for the project, which the rail

authority estimates will create 100,000 jobs during construction. As union workers crowded near the back of the Chambers in orange T-shirts, union officials talked about major projects such as the Transcontinental Railroad and Golden Gate Bridge, which were built, respectively, during the Great Recession and the Civil War.

Union workers also rallied outside City Hall just before the meeting, holding signs in support of the project.

Cesar Diaz, legislative director for State Building and Construction Trades, said the rail project is exactly what's the state needs at a time when so many construction workers, electricians, and other tradesmen are out of a job. Some parts of Central Valley, he said, are seeing the unemployment rate for those in the construction industry rise above 45 percent.

"We need high-speed rail, we need more efficient transportation, a cleaner environment and less dependence on foreign oil," Diaz said.

"Most of all, we need jobs," he concluded, earning an ovation from the union workers in the crowd.

'Many issues'

While most proponents focused on job creation and improved transportation, many critics burrowed in on the details. Some said the rail authority's latest proposal does not comply with the requirements of the 2008 bond measure.

"The emperor still has no clothes," said David Schonbrunn, president of the Transportation Solutions Defense and Education Fund, one of the nonprofit groups participating in the suit against the rail authority. "They're clearly hoping that politicians will overlook the project's inconsistencies with Proposition 1A in their eagerness to do something to create jobs."

"We hope you won't succumb to this pressure."

Gordon, who chaired the meeting, called the hearing "an important first step in what will eventually lead to some key decisions that we will make on the future of high-speed rail in California." He said the legislature will work with the rail authority and Gov. Jerry Brown's administration over the next several months to determine what course to take with this project.

"Obviously, there are many issues to be explored as the Legislature moves toward any decision it reaches on financing," Gordon told the rail-authority officials at the meeting's conclusion. "But I'm hopeful that we can begin to work with you and with the Legislative Analyst's Office to further define some of those questions and get to greater clarity before the Legislature has to make the decision." ▣

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By Cyrus Hedayati

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- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 3 eggs

1. Crust: Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl, mix all ingredients well with hands and spread on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake for 7 minutes, set aside and let cool.
2. Filling: Place all ingredients in a food processor and blend for 30 seconds or until combined. Do not over-blend.
3. Spray 4-oz. aluminum foil baking cups with non-stick spray and add 3/4 oz. of graham cracker crust mixture, flattening it with your thumb until even. Pour in 3 oz. of filling and place it in a baking dish. Add warm water to the dish so it covers the bottom 1/2 inch of the baking cups.
4. Bake at 350 degrees 25 minutes, then rotate pan and bake for another 20 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool for 20 minutes.

(Brandy Monsada, Left Bank)

Chocolate Pecan Pie

INGREDIENTS:

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| 1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell | 1 C. dark corn syrup |
| 1 C. bittersweet chocolate chips | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 2 1/2 C. pecan halves | 1 T. melted butter |
| 1 1/2 C. sugar | 5 eggs |

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. Spread the chocolate chips evenly over the bottom of an unbaked 9-inch pie shell
3. Place the pecan halves on top of the chocolate chips in an even layer
4. Place the sugar, dark corn syrup, vanilla, melted butter and eggs in a large mixing bowl and whisk together until smooth.
5. Pour the mixture from the bowl through a strainer over the pecans in the pie shell.
6. Bake on the center rack of the preheated oven for 50 minutes or until the filling is set and the bottom of the crust is golden brown. The pie will begin to puff when almost done. (We bake ours in glass pie dishes so we can see when the bottom crust is just right.)
7. Remove from the oven and cool on a wire rack.

(Rob Fischer, Scratch)

Chef Brandy Monsada has loved the taste of pumpkin since he was a kid growing up on a farm in the Philippines. Now executive chef at the Left Bank in Menlo Park, Monsada acknowledges that not everyone is a fan of the autumnal fruit — even when it comes in the classic Thanksgiving dessert, pumpkin pie.

“I think pumpkin’s something that people should give a chance because they might like it. They just have to teach their palette,” said the chef. “You have to mix it with something though, because by itself it’s not that great.”

Monsada is one of several Bay Area chefs offering an alternative to the standard Thanksgiving pumpkin pie. With his pumpkin cheesecake, Monsada is hoping to convert some of those critics to liking the fruit.

“I just wanted to change people’s thinking about the pumpkin,” he said. “Now that I’m a chef I have a little bit of freedom so I thought I’d do something different.”

While pumpkin pie may be a holiday staple, Monsada said that he likes to challenge his patrons’ expectations. He’s been perfecting the pumpkin cheesecake recipe since he started cooking at 17.

“I always see pumpkin pie this time of year, so I think it’s fun to mix it up,” he said. “I like to change it every year.”

For those who would rather pass on the pumpkin entirely this Thanksgiving, chefs have come up with plenty of alternative desserts to enjoy after the turkey and stuffing are finished.

Rob Fischer — who called his motto “simple food done well” — has been serving his Chocolate Pecan Pie ever since he bought the Palo Alto Creamery in 1988. It’s still a favorite at his restaurants, including Gravity and Reposado in Palo Alto and Scratch in Mountain View.

“It’s been something that we’ve been doing for over 23 years at the Palo Alto Creamery and it’s always been a popular dish this time of year,” Fischer said. “All the way through Christmas it’s just nutty.”

The chef and restaurant owner has seen plenty of culinary trends come and go during his more than two decades of running Bay Area restaurants, he said. The one constant is that people never stop searching for new foods to try — including alternatives to pumpkin pie.

“I think that people are always looking for something a little different and let’s face it: When you’re younger everything’s new to you,”

Fischer said. “We grow tired of things as we grow older and we’re always looking for the next new thing.”

The search for new flavors is a cycle, he said. Eventually the new hits become the standards, making the old standards new again.

“I think what it comes down to is that variety is the spice of life,” he said. “Just like everything I think pumpkin pie will eventually make a turnaround and go back to the main menu.”

Thomas Mitchell, now executive chef at Trader Vic’s in Palo Alto, is also creating a unique variation on a traditional dessert, he said. His Okinawan sweet potato pie fuses Japanese and American comfort food.

Mitchell’s exploration of Japanese and French cuisine has led him from Europe to Sausalito, where he worked at Sushi Ran.

“It shows some of my culinary background,” Mitchell said of his pie recipe.

Named for the province of feudal Japan where they originate, Okinawan sweet potatoes are a bright purple color, as opposed to the more typical, orange sweet potato. However, Mitchell said, they also offer a more starchy flavor that should go well with turkey.

“It’s not your average sweet potato pie,” said the chef. ■





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Yannette Fichou Edwards offers advice on taking the stress out of holiday meal preparations.

Working ahead, making a plan can turn a host's nightmare into a dream

Creating stress-free holiday meals

By Yichuan Cao

You've got to have a plan. That's how Yannette Fichou Edwards, a cooking instructor at Palo Alto Adult School, suggests taking the stress out of preparing a perfect Thanksgiving dinner.

The essence of a stress-free holiday dinner lies in good time management, she said, turning planning, shopping and making the dinner into a project.

Edwards has been teaching at night while working at her day job as an independent travel adviser, traveling to more than 160 countries for the past 17 years. She recently taught a class about how to craft a make-ahead holiday dinner when she offered advice on getting ahead of the game.

To start with, she said, the host should take the number of guests, dishes and workload into account when making the menu.

"The first thing to figure out is the menu, and the cardinal rule for the menu is never try a recipe for the first time on the big day," she said. "Sometimes, recipes aren't tested well, the timing isn't right, (you've) left out

key ingredients or (the recipe is) too tough. So if you have never made it before and enjoyed it, don't serve it. It's supposed to be stress-free. Taking risks on the day is not stress-free."

Once the menu is ready, it's time to make a shopping list and decide when and where to buy which ingredient.

"The more they can do in advance without compromising the dish, the better. Often times, desserts can be made in advance. Not all, but many appetizers can be, too. Make a timeline," she suggested.

If the host wishes to have his or her guest bring some food to dinner, Edwards recommended being specific about the food because "having three pumpkin pies on the table won't be interesting," she said.

For Thanksgiving, several things can go wrong. She said that people sometimes can't get the timing right on their turkey.

"People really need to go on the conservative side and allow themselves ample time. If the direction says it needs three and a half hours in the oven, they need to plan for four and a half hours. Different brands of

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ovens may not heat up as fast," she said.

She pointed out that turkey needs to rest after it's taken out of the oven.

"Most people are in such a rush because they are running behind so they put them on the table and cut into it immediately and that's when all the juice is lost," she said. "Rest the bird for 30 minutes or 45 minutes. It allows the turkey to absorb all its natural juice. A good glaze on turkey may be a combination of paprika, olive oil, butter and salt, and rubbing it all over the turkey to give it a really nice color."

Such expertise in cooking and dinner preparation are practically in Edwards' genes. Raised by an Italian mother and French father, she grew up in a family vigilant about sitting down at the table and eating a four-course meal every day. Such vigilance had a tremendous impact and taught her how to manage her

time in the kitchen wisely.

With a strong family influence, she started taking cooking classes at a very young age and getting family recipes. Interested in learning about new cultures and foreign cuisines, she got a degree in tourism and combined both her interests in her jobs.

"I love traveling and I love food. I have found a perfect niche for myself," she said.

The perks of being a travel adviser and cooking instructor at the same time are very attractive.

"Having been to these countries gives me a huge edge on what is authentic," Edwards said.

Not only does she get to eat authentic food, she also learns from other culinary cultures, and then, incorporates all that into her "repertoire" of complimentary flavors to teach her students a wide spectrum of global cuisines.

"For example, I love Thai food," she said. "But here, we make it



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Dave Ficklin, center, and Pauline Bischoff, right, roll out pastry dough at a class taught by Edwards.

too sweet to fit the American palate. Sometimes, I don't like the way we are Americanizing the foreign cuisines here."

Before entering the classroom, she spends hours working out the

theme, menu and recipes, offering her students more than they could simply read about.

"It's not 'Turkey 101,' and it's not Costco this or Safeway that. I don't pull recipes off the Internet.

This is not thinking out-of-the-box and the menu won't have that wow-effect," she said.

Yet those dishes she taught in early November, such as individual filet mignon beef Wellington wrapped with savory paté and puffed pastry, may sound like something people will never attempt to make at home. After a session in her class, according to Edwards, students will have the confidence to make it themselves.

"I was trying to take the stress out of it and making things in advance, showing them how to make things, breaking it down. That is more manageable, not so intimidating," she said. "People can make these fast, delicious meals themselves and impress their friends and family." ■

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Good reasons to move both PG&E lines

PG&E should step up and agree to move both gas lines that are buried just 2 feet beneath the Crittenden Middle School soccer field.

But during a Mountain View Whisman School District board meeting last week, where the utility company was requesting an easement over a corner of a parking lot, PG&E representatives said they had no plans or budget to move the second of two lines — line 132 — as the board and Superintendent Craig Goldman are requesting. Line 132 is the infamous line that exploded and killed eight people in San Bruno last year. Recent tests have found leaks in other segments of the line near Woodside and on Sand Hill Road in Menlo Park. PG&E officials said the piece under the Crittenden soccer field apparently passed tests at 1.5 times normal gas pressure.

Nevertheless, we believe it is prudent for PG&E to move both gas lines at Crittenden. Both could be added to a trench along Middlefield Road adjacent to the school at the same time, which should keep costs to a minimum. By doing so the utility would help restore its tarnished reputation and give considerably more piece of mind to school parents.

Superintendent Goldman said there is another reason he would like to see both lines moved. In the near future, Goldman said the district intends to install artificial turf on the Crittenden fields, which could require extra caution if there were a live gas line just 2 feet below the earth-moving machines that will prepare the site for new turf.

The school district likely will consider the easement request at a meeting next month, although even if it refuses to grant PG&E the requested easement, the utility said it will find another route. We urge PG&E to listen to school officials and move both gas lines to the Middlefield Road route.

Teachers ante up for health care

With both sides obviously aware that money is extremely tight this year, teachers and the Mountain View Whisman School District reached a quick and sensible agreement on a contract that for the first time will require teachers to pay a portion of their health care benefit.

Trustees on Nov. 3 approved the deal, which also includes a 1 percent pay increase and mandates that the district pay for more than half — but not all, as in prior years — of any increase in health insurance costs for teachers next year.

Negotiations took only two days and both sides credited the willingness to compromise as the primary reason for success. The stage was set for the health care deal last year, when the teachers received a 3 percent raise and a bonus, but agreed to shoulder part of the health care premium this year.

The salary increase and health care contribution will cost the district \$247,000 for the year, according to Superintendent Craig Goldman, who said it is still possible that the elementary district could lose \$1.3 million in state funds. Given the budgetary pressure on local districts, it is welcome news that the precedent has been set for teachers to begin paying a fair share of their health care benefits. It is important that the district has shown a willingness to award teachers pay increases, even during these challenging times. But it is also important that teachers take on part of the huge cost increases for health insurance.

■ GUEST OPINION VOICE FROM THE COMMUNITY

Tunisia's Jasmine Revolution: A step forward

By Katie Zoglin

Tunisians were elated when President Ben Ali fled to Saudi Arabia on Jan. 14, 2011, after citizens from all walks of life took to the streets to protest unemployment, corruption and the lack of basic freedoms.

Tunisia's "Jasmine Revolution" marked the beginning of the Arab Spring and inspired others in the Middle East and North Africa with its example. Tunisia again made the news when it held its first independent elections on Oct. 23 for a National Constituent Assembly, after decades of autocratic rule.

I traveled to Tunisia with the Carter Center to join its international delegation to observe these elections. Our purpose was to assess whether the elections were democratic. I had visited Tunisia in February and March; it was

exciting to see the changes that had taken place since then. Over 100 new political parties had been established, a sign of the enthusiasm for a new Tunisia. At the same time, voters could not keep track of so many new parties, much less what they stood for.

Nevertheless, Tunisians demonstrated their support for a democracy by turning out in high numbers. It is estimated that approximately 70 percent of eligible voters cast their ballots; many stood in lines for several hours. Election day went smoothly, an impressive achievement given that many of those who organized the elections had never done so before; some had never voted.

To be sure, the elections were not perfect. There were complaints of a range of irregularities, such as international media and

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■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

COUNCIL SHOULD APPROVE RENTAL IMPACT FEE

Some City Council members are concerned that a proposed rental housing impact fee would be passed on to renters. That view ignores the fact that apartments rent for what the market will bear.

Our greatest concern is to have decent housing available for those residents with very or extremely low incomes (\$51,800 a year or less for a family of four). They provide vital services but have little housing available in

Mountain View.

It might be appropriate to look at other ways to fund affordable housing, but delaying such a study could mean the loss of \$12 million from market rate apartment developments now in the pipeline. Those who profit — developers and landowners — can afford to help through temporary rental housing impact fees. They do elsewhere; why not here?

Joan MacDonald
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money unfairly helping certain parties, vote-buying, media bias, and improper campaigning in mosques and at polling stations. In the end, voters tended to cast ballots for more familiar political parties rather than the newly established ones. Al Nahda, an Islamist party, garnered about 40 percent of the vote, many more than its nearest rivals. It was able to leverage its extensive grassroots network that had long been in place.

The National Constituent Assembly's first job is to write a new constitution and then begin governing the country. Citizens have high expectations and are becoming impatient with what they see as the slow pace of reform. The youth who played a significant role in the Jasmine Revolution already feel left behind. The average Tunisian is more focused on issues such as the struggling economy, jobs, security, and corruption rather than the Constitution. However, the Constitution will determine important issues about Tunisia's future, including the type of political system (a parliamentary or presidential system) and the relationship between religion and the state. Many are concerned about women's rights.

Tunisian women enjoy greater rights than elsewhere in the region, although their status lags behind that of women worldwide. They have gained many of their rights through presidential initiatives. For example, in 1956, President Habib Bourguiba drafted the Code of Personal Status, which redefined the relationships between men and women in the family, by providing women greater rights in the realms of marriage, divorce, and child custody; it abolished polygamy. Because Tunisia's presidents emphasized education, over 94 percent of Tunisian girls aged 15 to 24 are literate. While the political parties have pledged to keep the current laws that respect women's rights in place, not all are convinced that will be the case.

Now the real work begins. Tunisians face tremendous opportunities and challenges as they work to make the ideals of the Jasmine Revolution a reality.

Katie Zoglin is a lawyer from Mountain View. She recently traveled to Tunisia to serve as an international election observer with the Carter Center. She has overseen democracy promotion and rule of law projects in the Middle East and North Africa. The views expressed in this piece are her own.

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A taste of Bolivia

THREE SISTERS COOK UP TREATS AT 3G'S CAFE

By Andrea Gemmet

The daily specials are a tip-off that 3G's Cafe is not your typical coffee shop.

Outside the cafe, which is tucked away on Cambridge Avenue just one block off Palo Alto's busy California Avenue, a sandwich-board sign announces lattes, salt-eñas, peanut soup and cuñapes. While a full complement of coffee drinks are available, so is yerba mate. The menu is peppered with Bolivian fare.

The idea for the cafe has been

marinating for the past six or seven years, Gloria Justiniano says. She and her sisters Roxana and Fatima — 3G's stands for three girls — spent years fine-tuning family recipes and testing them out at potlucks before deciding to open the cafe.

"Everybody loved the food," Justiniano says. "We thought, why not provide these flavors to the community?"

They took the leap this summer, opening 3G's at the end of August. They've relied mostly on word-of-mouth, Justiniano says.

Gloria Justiniano, one of the owners of 3G's Café in Palo Alto, brings out a plate of salteñas for customers on Nov. 15.

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- 1 pound fresh button mushrooms, sliced
- ½ cup dry Marsala wine
- 2 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 tablespoon butter

Preparation instructions:

Add 2 tablespoon olive oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Lightly season the veal with salt and pepper coat each medallion in flour, shaking to remove excess flour. Place in the heated skillet until golden brown on each side, about 5 minutes. Remove medallions from the skillet, place in a baking dish covered with foil, and keep warm in the preheated oven until ready to serve.

Heat the remaining olive oil in the skillet over medium low heat, and sauté the shallot, garlic and mushrooms, scraping up any browned bits, until shallots are tender. Increase heat to medium high, and stir in the Marsala. Cook and stir until thickened. Remove from heat, and whisk in the butter until melted. Pour sauce over the veal and serve with a wedge of lemon. Serves 4

"Today we got 11 students from Stanford, all from Bolivia," she says. "They were waiting for the salteñas."

The salteñas (\$3-\$3.25) are made from a family recipe that goes back generations. Her mom, Elva, oversees the two-day process of making the savory pastry pockets, similar to empanadas. A tender, slightly sweet dough is filled with beef or chicken stew in a light gravy, and baked until golden. They're all made by hand, because there's no mechanized way to create the dough and seal in the gravy so it doesn't leak out, Justiniano says. She makes a face at the thought of a dry salteña that's lost its juicy filling.

The hearty salteñas are eaten all day long, hot or cold, as breakfast or a snack, although few Bolivians make them at home, she says. "When I visit back home, I go straight from the airport" to get a salteña, she says.

The cafe also offers more typical fare, with made-to-order sandwiches, salads, cookies and scones. But there are also slices of brazo de gitano (\$1.85), a light white cake rolled around a thick, caramel-colored filling of dulce de leche. Crumbly alfajores (\$1), cookies sandwiched around dulce de leche and rolled in shredded coconut, share a pastry case with

chocolate chip cookies.

The cuñapes (\$1.50) are similar to a savory cheese biscuit, but are made with yucca instead of flour, which gives them a unique texture. Pan de arroz (\$1.50) is made of rice flour studded with chunks of cheese that's baked on a banana leaf. The peanut and quinoa soups (\$3.25-\$4.25) are also typical Bolivian fare, although the creamy-smooth blended texture comes from Justiniano's family recipe.

While many of the menu items won't be found at a Starbucks or Peet's, Justiniano says there's been a great response, and a surprising number of people who are familiar with the dishes.

"We're surprised: The community has really responded," she says. "I'm encouraged."

Besides seeing homesick Bolivians, 3G's is welcoming a lot of patrons from Central America, Chile, Argentina and Peru, she says.

"Many of the items are the same, but have different names," Justiniano says. "In our heads, it's close enough; it reminds us of home."

While the weekday crowd is mostly people who work nearby, on the weekends people living in the nearby neighborhood venture into 3G's, often to check



VERONICA WEBER

3G's Café's sandwiches include the chicken ranch, which is served toasted with bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles and banana peppers, and shown with a bowl of peanut soup.

out the weekend specials, where Justiniano and her sisters test out new recipes.

Recent weekend specials have been pico de gallina, chicken with spicy red sauce served with rice; and majado, a rice dish with dried beef that's topped with egg and

fried plantains.

On Sundays, shoppers at the California Avenue farmers market have begun to discover 3G's, Justiniano says.

Justiniano and her sisters don't have any previous experience in the restaurant business — one

sister is a dentist, the other does medical billings, and Justiniano quit her job as a dental assistant to work full-time at 3G's.

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Since its opening, Justiniano

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has been putting in 16- or 18-hour days. Her sisters work in the cafe on weekends, and they all pitch in to make the pastries, soups and other dishes 3G's serves.

"We were well-prepared to work hard," she says. "It's fun, but it's hard work."

Part of that is because everything is made fresh daily. "We don't have a microwave," she says, gesturing toward the small space behind the counter that's dominated by a large oven. "I'm that type of person."

3G's doesn't have full breakfasts because there's no stove, and Justiniano isn't interested in using the microwaveable egg-mixes available.

While she said it's been surprisingly easy to find local sources that carry specialty ingredients like yucca flour, quinoa and yerba mate, getting other Bolivian specialties has been a little more frustrating. She says she's been trying to get Buena Vista coffee from Bolivia, and the coca tea won't get past

customs in Miami. "I keep banging my head against the wall," she says.

Despite the challenges, Justiniano seems confident that 3G's is going to be a success. "We got some regulars from day one," she says. "We're trying to create that

atmosphere."

Working in a dentist's office, she appreciated the friendly atmosphere, where she not only knew her patients, she knew their children and their families, too.

"I like that environment and I want to create the same kind here," she says. ▣

Bolivian fare, including pan de arroz, center, cuñape, left, and salteña, right, are served at 3G's Café in Palo Alto.

VERONICA WEBER



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Alfajores are cookies filled with dulce de leche.

Cuñapes

Ingredients:

3.3 pounds grated cheese, such as queso fresco
1.1 pounds yucca (also known as cassava or tapioca) starch

1 tablespoon sugar
3 tablespoons milk
salt to taste

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
2. In a large bowl, mix grated cheese, yucca starch, sugar and salt (if the cheese is not salty). Finally add milk, pouring little by little until you have a smooth, but not dry, dough.
3. Place dough on a work surface sprinkled with some yucca starch. Knead until the dough is smooth and even.
4. Make small balls. With your finger, make a small hole at the bottom of each ball. Place the cunapes in a yucca-starch-sprinkled baking sheet, with the hole in direct contact with the sheet.
5. Bake at 425 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes, or until cunapes are golden.

■ INFORMATION

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J. EDGAR ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) It seems like a winning formula: Unite an accomplished director (Clint Eastwood) with a gifted actor (Leonardo DiCaprio) to tell the story of a notable historical figure (J. Edgar Hoover). Sadly, Eastwood's drab and awkward "J. Edgar" steers closer to the disappointments category. DiCaprio is slightly miscast as Hoover, the first and longest-tenured director of the FBI. Eastwood endeavors to cover a lot of territory in Hoover's lengthy career, which spanned the better part of four decades. The film is interesting but not compelling, about a protagonist who is neither likable nor despicable. It's a solid character study, but one better suited for the History Channel or an HBO special *Rated R for brief strong language. Two hours, 17 minutes.* — T.H.

MARGIN CALL ★★★1/2

(Aquarius) "Margin Call" is a dramatization of a crucial 24-hour period at a fictional Wall Street investment bank, MBS, with most of the story unfolding within its glass-encircled high-rise offices. The canary in the coal mine is the bank's Risk Assessment & Management Department, just gutted by a round of layoffs. Out with the trash goes the man running the department (Stanley Tucci's Eric Dale), but he leaves some data in the hands of his young protege Peter Sullivan (Zachary Quinto), along with two ominous words: "Be careful." Sullivan, who left rocket science for finance, extracts an inescapable conclusion from the data: The bank will tank. *Rated R for language. One hour, 45 minutes.* — P.C.

MELANCHOLIA ★★1/2

(Guild) The clunky first half of "Melancholia" concerns a wedding reception, which puts depressed Justine (Kristin Dunst) through unbearable paces and results in predictably horrible behavior on her part. The groom (Alexander Skarsgard) tries to turn her world on with his smile; bride's sister Claire (Charlotte Gainsbourg) harangues Justine not to be depressed — not a useful strategy; their mother (Charlotte Rampling) gives a toast about the dismal insensibility of marriage; Claire's husband John (Kiefer Sutherland) rubs in the cost of the reception, which he has carried; and Justine's boss (Stellan Skarsgard) absurdly hounds her for an ad-campaign tagline. As a planet named Melancholia follows a seeming collision course toward Earth and the film shifts into existential horror, Lars von Trier cannot help but win pathos from the contemplation of "the end" and the innocent presence of Justine's young nephew. *Rated R for some graphic nudity, sexual content and language. Two hours, 17 minutes.* — P.C.

TOWER HEIST ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Ben Stiller plays Josh Kovacs, the building manager

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MOVIE CRITICS

S.T.- Susan Tavernetti, P.C. Peter Canavese, T.H.-Tyler Hanley

MOVIE TIMES

A Bill of Divorcement (1932) Stanford Theatre: Wed. & Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas (R) Century 16: 12:50 & 3:05 p.m.; In 3D at 5:20, 7:50 & 10:15 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m.; In 3D at 1:25, 3:40, 6, 8:15 & 10:30 p.m.

Bolshoi Ballet Presents Sleeping Beauty Century 20: Sun. at 1:30 p.m.; Tue. at 6:30 p.m. **CinéArts at Palo Alto Square:** Sun. at 1:30 p.m.; Tue. at 6:30 p.m.

Footloose (2011) (PG-13) Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 2:10, 4:50 & 7:30 p.m.

Happy Feet Two (PG) Century 16: 3:10, 6:10 & 9:05 p.m.; Fri. also at 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.; Sat.-Thu. also at 12:20 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 9:50 a.m.; In 3D at 4:10, 7:10 & 9:55 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Sun. also at 10:40 a.m. & 1:10 p.m.; In 3D Mon.-Thu. also at 11 a.m. & 1:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:05 a.m.; 12:50, 1:40, 4:15, 5:55, 7 & 9:35 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 10:35 a.m.; In 3D at 11:55 a.m.; 2:30, 3:20, 5:05, 7:40 & 10:15 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Sun. also at 10:25 a.m.

Immortals (R) Century 16: 11:50 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.; In 3D at 1:40, 2:40, 4:30, 7:20, 8:30 & 10:20 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Sun. also at 10:50 a.m.; In 3D Mon.-Thu. also at 11 a.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m.; 5 & 10:25 p.m.; In 3D at 1:20, 2:15, 4:05, 6:55, 7:45, 8:50 & 9:40 p.m.

In Time (PG-13) Century 16: 5:10 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 10:45 a.m.; Mon.-Thu. also at 11 a.m. **Century 20:** 7:55 & 10:40 p.m.; Fri. & Sun.-Tue. also at 12:10, 2:45 & 5:20 p.m.; Sat. also at 5:25 p.m.

Into the Abyss (PG-13) CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:40 & 7:15 p.m.; Fri., Sat., Wed. & Thu. also at 9:50 p.m.

It Happened One Night (1934) Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

J. Edgar (R) ★★ Century 16: 12:10, 1:50, 3:20, 7, 8:10 & 10:05 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:45, 4, 7:10, 8:35 & 10:20 p.m.

Jack and Jill (PG) Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 7:05, 8:05 & 9:50 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:15 a.m.; 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 7:50, 9:05 & 10:20 p.m.; Fri., Sat., Mon. & Tue. also at 12:35, 3 & 5:30 p.m.

Like Crazy (PG-13) CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: Fri., Wed. & Thu. at 2:30, 5, 7:20 & 9:45 p.m.; Sat. at 5, 7:20 & 9:45 p.m.; Sun. at 7:20 p.m.; Mon. at 2:30, 5 & 7:20 p.m.; Tue. at 2:30 p.m.

Margin Call (R) ★★★1/2 Aquarius Theatre: 4:15, 7 & 9:55 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 1:30 p.m.

Melancholia (R) ★★1/2 Guild Theatre: 4, 7 & 9:55 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 1 p.m.

The Metropolitan Opera: Satyagraha Century 20: Sat. at 9:55 a.m. **CinéArts at Palo Alto Square:** Sat. at 9:55 a.m.

Morning Glory (1933) Stanford Theatre: Wed. & Thu. at 6:05 & 8:50 p.m.

Mr. Deeds Goes to Town (1936) Stanford Theatre: Sat. & Sun. at 5:25 & 9:50 p.m.

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939) Stanford Theatre: Sat. & Sun. at 3:05 & 7:30 p.m.

Paranormal Activity 3 (R) Century 20: 10:15 p.m.

Puss in Boots (PG) Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 5:30 & 10:30 p.m.; In 3D at 12:05, 2:35, 5, 7:30 & 10:05 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:20 a.m. & 3:55 p.m.; In 3D at 12:25, 1:35, 2:50 & 6:15 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Mon. also at 5:15, 7:35 & 9:55 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Sun. also at 10:45 a.m.

Steve Jobs: The Lost Interview Aquarius Theatre: 5:15, 7:15 & 9:15 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 3:15 p.m.

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Tower Heist (PG-13) ★★ Century 16: 12:50, 3:50, 7 & 9:55 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:15, 2:55, 5:25, 8 & 10:35 p.m.

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 12:30, 1:20, 2, 3, 3:30, 4:20, 5, 6:10, 7, 7:40 & 9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 10:30 a.m.; noon & 8:20 p.m.; Fri. also at 10 a.m.; 10:10, 10:40 & 11:30 p.m.; Sat. also at 9 & 9:40 a.m.; 10:10 & 10:40 p.m.; Sun. also at 9:40 a.m.; 10 & 10:30 p.m.; **Century 20:** 11 & 11:30 a.m.; noon, 12:30, 1, 1:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:20, 4:50, 5:50, 6:20, 6:50, 7:15, 7:45, 8:45, 9:15, 9:45, 10:10 & 10:40 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 10:30 a.m. & 11:05 p.m.; Fri. & Sun.-Tue. also at 2:55 p.m.; Sat. also at 2:50 p.m.

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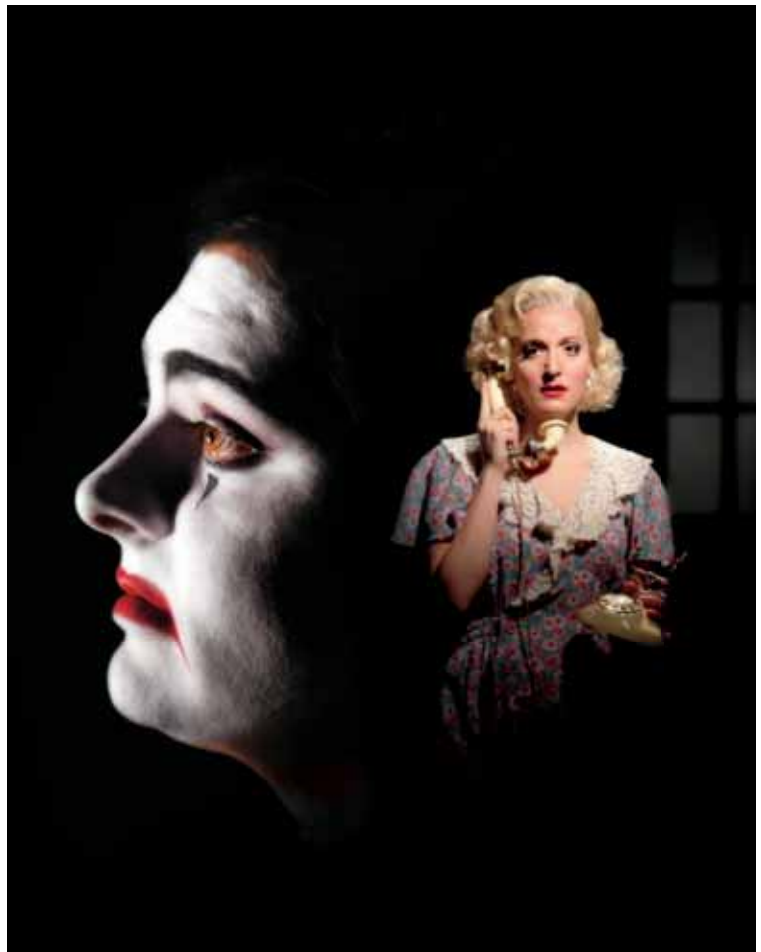
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devastated co-workers (fun fact: Stiller's salary for the picture was \$15 million). *Rated PG-13 for language and sexual content. One hour, 45 minutes.* — P.C.

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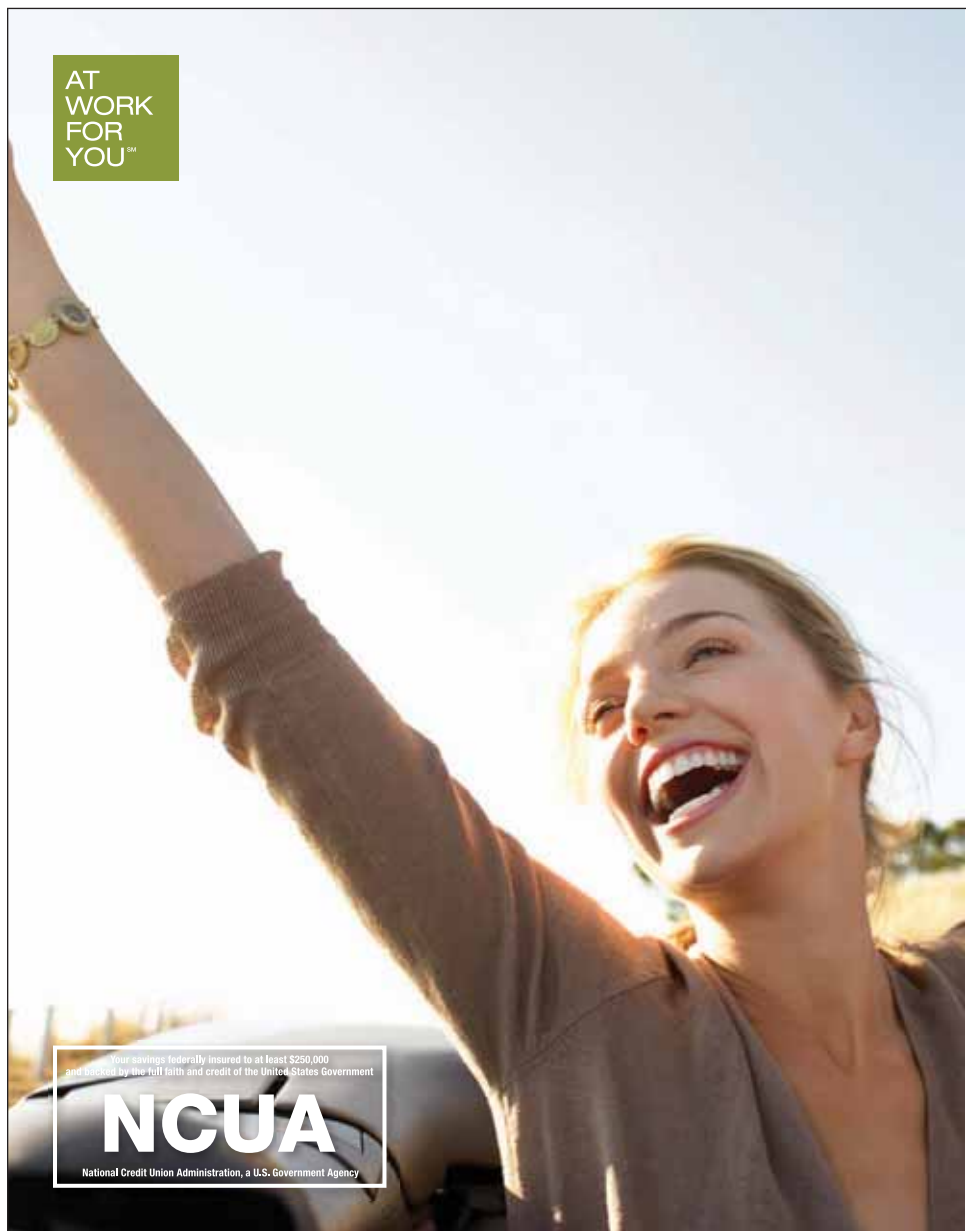
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Tove Norlander & Dale Snyder Dale Snyder and Tove Norlander are featured artists at Gallery 9, Los Altos, through Nov. 20. Snyder is exhibiting acrylic paintings and Norlander is showing jewelry designed in the lost-wax method. Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. noon to 4 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

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Anonymous 4, Female Vocal Quartet A cappella vocal quartet. A Stanford Lively Arts Informance, an education collaboration with Stanford Lively Arts. Nov. 19, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend

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

Hip-Hop Class For the Love of Dance Studio is offering hip-hop class for teens and adults. Mondays through June 24, 8-9 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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ENVIRONMENT

Mountain View Green Garden Showcase Share and explore sustainable landscapes in Mountain View. Call or visit website for more information. Event is ongoing through Dec. 30, www.gardenshowcase.mountainview.gov

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EXHIBITS

'Reflections on Water' "Reflections on Water" is a multimedia art exhibit displayed at the Los Altos Library. Presented in conjunction

with the "Shaped By Water - Past, Present and Future" exhibition at the Los Altos History Museum. Through Nov. 30, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-9427. www.losaltoshistory.org

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FAMILY AND KIDS

ASD: School-aged Children Modules Series is designed to provide parents with information about Autism Spectrum Disorder. Classes divided into to 4-5 week modules. Topics: Behavioral interventions, social skills training, improving communication skills, managing stress, disruptive behaviors. Thursdays, see website for class details. \$10 per class. Stanford University, 401 Quarry Road, Stanford. Call 650-721-6327. childpsychiatry.stanford.edu

Autism Parent Support Group Sponsored by the Stanford Autism Center at Packard Children's Hospital. Topics for discussion will include advocating, dealing with the impact on the family; navigating school and learning issues; investigating treatment options and resources. Thursdays through Dec. 8, 7-9 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 401 Quarry Road, Stanford. Call 650-721-6327. childpsychiatry.stanford.edu

Wild Cat Adventure Wild Cat Adventure features five live wild cats from around the world. Each cat is shown on stage as information about the species is shared with the audience. Nov. 20, 2-3 p.m. Adults - \$10. Children under 12 - \$5. Foothill College - Appreciation Hall, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 707-874-3176. www.wildcatfund.org

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LIVE MUSIC

'FALL for Brahms - again' The Silicon Valley Symphony presents violinist Stephen Waarts playing on the 1732 "Feri" Guarneri del Gesu violin the Saint-Saëns "Violin Concerto No. 3, conducted by Michael Paul Gibson; plus Brahms "Symphony No. 4" and others. Nov. 20, 4-6 p.m. \$20 general; \$15 senior/student; 12 and younger free with adult. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call 415-287-6002. www.siliconvalleysymphony.net/Concerts/Fall/fall.html

Garren Benfield Singer-songwriter Garren Benfield performs Nov. 18, 8-10 p.m. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View.

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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.org

'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. 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

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Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

PRESCOTT PROPERTIES
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 557921
 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
 Prescott Properties, located at 922 San Leandro Ave., Ste. A, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.
 This business is owned by: An Individual.
 The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
 PRESCOTT MILLER
 922 San Leandro Ave., Ste. A
 Mountain View, CA 94043
 Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 09/13/2002.
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 8, 2011.
 (MVV Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 2011)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
 Date of Filing Application: October 24, 2011
 To Whom It May Concern: The Name(s) of Applicant(s) is/are:
 BUDA THAI
 The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 425 N. Whisman Rd. Suite 100 Mountain View, CA 94043-5718
 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.

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:
 JAMES M KOSAREFF ESQ
 SBN 174529
 COPENBARGER &
 COPENBARGER LLP
 18831 VON KARMAN AVE
 STE 150
 IRVINE CA 92612
 (MVV Nov. 11, 18, 25, 2011)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
 Date of Filing Application: November 7, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:
 The Name(s) of Applicant(s) is/are:
 BELLAS IMPORTS INC.

listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:
 1380 Pear Ave.
 Ste. D & E
 Mountain View, CA 94040-1306

Type of license(s) applied for:
 47 - ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE
 (MVV Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 2011)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

Case No.: 111CV212905

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner: J STEVEN YOUNG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 CATHLIN ANN MARIE YOUNG to LAILA ANN MARIE YOUNG.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: January 10, 2012, 8:45 a.m., Room: 107 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
 MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE
 Date: November 10, 2011
 /s/ Thomas WM Cain
 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
 (MVV Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 2011)

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