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## LET IT GLOW

Festive head gear firmly in place, local children Jayden and Kiana wait in the evening chill for the start of the annual Community Tree Lighting Ceremony near Civic Center Plaza on Monday, Dec. 5. Mayor Jac Siegel presided over the event, which included live holiday music, refreshments, and the arrival of Santa Claus.

## Foothill professor is an astronomy star

By Nick Veronin

What does Stephen Hawking have in common with Andrew Fraknoi, chair of the Foothill College astronomy department? They are both “honorary members” of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

“I was just totally surprised



Andrew Fraknoi

and incredibly grateful for this honor,” said Fraknoi, who learned of the award last month.

There are only 15 people living at any given time that carry the honorary title — and all of them

have contributed significantly to the field of astronomy. The Foothill professor shares the title with many gifted and hard-working astronomers, including Hawking, who is a theoretical physicist and cosmologist.

“I’m in amazing company,” Fraknoi said, noting that many

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## Council getting serious on new shuttle service

By Daniel DeBolt

City officials have been talking about creating a Mountain View shuttle service for years, but on Tuesday City Council members raised the stakes, asking city staff to study possible routes and funding sources.

The request was made despite conflicting opinions expressed during the study session over whether a shuttle service would be useful. City staff said there were no obvious deficiencies in existing transportation services in the city, and an outside expertise required to gauge the need. City staff in 2008 recommended

against such a service, which would likely be contracted out.

Council members have said shuttle service could serve seniors, students and those going to and from El Camino Hospital, Mountain View High School, the teen center,

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## Council OKs teen center construction funds

By Daniel DeBolt

The City Council took decisive action Tuesday in support of a new Mountain View teen center, allocating \$1.1 million to build one inside the former Rock church on Escuela Avenue.

The City Council vote showed almost unanimous support for expanding the city’s small teen center, which currently serves 20 kids a day in a converted home across from the church. Only member John Inks was opposed.

“From a fiscal standpoint, it is probably not the right priority,” Inks said after questioning whether a new teen center is what teens really need.

Tuesday’s decision makes the teen center nearly a done deal. The council would still have to approve as much as \$130,000 in additional funds every year for the annual operation of the larger center, which may serve adults when teens are in school. The move was the result of a half-decade of advocacy by community members who say teens need a place to go after school to stay out of trouble.

The campaign peaked in May 2008 meeting of 200 people packed the basement of St. Joseph Church downtown for what became a tense discussion with then-Mayor Tom Means.

“We will not rest until the Mountain View City Council commits to building a teen center,” said parent Christina Corona, who added that since the campaign for a teen center began, “Violence in gangs has increased and nothing has changed.”

The advocacy appeared to be working in 2009 when the city paid \$3.5 million to purchase the Rock Church, which sits across from the city’s senior center and Rengstorff Park. Some council members said it might be a good

place to build a teen center.

Nearby, there are a huge number of kids live in apartments without much space of their own, said council member Ronit Bryant on Tuesday.

“Kids need a place just to be, (where they have access to healthy food while) doing homework and hanging about with their friends. In the long run saves us money because they won’t be getting into trouble,” Bryant said.

The youth on the city’s Youth Advisory Committee have made some recommendations for the new teen center, including a lounge area, a quiet area with computers, free healthy food, video games, exercise classes, tutoring and counseling according to a city staff report. The new center will also have to be named.

“It’s somewhat of an equity issue,” said Means, who has questioned the need for a teen center in the past. “We supply a lot of resources for seniors.”

To do the same for teens is “only appropriate,” he said.

The new center would be built using park “in lieu fees” paid by developers. On Tuesday the council decided to add \$600,000 to \$500,000 in funds already approved, which had allowed only a bare minimum of improvements, including the removal of church pews, lead and asbestos abatement, new bathrooms and new roofing, flooring and paint.

The additional \$600,000 will allow the city to furnish the inside of the building, buy kitchen equipment, build a multi-purpose room, make security improvements and make the church look like a teen center on the outside, with signage. Council members passed on approving an additional \$800,000 for


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# Voices

A R O U N D T O W N

Asked in downtown Mountain View. Interviews and photos by Anna Li.

## How do you feel about the proposed ban on outdoor smoking?



*"I don't think it's going to change anything. It's more of an avenue of revenue for the city."*

**Brendan McCarthy, San Jose**



*"I'm still going to smoke wherever I want to smoke. If people don't like that, then they can move. But I definitely respect not smoking in front of an open door to a business."*

**Joy Farber, Sunnyvale**



*"They're phasing out smoking through taxation and laws. It's just a matter of time. But I want it to be very specific to where you can and cannot smoke."*

**Brian Smith, Mountain View**



*"I do think that smoking outdoors should be kept away from publically accessible buildings, especially entrances, sidewalks, and places where people will be walking."*

**Alex Pierce, Mountain View**



*"I can understand no smoking in restaurants and stores. But outside, I don't see why people can't smoke."*

**Debbie Marcuson, Mountain View**

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### CRIME BRIEFS

#### INDECENT EXPOSURE

A 28-year-old Mountain View woman was sexually harassed as she walked on the Stevens Creek Trail on Monday, police said.

The woman was walking on a segment of the trail between El Camino Real and Yuba Drive when she noticed a man walking toward her, police spokeswoman Liz Wylie said. As she neared the man she saw that he was exposed and touching himself.

The woman decided to continue walking past the man, Wylie said. He did not touch her or say anything, but he did stop and stare as she passed. She called 911 immediately. She described him to police as a white man in his 20s, about 6 feet tall, of medium build and wearing a white hooded sweatshirt with blue jeans.

#### BURGLARY INTERRUPTED

An elderly woman apparently scared off a burglar Thursday afternoon when she came home while the thief was still inside, police said.

A friend of the 80-year-old Mountain View resident dropped her off at her home in the 2000 block of Rock Street around 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 1, according to police spokes-

woman Liz Wylie.

As the woman entered her home, her friend — who was waiting out front to make sure she got inside safely — heard a loud noise and saw a man emerge from the patio area behind the woman's home, Wylie said. The man made eye contact with the woman's friend and then fled on foot.

The friend ran inside to make sure the woman was OK, Wylie said. She was fine but her apartment had been burgled; she did not see the man her friend saw.

Instead of calling police, the two got back in the car and tried to find the burglar, eventually calling the police around 1:50 p.m. Neither the woman and her friend nor police could locate the burglar.

"In the event your home is burglarized, don't try to track the suspect," Wylie said, noting that burglars may be dangerous. Also, she added, the sooner the police are called the sooner they can respond and begin an official investigation.

Wylie said police believe the burglar entered the woman's apartment through her bathroom window. "People tend to forget to lock their bathroom windows," she said. "Lock all your windows and doors and don't forget about that bathroom window."

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Inna Bayer instructs her students at Bayer Ballet Academy Monday, Dec. 5.

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## Better living through ballet

LOCAL ACADEMY TEACHES STUDENTS TO TURN THEIR BODIES INTO ART

The tiny dancers begin their exercises with movements so slight they might pass as nervous shifting if the girls weren't performing them in unison. They move their feet from flat on the floor to tip-toe — all the while doing their best to keep the rest of their bodies still.

A curly-haired woman plays a Russian waltz on the upright piano in the corner, and Inna Bayer traipses about the room, correcting the girls' posture — gently nudging up a chin here and readjusting a foot over

there. The little girls, all elementary school students from up and down the Peninsula, are straining to hold the stances Bayer puts them in.

"Relax," she urges them in her thick Ukrainian accent.

Bayer, a former professional ballerina and founder of the Mountain View-headquartered Bayer Ballet Academy and dance company, is readying her students for this month's big show — A Winter Fairy Tale, which will be held downtown on Dec. 17 and 18 at the Mountain View Center for the Performing

Arts.

The ballet, which was written and choreographed specifically for students at Bayer's academy, is "an opportunity to show the result of their learning and working hard," Bayer says. "It is a motivating force."

Bayer founded the academy in 2005. She started the performance company in 2010 in order to provide serious, pre-professional performance opportunities for the young dancers and to showcase the

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## Counseling for kids, teens and everyone in between

By Anna Li

A block from Castro and Church Street sits an ordinary house with a large unmarked door. It is easy to miss the small bronze sign for the Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC).

Yet, inside the humble headquarters resides the group that runs the non-profit organization that provides mental health services to the communities of Mountain View, Los Alto and Los Altos Hills. CHAC is one of seven locally serving nonprofits that is supported by the Voice Holiday Fund this year.

CHAC's programs run the gamut, addressing issues such as alcohol and drug abuse, physical abuse, teen pregnancy, self-esteem issues, gang participation and even academic stress.

Soon, CHAC will be launching "Well Within," a new teen substance abuse treatment and prevention program.

Veronica Foster, the program director of "Well Within," says she believes this program is more pertinent than ever. Recently she met a teenager who told of a story about drug dealing in the hallways of a Palo Alto school. She recounts this jarring tale not to scare but to illustrate the need for reeducating teenagers.

"Someone's going to be talking to your teen about drugs. It's pandemic," she says.

While parents may be understandably hesitant to discuss drug use with their children, Foster believes that giving children and adolescents the right information is crucial to ensure that they make the right decisions. She wants the teens to feel comfortable coming to their parents and to CHAC for help.

"Well Within" is a 12-week after-school program designed to open channels of communication for all teens, from those at the early experimental stage to those with a history of addiction. The program consists of weekly individual counseling sessions, group support classes, family therapy and an optional relapse prevention program to support teens on the path to recovery.

Foster points to alcohol to highlight the necessity of the program. Alcohol is a dangerous substance because it is legal — kids assume that it is not as bad even though the effects are just as harmful as illicit drugs, she says.

The U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration estimates that in 2010 there were 8,100 new users per day who tried an illicit drug for the first time. Over half (57 percent) of these users were under 18 years old.

CHAC hopes the new initiative will alter self-destructive

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## Public opinion swings against high-speed rail plan

By Gennady Sheyner

As the price tag for California's proposed high-speed-rail system continues to swell, so does public opposition to the voter-approved project, a new poll has found.

Nearly two-thirds of the voters surveyed by Field Poll said they would welcome a new vote on the project, which has seen its estimated cost nearly triple since voters approved a \$9.95 billion bond for the rail system in 2008. Voters also, by nearly a two-to-one margin, said they would reject the bond package

if it were resubmitted to them.

The poll was conducted in the middle of November, two weeks after the California High-Speed Rail Authority released an updated business plan showing the cost of the proposed line rising from an earlier estimate of \$43 billion to \$98.5 billion.

The poll showed that 64 percent of the surveyed voters said they would support another public vote on the project, while 30 percent said they would oppose such a vote and 6 percent said they have no opinion. The poll also indicates that the desire to hold another vote

transcends party lines. It showed 57 percent of Democrats, 66 percent of Republicans and 73 percent of non-partisan voters favor a new vote.

"There is strong sentiment for holding another vote across all partisan subgroups and irrespective of how voters may have voted on the project in the 2008 election," the poll states.

The poll also suggests that if another election were to take place, the project would be a tough sell. Of those surveyed, 59 percent said they would now vote against the project.

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Monique Kane executive director of Community Health Awareness Council.

## Council gives commission a bit more power

By Daniel DeBolt

Thanks to a City Council decision Tuesday night, the Environmental Planning Commission's relatively small role in city government grew a bit bigger, but not as big as commissioners had hoped.

Council members voted unanimously to give the Environmental Planning Commission the responsibility of reviewing major development proposals, also known as "gatekeeper requests," before the City Council does. The move is expected to cost the city an additional \$75,000 for a half-time city planner who would prepare reports for the EPC. The council-appointed volunteers will continue to have no decision-making authority, to the chagrin of commissioners who had a different proposal.

The change marks a shift towards examining projects as a whole for commissioners, who complain that they are asked to provide land use policy and zoning recommendations without ever taking a close look at specific project designs.

City staff said the EPC review of gatekeepers would also make the process less confusing for residents who want to be involved and

could mean fewer meetings. It will increase the influence of the commission but won't give the commission power to reject gatekeeper requests, which remains a City Council decision.

Planning commissioners had a totally different proposal that would have given the group significant decision-making power. The EPC proposed having final say over a class of developments that use "planned community permits," which range from minor projects to large ones, such as the 260-unit Mayfield housing project. Commissioners also wanted final say over extensions for expired development permits, "density bonuses," which allow unusually dense buildings under certain conditions, and small "planned unit developments" or subdivisions of four units or less which the city-employed zoning administrator rules on.

The EPC recommendation was not supported by city staff or the City Council. "Final authority is not the exciting part of the work an advisory board does," said council member Ronit Bryant after recalling her time on the parks and recreation commission.

Planning commission John McAllister spoke in favor of the

EPC proposal, saying that commissioners, as opposed to city staff, "have a better idea of what's going on and we feel prepared to make those decisions."

McAllister said residents who go to speak about development proposals at EPC meetings find it "more informal, more relaxed. We are not looking to streamline the process for the developer to cut corners and save some dollars."

It would have cost up to \$150,000 for a full-time city planner to facilitate the larger role proposed by the EPC. Several council members noted that if the city could afford to hire another full-time employee, other departments have a greater need than city planning. Some opposed the idea of adding the cost to fees on development projects.

While some dismissed the commissioner's proposals, most council members were sympathetic of the commission's complaints, noting that most planning commissions in other cities and states have more responsibility.

Mayor Jac Siegel said an expanded role for the EPC was long past due.

"Try to find another city that does it like we do," he said. ▀

## Local grocery store hit in card-skimming scam

The Lucky grocery store in Mountain View is among 20 Bay Area stores in the Save Mart Supermarket chain where tampering was found at credit and debit card readers at self-checkout lanes.

Steps were immediately taken to remove the tampered card readers in the affected stores, the company said in a news release.

"We are not aware, nor have we been notified of any reports that customer accounts were compromised," the company said in a release.

Besides Mountain View, the affected Lucky stores are in Sunnyvale, Pinole, Milpitas, Redwood City, El Cerrito, Daly City, Foster City, San Carlos, Millbrae and Alameda, as well as one in Santa Clara, one in San Francisco, two in Fremont and four in San Jose.

The suspected card skimming also was reported at a Save Mart store in Watsonville.

Alicia Rockwell, the company's director of public affairs, said a couple of Lucky store employees reported incidents at the Lucky

store in Petaluma over the weekend, but the self-checkout readers and those at checkouts staffed by employees were clean.

The skimming devices that are installed in the card machines capture credit card numbers and debit card pin numbers. Identity thieves then make transactions on those cards.

The company first learned about the problem around Nov. 11 and sent out a Consumer Advisory on Nov. 23, Rockwell said.

The compromised machines were found in the 21 stores when all 233 stores in Northern California and Northern Nevada were checked, Rockwell said.

Stephen Ackerman, chief financial officer of Save Mart, said today the company expects to learn this week the starting and ending dates of the credit and debit card reader tampering.

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## Rose Kleiner Center expands services

FIRST IN COUNTY TO OFFER DAY CARE TO BOTH HEALTHY AND AILING SENIORS

By Nick Veronin

The local senior day care center is expanding the range of services it offers, adding adult day care to its current program of adult day health care, officials with the organization said.

Previously, the Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center had only served adults with serious health conditions, according to Lisa Hendrickson, president and CEO of Avenidas. Such attendees may have also suffered from dementia. But now that the center has a dual license, it will be providing care for men and women who cannot take care of themselves due to dementia and other mental disorders, but who are otherwise physically healthy.

"Individuals that come to the center for adult day care will not receive nursing care and medical therapies," Hendrickson said. "Somebody with Alzheimer's may be physically well. They may not need to be seen by a nurse every day. What they do benefit from is a safe and secure place where they can participate in activities."

The day care program offers many of the same beneficial social and nutritional components of the health care program, including "the option to socialize, enjoy activities and have a good lunch."

At \$80 per day, it is cheaper to attend the adult day care program than it is to attend the adult day health care program. However, the new program is not covered

by Medi-Cal, like the health care program is, Hendrickson said.

The Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center is the first in Santa Clara County to offer both programs under one roof, Hendrickson said. The dual license became effective on Dec. 6, and the center shortened its name from Avenidas Rose Kleiner Adult Day Health Care Center.

Having both services in the same place is advantageous for two reasons, Hendrickson said. First, if an adult in the day care program has a stroke, or falls down and injures herself, there will be trained medical staff on site to respond immediately. Second, elderly men and women in the adult day care program may develop health conditions. In that case, attendees will be able to transition to the adult day health care program without breaking their daily routines.

"We are eager to provide our new day care program as it gives families on the Peninsula more options for their aging loved ones," Lenny Park, the center's director, said in a statement. "Should participants require more support, they can be seamlessly transitioned to our adult day health care, a medical program."

The Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center is located at 270 Escuela Ave., next to the Mountain View Senior Center. More information can be found at [www.avenidas.org/services/senior-day-health-center](http://www.avenidas.org/services/senior-day-health-center) or by calling 691-1119. ▀

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### NAZI PROPAGANDA LEFT DOWNTOWN

Cards bearing messages written by the American Nazi Party have caught the eye of at least one Mountain View resident who reports seeing the cards posted around downtown repeatedly.

Downtown resident David Smydra, a former Half Moon Bay Review reporter who now works for Google, has seen the cards posted six times since early November near Trinity United Methodist church, St. Joseph's church and at Mercy-Bush park, where the cards have been tacked on a post near the bin for dog-waste bags.

Smydra said he was conflicted about drawing attention to the issue, but decided to go ahead. "The best cure for bad speech is more, better speech," he said in an email.

Nazi views are not what Mountain View is about, he said. The group's racism and anti-Semitism do not reflect "what I've seen in the five years I've lived in Mountain View."

The cards read "Racial Pride & Unity For Blacks = OK. Browns = OK. Whites = Hate?" along with a website address.

The card doesn't mention the group's history of militant racism and Anti-Semitism which is well documented and hard to ignore. Upon his assassination by an expelled ANP member in 1967, the BBC reported that ANP founder George Rockwell believed "all blacks should be deported to Africa and every Jew dispossessed and sterilized." He also believed that "traitors" such as former Presi-

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of the honorary members are the very scientists he looked up to while studying astronomy.

“The membership of honorary members is a fairly exclusive group,” said Colin Haig, vice president of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, or RASC. Since its foundation in 1868, the society has honored many great astronomers for various reasons. Honorary members have included public figures, innovators, observers and theoreticians.

Fraknoi’s major contribution is that he has been “great at helping people understand astronomy,” Haig said. The Foothill College professor has done this in many ways. In partnership with Disney, he wrote a children’s book called Disney’s Wonderful World of Space; he founded Project ASTRO, a national program that brings hands-on astronomy experiences to elementary, middle and high school students; and he edited an extensive resource guide for astronomy teachers, “The Universe at Your Fingertips.”

Keeping in step with the digital revolution, Fraknoi has even started a Facebook page focused on astronomical developments. It’s called The Astro-Prof and can be found at [www.facebook.com/Fraknoi](http://www.facebook.com/Fraknoi).

“Being able to articulate why people should care about astronomy is extremely valuable,” Haig said. “Many people don’t directly see how scientists, engineers and technologists are making the world a better place.” Fraknoi helps average people cut through the scientific jargon, he said.

And he also goes out of his way to combat misinformation.

“There’s so much misunderstanding and people are very susceptible to what we call ‘pseudo-science,’ superstition and strange things they read in the tabloids,” said Mary Lou Whitehorne, president of the RASC. “He’s the kind of guy who can help you see through it.”

Whitehorne nominated Fraknoi to be an honorable member of her organization, in part because he teaches critical thinking to students and teaches teachers how to teach critical thinking. “We need to have facts,” Whitehorne said. “We need to understand what’s going on. If we can’t we’re doomed.”

In her mind, there is nobody to better provide the facts than Fraknoi. “For a couple of

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**BALLET**

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academy, according to her website.

A Winter Fairy Tale follows several bunny rabbits on an adventure through an enchanted forest, filled with anthropomorphic animals from common Russian folk tales, a magician, Santa Claus and the evil Queen of the Bats, to name a few.

The performance features some traditional Russian folk dances, known as “character dances,” but mostly Bayer’s students will be showcasing what they have learned of the Vaganova method of ballet — a fusion of French and Italian styles that works the whole body, according to Bayer.

The Vaganova method is Bayer’s specialty. She continues to teach the style in order to preserve the tradition and because she believes it is the most benefi-

cial for the body. Other methods, she says, can hurt the body over time, but Vagonava, if taught correctly, is the least likely to cause injury to the dancer.

Preserving the bodies of her young dancers is paramount to Bayer. In her mind, ballet — whether it is pursued as an enjoyable hobby, a career or something in between — is ultimately about turning the human body into a work of art.

The body must be maintained, Bayer says, or the art itself will suffer. “Ballet is a way you can express yourself — your mind, your feelings. It’s a unique opportunity to express yourself with your body, and you can become the work of art in a way.”

One of Bayer’s recent students has taken a big step toward becoming a professional ballerina. Jordan Lian is currently in Russia, studying at the Bolshoi Ballet Academy, a world-re-

nowned dance school in Moscow.

“I’m very happy for her,” Bayer says of the 16-year-old dancer. “I’m proud.”

In addition to Lian’s success, other students from Bayer’s academy have gone on to dance for the New York City Ballet and the San Francisco Ballet.

Even if her students don’t attempt to make a career in dance, Bayer says, ballet can be just as much of a transformative force — on or off the stage.

“You’re not just working hard for nothing,” she tells her students. In the process of learning ballet, her students also learn about music, art, history and culture, all while building friendships. “Even if you don’t pursue it as a profession, you better yourself. Ballet is something that makes our life, our culture and our civilization beautiful.” ■

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decades he has been an international role model in astronomy education,” Whitehorne said. “My point of view is that he is the gold standard in astronomy education globally.”

When asked to respond to Whitehorne’s words, Fraknoi said, “I blush.” However, he added, he has “worked very hard to be the kind of teacher that is accessible as well as accurate.” His goal is to make people

appreciate astronomy as much as he does.

“If someone who didn’t think they liked science can take my class and feel even a little bit of the passion that I feel — that’s what I live for.”

Fraknoi was educated at Harvard University and the University of California, Berkeley. He appears regularly on radio programs on KGO and KQED; he is the first community college professor to become an honorary member of the RASC; and, according to Haig, “He is one of the most passionate, caring and dedicated people in the field.” ■



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This includes 73 percent of Republicans, 61 percent of nonpartisan voters and 49 percent of Democrats (40 percent of surveyed Democrats said they would support it).

The Field Poll question stated: "Nine billion dollars in state bonds were approved by California voters for the High Speed Rail project in the November 2008 election. At the time, the project's estimated cost was \$43 billion and its targeted completion date was 2020. More current estimates now put its cost at \$98 billion and its completion date as 2033. Some think that the state legislature should resubmit the bond package to voters for another public vote next year.

Regardless of how you feel about the project, do you favor or oppose the legislature putting the 9 billion dollar state bond package to another public vote in next year's statewide elections?"

The poll result underscores the continuing uncertainty about the proposed rail system's funding plan and revenue projections. Over the past month, the new business plan been criticized by the Legislative Analyst's Office, the Palo Alto-based watchdog group Californians Advocating Responsible Rail Design and various legislators questioning the rail authority's plan

to fund the system. The Palo Alto City Council, which supported the project in 2008, is now considering taking a firm stance against it and calling for state legislators to either pull the plug on high-speed rail or call for another election.

Some in the state Legislature have long questioned the rail authority's proposal to build the line. Assemblywoman Diane Harkey, R-Dana Point, has emerged as one of the leading critics of the project.

"What was sold to the people in California is not what we now see in the business plan," Harkey said during a Nov. 29 hearing on the project.

In response to the poll, the rail authority released a statement highlighting reasons for proceeding with the project, including the 100,000 jobs the authority expects high-speed rail to generate.

"To backpedal on this project means we reject billions in stimulus funds, lose 100,000 new jobs and, ultimately, pay tens of billions more for congested highways in the long run," the authority said in a statement. "The uncertain economy may give some voters pause, but this kind of infrastructure investment and job creation is exactly what we need at this time and we will be making that case to Californians across the state who voted to start this project in 2008." ■

**TEEN CENTER**

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additional exterior improvements, mostly for repaving the parking lot.

The existing teen center, named "The House," could be demolished if the council chooses, adding visibility and a few parking spaces to the Senior Center, said recreation manager Regina Maurantonio.

Council members debated how much the new teen center should be used by adults and seniors, especially when seniors flatly refused to allow teens to use the senior center during off hours, noted council member Margaret Abe-Koga. She said it was "ironic" that seniors were now asking to use the teen center for

activities, such as exercise classes, as the senior center was apparently built without enough exercise facilities, Inks noted. Council member Macias said if adults were to use the center, parents should have a priority.

A parent named Elena said a group of parents were looking forward to using the new teen center for computer classes. "We want a safe, positive place to be on Escuela," she said. "Please help us do it."

Phillip Cosby of Peninsula Interfaith Action, which has been advocating for a new teen center for years, said it was a sign of progress that council members were there "not to decide whether to have programs, but how much money to spend on them." ■

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dents Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower should be hanged.

Police said they had received no reports about the cards or any other Nazi activity in the area.

—Daniel DeBolt

**TALK ON SEARCH FOR ET**

Frank Drake is giving a free lecture about the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) at

7:45 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9, at Foothill College.

Drake, who has a doctorate from Harvard University in astronomy, is famous for inventing the Drake equation in 1961. The equation estimates the quantity of detectable extraterrestrial life in the Milky Way galaxy.

He and Carl Sagan designed the Pioneer plaque in 1972. The plaque was a pictorial message attached to the Pioneer 10 and 11 spacecrafts, the first human-made

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downtown, San Antonio Shopping Center and Google headquarters in North Bayshore. The service could be funded by Mountain View companies, a parcel tax, or even Caltrain, which funds most of the cost of a \$200,000 shuttle to and from downtown Palo Alto, which is free to users.

“In my seven years on City Council I’ve heard from plenty of people interested in this,” said council member Laura Macias. “Palo Alto has been able to get 74 percent of the cost paid by Caltrain,” and Palo Alto is “much less dense than Mountain View.”

“If there are funds available, let’s access them,” she said.

Resident Jarrett Mullen, a member of the Mountain View Coalition on Sustainable Planning, proposed a simple route connecting the city’s “village centers” named in the city’s general plan update, including San Antonio Shopping Center, Castro Street and the neighborhood near Google headquarters.

City staff reported that a city shuttle service could cost anywhere from \$175,000 to \$1.6 million, with options ranging from running a shuttle every 30 minutes from Grant Road to San Antonio Shopping Center, to running shuttles on multiple routes every 10 minutes.

Michael Gulasch of Intuit said his company was interested in a new shuttle service as it is a considerable expense for his company and others to transport workers to and from the downtown train station.

“It seems like a no-brainer,” said council member Ronit Bryant. “If each company worked together they could lower their costs.”

Council member Margaret Abe-Koga, who is also chair of the Valley Transportation Authority board of directors, was skeptical.

“I think we were just stuck again as to how we are going to fund this,” Abe-Koga said, adding that it would be easier “if businesses want to work with us.” ■

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objects to leave the solar system.

Drake serves on the board of directors of the SETI Institute in Mountain View. The Institute is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1984, dedicated to researching the prevalence of life in the universe.

The talk is a part of the Peninsula Astronomical Society’s monthly meetings. It will take place at Foothill College, Room 5015, near parking lot 5. Parking costs \$2.

— Anna Li

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Perhaps the most crucial component of CHAC's work is making sure children and adolescents have networks of support.

"Substance abuse and addiction is definitely a family issue," says Foster. Teens cannot recover without help from parents and family members, she says.

In fact, one technique that Foster hopes to incorporate in the program looks through a teen's family system. Sometimes there may be a pattern of intergenerational substance abuse that has trickled down and subsequently affects the teen's decisions. This simple awareness may often be the key to sustained change, says Foster.

Monique Kane, the executive director of CHAC, takes pride in the organization's diversity. CHAC offers its services in 12 different languages, including German, Mandarin, Russian, Farsi and Spanish.

She says she believes that healthy living requires a holistic approach that addresses multiple factors. Many substance abuse problems have underlying causes that go unaddressed and thus spur teens towards substances. These forces include cyberbullying, divorce and peer pressure.

CHAC began in 1973 when community leaders and concerned parents set up the organization to address the growing problem of adolescent substance abuse in Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

Almost 40 years later, CHAC has expanded to provide in-house therapy and serves 34 schools with counseling workshops and interventions. The non-profit estimates that they served more than 7,500

individuals at the clinic and over 19,000 students last year through their partnership with local schools, on an annual budget of \$2.6 million.

"We follow them from elementary to middle to high school if we need to," says Kane.

One of CHAC's greatest resources is the group of 68 interns who run the majority of the organization's programs. Interns who are working toward a doctorate degree in social work or a license in marriage and family therapy receive practical training at the clinic. In exchange, they donate their time to the clinic, valued at an estimated \$360,000.

Foster, who is an intern training for her license in marriage and family therapy, says that the diversity among interns ensures that CHAC can provide the most comprehensive services to their clients.

CHAC has an open door policy — anyone can make an appointment for affordable services and pay on a sliding scale.

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For more information on the Holiday Fund go to [siliconvalleycf.org/mvv-holiday-fund](http://siliconvalleycf.org/mvv-holiday-fund)

## Google donates to Holiday Fund

Google, the city's largest company, announced this week that it would make a \$10,000 donation to the Voice Holiday Fund.

Veronica Bell, manager of Community and Government Relations, said in a statement that the company is "pleased to join local businesses and the Mountain View Chamber of

Commerce in supporting the 2011 Holiday Fund.

The fund recipients contribute much needed services to our community, from providing healthcare to those in need to education and job training services. We hope our donation helps these organizations continue their great work in the community."

# Go-to gifts



*Draeger's Holiday Snack gift basket includes assorted cookies, candies, hot chocolate and other holiday treats.*

MICHELLE LE

**Basic yet thoughtful presents to have on hand**



*By Casey Moore*

With the arrival of the holiday season comes the flurry of planning and purchasing presents for everyone on your list. But when the unexpected happens — an office Secret Santa, new acquaintance, distant cousin or surprise holiday guest suddenly turns up — even the most creative gift-givers might need some backup.

Non-specific yet classy gifts can be kept on hand to please a range of people and preferences. Local stores stock their shelves with a variety of options to bring cheer to every newfound friend and reconnected relative:

Hand-crafted heartwood boxes, made in Washington state and designed from woods such as cherry, maple and teak, are among the most popular offerings at Shady Lane in downtown Palo Alto. Designs include the trademark “puzzle boxes,” which remain locked unless opened by a unique series of taps and twists. Other styles, from small sliding-top “secret boxes” to multi-drawer jewelry boxes, can hold collections of trinkets beneath their custom laser-etched lids.

For a present that would make an impression, Shady Lane carries decorative containers that can be given alone or used to package smaller gifts. The metal-framed blue-glass boxes appear decidedly feminine, while the striped onyx jars and vases could please either gender. Paired with a few smaller items — like a heartwood bookmark or decorative blown-glass paperweight — the containers could charm the mother or father of a significant other.

As a more specialized option, Kepler's Books in Menlo Park carries — you guessed it — an array of books. Each of the store's employees specializes in specific genres, everything from mysteries to fine art and photography to science to children's books. The staff provides personalized recommendations upon request.

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*Left: Therapy carries the Diana Mini 35 mm camera with flash.*

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As a more classically feminine option, the store designs holiday-themed floral arrangements, along with their year-round offerings of potted hydrangeas, orchids, parade roses and azaleas. Draeger's edible selections include fine chocolates, olive oils and wines recommended by the wine specialist-in-residence.



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local high school students.

The spicy sauce is often purchased with a set of screen-printed cotton dish towels, “one of our tried-and-true” gift suggestions for both men and women, said Tina Ford, store manager of the Annex. Hand-towel designs include a pepper medley, garden vegetables, fall leaves, trees and colorful blooms.

For nature lovers, check out the shop’s Juniper Ridge potpourri sachets, small drawstring bags containing fragrant and sustainably harvested native West-

ern plants like Siskiyou Cedar, Big Sur Sage and the seasonal Christmas Fir. One customer, Ford said, gifted the sachets together with the Annex’s decorative plant pot holders, which are made of burlap and insulated with waterproof plastic.

Got a free spirit or eccentric relative on your list? Therapy of Mountain View carries a collection of quirky knick-knacks, such as the centipede-shaped silicone ice-cube tray, mustache mirror clips and penguin bottle-opener. The eclectic offerings could charm a young adult or perfectly suit a high-spirited white-elephant gift exchange.

For those who simply long for the return of spring, Therapy carries branches of garden lights in varieties such as amber plum tree, green plum tree and pussy willow. The tiny bulbs can illuminate both the interior and exterior of the home to bring aesthetic pleasure and brightness to an otherwise dark winter night.

Another option is the shop’s soy based candles and gift sets, with subtle scents ranging from fresh cade wood to goji and tarocco. Each candle contains an extra plus: Its brightly-colored aluminum canister can be reused after the candle quits burning. ■

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## ■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

# Charter school squabble misguided

It is time for the Los Altos School District (LASD) to turn down the rhetoric and accept that it can no longer refuse to provide Bullis Charter School (BCS) classroom space as required by Proposition 39. A recent state Appeals Court ruling sided with Bullis, although LASD apparently has decided to pay more than \$60,000 to finance an appeal to the state Supreme Court.

The Los Altos district and Bullis Charter have stellar test scores and serve the same attendance area that includes parts of Los Altos Hills and Mountain View and all of Los Altos. But rather than enjoying a spacious 10-acre campus similar to other LASD schools, BCS students are crammed into portable classrooms on 5-1/2 acres carved from Egan School on San Antonio Road. The Appeals Court said LASD needs to do much more to give BCS students space and facilities that are "reasonably equivalent" to the space and facilities found at similar schools throughout the district.

We agree. With 465 students, BCS enrollment is similar to that of other LASD elementary schools. The charter school should be given comparable facilities somewhere in the district as required by Proposition 39. After all, BCS students are not coming from outside the district. All are residents of the same area the LASD serves; if BCS were not there, another 465 students would be attending LASD schools.

A key factor is where BCS funding comes from. The charter students are supported by state funds of about \$5,076 per student while LASD students are almost entirely funded by local property taxes. This tax stream is not dependent on student count, so the district receives the same amount no matter how many students it

serves.

So while LASD is losing responsibility for 465 K-8 students, it is also losing the obligation to support those students in the classroom, while as a basic aid district, it continues to collect property tax regardless of the number of students it serves.

With support from their school foundations, both schools ultimately spend about \$11,000 per student each year, although LASD does not have to spend some \$5.1 million in costs for BCS students who are now off its "payroll."

Meanwhile, BCS is a continuing success story, with more than 600 applicants for the limited number of spaces available each year. A lottery determines who can attend after seats are given to returning students, siblings of in-district students and students who live in the attendance area for Bullis-Purissima Elementary School in Los Altos Hills, which was shut down and has been reopened under a new name, Gardner Bullis Elementary School. And contrary to some charges, school officials say only 25 percent of BCS students live in Los Altos Hills, although five of the seven board members do live in the Hills.

With a budget of \$4.7 million and state funding of only \$5,076 per student, BCS has a wide gap to make up to reach the \$11,000 a year goal for each student. We expect school officials are eagerly awaiting the day when they can welcome students to real classrooms on a campus with green grass and room to run.

It is time for the Los Altos district to give up its misguided fight to stifle Bullis Charter and move on. It is not worth wasting \$60,000 or more to punish 465 students who just want to attend school on a regular campus like other kids in their neighborhood.

## ■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### BOARD IGNORES FLUORIDE ALTERNATIVES

On Nov. 25, you reported that our recently elected local representative on the Santa Clara Valley Water Board, attorney Brian Schmidt, had quit his day job because of a conflict of interest with his position as a member of the board.

However, you never reported that the Board had unanimously voted on Nov. 15 to add fluoride to the water — something already done by the San Francisco Public Utility Commission to water from Hetch Hetchy, and by our city government here in Mountain View. When the money to fluoridate is raised from private foundations supported by industries that profit from disposing of fluoride by selling it for human consumption, the Water Board plans to push ahead with fluoridating water supplied to most of the county.

At the Nov. 15 meeting, I suggested that the Water Board conduct a study using Mountain View to assess whether fluoridation may have reduced the incidence of tooth decay or had other medical effects. I also suggested that even if fluo-

ridation did reduce cavities, there were other ways to reduce tooth decay that do not involve running fluoride through everyone's bloodstream.

These include: changing the eating, rinsing and brushing habits of children; providing dental insurance for children from poor families, and getting the state to comply with a never-repealed 1995 law which requires each county to offer the topical application of tooth decay inhibitors to parents through the schools. The seven-member Water Board declined to even read the materials presented by speakers before voting. A local website discussing fluoridation is [nofluoride.com](http://nofluoride.com).

Gary Wesley  
Continental Circle

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employee neighbor. That brought our total contribution to \$1,275, or 2,550 meals for the needy.

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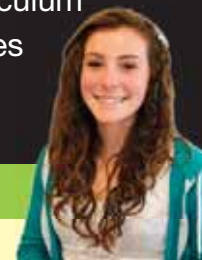
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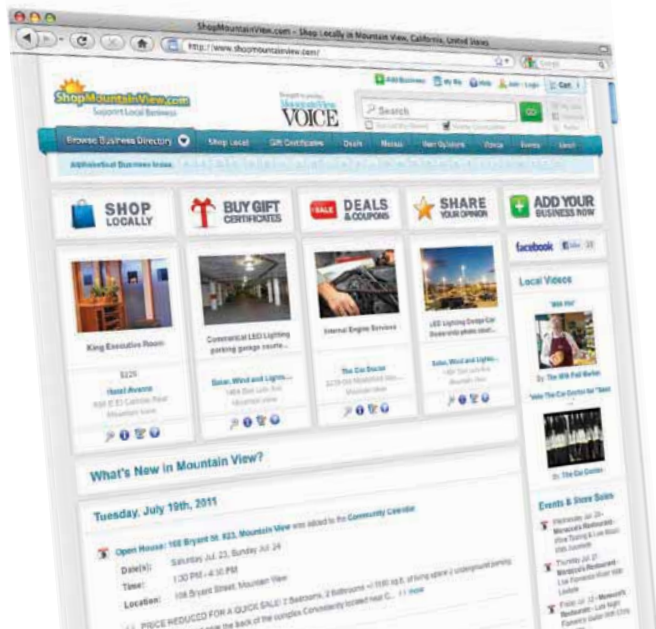
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Thai Basil's red curry comes with shrimp, bamboo shoots and red and green bell peppers, with a side of rice and salad.

MICHELLE LE

## ■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

# Thai fare defies reviews

THAI BASIL A GOOD CHOICE FOR SHOPPERS, QUICK LUNCHES

By Sheila Himmel

Yelp used to be a sound made by dogs or people in pain. Now Yelp is more commonly known as a company promoting “the fun and easy way to talk about great (and not so great) local businesses.”

The fun and easy part is that Yelpers’ opinions range all over the map. For every worst, there’s a best. With restaurants, for every angry “not authentic” there’s heart-felt gratitude that this place “makes it just like Mom made it.”

So you have to worry when the yelping is consistently censorious, as it has been for Thai Basil in East Palo Alto’s popular

Ravenswood Shopping Center. How could a restaurant this bad still be in business?

Maybe I visited Thai Basil on the only good night it ever had. The food was fine, the service pleasant and the prices reasonable. If you need sustenance before braving a big-box store (IKEA, Nordstrom Rack, Home Depot, Sports Authority, Best Buy, Office Max) you could do a lot worse than Thai Basil. Except for Mi Pueblo’s taqueria and a sports bar, the other choices are fast-food giants.

Early on a Monday evening, we sat alone. People came in for takeout orders, but we were lonely sailors in a sea of white-

## DINNER BY THE MOVIES AT SHORELINE'S Pizzeria Venti



### Acqua Pazza

Acqua Pazza, (meaning crazy water) is an old recipe of the fishermen of the Neapolitan area. The term itself most likely originated from Tuscany where the peasants would make wine, but had to give most to the landlord, leaving little left for them to drink. The peasants were resourceful and mixed the stems, seeds, and pomace leftover from the wine production with large quantities of water, bringing it to a boil, then sealing in a terracotta vase allowing it for several days. Called *l'acquarello* or *l'acqua pazza*, the result was water barely colored with wine, which the fisherman may have been reminded of when seeing the broth of the dish, colored slightly red by the tomatoes and oil. It became very popular in the upscale touristy Capri Island in the 60's.

From our kitchen to yours. Buon appetito!



### Pesce all'Acqua Pazza Fish in Crazy Water

- 4 T extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves in large dice
- 4 T Italian parsley, finely chopped
- 1 lb ripe cherry tomatoes, chopped
- 1 lemon, sliced
- Pinch of crushed red pepper
- Ripe black olives
- salt and pepper
- 2 lb white fish, cut into 8 pieces (sea bass or red snapper)

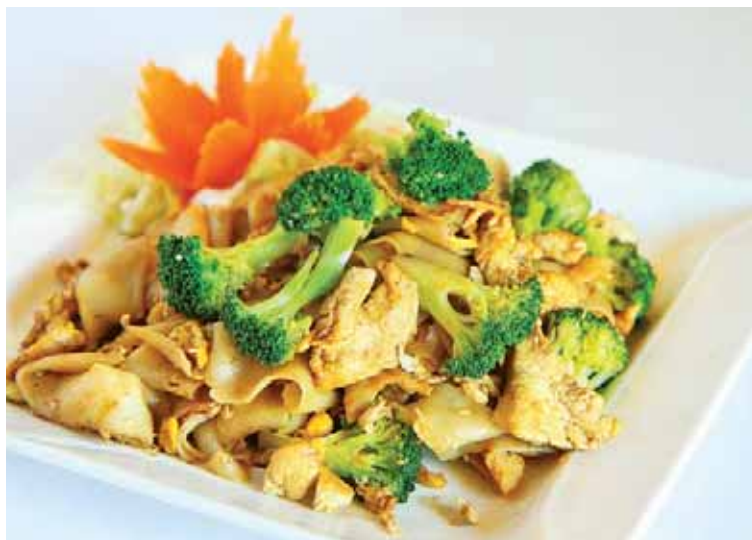
**To cook:** Place the olive oil and garlic in a large skillet and sauté on medium heat. As soon as the garlic begins to brown remove the garlic, add the pepper flakes and let the oil cool.

Pour water into the pan with the cooled oil, about 1/2" deep. Add half of the parsley, the tomatoes and the lemon slices. Add the fish slices, skin side down, and season the fish lightly with salt; top with the rest of the parsley. Place the skillet back on the stove on medium-high heat and bring the water to a boil cook for about 10-15 minutes, turning the fish to cook on the both sides. Make sure the fish is only half covered by the water. Adjust salt, and add pepper if necessary. Transfer the fish to warm plates, pour a little of the crazy water over and around the fish, making sure to include some tomatoes. Toss in some black olives and serve immediately.

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## Weekend



**Pad See Ew** is flat rice noodles panfried with Chinese broccoli, egg and chicken. MICHELLE LE

clothed tables. It looked like the Yelpers had a point.

We started with Tom Kha soup with (\$5.95), just right for two people, redolent with kaffir lime leaf and galangal, a light touch of coconut milk, straw and button mushrooms. Pieces of chicken were tough, likely having been frozen recently in their lives. Best ever? No way. Good enough? Yes,

and the soup can be ordered vegetarian or with seafood.

Likewise, the vegetarian green papaya salad (\$7.95), even without adding prawns (\$2), is very good over a warm mound of sticky rice. Shredded napa cabbage supplements the cabbage-like green papaya, carrots, tomatoes and green beans. Lose the romaine lettuce. You do have

to pay \$1.50 for a good-sized mound of jasmine rice, and \$2 for brown, but it is a lot better than the dried-out lukewarm grains many Thai restaurants serve in tin bowls.

The best, and most cost-efficient, dish we tried was yellow curry (\$9.95). In the beef version, tender slivers of meat absorb a complex broth of herbs and spices, aromatic with lemongrass and galangal, creamy but not sweet with coconut milk. Chunks of potatoes and thin-sliced onions fill it out. All the curries can be made vegetarian.

Thai Basil Spicy Pan Fried (\$15.95) was tasty, but not what was advertised. If there were scallops, calamari and mussels, we missed them. There were seven plump prawns, and lots of green beans, nicely draped in wilted basil leaves.

Thai Basil in East Palo Alto (the Web site says Palo Alto, but never mind) is the sister of the southern-style Thai Basil, owned by Jua and Taneerat Rattana-phun in Sunnyvale since 1995. Each restaurant offers a small but adaptable menu.

In the elbow of the Ravenswood center, Thai Basil is neither the best in the area nor the most authentic, but for a quick lunch or to shore up for shopping, a practical choice. Anyway, that's how I'd yelp it. ▣



Sydney and her mom share a dish of pad Thai noodles over lunch. MICHELLE LE

### DINING NOTES

#### Thai Basil

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## Weekend

### MOVIE TIMES

#### 2 For 1 - Moneyball/The Ides of March

**Century 16:** Noon, 2:10, 4:45 & 7 p.m. **Century 20:** Noon, 2:45, 4:55 & 7:40 p.m.

#### A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas (R) Century 20:

In 3D at 10:30 p.m.

#### Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) Century 20:

Thu. at 12:01 a.m.

#### Arthur Christmas (PG) Century 16:

11:50 a.m.; 4:50 & 9:50 p.m.; In 3D at 1:40 & 6:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:15 a.m.; 4:15 & 9:15 p.m.; Sun. also at 10:10 a.m.; In 3D Fri.-Thu. at 1:50 & 6:55 p.m.

#### The Artist (PG-13) ★★★1/2 CinéArts at Palo Alto Square:

1:30, 4, 5:15 & 7:45 p.m.; Fri. also at 2:45, 6:30, 9 & 10:10 p.m.; Sat. also at 6:30, 9 & 10:10 p.m.; Sun., Mon., Wed. & Thu. also at 2:45 & 6:30 p.m.; Tue. also at 2:45 p.m.

#### The Descendants (R) ★★1/2 Aquarius Theatre:

2, 4, 5, 7, 8 & 9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 1:15 p.m. **Century 20:** 11 a.m.; 12:30, 1:40, 3:20, 4:20, 6, 7:10, 8:45 & 9:55 p.m.

#### Five Graves to Cairo (1943) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre:

Fri. at 5:40 & 9:30 p.m.

#### Happy Feet Two (PG) ★★1/2 Century 16:

2:25 & 7:20 p.m.; In 3D at 11:10 a.m.; 4:10 & 9:05 p.m. **Century 20:** 1:40 & 6:45 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 10:10 a.m.; In 3D Fri.-Thu. at 11:25 a.m.; 4:25 & 9:25 p.m.

#### Hugo (PG) ★★★1/2 Century 16:

11:25 a.m.; 2:50, 6:10 & 9:10 p.m.; In 3D at 12:25, 3:50, 7:10 & 10:05 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:15 a.m.; 2:10, 5:05, 7:55 & 10:40 p.m.; In 3D at 12:35 & 3:35 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Wed. also at 6:40 & 9:35 p.m.; In 3D Sat. also at 9:45 a.m.

#### The Ides of March (R) ★★★ Century 16:

9:40 p.m.

#### Immortals (R) Century 16:

11:05 a.m.; 4:20 & 9:45 p.m.; In 3D at 1:40 & 7:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 7:10 p.m.; Fri. & Sun.-Thu. also at 1:50 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Thu. at 4:35 & 9:50 p.m.; In 3D Fri. & Sun.-Thu. also at 11:15 a.m.

#### In Time (PG-13) Century 20:

9:30 p.m.

#### J. Edgar (R) ★★ Century 16:

6:30 & 9:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 6:15 & 9:20 p.m.

#### Jack and Jill (PG) Century 16:

11:35 a.m.; 2, 4:25, 7:05 & 9:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:40, 3, 5:30, 7:50 & 10:25 p.m.

#### The Letter (1940) Stanford Theatre:

Sat. & Sun. at 5:45 & 9:40 p.m.

#### Like Crazy (PG-13) Century 16:

12:10, 2:35, 5, 7:40 & 9:55 p.m.

#### Little Women (1933) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre:

Wed. & Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

#### The Metropolitan Opera: Faust (Not Reviewed)

**Century 20:** Sat. at 9:55 a.m. **CinéArts at Palo Alto Square:** Sat. at 9:55 a.m.

#### Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (PG-13)

**Century 20:** Thu. at 9 p.m. & 12:01 a.m.

#### Moneyball (PG-13) ★★★1/2 Century 20:

9:50 p.m.

#### The Muppets (PG) ★★★ Century 16:

11 a.m.; 1:35, 4:15, 6:50 & 9:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m.; 12:30, 1:50, 3:20, 4:35, 7:20 & 10 p.m.; Sun. also at 10:10 a.m.

#### My Week With Marilyn (R) ★★1/2 Century 20:

11:30 a.m.; 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m. **Guild Theatre:** 3:15, 6 & 8:30 p.m.

#### New Year's Eve (PG-13) Century 16:

11 a.m.; 12:30, 1:45, 3:15, 4:35, 6:20, 7:35, 9:20 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11 a.m.; noon, 1, 1:50, 2:50, 3:50, 4:35, 5:35, 6:35, 7:30, 8:45 & 10:25 p.m.

#### Now, Voyager (1942) Stanford Theatre:

Sat. & Sun. at 3:35 & 7:30 p.m.

#### NYC Ballet Presents George Balanchine's The Nutcracker Century 20:

Tue. at 7:30 p.m. **CinéArts at Palo Alto Square:** Tue. at 7:30 p.m.

#### Puss in Boots (PG) Century 16:

1:50 p.m.; In 3D at 11:30 a.m. & 4:05 p.m. **Century 20:** 1:45 p.m.; In 3D at 11:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.

#### Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) Century 20:

Thu. at 12:01 a.m.

#### The Sitter (R) Century 16:

11:20 a.m.; 12:20, 1:30, 2:30, 3:40, 4:40, 6:10, 7:30, 8:50 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:15 a.m.; 12:20, 1:30, 2:35, 3:45, 4:50, 6, 7:05, 8:10, 9:15 & 10:20 p.m.

#### Stage Door (1937) Stanford Theatre:

Wed. & Thu. at 5:45 & 9:35 p.m.

#### Sunset Boulevard (1950) Stanford Theatre:

Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

#### Tower Heist (PG-13) ★★ Century 16:

11:40 a.m.; 2:20, 5, 7:50 & 10:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:15, 2:55, 5:25 & 8 p.m.

#### The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13)

**Century 16:** 11 a.m.; 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 & 10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m.; 2, 4:50, 7:50 & 10:40 p.m.; Fri.-Mon., Wed. & Thu. also at 6:15 & 9:15 p.m.

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### MOVIE REVIEWS

#### THE ARTIST ★★★

(Palo Alto Square) Any filmgoer undaunted by something a little different will surely walk out of this brand-new silent film with a big, goofy grin. Though this pastiche has been crafted by film nerds and largely for them, Michel Hazanavicius' feature has an emotional generosity that speaks louder than words. Opening in 1927, "The Artist" begins with a premiere of the latest silent film starring the dashing George Valentin (Jean Dujardin). When Valentin stumbles into a photo op with a girl named Peppy Miller (Berenice Bejo), the ground for a relationship is paved. Plucked from obscurity, Peppy sees her star begins to rise in direct proportion to George's fall, precipitated by the arrival of talkies and the market crash of 1929. Writer-director Hazanavicius mostly steers clear of comparisons to the era's epics and great screen comics, instead inhabiting the more manageable territory of melodrama. The acting is inventive, and the film joyously celebrates the movies. *Rated PG-13 for a disturbing image and a crude gesture. One hour, 41 minutes.* — Peter Canavese

#### THE DESCENDANTS ★★1/2

(Aquarius, Century 20) George Clooney plays Matt King, a lawyer and hapless father troubleshooting domestic and business concerns in a Hawaii he drily notes is not the "paradise" mainlanders imagine. King's petulance derives mostly from his wife being in a coma due to a boating accident, and his inability to do anything about it. As a father, he's clumsy at best; by pampering 10-year-old Scottie (Amara Miller), Matt hopes to distract her from her mother's decline. No such trickery works on 17-year-old Alexandra (Shailene Woodley), a borderline delinquent who won't be handled. Matt's business issue involves his role as trustee of his family's ancestral land: 25,000 pristine acres in Kauai that will bring the Kings a pretty penny if they can agree on a buyer. As this subplot lingers in the background, Matt becomes obsessed with a third concern: investigating a secret about his wife that surfaces early in the picture. Three guesses as to what that might be, but it provides the excuse for the Kings to island-hop and family-bond in search of closure about Mom. *Rated PG for some mild rude humor. One hour, 38 minutes.* — P.C.

#### HAPPY FEET TWO ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Elijah Wood returns as the voice of Mumble, now a penguin dad fretting over the direction of his son Erik (Ava Acres). Erik fears he has two left not-so-happy feet, but he excitedly latches onto an impossible dream of flight. An airborne puffin named The Mighty Sven (Hank Azaria) passes as a penguin, causing the confusion, but more intimidating problems face "the Penguin Nation" in the form of a dangerously shifting landscape (due to climate change) and how best to get the attention of passing humans. *Rated PG for some rude humor and mild peril. One hour, 40 minutes.* — P.C.

### MOVIE REVIEWS

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### HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING AND MOVIE NIGHT

Meet for eggnog and lighting of the Heritage Oak at Town Hall, followed by movies. Dec. 10, 6:30-9 p.m. Free. Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-947-2518. [www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/](http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/)

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**'Social Media Series Part 3: Google + 101'** This course covers the basics of the Google+ social network. Dec. 12, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683.

**Aerobic Dancing Classes** A Jacki Sorensen fitness class incorporating strength training, abdominal work and aerobic routines. Complimentary child care provided. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. 9-10 a.m. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St. (next to library), Mountain View. Call 650-941-1002.

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

**Yoga for Moms** A yoga class for moms will be held Thursdays, 9-10 a.m. Donation-based. Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Ave., Lower Social Hall, Mountain View. [www.yogawithgloria.com](http://www.yogawithgloria.com)

## CLUBS/MEETINGS

**Early Risers Toastmasters (Palo Alto)** Early Risers Toastmasters Club in Palo Alto meets every Tuesday. The club's goal is to foster communication skills in a supportive environment. 6:30-8 a.m. Free. Unity Palo Alto, 3391 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-561-3182. [club2117.freetoasthost.com](http://club2117.freetoasthost.com)

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Community Forum - Day Worker Center Mountain View** The center will report on its programs and attendees will have the chance to ask questions and give feedback. Dec. 14, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. 113 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-4102. [dayworkercentermv.org](http://dayworkercentermv.org)

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

## CONCERTS

**Sing and Play Along Messiah at Stanford**

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**Winter Holiday Recital** The Gorin School of Music is hosting a faculty recital. The performers are: Robert Gans, piano; Namik Sultanov, piano; Michele Kemmerling, piano; Grace Johnson, voice; Tru Vu, violin/viola. The program features music by Brahms, Faure, Tchaikovsky and Schumann. Dec. 9, 7-8:15 p.m. Free. The Gorin School of Music, 2290 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View. Call 650-961-4910. [www.gsm-music.com](http://www.gsm-music.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](http://www.gardenshowcase.mountainview.gov)

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**Holiday Concert with CSMA Merit Scholar Ensemble** Merit Scholarship Students from Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) perform in a free holiday concert Dec. 16, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [www.arts4all.org/attend](http://www.arts4all.org/attend)

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## 'A Victorian Christmas with John Doan'

John Doan is an Emmy-nominated touring and recording artist who has appeared on radio and television across the country. The show features Victorian Christmas traditions. Dec. 10, 7-9 p.m. Suggested donation \$12 adults; \$5 children. First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-968-4474. [fpcmv.org/John\\_Doan\\_-\\_Victorian\\_Christmas.pdf](http://fpcmv.org/John_Doan_-_Victorian_Christmas.pdf)

**Foothill Symphonic Winds Concert** The 65-member Foothill Symphonic Winds presents its winter band concert, "Musical Portraits." Under the direction of Mountain View resident David B. Adams, the concert includes music by Mendelssohn, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and John Philip Sousa and arrangements of music by Mancini and Copland. Dec. 11, 3:30-5:30 p.m. \$10. Cubberley Theater, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-969-0191. [www.windband.org/foothill/](http://www.windband.org/foothill/)

**Global Drum Circle** David DiLullo leads drumming and guided meditation. Dec. 10, 7:30-9 p.m. \$25. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-988-9800. [www.EastWest.com](http://www.EastWest.com)

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## ON STAGE

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### Workshop: 'Hospice of the Valley'

Attendees will learn about the services that hospices can provide to affirm dignity and hope for those facing end-of-life issues and support for their families. The presentation is also available in Spanish. Dec. 15, 1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

## SPORTS

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## TALKS/AUTHORS

### 'Structuring & Negotiating a Term Sheet in Today's Market'

Keynote by Curtis Feeny, GP at Voyager. Panel includes: Tom Denney, GP at Artiman; Tom Furlong, GP at Granite and Bill Schreiber, Partner at Fenwick. Dec. 9, 9-11:30 a.m. \$50 at the door. Fenwick and West, 801 California St., Mountain View. Call 415-875-9544. [www.rhpartners.com/event\\_execution\\_matrix.html](http://www.rhpartners.com/event_execution_matrix.html)

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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)

**WHOOPES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 558199  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Whoopes, located at 2255 Showers Drive #132, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
**XI HAO WANG**  
2255 Showers Dr. #132 Mountain View, CA 94040  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 11-16-2011. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 16, 2011. (MVV Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2011)

**QUINCE AND BRIDAL EVENT EXPERTS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 558630  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: **QUINCE AND BRIDAL EVENT EXPERTS**  
1650 Zanker Rd, Suite 100-C San Jose, CA 95112, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: A General Partnership.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
**FELICIANO ZAVALA**  
556 Farley St. Mountain View, CA 94043  
**JUAN C. MORDUENO**  
4901 Wayland Ave. San Jose, CA 95118  
**MIGUEL V. LUNA**

1897 Ocala Ave. San Jose, CA 95112  
**ALFREDO TRINIDAD**  
2356 Thayer Ct. San Jose, CA 95118  
**CESAR VIRGEN**  
1898 Center Rd. San Jose, CA 95102  
**JORGE FLORES**  
669 W. Tennyson Rd. Hayward, CA 94540  
**GERALDINE MARTINEZ**  
681 Jasper St. San Jose, CA 95116  
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on December 1, 2011. (MVV Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2011)

**CYPRESS C. PROPERTIES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 558675  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: **CYPRESS C. PROPERTIES 100W. EL CAMINO REAL #34**  
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: Husband and Wife.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

**Kai Chung Cheng**  
100 W. El Camino Real #34 Mountain View, CA 94040  
**Chuanfang Yang**  
100 W. El Camino Real #34 Mountain View, CA 94040  
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on DECEMBER 9, 2011. (MVV Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2011)

**997 All Other Legals**  
**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:  
**CAITLIN 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)**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Secs. 6101-6111 U.C.C.)**  
Escrow No. NCS-514819-SA1  
NOTICE is hereby given to the creditors of **MED-ECON PHARMACY INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION ("Seller")**, whose business address is 3492 VARNER COURT, SAN JOSE, CA 95132, that a bulk sale is about to be made to **WALGREEN CO, AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION ("Buyer")**, whose business address is 104 WILMONT, MS#1425, DEERFIELD, IL 60015  
The property to be transferred is located at: 105 SOUTH DRIVE, NUMBER 100, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040, County of SANTA CLARA, State of CALIFORNIA. Said property is described as: **SOME OR ALL OF THE PHARMACY'S STOCK OF PRESCRIPTION PHARMACEUTICAL INVENTORY AND PRESCRIPTION FILES LOCATED ON PREMISES, ANY AND ALL PRESCRIPTIONS, PRESCRIPTION FILES AND RECORDS, CUSTOMER LISTS AND PATIENT PROFILES, INCLUDING AND FILES OR RECORDS MAINTAINED ELECTRONICALLY AND ANY RECORDS ADDED BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT AND THE TRANSFER DATE INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO ECONOMED PHARMACY AND GOODWILL OF SAME, ANY AND ALL BOOKS, RECORDS AND OTHER ASSETS of that certain PHARMACY business known as**

**ECONOMED PHARMACY** located at: 105 SOUTH DRIVE, NUMBER 100, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040  
The bulk sale will be consummated on or after DECEMBER 98, 2011, at: **FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY**, pursuant to Division 6 of the California Code.  
This bulk sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the California Commercial Code. ALL CLAIMS TO BE SENT C/O: **FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY NATIONAL COMMERCIAL SERVICES, NCS-514819-SA1, 5 FIRST AMERICAN WAY, SANTA ANA, CA 92707, ATTN: DAISY HOWELL.** The last day for filing claims shall be DECEMBER 97, 2011.  
So far as known to Buyer, all business names and addresses used by Seller for the three years last past, if different from the above, are: **N/A WALGREEN CO, Buyer/Transferee LA1071666 MOUNTAIN VIEW 12/9/11**  
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**  
Date of Filing Application: November 30, 2011  
To Whom It May Concern: The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: **CASA FELIZ INC**  
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: **194 CASTRO ST MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94041-1202**  
Type of license(s) applied for: **47 - ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE (MVV Dec. 9, 2011)**

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**220 CENTRAL AV**  
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$648,000  
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SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,648,000  
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SAT/SUN 10 - 5 \$575,000  
Clear lot with plans and permits in place for 2730 Sq Ft home with 4 bedrms and 3 bathrooms  
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**1625 GRANT RD**  
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