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Patricia, with son Benjamin on her lap, has her blood pressure checked by Blanca Pelayo at the RotaCare Clinic in Mountain View.

Patients overwhelm RotaCare clinic

FREE MEDICAL CARE IS A BIG DRAW IN A DOWN ECONOMY

By Daniel DeBolt

RotaCare's nine staff members and 350 volunteers are acutely aware that there is nothing else quite like this free health clinic in North County.

The demand for the free health care provided by the small clinic overwhelms the phone system

every Monday at 2 p.m., when the available appointments for



the week are up for grabs on a first-come, first-serve basis. The

clinic has stopped keeping track of how many are not served, but the demand shows no signs of letting up.

About 50 patients are seen every day in seven exam rooms at the clinic. Over 100 doctors have agreed to volunteer once a month for four hours, and even more volunteer as nurses. RotaCare

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City to hire staff to handle Google's growth

By Daniel DeBolt

Illustrating just how much Google plans to grow in future years, the City Council voted Tuesday night to take \$255,000 up front from Google and use it to hire new city staff to handle that growth.

Council members voted 6-1 without much discussion, but some said they had numerous questions about the unusual

agreement, in which Google pays in advance for the planning department's services.

"When I read this I read it first in thinking, no offense to Google, but you're buying our town, putting people in our city hall," said Mayor Jac Siegel, the only member who voted against it. "What happens when next week Synopsis comes in and says, 'I want to give you money?'"

The city can now hire a full-

time contract city planner and a half-time public works engineer so there is enough city staff to handle the planning of Google projects next year, including a new 18-acre campus on the vacant lot at Shoreline Boulevard and Charleston Road and improvements to dozens of existing Google buildings.

"You pick any office building

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NASA sitting on offer to save Hangar One

By Daniel DeBolt

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo is among those wondering why NASA headquarters is not responding to a proposal from Google's founders that would not only save the biggest historic landmark in the South Bay, it would save NASA \$32.8 million.

For two months NASA Headquarters has not responded to the Google founders, or to Congresswoman Eshoo, who has sent NASA administrator Charles Bolden three letters about the proposal since October 26.

"I am extraordinarily disappointed that administrator Bolden has not gotten back to me as a legislative courtesy," Eshoo said, recalling NASA headquarters' promise to work towards saving the hangar a year ago. "This issue is not new to him. It seems to me that the agency should be jumping up and down and embracing the proposal. It takes them completely off the hook."

"I think this is a the equivalent of a great gift falling out of heaven right in our laps," Eshoo said. "There is not any other option on the table today to preserve Hangar One."

The proposal to restore and lease the iconic 200-foot-tall structure was publicly announced at Thursday Dec. 8 by Ken Ambrose, direc-

tor of H211 LLC, which runs a fleet of private jets out of Moffett Field for Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergei Brin, and chairman Eric Schmidt.

As its toxic siding is stripped off in a U.S. Navy-led environmental cleanup, Ambrose told a subcommittee of the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board that Google's leaders would pay 100 percent of the cost to restore the hangar and the shell in return for a long-term lease to use it for the Google leaders' eight planes, including two jumbo jets and several Gulfstream jets, which have been based at Moffett since 2007.

NASA headquarters finally responded to the proposal on Wednesday in an email to the *Voice*.

"It would be premature to discuss the merits of the proposal until we have had time to thoroughly review the details," said spokesman Michael Cabbage. "It has not yet been completely vetted. We understand the interest and historic nature of the facility and have to weigh that against the reality of constrained resources and use. We are giving all options thoughtful consideration as we prepare our funding proposal for the Fiscal Year 2013 budget."

"It appears to be the only thing

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Hangar One is increasingly exposed in this Dec. 10 image.

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

How do you feel about Google's offer to restore Hangar One?



"It's a double-edged sword. I'm not too happy that Google will get that space because it's giving more power to corporate companies. But if a company is coming forward to look into environmental issues, that's good too."

Seema Bhattiprolu, Mountain View



"I think it's great that Google is potentially going to step up and do something about it with their rather sizeable resources."

Daniel Vucurevich, Mountain View



"I think it would be great to get the hangar restored as long as it doesn't eliminate the other uses for it."

John Brocknay, San Jose



"If NASA is profiting and there is a better future with the funds, then why not?"

Indrani Davaluri, Washington, D.C.



"I think the building should be preserved. If Google is willing to pay for it, then I would probably be in favor of it."

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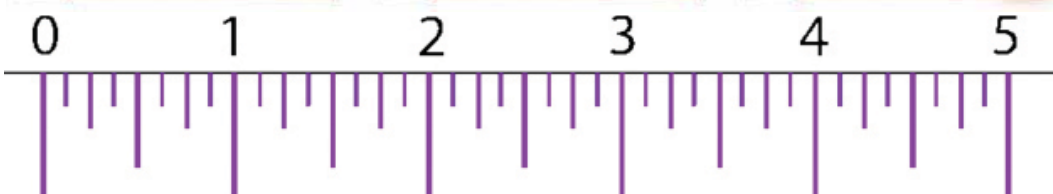
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CRIME BRIEFS

MAN ROBBED AT GUNPOINT

A man was robbed of his cell phone, keys and wallet in the carport of his apartment complex in the early hours of Thursday morning, police said.

The victim, a 36-year-old Mountain View man, had just pulled into a parking spot at his apartment complex, located in the first block of Showers Drive, said police spokeswoman Liz Wylie. As he was getting out of his car, two men approached him, showed him a black handgun and demanded his things.

Both of the assailants' faces were covered, but judging by their voices the man told police he thought they might have been as young as 15 years old, Wylie said. The robbers wore dark clothing and both stood about 5 feet 8 inches tall and were of medium build.

After taking the man's things they fled on foot, Wylie said. Police did not locate any suspects. No one was injured

her son at school.

When the two arrived home, the son saw that the gate to the side yard was open, so he closed it before heading into the house. His mother remained outside on the front porch.

Entering the house, the teen discovered a man inside, Wylie said. The man fled out the back door and down the side yard where he climbed over the gate that the boy had just shut. The teen chased the man into the side yard where he encountered another man. The boy yelled at him, telling him to leave while walking toward him. The man opened the gate and ran out.

The mother, who had remained on the porch, said she saw three men running away from her home and getting into the passenger doors of a parked car, Wylie said. A fourth person, who had been waiting in the driver's seat, drove off with all three burglars aboard.

The car — described as a light blue, four-door sedan — was last seen heading west on Latham Street, Wylie said. The burglars took an iPod Nano and some ear buds, they reported.

Neither the boy nor his mother saw the driver, but the three others were described as being in their late teens, Wylie said. Two appeared Hispanic and the third white. One of the Hispanic burglars was heavy set and wearing a black sweatshirt and blue jeans; the other two were average weight and height; the white burglar wore a red baseball cap.

No one was injured.

BURGLARY, INTERRUPTED

A teenage boy and his mother returned home to find a burglary in progress on the afternoon of Dec. 8, police said.

The mother, 38, and her son, 15, came back to their Mountain View home in the 500 block of Mariposa Avenue at around 3:40 p.m., according to police spokeswoman Liz Wylie. The woman told officers she had left the house unlocked because she was only making a short trip to pick up

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Westley, 9, and his brother **Anders**, 5, check out their new *Arcane Legions* toys at Moffett Field's Operation Toy Drop on Dec. 10.

Military children find holiday treats at Moffett

By Anna Li

For children from over 300 military families stationed in the Bay Area, Christmas came early this year.

Santa arrived at a Moffett Field building on bright green and red Christmas float to greet hundreds of children who waited patiently in line to see him. His jolly humor accompanied him as he sat in his chair while listening

to children's holiday wishes.

Kids Wish Network, a national charity that serves children, donated over 9,000 toys after hearing of the Bay Area military community's need for toys. On Dec. 11, Operation Toy Drop came to Moffett Field with toys, clothes, books and a little holiday cheer.

Inside NASA's Building 152, stacks of boxes, some taller than the children, lined every wall. Each tower was labeled

according to gender and age to make it easier for children to choose their gifts. In classic military fashion, Operation Toy Drop had been planned months in advance and unfolded very smoothly.

Parents helped their children dig through piles of jeans, skirts, books, Barbie dolls and more to find their favorite gift.

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School boundaries shift in MV Whisman

By Nick Veronin

It's official. Attendance boundaries are shifting within the Mountain View Whisman School District.

On Dec. 8, the district's board of trustees unanimously approved the new boundaries, which will shift future students among three local elementary schools — Bubb, Castro and Monta Loma. A current Bubb neighborhood will now be a Castro neighborhood, and a current Castro neighborhood will now be a Monta Loma neighborhood. The changes will go into effect

for the new school year.

The shift will ease overcrowding, make it safer and easier for more students to walk to school and reduce the demand for bus-ing within the district, according to Superintendent Craig Goldman. He said he was pleased with the approval of the boundary changes.

In a previous interview with the *Voice*, 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. 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."

The proposal met little resistance from the community, a sign the superintendent took as evidence that locals approved of the vote, or at least did not strongly disapprove. The district publicized the proposal in emails, direct mail, on the district website and in school newsletters; it was also written about in the *Voice* and other local papers.

However, there were some

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Survey seeks public opinion on new affordable housing tax

COUNCIL: TAX MEASURE FOR COMMUNITY CENTER, POLICE BUILDING A NON-STARTER

By Daniel DeBolt

Police officers might be getting sick from the mold in the police station, and the city's 1960s community center may be falling apart, but council members said Tuesday that November 2012 is the wrong election to ask voters for a tax measure to fund the rebuilding of those facilities.

City Council members said in a study session that it wasn't worth \$15,000 to gauge public support for such a tax measure, which could pay for a new police and fire administration building and a long-sought revamp of the community center at Rengstorff Park.

Instead, the survey will stick to its original purpose, gauging support for a city-wide tax measure to pay for affordable housing projects, such as the 51-unit development for low-income families being built at the corner of Evelyn Avenue and Franklin Street downtown.

The November 2012 ballot will be "jam-packed," said council member Mike Kasperzak. The election will have numerous measures, including a local school district bond, a presidential election and Mountain View City Council election. "It is going to be completely the wrong time."

Council member Margaret Abe-Koga and Mayor Jac Siegel supported the broader "split survey" of voter interests, which would have raised the survey's cost from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

"When people are getting sick because of mold in the building, I have a real problem with that," Abe-Koga said.

The survey for affordable housing funds was originally proposed after the contentious Nov. 1 meeting in which the council decided not to charge a new affordable housing impact fee on rental housing developers. A court decision in *Palmer vs. Los Angeles* had made the city's previous version of the fee illegal, so a "nexus study" was done to make the fee, albeit smaller, legal again.

But council members weren't ready to reinstitute such a fee, which opponents say increases rents and lowers the value of developable property. Some called for a tax measure to spread the costs of affordable housing throughout the city, charging property owners \$5 a month, but some council members don't believe the city can get the two-thirds support it will need.

"This crisis is manufactured because we didn't move forward with the impact fee," said council member Ronit Bryant, who said early in the discussion that she had nothing else to say.

Council member Tom Means, who opposes the city's affordable housing practices, including other housing fees on ownership housing development and commercial development, said that the survey should ask how resi-

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Dittmer's starts work on new store

OWNER HAS MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT MOVING TO LOS ALTOS

By Nick Veronin

Dittmer Bubert, founder of the long-time Mountain View butcher shop and deli Dittmer's Gourmet Meats and Wurst-Haus, has begun remodeling the building that will soon become his new location.

The new Dittmer's, located at 4540 El Camino Real, is in Los Altos — near the intersection of San Antonio Road and next to the Los Altos Village Court. Bubert said he has mixed feelings about moving his business out of the city where it began.

"We would have loved to

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Science for everyone

By Nick Veronin

A longtime Mountain View resident and professor of medicine at Stanford University said she is delighted that the science-oriented youth program she founded more than 20 years ago has been recognized by the National Science Foundation.

Recently, the Stanford Medical Youth Science Program was named the 2011 recipient of the Presidential

Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring.

Marilyn Winkleby, who has lived in Mountain View for 25 years, founded the program in 1988 and traveled to the White House on Dec. 12 to accept the award along with some colleagues.

"I am delighted that the program that has been sustained for so long is getting national recognition,"

Winkleby said.

The program provides about six weeks of hands-on training in science and medicine for under-represented and low-income high school students from all over Northern California.



Marilyn Winkleby

The professor of medicine started the program shortly after she began working at the university after recognizing that "there weren't that many people here with backgrounds like mine."

Winkleby lived on a chicken and avocado farm in a rural Southern California town until she began high school. By then, her family could no longer make ends meet, so they moved to Sacramento where she attended a high school where there was no college counselor and little demand for one among the students.

And yet Winkleby found her way through an undergraduate degree and ultimately earned a doctorate at U.C. Berkeley before landing at Stanford.

"I didn't want to forget my background and where I came from," Winkleby said.

Her desire to stay close to her roots contributed to her decision to settle in Mountain View.

"Mountain View is incredibly diverse," Winkleby said. "It was the place for me to live. Its whole environment of embracing diversity was instrumental in my husband and I being able to do our work and raise our children successfully."

Winkleby and her husband adopted two children; she said the diversity-valuing Mountain View community made raising them easier.

The professor is convinced that her life experiences have led her to take up research on topics her colleagues would never have considered.

The majority of her professional studies have dealt with health disparities in low-income communities — a topic she was familiar with that she found interesting.

The way she sees it, physicians that come from low-income backgrounds are more likely to be bilingual, choose to work in a medically underserved community and to relate to a diverse patient population. That's why Winkleby believes so strongly about the youth science program.

The students in the program come from all around — Sacra-

mento, Kings City, Salinas and San Francisco, as well as Mountain View. They live on campus with Stanford undergraduate students with similar backgrounds.

"They can literally see a path that's close in time to theirs," Winkleby said. "This creates a real bond. It creates a sense of community and sends the message to the high school students that they are smart, and though they may have not had equal opportunities when it comes to education, they can still make it if (they) do these things."

The \$25,000 prize that comes with the award is great, Winkleby said — it will likely go toward the program's scholarship budget — but the legitimacy that the recognition of the National Science Foundation brings to the organization is far more valuable.

The program halfway toward its goal to raise \$4 million to create an endowment that would pay to host 24 students a year, tuition free, indefinitely, Winkleby said. "We're hoping this (the award) will help us leverage the final \$2 million in donations."

The timing of the award "couldn't be better," Winkleby said. Stanford does not pay for the program and the organization has had to fund its operating budget year after year with grants and contributions from donors. Winkleby won't be there forever, and said she worries about the program's survival when she leaves Stanford.

Losing the program would be a tragedy in Winkleby's view. The students get so much out of the time they spend on the Stanford campus, as they have access to state-of-the-art scientific equipment and facilities, she said.

Schools are in such disarray and have so many challenges in terms of staff turnover and a lack of emphasis on science, Winkleby said. She is confident that the program has prompted many of its former attendees to pursue careers in medicine and science.

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Development plans win council support

By Daniel DeBolt

The demolition underway at San Antonio Shopping center may soon extend to California Street, thanks to a property acquisition that was among five major development proposals the City Council supported on Tuesday.

The City Council voted to allow city planners to begin work on extending the mixed-use "Village at San Antonio" project to include a 3.6-acre parcel on California Street that developer Merlone Geier is set to acquire. It was one of five "gatekeeper requests" the council approved Tuesday, allowing projects in need of new zoning to be designed in anticipation of future council approval.

The property is home to Ross and

Beverages and More, which would be scrapped, allowing the project to grow to 8.8 acres and surround several small business holding out at the corner of California Avenue and San Antonio. Hold-outs include the Milk Pail Market, Baron Park Plumbing and the produce market once home to the famous Shockley Laboratory, where research on the first silicon devices was conducted and that some say is the birthplace of Silicon Valley.

Council members were supportive of the expansion after many years of pushing for owners to cooperate on the shopping center's redevelopment. The new property acquisition could remove the driveway required by the previous owners into the middle of the Merlone Geier project, something many found troublesome to design around. At this point it is unclear whether homes, hotel, retail or some combination will be built on the parcel.

"Maybe Merlone Geier will acquire those properties and integrate it into whatever they are going to create," Steve Rasmussen, owner of the Milk Pail market, said of the corner properties. "I do own the property, but the passion is my business. The real estate happens to be like packaging material."

Gatekeepers galore

On Mora Drive near Ortega Avenue is a cul-de-sac of 17 businesses, all of which are supposed to move by April under a 25-year-old zoning agreement for the street to convert to housing. Broker Grubb and Ellis represents the owners and submitted a gatekeeper request to allow the residential redevelopment plans to begin for the 5-acre property, approved 6-1 with member Means

opposed. Council members were lukewarm to a request for another 18 months for the businesses to move while planning goes on, a question the council is expected to take up early next year.

Apartment giant Prometheus Real Estate Group has picked up the apartment development proposal for 100-190 Moffett Boulevard from developer Fairfield Residential. The county's social services offices on the site would be replaced by high-density apartments of up to three stories. Prometheus has expanded the project to include property on the other side of Stierlin Road, 178 and 190 Stierlin, now home to an auto shop that is no longer favored by the city's zoning. The end of the Stierlin Road may be closed off to expand the project. The council's support for Prometheus' plan was unanimous.

Council members also unanimously passed a request for Urban Housing Group to begin designing a four-story, 150-unit apartment project on 2.3 acres at 865 and 881 East El Camino Real, home to California Billiard Club and India Fresh grocery store. Council members said they were pleased by an opportunity to make the area more pedestrian friendly, but were not pleased that the owner of a used car lot on the corner refused to sell so the property could be included in the project.

At 248 East Middlefield Road, a vacant lot next to a Whisman Road gas station, a 19-unit "live-work" condo project is proposed by DRG Builders. Council members passed the gatekeeper request 5-2, with Mayor Jac Siegel and member Laura Macias opposed. Macias questioned the developer's experience with such a project. ■

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dents feel about those fees.

City Manager Dan Rich suggested polling residents for a general purpose tax increase, which would only require a simple majority to pass. "Campbell did it under Mr. Rich's leadership a couple of years ago," Abe-Koga said.

Rich is now tasked with organizing a team to create the survey for council approval. The phone survey would likely be conducted by Godbe Research, which claims to have seen seven out of its last seven ballot measures pass after doing surveys and recommending them as good bets. The cost of a placing a measure on the ballot can be as much as \$100,000. ■

GOOGLE

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out there and they are probably doing improvements," said Planning Director Randy Tsuda on Monday.

"Reimbursement agreements are common in Mountain View," Tsuda said. "The difference with

this agreement is Google will pay the money in advance."

He explained on Monday that it "allows us to get a staff person on board. That way we are ready to go when the projects come in the door."

The new staff may be an outside contract planner or engineer and there's no guarantee he or she would work on a Google

project, Tsuda said.

Council member Laura Macias requested that such items related to Google, "a major corporation we love and sometimes we don't love so much," not be placed on the consent calendar, which is for items that are non-controversial and are usually approved all together with no discussion. ■

DITTMER

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stay in Mountain View," he said. But, even though he wishes he could have stayed in Mountain View — where he has lived for more than 20 years — he noted that the new location is "right across the street from Mountain View."

Bubert bought the business from its former owner in 1978. After a Jan. 23 fire at Dittmer's

on San Antonio Road, the family-owned business made plans to move to a bigger location in Mountain View. Those plans fell through, in part because the meat-smoking he does on the premises might have disturbed the people living in homes nearby, so Bubert said he decided to jump on the Los Altos site.

The 75-year-old Bubert said he plans to do things exactly how he has always done them at the new location, which is about twice the size of the old Dittmer's. The

larger building — which formerly housed a Wells Fargo bank branch — will be nice for employees and for customers, Bubert said. He said he is excited and hopeful that he may be able to improve service with the extra space.

When Dittmer's does reopen, possibly as soon as April, regular customers are likely to recognize some familiar faces. Bubert said the insurance from the fire allowed him to keep several employees on the payroll while he searched for a new location. ■

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Meet a Los Altos Rotarian



Stephen Wu

In 2003, Stephen Wu gave a presentation at the Rotary Club of Los Altos about information security and the law. After a local attorney reconnected Steve with the Club, he joined in 2010.

Steve notes, "Through my membership in the Rotary Club, I am more in touch with the goings-on in the community. I meet people and hear about the needs of our community and the world. The Club gives me the opportunity to help people here and abroad."

Steve adds "Besides my Rotary affiliation, I am an active leader in my church, where I teach Sunday school and volunteer my time to support activities for youth and children. As a Boy Scout growing up, I made a promise to be 'unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.'" Steve sees following Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" as helping him keep that promise. Stephen is now an Assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 37 here in Los Altos.

In addition, Steve has served members of the legal profession and the public by volunteering his time with various bar associations. Recently, he served as Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Science & Technology Law.

The Los Altos Rotary Club congratulates Stephen Wu for his valued service to our community and to the Rotary Club of Los Altos.

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Gifts to brighten the holiday for tech-lovers

By Angela Hey

According to Comscore, 50 million Americans shopped online on Black Friday. The leading websites for buyers were Amazon, Walmart, Best Buy, Target and Apple. If you haven't finished your holiday shopping yet, here are some gift ideas, found both locally and online.

Parks Associates claims that 16 percent of broadband households intend to purchase a tablet, after smart phones, flat screen TVs and laptops. Other top electronics gifts are photo frames, game consoles, Microsoft Kinect and e-readers. Google's Android software is powering Motorola's Xoom, Barnes and Noble's NOOK Tablet and Amazon's Kindle Fire. Parks Associates claims that the choice between the Kindle Fire and iPad 2 is close, with older consumers preferring the Kindle and richer consumers preferring the iPad.

NOOK and iPad users can get help in their vendors' stores, at Barnes and Noble in Sunnyvale, and the Apple store in Palo Alto. Motorola's Xoom has a big 10.1-inch screen, slightly bigger than that of the iPad's at 9.7 inches. The Kindle Fire has easy connection to Amazon's cloud storage and online streaming. The iPad has leading market share, easy connection to Apple's iCloud and iTunes, and can connect through AT&T or Verizon. You can check out all these tablets at Best Buy. Radio Shack has some great add-ons for iPhone users ranging from an iGrill cooking thermometer to an iHealth blood pressure monitor. If you want a close-up lens or microscope attachment for an iPhone, you'll have to buy online.

For small gifts, consider LED lights. For hikers, an LED headlamp; for campers, an LED camping lantern; for readers, LED book lights; for a handy person, LED workbench lights; and for homes, LED holiday lights. Juggling balls

with LED lights that change color are great fun and you can find those on Jugglo.com. The price for home lighting bulbs is still high—a floodlight sets you back \$30 to \$60. Home Depot in East Palo Alto has an excellent selection of large LED bulbs. Walmart and Best Buy in Mountain View still feature lower cost, compact fluorescent bulbs.

You can find something for every taste, including chocolate cellphones, at the Computer History Museum's store, where you can buy an "irresistible" necklace made from resistors, a pendant created from a circuit board or a tree ornament displaying an early Apple Mac. African baskets are woven from phone wire.

Retail manager Sandra Shu-Lee told me that Buckyballs — not carbon molecules, but highly magnetized ball bearings — are popular. You can endlessly rearrange them to provide

desktop fun. Keep them away from pacemakers, insulin pumps and credit cards, though. Entrepreneurs can sketch business plans on Official Silicon Valley Napkins. Toys for children include robots and electronics kits, as well as plush Angry Birds. Wrapping paper featuring 0s & 1s or equations makes any gift geeky.

Finally, for the person who has everything, you can buy an experience. Opposite the Computer History Museum you can check out Laser Quest or Shoreline Billiards. At Shoreline Billiards, manager Jerry Leo told me that whereas billiard cues have been improved using golf club technology, the biggest change that people notice is red spots on the traditionally white cue ball. The spots help TV viewers see the spin on the ball. Jerry then explained how to control his TouchTunes juke box from the myTouchTunes app on iPhones and Android phones.

Whether you shop online, shop locally or don't buy gifts at all, have a great holiday season.

Disclosure: Angela Hey is married to John Mashey, who is a trustee of the Computer History Museum. ■



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“Military children don’t choose to have a parent deploy or move every three years,” said Stacy Castellanos, the 351st Civil Affairs Command’s family readiness support assistant. “They receive no recognition for their resiliency.”

Barbara Askin, the director of Kids Wish Network, said that she came up with the idea to donate toys so that military kids would not feel left out this Christmas.

“We want to show the military families that we’re grateful for what they’re doing,” said Askin.

Kevin Castellanos, 13, and Nathan Villapando, 11, are two kids who live at Moffett Field with their military families. Like other kids, they go to Crittenden Middle School and play video games. They met in 2010 and have been best friends since.

But unlike civilian children, Kevin and Nathan will be staying on base this year to celebrate Christmas with their family and many others at Moffett.

Through the years, Kevin and Nathan have seen their friends come and go. This experience of moving from place to place

every one to three years has made them remarkably mature for their preteen years.

“The hardest part about coming from a military family is you can’t keep friends forever,” said Nathan. “But if you have bad history in one place, you get a new start.”

Jabria Jefferson, 14, also lives on Moffett Field. She said that coming from a military family has taught her to take on more responsibility. “You mature quickly when you live through a world war,” she said.

Despite the challenges, Kevin and Nathan plan to follow their family’s footsteps when they grow up. “I’m going to join the Army like my dad,” said Kevin.

Nathan said his plan is to “design and build military infantry technology.”

Over 100 volunteers gathered to help distribute toys to the children. Operation Care and Comfort played a large role in organizing the event. Julie DeMaria, the director of Operation Care and Comfort, said that the goal of Operation Toy Drop is to bring people together.

“Some are getting ready to leave for deployment. For others, it’s the first time they’re together. It’s overwhelming to see the families,” said DeMaria.

“These people get forgotten,” says Karen Pelle, the CEO of



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Walton Smith, with 10-month-old Charity on his lap and 4-year-old Cherish, gets a helping hand from Don Smith of the United States Coast Guard.

Mega Trux, a national shipping company, and a board member of Kids Wish Network. “We organized this event so that kids could go away with a surprise. It’s a great family affair.”

Pelle’s company provides free shipping for the donated gifts. Her trucks picked up toys, clothing and books from the

vendors and delivered them on 28 pallets to Moffett Field. “I’m the trucker!” she chuckles.

Operation Toy Drop began in Fort Bragg, N.C. in 1998. Soldiers donate a toy for children in the community in exchange for the opportunity to perform a parachute jump under a foreign nation’s jumpmaster.

Operation Toy Drop came to the Bay Area for the first time this year so that families from both the East and West coast could participate.

“The biggest reward is to see a smile on the child’s face. It is the easiest way to show them we care and that they’re not alone,” said Askin. ▀

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who voiced concerns about the change.

Bridget Harrison lives in a Bubb attendance area. She does not have children currently, but when she does, she said, she wants them to attend a diverse school. “I feel that redefining the boundaries as they have proposed is going to decrease diversity and increase segregation along socioeconomic and ethnic lines,” she said.

Local parent Steve Nelson — a regular and vocal attendant of school board meetings in Mountain View who recently announced he plans to run for the Mountain View Whisman board in 2012 — echoed Harrison’s concerns about segregation, though he said he ultimately is OK with the boundary changes.

Children currently attending one of the affected schools will not be asked to change schools, nor will their younger siblings, even if they have yet to reach elementary school age, as long as the older sibling is still attending the school in question, Goldman explained.

The areas that will undergo a

change next year are:

■ **Area No. 1:** homes bounded by Latham Street, Escuela Avenue, El Camino Real and South Rengstorff Avenue that are currently in the Bubb attendance area will switch to Castro.

■ **Area No. 2:** homes bounded by Central Expressway, Chiquita Avenue, California Street and Escuela Avenue, currently a Bubb attendance area, will switch to a Castro attendance area.

■ **Area No. 3:** homes bounded by Central Expressway, South Rengstorff Avenue, California Street and Ortega Avenue that are currently in the Castro attendance area will switch to a Monta Loma attendance area.

The new boundaries will make it much easier and safer for children in Area No. 1 to walk to school, Goldman said. Before, students living in this area would have had to cross El Camino Real and walk close to 2 miles to get to Bubb; the new walk will be cut down to a little more than a block at most, and students will no longer have to cross El Camino Real.

“From the beginning,” Goldman said, “we believed that the adjustments were ones that made sense for the families being affected.” ▀

Hospital unveils new smart phone app

FAMILY MEDICAL OFFICER DESIGNED TO HELP MANAGE ENTIRE FAMILY’S HEALTH

By Nick Veronin

A new smart phone application, built from the ground up by El Camino Hospital, aims to help locals make informed medical decisions for themselves and their families, according to an official with the healthcare organization.

The free app, Family Medical Officer, allows users to access personal and family health records, find a doctor by location, specialty or last name and check up-to-the-minute emergency room wait times at both El Camino campuses. It also has a reference guide with an extensive list of conditions and their symptoms, as well as drugs and their side effects.

The idea behind the Family Medical Officer app, which the hospital announced on Dec. 7, is to connect a family’s primary medical decision-maker with a

tool that would help “cope with the maze of healthcare decisions” regularly facing him or her, said Greg Walton, chief information officer at El Camino.

Walton, who oversees all of the hospital’s information technology projects, said that while there are companies that build healthcare-oriented smart phone apps for hospitals by filling in an extant app skeleton, El Camino wanted to start from scratch with the FMO app, and make it specifically for the El Camino Hospital community.

“We took out a clean sheet of paper and asked, ‘What mobile technology do we want for the long run?’” Walton said.

Though he wouldn’t give any details, he said the hospital has plans to build upon the app in ways it hopes users will appreciate and find useful. “We didn’t want to just buy something that everybody else already had.”

The application runs on both the iOS and Android smart phone operating systems. Though the app can be run on the iPad and other tablet computers, it is not yet optimized for such devices so it will appear grainy.

“This is an early step in mobile devices for healthcare,” Walton said, noting that the hospital recognizes that people are increasingly expectant that all of the places they go in the brick and mortar world should have a mobile web counterpart. El Camino officials expect mobile healthcare technology to continue growing at a rapid clip.

“We know people are more and more dependent on their smart phones to run their lives. It’s part of our obligation to meet people where they are,” he said.

Instructions for downloading the free application are at www.elcaminohospital.com/FMO ▀

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is one of seven organizations that help local residents supported by contributions to the Voice Holiday Fund this year.

"If you've got to pay insurance, it's tough," said Andres, whose wife Patricia was being seen for a rash on her hand. Their 3-year-old son's health care is covered by a government program, but with no insurance offered by their employers, his parents face the prospect of expensive hospital visits or unaffordable health insurance payments.

Andres admits that getting an appointment is a bit like winning the lottery. But even for those who manage to press redial enough times to get in line on the 25-slot phone queue to schedule an appointment, access to care is often limited by the specialties of volunteer doctors and nurses, and by supplies.

There is a huge demand for care by diabetics and those with high blood pressure, but the clinic's volunteer nutritionist can't serve all the diabetics who need advice, and the clinic's "Heart to Health" program, which was showing "tremendous success" in treating women with high blood pressure

by supplying free blood pressure monitors, ran out of the monitors last month.

The original program was intended for women, but it turned out that the reach of "Heart to Health" is extending much further.

"They almost become advocates who are able to help others manage their own health situations," said clinical coordinator Mirella Nguyen. "Once somebody's blood pressure was well managed, they wanted to transfer the machine to a friend or family member to use. Most of our patients probably would not run out and buy (the \$75 monitor)," she said.

Like many social safety net programs, more and more middle class patients are using the clinic, people who first tried to pay out-of-pocket for the high cost of health care after losing their jobs. Some feel ashamed, and they often stand out because they feel a need to explain why they need access to the clinic, said Nidia Farrugua, the office administrator.

According to the RotaCare, "Health insurance premiums for California working families increased by 109.2 percent in the last 10 years. In the same time

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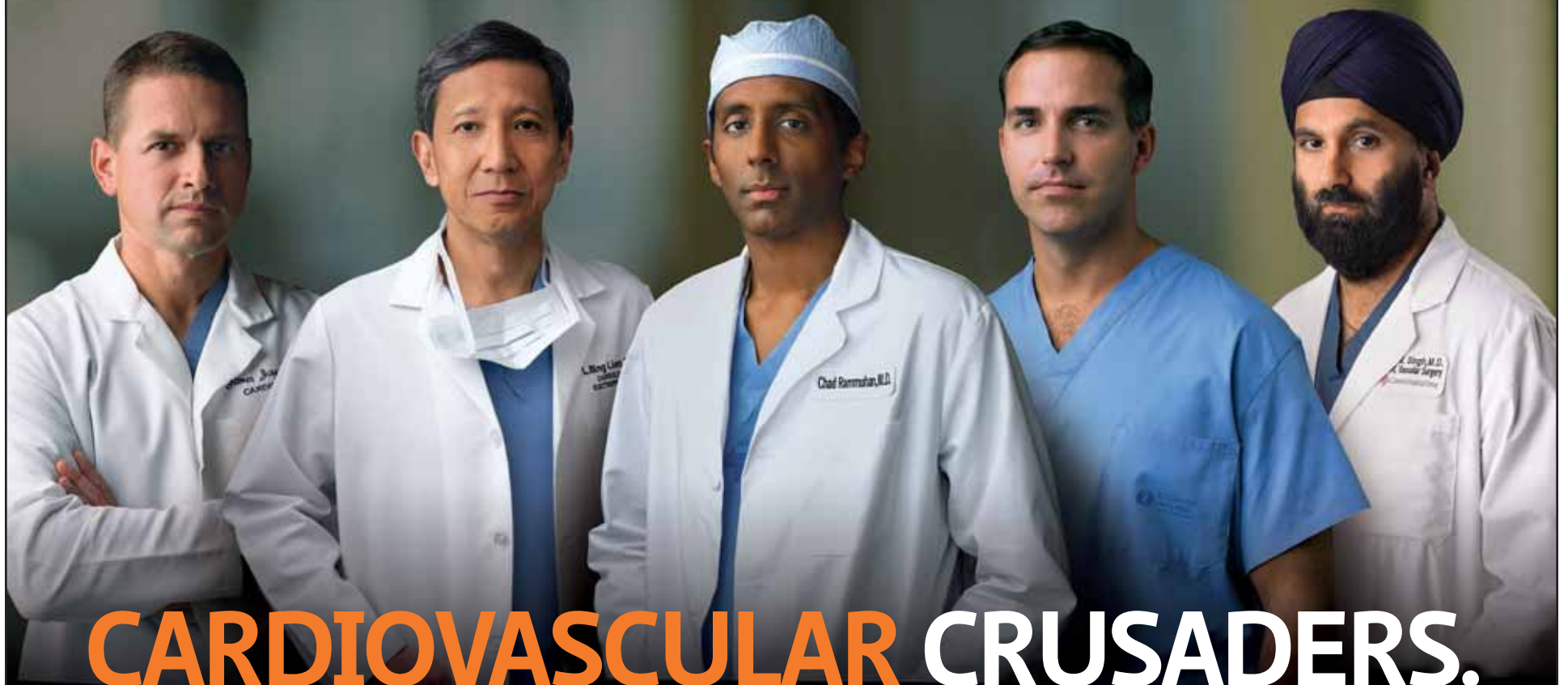


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going to save the hangar," said Lenny Siegel, a longtime leader of the effort to save Hangar One, who in the past has questioned the special NASA agreement with H211. "That said, I still believe the federal government should pay for restoration of the hangar."

But even by Eshoo's account, federal money seems unlikely. The White House Office of Management and Budget has taken the financial onus for Hangar One's restoration off the Navy's hands and put it on Hangar One's current owner, NASA. But President Obama's \$32 million budget request to restore the hangar for NASA "was not taken up by Congress and fell by the board," Eshoo said. The proposal was sharply criticized in an Inspector General's report that said "mission critical" NASA projects would be

delayed to restore a building with no proposed use.

Ambrose called the current governmental dysfunction that endangers the historic hangar "unfortunate drama."

"I feel a real sense of urgency with the bones exposed," Ambrose said of the stripped frame. Whether the \$12 million worth of scaffolding inside of the hangar could be reused to restore the hangar "could be the difference" between it being financially feasible or not, he said.

Eshoo agreed that the restoration needs to begin once the siding is completely removed.

"This cannot be massive symbol rising in the heart of Silicon Valley of the incompetence of the federal government," she said.

Siegel said he has known about the proposal for several months, but decided to ask Ambrose to pitch the proposal to the public because "things have gotten to the point that NASA headquarters has become uncooperative and the community

needs to be heard," Siegel said.

Siegel believes the proposal could be seen as a threat to some in Washington who want to see NASA Ames' Moffett airfield, where Hangar One sits, sold or made surplus by the federal government. There may also be some concern from the White House about the appearance of doing a favor for President Obama's supporters at Google.

Ambrose said local NASA officials at Ames Research Center support the proposal, strengthening a partnership that Google has with NASA, which Eshoo also vocally supports. Google's "Planetary Ventures" division is working to organize NASA's archives. "At Ames everyone we've talked to says, 'That's a great concept,'" Ambrose said.

In a unique agreement that allows use of the federal airfield for personal flights, the Google executives' planes have been stored in Hangar 211 at Moffett since 2007 under a \$1.3 million-a-year lease agreement

that allows use of the aircraft for NASA's scientific work. There have been no noise complaints about the planes, Ambrose said.

While supportive and open to the H211 proposal, at the meeting RAB members expressed concerns about whether Hangar One could still be shared with public uses. Preservationists seemed less concerned that Google's leaders were interested in working with the community for an environmentally sensitive restoration, later saying in a letter to NASA that "restoration will meet historic preservation standards" under the H211 plan.

Ambrose confirmed that Google's leaders aren't interested in painting a large Google sign on the side.

Inside Hangar One, Ambrose said Google's proposed use is "not incompatible" with other uses that could share one of the world's largest freestanding structures. Other potential uses include the Moffett Field History Museum and the major air and space museum that

preservationists (who are also RAB members) have proposed under the Air and Space West Foundation.

In its letter to NASA headquarters, the RAB subcommittee writes, "We believe that our neighbors, residents of the South Bay Area from all political perspectives, will not hesitate to support the H211 offer enthusiastically." ■

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period, California workers' wages rose 25.5 percent."

The clinic is operated in the basement of a building on the El Camino Hospital campus, donated by the hospital, along with "anything connected to the wall." Rotary clubs offer support with donations and by collecting donated food from restaurants for the volunteers every night. The cost of medications has been a huge expense, but new programs offered by Walmart and Target which allow patients to receive generic medicines for \$4 a month have reduced that need, Farrugua said.

As a recipient of the *Voice's* Holiday Fund, Mirella said Rotacare would use contributions to buy blood pressure monitors and blood sugar monitors for patients to take home, and provide flu vaccines for those who are unable to get them free elsewhere.

The clinic is also seeking volunteers, particularly nutritionists and social workers, who can help patients navigate the various government health care programs available. ■

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

NASA needs to end hang-up on Hangar One

Since October, the three principals of Google, founders Larry Page and Sergei Brin and chairman Eric Schmidt, have had a secret offer in to NASA to pay for replacing the siding on Hangar One.

But so far the offer, which is estimated to be worth \$33 million, has fallen on deaf ears back in Washington for reasons that have yet to be divulged. Congresswoman Anna Eshoo and other Bay Area legislators are trying to get the space agency to accept this extremely generous offer, which is probably the only hope of preserving the magnificent structure that was built to house the Navy dirigible USS Macon in the early 1930s.

Topping out at 200 feet, Hangar One is in danger of being left derelict by the Navy, which is paying to remove the hangar's toxic siding but claims it has no funds to recover it.

That is why it is so important that there's an offer to pay the entire cost of replacing the siding. It was made officially by H211 LLC, the company formed by Page, Brin and Schmidt to manage the company's aircraft. The fleet includes two large passenger jets and several Gulfstream executive planes that are currently housed at another NASA hangar on the airfield. The executives are paying \$1.3 million a year for this privilege, but if their offer is accepted, the LLC's planes would move to a permanent home in Hangar One. Apparently the deal would not bar other uses for the remaining space in the huge structure.

Time is of the essence for several reasons, including the need to be able to use the \$12 million in scaffolding currently deployed in the de-skinning project underway inside the hangar. In addition, with the rainy season upon us, much of the hangar's metal framing is exposed to the elements — which could cause lasting damage.

We see this offer as another sign that Google is eager to become a good citizen in Mountain View and the surrounding area. And although the size of the deal to complete the Hangar One siding project is the most significant so far, we also are encouraged by the company's gift of \$1 million to local schools, and to build two bridges over Stevens Creek that will connect the Googleplex with a future office and potential housing site at Moffett Field.

In our view, these are all positive developments that solidly anchor the company to the city for many years to come. And speedy acceptance by NASA of the H211 LLC offer to replace the siding on Hangar One would be a major step in the right direction.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

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MaryEllen Wolfers
Palmer Avenue

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■ FOOD FEATURE

Backyard beekeeping: big gains for little effort

BESIDES HONEY AND BEESWAX, THERE IS AN INTRIGUING WORLD INSIDE A HIVE

By Daniel DeBolt

Information Technology consultant Anita Rosen spends her days teaching people about the beehive known as the Worldwide Web, but prefers spending her free time on low tech pursuits, including a real beehive in her Mountain View backyard.

Rosen says she spends about 10 hours a year on her hobby, but reaps up to 14 gallons of honey a year, plus hand lotion made from beeswax and some other satisfactions that are a bit harder to quantify. The hive is about the size of a small oven but can hold

as many bees as there are people in Mountain View.

Unlike her dogs and her garden, the bees don't need to be fed, watered or walked.

"It is the easiest hobby in the world," she said to a group who attended a Mountain View Reads Together event about raising bees and chickens in urban areas. Usually, "you don't have to do much except take their honey," since bees produce much more than they need, she said.

Rosen, a student of bees, is fascinated with their behavior. She can tell you that a queen bee can



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Anita Rosen shows one of the combs in her backyard beehive in Mountain View.

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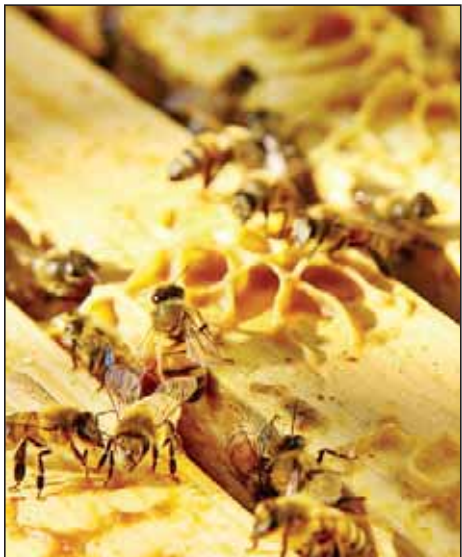


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MICHELLE LE

Busy bees clamber in and out of the hive.

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produce 2,000 eggs a day, that the bees can communicate by dancing, and that when traffic in and out of the hive becomes too heavy, the bees somehow know that it's time for some to split off and fly away in a swarm. That's how Rosen got her bees, by catching a swarm.

She caught beekeeping fever after reading "The Secret Life of Bees," a novel about a group of female beekeepers.

"Most people don't have any idea about all the complicated life going on inside a



MICHELLE LE

Anita Rosen and her daughter Allison Moser, with the family's dogs.

hive," says one of the book's characters named August. "Bees have a secret life we don't know anything about."

The local experts who know all about that "secret life" are the Santa Clara Valley Beekeepers Guild, which Rosen joined five years ago to get some lessons in beekeeping.

Rosen started by putting her name on a list of Guild members interested in catching a swarm, which become available pretty regularly. Swarms are usually



MICHELLE LE

Jars of honey from Rosen's backyard hive made a sweet treat for her neighbors.

seen as a nuisance wherever they go, and if you are inclined to give them a call, Guild members will remove a swarm for free.

Indicating a growing trend, "there's a lot more hobbyists" and more women than when she joined the Guild. Then it was almost entirely an organization of professional beekeepers who were men. She soon began to mentor other new hobbyists, six of them so far.

Beekeeping would be a risky business for

any of the highly allergic people who go into potentially fatal anaphylactic shock when stung. Rosen is not allergic, but has had her share of stings. It's almost guaranteed you will be stung if you open up a hive without a protective suit, hood and gloves, she said.

"I got stung a lot more at the beginning," Rosen said. She has since learned not to be so "cocky." Once, a bee got into her hood when she had not fastened it properly,

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resulting in the side of her head becoming swollen from the sting. Bees can only sting once, and then they die, she said.

Much of the expense of getting started in beekeeping is buying a suit to prevent stings. Other equipment includes the special wood boxes that make a hive, and one of the oldest beekeeping tools, a smoker. Smoke calms the bees by causing them to begin feeding on honey as if to prepare for a fire, and in doing so it extends the bee's torso, keeping it from using its stinger. Rosen said that if someone were to buy all the equipment new, it would run about \$300.

Some prospective beekeepers have expressed concern about bothering their neighbors with an increased bee presence, as a single hive can house up to 75,000 bees that are constantly coming and going in the summer.

But Rosen claims, "No one notices anything."

It helps that Rosen has a 7-foot fence around her backyard, which forces the bees to fly higher than they otherwise would. She approached her neighbors after the fact to tell them, with a jar of honey in hand. "They all think it's the greatest thing," she said.

Now everyone she knows has a jar of her honey. Some say it tastes like Mountain View because it tastes like the smell of flowers in the area.

Local honey is said to help with seasonal allergies as well, she adds. "It really cuts down on your allergies because it has a way of building up your immunity," she said.

The wax from the hive can be used for candles or as a grease-like lubricant. Rosen uses it for a hand lotion. With the help of a solar cooker, she melts the wax in the sun over a cheesecloth filter and then mixes it with canola oil. The result is a substance that's hard like a bar of soap, but comes off in a film. She warns that pure beeswax is "the gooiest substance" and won't easily come off your hands.

Rosen says beekeeping is the ultimate conversation starter. Bringing a swarm into your life might also bring more social interaction for yourself.

"I thought this was one of those things only professionals could do," she said. "But I collected my swarm and now I'm helping people."

The Santa Clara Valley Beekeepers Guild can be found online at beeguild.org.

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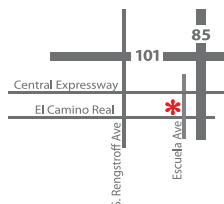


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Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) Century 16: 10 & 11 a.m.; 12:40, 1:40, 3:30, 4:30, 6:20, 7:20, 9:15 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: Fri.-Tue. at 10:35, 11 & 11:35 a.m.; 12:10, 12:55, 1:25, 2, 2:35, 3:15, 3:50, 4:20, 5, 6:10, 8:30 & 10:45 p.m.; Fri.-Mon. also at 5:40, 6:40, 7:25, 9 & 9:45 p.m.; Wed. & Thu. at 11 a.m.; 1:30, 3:55, 6:10, 8:30 & 10:45 p.m.

Arthur Christmas (PG) Century 16: 1:20 & 6:40 p.m.; In 3D at 10:30 a.m.; 4:20 & 9:45 p.m. Century 20: 11:20 a.m. & 4:15 p.m.; In 3D at 1:45 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Mon. also at 6:55 p.m.

The Artist (PG-13) ★★★1/2 CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: 1:30, 2:45, 5:15 & 7:45 p.m.; Fri.-Tue. also at 4 & 6:30 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9 & 10:10 p.m.

Brief Encounter (1945) Stanford Theatre: Sat. & Sun. at 5:50 & 9:40 p.m.

The Descendants (R) ★★1/2 Aquarius Theatre: 4, 7 & 9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 1:15 p.m. Century 20: 10:55 a.m.; 1:40 & 4:20 p.m.; Fri.-Mon. also at 7:10 & 9:55 p.m.

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (2011) (R) Century 16: Tue. at 7 p.m. & 12:01 a.m. Century 20: Tue. at 7 & 10:30 p.m. & 12:01 a.m.; Wed. & Thu. at noon, 3:30, 7 & 10:25 p.m.

Great Expectations (1946) Stanford Theatre: Sat. & Sun. at 3:40 & 7:30 p.m.

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J. Edgar (R) ★★ Century 16: 10:10 p.m.

Jack and Jill (PG) Century 20: Fri.-Mon. at 9:20 p.m.

Little Women (1933) Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

The Metropolitan Opera: Hansel and Gretel Century 20: Thu. at 6:30 p.m. CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: Thu. at 6:30 p.m.

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Shame (NC-17) Aquarius Theatre: 4:45, 7:30 & 9:55 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 2:15 p.m.

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) Century 16: 10, 11 & 11:50 a.m.; 12:30, 1, 2, 3, 3:40, 4:10, 5:10, 6:10, 7:10, 7:50, 8:50, 9:50 & 10:50 p.m. Century 20: 10:25, 11:10 & 11:55 a.m.; 12:35, 1:20, 2:10, 2:55, 3:40, 4:30, 7:35 & 10:40 p.m.; Fri.-Mon. also at 5:15, 6, 6:45, 8:20, 9:05 & 9:50 p.m.; Wed. & Thu. at 10:25 a.m.; 1:20, 4:30, 7:35 & 10:40 p.m.

The Shop Around the Corner (1940) Stanford Theatre: Wed. & Thu. at 7:30 p.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: 12:15, 2:30 & 4:45 p.m.; Fri.-Mon. also at 7:05, 8:10, 9:15 & 10:20 p.m.

Stage Door (1937) Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 5:45 & 9:35 p.m.

Tower Heist (PG-13) ★★ Century 16: 7:50 & 10:20 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.* — P.C.

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 CRITICS

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

Goings On

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

■ HIGHLIGHT

'WINTER FAIRY TALE'

A holiday ballet, performed in the Russian style, Dec. 17, 5-4 p.m. \$30. Mountain View Center for The Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-988-9971. www.bayerballetacademy.com

ART GALLERIES

'Impressions of Costa Rica' Barbara von Haunalter's watercolors and the clay sculptures of Jean Prophet. Throughout December. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

'Seeing Red!' Gallery 9 An all-gallery exhibit running through Dec. 24. Thirty local artists present: painting, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, photography, mixed media, metal work and jewelry. Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., noon-4 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

'E-reader Test Drive' This program will give participants the chance to look at several e-readers: The Sony Reader, The Barnes & Noble Nook and the Amazon Kindle. Dec. 17, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683.

'Social Media Series: Write Your Own Memoir' The Los Altos Library will present a program about how to write a memoir. Dec. 19, 2-3 p.m. Free. Nicholas Clayton, 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 (Toast-Masters Orbiters) Toastmasters meet every first and third Thursday 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

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

CONCERTS

'Music of the Holidays' Concert by Los Altos High's Main Street Singers and organist Jin Kyung Lim, featuring music of the season. A benefit for the Community Services Agency of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Mountain View. Hosted by Los Altos Lutheran Church. Admission is by free-will donation at the door. Dec. 17, 7-8:15 p.m. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 South El Monte Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-948-3012. www.losaltoslutheran.org

'Magnificat' Magnificat revives its inaugural program centered on Schütz's "Weihnachtshistorie" in honor of its 20th season and SFEMS's 35th. With special guests The Whole Noyse and the Sex Chordae Consort of Viols. Dec. 16,

8 p.m. \$28-\$35. First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave, Palo Alto. Call 510-528-1725. sfems.org

Peninsula Trombone Choir Holiday Concert The Gordon Stewart Peninsula Trombone Choir, celebrating its 25th year, will perform a holiday concert Sat., Dec. 17. The ensemble, comprised only of trombones, will play a variety of holiday-related music, including traditional, jazz and classical. 2-3 p.m. Free. St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 4111 Alma St., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-4257.

Peninsula Women's Chorus: 'Sweet Joy' The PWC presents a concert of seasonal works spanning nine centuries of choral music. The audience is invited to join the chorus for a holiday sing-along and reception. Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m. \$25; students \$10. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. www.pwchorus.org/

Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra The Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra presents their second concert of the season. Conducted by PACO Music Director, Benjamin Simon, PACO alumna Dina Glendening-Keller will perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto #5 and Coriolan Overture and Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony with the Sinfonia Orchestra. Dec. 17. Free. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford University, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. Call 650-856-3848. www.pacomusic.org

Sing and Play Along Messiah at Stanford Stephen M. Sano conducts this annual "sing and play it yourself" celebration. Orchestral parts will be provided and singers may purchase scores at the door or bring their own. Dec. 16, 8 p.m. \$5-\$10. Stanford Memorial Church, Stanford. music.stanford.edu/Events/calendar.html

DANCE

2011 Holiday Gala Dancing to Jerry Jay's Quartet as well as free refreshments. Dec. 21, 4 p.m. Free. City of Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

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. fortheLoveofDance.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. fortheLoveofDance.com

Jazz-Dance Class For the Love of Dance Studio is offering jazz-dance classes for teens and adults. Mondays through June 24, 7-8 p.m.

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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

EXHIBITS

'Rodin and the Dancing Body' Rodin's friendship with dance artist Isadora Duncan is the starting point for this installation, during which students will move through the museum's auditorium with their dancing bodies, providing visitors with a perspective on a significant aspect of Rodin's work. Through Jan. 1, open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University, 328 Lomita Drive and Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Antique Toys, 1870-1930 In addition to early American toys, the exhibit also features turn-of-the-century toy trains and accessories from fine European toymakers such as Marklin and Bing. Through April, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004. www.moah.org

FAMILY AND KIDS

'Secret Garden Holiday Tea' A holiday tea will be held Dec. 17, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$25-\$35. Garden Court Hotel, 520 Cowper St., Palo Alto. Call 650-543-2215. gardencourtho-

telholidaytea.eventbrite.com/

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

LEGO Holiday Display The Museum of American Heritage (MOAH), The Bay Area LEGO User Group (BayLUG) are co-hosting the 2011 LEGO Holiday display at MOAH. Weekends through Jan. 15, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$2. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004. www.moah.org

HEALTH

John's Zumba Class Zumba classes every Thursday night, 8-9 p.m. \$10. John's Zumba Class, 2584 Leghorn St., Mountain View. Call 415-990-9965. www.thatzumbaguy.com

LIVE MUSIC

Michael Griego Michael Griego plays classical and Christmas-themed guitar music. Dec. 13 and 20, 7-9 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. www.redrockcoffee.org

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

'The Secret Garden' TheatreWorks pres-

ents the musical adaptation of "The Secret Garden," based on the classic novel about a young orphan who discovers a hidden garden. Through Dec. 31, 8-9:45 p.m. \$19-\$72. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. theatreworks.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

'Festival of Lights' The Hanukkah menorah will be lit, and blessings said and songs sung at this public party. Dec. 21, 4-5 p.m. Free. Stanford Hospital Atrium, 300 Pasteur Drive, Stanford. Call 650-723-3808. stanfordhospital.org/jewishchaplancy

'Insight Meditation South Bay' Shaila Catherine and guest teachers lead a weekly "Insight Meditation" sitting followed by a talk on Buddhist teachings. Tuesdays through Feb. 7, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. St. Timothy's/Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. imsb.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

'Harvest & Holiday Craft Sale' Crafts and treats will be on sale Dec. 16-17, noon-4 p.m. 720 Loyola Drive, Los Altos. www.sandysummerkitchenstyle.com

VOLUNTEERS

Tutor with JustREAD JustREAD is a non-profit, literacy program dedicated to improving the reading/writing skills of students. Volunteers are trained by JustREAD and work one-on-one with students. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. JustREAD Tutorial Center, 1299 Bryant St., Mountain View. Call 650-691-0416. justREAD-centers.org

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Each year, the El Camino Hospital District, with the publication of its Independent Auditors Report, demonstrates its commitment to transparency in all of its operations, and its accountability to the public it serves. The following pages contain a comprehensive report on the district's financial health, including balance sheets, financial statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, as well as a full discussion of the fiscal year's financial decisions and activities. The report also contains comparative financial information from fiscal years 2010 and 2009. The information will provide readers with a clear-eyed perspective on the fiscal choices and challenges faced by all health care organizations and in particular this local community resource. [Readers may also download a copy of the Independent Auditor's Report at www.elcaminohospital.org/2011audit.](http://www.elcaminohospital.org/2011audit)

AUDIT HIGHLIGHTS – FY 2011

Operating income during FY2011 increased by \$41.5 million over FY2010, primarily due to the Mountain View campus' increased revenues through price changes, volume growth, and improved managed care contracts without any significant increase in expenses.

The Los Gatos campus was able to realize the same benefits of pricing and managed care contracts. At the same time, higher volumes allowed more efficient matching of required staffing levels and more coverage of fixed and overhead costs.

Total assets increased by \$78.1 million over FY2010. Total surplus cash and investments increased by \$92.5 million over FY2010.



Planning for a healthy future



*Tomi Ryba,
President and CEO*

As shown in the enclosed financial audit, El Camino Hospital saw recovery from the financial results we experienced in the middle of the previous fiscal year through positive financial results sustained in each of the 12 accounting periods in fiscal year 2011. This was due in major part to improvements implemented through the hospital-wide ACE (Accelerated Continuous Improvement) program which we implemented starting in early 2010. The \$80 million in annualized improvements we saw during this time resulted from new revenue cycle processes; favorable

contractual terms with insurance payers; labor productivity management; revised compensation and benefit policies; and decreased cost of supplies and other purchased services. As we neared the middle of the fiscal year, most of those improvements were in place and financial performance returned to previous levels.

Although our 7.3% operating margin is better than national averages and in line with successful California health care providers like Stanford and Sutter, we feel the need to remain financially cautious, especially in this time of economic uncertainty. We know that health care reform will require new investments in infrastructure such as sophisticated IT systems that will help us track and analyze data. Since we don't yet know what those investments will require, we are being prudent until we have a plan developed.

As a not-for-profit organization, none of El Camino Hospital's operating margin goes to shareholders; it is reinvested in our facilities and programs for our community. For example, during this past year, we expanded services in several areas:

- We are one of just 45 hospitals involved in the CoreValve® U.S. Pivotal Trial, a minimally invasive procedure for inpatients with severe aortic stenosis
- Thanks to a generous donation from Ed and Pamela Taft and in collaboration with the Fogarty Institute, the recently opened Taft Center for Clinical Research is expanding clinical trial opportunities for physicians and their patients
- The Orthopedic Pavilion at the Los Gatos campus offers a new wellness-oriented approach for patients recovering from hip or knee replacements
- We introduced the Women's Pelvic Health Program, the first of its kind in Northern California
- Members of the community now have access to genetic counseling through the Genomics Medicine Institute

As CEO, I am privileged to be at El Camino Hospital, serving the Silicon Valley as we are taking a look to the future to see how we can best contribute to the health and well being of our community. We will continue, as we always have, to be advocates for quality care. And as all of us begin to live with the new rules of health care reform, we will also be focusing on disease prevention and cost containment – two principles which will serve both providers and consumers of health care well in the future.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY'S HEALTHCARE NEEDS*

Mountain View campus

Inpatient admissions	19,776
Patients treated in the ER	42,106
Inpatient/outpatient surgeries**	9,780
(includes El Camino Surgery Center)	
Deliveries	4,262

Los Gatos campus

Inpatient admissions	3,676
Patients treated in the ER	11,774
Inpatient/outpatient surgeries.....	3,977
Deliveries	618

*Data from July 1, 2010 to July 30, 2011.

**Includes El Camino Surgery Center.