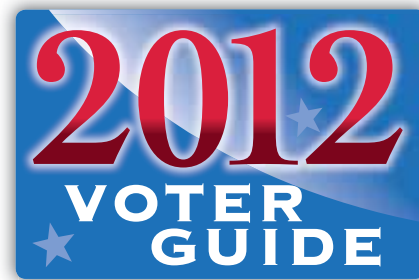


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A Graham Middle School student crosses Castro Street after school on Oct. 16. Three students have been hit by cars in recent weeks.

Three students hit by cars in three weeks

MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS SAFETY OF CASTRO STREET CROSSWALKS

By Nick Veronin

After three children were struck by cars while crossing Castro Street near Graham Middle School, community safety officials and city leaders are set to meet next

week with parents and school representatives to discuss safety measures.

The meeting, hosted by the non-profit youth traffic safety organization Safe Moves, is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct.

24, at 7 p.m. in the Graham multi-use room. Kim Thompson, the school's principal, is slated to speak, as is Pat Hines, executive director of

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Hacker Dojo ditching old building

By Daniel DeBolt

Little more than two weeks after raising \$250,000 to bring its building up to code, Hacker Dojo has found a different way to solve its code compliance headaches — it's moving to a better building.

On Oct. 15, representatives for the shared work space for computer programmers announced that a lease had been signed for a

larger, 16,600-square-foot building at 599 Fairchild Dr. The move was spurred when it was found that renovations at 140 South Whisman Road would cost much more than previously thought, with construction firms making estimates between \$336,000 and \$446,000 after getting a close look, according to the announcement, which spread via Facebook.

While fundraising on Kick-

starter to make fire safety and accessibility improvements to its building and prevent closure by the city, the Dojo's leaders were also spending the last nine months looking for another site, and eventually found "a diamond in the rough," according to the announcement.

"Generally speaking, one does not simply find a building with

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Council says no way to Chick-Fil-A

DRIVE-THROUGH WON'T WORK AT NARROW SITE, SAYS MAJORITY

By Daniel DeBolt

Mountain View's City Council voted 4-2 Tuesday evening against allowing a Chick-Fil-A to open at 1962 El Camino Real, saying that a drive-through restaurant would be at odds with visions of a bike- and pedestrian-friendly city.

With as many as 60 to 100 hungry drivers an hour entering its drive-through, Chick-Fil-A would be in conflict with bicyclists and pedestrians on a portion of El Camino Real where several have been killed by cars, council members said. They also said the drive-through would be too close to an apartment building, where residents could be exposed to higher levels of tailpipe emissions.

"We just finished our general plan," council member Jac Siegel said of the blueprint for the city's development until 2030. "It is all about sustainability. We worked on it over several years, and this just flies in the face of that to me."

Council member Ronit Bryant echoed Siegel's comments about the city's vision for El Camino Real. "When we were talking about bus rapid transit, we all got quite excited about the thought of bike lanes. Having a use based on cars just doesn't make sense."

Council members Tom Means and John Inks supported the drive-through, while Mayor Mike Kasperzak was absent.

Chick Fil-A may still apply to open a restaurant without a drive-through. "We need to deliberate on that," Blake Goodman, senior manager for Chick-Fil-A, said after the meeting. "A lot of things are still up in the air."

Chick-Fil-A officials had told the council that a drive-through was needed to make the store financially viable.

A number of Chick-Fil-A supporters spoke, saying the store would provide valuable first jobs, and that the store would fund youth sports and other community programs.

Kathy Lin, the owner of 1962 El Camino Real, was in tears at

the end of the meeting with a crowd of Chick-Fil-A supporters around her. She told the council that the Sizzler there now was refusing to pay "market rent" for the site and that it had become a financial burden on her family. "We could not tenant anyone else," Lin said. "Only Chick-Fil-A or a 24-hour Denny's. We don't have much choice."

Zoning administrator Peter Gilli had previously approved the project, citing no real opposition at the time, and the fact that the restaurant's being closed on Sundays would reduce drive-through impacts. The decision was appealed to the City Council, by not one, but two groups.

The first appellant, David

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Should city officials do more to inform people of environmental hazards?



"I feel that it's kind of a mixed responsibility between the media and the government. But overall I do feel like it's mainly the responsibility of the city officials to notify its residents and the media to kind of get the message out there."

Tyler Hughes, Mountain View



"I definitely think it should be part of their roles as to reach out to citizens and inform them of anything that can affect their day-to-day life. Environmental hazards included."

Rob Munro, San Francisco



"Yes I do. I mean it's their job to protect us — that's what we elected them for."

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"The EPA should have the power and resources to do a much more aggressive job at protecting Americans from pollution in the first place."

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■ CRIME BRIEFS

NOT GUILTY PLEA IN WARE CASE

Matthew Pumar, the Mountain View driver accused of hitting and killing a man who was waiting for a bus, has pleaded not guilty, according to Duffy Magilligan, the deputy district attorney handling the case.

Pumar pleaded not guilty to the charge of gross vehicular manslaughter on Sept. 26, Magilligan said.

According to police, on June 21, the 22-year-old Pumar allegedly sped through a red light, swerved to avoid a truck entering the intersection, lost control of his car and then ran into William Ware, a well-known local man who was waiting for a bus in the 1800 block of California Street. Ware was killed by the violent impact of the collision.

Pumar remained on the scene and cooperated with police and investigators. He was arrested on July 10 after the investigation was completed. He immediately posted \$100,000 bail and was released.

Magilligan said Pumar is scheduled to appear in court on Oct. 24 where a judge will set a date for the preliminary hearing.

Dolores Marquez, Ware's niece, said she was upset with Pumar's plea.

"It's hard to hear someone not hold themselves accountable for something that was so obvious," Marquez said.

death of an Illinois man. No charges will be filed against the driver in the incident.

Joshua Baker was crossing California Street about 500 feet west of Castro Street at about 10:23 p.m. when he was hit by a Toyota Camry traveling between 35 to 40 miles per hour, according to Mountain View Police Department spokesman Sgt. Sean Thompson. Neither the speed of the vehicle nor the sobriety of the driver was a factor.

"Based on driver and witness statements, evidence at the scene, the type of injuries sustained, the damage location on the vehicle and all investigative accident tools used, the primary collision factor could not be established to a reasonable certainty," Thompson wrote in an MVPD press release. "The Santa Clara County District Attorney's office has reviewed this case and determined that no charges will be filed against the driver of the vehicle."

—Nick Veronin

RITE AID FINED

Rite Aid Corporation has agreed to pay \$800,000 for false and deceptive advertising. The company has settled a civil law-enforcement suit with the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office and DA offices in Riverside and Ventura counties, the Santa Clara County DA has announced.

Rite Aid has locations in Mountain View, with one at 1040 Grant Road and another at 685 San Antonio Road.

The suit filed in San Diego County alleged that Rite Aid violated state laws prohibiting

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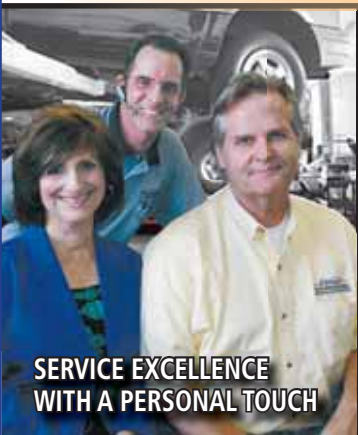
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Acrimonious meeting reveals traffic woes

By Daniel DeBolt

Following two collisions that killed pedestrians on California Street this year, the Shoreline West Association of Neighbors held an unusual meeting on street safety Monday night.

The Community Center's lower social hall was packed at the beginning of the meeting with over 80 people, but later thinned to around 40. After the meeting, several bicycle advocates expressed frustration with city officials for what they saw as blaming victims and an unwillingness to consider sacrificing vehicle traffic flow for pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Council member Ronit Bryant had a rosier view after attending the meeting, reporting to council on Tuesday night that "lots of neighborhoods and groups are coming together to worry about bike and pedestrian issues. I think we are facing a year of moving forward on a lot of bicycle safety and traffic issues. I look forward to our goal-setting in January."

Before the discussions began, police Capt. Tony Lopez and public works director Mike Fuller briefly talked about the the prob-

lem from their perspectives.

The police view

Lopez took an educational approach towards the issue, pointing out that though pedestrians and cyclists have the right of way, doesn't mean it's always safe. He said his own niece "would stand in front of a train and argue she has the right of way. Don't be my niece. Don't take that chance."

Describing what police believe happened in the deaths of three pedestrians this year, he also pointed out the mistakes made by two of the victims. The exception was William Ware, who was struck by a speeding car while standing at a California Street bus stop, a case he called an "anomaly" because of the driver's extreme recklessness as he swerved to avoid a car making a turn and lost control.

Lopez surprised some by saying that "speed is not a factor in (Ware's) case," but later clarified that "the distinction was being made to highlight the recklessness as well beyond 'speeding.'"

He also pointed out that drivers weren't found to be at fault in the two other pedestrian deaths in the neighborhood, and that



Capt. Antonio Lopez addresses the crowd during a community meeting about recent fatal accidents.

both victims were wearing dark clothes at night, including Erik Onorato, who police believe was hit while jogging at night on Shoreline Boulevard, near Wright Avenue.

In the case of Joshua Baker, struck by a car at night while crossing California Street near Pettis Avenue, Lopez said Baker was likely standing among trees on the median before stepping

onto the street, hidden from view, and that "his clothing was not the most reflective." He said alcohol was not a factor and speeding was not a factor. "Either way, that poor gentleman is dead and some poor driver is dealing with the reality of taking someone's life."

Police are launching a public education campaign aimed at cyclists and pedestrians, and are

now posting on Facebook where traffic cops are ticketing people in hopes of getting drivers to talk about where to be careful.

Janet LaFleur said the accidents prove that even at legal speeds, cars are going too fast on California Street and Shoreline Boulevard.

LaFleur and another bicycle

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Council finally sees Shoreline traffic fix ideas

By Daniel DeBolt

Dedicated shuttle lanes, futuristic people-movers, park-and-ride garages and new bikeways are among the transportation options being studied for Google's neighborhood as the city faces a wave of office projects there.

In a study session Tuesday, Oct. 16, Council members heard

a presentation from city consultant James Lightbody, who is trying to figure how the city might accommodate as many as 48,000 employees in a North Bayshore developed to the limits of the 2030 General Plan. It is an area north of Highway 101 where 17,000 jobs now exist and roads are near full capacity.

The measures will have to

be unusual, as North Bayshore companies estimate that 39 percent of their employees already use alternative modes of transportation to get to work. At full build-out, and at current rates of car use, road use could jump 300 percent. And North Bayshore's roads can only be modified to accommodate 25 percent more traffic, Lightbody said.

"2030 is too late, solutions need to be in place immediately," said council member Ronit Bryant. "Everyone needs to be working equally hard and it can be done."

Lightbody has been working with Google, Intuit, LinkedIn and other North Bayshore companies in coming up with a menu of transportation improvement

for North Bayshore, some of which may be adopted by the City Council early next year.

"The sense I get is businesses really want to solve transportation and solve it in a really creative way," said Marianna Grossman, director of Sustainable Silicon Valley, which has

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Pay a buck, save the world

LOS ALTOS HIGH TEACHER WINS AWARD FOR FOUNDING ONE DOLLAR FOR LIFE

By Lisa Kellman

When 9,000 students from five California schools donated just \$1 each in 2007, the resulting \$9,000 was enough to build a new school in Kenya.

The idea was the brainchild of Los Altos High School teacher Robert Freeman, who founded

the nonprofit organization One Dollar For Life.

When the Kenyans saw their new school, "they thought it was the Taj Mahal ... and were just crying, openly weeping," Freeman recalled this week.

Freeman will be honored with the Palo Alto Kiwanis Club's first Angel Award later this

month for his work with One Dollar.

Freeman founded the nonprofit because he was frustrated with "teenagers' sense of impotence in being able to make a difference in the world." So, he made a model by which anyone, by donating a dollar, could participate and change the world

— provided everyone did so.

"The point was to put the impetus onto the teenagers themselves for enlisting one another. It is a generational bootstrap to a higher level of cultural consciousness ('we're all in this together') that is necessary to meet the challenges of our time," he said.

Freeman graduated from Santa Clara University in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in economics before getting his MBA at Stanford University's Graduate

School of Business. He started his career in the computer industry before transitioning to teaching in 2000. Seven years later with the help of a few dedicated students, Freeman put his model into action.

When Freeman and a group of students flew to Kenya to build the school, he saw the impact One Dollar could have on children living in Third World countries and how students in

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Safe Moves.

The “Biking, Walking, Driving: Transportation Safety” forum at Graham comes after a 15-day span in which three children were hit by cars just off of school grounds, according to Thompson.

The first child — an eighth-grade boy on a bike, was hit on the morning of Oct. 5. The second child, an eighth-grade boy on a skateboard, was hit on the morning of Oct. 10. The third, a seventh-grade boy, was also hit in the morning. All of the children were on their way to school.

None of them suffered life-threatening injuries, but the first boy that was hit broke his wrist, the second bruised his hip.

The father of the skateboarder, who asked to remain anonymous, said that children are not always cognizant of their surroundings and that the crosswalk in which his son was hit is one of two crosswalks where it is difficult to see the sidewalks, due to cars that are often parked along the shoulder of the road and because of trees and shrubs. The two crosswalks cut across Castro Street at the intersections of Harpster Drive and Sonia Way.

“I don’t necessarily blame her,” the father said. “A lot of

times these kids are just asleep,” he said. “They walk into the crosswalk and they just expect everyone to stop for them.”

Thompson said she is working with the city of Mountain View and Safe Moves to help increase the safety of Graham students.

The principal said she thinks the crosswalks — which do not have stop signs — would be much safer if the city installed some sort of blinking light system, either in the ground or overhead. Lights could be activated by a button of those wishing to cross.

The father of the skateboarder said he didn’t think it would make sense to put in a stop sign, because the street is a busy thoroughfare and two stop signs in quick succession would create a traffic issue around the time school begins and ends.

In part, the meeting is being held to raise awareness about the dangerous intersections, so that the city might add some sort of safety element to the two crosswalks. But it is also being held to just encourage parents to talk to their kids about the rules of the road and also to get people to be more aware of these two particular crossings.

“I want the public to realize that we all need to slow down,” Thompson said. “We’ve got to get people to slow down. That’s for sure.” ■

DOLLAR FOR LIFE

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America could help.

Students get a “real tangible connection” to the project because pictures of the completed projects are emailed to every participating American school. The back-office operations to man the telephone and the website (odfl.org) are paid by private individuals and foundations so that every dollar from the students goes directly to nongovernmental organizations in developing countries to build schools and finance other projects. In addition, each year, Freeman and a handful of students visit one or two project sites to help in construction.

“Our kids come back, and they are transformed people. They see people living, I’m telling you, on the threshold of existence ... people were drinking out of (polluted) creeks because that’s where the water is,” said Freeman, choking up. He hopes to instill in American students the five “Cs” to shape a better world: connection, competence, compassion, cooperation and creativity.

Through One Dollar, Freeman is working to get children in developing countries complete access to food, education and

health care by providing transportation to schools, educated teachers and necessary nutrients. He visited an orphanage in Kenya where children grew their own gardens for food but had no source of protein in their diet. When he returned, Freeman convinced a Jordan Middle School teacher to do a fundraiser in which the students raised enough money to buy two milk cows. The milk provides the orphan children with enough protein for eight years.

In five years, One Dollar has raised approximately \$209,000 from middle and high school students and has completed numerous projects including sending 250 tennis shoes to students in Malawi and buying 20 piglets to save 20 Nepalese girls from being sold into slavery.

The Palo Alto Kiwanis Club initially teamed up with Freeman and One Dollar to send 452 bicycles to Africa so children could travel to school from greater distances. One Dollar also helped six of the schools set up bicycle-repair shops to teach the students a vocational skill. Afterwards, Palo Alto Kiwanis wrote a proposal to Kiwanis International asking that Freeman be selected for the prestigious annual World Service Medal award given to individuals who have “signifi-

cantly enhanced the quality of life for a noteworthy number of people.” When they were turned down, Jim Phillips, chair of the Palo Alto chapter’s International Committee, said: “If we can’t get them to give him an award, why don’t we do it?”

Thus, the Angel Award was created to celebrate an individual or organization who mentors and impacts children in the community and throughout the world.

The first annual Angel Award cocktail event will take place Oct. 25 at the Sheraton Palo Alto from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with State Sen. Joe Simitian serving as master of ceremonies. Proceeds will benefit the Eliminate Project, a partnership between Kiwanis International and UNICEF dedicated to eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus, a disease that kills mothers and nearly 60,000 newborns yearly. The Palo Alto Kiwanis Club has pledged to raise \$100,000 in the next five years.

This year, One Dollar will be completing six new projects ranging from a new, \$15,000 birthing center in Nepal to providing 30 netbooks to students at an all-girls school in Kenya.

“It is a change-the-world idea that is actually working,” Freeman said. ■

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advocate, Wendee Crowfoot, said after the meeting that they are both concerned that the police department's efforts will be used as a substitute for substantial changes to the city's roads. "I'm not sure how they will find a way to do that effectively," Crowfoot said of the police's education campaign.

"If we are going to move beyond having people drive cars for every single trip around town so we don't drown in car congestion, the city will need to be more aggressive in supporting people walking and bicycling," LaFleur said in an email. "And the first step is slowing cars down through better roadway design."

The public works perspective

Director Fuller said the city commonly installs speed bumps and traffic circles on small residential streets when a majority of residents on a street sign a petition. Such measures wouldn't apply to Shoreline Boulevard or California Street, major arterial streets where "speed humps and such generally don't work well," Fuller said.

"Very often, there is not an engineering solution after a traffic accident," Fuller said.

Fuller said the city can't just reduce speed limit on California Street, as some would like, because traffic courts won't enforce speeds slower than that which most drivers are comfortable driving, given the width and design of a street.

Fuller's comments about easing traffic on Highway 101 when he was asked about fixing traffic in North Bayshore spurred complaints from one resident: "Everything for the past 30 years was designed around keeping traffic moving smoothly with no regard for bicycles and pedestrians. I was on the (bicycle pedestrian advocacy committee) and we got nowhere with this."

Fuller said the city is "specifi-

cally not focusing on widening more roads and making more room for vehicles. We are looking at the full range of alternate modes of transportation."

Among several other possible safety measures, Fuller mentioned specially lit crosswalks, such the one on Showers Drive at Latham Street, which alert drivers with flashing lights when pedestrians push a button to cross. "I'm sure we will see more of those through out the city," Fuller said.

Residents discuss the problem

Attendees broke into three groups to discuss either Shoreline Boulevard, California Street or smaller streets within the Shoreline West neighborhood, which is bordered by Central Expressway, El Camino Real, Escuela Avenue and Shoreline Boulevard.

"We fought for that light but it's still not working," said one resident of the new stoplight at California Street and Escuela Avenue, which now has left-turn arrows to prevent collisions caused by unexpected turns — part of what happened in the collision that killed William Ware. Fuller later said he would continue asking PG&E to connect power to the lights, which have been installed for several months.

At the same intersection, resident Jarrett Mullen pointed out that the curb radius is so round it allows cars to "whip around" the corner, while the ramps direct pedestrians diagonally into the intersection. He said the solution would be to extend the curb into the intersection, slowing cars down and reducing the distance pedestrians would have to cross.

An elderly man with a walker complained about bicyclists on sidewalks on and around California Street. Another resident said, "Where I live you can find one every five minutes going the wrong way on the sidewalk."

Bicyclists complained that they didn't feel safe on California

Street's narrow bike lanes, considering the speed of traffic and the number of parked cars that could open a door into them.

"California Street is the worst part of my entire commute," said one cyclist, complaining about the number of parked cars. "You never know when one of them is going to pull out."

Many in the group supported the idea of a "road diet" for California Street, possibly narrowing it from four lanes to three and allowing for wider bike lanes. Fuller said the city had California Street on a list of streets that could potentially go on a road diet, but that it was likely years away and would require careful study of future traffic needs and impacts to side streets.

"We really have to study something like that very carefully," Fuller said. "We don't want to create unintended consequences."

Other ideas for California Street included painting more crosswalks and removing trees that might obstruct a driver's view of pedestrians taking refuge on the median.

On Shoreline Boulevard, the group reported: "People have trouble crossing Shoreline, it is a busy street."

"Cars turning from Villa onto Shoreline, making a left, almost hit pedestrians on multiple occasions. It's actually very dangerous." Villa Street was also pointed out as a popular yet problematic place for bicyclists and pedestrians.

A member of the Shoreline Boulevard group also said that it is "not okay for city officials to blame pedestrians for getting hit." Others said the behavior of drivers doesn't change after traffic police give out tickets, but said adding traffic cameras "could actually change behavior." There were also complaints about a truck being parked regularly in the bike lane along Shoreline near El Camino Real.

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HACKER DOJO

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fire sprinklers, ADA bathrooms, and adequate parking in the right zone at a reasonable cost," the announcement says, referring to problems with the Dojo's current building.

The new building is five minutes away from the current one, and the move is expected in December. The new location has several advantages -- it's close to light rail and a coffee shop, and has plenty of power outlets and parking spaces, which the old building lacked. And city offi-

cials have given their blessing, the Dojo says, so there won't be any code compliance issues. And large events will finally resume in the new building, including an opening celebration.

What will the Dojo do with all of the money raised on Kickstarter?

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Five running for hospital district board

By Nick Veronin

In the first contested election since 2002, three newcomers and two incumbents are running this November for three seats on the El Camino Hospital District's board of directors.

The challengers, Dennis Chiu, Bill James and Julia Miller, are competing with current board members Wes Alles and John Zoglin. Catherine Vonnegut took out nomination papers, but ultimately decided against entering the race.

Alles is running for a third full term; Zoglin is running for his second. There is an open seat on the board, left vacant after Uwe Kladde resigned on May 15.

The board of directors oversees the district, which collects taxes from residents living within its borders, which encompasses all of Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, as well as a large portion of Sunnyvale and some of Palo Alto and Cupertino. The taxpayer money goes to fund community health programs and is reinvested in the hospital.

The district board of directors also makes up the majority of the hospital corporation's board. Critics have said this dual role leads to conflicts of interest. All non-incumbents said they are concerned with this issue, along with other criticisms the board has faced recently.

The *Voice* asked the candidates questions about recent criticism directed at the hospital, such as the Santa Clara County Civil

Grand Jury and LAFCO reports, as well as issues facing the hospital, including Measure M — the November initiative that would limit hospital executives' pay to no more than twice what the governor makes — and union relations.

The election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Dennis Chiu

Dennis Chiu, a lawyer and the owner of the Sunnyvale-based firm Prodigy Law, said he is running because he believes the hospital has strayed from its original purpose and he wants to get it back on track.

If elected, the Sunnyvale resident said he would push to improve the hospital's preventative care, direct more money from the corporation toward community benefit, and work diligently to eliminate any conflict of interest from the hospital's dual board structure or how it spends taxpayer money.

"I want to create a better hospital," Chiu said. "I thought this would be a great way to give back to the community."

Before starting his law firm, Chiu worked from 2001 to 2004 as the vice president and general counsel for Asian Americans for Community Involvement, a non-profit healthcare organization based in San Jose. While at AACI,

he provided legal counsel, managed business operations, worked with government agencies to maintain healthcare funding, and represented the organization in the community.

Chiu has been on the Santa Clara County Planning Commission for 12 years and currently serves as its vice-chair.

Chiu said he has experience with mergers and acquisitions, which could be an asset in dealing with issues surrounding the hospital's purchase of the Los Gatos Community Hospital.

And he has a plan to increase the amount of money the hospital contributes to its community benefit programs. District financial officials are unnecessarily limiting themselves by applying a law known as the "Gann appropriations limit" when making contributions to community benefit programs, Chiu said.

"There is no court case and there is no (court) opinion ... that the Gann appropriations limit applies to health care districts," he said. Because the El Camino district is abiding by that limit, however, it has "forced the hospital to give less in community benefits and forced them to do many things with the taxpayer money that might not have been necessary."

The hospital's dual board structure — where the same five members sit on both the corporation and the district board — can lead to many perceived — and some actual — conflicts of interest, Chiu said. To combat this, he

proposed allowing the hospital district to allocate some taxpayer money to pay the salary of a watchdog. This person would be responsible for eliminating any perceived or actual conflicts of interest.

Chiu said he was a bit conflicted on the matter of Measure M. He said he was opposed to Measure M on the grounds that it would likely end up costing the hospital a great deal of money in an inevitable lawsuit challenging the law's validity. But on the other hand, he said, "I do not agree with the concept that you have to pay \$1.1 million to get a good CEO."

When it comes to the relationship between the hospital and the union, Chiu said he recognizes that it has been strained of late. He said he would do his best to encourage management and union leaders to approach the bargaining table not like someone bartering at a swap meet — starting with a proposals that are "miles apart" and then slowly moving back toward the middle — but rather with a proposal they each think the other might accept. "If both sides see that the other side is being reasonable, then they can work together."

Bill James

Bill James is a patent lawyer and partner at Van Pelt, Yi & James LLP, a Cupertino-based intellectual property law firm. He ran for the hospital district board in 2002, but was defeated by the incumbents. James is run-

ning on the same platform: to bring greater transparency to the hospital.

Too many decisions are made behind closed doors at El Camino, he said, and although since his last campaign the district has

come a long way toward increasing transparency, James said there is still work to do.

The operation of the Los Gatos campus creates conflicts of interest

that need to be addressed, as does the dual board structure of the hospital corporation and the hospital district, he said.

James said the things he learned in his first run for the board and his work with the League of Women Voters in their 2005 quest to open up the hospital make him an ideal candidate. "I know about the hospital," he said. "I think I know what to do about it."

James has served on the board of directors of the Community Services Agency, which serves Mountain View, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills.

If elected, James said he would work to put policies and protocols in place that would combat conflicts of interest, real or perceived. He said he wants to further open the hospital's financials "another layer down" and

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Dennis Chiu

Measure M would limit top El Camino salaries

By Nick Veronin

The CEO and many upper management officials working for El Camino Hospital could see their paychecks greatly reduced this November if voters approve a measure to cap compensation at the local health care organization.

Measure M, which was introduced via the initiative process, would limit all salaries at the hospital to no more than twice that of California's governor. Supporters of the measure have said that the salary packages currently paid to El Camino's top administrators are egregiously high, while the hospital's board members have defended them as in line with the market.

John Zoglin, chairman of the El Camino Hospital District's board of directors called the measure "wildly inappropriate" in a recent interview with the

Voice, and has said in public meetings that it would cause a great deal of harm to the organization if it were passed.

"It's not 1980 in Russia," Zoglin said. "We pay people what the market says we should."

Board member Wes Alles called the initiative "misguided," and said he could easily envision a cascading mass exodus of administrative talent moving from the top of the hospital down to employees whose salaries wouldn't be directly impacted, but would not want to stick around if their supervisors left to work at another organization that paid them what they were worth.

At a hospital board meeting just before Measure M was officially placed on the ballot, board member Dave Reeder expressed deep reservations about the impact the initiative would have on the hospital. "In order for us

to perform we need good leadership," he said.

Putting this cap on executive pay would place the hospital within the 20th percentile when it comes to executive pay, he continued — making it difficult, if not impossible, to hire the best in the business."

"I just don't think that's true," Kary Lynch, a psychiatric technician at El Camino, told the *Voice* in an interview earlier this year. Lynch is a steward for the hospital's workers union — the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers — which provided financial backing for the initiative. He said that there is no reason upper level administrators at El Camino should be paid so much, especially when average workers are paid so much less and recently had to accept cuts to benefits. "Our executives' salaries are way out of range."

Lynch later noted that many of the hospital's top officials are paid more in bonuses each year than plenty of hospital employees. According to an official hospital memorandum, Chief Medical Officer Eric Pifer was awarded \$106,088 in "incentive payouts" in the 2011 fiscal year.

Last year, as the initiative was in its infancy, Lynch told the *Voice* that the idea behind Measure M is similar to some of the principles and ideals that fueled the "Occupy" movement. "I think among the general public, people are really upset that all these executives make such extravagant salaries," he said in an Oct. 2011 interview, noting that the hospital's newly appointed CEO, Tomi Ryba, makes \$695,000 year — before generous bonus options. "That's more than the president of the United States makes."

Lynch still supports the initia-

tive. However, the SEIU-UHW has spent little money in support of Measure M since the hospital agreed to reinstate the some of the benefits it took away back in April 2011.

Even if the measure is passed, it would also need to survive the lawsuit that would surely follow. Hospital officials are not saying exactly what they would do if Measure M succeeds at the polls, but there has been wide speculation about whether the proposed rule would stand up to a legal challenge.

Supporters of the measure argue that they have the right to vote on capping executive pay since El Camino is a district hospital. However, hospital officials argued that the CEO is an employee of the hospital corporation — not the district — and no taxpayer money is ever used to pay the salary of any hospital employee. ■

Senate race: Hill, Lieber gear up for final battle

By Gennady Sheyner

Flush with cash, endorsements and legislative accomplishments, state Assemblyman Jerry Hill is riding a wave of momentum in his quest for the state Senate seat in the 13th District.

With less than a month to go until Election Day, the San Mateo lawmaker has plenty of reasons to feel jubilant. After a strong performance in the June primary, when he received 55 percent of the votes in a four-candidate field, he has been racking up endorsements from California's Democratic heavyweights — including Gov. Jerry Brown and Lieutenant Gov. Gavin Newsom — and major advocacy groups such as the California Federation of Teachers, California Labor Federation and Sierra Club of California.

"The level of support and endorsements has been overwhelming," Hill said in a recent interview.

His opponent in this race, Mountain View resident and former Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, wouldn't want it any other way. Lieber, whose legislative efforts have focused on underdog groups such as female prisoners and the homeless, now finds herself in the position of the underdog. As always, she savors the challenge. And while her campaign chest of \$187,570 pales in comparison to Hill's \$426,000, she feels she has more than a fighting chance against Hill.

Lieber, who finished the primary as Hill's distant second with 22 percent of the vote, is no stranger to the election upset, having scored one in 2002 when she went up against Rod Diridon Jr. in the primary for Assembly. She said she knew all along that she would need all her funds for the November showdown. As a result, her campaign has been painfully stingy during the primary season, spending only \$66,000.

"Our strategy all along was to



Jerry Hill



Sally Lieber

spend as little as possible toward the primary and to save our money to communicate with voters in the General Election," Lieber said.

Both candidates paint themselves as independents, though as their campaign records show, each exhibits independence in a distinct way. Hill has attracted funds from a wide array of companies and lobbying groups, including the Personal Insurance Federation of California, which contributed \$2,500 to his campaign; the California Real Estate PAC, which gave him \$7,800; and the State Building and Construction Trades of California, which donated another \$7,800. Hill has also received \$3,900 in contributions from various unions, including plumbers, electricians and the Service Employees International Union.

Tech firms have also been major backers. Hill has received major contributions from giants such as Microsoft and Genentech, each of which contributed the maximum amount of \$3,900, and eBay, which donated \$3,000. The industry group Technet, which represents high-tech interests, gave Hill another \$3,900.

Hill sees his ability to pool funds from so many different interests as evidence of his ability to work with people and reach compromises. He sees his major edge in endorsements and contributions as a sign of confidence by others in his legislative abilities.

"I've aggressively raised the fundraising because to me, these are the two things that show support. One is endorsements, which shows that people have confidence in you. And if they support you and have confidence

in you, they also want to give money," Hill said.

Hill's record

He also points to his recent legislative achievements as clear evidence of his ability to balance competing interests and bridge differences. He is proud of the fact that 18 of his bills were signed into law in the current Assembly term, more than any other state lawmaker. Some of these were niche issues far from the radar of the average voter — licensing requirements for funeral-home directors and an effort to crack down on attorneys who don't pay for their deposition transcripts. Others were more substantive. The two bills he is particularly proud of are Assembly Bill 45, which holds drivers of "party buses" responsible for underage drinking on their vehicles; and Assembly Bill 578, which requires the California Public Utilities Commission to respond to gas-safety recommendations from the National Transportation Safety Board.

The latter hit particularly close to home. In the aftermath of the 2010 gas explosion that killed eight San Bruno residents and decimated a neighborhood in his Assembly district, Hill has been one of Sacramento's leading critics of Pacific Gas & Electric, which owns and operates the area's gas pipes.

When asked about the biggest distinction between himself and Lieber, Hill responded: "I work well with people."

"The proof is in the number of bills," Hill said. "I take on the tough challenges. I value the

innovative economy we have, and I want to sustain it because I realize that the quality of life we enjoy depends a lot on it."

Lieber sees things differently. She sees her financial disadvantage and the fact that most of her checks have been smaller and have come from individuals rather than groups as a sign of her "progressive" bona fides (though she did receive checks from several groups, including \$250 from the Dean Democratic Club of Silicon Valley, \$3,900 from the Women's Political Committee and \$750 from the Bay Area Municipal Elections Committee). She said she looks forward to finally opening up her campaign chest and beginning to talk to voters about issues she is primarily concerned with — education and the environment.

Lieber's differences

When asked about the main difference between herself and Hill, Lieber stressed her independence in the Assembly, where she served from 2002 to 2008 and where her legislative achievements included raising the minimum wage and authoring a bill that combated human trafficking. While much of the Democratic establishment backs Hill, Lieber sees herself as the true "progressive" voice in this race.

"I think I have a much stronger legislative record," Lieber said. "I've authored legislation independent from special interests, while he's done more sponsored bills."

"There's no question that the big corporate PACs are supporting Jerry Hill, and I've known all through this race that we're going

to have to fight it out with less money and keep our spirits up and keep pushing our issues forward."

Hill, for his part, isn't taking his advantages for granted. He said he's been campaigning seven days a week and spending more time in areas outside his traditional stronghold of San Mateo. He also expects the voters who turn up for the General Election to be different from those who cast their ballots in the primary.

"In this election, we will have many more voters who aren't necessarily as familiar with the candidates," Hill said. "They're the ones that in many cases turn out every four years to vote for president. It's our job to communicate with these voters."

Lieber also savors the challenge of communicating to voters in both counties in the coming weeks. She said the issues she'll be focusing on — "strengthening education and protecting the environment" — will really resonate with the voters of the newly drawn 13th District. The district holds much of the territory currently represented by Sen. Joe Simitian, including most of San Mateo County and northern part of Santa Clara County. Mountain View, Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Atherton are all part of the 13th Senate District.

Hill also believes his record and policies will appeal to the residents of the 13th District, which he lauded as both the "innovation capital of the world" and the district with "the best quality of life anywhere."

"You have to have a balanced approach to maintain that quality of life, sustain that innovation economy and protect the environment," Hill said. "I believe my record in public service addresses each of these areas." ■

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reveal what he called “character-level detail.”

“If you look at it now, you see numbers that are basically money in and money out,” he said. “But what you can’t see is what they’re spending the money on. You don’t see the kinds of numbers that give you a sense of the priorities that are being built into the decision-making at the hospital. Those numbers should be out there so that the people know what they are and people can engage the board in a discussion about them.”

James said that further opening the hospital’s books will likely require a culture shift among the hospital’s administrators and the board — and that would be a good thing.

Due to the way the hospital’s two boards are structured, he said, conflicts of interest are bound to arise. The hospital corporation board is charged with overseeing the financial health of the entire hospital system, which includes the Los Gatos campus — which sits about 6 miles outside the hospital district’s boundaries. The five members from the hospital corporation board, who are directly accountable to the district taxpayers, and who also sit on the hospital district board, cannot help but consider how decisions they are making for the district will impact the corporation. And vice versa.

As it stands now, he said the board invokes its right to protect trade secrets far too often in order to hold meetings out of the public eye.

“For example, in buying the Los Gatos hospital — that was a pretty big deal for the district and the community — and their decision-making about that was all made in closed session,” he said. “They went public with it before they took the final action on it, but I think they had decided by the time they did that. The hospital district and the community would benefit from a more public process.”

James said he would have pushed for a well-publicized town hall meeting on that topic. If elected, James said he will advocate for the board to hold a number of meetings off campus — perhaps at a local Rotary Club or library — in order to bring more visibility to the board and their decision making process.

“We need a policy-making process that involves the public in a meaningful way,” James said.

John Zoglin

John Zoglin is a practice leader of digital marketing with IBM and is running for his second full term on the El Camino

Hospital district board of directors. Appointed in 2007, he was first elected in 2008. He said he believes the hospital is in better shape now than when he first



John Zoglin

took office, and said he has the knowledge and commitment to keep the organization on the right track. The current board chairman has deep ties to the hospital and the city of Mountain View. His father, a doctor, was the hospital’s third chief of staff and his mother served as Mountain View’s mayor and a for number of terms on the city council. On top of that, Zoglin has a strong emotional connection to El Camino — the hospital where his tonsils were removed, his premature daughters were born and nursed to health and his mother’s life was extended thanks to the hospital’s CyberKnife technology.

“I was brought up to believe that participating in your community is what you do,” Zoglin said. “I want to participate, and I think I have a proven track record with the hospital.”

That track record, Zoglin noted, includes recent efforts made by the board to respond to criticism that the hospital is not as transparent enough. In response to critiques from the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury and the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Zoglin and his colleagues on the board began taking action to open up the hospital to the public.

“At that time, we certainly could have improved,” Zoglin said, referring to the critical reports. He said he believes the way that data was being presented to the public — in board meetings, on the web and otherwise — was “confusing.”

More than a year since the grand jury report, the hospital has changed the way it holds meetings — holding hospital corporation board meetings on a different night from hospital district meetings, creating a separate website for the district, presenting its public financial reports in a manner that is easier to understand, and bringing in experts in the fields of health care, business and technology to help the board better understand the issues.

Zoglin defended the hospital’s decision to purchase the Los Gatos Community Hospital. He explained that El Camino has always treated patients from beyond the district’s borders, and that the new campus has allowed hospital affiliated physicians to reach more patients — which

has been beneficial for patients as well as doctors. Plus, the new hospital is making money, he said.

“We think it did strengthen the quality of care within the district,” he said. “And it’s been very successful financially.”

Zoglin voted against the dismissal of former CEO Ken Graham. He wouldn’t comment further on the reasons behind the executive’s firing, but said that El Camino’s new leader Tomi Ryba is working out well.

He opposes Measure M, calling it “wildly inappropriate.” He didn’t want to speculate on what he would do if the measure passed, saying that it would have to be a “board decision.” However, he did say, “Anything that is passed, you have to make sure it’s legal.”

In his nearly five years on the board, Zoglin has gained a working knowledge of the hospital that he said could only be considered an asset to have on the hospital’s boards — especially as the entire health care industry is “in flux” due to implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Wes Alles

Wes Alles is director of the Stanford Health Improvement Program and is running for his third term on the El Camino Hospital board. He was first appointed in 2003 and was elected for his first term the following year. Alles said his decade



Wes Alles

of experience on the board and his 35-year career in the health care industry make him an obvious choice for the job.

“Health care is an extremely complex business,” Alles said, noting that El Camino Hospital’s dual corporation-district structure make it particularly complex. “I have a broad understanding of the hospital, what it means to be a district hospital and how to govern the hospital in a way that helps protect it as an asset in the community.”

Alles said he is seeking reelection because he is dedicated to public service and wants the best for the community hospital. “We are all people of good will and good faith,” he said, referring to the board. “We want to do the right thing.”

And it is clear that Alles feels he has been doing the right things, at least when it comes to the majority of decisions made while serving on the hospital board. In responding to criticism from the grand jury and LAFCO, he said that the health care organization

had done nothing wrong.

Alles said he felt there was nothing inherently wrong with the hospital’s bookkeeping practices (“the information was in there”), a grand jury criticism, and said that the hospital did not use taxpayer money to purchase the Los Gatos Community Hospital.

When it comes to the LAFCO audit, Alles had a criticism of his own. Harvey Rose — the independent contractor LAFCO hired to conduct the audit — “clearly didn’t entirely grasp all the issues,” Alles said.

Once all the dust had settled, Alles said, “There was nothing in my mind from any of those reports that gave a hint that the hospital was trying to hide something.”

Nevertheless, the hospital made several adjustments, which he said have made things even clearer than they once were — such as creating a separate district website, holding district board meetings separately from hospital corporation board meetings and tweaking public financial statements so that they are easier to follow.

“Our intent is to be as clear as we can; our intent is not to be secretive,” he said. “I’m not sure how much more we can do.”

Like Zoglin, Alles does not agree with the criticism over the purchase of the Los Gatos facility. He noted that the new campus became profitable within a year and that it has given the hospital more bargaining power with insurers.

Alles is opposed to Measure M. He called the measure “misguided,” and said that he could envision a “cascading effect” of the hospital’s most qualified executive talent leaving the organization if the measure were to pass.

Although he would be entering his third term if elected in November, Alles said he isn’t simply trying to maintain his position of power or perpetuate the status quo. “I think boards need to be refreshed, but that needs to happen over time,” he said. But because of all the challenges coming down the line for the hospital, particularly the changes that will come as a result of the Affordable Care Act, he said it makes sense to keep the board stacked with experienced directors.

Julia Miller

Julia Miller is a retired Lockheed Martin administrator and the former mayor of Sunnyvale. She said she decided to run after being encouraged to do so by friends and former colleagues. In addition to her tenure as mayor, Miller has a great deal of experi-

ence in community service — working on the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board, the Bay Area Air Quality Management Board, and on the board of the San Francisco Bay Trail.

The longtime civil servant said she believes she would do right by El Camino Hospital, which she called “a jewel in the community,” and which she said she believes has been unfortunately mismanaged of late. Evidence of El Camino’s mismanagement, Miller said, can be found



Julia Miller

in the unflattering pair of reports issued by the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury and the LAFCO.

“I think there needs to be more transparency and accountability for the bond and tax dollars, and how that money mixes in with the corporation’s profits,” Miller said.

The candidate pointed to her background at Lockheed, along with her years of experience running local government operations, as proof that she is highly qualified to turn the hospital around.

Miller has racked up an impressive roster of backers. She has been endorsed by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta, State Controller John Chiang, Congressman Mike Honda and Congresswoman Karen Bass, and a host of other prominent state and local political figures.

Miller said she was uncertain of the details of the dismissal of former El Camino CEO Ken Graham — and agreed with the hospital board’s decision to keep those reasons private. She said it appears that it was the right decision, and that Tomi Ryba, the hospital’s current chief, appears to be doing a good job getting the hospital back on track after a rocky few financial quarters in which they posted significant losses.

She said she believes Measure M is “a reaction to an action” — brought on by the fact that members of the workers union were upset with the contract that was imposed upon them. Miller does not agree with the initiative’s rationale or goals, and she is suspicious it might not be legal.

If the measure were to pass, and if it turned out to significantly hinder the hospital’s ability to hire upper level management, Miller said she would look into other ways of compensating

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organized private meetings for North Bayshore companies to discuss options for transportation improvements.

Options include dedicated Highway 101 ramps for high-occupancy vehicles (HOV) that connect to dedicated HOV lanes in North Bayshore, guaranteeing that employee shuttles wouldn't get stuck in traffic. Lightbody estimates they would cost \$150 million to \$500 million, possibly paid for with regional and federal transportation funds.

Employee shuttles and other transit already appears to be in wide use by North Bayshore employees who live more than 30 miles away. Google estimates that its shuttles are used by over 80 percent of the 2,700 Googlers who live in San Francisco and work in Mountain View. Overall, about 25 percent of North Bayshore employees use transit. Lightbody says that number will have to nearly double to 48 percent.

There's a "parking intercept" concept, which places parking garages on the outskirts of North Bayshore in order to reduce traffic inside the area, an idea that had mixed reactions. Then there's the possibility of a Transportation Demand Agency, which could provide incentives to those who chose not to drive, and charge parking fees to those who do.

Various transit systems are being studied, including light rail and futuristic automated pod cars that carry groups, known as "group rapid transit" or GRT. Lightbody said Google is also depending on its growing fleet of

self-driving cars to help at some point, as the robotic cars can park themselves away from congested lots and be shared easily by people in different locations.

And of course, there's bicycling, which Google and others want to continue to promote, Lightbody said. While many Googlers famously use bikes to get from one building to another, Lightbody estimates that only 7 percent of North Bayshore employees commute to work by bike. He proposes an increase to 13 percent.

Surprisingly, the largest share of car commuters by far is among North Bayshore employees who live in Mountain View and surrounding cities. Over 40 percent of North Bayshore employees live within 10 miles, and the large majority of them drive to work.

Resident Cliff Chambers encouraged the council to do some "market research" about those nearby commuters to find out what is really going to shift their commuting habits. "Perhaps though focus groups, surveys," he said.

Bicyclists Janet laFleur, who commutes through the area, said the city should be "very aggressive" in building new bike infrastructure in order to encourage people "who aren't comfortable riding to go out and do it."

Resident Greg Coladonato called for a dedicated bike bridge over Highway 101 along Shoreline Boulevard, one of two roads into North Bayshore.

"I'm not a timid or a novice bicyclist," Coladonato said. "But it is scary trying to change lanes in rush hour with cars on both sides of you. The bike lane on

Shoreline disappears for a while and then reappears and you have to somehow get over there without getting killed."

Bryant and council member Margaret Abe-Koga expressed interest in a Shoreline Boulevard bike bridge. "I would look at something like that," Abe-Koga said. "I think it can be done quickly and that's the kind of solution I'm looking for," Bryant said.

LaFleur is not a fan of the intercept parking idea. "It really disturbs me. It keeps all traffic within Mountain View. I don't think it will help me get to my work" by bike, she said.

"Intercept parking is not a solution, it just shifts the problems to somewhere else," Bryant said. "In Portland, when the university wanted to grow, they had to do really exciting things to grow. We are the best, we need to find the best solutions."

Abe-Koga disagreed. "Intercept parking, I think it could work," she said. "Location is critical. We have this vector control site off Moffett Boulevard" at Highway 101. "We have been looking at using it for some kind of revenue stream. Maybe that is the site we use. We could charge for parking to get revenue."

Council members called for solutions that would benefit local residents as well as North Bayshore companies.

"North Bayshore is the city's North Bayshore, not just the company's North Bayshore," said Mayor Mike Kasperzak. "We do need to take into account recreational uses."

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administrators outside of formal salary — such as food, transportation and housing allowances.

In the end, though, Miller doesn't think that will be necessary. "I think we have a very wise electorate," she said. "I don't think it will pass."

While it was clear that Miller had many ideas about what improvements she would like to see at El Camino, she was less clear when it came to exactly how she would bring about those improvements.

She repeatedly noted there was a great deal of information she does not have access to since she is not currently on the board.

However, as an experienced public servant with a personal connection to and a deep respect for the hospital, Miller said she is confident that she could get up to speed fast. Miller said she would reach out to all parties, keep an open mind and an open door.

"I think relationships, building trust and open communication are important," she said. ■

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CHICK-FIL-A

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Speakman, had raised the \$1,000 appeal fee on wepay.com overnight, noting Chick-Fil-A's funding of anti-gay rights groups. But Speakman and his husband, Richard, focused entirely on land-use issues on Tuesday night, as did everyone else. City officials noted that "free-speech issues" could not be taken into consideration.

"As a city, we have decided to be bicycle-friendly," Speakman said. "People lining up and looking for a break in traffic or a green light probably aren't going to be looking for pedestrians as much."

Alarmed by the line forming at the drive-through of the new San Jose Chick-Fil-A, residents of Mountain View's Gemello neighborhood south of El Camino Real organized against the drive-through.

"We don't see this as trivial — people are going to seek chicken through our neighborhood," said Gemello resident Stephen Friedman.

Neighbors and City Council members also said they were surprised that no traffic study had been done for Clark Avenue and other neighborhood streets south of El Camino Real. Gemello residents and Los Altos High School students would be driving to and from Chick-Fil-A through the neighborhood on their lunch hour, especially on Clark Avenue.

"I don't want my son exposed to crazy-driving teenagers in a hurry to get chicken for lunch," said a father of a student at nearby Almond Elementary School.

"The question comes down to: Do we really want more drive-

throughs in the city," said the second appellant, Bruce England. "There are already 26; this would be 27."

He held up pictures of the city that are used to promote Mountain View on its website, and noted that not one was of a drive-through. Then he showed pictures of how the city's "grand boulevard" vision for El Camino Real might look, with taller, denser buildings and vibrant street life. "It's not anti-business; cars are able to get through there; it looks like a place you would want to go through; it looks like a destination."

While a plant-covered trellis would cover the drive-through lane, and Chick-Fil-A made assurances that noise would be tolerable and promised double-paned windows for neighbors, council members said they had to imagine feeling comfortable living in the apartment building right next to the drive-through. Siegel said smog levels could be 10 times the average around drive-throughs, according to a study he read.

Resident Joyce England said the drive-through would put "car exhaust next to rooms with children who can't control their environment."

One resident said the noise levels might be tolerable on average, but that this doesn't account for "that one V8 Mustang that comes through every hour, revving its engine."

Chick-Fil-A supporter and City Council candidate Jim Neal responded to the concern, saying: "As the owner of two V8 Mustangs, we don't just rev our engines only at drive-throughs; we also do it at stoplights and on Highway 101. That is what V8

Mustangs are for, thank you."

Council member Tom Means explained his support of Chick-Fil-A by saying that it would be hard to develop much else on such a property.

"We've had a lot of silly comments about why drive-throughs are bad," Means said. "But we really have not vetted that with any other alternatives."

There was much discussion about how the narrow lot created a circulation problem.

"I don't know how you get in and out of that parking lot if you've got that line in the way," said council member Margaret Abe-Koga, referring to a line of cars likely to extend into the narrow parking lot, waiting to place orders at the drive-through. "It just seems like too much happening in this small space."

As part of the project, a new shared driveway with the neighboring strip mall would have been built, allowing a new El Camino Real stoplight at Clark Avenue. A Chick-Fil-A consultant said it would resolve an unsafe situation, as the intersection allows unprotected left turns onto El Camino Real where 14 preventable accidents have occurred in the last five years, said public works director Mike Fuller. But council members and others opposed having a stoplight 550 feet from one at Escuela Avenue, and some said the danger could be addressed by allowing right turns only.

"Do we really want to have signals every 550 feet?" asked council member Laura Macias.

"Typically, no, you don't want to have one every 550 feet," Fuller said. "That is definitely a consideration." ■

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NEW CAMPAIGN SPENDING LAW

A state Assembly bill now signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown will go into effect in January 2013, requiring more transparency by independent expenditure committees that fund ads for candidates and measures, especially local ones.

The Assembly bill 481 was sponsored by State Assemblyman Rich Gordon, D-Menlo Park, and was passed by a two-thirds state Assembly majority.

"It is critical for our democracy that people understand who is supporting campaigns," Gordon said at a press conference in Sacramento Monday.

The bill requires more record keeping of independent expenditures made on the behalf of candidates or measures in local elections. It also requires that each independent expenditure committee have a principal officer, someone to take responsibility for the committee's actions even if it is disbanded soon after an election, according to Gordon's office. Further, it requires that independent expenditure committees and donors verify that they have used their own funds for the ads.

AB 481 requires that ads paid for by independent expenditure committees and donors who give \$50,000 or more disclose themselves within the ad. While current law already requires such disclosure for broadcast and mail ads, it does not yet apply to print ads or billboards, Gordon's office said.

AREA CODE OVERLAY

The California Public Utilities Commission is reminding South Bay residents that they will have to dial area codes for local calls beginning Saturday.

The change will affect residents of Santa Clara County and parts of Alameda and Santa Cruz counties in the 408 area code, and is occurring because a new 669 area code is being added to the region.

CPUC spokesman Christopher Chow said that if the South Bay did not add another area code, the region would run out of new numbers by January.

"People are gobbling up numbers," Chow said.

To address the problem, the CPUC had two options: cut the geographic 408 area into two parts, forcing some residents to switch area codes, or

assign the 669 area code to new numbers, meaning both area codes would exist in the same geographic area. The agency chose the latter option.

The downside is that all residents in the 408 region will now have to dial a "1" then the area code to make local calls. Those using cellphones won't have to dial the "1".

Phone companies will still charge the calls as local calls,

Chow said.

The 408 area code has existed since 1959, according to the CPUC. Prior to that, the South Bay was part of the 415 area code until the region was split up because of growing demand for numbers, CPUC officials said.

The decision to add the 669 area code was made by the CPUC in October 2011.

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JEAN DUPERRAULT

Jean Duperrault, a Mountain View resident and teacher in Sunnyvale schools, died in San Francisco on Sept. 28. She was 47.

A "celebration of life" service is set for Saturday, Oct. 27, at 1:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Christian Science Church auditorium, 221 Bryant Ave.

Born in Platteville, Wis., on Jan. 3, 1965, Duperrault was a teacher in the Sunnyvale School District's Cumberland, Vargas and Cherry Chase elementary schools between 1997 and 2012. A tribute attended by students and school officials was held at Cherry Chase Elementary on Oct. 12.

Duperrault graduated from Wauwatosa East High School in Wisconsin in 1983 and, in 1987, she received a bachelor's degree in music history and sociology & anthropology from Principia College, in Illinois. In 1997, she received her multiple-subject credential from Dominican University of California, and in 2009 earned a master's degree in education administration and supervision from San Jose State University.

She served as a stringer coordinator for the Christian Science Monitor, and worked as a counselor and director of the Wide Horizons Camp in Colorado and as a volunteer for other counseling programs. As a lover of music and art, she sang solos in church and for weddings and did research at many of Europe's art centers, her family said.

She enjoyed traveling the world and toured Canada, Alaska, Mexico, South America, Europe, Asia and the United States. During her stay in Taiwan she taught English to children and adults; she also rode an elephant in

Thailand and hiked the Grand Canyon, her family said.

She is survived by her parents, Frederic and Lois Duperrault of Mountain View; her sister, Cheryl Duperrault of San Francisco; brothers David and Alan Duperrault of Los Altos; nieces Michelle and Julia Duperrault; and nephew Daniel Duperrault.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers that memorial donations be made to Arden Wood, 445 Wawona St., San Francisco, CA 94116.

GERALD "JERRY" MARTIN DAVID

Gerald "Jerry" Martin David, owner of Eddy's Sport Shop in Mountain View, died Sept. 24, following a long battle with heart disease. A celebration-of-life service is set for 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Palo Alto Elks Club.

He was born in San Francisco in 1939 to Edward and Beth de Nell David. His family moved to South San Francisco after the war, and in 1950 settled in Mountain View, where his father opened Eddy's Sport Shop; David worked there while attending Mountain View High School. He was an active Boy Scout and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

After graduating in 1958, he attended Foothill College and enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves. Assigned to the 1st Air Delivery Company in San Jose, he led a competitive rifle team. David ultimately took over Eddy's Sport Shop from his father.

He was married in 1962 to Jeanne. They divorced amicably in 1985. While raising his family, he served as reserve police officer

with the Mountain View Police Department and competed in many police pistol competitions. He won many awards and was considered one of best shooters in the state, his family said.

David earned his pilot license in 1975 and bought a single-engine Piper aircraft that he flew all over Northern California and on several cross-country trips, his family said. He enjoyed international travel later in life and toured China with a group of veterans.

He was also active in the community. Eddy's Sport Shop sponsored Little League teams for more than 30 years. He spoke regularly at City Council meetings, competed in pistol competitions and maintained his NRA Master Pistol Shot Classification. He was a Life Member of the National Rifle Association and of the California Rifle and Pistol Association. He was a member of the Navy League and an active member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

David spent his last six years living with his companion, Pam, in Sonora, where he was a member of the Sonora Elks and the Mother Lode Gun Club. He especially enjoyed being a volunteer docent at the Tuolumne County Military Museum, his family said.

He is survived by his sister Phyllis; his children, Elizabeth, Brian, Brett and Gregory; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and his beloved companion, Pam.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial donations to the National Rifle Association, California Rifle and Pistol Association, or to the charitable organization of the donor's choice. ■



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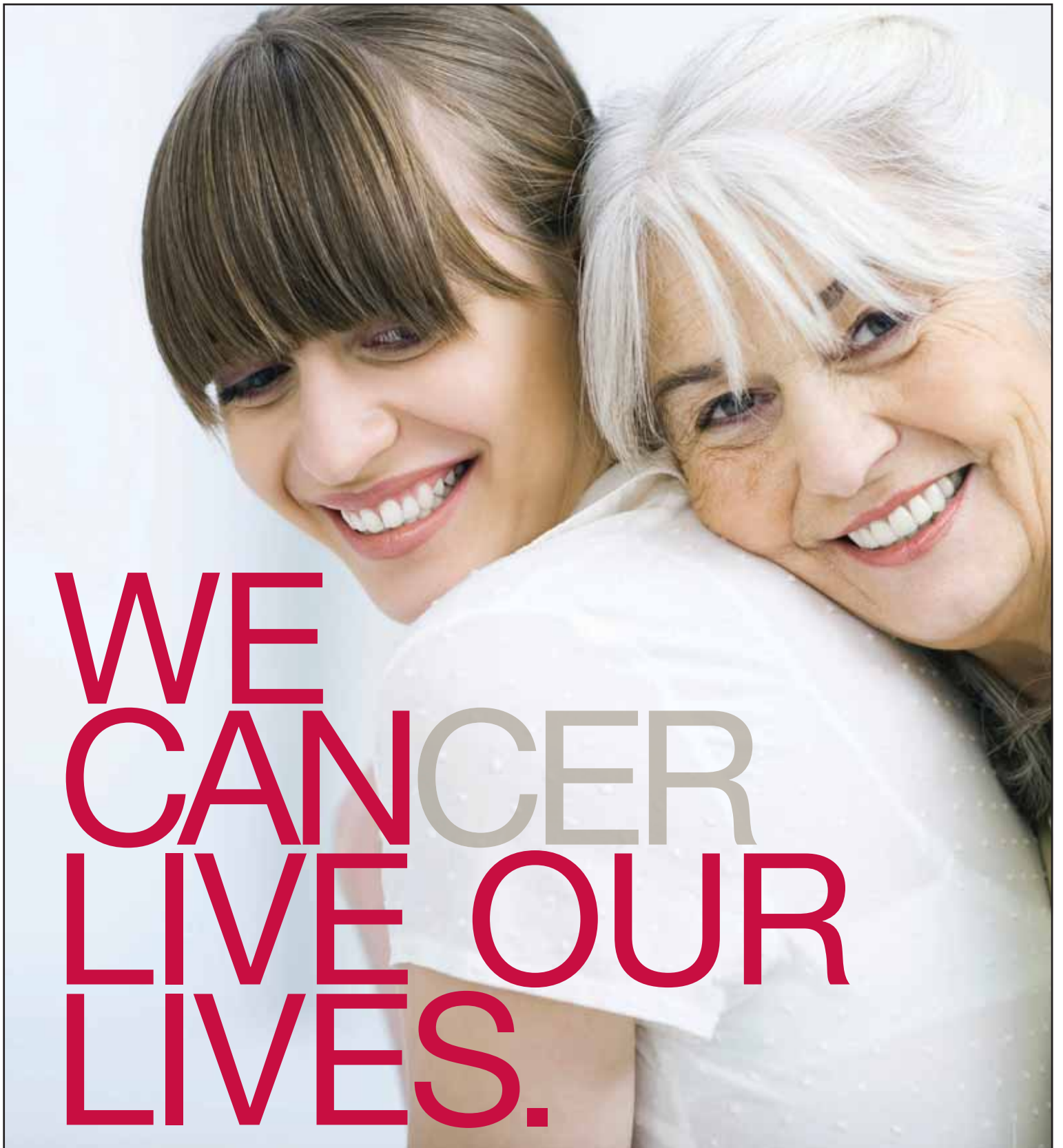
In the settlement, Rite Aid agreed to clearly display the program's limitations and all the conditions necessary for customers to purchase items for advertised prices.

Rite Aid will also program their credit card terminals to inform the customer when their gift card has a balance of less than \$10. The terminal will be prompted to ask the customer if he or she wishes to redeem the gift card for the cash balance.

"This is a victory for all California consumers. The law provides that advertising must be clear such that the consumer knows what he or she will pay for an item before making a purchase and it must not be deceptive," Santa Clara County Prosecutor Tina Nunes-Ober said.

Santa Clara County, home to 21 Rite Aid stores, will receive \$175,000 in civil penalties and be reimbursed \$1,457 for the costs of the prosecution. Rite Aid will be bound by the terms of a permanent injunction prohibiting similar violations in the future.

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Alles, Zoglin, James for hospital board

Residents of the El Camino Hospital District could be forgiven if they find it difficult to make sense of how the five elected members of the hospital district's board manage the nearly 3,000 employees who work here or in Los Gatos. The governing structure of the hospital is complicated, so much so that the county commission that oversees special districts raised serious questions about transparency over a concern that residents could not track the taxes they pay to the district.

It was an embarrassing episode for the district directors, who quickly enacted a number of measures designed to improve the public's ability to understand their operation. With these changes in place — including adding two members to the operating board and appointing 24 new members to a number of advisory boards, the hospital has demonstrated a serious commitment to opening many more details of its operations to the public, although there is more work to do.

On Nov. 6, district voters will select three of five candidates for the district board who will oversee this giant enterprise, which had revenues of \$600 million-plus last year, along with more than \$40 million in profit. We believe that the two experienced incumbents, Wes Alles and John Zoglin, deserve to be returned to the board. Both have assured us that in addition to measures already implemented, that they will support making transparency a major goal of the board. Bill James, who last ran for a board seat in 2002, is our choice for the third seat, although we must acknowledge that candidate Dennis Chiu also demonstrated a deep knowledge of hospital policy and finances.

WES ALLES

In his more than 10 years on the hospital district board, Wes Alles has served as chairman and head of government compliance and has a deep knowledge of the health care industry through his academic job as director of Stanford's health improvement program. It would be difficult to lose a member with his experience. He is committed to moving past the board's run-in with the Local Agency Formation Commission, the county agency that found the district's policies

made it difficult for residents to understand where their tax monies are spent. He and the current board have already taken significant steps to make the hospital's operations more transparent.

Alles stands by the board's decision to purchase the Los Gatos hospital, which is profitable now, saying that the El Camino district was created as an enterprise district, which enables it to do business outside district boundaries. Los Gatos gives El Camino extra clout when negotiating contracts with insurance carriers, he says, and is now home to specialty care that is not offered at El Camino's Mountain View campus.

Alles said he believes passage of Measure M, to limit the salaries of El Camino's top employees to twice the governor's salary, is misguided, and could result in having to hire managers that lack the skills to oversee a facility the size of El Camino. He said the hospital strives to pay salaries that are comparable with similar jobs in the local area or around the nation.

If given another four-year term, Alles' priorities will be financial stewardship, continuation of clinical care beyond what most community hospitals offer and alignment with the hospital's partners, which will be more important as the changes in national healthcare policy take hold.

We urge voters to reelect Wes Alles to the El Camino Hospital District Board.

JOHN ZOGLIN

With inspiration from his father, who was chief of the medical staff at El Camino, and his mother, who was a longtime member of the Mountain View City Council, John Zoglin brings a family tradition of public service to his run for reelection to the hospital board. He has served more than five years and deserves another term to continue the work of building more transparency into board operations.

Like his fellow incumbent Wesley Alles, Zoglin said he believes that the board is moving forward by appointing of 24 new advisory committee members plus two new members of the hospital (operating) board. Two-thirds of the advisory board members live in the district, which will be helpful in getting the hospital's message out, he said.

And although Zoglin admits that the LAFCO audit made some good points, he defends the roles of a district and operating board, which have been composed of the same people, although all power is vested in the hospital board, which now includes two new members. The two-tier board structure provides the hospital a \$7 million tax

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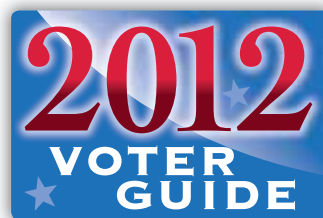
Hospital district voters should defeat Measure M

We hope voters in the El Camino Hospital District will see Measure M for what it is — a vindictive strike by a disgruntled union that, if legal, will prevent hiring the best-qualified executives to run the district.

The ballot language would limit the district's top managers to twice the salary of California's governor, about \$350,000 a year. If passed, Measure M probably would lead to the resignation of CEO Tomi Ryba, who is paid \$700,000 a year, the going rate for executives with the skills necessary to run a 500-bed hospital with more than \$600 million in annual revenues. Board members say all executive salaries are finalized only after consultants have determined the pay appropriate for a hospital the size of El Camino. With only \$350,000 available, the district would be forced to hire an executive with experience running a much smaller hospital, perhaps with total revenues in the \$100 million range, far below El Camino's.

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advantage as a 501(c)(3) corporation and helps El Camino compete with Stanford and Good Samaritan Hospital, Zoglin said.

Zoglin believes that Measure M could be a “massive negative” for El Camino if passed by the voters. He said consultants told the board if the measure passed, “we might get someone who managed a hospital with \$100 million in annual revenue, not the \$650 million at El Camino.” The AFL-CIO union guidelines are that a CEO should not make more than 50 times what is paid to rank and file workers. At El Camino, CEO Tomi Ryba’s pay amounts to 17 times the average hospital worker, Zoglin said.

Zoglin admits that the board’s relationship with its employee unions has been rocky in recent times, but he said the decision to require workers to pay for 10 percent of their health care costs was a good one at the time. The board has retreated from that position, recently signing contracts with its nurses and other union employees that include a healthcare package paid for entirely by the hospital.

The purchase of the Los Gatos Hospital was justified by El Camino’s charter, Zoglin says, which allows it to see patients outside the district. He added that Los Gatos has already contributed more than 25 percent of El Camino’s profit and has strengthened the quality of care at both hospitals.

We urge voters to reelect John Zoglin to the El Camino Hospital District Board.

WILLIAM JAMES

Despite viewing its ups and downs from the sidelines, Bill James has a deep understanding of El Camino Hospital operations, an avocation of his since his last run for the board in 2002 when he lost by a narrow margin. James, an attorney, would push the board to reduce the number of executive sessions and take other steps to make its operations more transparent to the public. He worked with the League of Women Voters in 2005 to successfully convince the board to file Form 990, which discloses the earnings of the CEO and 10 other top executives of the corporation. And he is supportive of the LAFCO audit that requires the district to be more transparent and careful when reporting actions of its district board and hospital or operating board. James contends the hospital still has requirements to meet as a result of the audit. He also recommends that hospital spokespersons step up their public outreach to local business clubs and other groups to explain how the hospital operates.

A more open policy would have been helpful, James says, during the unexplained dismissal of former CEO Ken Graham. “The board didn’t say anything. It makes me wonder whether it (Graham’s dismissal) was lined up ahead of time,” he said.

James traces Measure M, which would reduce hospital CEO Tomi Ryba’s salary to twice that paid the California governor, to the hostility from unions, who were irate about the imposition of a contract last year. Members of the Service Employees International were primarily responsible for putting the measure on the ballot. He would advocate more straight talk with unions and sharing some of the hospital’s profits during good years. “It is awkward for a hospital to say they can’t provide health care when the hospital is financially strong,” he said.

James would have opposed the purchase of the Los Gatos hospital, but now that it is profitable would not advocate selling it. But he disagrees with board members who say that Los Gatos was not purchased using taxpayer funds, contending that district taxpayers did provide the seed money to build up the district that generated the profits used to purchase Los Gatos.

James’ top priorities are to keep the hospital financially strong and continue to make sure there is good executive oversight that assures patients have a positive experience. He also would focus on providing the public “character level detail” as required in the LAFCO and study how to adjust the working relationship between the district and hospital boards, also called for in the audit.

We urge voters to support William James for a seat on the El Camino Hospital District Board.

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seats oppose Measure M, which is an unprecedented effort by a hospital union to lash out at top officials who imposed a contract on them last year.

Ironically, Measure M remains on the ballot even after the SEIU and the nurses’ union have signed new, generous contracts that include a fully-paid health care benefit option. We believe it would be appropriate for union officials to disavow this misguided effort and urge voters to turn it down.

The *Voice* urges everyone to vote “no” on Measure M on Nov. 6.

LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

EL CAMINO SPENDS BIG TO DEFEAT SALARY CAP

Regarding last week’s story, “El Camino spends big bucks to defeat salary cap,” the article says that El Camino Hospital (ECH) has spent \$149,000 to defeat the Measure M which would limit executive pay at the hospital to twice the salary of California’s governor (\$173,987).

I was one of the sponsors of Measure M and helped write the ballot arguments for it. I have not participated in any campaign supporting it both because the language is fairly straightforward and speaks for itself and because there are more important issues regarding El Camino Hospital on the ballot. There are three highly qualified members of the community who have stepped up to run against two incumbents and for an open seat on the hospital district board of directors.

The Santa Clara County Grand Jury faulted the hospital for lack of accountability as to how taxpayer’s money is spent. The Santa Clara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) commissioned an audit that made a series of recommendations concerning improved “transparency” and suggested that the hospital board should be “more accountable to the public.”

Bill James is a Gulf War veteran, a graduate of Stanford Law School, and has been on the board of directors of the Community Services Agency of Mountain View, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills.

Dennis Chiu obtained his law degree from Santa Clara University and has served on the Santa Clara County Planning Commission and City of Sunnyvale’s Housing and Human Services Commission as well as being the vice president and counsel of AACI, a nonprofit healthcare agency.

Julia Miller served as mayor and City Council member of Sunnyvale for eight years and has served on the boards of many agencies including Association of Bay Area Governments, and Sustainable Silicon Valley. She is a former administrator at Lockheed Martin and small business owner.

Bill James, Dennis Chiu, and Julia Miller will restore accountability for taxpayer monies and transparency to El Camino Hospital. Please be informed on the issues and vote Nov. 6.

Kary Lynch, San Jose
(Editor’s note: Lynch is a steward for the Service Employees International Union at El Camino Hospital)

UNHAPPY WITH CHIANG CORRECTION

I am very disappointed in the way the way the *Voice* handled its recent major mistake regarding

the race for the Mountain View Whisman school board.

In the Oct. 7 edition, there was a front page article entitled “Four running for three seats in school board race.” The article’s first two paragraphs restated that there were four candidates. This was not true — there are five candidates.

In the Oct. 14 edition, the error is indeed acknowledged. However, it is frankly a lame acknowledgment. On page 7, not the front page, the note states that “the profile [of Chris Chiang] was mistakenly omitted from the print edition of last week’s Voter Guide story.” It wasn’t just mistakenly omitted, it misstated the number of candidates.

Having made such a serious mistake, I think the *Voice* owed it to Mr. Chiang and to its readers to acknowledge it more sincerely and to publish the correction on the front page, where the mistake occurred.

I am really disappointed. I have been a strong supporter of the *Voice*, subscribing to pay for the service it provides. This really makes me think twice about relying on the *Voice* for information.

Kathy Swartz, Paul Avenue

(Editor’s Note: The *Voice* indeed regrets the error. Besides the print edition story, which ran in our Voter Guide section in the following issue, Mr. Chiang’s profile was displayed prominently on our website all week, and the online version of the story was promptly corrected.)



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Top: Sushi chef Shu Shei Kon prepares a sushi roll. Above: A bento box is filled with California rolls, salmon teriyaki, shrimp and vegetable tempura, pickled lotus and salad, with miso soup and rice accompanying.

VERONICA WEBER

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Big flavor in small bites

UNASSUMING AKANE EXCELS AT SEAFOOD, JAPANESE CLASSICS

By Ruth Schechter

Downtown Los Altos is rife with cafes and eateries of all kinds, but walk a bit off the main drag and down a mid-block walkway, and you will find Akane, a quiet and unassuming Japanese restaurant that really does things right.

The restaurant is certainly no secret — it's been in business for 23 years, and tables fill up quickly both at lunch and dinner. Decor is low-key and tasteful, with a cinnabar-colored beamed ceiling and framed scenic photographs here and there. Blond wooden tables are well-spaced and unadorned. A lacquered openwork divider separates the sushi bar from the

main dining area; an adjacent side room can accommodate small parties.

Though the menu offers a little bit of everything — from

Akane also does its sushi rice properly.

soba noodles to sukiyaki — seafood is the real reason to dine at Akane. Fish is immaculate and glisteningly fresh. Most sushi selections are pretty traditional: sashimi plates of yellowtail, salmon or tuna

(\$16-\$18); nigiri (\$4-\$8 for two) of yellowtail, squid, roe, scallop, salmon and mackerel. A handwritten whiteboard lists the daily specials.

We chose to sample some small plates for a recent mid-week dinner. With more than 50 selections on the appetizer menu alone, you can play it safe or be adventurous, with options including potstickers, beef tongue, potato croquettes, grilled sand dabs, skewered beef and green onion, and sauteed mushrooms.

Taking our server's suggestion, we started with the seafood tartar appetizer (\$12.50), a disc of cubed salmon, tuna and avocado that is dashed with a tangy sauce when it is brought to the table. Served with a side dish of rippled potato chips, it combines sweet and salty, smooth and crunchy, spicy and savory in each bite. With a glass of sauvignon blanc (\$8.50) and a few pieces from the sushi bar, this appetizer is satisfying enough to easily make a meal.

The eggplant in ginger sauce

(\$6) is a sharp broth loaded with thick slices of grilled vegetable and studded with lots of green onion.

The 30 varieties of makimono rolls (\$4-\$12) feature some more unusual combinations as well as several vegetarian options, such as cucumber and plum paste, pickled radish and avocado. The eel with avocado was loaded with deep flavor, and the spider roll (breaded soft-shell crab) was generous to the point of being difficult to eat. Akane also does its sushi



Diners at Akane can peer into the sushi kitchen through a cut-out wall.

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rice properly. The texture is chewy without being gummy — an all-too-common downfall at many sushi restaurants.

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choice of two entrees accompanied by salad, miso soup, rice, lotus root and seaweed. Cooked dishes generally don't fare as well as the seafood. The shrimp and vegetable tempura, while generous in portion, tasted flat and doughy. Salmon shioyaki was cooked properly with sauce that was a bit too sweet for my taste. Specials all come with a tasty miso sprinkled with a few cubes of innocuous tofu.

A lunch splurge was also a highlight. The deluxe sushi

plate (\$20 and up) was the chef's choice of eight kinds of the day's freshest sushi, which included salmon roe, hamachi (yellowtail), shrimp and unagi (eel), along with a tuna roll. While a bit skimpy size-wise, the dish had a lovely presentation, and flavors were rich and diverse.

Desserts are not a strong point. Mochi ice cream (\$2 per piece) was cut into quarters for a pretty presentation, but tasted unnervingly like the kind I buy at Trader Joe's.

Service was friendly and effi-

cient, and our dinner server in particular was extremely patient as an old friend and I caught up before looking at the menu. Her suggestions were spot-on and her timing unrushed despite a room full of tables.

Akane does its sushi right and is a low-key spot to experiment with small plates that you do not usually see in most Japanese restaurants. It's a good place to enjoy tried-and-true tastes while sampling some new presentations and flavors. ■

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MOVIE REVIEWS

ARGO ★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) The Ben Affleck of old has been shed like an unwanted husk, and what remains is a sharp and thoughtful filmmaker who is still in the embryonic phase of a very impressive career. Sure, Affleck the actor is also along for the ride (and he fares well in "Argo"), but his skill behind the camera is what truly shines. After the assault on the U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Nov. 4, 1979, fifty-two Americans are taken hostage as Iranian revolutionaries storm the embassy, but six Americans manage to escape amidst the turmoil and hide out in the home of Canadian Ambassador Ken Taylor (Victor Garber). Back in the U.S., CIA operative Jack O'Donnell (Bryan Cranston) tasks "exfiltration specialist" Tony Mendez (Affleck) with hatching a plan to get the six Americans safely out of Iran before their true identities and whereabouts are discovered. Mendez conceives of a faux movie production that would make the six part of his filmmaking team. "Argo" is a nail-biter from beginning to end, and easily one of the year's best films. The production values — costuming, set design, cinematography and score — are impressive throughout. Affleck and his crew do a phenomenal job capturing the time period and casting actors who both look like their real-life counterparts and have the thespian chops to hit all the right emotional notes. A goofy sci-fi film dubbed "Argo" never got made in 1980. Fortunately for moviegoers, a brilliant, Oscar-worthy drama/thriller of the same name did get made in 2012. *Rated R for language and some violent images. 2 hours.* — T.H.

END OF WATCH ★★1/2

(Century 20) Were I 13 years old, "End of Watch" might well be my new favorite movie. David Ayer's new shoot-'em-up buddy-cop flick has a macho exterior and a heart of gold, in its banter, kinetic gunfights and aww-shucks love stories. As such, it's a diverting time-waster. But the milieu "End of Watch" introduces as "Once upon a time in South Central" may feel old-hat. Jake Gyllenhaal and Michael Pena star as Brian Taylor and Mike Zavala, two of the best cops on the street, and though they may be unconventional, they knuckle down when the situation gets serious. Most importantly, these guys care deeply, about their work, their women, and each other — though they're more inclined to prove the latter in actions than in words. As written and directed by Ayer, the film's primary stylistic move is to have the action "captured" by small consumer cameras, including one secreted on Taylor's person. Taylor's desire to be a detective pushes the duo to overstep their bounds, one bust ruffling feathers in law enforcement and setting off a powerful Mexican cartel. The danger climaxes in an urban gun battle, the last in a series of adrenaline fixes that include a car chase and a home fire. *Rated R for strong violence, some disturbing images, pervasive language including sexual references, and some drug use. One hour, 49 minutes.* — P.C.

FRANKENWEENIE ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) By reaching back into his own past and movie history, the recently fumbly Tim Burton has gotten a grip with "Frankenweenie." For Disney to

MOVIE TIMES

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20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1954) (G) Century 16: Thu. at 2 & 7 p.m. Century 20: Thu. at 2 & 7 p.m.

A House Divided (1931) Stanford Theatre: Wed. & Thu. at 6:10 & 8:50 p.m.

Alex Cross (PG-13) Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 2, 4:30, 7:30 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 12:25, 1:50, 2:55, 4:20, 5:25, 6:50, 7:55, 9:25 & 10:30 p.m.

Argo (R) ★★1/2 Century 16: 11 a.m.; noon, 1:45, 2:45, 4:30, 5:30, 7:40, 8:50 & 10:40 p.m. Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 12:55, 2:10, 3:45, 5, 6:45, 7:50, 9:35 & 10:40 p.m.

Atlas Shrugged: Part II (PG-13) Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 5:10 & 10:35 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m. & 7:35 p.m.

Cameraman Ganga tho Rambabu Century 16: Fri. & Sat. at 8 p.m.; Sat. also at 4:30 p.m.

End of Watch (R) ★★1/2 Century 20: 2:15, 4:55 & 10:15 p.m.

Frankenstein/Bride of Frankenstein Double Feature Century 16: Wed. at 2 & 7 p.m. Century 20: Wed. at 2 & 7 p.m. Palo Alto Square: Wed. at 2 & 7 p.m.

Frankenweenie (PG) ★★★ Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 4 & 9 p.m.; In 3D at 1:40 & 6:30 p.m. Century 20: 1:40, 6:10 & 10:35 p.m.; In 3D at 11:30 a.m.; 3:55 & 8:25 p.m.

Halloween (1978) (R) Century 20: Thu. at 7 & 9:30 p.m.

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The Invisible Man (1933) Stanford Theatre: Fri.-Sun. at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 4:30 p.m.

Ladies Must Love (1933) Stanford Theatre: Wed. & Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

The Levi Effect: The Story of Levi Leipheimer (PG-13) Century 16: Tue. at 7:30 p.m. Century 20: Tue. at 7:30 p.m. Palo Alto Square: Tue. at 7:30 p.m.

Looper (R) ★★1/2 Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:40, 4:20, 7:20 & 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 2, 4:45, 7:50 & 10:35 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 11:15 a.m.

The Master (R) ★★1/2 Guild Theatre: 1:45, 5 & 8:15 p.m.

Mystery of Edwin Drood (1935) Stanford Theatre: Fri.-Sun. at 5:55 & 8:55 p.m.

The Other Dream Team Aquarius Theatre: 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

The Paperboy (R) ★★ Palo Alto Square: 4:30 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:30 p.m.

Paranormal Activity 4 (R) Century 16: 11 a.m.; noon, 1:30, 2:30, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9:40 & 10:40 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 12:15, 1, 1:40, 2:25, 3:10, 3:50, 4:40, 5:25, 6, 7, 7:45, 8:20, 9:20, 10:05 & 10:40 p.m.

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Smashed (R) Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:45 & 7:25 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:45 p.m.

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- ★ Skip it
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put out a 2012 animated 3D family picture in black-and-white can mean only one thing: The megahit "Alice in Wonderland" wasn't a complete waste after all. The story concerns young Victor Frankenstein (Charlie Tahan), reimagined as a child of suburbia. For Victor, a curious child, science comes in handy when his beloved dog Sparky dies, necessitating electrical resuscitation. Burton and his voice cast (including Martin Short and Catherine O'Hara in multiple delightful roles) justifiably have a ball bringing new life to the likes of Vincent Price, Peter Lorre and Boris Karloff. Along with the 3D goose, "Frankenweenie" boasts Burton's distinctive design work, and creatively eager stop-motion work (check out the streaking raindrop shadows, evocative of Conrad Hall's cinematography for "In Cold Blood"). Of course "Frankenweenie" offers eye candy, a celebration of cinema, and a heartfelt, central "boy and his dog" story, but it's a pleasant surprise that the picture also goes out of its way to encourage free-thinking square pegs to avoid gaping round holes. *Rated PG for thematic elements, scary images and action. One hour, 27 minutes.* — P.C.

LOOPER ★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Of all the projects Joseph Gordon-Levitt has been involved with, "Looper" may well be the one to launch him into superstardom. The picture takes place in the year 2044, 30 years before the invention of time travel. The mob has a stranglehold on the advanced technology, using time travel to send people back to the year 2044 for termination by highly paid Loopers like Joe (Gordon-Levitt). Occasionally the mob will send back the older version of the Loopers themselves to "close the loop." When Joe's older self (Bruce Willis) appears in the year 2044 and young Joe can't pull the trigger, older Joe escapes. The episode sets off a hunt-and-chase that ropes in brassy farmer Sara (Emily Blunt) and her young son Cid (Pierce Gagnon). Director Rian Johnson ("Brick") demonstrates a deft touch and infuses "Looper" with subtleties and soulful moments. Gordon-Levitt nails Willis' mannerisms, so it's easy to believe the two are versions of the same person, and showcases his depth with toughness and compassion. Blunt is also remarkably good as a protective mother, and youngster Gagnon is a revelation. The visual effects overwhelm at times, but the story doesn't suffer. Ultimately, "Looper" is a thoughtful genre-bender that brings science-fiction, action and mystery together in one tight package. *Rated R for strong violence, drug content, sexuality/nudity and language. One hour, 59 minutes.* — T.H.

THE MASTER ★★★1/2

(Guild) "The Master" puts its primary focus on an unstoppable force-meets-immovable object war of wills between two men. Freddie Quell (Joaquin Phoenix) returns home from World War II psychologically damaged and struggles to reintegrate into American life. His "nervous condition" leads him deep into drink, trouble and eventually The Cause, a cultish organization lorded over by Lancaster Dodd (Philip Seymour Hoffman). Dodd sees something in Freddie, recognizes his pliability, finds him amusing, useful and perhaps attractive. The Cause, modeled on early Scientology, offers vague direction but charismatic leadership in its L. Ron Hubbard-esque leader. Director Paul Thomas Anderson makes the audience work hard for coherence and meaning, and some will find their patience tested by his elliptical approach. The film's unequivocal pleasures are its photography,

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brilliant period production design, and the performances by Phoenix and Hoffman. Drawn and stooped, Phoenix wields a Brando-esque spontaneity capable of eruptive force of feeling and physicality. *Rated R for strong bloody violence, language and sexuality/nudity. Two hours, 17 minutes.* — P.C.

THE PAPERBOY★★★

(Palo Alto Square) Woe betide the family who heads down to the local movie theater, stares at the marquee and decides "The Paperboy" sounds like a fun "Denis The Menace"-style suburban comedy. This lurid, sexed-up pulp fiction set in and around the sultry swamps of Florida is strictly for Mom and Dad (if them). The film is like "Anatomy of a Murder," "The Graduate" and Daniels' own "Precious" rolled into one wacked-out bloody Southern Gothic that's considerably less than the sum of those parts. Director Daniels tarts up the picture with stylistic tics (split screen, slo-mo, filters), strange reveries and period soul music, but such energies would have been better spent on organic, revelatory character work to make motivations less murky. Despite the palpably diffuse focus, the actors labor to pull their weight. At least the bland Zach Efron's lingering callowness suits his character, and Nicole Kidman's damaged vamp meshes well with Daniels' tonal approach. "The Paperboy" is perhaps better felt, or intuited, than understood on an intellectual level, though the director outlines the social forces (racism and sexism, primarily) that try the characters' souls. The film's aim is off enough to annoy: It lands, but in the bushes, with too much of the news drenched and obscured by the sprinklers. *Rated R for strong sexual content, violence and language. One hour, 47 minutes.* — P.C.

THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) In "Wallflower," novelist Stephen Chbosky directs a revealing film based on his own semi-autobiographical book. Witness specimen Charlie (Logan Lerman) — seen here entering the mating grounds of Mill Grove High School outside Pittsburgh in the early '90s — little understanding the pull that will lead him to join a pack, gravitate to his cool English teacher, fall for an unavailable female of the species, make mix tapes, have late-night "deep thought" epiphanies, and participate in ancient teenage rituals involving drugs, alcohol and/or "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Charlie is painfully shy and inclined to lick the wounds of earlier tangles with predators. He is accepted by the impulsive seniors of the pack: attractive potential mate Sam (Emma Watson) and gay Patrick (Ezra Miller), the latter performing that rare and complex dance of flamboyance, deception, confusion, fear and desire like a junior Oscar Wilde. One cannot blame our sentimental filmmaker or even you, gentle viewer, for seeing in these younglings something of ourselves. *Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material, drug and alcohol use, sexual content and a fight; all involving teens. One hour, 43 minutes.* — P.C.

PITCH PERFECT ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) "Pitch Perfect" is a big-screen boon for the "Glee" crowd, and fans of last year's breakthrough hit "Bridesmaids" will appreciate a similar feminine energy in "Pitch." Barden University's all-female a cappella group the Bellas blew its shot at winning the state championship when singer Aubrey (Anna Camp) lost her lunch on stage. Enter Beca (Anna Kendrick), an independent fresh-

man who has more experience creating musical mash-ups on her laptop than singing a cappella. Big props to director Jason Moore for maintaining an upbeat atmosphere and getting the most from his talented cast. Kendrick is especially good, demonstrating both comedic and dramatic skills, and Rebel Wilson virtually steals the show with her hilarious portrayal. There is predictability to the plot, and Beca's romantic story can feel strained. Still, the quirky characters and clever dialogue help absolve other cinematic sins. So far, "Pitch Perfect" takes the baton as the feel-good movie of the year. *Rated PG-13 for sexual material, language and drug references. One hour, 52 minutes.* — T.H.

SEVEN PSYCHOPATHS

★★★ (Century 16, Century 20) "Seven Psychopaths," as written and directed by playwright Martin McDonagh, the film investigates the absurdity of Southern California, where movie crime shares real estate with real crime. As aspiring screenwriter Marty (Colin Farrell) tussles with his screenplay "Seven Psychopaths," he gets not entirely welcome kibitzing by Billy Bickle (Sam Rockwell). Bickle's day job involves kidnapping pets so partner Hans (Christopher Walken) can return them and collect reward money, a scheme that hits a snag when they inadvertently put their hands on a Shih Tzu belonging to a gangster (Woody Harrelson). And so the gleefully violent, comically profane "Seven Psychopaths" represents a sort of evolutionary step from Quentin Tarantino's "Pulp Fiction," but without that picture's coked-up energy and propulsive narrative drive. The picture is smart enough to work on multiple levels. It can be a witty salute to masculine '70s cinema or a deconstruction of same. It can also be seen as an existential consideration of the role of self-expression in ascribing meaning to life, including the question of artistic "responsibility." Farrell, Rockwell and Walken play off their own screen personas while reminding us of their extensive comic capabilities. Accompanied by the empathetic funereal strains of customary Coen Brothers composer Carter Burwell, these men make beautiful music out of the mortal fear of living to die. *Rated R for strong violence, bloody images, pervasive language, sexuality/nudity and drug use. One hour, 49 minutes.* — P.C.

TAKEN 2 ★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Enraged that a foreigner would blithely kill his son and think he could get away with it, Albanian villain Murad Hoxha (Rade Serbedzija) relentlessly pursues his own justice against retired CIA operative Bryan Mills (Liam Neeson) in "Taken 2." Since Mills offers a last-minute invite to his ex (Famke Janssen) and their daughter Kim (Maggie Grace) to join him on a business trip to Istanbul, Hoxha gets a shot at teaching the American that turnabout is fair play. As a writer-producer, Besson is particularly mercenary. Knowing well his audience for these blood-simple actioners, he ticks off a rooftop chase, car chase, a handful of mano-a-mano clashes and multiple crashes and explosions. But the ludicrous plot devices that allow Mills to go from point A to point Z insult the intelligence of the character and the audience. *Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, and some sensuality. One hour, 31 minutes.* — P.C.

MOVIE CRITICS

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



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

SAN ANTONIO VISIONING PROCESS

The Mountain View City Council adopted a new General Plan on July 10, 2012. To implement the General Plan, a new precise plan will be created for the San Antonio Area with updated development standards and regulations. This work will begin with a community **Visioning Process** to expand on the General Plan vision for the area and help guide development of the new precise plan.

Information on the Visioning Process and related General Plan information may be found on the project website: www.SanAntonioVisioning.com.

PRE-WORKSHOP WEB SURVEY

The San Antonio Visioning website includes a web survey to help shape the discussion at the first Workshop. Interested members of the public are encouraged to complete this survey before the workshop.

SAN ANTONIO VISIONING PROCESS WORKSHOPS

The City of Mountain View will hold the following two public workshops:

- Saturday, October 27, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 1, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

These workshops will be held at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation – Meeting Room 3F, 2440 West El Camino Real, 3rd Floor (Suite 300)

The workshops will result in community-defined objectives and strategies that implement General Plan goals and policies and help guide development of a new San Antonio Precise Plan.

Public comments are welcome at all meetings.

Contact the Community Development Department at (650)903-6306 or community.dev@mountainview.gov if you have questions or to sign up for notifications of future meetings.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

HIGHLIGHT

TEEN OPEN MIC NIGHT

Teens can sign up to perform at the Teen Open Mic Night by sending an email to YAC@mountainview.gov. Admission is free for those who just want to come watch. Oct. 19, 7-9:30 p.m. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410. mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/teen_services.asp

ART GALLERIES

'Seeing Through Lines'--Taryn Curiel
"Seeing Through Lines" is new work in watercolor on Yupo by Taryn Curiel. The artist's reception is Oct. 6, from 5-8 p.m. at the gallery. Gallery closes 3 p.m. on Sun. Oct. 2-Nov. 3, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

'Shadow Boxes' inspired by music and animation
Exhibition of puppet shadow boxes by artist Raquel Coelho. Opening reception & artist talk: Friday, Oct. 19, 6-8 pm. Runs from Oct. 12 to Nov. 25, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 ext. 306. www.arts4all.org

Gallery 9 features Nancy Wulff
Nancy Wulff's "Dames and Posies" are on display at Gallery 9 through Oct. 28. Featuring ink drawings and watercolor paintings inspired by nature and love of dance. Reception, Fri. Oct. 5, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in tandem with Los Altos downtown First Friday. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., 12-4 p.m. Oct. 2-28, Gallery 9 Los Altos, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

BENEFITS

Sky's The Limit Fund Benefit
"Reaching for the Stars" breakfast benefit is in support of programs for at-risk youth. This year's celebrity host is actress Gabrielle Carteris. The featured speaker is San Francisco 49ers Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott. Sky's The Limit Fund is a nonprofit committed to helping families in crisis. Oct. 25, 8-9:30 a.m. \$75. Crowne Plaza Cabana Hotel, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. www.skysthelimit.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

'Esther's Pledge' Workshops
Adolescent Counseling Services offers substance abuse-prevention workshops covering warning signs, education, how to talk to kids, and steps for getting help. Parents welcome. Youth (ages 10-14): third Thursday of the month. Must RSVP to info@acs-teens.org. Young adults (ages 15-21): first Thursday of the month. Through December, 6-7:30 p.m. Adolescent Counseling Services, 1717 Embarcadero Road, suite 4000, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-0852 ext 200. www.acs-teens.org/

Beyond weight loss class for women
This class for women will present a "non-diet" approach to weight loss that invites them to learn what keeps them from finding peace with food, their weight and body. Attendees learn how the body is sharing hidden messages and how to decode them. Oct. 22-Dec. 3, 6:30-9 p.m. \$450. The 3rd Door, 131 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto. Call 415-952-3663. www.myheartfood.com

Complete Diet Mini-Farming
Attendees will learn the basics of how to plan a garden or mini-farm that will contain all the food one needs. Special attention will be given to growing this food on as small an area as possible with little to no outside inputs. Oct. 10, 2-4 p.m. \$31. Common Ground Garden Supply and Education, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072. completedietminifarming2.eventbrite.com/

Divorce Recovery Seminar
A seminar for those who are considering divorce, have recently gone through a divorce, or are still aching from the effects. Some of the area's professionals will help guide the process. Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Deborah's Palm, 555 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-473-0664. www.deborahspalm.org

Intro to TV studio production
A class that offers hands-on experience to operate the cameras, teleprompter, audio, switcher and character graphics. Attendees learn practical skills on how the equipment works and functions during a production. They will work with your group to do a "program piece" rotating crew positions. Oct. 3-24, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$85. Mtn View Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1540. www.kmvt15.org

Introduction to Grow BioIntensive
Grow BioIntensive is a sustainable farming and gardening method that has been taught in many

countries as a way for people to feed themselves. The class will explain the basic principles. Oct. 10, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$31. Common Ground Garden Supply and Education, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072. introductiontogrowbiointensive3.eventbrite.com/

CLUBS/MEETINGS

MidPeninsula ACLU Chapter Annual Dinner
The ACLU has been defending civil liberties for 77 years. There will be dinner, discussion and Pamela Karlan will be speaking. Oct. 23, 6:15-8:30 p.m. \$30, \$10 for students. Michael's at Shoreline, 2690 North Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.aclu-midpen.org/2012meeting.htm

The Peninsula Gem and Geology Society
The Peninsula Gem & Geology Society meeting features mineral displays, videos, guest speakers and a rock cutting and polishing lab. Oct. 23, 7-9 p.m. Shoup Park, 400 University Ave., Los Altos. www.pggs.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Biking, Walking, Driving: Transportation Safety at Graham
A forum on improving bicycle and pedestrian safety around Graham Middle School. Speakers will include Graham Principal Kim Thompson and Pat Hines, executive director of Safe Moves. Interested community members are invited to attend. Oct. 24, 7-8:30 p.m. Graham MUR, 1175 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-3570. graham.mvwsd.org/

El Camino Hospital Farmers' Market
El Camino Hospital offers the community a weekly farmers' market brought to campus by the Bay Area Farmers' Markets Association. The market, which will take place each Friday during fall, will feature locally grown organic produce, fresh eggs, cheese, breads, kettle corn, fish and nuts. Oct. 5-Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. El Camino Hospital, Mountain View campus, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View. www.elcaminohospital.org/calendar

Fall Native Plant Sale
Attendees find hard-to-find native plants suitable for California gardens and speak to experts about lawn alternatives. A free class on "Success with Native Plants for Beginners" will run from 1-2 p.m. Native plant books. Organized by the California Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley Chapter. Cash or check only. Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Hidden Villa Ranch, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. www.cnps-scv.org

Getting Into the Game
40 Years of Title IX featuring Tara VanDerveer, The Setsuko Ishiyama director of women's basketball, Stanford University with Amy D. Love, Noreen Farrell & Kiki Williams. First program in a series of five presented by the Woman's Club of Palo Alto. Oct. 23, 7:30-9 p.m. \$95 series, \$15-25 single event. Woman's Club of Palo Alto, 475 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. landmarkleaders.org

Harvest Craft Faire
A selection of hand-crafted items from 70 artisans. Garden & gourmet shops. Some vintage collectibles and small antiques. Snacks and lunch both days in Harvest Cafe. Childcare Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Benefits local charities. Oct. 19-20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-948-1083 ext. 122.

Native Plants for Beginners
This talk and tour of the Hidden Villa Visitor Center to teaches how to succeed at native plant gardening. Native plants will be sold at the CNPS Native Plant Nursery from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Talk by Kevin Bryant. Oct. 20, 1-2 p.m. Hidden Villa Ranch, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. www.cnps-scv.org

Parents nursery school carnival
This annual event features live music, magic shows, a store of homemade crafts, a silent auction, games, food and raffles throughout the day. Costumes welcome. Oct. 21, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Parents Nursery School, 2328 Louis Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-856-1440. www.parentsnursery-school.org

Yikes Tikes! Children's Halloween Car-

nival
The Children's Halloween Carnival is set to feature seasonal activities such as bobbing for apples and pumpkin carving, games and prizes, live folk and rock music, and kid-friendly food. Oct. 20, Center for Speech, Language, and Occupational Therapy, 1577 Carob Lane, Los Altos. Call 415-722-7668. www.yikestikes.com

CONCERTS

Palo Alto Philharmonic Orchestra concert
The Palo Alto Philharmonic opens the 2012-2013 season with Brahms' Academic Festival Overture, Prokofiev's Lt. Kije Suite, Manuel de Falla's El Amor Brujo Suite with Alexandra Mena, mezzo-soprano solo and Capriccio Espagnol by Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov. Oct. 20, Pre-concert talk at 7:30 pm. 8 p.m. \$20/\$17/\$10. Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paphil.org

Songs and solidarity of El Salvador
South Bay Sanctuary Covenant presents singer, songwriter, guitarist and artist Fredy Granillo of El Salvador. He performs songs about issues such as migration, violence against women, the legacy of civil war and more. Oct. 21, 3-5 p.m. \$20 suggested donation. First Presbyterian Church, Palo Alto, 1140 Cowper St., Palo Alto.

DANCE

Halloween Singles Party
The party includes a Costume Contest, plus dancing to some hits. Costumes are optional. Oct. 26, 8-11:45 p.m. \$20. Sheraton Hotel, 625 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 415-507-9962. www.thepartyhotline.com

Social Ballroom Dancing
Friday Night Dance at the Cubberley Community Center Pavilion. Lessons at 8 p.m. are salsa for beginning and intermediate levels, followed by dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. No experience or partner necessary; dressy casual attire is preferred. Oct. 19, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. \$9. Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-395-8847. www.FridayatthePav.com

Social Ballroom Dancing
Friday Night Dance at the Cubberley Community Center Pavilion. Lessons at 8 p.m. are beginning and intermediate Nightclub Two Step, followed by a Halloween party from 9 p.m. to midnight with costume contest, prizes, refreshments and games. No experience or partner necessary. Oct. 26, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. \$12 (includes refreshments). Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-395-8847. www.FridayatthePav.com

EXHIBITS

Opening Reception
Light refreshments will be served at the opening reception of the new exhibition "Bear in Mind: The Story of the California Grizzly". Oct. 21, 3-5 p.m. Los Altos History Museum, 51 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.losaltoshistory.org

Stanford Art Spaces - Stanford University
Paintings by Manli Chao, Lucy Liew and Jingui Zhang are on exhibit at the Paul G. Allen (C.I.S.) Art Spaces Gallery from Sept. 14-Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Stanford Art Spaces, 420 Via Palou, Stanford. Call 650-725-3622. cis.stanford.edu/~marigros

FAMILY AND KIDS

A Fox's Tale
Attendees find out more about these animals from Bill Leikam, a specialist gray fox researcher. There will be a short presentation and Q&A session and a short guided walk. Recommended for ages 12+. Oct. 20, 1-2:30 p.m. The EcoCenter, 2560 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-493-8000 x345. www.evols.org/index.php?page=a-fox-s-tale

Monta Loma Fall Festival
Monta Loma Elementary School Fall Festival includes food, games, music, activities and more. All proceeds benefit the school. Oct. 26, 3:15-6 p.m. Monta Loma Elementary School, 460 Thompson Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-961-5909.

The Highly Sensitive Child
A class on the behaviors of children who become easily over-

whelmed by certain situations or sensations, and strategies to deal with the challenges of raising a sensitive child. With Early Childhood Educator Sylvia Ford, M.A. Oct. 25, 7-8:30 p.m. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6897. www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/library/default.asp

FILM

Reveal the Path - Cycling Film
Responsible Organized Mountain Peddlers (ROMP) mountain biking club is partnering with REI to present Reveal the Path, a film about bicycling to explore, dream, & discover the world. Tickets are available at REI Mt View, San Carlos, & Saratoga: \$10 in advance for REI members, \$12 at the door. Oct. 26, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Los Altos High Eagle Theater, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-967-8320. www.romp.org

Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival opening night
An evening with Rona Ramon, wife of the late pioneering Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon, who perished in the Columbia shuttle disaster in February 2003. Featuring the movie "An Article of Hope" about Ilan Ramon and be joined by the film's director, Dan Cohen. Oct. 20, 8 p.m. \$35-\$45. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 408-899-6013. www.svjff.org/

HEALTH

Gronowski Center Re-Opening
Palo Alto University's Gronowski Center Open House Oct. 19, 5-6:30 p.m. Gronowski Center, 5150 El Camino Real, Bldg. D, Suite D11AB, Los Altos. Call 650-433-3831. paloalto.u.edu

LIVE MUSIC

Casablanca theme: Live John Blues Boyd
This is a pre-celebration of Halloween featuring a Casablanca theme. Blues man John Boyd and his 5-piece band will play. Oct. 26, 5-11 p.m. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

Margaret Kvamme, organ
Margaret Martin Kvamme, concert organist, is a frequent solo recitalist and has also conducted college choirs and instrumental groups and served as music director for a number of churches. Presented by the Office for Religious Life at Stanford in partnership with the Department of Music. Oct. 26, 8-9 p.m. Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-3811. events.stanford.edu/events/336/33659/

ON STAGE

'Anne of Green Gables'
A play based on the adventures of orphan Anne Shirley. Anne comes to Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert by mistake, but soon charms her new family and community with her fiery spirit and imagination. Oct. 26-27, Nov. 2, 3, 9, 10, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 2 p.m. \$10-15. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. busbarn.tix.com/Schedule.asp?ActCode=82775

TheatreWorks presents '33 Variations'
This play follows a brilliant musicologist racing to solve one of Beethoven's greatest mysteries, while her daughter struggles to connect with her. Oct. 3-28, \$23-\$73. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.theatreworks.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Lifetree Cafe Palo Alto
Lifetree Cafe offers weekly conversations that focus on popular life issues. Oct. 21: Does God Have a Plan For You? Oct. 28: Same Sex Marriage. Sundays, Oct. 7-28, 7-8 p.m. 3373 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 408-507-9858. www.lifetreecafe.com

University Public Worship
Attendees can join University Public Worship on Sunday mornings in the Stanford Memorial Church. Rev. Scotty McLennan, Dean for Religious Life, will preach; there will be music by University Organist Dr. Rob-

ert Huw Morgan and the Memorial Church Choir. Oct. 21, 10-11 a.m. Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-1762. events.stanford.edu/events/333/33381/

SPECIAL EVENTS

Libertarian VP Candidate at Stanford
Libertarian vice presidential candidate, Judge Jim Gray, will be speaking about the deficit and current economic, foreign and civil liberty policies. Judge Jim Gray is the running mate of Gov. Gary Johnson, 2012 Libertarian presidential candidate and former two-term governor of New Mexico. Oct. 25, 6-8 p.m. Oberndorf Event Center, Stanford Graduate School of Business, 641 Knight Way, Stanford. Call 510-828-2281.

Recreation With Rocks
The Peninsula Gem and Geology Society's 5th annual show will feature mineral displays, jewelry, gemstones, vendors. Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. adults-\$3, 12-18 years-\$2, under 12-free. Los Altos Civic Center Youth Center, One San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.pggs.org

SPORTS

USYVL Fall 2012 Volleyball Season
This 8-week instructional program is designed to teach the most important fundamentals of the sport - passing, hitting, setting, and spiking - all in a structured environment. Register before July 15 at www.usyvl.org to take advantage of the early registration discount. Sept. 12 - Nov. 3, 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$125. Sylvan Park, 550 Sylvan Ave., Mountain View. Call 310-212-7008. www.usyvl.org

SUPPORT GROUPS

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group
Peer support group for those with chronic fatigue syndrome (also known as myalgic encephalomyelitis). Group usually meets on the third Sunday of the month. Oct. 21, 2-4 p.m. Palo Alto Medical Foundation, 701 El Camino Real, 3rd Fl, Ob/Gyn Conf Room, Mountain View. Call 650-965-1703.

TALKS/AUTHORS

Amy Goodman in Person
Amy Goodman is on the road for a 100-city tour running up to Election Day to examine how modern democracy works. Amy will be joined by Denis Moynihan, co-author of her new book, "The Silenced Majority." Oct. 23, 7-9 p.m. \$15 to \$25 suggested donation. First Presbyterian Church, 1140 Cowper St., Palo Alto. Call 650-326-8837. peaceandjustice.org/article.php/Amy_Goodman_October_23

College Admissions Talk
Christine VanDeVelde, co-author of College Admissions, will speak on what colleges want and why, when and how to start the search, finding schools that are right for a student and how to make the best decision. Oct. 25, 7-9 p.m. Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. ptac.mvwsd.org/parented.html

Exploring Mars with Curiosity
USGS October evening public lecture: Searching the Martian surface for evidence of habitable conditions. Oct. 25, 7-8 p.m. USGS Menlo Park Campus, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-329-5136. online.wr.usgs.gov/calendar

Why Black and White
Renowned black and white fine art photographer Cole Thompson will be giving the Palo Alto Camera Club's Annual Photographic Arts Lecture for 2012. Oct. 24, 7:30-9:15 p.m. Palo Alto Children's Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. pacamera.com/?post_type=programs&p=1926

VOLUNTEERS

JustREAD
JustREAD is seeking tutors to help teens pass the high school exit exam. Volunteers will tutor in Mountain View during the school day, one-on-one with students in a classroom setting. Commitment of one hour per week required. Orientation and training provided. JustREAD Tutorial Center, 1299 Bryant St., Mountain View. Call 650-940-7402. www.justreadcenters.org

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Tuesday, October 23, 6:30-8:00 pm

Garden House at Shoup Park
400 University Avenue
Los Altos, CA 94022

Thursday, November 1, 6:30-8:00 pm

San Mateo Garden Center
605 Parkside Way
San Mateo, CA 94403

Wednesday, November 7, 6:30-8:00 pm

San Ramon Community Center at
Central Park, Terrace Room
12501 Alcosta Blvd
San Ramon, CA 94583

To RSVP for an event, please call David Siddiqui at **1-510-908-4092** or visit euc.eventbrite.com

The program will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is expended or the program is terminated, whichever occurs first. Pre and post inspections may be required to qualify for the incentives. Participation is limited to one incentive payment per household. Incentive checks will be mailed six to eight weeks after application approval. This program is funded by California utility ratepayers and administered by investor-owned utilities under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission. "PG&E" refers to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a subsidiary of PG&E Corporation. ©2012 Pacific Gas and Electric Company. All rights reserved.