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Jeordy Arellano, a Crittenden Middle School student, decorates his Day of the Dead sugar skull at Rengstorff Community Center.

## The colorful dead

STUDENTS LEARN HISTORY AND ART WHILE PAINTING SUGARY SKULLS

By Nick Veronin

About 100 children from Mountain View's two middle schools got a hands-on lesson on a centuries-old Mexican tradition last week, as they decorated miniature

human skulls sculpted out of sugar at the Community Center Building at Rengstorff Park.

On Oct. 18, the children — about 50 each from Crittenden and Graham middle schools — gathered in the basement of the community center, where

they listened to a brief lecture from Sacramento-based artist Rob-O, who specializes in the decorative sugar skulls, most commonly associated with the Dia de los Muertos (Day of the

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## Immigrant House saved, for now

BUT CITY HAS NO PLAN RESTORE LARGER PEARSON HOUSE

By Daniel DeBolt

On Tuesday the City Council voted to save what is possibly the city's oldest home still standing in its original location, the tiny house at 166 Bryant Street where countless immigrants have lived, possibly since the

1860s. Saving the larger 1880s home on the property, the Pearson House, has been a more complicated matter.

While its current home is set for an office development in the next three-to-six months, the so-called "immigrant house" is safe for at least the next three years. That is how long City

Council members said it could be stored at a municipal yard on Whisman Road, taking up the equivalent of two parking spaces until money can be raised to restore it and move it to a location yet to be determined.

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## No funds yet for city-wide shuttle

SERVICE FROM DOWNTOWN TO BE PART OF NORTH BAYSHORE TRANSIT STUDY

By Daniel DeBolt

On Tuesday City Council members struggled to realize visions of a city-run shuttle that would make stops downtown, at San Antonio shopping center and the movie theaters, to name a few.

"The whole idea of a constantly circulating shuttle that makes it easy for people to get around is something constituents have been asking for, for a long time," said council member Laura Macias.

The possibility of testing such a system for a year or more was considered by the Council but the cost, upwards of \$1 million a year to have three vehicles circulate around the city every 15 to 20 minutes, made them hesitant.

In the end a majority of council members said they wanted to see the idea wrapped into a study of potential transportation improvements in North Bayshore where Google and other companies use private shuttles to ferry their employees to and from Castro Street, among other more far-flung destinations. The North Bayshore transportation study is underway as Google and others plan to develop space for thousands more employees north of Highway 101.

### No help from Google

"If you go to North Bayshore and look at Google's parking lots, there's just so many buses standing there," said council member Ronit Bryant. "There's a lot of resources just standing there. A private-

public partnership would work."

Council member Margaret Abe-Koga said city officials approached Google "to see if they would be willing to let us use their shuttles during the day when they are sitting out in the parking lot at Shoreline. They never got back to us."

Google and other tech companies might be unwilling to share their shuttles because intellectual property could be stolen as someone looks over the shoulder of a laptop-using employee, noted Mayor Mike Kasperzak. But he said there is probably very little laptop use among those who take the short ride from downtown to Google

headquarters.

"Unless we have a million (dollars a year) to do this, I think this is a non-starter," said council member Jac Siegel, who estimated the cost at \$350,000 per vehicle. "Unless we can get other entities to help us I don't know where we are going to get the money."

Council members said there may be grant money and VTA funds for such a shuttle, and Kasperzak mentioned the possibility of working with San Antonio Shopping Center developer Merlone Geier if the shuttle were to run down California Street to its shopping center.

Council members also expressed disappointment that no one came to the meeting to speak in favor of the shuttle. A survey posted on the city website found that 64.5 percent of 248

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# Chasing kids, not medical records



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AROUND TOWN

Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Ashley Finden.

## What is your favorite Halloween costume?



*"My favorite Halloween costume would be Dorothy, because I'm from Kansas and it's just the right thing to do."*  
**Kim Krebs**, Mountain View



*"The best Halloween costume I ever saw, my favorite, was somebody dressed up as Maverick from Top Gun. And they built a cardboard plane around their body. It was pretty awesome."*  
**Jordan Huizing**, Mountain View



*"My favorite costume would be Ghostbusters, because I was a big fan of the movie growing up and they just look really cool with the backpack and the whole one-piece suit."*  
**Catherine Lemus**, Mountain View



*"I remember one year when I was like five, I dressed up as a Dalmatian and it was, like, really fun and another year I dressed up as a cat, and that was really cool as well."*  
**Connie Reyes**, Mountain View



*"I saw a lady dressed up in leotards and stockings and she had the balloons placed as a bunch of grapes — and I thought that was pretty cute."*  
**Jacqueline Loose**, Mountain House

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## LocalNews

### CRIME BRIEFS

#### MUGGER THWARTED

A pedestrian was dragged to the ground last week when a man attempted to steal his backpack on the Stevens Creek Trail, police said.

The attempted robbery occurred at about 7:55 p.m. on Oct. 16 while the man was walking along the trail near Evelyn Avenue and Highway 85, according to Sgt. Sean Thompson, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department.

The victim was holding his backpack in his hand when the assailant approached him from behind and grabbed the bag, Sgt. Thomas said in a press release. A struggle ensued, and the two men fell to the ground.

Eventually the victim was able to gain control of his backpack and flee, calling 911 when he returned home,

Thompson said.

According to the press release the suspect is described as a Hispanic man around the age of 25, standing about 5 feet 10 inches tall, of heavy build and wearing dark clothing and a dark baseball cap. Police released a composite sketch based upon the victim's description of the would-be robber.

Police encouraged trail users to be aware of their surroundings and call police to report any suspicious people or activities. The non-emergency dispatch number is 650-903-6395. "An emergency or crime in progress should be reported via 911."

Anyone with information can call the detective on the case at 650-903-6359. All tipsters may remain anonymous.

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## Council OKs burrowing owl plan

By Daniel DeBolt

Burrowing owl lovers rejoiced Tuesday when the City Council adopted a plan to protect the rare ground-dwelling bird.

The plans makes it a goal to keep over 300 acres of nesting and foraging habitat for the owls in Shoreline Park and calls for hiring a full time biologist (with compensation of up to \$115,000) who will ensure their habitat is safe from predators and has a healthy population of ground squirrels and plenty of favorable vegetation. It also includes a \$676,000 project that moves a 9-acre storage area out of the preserve, making a swath of land along the park's main road more inviting for the rare birds.

"This plan shows leadership," said Shani Kleinhaus, environmental advocate for the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society. "The fact you are looking at hiring a dedicated biologist and including this 9-acre site, we are really proud of you."

The council voted 6-1 to approve the plan with council member Tom Means opposed at the Oct. 23 meeting.

*'I wish other cities would do something like this, too,'*

GITA DEV OF THE SIERRA CLUB

Wildlife preservationists are concerned that the rare owls could be gone from Santa Clara County within two decades. Their current numbers are at only a few dozen, spread out among bayfront areas at Shoreline Park, Moffett Field and Alviso.

"I wish other cities would do something like this, too," said Gita Dev of the Sierra Club.

The plan also encourages developing a volunteer program with the Audubon Society and encourages local universities to become involved in research that will help save the owls.

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## SIX LITTLE PUMPKINS

*A little rain didn't bother the pumpkins at Mountain View's new pumpkin patch at Shoreline Park this week. The Aquatic Center and Lakeside Cafe at Shoreline Lake is holding the "First Annual Shoreline Pumpkin Splash," open daily through Oct. 28. Pumpkin decorating, along with coloring contests, bobbing for apples and a Halloween jump house, are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 27-28. Pumpkin Splash will also have a Facebook "pumpkin photo" contest for the "scariest," "funniest," and most "innovative" pumpkins up until Oct. 28, with winners announced on Halloween. The prize is a \$100 gift card for the Cafe or Aquatic Center. Christina Ferrari, who runs the Cafe and Aquatic Center, said that once she learned that Mountain View could be without a pumpkin patch this year, she decided to make a family-friendly one in hopes of beginning a new tradition.*

## City's bike friendly ways win silver

MOUNTAIN VIEW MOVES UP IN LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS RANKINGS

By Daniel DeBolt

Mountain View is standing out from most Bay Area cities when it comes to bike-friendliness, according to the League of American Bicyclists. The organization moved Mountain View up to the silver standard in its Bike Friendly Communities program last week.

Thanks mostly to Mountain View's expansion of its creekside trails and a bike sharing program set for installation this fall, Mountain View earned a spot as a silver-level bike friendly community on Oct. 18, the city's best showing. It had been ranked at the bronze level in 2004 and 2008.

The designation was made

after a routine application this year by city officials seeking to keep Mountain View as one of the country's 242 "Bicycle Friendly Communities" picked by the Washington, D.C.-based

League of American Bicyclists. "While we are proud of this new designation, and the improvements that have been made in recent years, we know there is still much more that

can be done to make Mountain View more bike- and pedestrian-friendly and I'm sure we will continue to work toward that end," said City Manager Dan Rich, who occasionally commutes by bike from Palo Alto to City Hall.

Mountain View leaves the ranks of neighboring bronze-level cities like Menlo Park, Los Altos, Sunnyvale and San Jose, but it's still behind Palo Alto, Stanford and San Francisco, the Bay Area's three communities that have a gold rating.

Several Mountain View cyclists who have been pushing for better bike routes in the city cheered the achievement, calling it "good news" in emails. But

*'We know there is still much more that can be done to make Mountain View more bike- and pedestrian-friendly.'*

DAN RICH, MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY MANAGER

## Big bucks for hospital board race

HOSPITAL BOARD CANDIDATES REVEAL SPENDING REPORTS

By Nick Veronin

Candidates for the El Camino Hospital District's board of directors are courting voters with ads and mailers, according to recent campaign financial reports. Most of the candidates report taking in upwards of \$10,000 in contributions and loans, and are spending that money on campaign literature, newspaper advertisements and website design services.

The biggest fundraiser so far is Dennis Chiu, with more than \$19,000, while the team of incumbents — John Zoglin and Wes Alles — has spent about \$15,870 so far on their joint campaign — about \$1,000 more than the \$14,763 they have raised. The filing period covers Jan. 1 through Sept. 30.

The next campaign spending reports are due Oct. 25.

**John Zoglin & Wes Alles**

Zoglin and Alles have established a joint campaign finance committee — Zoglin and Alles for El Camino Hospital Board 2012 — and reported their finances to the county registrar of voters together.

A portion of the money raised by the joint committee was taken in before Alles joined. The committee has raised a great deal of money from individual donors giving sums of money in the \$100 to \$500 range. Among those smaller donors, Mark Fischer-Colbrie, CEO of a medical



John Zoglin



Wes Alles

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## ■ COUNCIL BRIEFS

**SAN ANTONIO WORKSHOPS START**

Those hoping the city will do a decent job in continuing to redevelop the San Antonio shopping center area may want to attend an upcoming workshop or fill out an online city survey.

After several contentious City Council discussions about building heights, barriers to pedestrian and bicycle access in the shopping center, park space and other design issues, a pair of Saturday morning workshops will be held on Oct. 27 and Dec. 1. The workshops aim to inform the creation of a land-use blueprint for the area, known as a "precise plan."

Residents are also asked to give input and fill out a survey posted at [sanantoniovisioning.com](http://sanantoniovisioning.com).

The workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on both days at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, 2440 West El Camino Real near Showers Drive, suite 300, on the third floor in meeting room 3F.

—Daniel DeBolt

**ABE-KOGA NAMED TO WATER BOARD**

Mountain View council member Margaret Abe-Koga, 42, has been appointed to the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board by Gov. Jerry

Brown. The position requires confirmation from the state Senate, and pays \$100 per diem.

She has served as a City Council member for Mountain View since 2007 and has been the corporate and foundation relations manager for Asian Americans for Community Involvement in San Jose this past year.

She was the associate director for the Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute at De Anza College from 1999 to 2001. Prior to that, she was the vice chair and then chair of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority. Abe-Koga also was a member of the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County.

—Ashley Finden

## ■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**RENGSTORFF GREAT STREETS INITIATIVE**

On Friday, Nov. 2, a second meeting will be held to discuss improvements for California Street and surrounding roads after several pedestrian deaths this year.

Following a similar meeting held by the Shoreline West Neighborhood to discuss street safety issues, a group of planning-minded residents calling themselves the Rengstorff Great Streets Initiative are holding their own meeting from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Community Center in Rengstorff Park.

"The purpose of the meeting is to look a little bit closer at some of the solutions for

improving safety, accessibility, and livability on the area streets, particularly California and Escuela," said organizer Jarrett Mullen.

While not required, a \$5 donation is requested for food costs and an RSVP is preferred, sent to [greatstreetsrp@gmail.com](mailto:greatstreetsrp@gmail.com).

**NEW CITY APP FOR ANDROID**

Whether reporting a dead streetlight, a nasty pothole or vandalism in a park, the city has a new way for residents to communicate problems to city officials.

Last week the city launched "Ask Mountain View Mobile,"

a free application for smart phones equipped with Android, the phone operating system created by Mountain View-based Google. It allows users to submit a photo of a problem, mark its location on a map and quickly submit comments or questions to city officials.

The city launched a similar app for Apple's iPhone in 2010. Along with similar features online at [mountainview.gov](http://mountainview.gov), Ask Mountain View receives over 16,000 hits a year.

—Daniel DeBolt

**CITY'S HALLOWEEN BASH**

Nothing brings the community together like monsters. On Saturday, Oct. 27, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., the City of Mountain View is holding its Monster Bash, a movie night for people of all ages at Rengstorff Community Center and Park, located at 201 S. Rengstorff Ave.

Blankets and chairs are recommended for the screening of the animated film, "Monster House." Games and refreshments will be provided at the family-friendly event.

—Ashley Finden

**REAL ESTATE STUNT**

Ken DeLeon of DeLeon Realty, Inc., Palo Alto, is accepting offers on a Mountain View condo, to be listed on Oct. 25 for \$1. "This truly lets the market decide the value of the home," DeLeon said in a press release. The marketing approach will create a "silent auction" with final bids due Nov. 8. "There is no loan on this property, so whatever it goes for that day will be the sale price, even if it's \$1," he said. The condo is at 255 S. Rengstorff Ave. #126.

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# St. Francis' iPad program a hit

PRIVATE SCHOOL GIVES TABLET COMPUTER TO EVERY STUDENT

By Nick Veronin

After a little more than two months into the school year, officials at Saint Francis High School are saying the new tech-oriented program, which gives an iPad to every student for in-class and at-home use, is a great success.

Giving a shiny, somewhat fragile, expensive piece of technology to every student in your school may seem ill-advised to some, but according to Matt Maguire — a science teacher and one of two “educational technologists” at Saint Francis — it is “the future of education.”

“As the classrooms go more digital, having an iPad in every student’s hand was a top priority,” Maguire said of the program, which was introduced this year.

Knowing that every student has the means to create video, slide shows and access the web in the same way it allows teachers at the private school to assign more project-based lessons, Maguire said. And project-based learning better prepares students for the real world, where they will need to collaborate with colleagues

over email and use many of the same tools they are now using in the classroom.

The transition has been smooth for the students, Maguire said, as many of them are already intimately familiar with mobile devices. “It’s an environment that they’re very comfortable in,” he said, noting that before the introduction of the tablet computers, one of the only times the students weren’t interacting with their screens was when they were in class.

Maguire said he has been working on quantifying the amount of paper that has been saved since the iPads have been introduced. Though he has yet been unable to put a rough figure on the amount, he personally attested that he has not made a single copy for any of his five classes so far this year, and added that there are other teachers for whom that is also the case.

If he makes one to two worksheets a day for 30 students in all five of his classes, he could be saving as many as 600 sheets every day. A standard ream of copier paper is 500 pages.

Not everyone is ready to give up paper, of course, he said. And some who prefer real

books, pen and pad are the students themselves. For those who want to do things the old-fashioned way, the school does not force them to use the iPads, and hard copies of text books and novels are kept on hand. “But a lot of the students have adjusted,” he said.

The new program was paid for mostly with an endowment and with a “nominal” jump in the technology fees charged to parents.

Many of the concerns initially raised — that the machines would be lost, stolen or broken — have yet to present a real problem, he said. And there have been no student complaints about discomfort from reading on backlit screens.

However, Maguire acknowledged that the program is still new. Fatigue may still set in and the novelty of having the devices will certainly fade as time goes on. Ultimately, he said, teachers still have to find new and interesting ways to have their students use the iPads — just as they have always had to do with conventional lessons.

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## HOSPITAL RACE

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technology company called Labyte, gave \$500; Dr. Richard Gilman, an El Camino Hospital physician, gave \$250; and Earl Fry, the executive vice president and chief financial officer of Informatica Corp., which makes healthcare products, gave \$250. The largest donation, \$1,500, came from the California Hospital Association Political Action Committee.

According to the documents filed with the registrar’s office, the joint committee has spent more than \$10,000 on campaign literature, \$3,000 for an official campaign statement to be printed on the county’s voter guide, \$1,600 on print advertisements with the Los Altos Town Crier, \$242 on web services and \$350 on campaign paraphernalia. Zoglin has also taken out advertisements in this newspaper.

### Dennis Chiu

Dennis Chiu raised the most money of all the candidates — \$19,632 — pulling in several large donations, in the \$500 to \$1,000 range from individu-

als, including the vice mayor of Campbell, Evan Low. He also received a contribution of \$2,500 from the SEIU-UHW. Chiu also loaned himself close to \$6,000.

He reported spending \$11,170 in the filing period — a great deal of it on campaign literature (\$7,921) and on the official campaign statement that appears in county-issued voter materials (\$3,000). He also spent \$150 on web design and \$99 on campaign paraphernalia.

### Bill James

Bill James raised a little more than \$10,700 in contributions and loans during the filing period. Notable among his smaller donors, Mountain View councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga donated \$250 to James’ campaign. The candidate has loaned himself



Dennis Chiu



Bill James

\$10,000.

The largest items on James’ list of expenditures include \$1,756 on campaign literature, \$1,247 on yard signs and \$450 for professional graphic design from a Palo Alto design firm. In total, James reported spending \$3,932 on his campaign.

### Julia Miller

Julia Miller raised the least of all the candidates — pulling in \$5,801 from a variety of \$100 to \$250 donations. She was given \$750 by Michael E. Fox, a retired business owner from Saratoga, and \$2,500 from the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers (SEIU-UHW).

Miller reported spending \$3,359 — \$150 on her website, \$150 on print advertisements and \$3,000 on an official candidate statement to appear on the county voter guide. ▽

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Dead) celebration, on Nov. 1 and Nov. 2 of each year.

“Although it may sound morbid, the day of the Dead is a bright and cheerful festival where people remember loved ones who have died,” one of the Crittenden students read aloud from a handout explaining the holiday, which coincides with the Catholic celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

Rob-O told the kids about how he first began making sugar skull art to commemorate his mother after she died. He ultimately parlayed his colorful creations into a career — first showing off the skulls at street fairs and then getting them displayed in local galleries.

In fact, it was because of Rob-

O’s booth at the Mountain View Art & Wine Festival that he was invited to share his work with the kids. That was where Arturo Noriega, the at-risk intervention supervisor for the Mountain View Whisman School District, first encountered the artist’s work.

“I thought, what a fantastic idea it would be to bring this to the youth of Mountain View,” said Noriega, who works to set up activities for the after-school programs at Crittenden and Graham.

A large portion of the youth activities Noriega works on are sports-related. Sports are great, he said, but unfortunately they aren’t for everyone. There are many kids who would benefit from the opportunity to engage in extracurricular activities, but who aren’t interested in athlet-



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**Above:** Sugar skulls decorated by Crittenden students. **Left:** Giselle Manzano pipes frosting onto her sugar skull.



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ics. Decorating sugar skulls, he thought, would make a great, non-athletic activity.

Judging from the response of the children, Noriega was right. Crittenden student Francisco Rivera worked diligently, his eyes wide in a stare of concentration as he applied swirls of colored frosting and shiny sequins to his sugar skull.

He is familiar with Dia de los Muertos because his family has celebrated the holiday in the past. But, Francisco said, he was unaware of much of the history of the holiday, which can be traced back thousands of years to pre-Columbian rituals.

Francisco said he likes hearing stories about his grandfather — whom he barely knew — at his family's Dia de los Muertos celebrations.

He also said the sugar skull decorating activity was a bit more fun than what he usually does in his school's after school program.

Janaiya Davis, another Crittenden student, said she had heard of Dia de los Muertos before, but had never celebrated it. Like Francisco, Janaiya showed a great deal of interest in decorating her sugar skull.

"It's interesting," she said, reflecting on the concept of celebrating the dead in such a colorful way. It's "way different" than the way she remembers her family dealing with the death of a loved one, she said.

These are precisely the kinds of reactions Rob-O said he hoped he might see from the children. "Dia de los Muertos is actually a celebration of life," he said, explaining that he wanted the children to understand there are different ways of marking the passing of a loved one than the ways to which they may be accustomed. "It's a joyous way of remembering



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**Above:** Artist Rob-O said this piece was inspired by ancient Aztec art called "Faces of Life."

**Right:** Inspired by Rob-O's mother, this 35-pound skull is called "PACHAMAMA."

someone who has passed on," he said. "Not at all negative. It's just a real positive vibe."

Rob-O also emphasized that if the children have a passion for the arts, and if they work hard at it, there is a chance they could eventually make a living through art. After working with the medium for more than three years, he said he is making a living as an artist.

"It isn't easy. But you can survive on your passion if you stick with it," he said. ▣



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**Jeordy Arellano, left, and Josue Ibarra work on their sugar skulls.**



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**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](http://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.

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**IMMIGRANT HOUSE**

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“We saved it, we saved it!” said an elated Marina Marinovich after the meeting. Her grandparents and father had lived in the home after migrating from Croatia in the 1920s and 1930s. She has been working to save the home and offered to raise the restoration and moving costs, estimated by city staff to cost up to \$255,000.

“With all of this immigrant bashing and hater-talk these

days, why not have this as the monument to say that we love immigrants here?” said Diane Solomon. “I don’t think anyone has anything like this.”

“It really does stand for what our community grew out of,” said council member Jac Siegel.

Mountain View was home to more than just the wealthy, as exemplified by the Rengstorff House, he said. “There were also workers here.”

Those working to save the immigrant house favor either

relocating it to Shoreline Park, where it would contrast with the Rengstorff House, or Pioneer Park, where it would remain in its original downtown context. City staff say there is little space at Pioneer Park and did not recommend it among numerous potential locations for either home. Locations that council and community members didn’t appear to favor include a residential lot on Wright Avenue, open space areas along Shoreline Boulevard near Eagle Park and a lot at the corner of Grant Road and Cuesta Avenue next to St. Timothy’s Episcopal church. Downtown resident Robert Cox spoke for saving the immigrant house but was against using one of the city-owned parking lots downtown in place of valuable real estate development.

For the larger Pearson House, once home to early businessman Charles Pearson, the council voted to study several options, including a dormitory for city employees who live far away or a rental facility — though city staff said there was no identifiable need for a rental facility as small as the Pearson House. Council members Tom Means and John Inks were opposed.

Developer Roger Burnell had offered to pay the restoration and moving costs of the Pearson House as part of failed plan to put a city history museum in the Cuesta Annex. He told the city in early October that he would only be willing to pay the city whatever it would cost to demolish both homes, an estimated \$50,000 to \$70,000, said senior planner Scott Plambaeck. The City Council did not make a requirement of Burnell’s office project the costs of moving and restoring the homes, estimated to cost between \$855,000 and \$930,000 in total. ■

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**BIKE FRIENDLY**

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they said the city still has some difficult work to do. Some point to what Palo Alto has done, with high rates of biking among students, its innovative bike boulevards which allow through-traffic only for bicyclists and pedestrians and its narrowing of Arastradero Road. The “road diet” is something bike advocates want to see for California Street and Shoreline Boulevard in the wake of fatal accidents that killed three pedestrians on those streets this year. It would eliminate a traffic lane to allow for wider bike lanes and encourage lower speeds for cars.

To achieve the new rating, city officials pointed to a bevy of improvements since 2008, including over \$16 million in new bike bridges on extensions of the Stevens Creek and Permanent Creek trails. Also considered was a new bike boulevard, finished in fall 2011, from the downtown train station to Knickerbocker Drive and Heatherstone Way. While it doesn't favor bike traffic like a Palo Alto bike boulevard, it includes large directional signs with key destinations, distances and estimated travel times, as well as improved bike lane striping on The Americana, special pavement markings, traffic signage and additional traffic signal loop detectors for bicycles, said public works engineer Helen Kim in an email.

The rating also took into account a regional bike-sharing system set for installation late this year, placing 117 bikes at stations around Mountain View for use by anyone who pays a nominal membership fee.

“Bike-sharing systems have had really tremendous impact on not just getting mode share, it also provides a really low barrier to start riding,” said Carolyn Scepanski, director of communications for the League. “Here in Washington, D.C. and other places like it, you see that more women are riding with the bike-share system than you would see in the general population.”

There's also the fact that Mountain View hasn't seen a bike-related fatality in over five years, which is “huge” Scepanski said. And as bicycling rates increase, bike advocates say collisions involving bikes become fewer and fewer.

Scepanski had several suggestions for improving the rating. Perhaps the biggest challenge is that the city needs more “protected bike infrastructure,” Sce-

panski said, such as bike lanes with extra width or bike lanes placed between parked cars and the curb. To promote that, she said, the city could adopt a “complete streets policy,” as other cities have done, which encourages the development of bicycle and pedestrian-friendly streets.

Scepanski also mentioned the use of “Cycle Tracks,” a smart phone application used by San Francisco, Monterey and other cities to track routes that cyclists favor in order to better plan the placement of new bike

infrastructure.

The League also promotes enforcement as one of its guiding principles for cities. Police should have special training on bicycle laws, have a “point-person to interact with cyclists” and distribute share-the-road brochures, preferably in English and Spanish, Scepanski said. Such efforts generally target motorists to raise awareness that cyclists have a right to use the road, and to educate them how to safely pass a cyclist, she said.

Only three cities in the coun-

try have reached the League's platinum rating: Boulder, Colo.; Portland, Ore. and Davis. The League recently introduced a yet-to-be-achieved diamond rating in order to push the bar even higher.

Mountain View's bike use among commuters is rapidly rising, from 4.1 percent of commuters using bikes in 2010 to 6.2 percent in 2011, according to the latest U.S. Census Bureau data on how commuters use different modes of transportation.

“If mode share is going up,

the community is obviously doing something right,” Scepanski said. “Mountain View needs to be looking more like Davis or Boulder,” Scepanski said, which have 16.6 and 9.6 percent of commuters travel by bike, respectively. “Smaller towns tend to have a higher bike mode share than a major metropolis like Portland,” which has a bike commuting mode share of 6.3 percent despite its platinum rating. ■

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**CITY SHUTTLE**

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respondents would use such a shuttle. Most said it would need to cost less than \$2.

City staff had also not been able to find any studies or recruit

any help in analyzing the feasibility of such a system from the Mineta Transportation Institute or U.C. Berkeley.

**Charging for parking?**

Kasperzak said he would be more supportive if the city began

charging for parking in certain areas, spurring drivers to consider paying \$4 for parking or \$2 for the shuttle. "We have people circling around downtown looking for parking space and they can't find any because it's all free," he said. "At this point in

time, I'm not in favor of dragging staff through this process anymore," despite his desire for better transportation in the city.

"We have looked at this issue a number of times over the years," said council member Abe-Koga, former chair of the Valley Transpor-

tation Authority board. "The questions that have always arisen are, 'Who are we trying to serve?' and 'What would be the best route?'"

Macias said students and seniors were among those that could use such a shuttle, but with other buses and shuttles already serving those populations, Bryant said the most undeserved by transit were those trying to get to the Shoreline area, possibly Shoreline Park or the Century movies theaters on North Shoreline Boulevard. A VTA bus from Mountain View High School is already very popular among students, council members said. Seniors use a mid-day VTA shuttle, No. 34, which connects downtown to the San Antonio Shopping Center on a route that passes a senior housing complex on Montecito Avenue and the city's Senior Center on Escuela Avenue. But ridership on the 34 has been low for years and is now below 15 riders per hour, which means it may be cut by the VTA. Ridership actually went down after it was re-routed to include the senior center, Abe-Koga said.

"We will have to make a decision soon whether we should cut it or not," Abe-Koga said of the shuttle. She suggested using the \$150,000 to \$250,000 the VTA uses to run the 34 shuttle to go towards a new city-run shuttle, adding that the city would also have to be willing to put up some funds. ▣



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## YourMechanic brings car repairs to you

By Angela Hey

This week I swapped cars with my husband and my car broke down. He managed to drive it, somewhat erratically, to a local service garage. The battery was dead on arrival. Had I been more diligent about observing my car's warning lights, I could have invited a mechanic to my home to replace the alternator using YourMechanic's new service.

YourMechanic (yourmechanic.com) is a Mountain View startup based in the Old Mill, with \$1.8 million in seed funding from Andreessen Horowitz, Y Combinator, Ashton Kutcher and other angel investors. The company recently won \$50,000 from TechCrunch.

Art Agrawal (CEO) co-founded the company with Dongyi Liao (CTO), whose background includes MIT and Nvidia. Art wants to make automobile repair simple with clearly understood pricing. In India, Art didn't grow up with a car, His uncle had a car, but he relied on a driver to look after it. When it came to buying his own car, Art, like many U.S. immigrants, had questions. Should he go to the dealer for service or visit a local garage mechanic? How much will repairs cost? How often should you change the oil? What grade of oil do you need? Which services are essential?

If you've listened on NPR to Click and Clack (who, sadly, are retiring after 25 years of answering drivers' queries), you'll know that diagnosing car problems can be tricky. YourMechanic's software matches customers with mechanics. The goal is to find a BMW owner a mechanic with BMW certifications and experience. Of mechanics who apply to work with YourMechanic, roughly a quarter qualify and they typically have at least 10 years of experience.

I spoke with Michael. He works full time for YourMechanic and was about to dash off to a client, as he's in high demand. I asked him how he could inspect underneath a car without a pit or lift. He said he can jack up the car and put a tarp underneath it. He captures oil and other fluids in EPA approved hazardous waste containers, so there is

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The customer can order service from the web. Customer apps will soon be available. The customer can specify car problems, car type and required services on YourMechanic.com. The website clearly shows the services available and the steps a mechanic will take in identifying a problem, and provides a price. YourMechanic's services include repair, maintenance and inspections.

Mechanics use an Android app from YourMechanic that highlights appointments. YourMechanic procures parts from wholesalers, like O'Reilly (ORLY), who drop-ship them to mechanics, sometimes within a day. Mechanics receive ratings and reviews. Many auto mechanics employed by garages like to earn extra income by fixing cars in their spare time. YourMechanic is ideal for experienced mechanics who want a second income. This reflects a trend in second jobs for professionals who use websites like Elance.com, liveops.com or odesk.com to augment their pay. YourMechanic makes money by taking 10 percent of a mechanic's hourly fee and between 0 and 15 percent of parts costs.

YourMechanic's challenges are to scale its services to reach other regions, develop sustainable pricing and ensure parts are delivered efficiently. The company is also seeking ideas on how to attract new customers — so if you have any ideas, add them to comments following the online version of this article at mv-voice.com.

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## Talking about the end of the world

SETI SCIENCE SHOW INVESTIGATES DOOMSDAY SCENARIOS

By Ashley Finden

On Saturday, Oct. 27, the SETI Institute's weekly science radio show, "Big Picture Science," will be hosting a live performance from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd. in Mountain View. "Doomsday Live" explores the impending

threats facing our world.

As part of the Bay Area Science Festival, the show will be open to the public and explain what is likely and not-so-likely in terms of the type of event that could have a debilitating impact on humanity.

"There's little reason to think that terrestrial catastrophe will strike before Christmas," Seth

Shostak, SETI Institute astronomer and Big Picture Science host, said about a certain movie involving an apocalyptic Mayan prophecy.

He said in the next quarter-century the world may be hit by a devastating asteroid or experience a crippling pandemic.

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### Seen Around Town

The end of the rainbow is somewhere near Mountain View, in this shot by Astrid Terlep. Taken while on a walk along the shoreline at the end of San Antonio Road, Terlep said she snapped the picture just before it started to rain again. As the mother of two teenagers, she says photography is a great stress reliever for her.



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“There are some credible catastrophes facing our world — both from our planet and self-induced,” Shostak said.

There will be a handful of expert scientist speaking at the event.

Ken Caldeira, a climate scientist at Carnegie Institution Department of Global Ecology at Stanford University, will discuss the physical, economic and political consequences of climate change.

Astronomer Andy Fraknoi from Foothill College said there is no doubt that an asteroid will slam into our planet. But when, and is a big rock an immediate concern? He will also go into other cosmic dangers threatening Earth.

Luke Muehlhauser, the executive director of the Singularity Institute, and Bradley Voytek, a neuroscientist at the University of California, San Francisco, will address the underlying threat of technology. As humans constantly strive to move forward in developing intelligent technology, will machines have the capacity to become self-aware and independent of computational commands? If they do, would machines work harmoniously with humans or will there be a reverse effect?

Kirsten Gilardi is an epidemiologist who treats wild gorillas as well as monitors global pandemics. She will explain how a spillover from wild animals to humans can cause a killer pandemic.

All of the guests experts will be conversing with Shostak and Molly Bentley, co-host and executive producer of Big Picture Science. The audience will be able to participate.

Even though it is a free event, seating is limited, so those who are interested in attending should register online at [computerhistory.org/events/#doomsday-show](http://computerhistory.org/events/#doomsday-show). ▣

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## Vote yes on county Measure A

Santa Clara County, like other counties in the state, has been whipsawed by the economic downturn and the state's perennial budget crises. When funding runs short for state safety net and health programs that serve low income residents, the Legislature kicks the problem down to county governments, which at the same time are overburdened by more and more applicants who need services just to survive.

It is a vicious cycle and while the county has shed almost 1,800 employees and slashed its budget by more than \$2 billion in the last 10 years, visits to the Valley Medical Center in San Jose rose more than 200,000 in the period, and people looking for housing assistance tripled. Now, despite doing all it can to meet demand, the county clearly is out of options.

We agree with Supervisors who say that the answer is for voters to approve a one-eighth-cent sales tax increase that would last for 10 years and provide \$50 million a year to help the county come closer to breaking even. The increase would bring the county's sales tax levy to 8.5 percent, of which 7.25 percent goes to the state, although a portion does return to the county; while 1.125 percent goes to special district taxes.

If passed, the law would give the county a way to replace some of the dollars lost to cuts by the state and federal governments for health and public safety programs. One in four residents use services offered by the county's Valley Medical Center, including care in the burn and trauma centers. And thousands of low-income children in the Healthy Kids Program will continue to be covered by health insurance if the measure passes.

All county residents need to pitch in and help keep these essential services afloat. We urge a Yes vote on Measure A.

## Measure B will protect our water supply

In most years voters wouldn't blink at approving a request to simply continue a parcel tax that costs homeowners now just over \$50 a year. But getting support for Measure B that will benefit the Santa Clara Valley Water District could be a challenge, due to the district board's recent tendency to pay itself royally when their workload was minimal. That has changed after new board members were elected and all but one of the old guard board members has moved on.

The "new" board has shown it is serious about giving county residents good value for their tax dollars. The proposed uses for Measure B funds shows good judgment, and when all projects are completed, will help make sure our water supply and the health of our creeks are in good shape. And various flood control projects that have been waiting for completion would be funded as well.

By assuring a steady source of parcel tax income beyond 2016, the district will continue eligibility for federal dollars that could be lost if a vote was delayed until 2014 for the tax, which was passed in 2000. One of the major projects on the urgent to-do list is seismic work on the Anderson Dam, part of the county's largest reservoir. It is paramount that this work be completed soon, as it is vulnerable to damage from an earthquake in the region.

Continuation of this parcel tax would raise more than \$500 million over 15 years, although it will not increase the amount of annual taxes paid by residents. The district has made a good case for continuing this tax and we urge voters to approve Measure B.

### VOICE FROM THE COMMUNITY

## MVHS neighbors want say in field lights

By Vi and Dan Robertson

The Mountain View Los Altos High School board has scheduled one night football game on Oct. 26, with temporary lights, at the Mountain View High School field. We are among the neighbors who oppose approval of this game and we also are among the many neighbors who are strong supporters of the school.

We have contributed to the school and volunteer as tutors. Our opposition to this game is about the planning process used. We are certainly not trying to deny the students an enjoyable and safe experience.

This game was planned by the Sports Boosters, whom we feel looked upon the neighbors as problems to be marginalized. They asked for our input only five days before the vote by the school board. We listed several problems that had not been solved. The school board agreed there were still issues that needed to be addressed for a game that was only a couple of weeks away, but they still approved the game. They could have included our comments much sooner or postponed the game until later.

Since the board meeting, the school district has taken over the planning for this game. We want to thank the school administrators for getting the neighbors involved in this planning process — even if it is late. We also want to note that a number of the board members have acknowledged how our feedback will result in a better experience for everyone involved with this game.

We appreciate the fact that the leaders at MVHS have worked in the past to maintain a good relationship with the neighbors of the school. It seems like the members of the Sports Boosters Club are acting without respect for this relationship and are using this game to try to push through permanent lighting for night games at MVHS, without concern for its effect on the neighbors.

We learned at the board meeting that the estimate for installing permanent lights at MVHS would be about \$500,000 and would involve an environmental study. We know the school board is aware that they need to focus their funding and time on the academic requirements of the school.

We are not opposed to this one-time-only night game at the high school, if it is well planned. We are opposed to permanent lighting at the school. At the time of the school bond issue, the school board

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### CITY SHOULD MOVE AWAY FROM DRIVE-THROUGHS

At a Oct. 16 City Council meeting two appeals (one of which I filed) were considered of the zoning administrator's approval of a drive-through conditional use permit for Chick-Fil-A at 1962 West El Camino Real. The majority voted in favor of overturning the zoning administrator's decision. I am very pleased with this outcome, of course, and would like to thank Council members who voted with the majority.

To be clear, an underlying and long-term goal for many who worked on this appeal is for the city to update existing codes that relate to drive-through permits. At this time, we have 26 such businesses in Mountain View, and we feel that this number is more than sufficient to serve the needs of our community.

In my view, and broadly speaking, more attention should be focused on moving away from providing convenience for motor vehicles, and toward improving walkability and bikeability infrastructure. Objectives and guidelines established in the Grand Boulevard Initiative, the 2030 General Plan, the pending Pedestrian Master Plan, and what we anticipate in the update of the Mountain View Bicycle Transportation Plan. These plans should compel the city, county, and related agencies to move in this direction.

Additionally, concerns now being raised about traffic safety for Shoreline Boulevard, California Street, and Castro Street near Graham Middle School underscore that many in Mountain View urgently wish for the city to prioritize ways to achieve these goals.

*Bruce England  
Whisman Station Drive*

### MEASURE M MAY NOT CHANGE SALARIES

If Measure M passes will it really limit El Camino Hospital executive salaries?

Measure M was placed on the

ballot in response to a public petition. The hospital district is against the measure and questions its ultimate legality.

The legal issue should be settled in court, and the hospital may need to sue itself seeking to have a judge declare Measure M illegal. So then who would defend the measure? Certainly not the hospital district. It would be up to the proponents of the measure to step up to defend it, a costly prospect against the legal and financial resources of the hospital. There's also the question about employment contracts between the hospital and the executives. The hospital could choose to honor the contracts and thereby ignore Measure M, which means the measure faces a bleak future win or lose.

Because it is unlikely that Measure M will cap the executive salaries at the hospital any time soon, it may be best to treat Measure M as a protest vote and not be surprised if nothing changes. Vote for Measure M if you're concerned about how the district is run or how district taxes are spent. But to have any hope of real change, vote for new faces for the El Camino Hospital District board.

*Gene Lee  
Ernestine Lane*

### CANDIDATE FROM BULLIS TRYING FOR LASD BOARD

As we know, all taxpayers within the Los Altos School District elect the members of the Los Altos School District (LASD) board of trustees, while no one elects the members of the Bullis Charter school board. (The Bullis board of directors is appointed by the members of the board of directors.)

I would like to applaud Bullis Charter School for exercising our democratic system of representative government and putting up a candidate for election to the LASD school board, and urge them to offer this same opportunity to the community.

Amanda Burke-Aaronson, a

Mountain View resident and candidate for LASD board of trustees, is the mother of several children attending Bullis Charter School. Her candidate financial statement shows cash contributions and loans of some \$10,000, with significant contributions from members of the BCS board of directors and school parents who have spoken publicly at LASD school board meetings.

Now that BCS has put forward a candidate to sit on the LASD school board, I urge BCS to add elections for their board of trustees. Allow the taxpayers in the LASD to elect members of the BCS board, and have our representative overseeing BCS operations and spending of our tax monies.

*Ann Hepenstal  
Los Altos*

### GROUP SUPPORTS KASPERZAK, CLARK

The Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning, a diverse network of local residents, has evaluated responses to a questionnaire we sent to all the City Council candidates.

We are proud to endorse Mike Kasperzak and Chris Clark for the City Council. Their well-informed, thoughtful, innovative answers to our questions about sustainable land use and transportation planning made it clear to us that they are the candidates who will show the most leadership and best represent the entire city in working on the difficult issues that our council faces.

We look forward to future discussions with all of the candidates.

*Aaron Grossman,  
on behalf of the MVCSP*

### FLOURIDE PLAN IS NOT THE WAY TO GO

In November of last year, the directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District voted 7-0 to add fluoride to the drinking water it sells when money becomes available. The board rejected a staff proposal to require that the money must be provided by an outside source.

The idea is that fluoride applied to the surface of teeth reduces cavities in young children. Apparently, that is why fluoride is available in toothpaste. But delivering the fluoride to the surface of the teeth of a small portion of the population by running it through the bloodstream of every water user and out in saliva is ludicrous and potentially harmful. Meanwhile, I'll vote no on their \$548 million parcel tax (Measure B).

*Valerie Harris  
View Street*

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determined that upgrades to the fields would not include lights. They said lights would not be appropriate for this school, because the field is close to so many homes, which is still true. If the MVHS Sports Boosters want several night games a year, they need to focus their attention on finding a more appropriate location for the games.

We hope everyone will keep in mind that we live here. We do not come and go as the students, administrators, teachers, and most MVHS sports fans do. We have enjoyed living in our home and neighborhood for 34 years. Both of our daughters went to MVHS and had a very good experience. We live on a street with people who are friendly, caring, and respectful of each other. We want to enjoy and support that same neighborly relationship with the MVHS community. To do this, we simply want to be included in the process and work with the rest of the community to find win-win solutions.

*Vi and Dan Robertson live on Bruckner Circle.*

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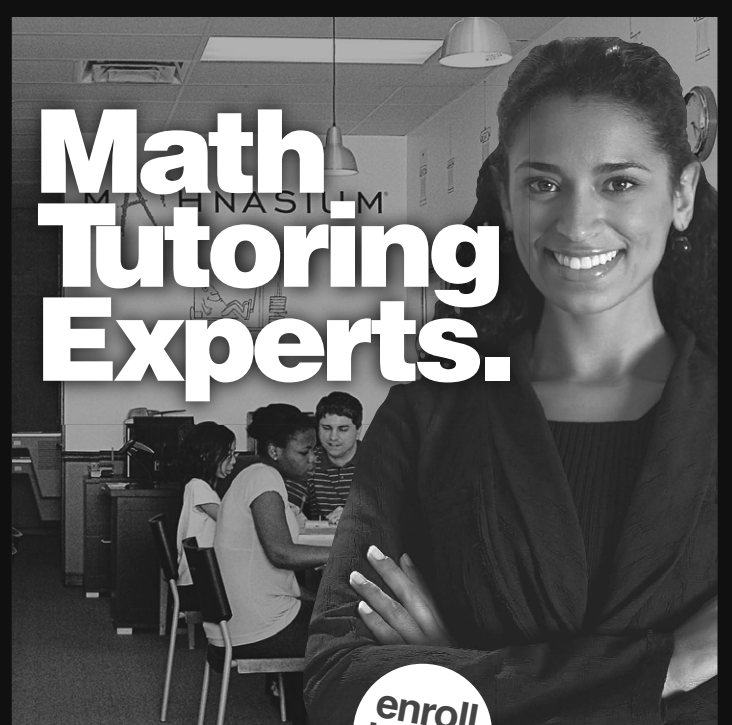
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