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John Inks trailed in early election night returns, but by morning, the incumbent was top vote-getter in a close race.

## City Council candidates in dead heat to the finish

By Daniel DeBolt

While a winner was called in the presidential election Tuesday night just before 10 p.m., City Council candidates were still on the edge of their seats to see who was going to win a very tight race.

In the end, Vice Mayor John Inks and Mayor Mike Kasperzak kept their seats and won the highest number of votes. The council will add two new members: planning commissioners John McAlister and Chris Clark.

Newcomer Margaret Capriles was just 2 percentage points away

from stealing a seat from the four top candidates, who were in a nearly dead heat all evening. The trend remained the same until midnight: Kasperzak in the lead, followed by McAlister and Clark and finally, incumbent

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## Close vote backs hospital salary cap

EL CAMINO OFFICIALS TIGHT-LIPPED ON RESPONSE TO MEASURE M

By Nick Veronin

Many upper level administrators at El Camino Hospital may be dusting off their resumes this morning, while the health care organization's legal team begins working to see how to respond after the passage of the controversial Measure M — which caps pay at the local health care organization at twice that of the California governor.

After all was said and done, 24,650 votes (51.91 percent) had been tallied in favor of the Measure, while 22,833 (48.09 percent) had been cast in opposition.

"We're thrilled Measure M passed, because we think that

hospital administrators don't need to be making a million dollars a year, when the governor of the entire state of California makes nowhere near that much and he runs a much bigger operation," said Stacey Hendler Ross, communications director for the South Bay Labor Council, an arm of the AFL-CIO.

The CEO and many upper-management officials working for El Camino Hospital could see their paychecks greatly reduced under Measure M — that is, of course, if the measure is legal.

Top El Camino officials have remained somewhat vague about what they would do in this situa-

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## Zoglin, Miller, Chiu elected to hospital district board

INCUMBENT WES ALLES LOSES RE-ELECTION BID

By Nick Veronin

After an expensive and hard-fought campaign, John Zoglin, Julia Miller and Dennis Chiu emerged on top in the race for the board of directors of the El Camino Hospital District. It's the first contested election in the special health care district in 10 years.

The challengers, Chiu, Miller and Bill James, ran against current board members Wes Alles and Zoglin. At stake: three of five seats on the hospital's district board. Alles and Zoglin were fighting to keep their positions, while one seat was open after a former board member, Uwe Kladdé, resigned back in May.

Leading the pack, Zoglin car-

ried 21,961 votes (24.56 percent), Miller closed with 19,919 votes (22.28 percent) and Chiu held on to 17,427 votes (19.49 percent)

The votes came in from Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Sunnyvale, Palo Alto and Cupertino — all cities that sit entirely or at least in part within the boundaries of the district.

"I'm very excited about being able to stay four more years," Zoglin said the day after the election. The re-elected incumbent said it was too bad to see Alles defeated.

"It's disappointing to lose Wes. He has shown the ability to be an independent thinker," Zoglin

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**Felesia Porter, Oakland**



*"Yeah, I feel like it has something to do with it, but I also feel that it's part of a trend. I've heard somewhere that a lot of hurricanes have hit New York since, you know, the 1800s. It's just the magnitude of it is a little more than what it usually is."*

**Ben Cung, San Jose**



*"I think it probably is something to do with global warming, but then again weather is such a chaotic science that it could have been caused by a butterfly flapping its wings in Mexico."*

**Bill Hayes, Sunnyvale**



*"I do believe that Sandy was caused by the climate change, but not as direct as some people would like to imagine. So I believe that Sandy is partially our fault, but it's also partially natural effects."*

**Samuel Jackson, Mountain View**



*"I don't believe it's got anything to do with climate change. I think it's just a cycle."*

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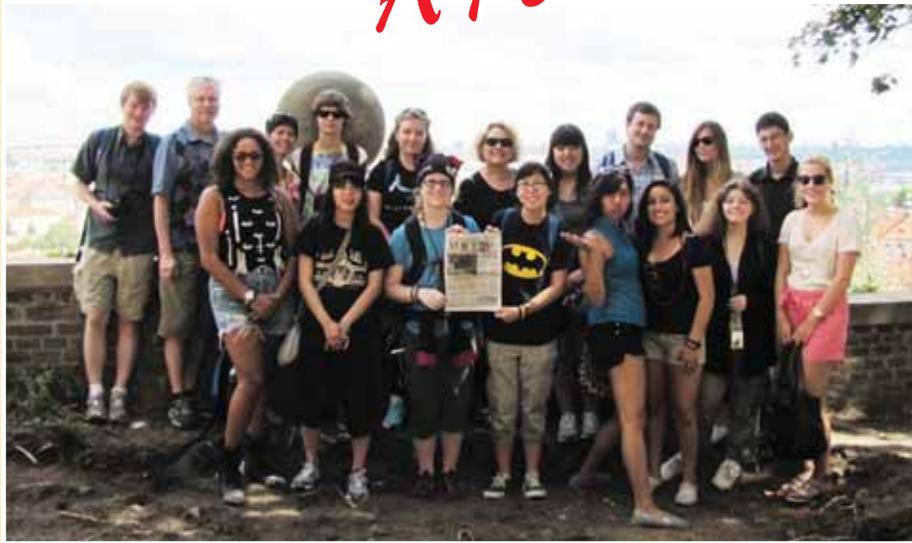


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## CRIME BRIEFS

### ASSAULT WITH CAR

Police are on the lookout for a man and woman who allegedly clipped a local liquor store clerk with their car Thursday after stealing four bottles of liquor from the store.

The man and the woman had a child with them on Nov. 1, when they entered Wine Press Liquors, at the corner of El Camino Real and Rengstorff Avenue, and concealed a bottle of whiskey, a bottle of scotch and two bottles of vodka before walking out of the store, according to Sgt. Sean Thompson, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department.

The trio then got into a car and were getting ready to drive away when the liquor store clerk, who saw what they were up to, stepped in front of the car and told them to stop, Thompson said. The two alleged booze thieves did not stop, but instead drove forward, grazing the 42-year-old clerk's leg as he tried to avoid being hit head-on.

Both the man and the woman were described as Asian, Thompson said. The clerk described the man as being under 6 feet tall, of medium build and wearing a light-colored shirt, dark pants and a light baseball cap. The woman was also less than 6 feet tall,

and wore dark pants and dark shoes. There was no description of the woman's shirt or of the child.

The two could face charges of shoplifting and assault with a deadly weapon, Thompson said.

### HALLOWEEN ASSAULT

A woman was punched and robbed of her purse in front of her children while they were on their way home from trick-or-treating on Halloween night, police said.

At about 10 p.m. on Oct. 31, the 30-year-old woman had just gotten her children into her car near the intersection of Farley Street and Montecito Avenue when a man came from behind, pushed her, punched her in the face and took her purse without saying a word, according to Sgt. Dan Vicencio, spokesman for the Mountain View Police Department.

The man, dressed in dark clothing and wearing a white mask, was about 180 to 200 lbs and about 5 feet 8 inches tall, Vicencio said. Neither the robber's approximate age nor his race could be determined, as his face was obscured. The man didn't say anything, and ran away immediately after taking the woman's purse,

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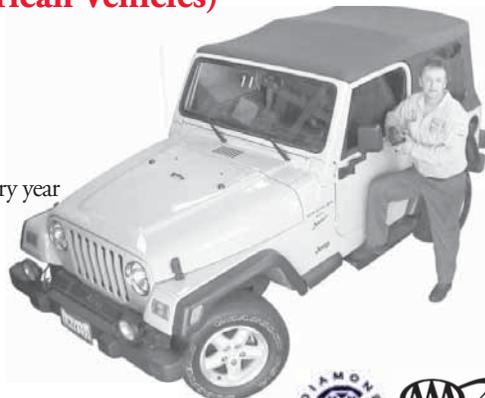


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- 500 block Vincent Dr., 11/05
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- 1900 block W. El Camino Real, 11/05

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## Hill beats Lieber in Senate race

Eric Van Susteren  
 and Gennady Sheyner

Jerry Hill continued his climb up California's political ladder Tuesday night when he convincingly defeated Sally Lieber in the race to represent the Peninsula in the State Senate.

With all precincts reporting, Hill garnered 157,790 votes, or 67 percent, more than double his challenger's 78,045 votes.

Hill, a former San Mateo County supervisor who has been serving in the State Assembly since 2008, cruised to victory despite fierce opposition from Lieber, a former Assemblywoman whose campaign focused on education and the environment. The Mountain

View resident had hoped that grassroots support from northern Santa Clara County would give her the edge despite Hill's overwhelming advantage in endorsements and campaign funds.



Jerry Hill



Sally Lieber

Hill had received more than \$1 million in contributions this year for his campaign, and his list of supporters includes a laundry list of elected city, county and state officials, including prominent Democrats such as Gov. Jerry Brown and Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom. And while most of Lieber's support came from individuals in her home district, Hill received sizeable checks from dozens of unions, trade groups and corporations.

Lieber, who raised \$260,000 according to campaign-finance records, drew 54 percent of the votes in Santa Clara County, compared to Hill's 46 percent. But it was Hill's overwhelming advantage in his home county of San Mateo that sealed the deal and padded his margin of victory. There, he was favored

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Chris Chiang talks to Sev Daudert at KMVT's studios on election night. Behind him is Steve Nelson.

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## MV Whisman School District: Chiang, Nelson, Lambert win race

By Nick Veronin

To the surprise of some candidates, Christopher Chiang, Steven Nelson and Bill Lambert will replace three outgoing trustees on the Mountain View Whisman School District's school board.

With all the precincts reporting in the district's first contested election since 2004, Chiang ended up with the most votes — 7,705 (24.38 percent) — with 7,058 votes (24.38 percent) going to Nelson, and Lambert coming in third with 5,224 votes (19.98 percent). Nelson, a parttime substitute

teacher, seemed pleasantly surprised as he left an election night party hosted by local television station KMVT. Over the course of the night, KMVT personalities



Chris Chiang



Steve Nelson



Bill Lambert

conducted on-camera interviews with all the MVWSD school board candidates, along with candidates running for Mountain View City Council and other

local offices. When not on camera, the candidates, their families, members of the press and others milled about the station eating finger foods and sipping beverages.

In a prepared statement in the event that he was elected, Nelson said, "I appreciate the citizens of this district hiring me to be a trustee over this important community resources. I will work diligently over the next four years."

The early results seemed to surprise Jim Pollart and Peter Darrah — who each trailed the

▶ See **SCHOOL DISTRICT**, page 10

## City steps up pedestrian, bike safety

By Daniel DeBolt

City officials are launching a data-driven effort to reduce deaths and injuries on Mountain View's streets, examining where and why pedestrians and bicyclists are being hit by cars.

Police Capt. Tony Lopez announced on Tuesday the launch of "Operation T.R.A.F.F.I.C." to target police enforcement and public works projects in the areas that are most dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. The acronym stands for "Together Raising Awareness For Fewer Injuries and Collisions."

The move was spurred by requests for the data from the *Voice* and concerned residents who are calling on the city to reduce the numbers of collisions. Police found 357 collisions since September of 2007, 244 involving bicyclists and 113 involving pedestrians, resulting in everything from minor injuries to death. There was one such collision every five days, on average. Seven pedestrians died.

Public works director Mike Fuller said compiling such data is a first for the city.

"We're doing that now, but it's been more of a case-by-case review in the past," Fuller said. "Right now we are looking through that data to get a little more detail to see what we can glean from it."

Bike advocate Jarrett Mullen in an email that such data would be "helpful in prioritizing public works' dollars in areas where there are crashes — and specifically crashes involving injuries."

### Car drivers at fault

"When cars and pedestrians collide it is overwhelmingly the car driver's fault, not the pedestrian's fault," Lopez said, adding that it was the case in 73 of the 113 pedestrian collisions.

Most of the pedestrians injuries where drivers were at fault were for "failing to yield to a pedestrian at a crosswalk," Lopez said. It accounted for 47 of the 73 collisions.

"Even people walking in crosswalks are getting hit," Lopez said.

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# Mountain View's Nob Hill workers go on strike

By Daniel DeBolt

Workers picketing in front of Mountain View's Nob Hill grocery store were asking customers not to cross the picket line Tuesday. Grocery store workers across California and Nevada went on strike this week.

In the first strike ever to hit the 77-year-old family-run company, union officials say that 7,500 employees are facing the loss of union control over health benefits, loss of premium pay for holidays and Sundays, and a wage freeze for two years. The biggest irritation, said a union spokesperson, is what appears to be an effort to weaken the union and a "take-it-or-leave-it attitude for the last 15 months," by the company during negotiations, which broke down around 2:30 a.m. Sunday, despite the help of a federal mediator.

"We just want to keep what we have," said one worker in front of the Mountain View store on Tuesday. "We don't want to be out here, this is stressful. We understand what they are going through," she said of the company. "It's a tough time, a tough economy."

"We know most of the customers here," said one long-time employee who was picketing with her husband, also a Nob Hill employee. They said they had a mortgage and two daughters to put through college. "We

want this settled. We pray every night."

The company has hired non-union workers to keep the store open, one of whom got into an argument with union members on the picket line, workers recalled on Tuesday. A customer eventually stepped in to side with the picketers, they said. The union members cheered every time a customer expressed solidarity with the strike and turned away from the store. Some customers went inside anyway.

The UFCW reportedly has a \$60 million strike fund and is paying workers \$200 a week to keep the strike going, a big reduction from the \$840 a week the highest paid union members make at Nob Hill.

**'Over the past three years, they have done nothing but slash benefits.'**

MIKE HENNEBERRY

Company spokesperson John Segale did not return calls to the *Voice*, but has reportedly claimed that the company proposes to keep medical benefits at current levels and that the union is simply using the strike as a scare tactic. United Food and Commercial Workers union spokesperson Mike Henneberry disagreed.

"If you look at their track record over the past three years, they have done nothing but slash benefits for management employees and eliminated retiree medical coverage for employees in corporate offices and a handful of non-union stores," Henneberry said. "They want to



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Nob Hill grocery store workers picket in front of the Mountain View store on Tuesday.

apply those same conditions to their union members."

Henneberry said the company proposes to eliminate a trust fund for health care benefits for employees and retirees, and eliminate the trust's oversight board where union representatives hold half the votes. That would allow health-care benefits to be more easily cut in the future, Henneberry said.

In contrast to harmonious labor negotiations in the past, Henneberry called the latest negotiations a "blitzkrieg." He pointed a finger at the man in charge of the company's labor negotiations, Bob Tiernan, former chair of the Oregon Republican Party and a labor relations consultant who helped the Berkeley Bowl grocery store

stop a unionization effort, Henneberry said. Henneberry said Tiernan's negotiation style was "completely inflexible" and that his latest proposals were much the same as the ones he made 15 months ago.

Nob Hill employees earn some of the highest salaries in the industry while the chain competes with a growing number of non-union grocery stores. Henneberry said that non-union competition was "a real issue," but questioned whether the company was really suffering. He said in the past the company was satisfied with union contracts similar to what the UFCW has

with Safeway and Lucky, where union members urged Nob Hill customers to shop instead on Tuesday.

"If you were in financial trouble you would want to work with employees, not force them out on the street," Henneberry said. "They have told us twice they would allow us to see all their books. Both times they have refused to fully divulge what the numbers are."

"If they are able to break down our benefits it is going to affect everybody," Henneberry said, calling the strike a fight against a continuing "race to the bottom" for all workers. ■



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Union employees of Nob Hill are striking over health benefits and a wage freeze.



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# School district gets specific in English learners plan

MASTER PLAN AIMS TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE OF STUDENTS STRUGGLING WITH SECOND LANGUAGE

By Nick Veronin

Officials with the local elementary and middle school district are making a series of changes aimed at improving their program for students learning English.

“The original plan was very generic,” Phyllis Rodgers said of the “Master Plan for English Language Learners,” which codifies the district’s ELL instructional policies and best practices. “Now we’re being very specific about what we are going to do.”

The last major revisions made to the Mountain View Whisman School District’s plan came in 2006, a year after it was created, according to Rodgers, director of ELL programs for the district. Since that time, not much has been added to the master plan, even though many new practices have been incorporated into the district’s general curriculum for students learning English.

The updated plan is nothing if not specific. The final draft, approved by the MVWSD’s board of trustees at the beginning of October, is close to 90-pages of protocol and best practices for teaching English to non-native speakers. It lays out procedures for training teachers, working

with parents of ELL students, assessing student achievement and determining where to place those students based upon the assessment data. The guide is intended to last through the end of 2015.

English learners account for 40 percent of all Mountain View Whisman students. As such, it is important that the district be very deliberate in its approach to teaching those students, Rodgers said. The ultimate goal of the master plan is to narrow the achievement gap between native English speakers and English learners — a task the district has already made great strides toward achieving, according to Rodgers.

“We know that it’s working,” she said. She noted that the district’s ELL scores have been on the rise and putting it within the top 50 school districts in the state when it comes to ELL proficiency.

New to this iteration of the Master Plan is a call for stepped-up progress monitoring of individual students, along with the possibility of mid-year adjustments to a student’s English language development plan, Rodgers said. Three times a year, now, the district will take a look at multiple data points to determine whether students are

advancing according to district-set benchmarks. Adjustments to a student’s English language development plan depend on whether he or she is falling short, meeting expectations or excelling.

To accommodate this more fluid system, the district has expanded the number of classes devoted specifically to English language development for ELL students, Rodgers said. Not only are there more classes available — there are now more teachers trained to teach them and a wider range of classes available for each grade level. The aim is to make it so no student is enrolled in a class that is too remedial or too advanced.

The updated master plan is also intended to address what Rodgers called “long-term English learners” — students who have been taking classes for five years or more but still haven’t met proficiency standards. “They are getting stuck,” Rodgers said of long-term ELL students. “We’re implementing this new program to support them.”

The entire Master Plan for English Language Learners can be found on the MVWSD website under the board agenda’s section, [www.mvwsd.org/images/Board\\_Agenda2012-13/EL\\_Master\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.mvwsd.org/images/Board_Agenda2012-13/EL_Master_Plan.pdf) ▣

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## Schools win Google tech education grants

By Ashley Finden

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Home, Sweet Home nominees focus on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education for kindergarten through 12th graders, closing the digital divide and reducing carbon impact and emissions.

Both of the Mountain View schools have after-school clubs that encourage technological education, according to Heather Spain, Google’s community affairs manager.

In an effort to close the digital divide, Castro will use the grant money to provide children with daily access to the school’s newly equipped computer lab. Recently,

Castro raised money through PTA fundraising and district contributions in order to set the computer lab up with 30 Apple iMac computers.

But with such an unbalanced student-to-classroom ratio, it is difficult to give an equal amount of time in the lab to each class and there was no dedicated staff to manage the room, said Spain.

The school’s goal is to provide computer-enhancing programs after school for students who do not have the technology at home.

The grant money will also allow Google employees to volunteer their time to teach their computer skills with the children and be a spot for older, tech-savvy students to become mentors, Spain said in a press release.

Theuerkauf Elementary School has an after-school Tech Club that encourages persistent studying, especially in science, and gives fundamental lessons on researching online, writing

reports and programming.

The two-year-old club won a grant for the 2011-12 school year from Mouse Squad and had 15 participating students with 12 more on the waiting list. After a bit of work, the club was able to get additional volunteers to enable all students to join.

Theuerkauf Tech Club is open to third- through fifth-graders. Students learn a number of tech-related skills and are taught basic game programming using Scratch along with appropriate Internet behavior.

During the club, students also learn how to identify computer parts, build web pages through Weebly, build basic Android applications with AppInventor and they create movies with iMovie followed by uploading them to Youtube if parents permit.

This is the second year for the Home, Sweet Home grant program. ▣

## SENATE RACE

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by 73 percent of the voters.

The results were far from surprising given Hill's convincing win in June's primary election, when he snagged 55 percent of the votes to Lieber's 22 percent. Lieber, who had portrayed herself throughout the campaign as an underdog and as the more independent candidate, chalked up her underwhelming primary performance to Hill's huge financial advantage and to her campaign's decision to reserve most of its spending for the general election.

Reached by phone Tuesday night, Lieber told the Weekly that it had been an honor to run as one of the top two candidates in the race.

"I trust in the voters and the decisions of the voters," she said. "We were outgunned 10 to 1 in money, but we weren't outvoted 10 to 1. I think our ideas gained some traction with the voters."

Lieber said the campaign showed the immense role that independent political contributions play in elections.

"One of the big messages of the campaign is the overall dominance of money in politics," she said. "It's definitely

something that needs to be looked at."

With his Election Night victory, Hill will represent a newly formed district that includes most of San Mateo County and northern Santa Clara County and that stretches from Brisbane in the north to Sunnyvale in the south. Much of the district is currently represented by Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, who is concluding his final Senate term this year. The new district includes Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Atherton, East Palo Alto, Mountain View, Redwood City, San Mateo, Portola Valley, Woodside, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

Hill said that Tuesday night's results were "an opportunity to re-engage and make major changes."

"With success in sustaining our innovation economy, we can provide resources to improve the quality of life for people in the Valley and the Peninsula and protect our natural resources because once we lose those, they're gone for good," he said.

Hill, who referred to himself in his acceptance speech as an amateur magician, said it had been a "magic" campaign, mentioning the fortu-



ERIC VAN SUSTEREN

**Jerry Hill** greets supporters after his acceptance speech for his election as senator of the 13th district of California.

itous redistricting, generous donations and support from volunteers as boons to his campaign.

Quoting American poet Carl Sandberg, Hill said, "Every politician needs three hats: one to throw in the ring, one to

talk through and one to pull a rabbit out of. We're going to make magic in Sacramento for four years." ■

## Two women connected to 15 residential burglaries

By Tyler Hanley

Two East Palo Alto women were arrested by Los Altos police Monday, Oct. 29, and have been connected to 15 residential burglaries across three counties, including in Mountain View, according to police.

Ana Lauese, 35, and Malinda Ladson, 33, were arrested Monday, Nov. 5, for residential burglary, possession of stolen property and possession of a controlled substance after an officer noticed one of the women sitting in a vehicle parked in the 600 block of Almond Avenue at approximately 2 p.m., Los Altos police stated in a press release Tuesday, Nov. 6.

The woman gave a false name to the officer and "exhibited suspicious behavior," according to police. The other woman was found nearby on Higgins Avenue and "had a different account of her reason for being in the neighborhood." A search of Ladson's vehicle turned up

jewelry that had been stolen earlier in the day from a home in the 2300 block of St. Francis Drive in Palo Alto, police said. Suspected methamphetamine was also found in the vehicle.

The burglary on St. Francis had occurred between 10:10 a.m. and 2:20 p.m., Palo Alto police said. "The suspects pried open a locked sliding door to gain entry to the home," according to police. A follow-up investigation by Palo Alto police connected Lauese and Ladson to three more residential burglaries in the city this year and detectives will pursue charges against them for those burglaries, police said.

Lauese and Ladson are thought to be responsible for a June 29 burglary in the 1500 block of Mariposa Avenue, an Aug. 21 burglary in the 800 block of Gailen Avenue and a Sept. 7 burglary in the 600 block of East Meadow Drive, police said. Stolen property was found in a search of the suspects' residence in the 1900 block of Pulgas Avenue, Los Altos police

stated in the release.

Lauese was booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail in San Jose on charges of residential burglary, possession of stolen property and providing false information to a peace officer. She is being held without bail. Ladson was booked for residential burglary, possession of stolen property and possession of a controlled substance. She is being held on \$150,000 bail, police said.

Lauese and Ladson have been connected to 15 residential burglaries in Santa Clara, San Mateo and Contra Costa counties, police said. They have been tied to thefts in Los Altos, Palo Alto, Mountain View, San Jose, Redwood City, Belmont and Kensington.

The Los Altos Police Department is working with the Palo Alto Police Department and the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office on the case. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Los Altos Police Department Investigations Unit at 650-947-2813. ■

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Jim Pollart pauses for an interview at KMVT.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

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front runner Chiang, a teacher, by a significant margin. Darrah came in fourth place with 5,224 votes (18.05 percent) and Pollart was the furthest behind with 3,177 votes (10.97 percent).

Darrah seemed flabbergasted and dejected as he considered the early numbers on election night. "I thought I would do better than I'm doing," he said, noting that he was especially surprised that Pollart was so far behind. "That guy has done more for this district than anybody has," Darrah

continued, referring to Pollart's leadership in the Share Shoreline group to gain additional tax revenue for local schools.

"I'm concerned that having Steve on the board will be very difficult for the school district," Darrah said of Nelson. "He has a reputation for throwing a wrench in the spokes of the district. He opposed Measure G for no clear reason, he has gotten in front of the board and sung and recited poetry. It's going to be difficult for the district to attract new trustees with him on the board."

At the KMVT election night party, Pollart kept composed

but occasionally betrayed his emotions with a somewhat dazed look.

"I don't want to give you a quote at this point assuming I'm going to lose," he said. However, he did say that he believed the campaign was very worthwhile no matter the outcome.

"This is the first time in eight years that there's actually been an election, and I think it was really good for the district," he said. "I think it raised awareness in the community about what's going on in our schools, which I think is great. I think all the candidates are well qualified. And so I think regardless of who wins I think it's a step forward for the district."

Pollart said he hoped to see contested district elections in the future, with more new candidates bringing fresh ideas to the district.

Both Chiang and Lambert shared Pollart's assessment, saying they were happy that a contested election had been held, as the coverage in the local press and the attention it garnered from residents would only serve to strengthen the district.

Chiang said he would like to see the district work to collect more data to better understand what its schools need. "What we measure — we end up doing all kinds of things based on that," he said.

Lambert said he would like to see more attention paid to lower-income schools, such as Castro, Monta Loma and Theuerkauf. Pushing innovative programs at the schools in wealthier neighborhoods is great, he said, but it is more crucial to do better in the lower performing, lower income schools. ▣



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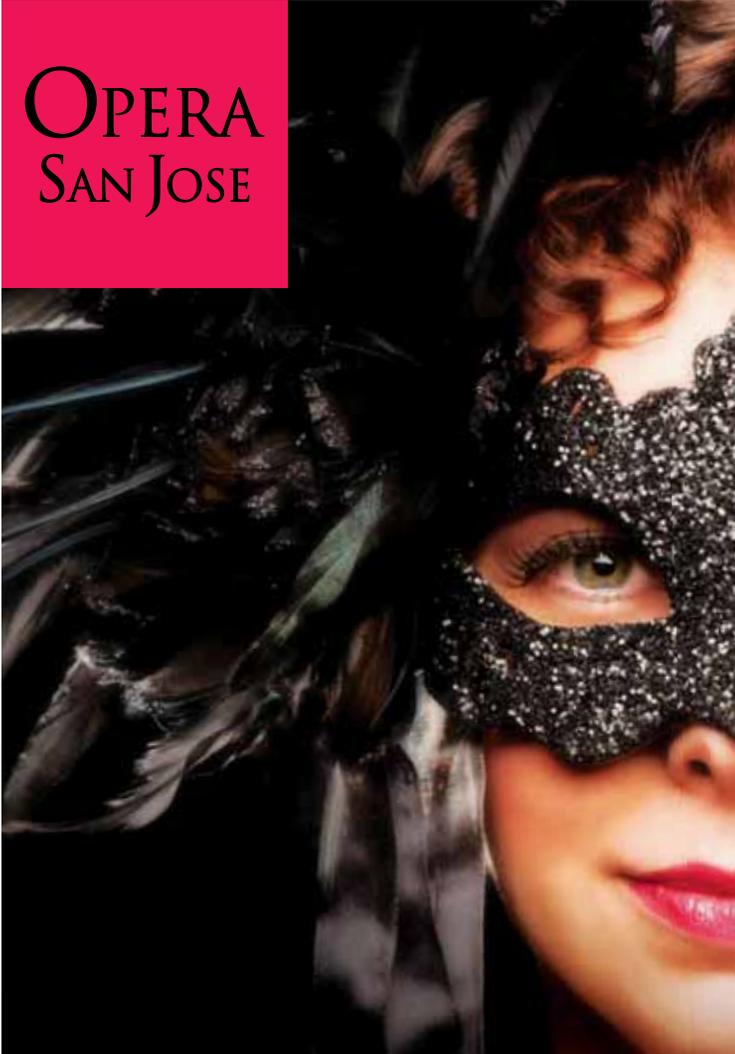
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## COUNCIL RACE

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John Inks, who switched from fourth to the lead position by early morning. All four remained within half a percentage point, making it a nail-biter all night.

Newcomer Jim Neal, who alarmed some voters with his controversial comments, was in last place with half as many votes as Capriles.

Clark was poised to be the first openly gay Mountain View City Council member, and at 29, the youngest in recent memory. The Loopt executive barely lost to Inks in the 2008 election, and spent the last four years serving on the human relations commission and the planning commission to gain experience and credibility.

"After all this work, I'm ready," Clark said Tuesday night with excitement in his voice.

The other new face is McAlister, the 60-year-old owner of Mountain View's Baskin Robbins who has been a member of the planning commission since losing the 2008 council election. McAlister laid low on election night, as did Neal, while Kasperzak, Inks,

Clark and Capriles spent time at election night gatherings.

Enjoying a drink at a gathering at KMVT's offices, Kasperzak noted that most of the candidates sounded similar during debates on important issues, and that it would likely come down to experience.

"All the people in the lead are all people who have experience in the city," Kasperzak said, referring to the incumbents and planning commissioners.

Kasperzak said the balance of the council would largely stay the same in terms of land use. McAlister would replace the slow-growth vote on the council cast by outgoing member Laura Macias, while

Clark could replace the more pro-growth vote that outgoing member Tom Means was known for.

Inks held an election night party at the Tied House, attended by Means and business owners and developers, including Jon Moss of Prometheus Real Estate Group, which is developing over 1,000 apartments in Mountain View. Inks said he was nervous about being in last place among the top four candidates but that he was looking forward to being



John McAlister



Mike Kasperzak



Chris Clark



John Inks



Mike Kasperzak talks to supporters on election night at KMVT.

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mayor next year if he won.

Means, an economics professor at San Jose State University, said, "I'm turning my legacy over to John (Inks)" referring to his libertarian positions against regulations on businesses. He also said Clark's perspective as a young tech employee could help change the council's position against housing for Google and other expanding companies in North Bayshore.

Means said Clark could repre-

sent those who say: "I want to live near where I work and I don't need a huge home. I think the current council didn't represent that very well."

Clark wasn't ready to say how he'd vote on North Bayshore housing, but "in terms of land use, I don't think you'll see much change," Clark said.

Kasperzak noted that McAlister and Clark were both endorsed by the Democratic Party, which means they were seen as being

supportive of labor. Tom Means was known for being critical of the city's union contracts and unions in general. Does that mean the new council be more pro-labor?

"Maybe," Kasperzak said. "Although everyone ran as fiscally conservative. We really do tend to be pragmatic" in Mountain View. ▣

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### ELECTION BRIEFS

#### COUNTY ELECTION ROUND-UP

Santa Clara County's one-eighth-cent sales tax, Measure A, garnered more than the majority approval it needed, coming in with about 56.2 percent approval, based on unofficial results.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District's parcel tax renewal, Measure B, also passed, with unofficial election results showing it received 72.6 percent support — far more than the two-thirds approval it needed.

Palo Alto voters overwhelmingly defeated Measure C, which would have allowed three medical marijuana dispensaries to open in the city.

Preliminary election results showed that 62.1 percent of voters opposed the proposal. The Palo Alto City Council had unanimously come out against Measure C. Before the election, veteran city councilman Larry Klein said he worried that the measure would have made Palo Alto "the marijuana magnet of the Peninsula."

—Bay City News Service

#### GORDON WINS ASSEMBLY RACE

Assemblyman Rich Gordon cruised to an easy victory against Republican challenger Chengzhi "George" Yang. With all precincts reporting, Gordon took 70 percent of the vote to Yang's 30 percent in the race for newly drawn Assembly District 24.

Gordon, a Menlo Park resident, now represents District 21, which includes Menlo Park, Atherton, Woodside, Portola Valley, East Palo Alto, and Palo Alto. But with redistricting, the same area will become part of District 24 with this election. The district has been reshaped to encompass areas including Mountain View, Sunnyvale, and most of the San Mateo County coastside from El Granada south.



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## BIKE SAFETY

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“Drivers are not paying attention to something that’s not a car.”

The goal is to use the data to figure out “where police should focus efforts from an enforcement standpoint and where public works can focus their efforts,” Lopez said. If there are many collisions on a certain crosswalk, “maybe an argument can be made for putting a light there if there’s not a light there,” Lopez said.

Police have already begun ticketing drivers in front of Graham Middle School, where three students were hit in recent weeks, and on California Street where two pedestrians were killed this year. Lopez said police may even begin a sort of “decoy” program where an officer poses as a pedestrian or bicyclist to catch offending drivers. A new motorcycle officer position has been created to aid in such efforts, Lopez said.

Under the new enforcement effort, more and more drivers may hear from a police officer something like: “You should have let that pedestrian go — they started crossing well before you approached,” Lopez said.

Pedestrians are also not entirely free of blame, police say. Of the 113 collisions involving pedestrians, pedestrians were at fault 22 times. Lopez said most were for crossing the street outside of a crosswalk (13) and another two were crossing against a red light. Fault couldn’t be placed on either party in 18 of the pedestrian collisions.

## Bicycle accidents

The move comes as the city faces calls for safer streets from neighborhood groups, school officials and bike advocates, and as North Bayshore companies seek alternatives to car traffic on Shoreline Boulevard and Rengstorff Avenue. Bicycle advocates have asked city officials to pledge to dramatically reduce the number of injuries, especially through safer street design.

One finding in the data is controversial with cyclists: Mountain View police find bicyclists at fault more often than drivers when the two collide. Of the 244 bike-related collisions in five years, bicyclists were at fault in 124 cases while drivers were found at fault in 92.

Police say the biggest mistake bicyclists make is riding on the wrong side of the road, which accounts for 41 of the collisions. “Drivers are not expecting a bicyclist coming up the wrong side of the road,” Lopez said. Another big mistake is riding too fast in slow-moving traffic, where drivers aren’t looking for faster moving cyclists and turn in front of them, Lopez said.

Mountain View cyclist and blogger Janet LaFluer suspects that officers find cyclists at fault too often in the latter case, which includes what is known as the “right hook”, where a driver turns right in front of a cyclist. Given the slow speed of bicyclists, she said it was unfair to blame them.

Lopez acknowledged that it can be a tough call to say who is at fault in such accidents, and

that it is even a “shared responsibility” in some cases. It is clearly the driver’s fault when he drives past a cyclist, fails to see them, and then turns in front of them, Lopez said. But such is not always the case, he said, and cyclists hit in a “right hook” can be found to be going too fast in slow traffic.

## Bias against bikes?

Bike advocates also expressed concern that data putting cyclists at fault would be used against efforts to improve streets for bikes.

“It’s very difficult for most people, especially non-bicycling people, to understand the complexities involved here,” said bike advocate Andrew Boone in an email. “Not a single street in Mountain View has been designed to safely integrate bicycle and vehicle traffic, and bicyclists do not have access to traffic safety education programs (which are required for motorists to get a license). There also exists a very clear bias by police against bicyclists when determining fault, this bias has been demonstrated in large cities such as San Francisco and New York.”

Lopez said there would be new efforts to provide bike education classes, or “bike rodeos” especially to younger riders at schools. Police officers on bikes have even begun ticketing some cyclists, but Lopez said efforts were mostly focusing on drivers. Police don’t seek to “crack down” on cyclists and, for example, stop every single one that runs a stop sign, Lopez said.

“We are trying to stress that roadways are not the domain strictly of cars, but that everybody shares them,” Lopez said.

When drivers are at fault in hitting cyclists, it’s usually for “failing to yield” to a cyclist crossing into a traffic lane or for an “unsafe turning movement” in front of a cyclist, both of which Lopez blamed on drivers not paying attention. In 12 cases, drivers opened their doors into an oncoming cyclist.

And while bike advocates say speeding increases the likelihood of accidents, police officers found speeding was the cause of only five collisions with cyclists, Lopez said.

## More bikes, fewer accidents

Bike advocates say that as popularity of biking in a city increases, collisions decrease as drivers become more aware of them. But while cycling has doubled in popularity among commuters in Mountain View in recent years, the number of collisions every year remained at

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roughly the same level between 208 and 2011 — between 43 and 46 collisions a year.

The data builds on limited information released by the police in September on bicycle collisions. A spreadsheet now shows more exact locations of each incident (fewer than half occurred at intersections), whether a parked car was involved (16 of the incidents), if it was a hit-and-run (19 times) or if someone was driving under

the influence (that happened twice).

“That’s definitely something to applaud, that the police department has taken an effort to take a closer look, that’s wonderful,” said Corinne Goodrich, director of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition. “I think it’s incredibly important.”

In most cities “there just isn’t adequate data collection,” she said. ▀

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## Election 2012 recap

### Mountain View City Council (elect four)

	Total votes	Percentage of votes
John Inks - (i)	8,546	18.88%
Mike Kasperzak - (i)	8,480	18.73%
John McAlister	8,269	18.27%
Chris Clark	8,262	18.25%
Margaret Capriles	7,541	16.66%
Jim Neal	4,173	9.22%

### Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Education (elect three)

	Total votes	Percentage of votes
Christopher Chiang	7,705	26.62%
Steven Nelson	7,058	24.38%
Bill Lambert	5,784	19.98%
Peter Darrah	5,224	18.05%
Jim Pollart	3,177	10.97%

### El Camino Hospital District Board of Directors (elect three)

	Total votes	Percentage of votes
John Zoglin - (i)	21,961	24.56%
Julia Miller	19,919	22.28%
Dennis Chiu	17,427	19.49%
Wesley Alles - (i)	15,355	17.17%
Bill James	14,746	16.49%

### State Senate — District 13 (elect one)

	Total votes	Percentage of votes
Jerry Hill	157,790	66.91%
Sally Lieber	78,045	33.09%

### Measure M

Limits compensation of El Camino Hospital District and El Camino Hospital executives, administrators and managers

	Total votes	Percentage of votes
Yes	24,650	51.91%
No	22,833	48.09%

### State Assembly — District 24 (elect one)

	Total votes	Percentage of votes
Richard Gordon	81,615	69.98%
Chengzhi ‘George’ Yang	35,003	30.02%

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## HOSPITAL BOARD

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said. "He has made the district and the hospital board much better."

However, Zoglin said he was confident in the two new board members' abilities, noting Miller and Chiu's strong credentials.

"I think that it's great that the people will have a voice in the hospital board," Chiu said. "The first order of business is to recognize that there are conflicts of interest between the taxpayers and the hospital corporation," he continued, referring to issues raised in reports issued by the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury and the Santa Clara County Local Agency Formation Commission. "The same conflict that was outlined in the Grand Jury report and the LAFCO report. No matter what the hospital said, those conflicts of interest did not go away."

Chiu said he would work to have the hospital's lawyers take another look at what proportion of taxpayer dollars they may legally give back to the community. Currently, the hospital abides by the Gann Appropriations Limit — a law that Chiu, a lawyer, is certain does not apply to the health care district. The limit prevents how much money the district can give back to the community from the money they collect from taxpayers. If the hospital did not have to abide by this law, they would be able to give back much more, he said.

Miller said she was pleased that there would now be two publicly elected board members on the hospital district's board of directors. Both incumbents running in this election were first appointed and subsequently re-elected in uncontested elections.

On the night of the election, the three challengers all attended a party hosted at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Hall in San Jose, where spirits were high — not just with Miller and Chiu, but with many of the disparate union members, as they celebrated President Barack Obama winning a second term and watched the progress of other state and local measures.

Even James kept a smile on his face as he left the ceremony, although he felt confident he would not climb back from his vote deficit. Ultimately, he was right. James ended up coming in last with 14,746 votes (16.49 percent). Incumbent Alles ended

up with 15,355 votes (17.17 percent).

"I'm disappointed," James said, but added he felt confident that the simply having the election would be a step toward improving transparency in the district, as it has raised public awareness about the special health district. More than that, though, James said the prospect of having two new faces on the board meant that new ideas could be put forth with a motion and seconded in public session, which he said should inevitably lead to more transparency at the hospital, since both new candidates have stated increasing openness at the hospital is a major goal.



Dennis Chiu



Julia Miller



John Zoglin

The outgoing Alles said he wished the new board members well in an email statement sent to the *Voice*.

"I want to offer my congratulations to Dennis and Julia and wish them well as they begin their service to the hospital and the community," Alles wrote. "While I am disappointed that I was not re-elected, I

know that the hospital is in good hands with an elected district board and three newly appointed Hospital Board members. Each Board member cares about the hospital, the patients, and the community."

As for his future plans, Alles said he will take some time off after serving on the ECHD board for more than eight years. "I will always be active as a community volunteer, but I don't have plans for now," he wrote. "What I will miss most about the hospital are the many fine people who comprise the hospital — the executives, physicians, nurses and all employees who work hard every day to maintain quality health care."

The board of directors oversees the district, which collects taxes from residents living within its boarders. The ECHD is charged with using that money to fund community health programs and reinvest in the hospital. The district covers 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 board of directors of the district also represents the majority of the hospital corporation's board, which is not elected. Some have said this dual role leads to conflicts of interest. In the run-up to the election, all of the non-incumbents said they are concerned with this issue, along with other criticisms the board has faced in recent years. ▀

# Anxious for Obama in Mountain View



Volunteers gathered to make get-out-the-vote phone calls from President Barack Obama's campaign office in Mountain View Tuesday night. Once polls closed in swing states, they stayed to watch election results, at first anxiously and then with mounting excitement and relief. Major news networks announced around 8:15 p.m. that Obama was projected to win the presidential race against former Gov. Mitt Romney. The swing state of Ohio, where both candidates had stumped tirelessly, proved to be the deciding factor in calling the race.

*Photos by Michelle Le*



**Clockwise from top:** Life-sized cut-outs of the Obamas decorate the campaign office; homemade signs decorate the windows; volunteers work the phone banks; Joshua Wolf embraces Meghan Fraley as Obama takes the lead.



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### CRIME BRIEFS

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which contained her wallet.

Police have no suspects in the crime. The only known witnesses are the woman and the children. Anyone with information may call 650-903-6395. All callers may remain anonymous.

### CASH, JEWELRY STOLEN

About \$17,000 in cash and jewelry was stolen from a home in the Santiago Villa Mobile Home

Park on Oct. 24, police said.

The man and woman who lived in the mobile home returned home at about 12:30 p.m. after being gone since about 8:45 a.m. and said they found their belongings strewn across the floor of their bedroom, according to Sgt. Sean Thompson, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department.

Investigators believe that the burglar, or burglars, got into the residence through the bedroom window, before they made off with \$2,000 in cash and about \$15,000 in jewelry, Thompson said.

Police have no suspect information at this time.

### SHOTGUN, AMMO STOLEN

A shotgun and ammunition were reported stolen from a home in the 700 block of Leona Lane on Oct. 26, police said.

A 52-year-old woman that lives in the house called police to report the crime, which occurred sometime between 8:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. while no one was home, according to Mountain View Police Department spokesman, Sgt. Sean Thompson.

The woman told police she returned home and found her kitchen "ransacked" and an empty gun case on the floor, Thompson said.

It is unclear how the burglar, or burglars, got into the house, the sergeant said. There were no witnesses.

### OBITUARY

#### REGINA B. DRAGANOWSKI

Regina B. Draganowski, a Mountain View resident, died at home Oct. 30. She was 78.

Born in Poznan, Poland, on July 9, 1934 the ravages of World War II led her to escape to London where she met the love of her life, Chester Draganowski. They settled in Mountain View in 1956 and had two children.

She loved her parish, St. Brother Albert Polish Mission, her family said, and she and her husband were instrumental in raising funds for its development. A past president of the Polish board, she also volunteered to feed the homeless. She enjoyed baking, her roses, church activities and friends, her family said.

She is survived by her daughter, Monica, and son Andrew.

A funeral mass was held Tuesday, Nov. 6, at St. Brother Albert Polish Mission in San Jose, with interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Los Altos. An online guest book is available at [cusimanocolonial.com](http://cusimanocolonial.com).



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tion, but many have hinted that they aren't so sure the measure is legal. They have been unequivocal on one item, however — they do not support the measure.

“Based on what we currently know, we are disappointed that Measure M passed,” Chris Ernst, a spokeswoman for El Camino, said in an email to the *Voice*. “However at this point, it would be too early to comment on the impact or our next steps as the vote has not yet been certified by the Registrar’s office.”

While all 108 precincts in the hospital district had reported vote totals by Wednesday morning, there may still be some provisional or absentee ballots left to count.

The measure’s supporters say that the salary packages currently paid to hospital’s top administrators are egregiously high.

The hospital’s board members — and some of the candidates for the board — have either defended the salaries as being in line with the market, or said that the measure would drive

away top talent, or both. And Ernst has maintained that the measure would greatly hinder the hospital on many levels.

Gov. Jerry Brown currently makes \$173,987 annually. Twice his salary, \$347,974, is still less than half of El Camino CEO Tomi Ryba’s proposed 2013 salary of \$714,460. The hospital’s chief administrative services officer, Ken King, and its chief medical officer, Dr. Eric Pifer, also make more than twice the governor’s salary, at \$420,000 and \$450,000 respectively.

If some of those top hospital administrators saw their salaries greatly reduced, they might begin looking for work elsewhere, Ernst and others warned — adding that they would be very difficult to replace with others equal ability.

Supporters of the measure have balked at that argument, saying that the high salaries paid to CEOs has gotten out of hand and that there is no need for anyone to make that kind of money — especially if the lowest level workers in the organization are barely making enough money to keep a roof over their heads, feed their families and protect them

with a decent health plan.

“It’s not that we want administrators of hospitals to make less money,” Ross said. “It’s just that we want the workers of those hospitals to have reasonable salaries. It’s really outrageous that they can afford to make millionaires out of their hospital administrators, yet they can’t afford to give their lowest wage workers a raise or better benefits.”

In reply to such arguments, hospital officials have remained steadfast, maintaining that they are merely paying what the market dictates.

As far as the next step for the hospital goes, Ernst wrote, “We will continue to watch the vote as it goes through the certification process. In the meantime, our hospital’s executive team remains committed and focused on providing quality care to our patients.” ■

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### HACKER DOJO OKS BUILDING DEAL

Hacker Dojo — the shared work and event space for entrepreneurs, engineers and programmers — finalized a deal on Monday to lease new offices at 599 Fairchild Drive in Mountain View.

The decision to move was made after months of fundraising to make its current home at 140 South Whisman Road code-compliant to ward off a city shutdown. But that plan came to a halt when contractors recently found over \$100,000 in additional expenses needed to meet building codes on top of the \$250,000 raised.

"140 Whisman has been a great facility for us and we'll surely miss it," said Katy Levinson, the Dojo's director of development. "But ultimately we're in the business of building a community, not of upgrading warehouses."

The Dojo will move in December to the new location, which is 16,600 square feet or 30 percent larger than old space, and already has such items as accessible bathrooms and fire sprinklers to meet building codes. The Dojo seeks to lease 140 South Whisman for a "traditional warehouse" use for the rest of a two-year lease.

"We're excited to move into a new building right next to light rail, a coffee shop, and a cafe," said Brian Klug, founder and director of Hacker Dojo.

"I can't wait to see what other great things come out of Hacker Dojo," which he said helped launch Pinterest, Word Lens, and Your Mechanic. "What's next?"

—Daniel DeBolt

### TURKEY TROT

Mountain View High School will be hosting the third annual Spartan Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 22.

The 5K run starts at 8:30 a.m., the 5K walks begins at 8:35 a.m. and the kids' run starts at 9:30 a.m. The event also hosts "fun runs" which include a 60-yard dash, a 400-yard dash and a 1-mile run. The mile run is set to begin at 10 a.m.

Race-day registration is at 7:30 a.m. Online pre-registration is available at [www.mvh-sturkeytrot.shutterfly.com](http://www.mvh-sturkeytrot.shutterfly.com).

The top three men and women 5K winners will be awarded home baked pumpkin pie and money to On Your Mark Performance running store in Los Altos.

There is no age minimum for the Turkey Trot and the money raised for the Turkey Trot will go to the Mountain View High School athletics department. Organizers say their goal is to promote family and fitness in the community.

Last year's Trot raised over \$2,000 for the Mountain View High athletics program and had 250 racers and 50 volunteers.

—Ashley Finden

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## ■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

### City shuttle deserves a trial

It is a vision that transportation planners and city officials would love to see: people bound for the movies, a concert or Shoreline Park sharing publicly-accessible shuttles that also serve such companies as Google and LinkedIn, who come from all over the Peninsula to Mountain View's busy downtown train station.

But there is a challenge to this scenario from a surprising source: Google itself. Yes, like many large tech companies, Google operates its own shuttle, paying for direct bus service for its workers who live in San Francisco and other Peninsula locations, directly to the Google campus. Consequently, even though Google's shuttles sit idle during much of the day, City Council members say the company apparently is not interested in partnering with the city to share its shuttles with the public by linking Caltrain and light rail to the job-rich North Bayshore area. This vibrant neighborhood also is home to the city's movie theaters, the massive regional Shoreline Park which includes a golf course and Shoreline Amphitheatre, a major concert venue.

As the city looks to develop this area without adding to already terrible traffic in and out of the isolated North Bayshore, council members are looking to Stanford University as a success story. It has managed to cap traffic at 1989 levels by making it exceedingly difficult to park on campus, and by providing Clipper cards that can be used on multiple modes of transit all over the region, including Caltrain.

But a major factor in convincing Stanford employees to leave their single-occupancy vehicles at home is the university's free Marguerite shuttle, which picks up riders at the Caltrain depot and circulates around the campus and to selected stops in nearby Menlo Park and Palo Alto. Although costly, the Marguerite proves that coupled with a range of disincentives to drive, employees will get out of their cars and onto a train or bus.

Mountain View could do the same, but the cost isn't something the city could bear alone. Council member Jac Siegel estimates that for \$1 million a year, three shuttle buses could circulate between downtown, North Bayshore and San Antonio Shopping Center every 15 to 20 minutes.

It is early in the process, but with the county's VTA routes shrinking, local residents who need a short ride in their neighborhood or to destinations farther away are finding there are no options. A public/private partnership with Google and other North Bayshore companies could increase employee morale while decreasing traffic congestion at the primary access points for the Shoreline area. We hope companies will partner with the city to test a shuttle program. It could be the start of a much easier commute for many employees who every work day must fight the traffic gridlock that grips North Bayshore during the morning and evening commute.

## ■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### STANDING OVATION FOR DR. CRATES

It was a pleasure to read about Dr. Judy Crates and her profound impact on Castro School once again in the Voice. I became well acquainted with Dr. Crates when she was principal at Bubb and then Graham, schools while my children attended and received an excellent education.

Dr. Crates is living proof that leadership matters in public education. Her ability to make students, parents, teachers, and staff accountable for their roles in education is unparalleled. Her ability to create a school community by aggressively promoting involvement is a wonder to behold.

Her unwavering belief that every child has value and can succeed sets an example for us all. Her personal work ethic and commitment to education are second to none. Over the years thousands of students and families have benefitted from Dr. Crates' leadership. Our community is so very fortunate to have her.

*Carol Fisher  
Marilyn Drive*

### CALTRAIN'S ROWDY GIANTS HORDE

While thousands of people took a day off from their school or office job to travel to San Francisco last week for the Giants parade, I had the misfortune of having to work in the city.

Usually, taking Caltrain is a fairly expedient way to travel enabling me to reach my office

in a short 45 minutes. But due to Caltrain and the Giants fans, my commute became a nightmare.

I was shocked at the disrespect of these so-called "fans" who were supposed to be celebrating the Giant's win. Instead, waiting for Caltrain, I was met with a rabid, drunk crowd yelling profanities. This group needed to be controlled by police. How does this in any way represent a celebration?

The trains ended up running over an hour late. The second the conductors opened the door, the crowd stampeded forward almost crushing me in the process. Leaving my office at 3:50 PM, I did not arrive home until almost 7 PM after standing for almost three hours waiting for the train and because of the lack of seats on a train filled to the brim.

These "fans" had no consideration for others — especially those of us who inadvertently suffered through the hysteria just going about our daily lives.

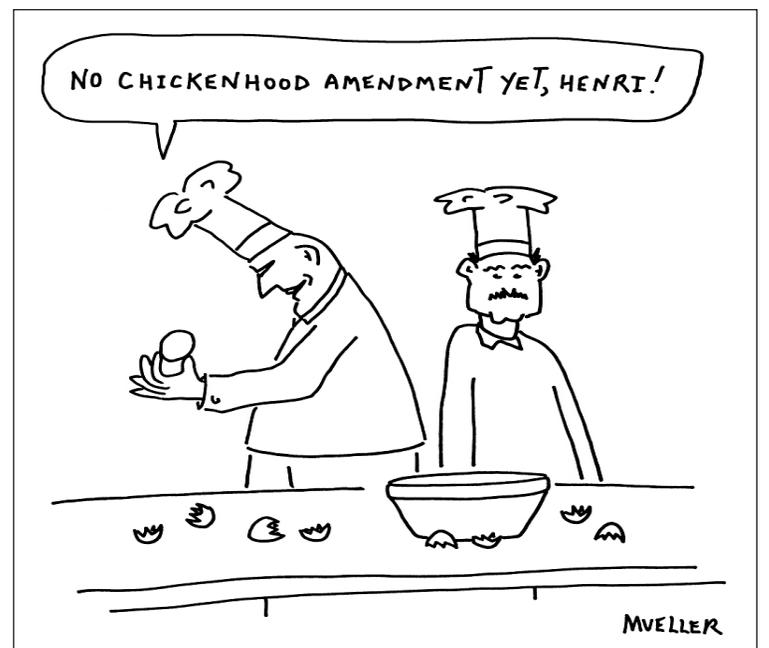
*Alyssa Jacobson  
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### FLASH MOB WRECKS HALLOWEEN

Flash mobs of trick-or-treaters and their parents means lots of litter in my yard and on the street. Whoever you are and wherever you live, please don't litter. Respect the neighborhood and your neighbors.

Next year my porch light will be off so I won't have to pick up after you.

*Muriel Sivyver-Lee  
Velarde Street*





CAROL BLITZER

*A bounty of squashes are colorful, beautiful and somewhat intimidating to many home cooks.*

■ FOOD FEATURE

## Great gourds

NUTRITIOUS AND ATTRACTIVE, PUMPKINS AREN'T THE ONLY SQUASHES CATCHING SHOPPERS' EYES

By Carol Blitzer

Long gone are the days when the only squash people could name was zucchini. This fall, farmers markets and grocery stores are filled with winter squashes of many shapes, sizes, stripes and colors.

Some are pretty, some are outright grotesque; some make wonderful table decorations.

But, according to Jyoti Jain, teacher of ayurvedic cooking classes at Whole Foods, squashes are primo foods. "Squash has vitamins, antioxidants, magnesium and fiber. It has very good nutrition value," she said.

Trained at the Art of Living Foundation, Jain said that ayurvedic cooking is all about "eating in tune with nature, following the rhythm of nature. ... We consider food as medicine."

Jain, who also runs her own catering firm, Spice by the Bay, gets a community-supported agriculture box of veggies each week from Full Belly Farm in Guinda (north of Sacramento).



CAROL BLITZER

### Jyoti Jain

"It contains seasonal veggies. They grow about 12 varieties of squashes," she said.

But faced with such an array, what's a novice squash preparer to do?

Choose the little ones, such as Lil Tiger Stripe or the White Mini found at Mollie Stone's in Palo Alto, strictly for decoration.

"Inside is not much flesh," Jain said.

And avoid most gourds for eating: They're from a more ornamental part of the squash family, she said — most are good for hollowing out and making into

musical instruments or decorative bowls.

For eating, a very versatile squash is butternut, which can be used in soups or pies. According to Jain, butternut can be substituted for pumpkin and is even

better in a pie. Similar are the kabocha and buttercup, she said. "They have sweet flavor and no stringiness."

If you compare two squashes by size, choose the heavier one, Jain said. "The heavier they are, the sweeter," she said, adding that it's best to reject those with discolored skin.

If the skin is thick and hard to peel, Jain suggests softening the squash by popping it in the oven at 350 degrees for about 20 to 25 minutes; it'll cook completely in about an hour.

As an ayurvedic cook, she does not recommend baking it in a microwave. "Ayurvedic cooking is holistic — cooking for the mind, body and spirit," she said. "You are what you eat and what you digest. It's important to balance yourself. The best is organic with no pesticides, not processed, seasonal."

After purchase, squashes can be stored in a cool, dry place (even outside) for months, she said, but not in the refrigerator.

One of Jain's favorite squashes is delicata, with a lighter flavor, which she finds good roasted with a little olive oil, cut in half, scooped out, placed face down



CAROL BLITZER

*Miramonte Farms' stand at the Palo Alto farmers market includes butternut, kuri, winter and blue jarrahdale squash.*

on a cooking sheet and baked for half an hour.

You can even eat squash seeds, after cleaning off the fiber, and baking them.

Jain grew up in Mumbai, India, and came to the United States in 1992 to study chemistry at Baylor University, where she earned her master's degree. After marrying, she and her husband moved to California where they've lived for 24 years. In 1998 she completed an MBA in hospitality and marketing at Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

"I was always interested in cooking. I learned at my mother's feet," she said. "She was a very patient teacher."

As an adult, she "saw how important it is to eat healthy" and her ayurvedic training reinforced the idea of eating organic fresh fruits and vegetables.

But squashes can be much

more than edible.

The turban squash, for example, she calls "nature's serving bowl. It's so beautiful to look at." She suggests hollowing it out a bit before filling with soup or rice.

"Cinderella pumpkins make beautiful bowls, too," she added.

In addition to her catering company, cooking classes and volunteer work with the Art of

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**Sweet dumpling squash** from Full Belly Farms are easy to identify because of their stripes.

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Living Foundation, Jain also sells vegan cookies through Whole Foods Markets. Called ahimsa, the cookies are made of coconut and cardamom, with whole grains.

"It's my way of giving back to the community. A lot of moms don't have time to make (healthy)

snacks," she added. ▾

**Kabocha Squash Soup**

Ingredients:

- 6 cups low-sodium, organic vegetable broth
- Medium-sized organic kabocha squash
- 1 inch organic fresh ginger
- 2 teaspoons cumin powder
- 1 teaspoon coriander powder

- 1 organic lemon
- 2 tablespoons organic cilantro
- Sea salt and black pepper to taste

Seasoning (tadka) ingredients:

- 1 teaspoon organic cumin seeds
- 1 teaspoon organic mustard seeds
- 1 pinch organic asafetida
- 1 pinch organic turmeric powder

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- 1 tablespoon clarified butter

1. Preheat oven to 350°F
2. Place the whole kabocha squash on a sheet pan with parchment baking paper and bake for 45 minutes to an hour. Remove from oven.
2. Cut squash in half using a chef's knife, reserving one half for another use. Scoop the seeds out with a spoon and discard. Scoop the flesh out into a bowl.
3. Blend the kabocha squash with the vegetable broth and ginger in a blender.
4. For the seasoning or tadka, heat clarified butter in thick-bottomed stainless pot. Add cumin seeds, mustard seeds, 1 pinch of turmeric and 1 pinch asafetida.
5. Once cumin seeds brown and mustard seeds splutter, approximately 15 seconds, add the blended squash mixture to the pot. Add cumin powder, coriander powder, black pepper and sea salt and bring to a boil.
6. Take off from heat and add juice of 1/2 the lemon and mix well. Transfer into individual soup bowls. Garnish with cilantro and serve hot.

**Mashed Buttercup Squash**

- 1 organic buttercup squash

- 1/2 cup organic coconut milk
- 1/2 cup organic medium shred unsweetened coconut
- 3/4 cup organic maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated organic nutmeg
- 3 organic whole green cardamom pods, seeds removed and crushed with mortar and pestle
- 1/3 cup organic "raw" whole cashews, dry roasted

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
  2. Wash the squash, then place on a sheet pan lined with baking parchment paper. Bake for 60 minutes, until skin is softened and squash is cooked. A knife should pierce right to the center with ease.
  3. Cut squash in half, and scoop out and discard the seeds. Scoop out the flesh out with a spoon and put into a mixing bowl. Mash with spoon.
  4. Stir in coconut milk, maple syrup, coconut, nutmeg and cardamom. Mix well.
  5. Transfer into individual serving bowls. Garnish with roasted whole cashews and serve at room temperature.
- Serves six.

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- 6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion chopped fine
- 2 carrots chopped fine
- 2 stalks of celery chopped fine
- 4 veal shanks cut about 3 inches thick, each tied tightly cross-wise
- flour, spread on a plate
- 3/4 cup dry white wine
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1-1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup 6 & 1 tomatoes, crushed with their juices
- freshly ground pepper to taste
- salt to taste

**Preparation instructions:**

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in foil pan. Add the onion, carrot and celery. Cook until the vegetables soften, about 10 minutes then drain the oil.
3. Meanwhile, heat the other 4 tablespoons of olive oil in a foil pan. Dredge the veal shanks in the flour, coating on all sides and shake off the excess flour. When the oil is hot, slip in the shanks and brown them on all sides. This should take about 6-7 minutes per side. Remove the veal shanks and place them in the first pan on top of the cooked vegetables.
4. Add the wine, butter, chicken broth, tomatoes, pepper and salt to the pot. The liquid should come at least two thirds of the way to the top of the shanks. If it does not, add more broth.
5. Cover the pan and place it in the oven. Cook for about 2 hours, turning and basting every 30 minutes, until the meat is very tender.
6. Transfer the Ossobuco to a warm plate and carefully remove the strings.

To serve place Ossobuco on a plate with Risotto Milanese, or Pastina pasta in herbed olive oil and garlic.

MOVIE TIMES

**A Late Quartet (R)** Guild Theatre: 1:30, 4:15, 7 & 9:45 p.m.

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

**Chasing Mavericks (PG) ★★ ★ 1/2** Century 16: 7 & 10:05 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 12:20 & 3:50 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 2:10, 4:50, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m.

**Cloud Atlas (R) ★** Century 20: 12:30, 4:20 & 8:20 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 5 & 8:45 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 1:15 p.m.

**The Flat** Aquarius Theatre: 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

**Flight (R) ★★ ★** Century 16: 11 a.m.; 12:10, 2:10, 3:20, 5:20, 7:10, 8:50 & 10:40 p.m. Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 12:55, 2:30, 4, 5:35, 7:05, 8:55 & 10:15 p.m.

**Fun Size (PG-13)** Century 20: 12:20, 2:45 & 7:25 p.m.

**Here Comes the Boom (PG)** Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; 1:45, 4:15, 6:50 & 9:25 p.m.

**Hotel Transylvania (PG)** Century 16: 1:55 & 4:15 p.m.; In 3D at 10:40 a.m. Century 20: 11:20 a.m. & 4:05 p.m.; In 3D at 1:40, 6:30 & 8:50 p.m.

**Led Zeppelin: Celebration Day (R)** Century 16: Tue. at 7:30 p.m. Century 20: Tue. at 7:30 p.m.

**Looper (R) ★★ ★ 1/2** Century 16: 10:50 a.m.; 7:20 & 10:10 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 1:35 & 4:20 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; 2, 4:45, 7:30 & 10:15 p.m.

**The Man with the Iron Fists (R)** Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 1:30, 4, 7 & 9:55 p.m. Century 20: 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:35 & 10:10 p.m.

**The Metropolitan Opera: Otello** Century 20: Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Palo Alto Square: Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

**The Metropolitan Opera: The Tempest** Century 20: Sat. at 9:55 a.m.

**The Other Son (PG-13)** Aquarius Theatre: 2:30, 5, 7:30 & 9:55 p.m.

**Paranormal Activity 4 (R)** Century 20: 5:10 & 9:45 p.m.

**The Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13) ★★ ★** Century 16: 6:50 & 9:35 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 11 a.m.; 1:45 & 4:15 p.m.

**Pitch Perfect (PG-13) ★★ ★** Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 2:25, 5:05, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m.

**The Sessions (R) ★★ ★** Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:45 p.m.

**Silent Hill: Revelation (R)** Century 20: In 3D at 10:40 p.m.

**Skyfall (PG-13)** Century 16: 10:30 & 11:20 a.m.; noon, 12:50, 1:50, 2:40, 3:30, 4:20, 5:10, 6:10, 7, 8:10, 9, 9:50 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 10:25, 11 & 11:55 a.m.; 12:45, 1:35, 2:15, 3:10, 4, 4:45, 5:30, 6:25, 7:15, 8, 8:45, 9:40 & 10:30 p.m.

**The Sting (1973) (PG)** Century 16: Wed. at 2 & 7 p.m. Century 20: Wed. at 2 & 7 p.m.

**Taken 2 (PG-13) ★ 1/2** Century 16: 6:40 & 9:45 p.m. Century 20: 1:05, 3:25, 5:45, 8:05 & 10:30 p.m.

**To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)** Century 16: Thu. at 2 & 7 p.m. Century 20: Thu. at 2 & 7 p.m. Palo Alto Square: Thu. at 2 & 7 p.m.

**Twilight Movie Marathon (PG-13)** Century 16: Thu. at noon. Century 20: Thu. at noon.

**The Twilight Saga Double Feature (PG-13)** Century 20: Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2** Century 16: Thu. at 10 p.m. & 12:01 a.m. Century 20: Thu. at 10, 10:05, 10:10, 10:15, 10:30, 10:45, 11 & 11:30 p.m.; 12:01 & 12:03 a.m.

**Wreck-It Ralph (PG) ★★ ★** Century 16: 10:30 & 11 a.m.; 1:10, 3:50, 4:40, 6:50, 9:40 & 10:25 p.m.; In 3D at 11:50 a.m.; 1:50, 2:50, 5:40, 7:30 & 8:40 p.m. Century 20: 10:25 a.m.; 12:05, 1:50, 2:45, 4:30, 7:10, 8:10 & 9:50 p.m.; In 3D at 1, 3:40, 5:25, 6:20, 9 & 10:45 p.m.; Fri. & Sun. also at 11:10 a.m. (standard 2D)

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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, 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.

CHASING MAVERICKS

★★ ★ 1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) These days, the typical teen movie panders with sunny fantasy or naughty raunch, but as a sports movie concerned with the development of a young man, "Chasing Mavericks" fruitfully aspires to the likes of "Breaking Away." As the title suggests, the truth-based "Chasing Mavericks" takes place in Northern California, where in 1994 surf spot Mavericks was still considered a myth. Frosty Hesson (Gerard Butler) knows better, but 15-year-old Jay Moriarity (Jonny Weston) finds out and wants in. Though conflicted, Frosty agrees to train Jay in the survival skills he'll need to face the 30-to-80-foot waves of Mavericks, on the presumption that the kid will otherwise get himself killed. "Chasing Mavericks" turns out to be better than you'd think. And Butler functions better than he has since, well, maybe ever. The knock against "Chasing Mavericks" is its constant proximity to corniness, in keeping with the co-production by Fox 2000 and family-friendly Walden Media and the attendant "PG" rating. But it's partly just that high-as-an-elephant's-eye corn level that allows the movie to blindsides you with unexpected insight and emotion. Tragedy is never far from these characters, but the picture endorses a love of life and a will to live it on one's own terms. "If you look hard enough," says Frosty, "There's always a way through it." *Rated PG for thematic elements and some perilous action. One hour, 56 minutes.* — P.C.

CLOUD ATLAS ★

(Century 20, Palo Alto Square) "Cloud Atlas," is a movie so nice they directed

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it thrice — “they” being Lana and Andy Wachowski and Tom Tykwer. “Cloud Atlas” actually refers to the cloudy overlap of humanity, the transmigration of souls. To illustrate the universality of human nature, the Wachowskis and Tykwer sextuple-cast their film like a stage adaptation of a sprawling novel. We have Tom Hanks as a tattooed goatherd mumbling pidgin English in post-apocalyptic Hawaii (among five other roles); Halle Berry getting her Pam Grier on as a street-smart reporter (among five other roles); Jim Sturgess as a 22nd-century Korean Keanu Reeves (don’t ask — among six other roles), and so on: Halle Berry in whiteface! Hugo Weaving in drag! The wigs and makeup and accents and tics become a comical distraction to a movie that very badly wants to be taken seriously. But “Cloud Atlas” winds up just being very bad. Some will find all this deeply moving, hugely impressive, dazzling and/or mind-shattering. But I’ll wager that most audiences will find it like the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade of Pretension, with a giant slab of ham but no commercial breaks. The Wachowskis and Tykwer are determined to make you understand eternity, and in that and only that, they succeed: By the time you get to the film’s endless series of endings, you’ll feel as if you’ve lived lifetimes. *Rated R for violence, language, sexuality/nudity and some drug use. Two hours, 52 minutes.*—P.C.

#### FLIGHT ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Director Robert Zemeckis typically invokes cinematic technique ranging on spectacle, and “Flight” delivers on that promise in an extended and masterful aerial sequence, a crash scenario that characters will parse over the two hours to follow. “Flight” begins by establishing Washington’s Captain “Whip” Whitaker as lingeringly liquored up and therefore in need of a leveling cocaine bump before striding confidently to the cockpit. What follows is, in part, an exploration of what it means to be a hero in a real world of human frailty and grey areas. Whip is heading for a personal crash of his own, and if he’s to avoid it, he will need to embrace humility and accept help. But the inconvenient truth is that Whip is probably right when he insists, “Someone put me in a broken plane” and that “No one else could have landed that plane like I did.” “Flight” offers much that’s productively unsettling, anchored by Washington’s old-school movie-star performance, filigreed with some quietly excellent supporting work from the likes of Bruce Greenwood and Peter Gerety, and culminating in a “Scent of a Woman”-style moral climax that offers a more relatable opportunity for modern heroism: the chance to take responsibility. *Rated R for drug and alcohol abuse, language, sexuality/nudity and an intense action sequence. Two hours, 18 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



Gerald Butler and Jonny Weston in “Chasing Mavericks.”



Rebel Wilson and Anna Camp in “Pitch Perfect.”

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 underwhelm 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. 1 hour, 59 minutes.* —T.H.

#### THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER ★★★

(Century 16) 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 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 freshman 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. 1 hour, 52 minutes.* —T.H.

#### THE SESSIONS ★★★

(Palo Alto Square) This independent comedy-drama gets it right, in the essence of its true story as well as the social discomforts surrounding disability and sane discussion of sexuality. U.C. Berkeley grad O’Brien (John Hawkes) begins the film as a 38-year-old virgin. This is a recipe for gentle comedy edged with melancholy, but the hero of “The Sessions” spends most of his waking hours at home in an iron lung. His declarations of love have thus far been unreciprocated, which leads him to sex surrogate Cheryl Cohen Greene (Helen Hunt). She coaches her client through “body awareness exercises” and sexual acts with her. All the while, Mark confides in local Catholic priest Father Brendan (William H. Macy), from whom Mark hopes he will get humane extra-papal permission for his sexual odyssey. “The Sessions” finds firm ground in its exquisitely naturalistic sex scenes that provide a twist on the usual patient-therapist relationship while also exploring male-female friendship and a kind of spiritual love that, while easily confused with romance, transcends it. Hawkes crawls into O’Brien’s skin, changing the timbre of his voice and painfully contorting his body but more importantly feeling each emotional ache. It’s the story of a man, one who feels he doesn’t deserve love and will never get it, but discovers he’s wrong. You don’t need an iron lung to make that story inspirational ... but it helps. *Rated R for strong sexuality including graphic nudity and frank dialogue. One hour, 35 minutes.*—P.C.

#### SIMON AND THE OAKS

##### ★★★1/2

(Aquarius) Every year, as surely as the changing of the leaves, we get a tasteful European import about a child coming of age during World War II. This year that movie is “Simon and the Oaks.” This time around, it’s Simon (Jonatan S. Wachter) in 1939 Sweden. He and his father (Stefan

Godicke) just can’t seem to understand each other. Tough-minded Papa puts stock in working with his hands, while sensitive Simon lives a life of the mind. When Simon befriends bullied Jewish boy Isak (Karl Martin Eriksson), matters start looking up. Isak’s home is a wonderland to Simon: Here are books and music, warm affection and a father (Jan Josef Liefers) who encourages culture and conversation. Simon’s father takes to Isak, enlisting him to learn the craft of boat-making. The winds of war make their way through the story, the most palatable informing Simon’s knotted family-tree, and the most bothersome coming as a sadomasochistic sexual kink derived from Nazi abuse. Mostly, “Simon and the Oaks” focuses on the boy being father to the man. Nicely acted, nicely filmed and nicely scored, “Simon and the Oaks” is foreign-film comfort food, rewarded for its trouble with a record 13 Swedish Academy Award nominations last year. See you next year, WWII Europe. *Not rated. Two hours, two 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.

#### WRECK-IT RALPH ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) It’s not easy being 9 feet tall and 643 pounds. And that’s not even the hardest part about being “Wreck-It Ralph,” the leading character of Walt Disney Animation’s 52nd feature. The hardest part is being an arcade-game “bad guy,” a professional wrecker tasked with endlessly destroying “Niceland” while heroic Fix-It Felix Jr. saves the day. Ralph (John C. Reilly) has begun to want more out of life. He attends a “Bad-Anon” meeting with the likes of Clyde the Ghost from “Pac-Man” and Bowser from “Super Mario Bros.,” but no one tells him what he wants to hear: that he could be a hero, that he could dare to be liked. And so Ralph goes off the reservation, doing the unthinkable by leaving his game. Circumstances eventually deposit Ralph into a third arcade game for the lion’s share of the picture. This is “Sugar Rush,” an anime-inflected candy-land kart-racing game, and it’s home to the annoyingly adorable Vanellope von Schweetz (Sarah Silverman). Branded a “glitch” in her game, Vanellope is on her own quest for validation and thus forms an uneasy alliance with Ralph to get her across the game’s finish line and allow Ralph passage home. The fantasy’s grounding in real-world concerns speaks to all ages, and the story’s creative path to self-actualization with its zeitgeisty anti-bullying theme and conclusion “There’s no one I’d rather be than me” speak eloquently to kids. Mostly, though, “Wreck-It Ralph” is built for fun. Save up your quarters, kids: it’s worth it! *Rated PG for thematic elements and some perilous action. One hour, 53 minutes.*—P.C.

# Goings On

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

## HIGHLIGHT

### EVENING WITH GOOGLE'S ERIC SCHMIDT

Since joining Google in 2001, Eric Schmidt has helped grow the company. As executive chairman, he is responsible for the external matters and advising on business and policy issues. What does Schmidt see as the future of the internet giant, and how is Google changing to meet that vision? Nov. 14, Register at [compterhistory.org/events](http://compterhistory.org/events). Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. [www.computerhistory.org/events](http://www.computerhistory.org/events)

## ART GALLERIES

**'Shaped by Water' Contemporary Landscapes** A solo exhibit by Bay Area artist Rajani Balaram is on display at Gallery 9, Los Altos Oct. 30-Nov. 25. The exhibit features panoramic and dynamic landscapes painted in water media. Gallery hours: Tues-Sat, 11-5 p.m.; Sundays, 12-4p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. [www.gallery9losaltos.com](http://www.gallery9losaltos.com)

**Jose Manuel Fors: Ciudad Fragmentada Exhibit** Foothill College photo-based works by Cuban artist Jose Manuel Fors, depicting the multiple layers of Havana's crumbling architecture and its resilient people, Nov. 7-26. Artist's first solo exhibition in the San Francisco Bay Area. Admission is free; parking is \$3. Not open Sunday. 7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Free admission; parking is \$3. Krause Center for Innovation Gallery at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7082. [jmfors.wordpress.com](http://jmfors.wordpress.com)

## BENEFITS

**Kilgoris Marketplace: A Pop-up Boutique** Attendees can come to this pop-up market in downtown Los Altos benefiting The Kilgoris Project. There will be a selection of handmade gifts and collectibles from artists in the U.S. India and Africa. Nov. 9-11, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Downtown Los Altos, 359 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-353-6623. [www.kilgoris.org](http://www.kilgoris.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](mailto:info@acs-teens.org). Young adults (ages 15-21): first Thursday of the month. Through December, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Adolescent Counseling Services, 1717 Embarcadero Road, suite 4000, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-0852 ext 200. [www.acs-teens.org/](http://www.acs-teens.org/)

**Alexander Technique for Dancers at Cheryl Burke Dance** A class to improve body awareness and dance with ease. Three drop-in workshops on Saturdays, Nov. 3, 10 and 17. Participants learn a different aspect of movement in each class and should bring a yoga mat, 2-3 paperback books, wear comfortable clothes. No previous experience necessary. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door Cheryl Burke Dance, 1400 North Shoreline Blvd. #A1, Mountain View. Call 650-864-9150. [www.cherylburkedance.com/MountainView/](http://www.cherylburkedance.com/MountainView/)

**Beginning Improv Class With Corinne Kason** Beginning Improv Class with Workshop Leader: Corinne Kason. Five Tuesdays (7 p.m. - 9 p.m.). Workshop is limited to 12 participants. Ages 18 and up, please. Open to everyone - no experience necessary. Nov. 13-Dec 11 7-9 p.m. \$200 for five sessions (\$175 if you sign up before November 6th). Dragon Theatre, 535 Alma St., Palo Alto. [www.dragonproductions.net/rental-classes/classes.html](http://www.dragonproductions.net/rental-classes/classes.html)

**Canning with Candace** Candace Bowers teaches about food safety, canning supplies, recipes, and the proper procedures for canning food that'll last a year or more. Please note: the class include talking and learning, but we won't be cooking. Nov. 13, 7-8:30 p.m. Los Altos Library Program Room, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683. [sccil.org](http://sccil.org)

**Rainwater Harvesting** Residents can prepare for the coming dry season by collecting and storing rainwater. This class explores methods of rainwater harvesting and storage for every garden. Nov. 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. [rainwaterharvesting.eventbrite.com/](http://rainwaterharvesting.eventbrite.com/)

## CLUBS/MEETINGS

**Rhododendron Species from China** The De Anza Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will feature a program by Don

Selcer on his recent trip to the rhododendron areas of China with Steve Hootman, the director of the Rhododendron Species Foundation. Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. Hillview Community Center Room 12, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. [www.deanza-ars.com](http://www.deanza-ars.com)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**PALY Music Boosters NOV Flea Market** The flea market includes a variety of items for sale including books, antiques, crafts from around the world, plants and more. Proceeds support Palo Alto High School Instrumental Music Program. To reserve a booth for sales, please see contact info. Nov. 11, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Palo Alto High School parking lot, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-324-3532.

**Stevenson Elementary School Holiday Boutique** A variety of toys, handmade and retail jewelry, housewares, accessories, stones, woodworking pieces, greeting cards, hand crafted chocolates, and cake pops will be for sale. Percentage of all sales benefit the PACT Foundation. Nov. 16, 12:30-6 p.m. Stevenson Elementary school, 750 San Pierre Way, Mountain View. Call 808-782-3247.

## DANCE

**Contra college** Contra College will be an urban weekend focused on teaching Contra dance to new and intermediate dancers in a historic Palo Alto location. Contra dance is a form of folk dance with a caller and live music. Nov. 10-11, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m. \$125 by 9/15, \$150 after 9/15 Palo Alto Woman's Club, 475 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 510-599-2219. [www.contracollege.com](http://www.contracollege.com)

**Special Dance at Contra College** Caller: Susan Petrick. Band: The Whoops (Michelle Levy, Ben Schreiber, Jim Oakden) Attendees can bring potluck treats, to supplement provided refreshments. Nov. 10, 7-10 p.m. \$10, members \$8, students \$5. Women's Club of Palo Alto, 475 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650 965-9169. [www.bacds.org/series/contra/palo\\_alto](http://www.bacds.org/series/contra/palo_alto)

## FAMILY AND KIDS

**Used Book Sale** Friends of the Library Used Book Sale on Saturday Nov. 10 - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 11-12 p.m.-3 p.m. is bag day, fill a bag for \$5. The sale includes books in all categories plus CDs, DVDs and puzzles. Large selection of like-new gift books and Holiday-themed books. Cash Only. Hillview Community Center, 97, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683. [losaltoslibraryfriends.org](http://losaltoslibraryfriends.org)

## HEALTH

**El Camino Hospital's Senior Health Center Open House** An opportunity to visit El Camino Hospital's new Senior Health Center. Attendees can come to this event to meet the physicians and clinical team, get a free flu shot and blood pressure screening, take a tour of the facility and enjoy refreshments. Nov. 16, 2-6 p.m. Senior Health Center, 2660 Grant Road, Suite F, Mountain View.

## LIVE MUSIC

**High-energy Americana: Foghorn Stringband** Portland's Foghorn String Band stands amongst today's vibrant old-time music revivalists, playing fiddle tunes, Cajun dance, classic country and early bluegrass. Bring instruments for 5 p.m. jam. Redwood Bluegrass Associates. Nov. 10, 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$20 advance, \$22 door, half-price for teens, free for under-13 and music students. First Presbyterian Church, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-691-9982. [www.rba.org](http://www.rba.org)

**Live Acoustic Guitar Music Night with Shane** With a master in music therapy, this solo performing artist, teacher, recording artist, composer and arranger is a solo guitarist. Performance starts at 7 p.m. Thursdays, Nov. 15-29, 5-9:30 p.m. Free Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502.



### 'Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead'

The Foothill College Theatre Arts Department stages "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead," Tom Stoppard's comic piece, directed by Bruce McLeod. An inventive tale of "Hamlet," the story is told from the worm's-eye view of two bewildered minor characters in Shakespeare's play. Thurs-Fri, Nov. 1-18, 7:30 p.m. Parking is \$3. Tickets are \$18, general admission; \$15, seniors, students and FHDA perso Lohman Theatre at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road,

[www.moroccosrestaurant.com](http://www.moroccosrestaurant.com)

**Live Blues Music with the Dan Goghs** The versatile Dan Goghs will play American roots rock, rhythm and blues. The Dan Goghs are a diverse and ever-changing line up of professional musicians from all over the Bay Area. Performance starts at 7 p.m. Nov. 9, 5-11 p.m. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. [www.moroccosrestaurant.com](http://www.moroccosrestaurant.com)

**Pamela Rose presents 'Wild Women of Song'** A multi-media jazz concert celebrating the lives, times and music of women songwriters of Tin Pan Alley. Nov. 11, \$25-\$35. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8664. [paloaltojcc.org/arts](http://paloaltojcc.org/arts)

## 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. Nov. 9, 10, 7:30 p.m. \$10-15. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. [busbarn.tix.com/Schedule.asp?ActCode=82775](http://busbarn.tix.com/Schedule.asp?ActCode=82775)

**'Beauty and the Beast Jr.'** Peninsula Youth Theatre presents Disney's "Beauty & the Beast, Jr." "Be Our Guest" for this modern classic adapted from the beloved Disney feature. Hilarious Characters, popular songs and even dancing flatware. Showtimes at: [www.pyt.net](http://www.pyt.net). Nov. 10-18, \$16-20. Mountain View Center for the Performing Art, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-988-8798. [www.pyt.net](http://www.pyt.net)

**'The Real Thing'** Henry, a clever playwright who adores tunes by the Monkees, has fallen in love; so now he's a "Believer" but discovers to his dismay that, eloquent as he is, he has no idea "Who Wrote the Book of Love." Thurs-Sun., Nov 2-18, 8-10 p.m. \$10-\$30. Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-254-1148. [www.thepear.org](http://www.thepear.org)

## RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

**Bible Club Leaders Needed** Volunteers are needed to help lead or co-lead Bible Clubs groups for East of Bayshore youth. Minimal time commitment required. Training is provided. Sept. 1-April 31, 2-7:30 p.m. Bayshore Christian Ministries, 1001 Beech St., East Palo Alto. Call 650-543-2129. [www.bayshore.org](http://www.bayshore.org)

**Lifetree Cafe Palo Alto** Lifetree Cafe offers

weekly conversations that focus on popular life issues. Nov. 4: Smile. Nov. 11: Wounded Warriors. Nov. 18: Preparing For the Worst. Nov. 25: The Mystery of Prayer. Snacks/beverages available. Sundays, 7-8 p.m. 3373 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 408-507-9858. [www.lifetreecafe.com](http://www.lifetreecafe.com)

**Sojourns of the Soul Workshop** Based on her popular memoir, "Sojourns of the Soul: One Woman's Journey around the World and into Her Truth" (Quest Books), author and healing practitioner Dana Micucci offers a workshop that takes participants to seven sacred destinations from the Australian Outback to Angkor, Egypt, Tibet, Peru and more. Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$77 through Nov. 9, \$88 day of. East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-988-9800. [www.eastwest.com](http://www.eastwest.com)

## SENIORS

**A Discussion About Yoga** Yoga Instructor Subramanian discusses what yoga is and what it is not. Attendees should wear loose clothing and bring a notebook as well as questions. Nov. 14, 11 a.m. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

**Alzheimer's or Normal Aging?** Elna Tymes discusses the differences between regular forgetfulness and memory loss associated with early-stage Alzheimer's Disease. Nov. 15, 1 p.m. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Vinyl Sale for Friends of Palo Alto Library** Highlights so far include a Zappa and related collection, some French pop, avant garde LPs. The previous sale hosted by Audio High raised more than \$1,700. Nov. 10, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Audio High, 165 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. [www.facebook.com/events/40463637625924/](http://www.facebook.com/events/40463637625924/)

## TALKS/AUTHORS

**Astronomy Lecture - 'Black Holes: The End of Time or a New Beginning?'** Astrophysicist Roger Blandford, Ph.D, director of the Kavli Institute of Particle Astrophysics & Cosmology at Stanford, will present "Black Holes: The End of Time or a New Beginning?," an illustrated, non-technical lecture. Admission is free; parking is \$3. Nov. 14, 7-8:30 p.m. Free admission; required parking permit is \$3. Foothill

College Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7888. [www.foothill.edu/ast/](http://www.foothill.edu/ast/)

**Craig Stanford** The author warns of a "Planet Without Apes" and theorizes on what can be done to prevent the extinction of Man's closest biological relatives. Nov. 9, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. [booksinc.net](http://booksinc.net)

**Free Public Lecture on Giant Black Holes** Dr. Roger Blandford (Stanford) gives a nontechnical, illustrated lecture on "Black Holes: The End of Time or a New Beginning." He will discuss how black holes can grow to include the material of a billion Suns, and how these monstrous objects affect the development of entire galaxies of stars. Nov. 14, 7-9 p.m. Smithwick Theater, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. [www.foothill.edu/ast](http://www.foothill.edu/ast)

**Jeanne Sauvage** The "Art of Gluten-Free Baking" blogger will read from her book "Gluten-Free Baking for the Holidays." Nov. 26, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. [booksinc.net](http://booksinc.net)

**Meg Waite Clayton** The author will speak on "My Bookstore: Writers Celebrate Their Favorite Places to Browse, Read and Shop." Nov. 13, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. [booksinc.net](http://booksinc.net)

**Mobile Opportunity: at the intersection of web, entertainment and Cloud** As mobile technology evolves, tremendous business opportunities will emerge. Attendees learn from the industry leaders about the tremendous mobile opportunities. Nov. 9, 12-8 p.m. \$25 Early Bird; \$50 Regular (Day Program only) More with reception. Computer History Museum, 1401 N Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 408-504-7177. [www.cina.org/cinacon2012](http://www.cina.org/cinacon2012)

**Palo Alto Art Center Presents 'Community Creates' Discussion Series** The Palo Alto Art Center and Djerassi Resident Artists Program will present a series of discussions showcasing artistic inspiration and process. Nov. 14, 2012, Jan. 16, 2013; April 12, 7-10 p.m. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto.

**Ray Kurzweil** Inventor/theorist Kurzweil will speak on his book "How to Create a Mind," on creating intelligent machines. Nov. 15, 7-8 p.m. \$12-\$40. Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2012-11-15-ray-kurzweil-how-create-mind](http://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2012-11-15-ray-kurzweil-how-create-mind)

**Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum** Jane Wagner-Tyack, water policy writing consultant and policy analyst for Restore the Delta, reviews the Governor's peripheral tunnels proposal and its impact on the Delta region. The documentary "Over Troubled Waters," an overview of water issues in the Delta and the state, will be shown. Nov. 13, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$12. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. [tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml](http://tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml)

## 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](http://www.justreadcenters.org)

**Museum of American Heritage** Volunteers are welcome at the Museum of American Heritage in downtown Palo Alto. There are a wide range of opportunities. 11-4 p.m. free Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-1004. [www.moah.org](http://www.moah.org)

**PNG Volunteer Open House** Attendees can find out how they can make a difference in a young person's life by volunteering just a few hours a month. They can work as mentors or tutors with local students. Nov. 15, 6-7 p.m. MVLA High School District Office Boardroom, 1299 Bryant St., Mountain View. Call 650-766-2162.

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Tellabration! Storytelling 11/17

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### 140 Lost & Found

**Found: Small Dog**  
We found a small dog on Southampton Drive, off Middlefield Road on November 5. Please call us if you lost your dog: (650) 322-2483

### Lost Woman's Watch

Last Thursday I left my inexpensive Timex watch (with fake diamonds around the clock face), on the grass in the children's area of Mitchell Park, between the two play areas. My dad gave me this watch and he passed away last December, so it is very important to me. Call Beth at 650-494-1606.

### 145 Non-Profits Needs

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**995 Fictitious Name Statement**

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File No.: 570591  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 570763  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

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This business is owned by: An Individual.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
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509 Central Ave. #B  
Mountain View, CA 94043  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 570262  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 570989  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 571184

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(MVV Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2012)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 571156

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183 Del Medio Ave. #314  
Mountain View, CA 94040  
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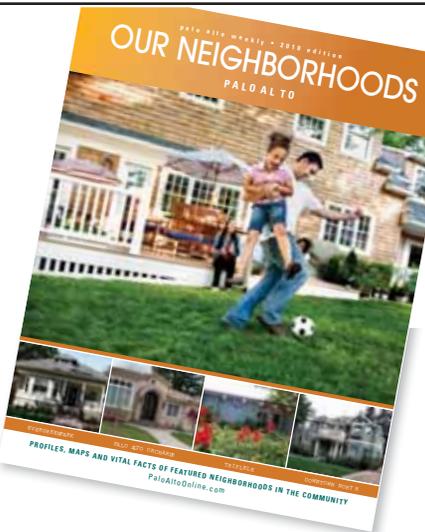
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LinkedIn.....	5.9 miles.....	20 minutes
Google.....	5.3 miles.....	17 minutes
Facebook.....	9.0 miles.....	21 minutes
Nearest Starbucks.....	1.9 miles.....	7 minutes
Nearest Peet's Coffee.....	2.0 miles.....	7 minutes
Costco.....	4.4 miles.....	15 minutes
Trader Joe's.....	4.7 miles.....	12 minutes
Draeger's.....	2.1 miles.....	8 minutes
Safeway.....	1.9 miles.....	7 minutes
Stanford University.....	5.0 miles.....	13 minutes
Downtown Los Altos.....	1.9 miles.....	7 minutes
Downtown Palo Alto.....	5.2 miles.....	13 minutes
Stanford Shopping Center.....	5.4 miles.....	14 minutes
Caltrain.....	3.8 miles.....	10 minutes
Highway 280.....	1.5 miles.....	4 minutes
Highway 101.....	4.3 miles.....	15 minutes
San Jose Int'l Airport.....	15.6 miles.....	28 minutes

All miles and time approximate

- Dramatic, well-cared for mid-century home first time on the market
- Fresh finishes, granite kitchen, and beautifully refinished hardwood floors
- 4 or 5 bedrooms and 2 baths plus attached 4-car garage with full bath
- Approximately 3,600 square feet
- Grand living room with cathedral ceiling, wraparound walls of glass, and fireplace
- Lower-level rooms perfect for recreation and media needs
- Wonderful entertainment deck spans the width of the home
- Just over 1 acre with large lawn, patio, and vast stretch of land with flexible options
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## 675 McCarty Avenue

*In Downtown Mountain View*

*Open Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30*



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The home is being sold by the Family Trust and is in good structural condition, but lacks modern kitchen and baths, however does have all the components to become an excellent investment or first time home in a wonderful neighborhood: Hardwood floors, cozy fireplace in living room, dual-pane

windows, a newer composition shingle roof, generous size kitchen off spacious living room, expanded master-bedroom with walk-in closet and private bath, well-proportioned front and back yards and on the quieter end of the street close to the cul-de-sac.

All reports and bids are available for viewing for pest work, remodeling and landscaping. This is the chance to capitalize on doing the work yourself instead of paying top-dollar after the seller has done the work!

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# Coldwell Banker #1 IN CALIFORNIA



**1353 SARITA WAY, SANTA CLARA \$635,000**  
Sat/Sun 1 - 4 | 3 BR 2.5 BA Attached 2-car garage & private fenced back yard, plus huge MB w/view of sparkling pool.  
Melanie Johnson 650.941.7040



**245 SHADOW DANCE DR, SAN JOSE \$275,000**  
Sat 1:30 - 4:30 | 2 BR 2 BA Updated ground level unit in desirable gated complex near dtwn SJ, Tamien St & Hwy 87/280.  
Clara Lee 650.325.6161



**50 MANOR CT, REDWOOD CITY \$1,450,000**  
Sat/Sun 1 - 4 | 3 BR 2.5 BA Cul-de-sac in Edgewood Park. Remod KIT, HW flrs, 2 car garage. 2,380sf home, 11,200sf lot.  
Tom Huff 650.325.6161



**188 WILEY TERRACE, MOUNTAIN VIEW \$819,000**  
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 | 3 BR 3.5 BA Newer 3 story Hm. Dramatic redmodeled! Custom use of marble, tile, hdwd. Duet Hm 3BR,3.5BA.  
Lollie Gilbert/Marli Szpaller 650.941.7040



**391 HOPE ST, MOUNTAIN VIEW \$648,000**  
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 | 2 BR 2 BA Premier townhouse, gourmet kitchen, hardwood flr, stylish, well-maintained complex, charm!  
Sharon Witte 650.325.6161



**14370 BLOSSOM HILL RD, LOS GATOS \$898,000**  
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 | 4 BR 2 BA 2048sf,9875sf Lot.Turn-key,many improvements,incl new roof,floors,windows.  
Doug Elliott 650.941.7040



**661 UNIVERSITY AV, LOS ALTOS \$2,495,000**  
Sun 1 - 4 | 4 BR 3.5 BA Located in heart of Old Los Altos.Exquisite detailing everywhere,gourmet Kit,high ceilings  
Gary Herbert 650.941.7040



**400 ORTEGA AV #B-302, MOUNTAIN VIEW PRICE UPON REQUEST**  
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 | 1 BR 1 BA Cheery top floor condo w/fp overlooking verdant green lawns, water feature & mature trees.  
Doris Messina/Barbara Sawyer 650.325.6161

## ATHERTON

**Central Atherton Beauty!** \$10,500,000  
7 BR 8 full BA + 3 half Private home on 1.4 acres. Lencioni Const., completed in 2002. Finest Amenities. MP schls. Diane Kneis, 650.325.6161

## CAMPBELL

**Paseo De Palomar** \$180,000  
2 BR 2 BA You are a land owner here, 55+ to live here. Unit 69 is a great interior location. Carmichael Team, 650.941.7040

## CUPERTINO

**LOCATION, LOCATION!** \$849,000  
4 BR 1 BA Near all 3 TOP SCHLS in Cupertino: Lincoln Elem, Kennedy Middle, Monta Vista H.S. Ron & Nasrin Delan, 650.941.7040

**Updated Woodspring Condo** \$598,000  
2 BR 2 BA Tastefully updated 2BR/2BA first floor unit on the Cupertino/Los Altos border. Terrie Masuda, 650.941.7040

## HALF MOON BAY

**Sun 1 - 4**  
**500 Bayhill Rd** \$1,468,000  
4 BR 3 BA Custom Ocean Colony home ideally located on golf course. Gourmet kit, master w/spa-like BR Dorothy Gurwith, 650.325.6161

## LOS ALTOS

**Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
**231 Hawthorne Ave** \$2,980,000  
5 BR 5 BA Beautiful Architecture + Floor Plan Amenities Abound. Gleaming HW Floors, Lovely Granite. Jim Galli, 650.941.7040

**Beautifully Appointed Hm!** \$2,695,000  
4 BR 3.5 BA Located in prime North Los Altos. 3615 sq.ft. of living space, 3 car garage, huge Mstr Ste Gary Herbert, 650.941.7040

**The trees, oh the trees!** \$1,648,000  
3 BR 2.5 BA This warm & inviting single-story home is nestled on glorious tree-lined Cul-de-sac! Kim Copher, 650.941.7040

**Opportunity KNOCKS!!!!** \$1,590,000  
3 BR 2 BA Location Location Location. Ron & Nasrin Delan, 650.941.7040

## LOS ALTOS HILLS

**Sweeping Bay Views!** \$5,595,000  
4 BR 3 full BA + 2 half Blending the romance of the Napa countryside w/ the best of CA living. Terri Couture, 650.941.7040

**Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
**28505 Matadero Creek Ln** \$3,895,000  
5 BR 3.5 BA Custom-remodeled home w/amazing views & indoor-outdoor flow. Light & bright. PA schools. Ken Morgan & Arlene Gault, 650.328.5211

**Acre w/Breathtaking Views** \$2,495,000  
3 BR 1.5 BA Home on a 1,298 sqft lot needs a little love but you can't beat the location & the views. Marge Bosetti, 650.941.7040

**LOS GATOS**  
**Rarely Available!** \$1,939,000  
4 BR 2.5 BA Fantastic cul-de-sac w/the small community feel.LG schls,12,250 sqft lvt,2673 sqft hm.Terri Couture, 650.941.7040

## MENLO PARK

**Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
**1297 Crane St** \$1,290,000  
3 BR 2.5 BA Downtown. 1-owner 2-level updt'd townhouse. Oak floors, fireplace, formal DR.Yard. Garage. Nancy Goldcamp, 650.325.6161

**MOUNTAIN VIEW**  
**Dramatic Townhm End Unit** \$675,000  
3 BR 2 BA Vault ceilings & skylght + yard & garage.Surrounded by red-woods in a resort-like community Shilpa Merchant, 650.941.7040

**Freshly Updated** \$368,000  
2 BR 1 BA Condo w/new granite Kit & bath,new tub/shower,priv.patio garden,& 2 secure parking spaces. Kirk Mahncke, 650.941.7040

**Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
**1483 Bonita Ave** \$899,000  
3 BR 2 BA Lovingly maintained in original condition,this Cuesta Park hm awaits your personal touches Katherine Greene, 408.355.1500

## PALO ALTO

**Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
**4151 Amaranta Ave** \$2,295,000  
5 BR 3 BA Sophisticated Barron Park Home. Arched entry opens to soaring ceilings and upper balcony. Carole Feldstein, 650.941.7040

**Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
**2022 Edgewood Dr** \$1,448,000  
4 BR 2 BA Updated Eichler in Green Gables. Open flr plan. Pool. 2 car garage. Corner lot. PA schls. Nana Spiridon, 650.325.6161

**Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
**4155 Frandon Ct** Price Upon Request  
3 BR 2.5 BA Nicely updated home. Gorgeous kitchen. Generous LR/DR, sep FR or DR. Moments to schools. Dan Ziony, 650.325.6161

## PALO ALTO HILLS

**Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
**3173 Alexis Dr** \$3,199,000  
3 BR 3.5 BA Infusing organic materials into its dramatic architecture,extraordinary home. Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen, 650.941.7040

## REDWOOD CITY

**Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
**3371 Dover Rd** \$799,000  
2 BR 2 BA Charming home on large lot west of Alameda de las Pulgas! Large driveway and lush yard! DiPali Shah, 650.325.6161

**125 Dumbarton Ave, 5-Plex** \$748,000  
Ideal location to El Camino Real. Great potential. 5 One bedroom units. Appointment only! Greg Stange, 650.325.6161

## SAN JOSE

**Santana Row Style** \$1,349,000  
2 BR 2.5 BA Not just a hm but a lifestyle-sleek,classy,fashion forward.Prime location,secure building.Vicki Geers, 650.941.7040

**Magnificent New Home** \$1,199,000  
7 BR 4.5 BA This home features 7 bdrms & 4.5 baths!Great for a large,extended family. Dory Marhamat, 650.941.7040

**Gorgeously Remodeled Home** \$649,000  
3 BR 2 BA Home is in excellent neighborhood of Almaden Valley w/TOP schls. Ron & Nasrin Delan, 650.941.7040

**Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
**3552 Donald Ct** \$575,000  
4 BR 2 BA Traditional home w/updates has sep family & living room. Lg 14,450sf lot.Won't last long! Jeff Beltramo, 650.325.6161

## SUNNYVALE

**Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
**881 Rattan Te** \$660,000  
3 BR 2.5 BA End unit in a well established complex & neighborhood,beautiful mature trees. Royce Cablayan, 650.941.7040

**Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
**610 Arcadia Ter #306** \$475,000  
3 BR 2 BA End unit. Living room with vaulted ceiling & fireplace. Open kitchen and separate dining Royce Cablayan, 650.941.7040

## WOODSIDE

**Prime Location!** \$29,000,000  
Private prestigious location. 11+ acre property in central Woodside close to town. Susie Dews & Shena Hurley, 650.325.6161

**Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
**240 Allen Rd** \$2,700,000  
4 BR 3.5 BA Extensively and beautifully remodeled home. Breathtaking view of forest and ocean. Lea Nilsson, 650.328.5211

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