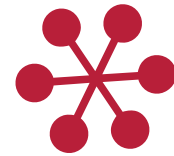


# 2 Holiday

■ CLASSIFIEDS  
■ REAL ESTATE



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## Welcoming *Winter*

Holiday events in the arts world include ballet, theater, comedy, family festivities and a wealth of concerts



"'Twas the Night Before Christmas" performed by Dancers Repertory Theatre and the Menlo Park Academy of Dance.

By Rebecca Wallace

There's no reason to have a silent night during the holiday season. Local arts groups provide all manner of soundtracks, with styles of sound as diverse as classic carols, Baroque music, Latin jazz, Low Countries music, Hanukkah songs and gospel.

Revelers who are more visually oriented can also choose from holiday home tours, puppet shows, model-train displays and, of course, the ballet. For a sampling of the many holiday options on the Midpeninsula, keep reading.

### MUSIC

The Baroque ensemble **Musica Pacifica**, with viola da gamba, recorder, violin, organ, harpsichord, oboe and voice, performs Christmas music from 18th-cen-

tury Italy, France and Germany at 8 p.m. Nov. 30. The concert is in the First Lutheran Church at 600 Homer Ave. in Palo Alto. Tickets are \$12-\$35. Go to [sfems.org](http://sfems.org).

The **Ragazzi Boys Chorus** welcomes winter with carols, Native American chant, Hanukkah music and other songs in a concert at 5 p.m. Dec. 1 at the First Congregational Church, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto. Composers will include Allen Gordon Bell, Randall Thompson and Mendelssohn. Tickets are \$10-\$27. Go to [ragazzi.org](http://ragazzi.org) or call 650-342-8785.

"**Christmas in Antwerp and Amsterdam**" features 16th- and 17th-century music from the Low Countries, presented in Latin and Dutch by the California Bach Society and various instrumentalists. The program will be performed

locally at 8 p.m. Dec. 1 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Tickets are \$10-\$30. Go to [calbach.org](http://calbach.org) or call 650-485-1097.

Singers from the Palo Alto High School choirs hark back to history with their annual **Madrigal Feast**, featuring 16th-century music and costumes, along with food and drink. The events are planned for 2 p.m. Dec. 1 and 2 at the high school's small gym at 50 Embarcadero Road in Palo Alto. Admission is \$15-\$80. Go to [palymadrigals.com](http://palymadrigals.com).

Stanford's Memorial Church hosts the annual **Festival of Lessons and Carols**, with the Memorial Church Choir directed by organist Robert Huw Morgan and the Stanford Chamber Chorale directed by Stephen M. Sano, at 8 p.m. Dec. 7 and 8. The events are free. Go to [music.stanford.edu](http://music.stanford.edu).

"**Winter Dance with Bay Bells**" features the handbells group in a free holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at Grace Lutheran Church, 3129 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Go to [baybells.org](http://baybells.org) or call 877-76-BELLS.

Charpentier's "**Nativity Pastorale**" is the focus when the Magnificat Baroque ensemble performs at 8 p.m. Dec. 7 at First Lutheran Church at 600 Homer Ave. in Palo Alto. Also on the program are several French Christmas carols in settings by Charpentier. Admission is \$12-\$35. Go to [magnificatbaroque.com](http://magnificatbaroque.com).

Soli Deo Gloria will give a Palo Alto audience one big Christmas present on Dec. 8: J.S. Bach's

**Christmas Oratorio**, performed with Orchestra Gloria. Soloists and choristers will bring on the angels and shepherds at 2:30 p.m. in the Unitarian Universalist Church at 505 E. Charleston Road. Tickets are

\$30 general and \$25 for students and seniors, with discounts for advance purchases. Go to [sdgloria.org](http://sdgloria.org) or call 888-SDG-SONG.

► See **HOLIDAY EVENTS**, page 23



**Chanticleer** returns to Stanford's Memorial Church for this year's holiday concert on Dec. 11.



Recorder player **Claudia Gantivar** will perform with the California Bach Society on Dec. 1 in Palo Alto.



# STORE WIDE SALE

RACKETS • SHOES • APPAREL • EQUIPMENT

Nov. 23-Dec 2




TENNIS BALLS

\$1.99

a can (6 can limit)

Dunlop & Penn

10-50% OFF EVERYTHING



1039-J El Monte Ave  
(650) 968-8952  
Mountain View  
Swetkas.com

Great Gifts at Great Prices!



MEN'S & WOMEN'S

WILSON SHOES

\$39

# O Tannenbaum

WHERE CAN YOU FIND FRESH-CUT TREES FOR CHRISTMAS?

For many families, selecting the just-right Christmas tree is an early segue into the holiday season. Should it be the classic Noble fir or a stretch — maybe a Nordmann fir? Beginning the day after Thanksgiving, several non-profits will open their annual Christmas-tree lots, with some offering snow-flocking and flame-proofing, as well as delivery service and set-up at home. New this year at Webb Ranch in Portola Valley, which is celebrating its 50th season, are “Cookies with Santa,” a free gift for return customers. The gift includes a jar of ingredients that makes just under two dozen chocolate-chip cookies, said R.J. Rudikoff, managing partner with Webb Ranch, Inc. On Fridays, after school, kids can sample cookies and get their photos snapped with Santa himself. “We’re trying to have a picture environment,” with snowmen, penguins and sleigh cutouts, Rudikoff added. But true tree aficionados might want to make a day of choosing and cutting, then picnicking in Los Gatos at the Patchen California Christmas Tree Farms.



— Carol Blitzer

### Sea Scouts Christmas Trees

**Location:** Palo Alto Little League Park, 3672 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto  
**Dates, hours:** Nov. 23 through Dec. 23, weekdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., weekends 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Kinds of trees:** Douglas, Grand, Noble and Nordmann firs, 2 to 11 feet  
**Other items:** Garlands, wreaths, table-top trees (1 to 2.5 feet). Also sells stands; delivery varies by size and location: \$15 to \$40, with a discount for same address  
**Prices:** \$16-\$250; 6- to 7-foot tree is \$45-\$98  
**Benefits:** Supports Sea Scouts programming; manned by volunteers  
**Information:** 650-493-6614 or www.sssintrepid.org

### Nativity School Christmas Tree Lot

**Location:** 1250 Laurel St., Menlo Park  
**Dates, hours:** Nov. 23 through Dec. 15, Tuesday-Thursday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Friday, 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Opening day 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; closing day 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Kinds of trees:** Douglas, Fraser, Grand and Noble firs from Oregon, 2 to 14 feet (fresh cut and stand available)  
**Other items:** Wreaths (20 to 30 inches in diameter), candy cane wreaths, Advent wreaths and garlands. Delivery to Menlo Park, Atherton, Palo Alto and Redwood City; discount on multiple trees to same address. Flame-proofing available.  
**Benefits:** educational and extracurricular programs at Nativity School; staffed by parent and community volunteers  
**Prices:** \$20 to \$409 (pre-order form on website); 6- to 7-foot tree is \$49-\$72  
**Information:** 650-275-3750 or www.nativitytrees.com

### Kiwanis Christmas Tree Lot

**Location:** Lucky Market parking lot, Foothill Expressway at Arboretum (2175 Grant Road, Los Altos)  
**Dates, hours:** Nov. 23 (opens 10 a.m.) through Dec. 16; weekdays 3 to 7:30 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Kinds of trees:** Noble firs, 2 to 13 feet  
**Other items:** Tree stands, wreaths, garlands, table decorations; set up and delivery for a fee  
**Prices:** \$19-\$359; 6- to 7-foot tree is \$75  
**Benefits:** Kiwanis Club of Los Altos Foundation  
**Information:** 650-988-9900 or http://lakc.netfirms.com/TreeLot.htm

### MVLA High School Sports Booster Christmas Tree Lot

**Location:** 1035 El Monte Road, Mountain View, Corner of El Camino Real and El Monte Road (in the Blockbuster/ CVS parking lot)

**Dates, hours:** Nov. 23 through Dec. 17, weekdays 4 to 7 p.m., weekends 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
**Kinds of trees:** Noble firs from Oregon, 3 to 11 feet  
**Extras:** Free bagging, fresh cut. Trees are guaranteed; if dry out early, free tree next Christmas season  
**Prices:** \$25-\$200, tax-deductible (6- to 7-foot tree is \$75)  
**Benefits:** supports athletics and after-school programs in the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District; buyers can direct up to 20 percent of purchase to any school or organization  
**Information:** mvlattrees.com or reindeer@mvlattrees.com

### Menlo Park Kiwanis Christmas Tree Lot

**Location:** on Stanford University campus next to the football stadium on El Camino Real at Embarcadero Road  
**Dates, hours:** opens Nov. 23, weekdays 2 to 8 p.m., weekends 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Kinds of trees:** Noble firs from Oregon  
**Other items:** delivery available  
**Benefits:** Kiwanis Club of Menlo Park, which provides scholarships for Menlo-Atherton High School students, and donations to St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room, rebuilding Together, Project Read/Menlo Park Library

### Santa's Village

**Location:** Webb Ranch, 2720 Alpine Road, Portola Valley  
**Dates, hours:** Nov. 23 through Dec. 24, daily 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Kinds of trees:** Douglas, Grand, Noble and Silvertip firs from Washington and Oregon  
**Other items:** Wreaths, garlands, poinsettias, boughs, mistletoe  
**Extras:** Help choosing, wrapping, loading, plus delivery available; snow flocking, fire retardant, free net wrap and tie down  
**Prices:** \$14.95-\$700 (18-foot range); 6- to 7-foot trees \$47-\$98; live ones from \$9.99  
**Information:** 650-854-5417 or www.webbranchinc.com

### Patchen California Christmas Tree Farms

**Location:** 22217 Old Santa Cruz Highway, Los Gatos  
**Dates, hours:** Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve, daily 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
**Kinds of trees:** Redwood, Pine, Fir, Cedar, Cypress, Exotics  
**Other items:** Stands, wreaths, gift shop, picnic tables, free hot mulled cider and candy canes  
**Prices:** Choose and cut: Coast or Sierra Redwood, Monterey Pine, \$6/foot, \$40 minimum; Douglas Fir, Incense Cedar, Cypress, Exotics, \$8/foot, \$55 minimum; fresh cut: Noble or other true fir, \$8/foot, no minimum  
**Information:** 408-353-1615 or www.patchencalifornia.com/

Bayer Ballet Company presents

## A Winter Fairy Tale



Join Bayer Ballet Company artists as they bring to life a New Year's Eve fairy tale.

This original holiday youth ballet is set to the music of Tchaikovsky and Rimsky-Korsakov, and performed in the world-famous Russian style. Enjoy a magical performance where good triumphs over evil as a Magician, beautiful Snow Maiden, Lovely Fairy, animated toys and other wondrous Fairyland creatures rescue a bunny who has been kidnapped by the wicked Bat Queen.

This stunning ballet is sure to become a new holiday tradition for your family and friends! Three nights only.

December 14, 2012 — 7:00 pm  
 December 15, 2012 — 5:30 pm  
 December 16, 2012 — 2:30 pm

FOR TICKETS PLEASE CALL  
 (650) 903-6000  
 or visit [WWW.MVCPA.COM](http://WWW.MVCPA.COM)

**\*Join our E-Mail List to receive VIP Seating Preferences**

For information about  
 Bayer Ballet Academy please visit:  
[www.bayerballetacademy.com](http://www.bayerballetacademy.com)

\*for 1st 100 New Subscribers



## HOLIDAY EVENTS

► Continued from page 21

“Star of Wonder” is the theme this year for the Peninsula Women’s Chorus’ holiday concerts, with the programs including the Roches’ “Star of Wonder” along with music by Polish composer Krzysztof Penderecki and Baroque composer M.A. Charpentier. Performances are 2:30 p.m. Dec. 8 and 4 p.m. Dec. 15 at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto; and 4 p.m. Dec. 16 at St. Patrick’s Seminary, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Admission is \$10-\$30. Go to [pwchorus.org](http://pwchorus.org) or call 650-327-3095.

The Stanford Chamber Chorus and the Stanford Symphony Orchestra play their free annual “Holiday Musicale” at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 8 in Memorial Church on campus, presented by the Friends of Music at Stanford. Go to [music.stanford.edu](http://music.stanford.edu).



The **Ragazzi Boys Chorus** sings songs of winter Dec. 1 in Palo Alto.

Five centuries of Christmas music, with a focus on nature, are represented in the **San Francisco Choral Artists** program planned for 8 p.m. Dec. 8 at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Music by Howells, Poulenc and Kodaly is on the bill. Tickets are \$12-\$25 in advance and \$15-\$30 at the door. Go to [sfca.org](http://sfca.org) or call 415-494-8149.

The **Bay Choral Guild** looks at the Roman Catholic liturgy’s Great “O” Antiphons in its holiday concert this year, singing contemporary settings by various composers. Benjamin Britten’s “Ceremony of Carols” is also planned for the Dec. 9 performance, which is 4:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 305 N. California Ave., Palo Alto. Tickets are \$5-\$25. Go to [baychoralguild.org](http://baychoralguild.org).

The young musicians of the **California Youth Symphony** play holiday and classical classics at a 2:30 p.m. concert on Dec. 9 at Foothill College’s Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Tickets are \$15 general and \$10 for

students and seniors. Go to [cys.org](http://cys.org) or call 650-325-6666.

John Rutter’s “I wish you Christmas” is on the bill for **Schola Cantorum’s** holiday concert at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Dec. 9, along with Kirke Mechem’s “Seven Joys of Christmas” and other offerings. The concert is at the First Congregational Church of Palo Alto at 1985 Louis Road; tickets are \$25 general and \$10 for students and children. Go to [scholacantorum.org](http://scholacantorum.org) or call 650-254-1700.

Stanford pipe organist **Robert Huw Morgan** plays his annual organ recital in Stanford’s Memorial Church at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 9. The event is free. Go to [music.stanford.edu](http://music.stanford.edu).

Schola Cantorum’s lengthy “**Messiah Sing**” includes many choruses and solos not as commonly heard. The Messiah-thon is planned for Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro St. A chamber orchestra will accompany singers, and Gregory Wait will conduct. Tickets are \$24 general, \$20 for seniors and \$18 for students. Go to [scholacantorum.org](http://scholacantorum.org) or call 650-903-6000.

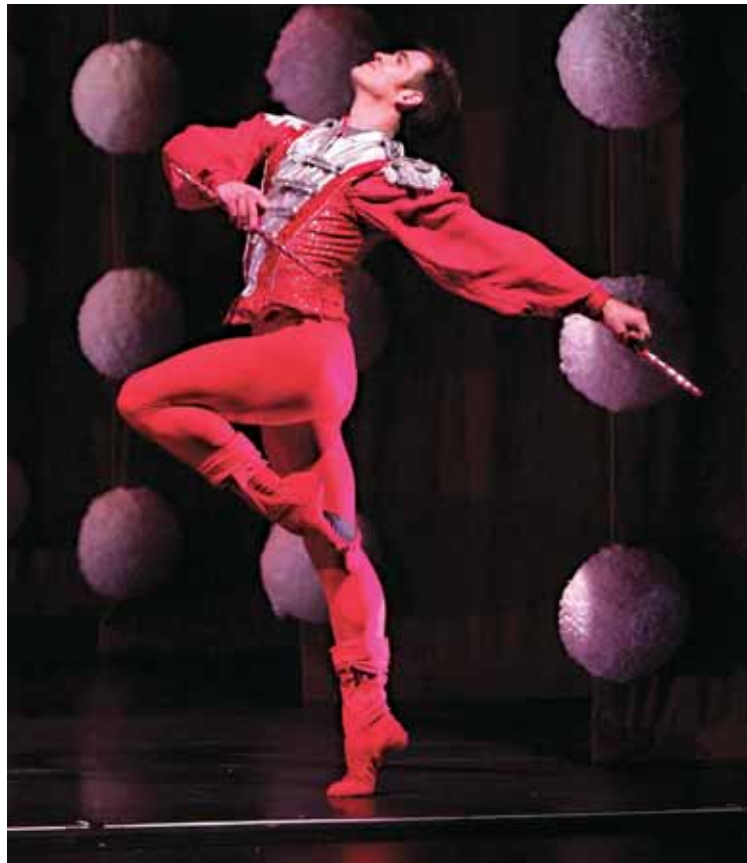
The ethereal voices of the **Chanticleer** men’s chorus return to Stanford’s Memorial Church for an 8 p.m. concert on Dec. 11, presented by Stanford Live. Gospel and holiday classics are on the bill along with Gregorian chant. Tickets are \$54. Go to [live.stanford.edu](http://live.stanford.edu) or call 650-725-ARTS.

Guest conductor Masaaki Suzuki of Bach Collegium Japan conducts the **Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra** in J.S. Bach’s Christmas cantata “Christen, atzet diesen Tag” and other works by Bach on 8 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Center for Performing Arts at 555 Middlefield Road in Atherton. Tickets are \$30-\$105. Go to [philharmonia.org](http://philharmonia.org) or call 415-252-1288, ext. 302.

Stanford’s cheerful “**Messiah Sing & Play-Along**” is at 8 p.m. Dec. 14 in Memorial Church, conducted by Stephen M. Sano. Trumpeters always get a big hand. Admission is \$10 general, \$9 for seniors, \$5 for non-Stanford students and free for Stanford students. Go to [music.stanford.edu](http://music.stanford.edu) or call 650-723-3811.

The **classical and jazz student ensembles** of the Community School of Music and Arts present a free holiday concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 14 in Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Go to [arts4all.org](http://arts4all.org) or call 650-917-6800.

It’s 30 years for the **Gryphon Carolers**, a 35-voice ensemble known for singing an eclectic array of holiday music (Celtic, Brazilian, modern jazz and other styles). This year’s festive concert is 8 p.m. Dec. 15 at Spangenberg Theatre, 780 Arastradero Road,



**Smuin Ballet** dancer Jonathan Powell in “Drummer Boy” in the holiday program.

Palo Alto. Admission is \$10-\$25. Go to [gryphoncarolers.org](http://gryphoncarolers.org) or call Gryphon Stringed Instruments at 650-493-2131.

Festive harp solos and ensemble pieces are planned for the Harpeggio group’s annual holiday concert, “**20 Harps for the Holidays**,” 4 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Admission is \$15 general and \$12 for seniors and children. Go to [harpeggio.com](http://harpeggio.com) or call 408-366-8810.

The Celtic/medieval ensemble **Broceliande** fetes the winter sol-

stice with a concert at East West Books at 8 p.m. Dec. 15. Instruments include voice, recorders, mandolin and fiddle. Tickets are \$15 through Dec. 14 and \$20 on the day of the concert at 324 Castro St. in Mountain View. Go to [eastwest.com](http://eastwest.com) or call 650-988-9800.

The 40-voice **Silicon Valley Boy-choir** sings family songs for the holidays at a 5 p.m. concert on Dec. 15 at First Baptist Church, 305 N. California Ave., Palo Alto. Go to [svboychoir.org](http://svboychoir.org) or call 650-424-1242.

**HaShirim**, a community choral group, performs a Hanukkah con-

cert of Jewish songs from 3 to 4 p.m. Dec. 16 in the Schultz Cultural Arts Hall at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Admission is \$5 general and free for JCC members. Go to [paloaltojcc.org](http://paloaltojcc.org) or call 650-223-8664.

Carols ring with gospel soul as the **Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir** sings its annual holiday concert at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro St. This year’s performance is Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.; admission is \$36 general, \$31 for seniors and students, and \$28 for children ages 12 and under. Go to [oigc.org](http://oigc.org) or call 650-903-6000.

### DANCE

The Pacific Ballet Academy kicks off “**Nutcracker**” season at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, with afternoon and evening showtimes on Nov. 23, 24 and 25. Tickets are \$24/\$28, and the venue is at 500 Castro St. Go to [mvcpa.com](http://mvcpa.com) or call 650-903-6000.

Santa hats, feather boas and saddle shoes are all part of Smuin Ballet’s “**The Christmas Ballet, 2012 Edition**,” which dances across the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts Stage from Nov. 28 through Dec. 2 this year. Both afternoon and evening shows are planned at 500 Castro St., with tickets ranging from \$23 to \$68. Go to [smuinballet.org](http://smuinballet.org) or call 650-903-6000.

Western Ballet brings its 50th annual rendition of “**The Nutcracker**” to the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro St. from Dec. 7-9.

► Continued on next page



# Pet Food Depot

Family owned and operated since 1986

Your one-stop pet shop!



All varieties of Dog Food

29 & 33lb bags

\$25.99



Care Fresh Litter, 60 Ltr

\$11.99

Cat Trees & Scratching Post

30% OFF

Kaytee & Four Paws Products

20% OFF

Pet Toys 20% OFF

Wee Wee Pads 20% OFF

Metal Crates & X-Pens

20% OFF

All offers valid from Nov. 23, 2012 to Nov. 29, 2012  
Can not be combined with any other offer. Excludes special orders.



425 Portage Avenue, Palo Alto

650-852-1277 [www.PetFoodDepot.com](http://www.PetFoodDepot.com)

Mon - Fri 9:30am - 7pm, Sat 9am - 6pm, Sun 10am - 6pm

# 17TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE AND TREE OF LIFE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012  
AT 7:00 P.M.

AT THE  
CUSIMANO FAMILY  
COLONIAL MORTUARY  
96 W. EL CAMINO REAL  
MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA

## CELEBRANTS THIS YEAR INCLUDE:

MARYELLEN GARNIER  
CHAPLAIN-EL CAMINO HOSPITAL

REV. TOM KIMBALL  
FORMER PASTOR-TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FR. BOB MORAN  
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

REV. JEFFREY SCHUFREIDER  
LUTHERAN MINISTER

REV. DENNIS J. SHINSEKI  
BUDDHIST MINISTER

### Is there someone you would like to remember this year...or someone you miss during the Holiday Season?

Please return the form at the bottom of this ad to us and we'll put an ornament with their name on it on our Tree of Life as a tribute to the memories that you cherish. You may mail or FAX the form to us. We look forward to seeing you on December 6. Light refreshments will be served after the Memorial Service. All are invited...bring your friends and neighbors. You do not need to resubmit names of persons you submitted in previous years.

Admission is free; please bring an unwrapped toy to be donated  
You may FAX the form to (650) 968-9426

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

The name(s) of the person(s) I wish to be remembered:

\_\_\_\_\_

I will \_\_\_ will not \_\_\_ be attending the Holiday Memorial Service

Number that will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_

FD1041



SELECTED  
Independent  
FUNERAL HOMES  
Member by Invitation

❁ ❁ ❁ HAPPY HOLIDAYS



The **Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir** will be back on the Peninsula for its annual holiday concert on Dec. 16 at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts.

► Continued from previous page

Admission for the afternoon and evening performances is \$30 general, \$25 for seniors and students, and \$23 for children ages 12 and under. Go to [westernballet.org](http://westernballet.org) or call 650-903-6000.

"**The Nutcracker**" also comes to Spangenberg Theatre at 780 Arastradero Road in Palo Alto Dec. 7-9, presented by Dance Connection of Palo Alto. Afternoon and evening performances are planned; tickets are \$14-\$25. Go to [danceconnectionpaloalto.com](http://danceconnectionpaloalto.com) or call 650-322-7032.

Santa is scheduled to make an appearance at the winter showcase of new students dance works presented by the **Foothill College Repertory Dance Company** at 7 p.m. Dec. 7. A toy drive will be part of the evening in the college's dance studio (Room 2504) at 12345 El Monte Road in Los Altos Hills. Admission is free. Go to [foothill.edu](http://foothill.edu) or call 650-949-7354.

"**'Twas the Night Before Christmas**" will be performed Dec. 9, 15 and 16 by Dancers Repertory Theatre and the Menlo Park Academy of Dance in 1 and 4 p.m. shows at Woodside High School's performing-arts center, 199 Churchill Ave., Woodside. Tickets are \$12-\$20. Go to [twasthenight.org](http://twasthenight.org).

A fairy tale from the Russian forest, set to music by Tchaikovsky and Rimsky-Korsakov, comes to the stage in the Bayer Ballet Company's "**A Winter Fairy Tale**," performed Dec. 14 at 7 p.m., Dec. 15 at 5:30 p.m., and Dec. 16 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 general and \$25 for seniors and students; performances are at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro St. Go to [bayerballetacademy.com](http://bayerballetacademy.com) or call 650-903-6000.

### ARTS & CRAFTS AND EXHIBITS

Palo Alto's **Fibre Arts Design** gallery is holding a design and gift show through Nov. 25, showing such artistic creations as jewelry, ceramics, handbags and clothing in hopes of having them adorn holiday shopping lists. The gallery is open

Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from noon to 4 p.m., at 935 Industrial Ave. Go to [fibreartsdesign.com](http://fibreartsdesign.com) or call 650-485-2121.

Hundreds of Nativity scenes from around the world are on display Dec. 1-5 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. The annual **Christmas creche exhibit** also includes marionette shows and performances by the Menlo Minstrels and other groups. Admission is free to the exhibit, which is open each day from noon to 9 p.m. Go to [christmascreche.org](http://christmascreche.org) or call 650-856-3781.

Recently reopened after its major facelift, the **Palo Alto Art Center** welcomes kids and parents for a free holiday family day from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 2, with hands-on art activities for youngsters ages 5 and up. The center is at 1313 Newell Road in Palo Alto; go to [cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter](http://cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter).

The **Cubberley Artists** open their studios at the Cubberley Community Center at 4000 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto to the public for a free open house. The event is set for Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 650-650-327-2371.

### KIDS AND FAMILIES

The Westwind Community Barn hosts its annual **holiday barn-lighting** on Dec. 2, with cookies and hot cider; children's games, crafts and pony rides; student groups singing; and Pony Club and 4-H members demonstrating horse grooming and management skills. The free event happens from 1 to 4 p.m. at 27210 Altamont Road, Los Altos Hills. Go to [losaltoshills.ca.gov](http://losaltoshills.ca.gov).

Life on the prairie, Yuletide-style, comes to life in Peninsula Youth Theatre's production of "**A Little House Christmas**," presented on the SecondStage at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., on Dec. 7 at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and Dec. 8 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 on Friday and \$10 on Saturday. Go to [pyt.net](http://pyt.net) or call 650-903-6000.

The model trains roll and the LEGO skyscrapers climb in the annual **LEGO and train holiday display** at the Museum of American Heritage at 351 Homer Ave. in Palo Alto. The sweeping display is open Dec. 7 through Jan. 13, Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 general (free for museum members). Go to [moah.org](http://moah.org) or call 650-321-1004.

**Holiday puppet shows** for families are planned at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 8 in the Carriage House at Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Registration is required for the shows, which are put on by Nick Barone Puppets. Tickets are \$15 general and \$10 for garden members. Go to [gamblegarden.org](http://gamblegarden.org) or call 650-329-1356.

### POTPOURRI

The **Filoli** mansion and gardens hosts its annual nine-day "Holiday Traditions" event from Nov. 23 through Dec. 1 at 86 Canada Road in Woodside. Holiday decorations and gifts are planned, along with a holiday shopping evening and a Nov. 24 performance by the Joe Sharino Band. Go to [filoli.org](http://filoli.org) or call 650-364-8300.

A special screening of the 1943 Elizabeth Taylor film "Lassie Come Home" is planned for 7 p.m. Dec. 6 as a **holiday fundraiser** for the Palo Alto Humane Society. Admission is a retro \$2 and includes popcorn and a small drink; the event is at the Aquarius Theatre at 430 Emerson St. in Palo Alto. Call 650-424-1901.

The stately **Rengstorff House** welcomes visitors for its free holiday open house from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 6 at 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd. in Mountain View. The house will be decorated for the season, with refreshments shared and carols sung. Go to [r-house.org](http://r-house.org) or call 650-903-6392.

**Hanukkah:** It's not just for dreidels anymore. Hillel at Stanford hosts "**Light It Up! 'Casino Royale' Style**," a black-tie Hanukkah party for young adults ages 21 and up, starting at 9 p.m. Dec. 8. The event at 565 Mayfield Ave. on campus will include a DJ, dancing, blackjack, food, a bar and even dreidel games; tickets are \$15 online and \$20 at the door. Go to [paloaltojcc.org](http://paloaltojcc.org) or call 650-223-8605.

Los Angeles comedian Avi Liberman headlines the annual evening of comedy and Chinese food known as "**Chopshticks**" starting at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24. He's been on The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson, as well as E! and Comedy Central. "Chopshticks" is at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center at 3921 Fabian Way in Palo Alto; tickets are \$50 general and \$47 for students and JCC members in advance, and \$55 for everyone at the door. Go to [paloaltojcc.org](http://paloaltojcc.org) or call 650-223-8664. ❏

## Décor without dazzle

By Eric Van Susteren

Christmas has come to be associated with spectacle and glitz. With their deep-colored shimmering tinsel, endless strings of dazzlingly bright multi-colored lights, and increasingly (and disturbingly) realistic depictions of playful cherubs and pious seraphim, house and tree decorations may be the worst offenders of the wintertime gaudiness arms race.

Why not try ornaments that are more reserved and subdued? Using soft, tasteful colors and simple and easy-to-create designs, the restrained crafter can make ornaments that keep up with the Jones', but won't induce headaches when looked at.

Nancy Van Susteren has been creating home-made decorations for years; she contributed the following instructions for paper stars:

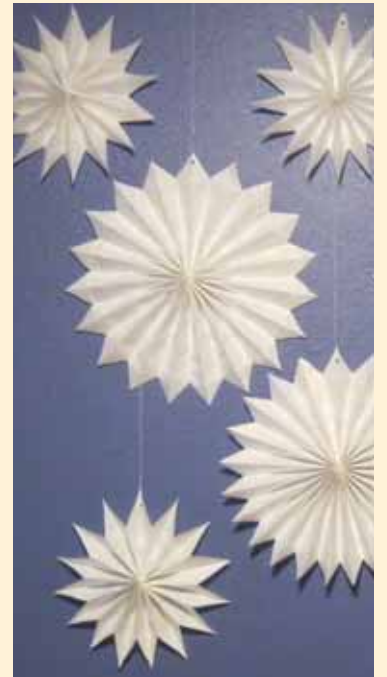
Home-made ornaments can become part of the holiday tradition

### Paper stars

These easy-to-make holiday stars are constructed with paper temporary blinds found at Lowes or Home Depot for less than \$5 each. They filter light nicely and look elegant hanging in front of a window. If allowed to hang freely from a skylight or cathedral ceiling, they will twist and turn gently in the wind.

#### Supplies:

temporary paper blinds  
cutting surface  
straight edge  
box cutter with new cutting blade  
single-hole punch  
hole reinforcements (not shown)  
glue or glue stick  
heavy-duty white thread and needle  
scissors



1. Using a cutting surface (the pictures show a quilt cutting board, but a kitchen cutting board would work, as well), place a straight edge on top of the folded blind at a very sharp or acute angle, and slowly and gently slice through all the layers of folds, a few folds at a time, moving the cut layers out of the way.



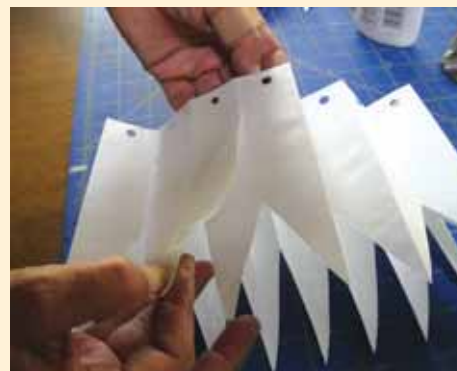
4. Put a thin coat of glue over the entire surface of the half peak you cut in step 2.



7. Hold both ends of string in one hand and gently press the star flat.



2. Cut one peak in half for gluing star together.



5. Roll paper blind into loose cylinder shape and glue half peak to full peak on other end, matching edges so that they form another corresponding peak. If edges don't quite match, trim with scissors.



8. Gently (but snugly) tie the two ends of the string together, and cut the string close to the knot.

Using paper punch, punch hole in one peak or valley, reinforce with a hole reinforcement. Hang and enjoy.

It's important to remember that the length a blind is cut will be half the diameter of the actual star, so a 3-inch cut will make a 6-inch star. Different sized stars have different uses: a small star (3 to 6 inches in diameter) might work well for a Christmas tree ornament, while a larger star could be perfect for hanging in a window.

One blind can make quite a few stars, depending on the size of the blind and the stars. In order for a star to look its best, there should be between two and four times as many "ridges" as the length of the cut. For example, a star with a 3-inch cut (which will make a 6-inch star) would need between six and 12 ridges, plus a half ridge for gluing. That means a single cut could yield two to three smaller stars or a single larger star.



3. Punch holes on bottom, straight edge of star, about a quarter inch from edge and roughly in the middle of the fold a couple of folds at a time. You can use a previous hole as a template to make the hole locations consistent.



6. Thread white heavy-duty thread or light string (using a large needle makes it easier) through all the holes.



■ FOOD FEATURE

## Beer brings people together

SUDS AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT ABOUT AT JANE'S BEER STORE

By Tyler Hanley

A pristine Harley-Davidson motorcycle glimmers in the front window of Jane's Beer Store in Mountain View while rows of bottled beers, ciders and meads rise behind it like sentinels.

The store's founder, Jane Thippavong, used the Harley in a promotional video she posted on Indiegogo, an online funding platform that helped her drum up the financial support she needed to get the shop afloat. Now the bike serves as a symbolic reminder of how public support allowed



MICHELLE LE

**Clockwise from top:** A Harley gleams in the window of Jane's Beer Store; store associate Dustin Cawthorne rings up a customer; a few of the many brews the store carries.



MICHELLE LE

Jane Thipphavong helps a customer in her namesake store.

the beer connoisseur's entrepreneurial dream to become a reality.

"I wanted to build a community beer store," she said. "To give people the opportunity to feel like they were part of the store."

The store itself is something of a beer-lover's paradise, mod-

est in size but well stocked. Shelves stacked with a variety of single-bottle beers make up the store's centerpiece, flanked by two large refrigerated cases on each side. Patrons eager for a diverse selection of brews can create their own six packs or buy single bottles.

Quirky quotes written in

chalk adorn the tops of the refrigerated cases, such as W.C. Fields' tongue-in-cheek comment, "A woman drove me to drink and I didn't even have the decency to thank her." Another quote from an anonymous author exclaims, "I don't get drunk, I get awesome."

A display highlighting holi-

day brews, such as the Bad Elf Winter's Ale (capped with a tiny Santa hat), dwells near the Harley. Meads and ciders are at the rear of the store, as are other beer-related goodies — glassware, coasters and

from New York and Yeastie Boys from New Zealand, to name a few.

Familiar beers like Spaten and Anchor Steam are available, but don't expect to find Coors Light or Budweiser. Fans of non-alcoholic beers will also be disappointed — the store doesn't carry any. The store specializes in craft-style, artisan beers. And while Thipphavong herself favors darker beers, she knows everyone's preference is a little different.

"Beer is all personal taste," she said.

That personal taste might lean more toward lighter, pilsner-style brews like Spaten; medium-colored ales and IPAs (India pale ale); or the darker stouts, a la Guinness. Belgian ales and hop-heavy beers with high alcohol content — such as the Sierra Nevada-produced Hoptimum or Hop Stoopid from Lagunitas Brewing Co. — are also gaining popularity.

There is a warm, comfortable demeanor about the soft-spoken Thipphavong. She was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and went to school in New York before moving to the Bay Area nearly 10 years ago. She said that initially she wanted to

**Don't expect to find Coors Light or Budweiser.**

handcrafted items such as beer soap and bottle-cap earrings.

"Eventually I want to start selling more beer schwag," Thipphavong said. "Right now we're just brimming with beers."

Brimming indeed — Jane's Beer Store carries hundreds of different brews, both domestic and imported. Thipphavong said about half of the domestic brews are from California-based breweries. A sampling of some of the beers available at the store on a recent Wednesday come from as diverse locales as their names might suggest: Dogfish Head from Maryland, Hopageddon from Napa, Three Philosophers

► Continued on next page

**DINNER BY THE MOVIES AT SHORELINE'S Cucina Venti**



1390 Pear Ave., Mountain View  
(650) 254-1120  
www.cucinaventi.com

Hours:  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday  
9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Saturday  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday



It is in this spirit that we will continue sharing our classic recipes with you each week.

**"Sorrento Watermelon" Salad**  
**Cocomero con fichi e rucola**

- Ingredients:**
- Ripe watermelon
  - Feta cheese (full block in brine)
  - Fresh Arugula
  - Fresh figs
  - Sicilian olives

Slice watermelon into a 5" L x 3" W x 1" H rectangle. Cut a 4" x 2" piece of feta cheese into 1" square pieces and place evenly over watermelon slice. Top with a large pinch of arugula and 1/2 sliced whole fig. Pour ribbons of Vidalia onion dressing over salad. Place 4 Sicilian olives around the plate and lightly drizzle olives with extra virgin olive oil to finish dish.

**CLARKE'S**  
 Since 1945  
**CHARCOAL BROILER**  
 THE VOICE OF MOUNTAIN VIEW  
**best of 2011**  
**Voted "Best Burger" for 18 years in a row**  
 as reported in the Mtn. View Voice  
 CLARKEBURGERS ARE CHARCOAL BROILED, NOT GRILLED  
 Breakfast on Weekends  
 Open 7 days for Lunch & Dinner  
**Mountain View • 615 W. El Camino Real • (650) 967-0851**



Dustin Cawthorne stocks beer in the refrigerated cases.

MICHELLE LE

**ShopMountainView.com**  
 Good for Business. Good for You.  
 Good for the Community.

**PENINSULA**

**DINE OUT**

Discover the best places to eat this week!

<p><b>AMERICAN</b></p> <p><b>Armadillo Willy's</b>              941-2922              1031 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos              www.armadillowilys.com</p> <p><b>The Old Pro</b>              326-1446              541 Ramona Street, Palo Alto              www.oldpropa.com</p> <p><b>STEAKHOUSE</b></p> <p><b>Sundance the Steakhouse</b>              321-6798              1921 El Camino Real, Palo Alto              www.sundance牛排house.com</p>	<p><b>CHINESE</b></p> <p><b>Chef Chu's</b>              948-2696              1067 N. San Antonio Road              www.chefchu.com</p> <p><b>Ming's</b>              856-7700              1700 Embarcadero East, Palo Alto              www.mings.com</p> <p><b>New Tung Kee Noodle House</b>              947-8888              520 Showers Drive, Mountain View              www.shopmountainview.com/luunoodlemv</p>
---	---

Read and post reviews, explore restaurant menus, get hours and directions and more at ShopPaloAlto, ShopMenloPark and ShopMountainView

powered by **ShopPaloAlto.com** **ShopMenloPark.com** **ShopMountainView.com**

▶ Continued from previous page

start a beer-oriented, speak-easy-style bar that she and her friends could enjoy. But funding challenges forced her to take a different route, and soon the idea for Jane's Beer Store was percolating. Thippavong, who said she has done a fair amount of home-brewing with a friend, is consistently expanding her knowledge of the craft and enjoys sampling various beers when venturing outside of the Bay Area.

"I've always made it a point in my travels to visit different breweries," she said.

Her store opened in June but she said it is still "in open house mode," with an official grand opening expected in the coming months. Thippavong, who also works at NASA, is discovering new difficulties and benefits in owning the store, such hiring the right staff. She still considers her affection for beer a hobby, albeit a hobby that has evolved.

"There are many hats you wear being a small business owner," she said. "When you're young you 'play store.' This is the adult version."

The personal touch Thippavong brings to the store is evident as she talks to customers about different ales and stouts they might find enticing. And the community undertone is clear as she points out wooden coasters made by a staff member's father and beer glasses etched by Thippavong herself. Back by the Harley, a plaque hangs on the wall as a thank you to those whose contributions were paramount to the store's opening.

"(Community) embodies the spirit of the store I was trying to create," she said. ▣

**INFO**

**Jane's Beer Store**  
 720 Villa St., Mountain View  
 650-440-JANE (5263)



Bottles of India pale ale line one of the shelves.

MICHELLE LE

## MOVIE TIMES

All showtimes are for Friday through Sunday only unless otherwise noted. For other times, as well as reviews and trailers, go to [mv-voice.com/movies](http://mv-voice.com/movies).

<b>A Royal Affair (R) ★★★1/2</b>	<b>Guild Theatre:</b> 2, 5 & 8:15 p.m.
<b>Anna Karenina (R)</b>	<b>Aquarius Theatre:</b> 1, 2:30, 4, 5:30, 7, 8:30 & 9:55 p.m.
<b>Argo (R) ★★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 12:20, 3:40, 7:20 & 10:30 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 12:55, 3:50, 6:45 & 9:30 p.m.
<b>Bon Jovi (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> Tue. at 8 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> Tue. at 8 p.m.
<b>Chasing Mavericks (PG) ★★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 20:</b> 5:50 p.m.
<b>Chip Off the Old Block (1944)</b>	<b>Stanford Theatre:</b> Wed. & Thu. at 6:05 & 9:30 p.m.
<b>Crazy House (1943)</b>	<b>Stanford Theatre:</b> Fri. at 6 & 8:55 p.m.
<b>Flight (R) ★★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 11:30 a.m.; 3:10, 6:50 & 10:25 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 11:25 a.m.; 2:30, 5:35 & 8:40 p.m.
<b>Follow the Boys (1944)</b>	<b>Stanford Theatre:</b> Wed. & Thu. at 7:30 p.m.
<b>Life of Pi (PG)</b>	<b>Century 20:</b> 11:40 a.m. & 8:40 p.m.; In 3D at 10:40 a.m.; 12:40, 1:40, 2:40, 3:40, 4:40, 6:40, 7:40, 9:40 & 10:40 p.m. <b>Palo Alto Square:</b> 5:30 & 8:30 p.m.; In 3D at 1, 4 & 7 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 2:30 p.m.; In 3D Fri. & Sat. also at 10 p.m.
<b>Lincoln (PG-13) ★★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 11 a.m.; 12:50, 3, 4:30, 7, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 10:50 a.m.; 12:20, 2:10, 3:35, 5:45, 6:55, 9:05 & 10:15 p.m.
<b>The Metropolitan Opera: The Tempest</b>	<b>Century 20:</b> Wed. at 6:30 p.m. <b>Palo Alto Square:</b> Wed. at 6:30 p.m.
<b>Miracle on 34th Street (1947)</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> Wed. at 2 & 7 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> Wed. at 2 & 7 p.m.
<b>Netherlands Dance Theatre: An Evening with Kylian/Inger/Wal-erski</b>	<b>Century 20:</b> Sun. at noon; Tue. at 7 p.m. <b>Palo Alto Square:</b> Sun. at noon; Tue. at 7 p.m.
<b>The Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13) ★★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10:30 a.m.; 1:20, 3:50, 6:40 & 9:30 p.m.
<b>Phantom Lady (1944)</b>	<b>Stanford Theatre:</b> Sat. & Sun. at 5:50 & 9:05 p.m.
<b>Red Dawn (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10:40 a.m.; 1:30, 4:50, 7:50 & 10:40 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8 & 10:30 p.m.
<b>Rise of the Guardians (PG)</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10 a.m.; 1, 4, 7 & 10:05 p.m.; In 3D at 10:50 a.m.; 2, 5, 8 & 10:45 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 10:55 a.m.; 1:25, 3:55, 6:25 & 8:55 p.m.; In 3D at 12:30, 3, 5:25, 7:55 & 10:25 p.m.
<b>The Scarlet Claw (1944)</b>	<b>Stanford Theatre:</b> Fri. at 7:30 p.m.
<b>The Sessions (R) ★★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 11:20 a.m.; 1:50, 4:40, 7:50 & 10:20 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 11:50 a.m.; 2:40, 5:05, 7:30 & 9:55 p.m.
<b>Silver Linings Playbook (R)</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10 a.m.; 12:45, 4:05, 7:40 & 10:45 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 11:30 a.m.; 2:15, 5, 7:45 & 10:35 p.m.
<b>Skyfall (PG-13) ★★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10 & 11 a.m.; 1:40, 2:40, 5:20, 6:10, 9:10 & 9:50 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 11 a.m.; 12:45, 2:20, 4, 5:30, 7:20, 8:45 & 10:30 p.m.
<b>Star Trek: The Next Generation - A Celebration of Season 2 (PG)</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> Thu. at 7 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> Thu. at 7 p.m. <b>Palo Alto Square:</b> Thu. at 7 p.m.
<b>The Suspect (1944)</b>	<b>Stanford Theatre:</b> Sat. & Sun. at 4:15 & 7:30 p.m.
<b>The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 ★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10:20 & 11:10 a.m.; 1:20, 2:10, 4:20, 5:20, 7:30, 8:50 & 10:40 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 10:30, 11:10 & 11:45 a.m.; 1:20, 2, 2:35, 3:25, 4:20, 4:55, 5:15, 6:20, 7:15, 7:50, 8:25, 9:15, 10:10 & 10:45 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 12:25 p.m.
<b>Wreck-It Ralph (PG) ★★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10:10 a.m.; 1:10, 2:50, 4:10, 7:10, 9:20 & 10:10 p.m.; In 3D at 11:50 a.m. & 6:10 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 11:15 a.m.; 12:05, 1:50, 2:45, 4:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:50 & 10:45 p.m.; In 3D at 5:20 p.m.

★ Skip it  
★★ Some redeeming qualities  
★★★ A good bet  
★★★★ Outstanding

For show times, plot synopses, trailers and more movie info, visit [www.mv-voice.com](http://www.mv-voice.com) and click on movies.



## 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 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.

### FLIGHT

★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Director Robert Zemeckis typically invokes cinematic technique ranging on spectacle, and "Flight"



Daniel Craig in "Skyfall."

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.

### LINCOLN ★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Spielberg's "Lincoln" — which focuses on Lincoln's tragically shortened second term in office, the conclusion of the Civil War and the president's fight to pass the 13th Amendment (abolishing slavery) — plays a bit like a \$50 million history lesson. And while that's a boon for history buffs, the pacing suffers sporadically. Still, Spielberg and his team (including an A-list cast that features a spotlight-stealing performance by Tommy Lee Jones) deserve a wealth of credit for embracing a monumental task and succeeding admirably. The film follows Lincoln (Day-Lewis) as he seeks to outlaw slavery and, thus, end the bloody Civil War. Lincoln juggles nation-changing decisions with personal-life issues: his wife Mary's (Sally Field) debilitating migraines, his older son Robert's (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) military ambitions and his young son Tad's (Gulliver McGrath) upbringing. Day-Lewis captures Lincoln as well as any actor could. From his vocal inflections to his mannerisms, it's clear he truly immersed himself in the difficult role. But it's Jones' performance that lends the film the vibrant spark it needed and would not have otherwise had. Four score and seven years from now, Spielberg's "Lincoln" may well be considered the most accurate and honest film ever made about the 16th president. *Rated PG-13 for intense scenes of war violence, brief strong language and some images of carnage. 2 hours, 29 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.

### THE SESSIONS

★★★

(Century 20) 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

► Continued on next page

## MOVIE OPENINGS

### A Royal Affair ★★1/2

(Guild) The new historical drama "A Royal Affair" helps us to remember what should be obvious: History is in the making every day, in cycles of doomed repetition. Just ask David Petraeus.

The red meat that Petraeus has provided to ravenous media outlets has created a feeding frenzy, one that reduces a man's worth to unpleasant but commonplace sexual missteps. Yes, the mighty fall easily, but at least Petraeus doesn't have it as bad as Count Johann Friedrich Struensee of Denmark, who had the poor form to fall in love with a married queen.

Denmark's official Oscar submission for Best Foreign Language Film transports audiences to 1766 Copenhagen, where a freshly acquired British princess becomes Queen Caroline Matilda (Alicia Vikander) to King Christian VII (Mikkel Boe Følsgaard). A hopeful innocent, the teen queen quickly discovers she's incompatible with her demonstrably spoiled-childish husband, who drinks, whores and lives on the edge of insanity.

That last concern allows a couple of rejected courtiers to regain favor, by presenting their candidate for the job of personal physician to the king. This is Struensee (Mads Mikkelsen of "Casino Royale"), the only doctor who manages, with irreverence and good humor, to insinuate himself with the wanton Christian. As a canny social mover, Struensee observes and listens to the affairs of state and swiftly recognizes that the addled king has all but ceded authority to the council of state, full up with self-satisfied power brokers who rule as they see fit.

Meanwhile, Matilda strikes up a friendship with Struensee, and in spite of better judgement, their spark of chemistry catches fire. Though the affair should make the couple more fearful, it seems to embolden them to pursue their common political



Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart in "Breaking Dawn, Part 2."

aim of a progressive Denmark. If the council of state can effectively usurp sovereign power, Struensee reasons, why not him, on behalf of Enlightenment idealists?

It's a dangerous game, on political and personal levels, with incredibly high stakes: the fate of a country and the livelihoods and lives of those who could be accused of treason for legislatively and sexually circumventing the king. Working from Bodil Steensen-Leth's novel "Prinsesse af blodet," director Nikolaj Arcel (who scripted the Danish film of "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo") and co-writer Rasmus Heisterberg nimbly steer the narrative, keeping the characters' ambitious and romantic motivations clear and relatable.

And of course, "A Royal Affair" supplements its palace intrigue with the good old-fashioned pull of romance and costume drama. Though narrator Caroline Matilda somewhat comes off as a swoony zero, Vikander is never less than believable. Certainly the stage actor Følsgaard keeps Christian colorful, and Mikkelsen's magnetism and sly expression hold the film's center with a quiet potency.

Ultimately, the exhilaration

of new love and political action contends with the audience's dreadful certainty that the truth will out and devastate these characters, giving "A Royal Affair" a productive tension that insures its history lesson will not be forgotten.

*Rated R for sexual content and some violent images. Two hours, 17 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

### The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 2 ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) A misty tree line by a river. Rising peaks. A waterfall. A CGI wolf. Heavenly shades of night are falling: It's "Twilight" time ... again.

What to say about this franchise juggernaut that hasn't already been said? If you're still an "undecided voter" when it comes to "Twilight," slowly back away from the polls. But for those millions who will be compelled to watch the tension-deprived wrap-up episode "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 2" (wrap-up, that is, until the inevitable spinoffs), nothing I say will keep them away, and the vast majority of that contingent will find this unabashedly

sentimental valedictory both satisfying and heartwarming.

And that's always been the raison d'être of "The Twilight Saga." Like any romance-novel narrative, its job is to tease, stoke, withhold and finally deliver on the audience's desires. Add in vampires and werewolves and psychics (oh my!), and you get a blockbuster franchise with "crossover" tolerance if not crossover appeal.

"Part 2" of "Breaking Dawn" picks up the very second "Part 1" left off (spoiler alert for newbies): with Bella (Kristen Stewart) freshly "turned" and ready to explore life as a vamp and a mother to newborn human-vampire-hybrid Renesmee (played first by weird-lookin' CGI and later by Mackenzie Foy). Taking a cue from superhero cinema, returning screenwriter Melissa Rosenberg and returning director Bill Condon carve out some time for Bella's exhilarating discovery of her new powers and sensual vividness, under the watchful guidance of husband Edward (Robert Pattinson).

Feminists get tossed a bone here. At last an empowered Bella can take care of herself (and others), prompting the ever-courtly Edward to confess, "I've had a bad habit of underestimating

you." But there's still something inherently regressive about Stephenie Meyer's novels and their attendant films. Bella continues to fit snugly into the Vampire Barbie mold: last time with her just-so forest wedding, this time with "honeymoon period" sex accessorized by a conspicuous close-up of her morally approving ring-bling, as well as a tour of her new house that briefly, blithely turns the movie into an "Architectural Digest" vodcast. Call it "Lifestyles of the Rich and Bloodless."

Hunky, impulsive werewolf Jacob (Tyler Lautner) continues to hang around, get in fights, make wry comments and offer soulful love, now directed at li'l Renesmee, on whom Jacob has ferally imprinted (but it's not at all skeezy, honest). The film's plot, such as it is, concerns the troublesome existence of Renesmee, who becomes a target of the pimped-out Roman vampire contingent known as the Volturi (Michael Sheen excels with his hilariously overripe performance as Volturi leader Aro).

And so, again, vampires train to fight, leading to a climactic battle that marks a have-it-both-ways semi-departure from Meyer's novel. This ponderous, protracted and finally propulsive confrontation will have non-believers checking their watches, then dropping their jaws. Can I just say? Nothing says romance like multiple beheadings.

And there's the rub. "Twilight" has always been borderline comical in its moments of greatest sincerity, and that hasn't changed in this ungainly, awkwardly paced, insularly fan-friendly installment (which ends with a "curtain call" for the entire "Saga" cast). Any similarity to actual persons, living or undead, is entirely coincidental.

*Rated PG-13 for sequences of violence including disturbing images, sensuality and partial nudity. One hour, 55 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

► Continued from previous page

story inspirational ... but it helps. *Rated R for strong sexuality including graphic nudity and frank dialogue. One hour, 35 minutes.*—P.C.

### SKYFALL ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) In this 23rd official Bond film, the most conspicuously repeated word is "game," the most dangerous of which Bond typically is, pursues or plays. Directed by Oscar winner Sam Mendes "Skyfall" finds Daniel Craig's Bond musing aloud to Judi Dench's M, "We're both played out," and, soon thereafter, once more striding tux-clad into a house of games. The film's most satisfying scenes

are the multiple rounds of verbal jousting: between Bond and "M"; Bond and "Q" (Ben Whishaw); Bond and fellow agent Eve (Naomie Harris); Bond and exotic beauty Severine (Berenice Lim Marlohe); and, of course, Bond and super-baddie Raoul Silva (Javier Bardem). Under Mendes' sensitive direction, Craig and company play each of these duets as a kind of seduction, Bond's specialty. "Skyfall" isn't a deep film. But this Bond proves elegantly designed and constructed, making it as classy as they've come over the last half-century. It's fair to say that "Skyfall" both ruthlessly rips off the tales of other iconic characters (Sherlock Holmes, the Dark Knight) and puts into play most of the classic Bond tropes as the picture deconstructs and reconstructs

his universe. Bond makes a crack about "the circle of life," and indeed the series remains destined to retrace its steps, making the tracks just a bit deeper each time around. Mendes manages Bond's most haunted outing yet, captured in the image of his lone Aston Martin wending its way through a vast highland landscape, back to the world of hurt that long ago sent him running into the spy game. *Rated PG-13 for intense violent sequences, some sexuality, language and smoking. 2 hours, 23 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.

# GoingsOn

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

■ HIGHLIGHT

## CHADE-MENG TAN, GOOGLE'S 'JOLLY GOOD FELLOW'

Chade-Meng Tan is a Google pioneer, an award-winning engineer, a New York Times bestselling author, a thought leader and a philanthropist. Register for guaranteed seating here: <https://www.onlineregistrationcenter.com/register.asp?m=269&c=9> Nov. 29, 6-7:30 p.m. Cubberley Auditorium, 485 Lasuen Mall, Stanford.

## ART GALLERIES

**'Cuban at Heart: A Photographic Exhibition'** Foothill College presents "Cuban at Heart: A Photographic Exhibition," which captures the magnetic pull of the Cuban people -- their warmth, openness, and resourcefulness -- as photographed by 16 Foothill College photography students and their instructor. Admission is free; parking is \$3. Nov. 28-Jan. 16, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Krause Center for Innovation Gallery at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7082. [cubanatheart.wordpress.com/](http://cubanatheart.wordpress.com/)

**'Full Color' by Karen White** Award-winning plein air artist and Palo Alto resident Karen White brings "Full Color" to Viewpoints Gallery in November. White is noted for her use of vivid color in her landscapes and florals. Nov. 6-Dec. 1, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. [www.viewpointsgallery.com](http://www.viewpointsgallery.com)

**'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)

**Barbara von Haunalter: 'Nature's Paintbox'** The Portola Art Gallery presents "Nature's Paintbox," landscape paintings in watercolor by Barbara von Haunalter. The exhibit features plein air work created in and around the Bay Area. Not open Sunday. Nov. 1-30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free Portola Art Gallery, Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. Call 650-321-0220. [www.portolaartgallery.com](http://www.portolaartgallery.com)

**Peter Stucky, Glass and Sculpture** Smith Andersen Editions is pleased to announce: "A Consciousness of the Human Kind," an installation by local artist Peter Stucky. The exhibit will run from Nov. 10-Dec. 12. Open Wed-Sat from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Smith Andersen Editions, 440 Pepper Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-327-7762.

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**'Behind the Scene' of a Musical Composition** Behind every musical work stands the person who authored it - the composer. Most people have heard of the legendary Mozart, Beethoven or Brahms, and may be even familiar with some of their works, but many people have never actually met a living composer. Nov. 29-Dec. 13, 7-8:15 p.m. Pre-registration \$20/ class, or \$25 individual class. Congregation Etz Chayim, 4161 Alma St., Palo Alto. [www.nuritjuggend.com/A/Behind\\_the\\_Scene\\_of\\_a\\_Musical\\_Composition.html](http://www.nuritjuggend.com/A/Behind_the_Scene_of_a_Musical_Composition.html)

**Breathing for Longevity, Love and Livelihood** A morning exploring breathing skills and the science of breath. Breathing tools to use any time, any place for vitality and happiness. Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$31. Common Ground Garden Supply and Education, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072. [breathingforlongevityloveandlivelihood.eventbrite.com/](http://breathingforlongevityloveandlivelihood.eventbrite.com/)

**Christmas Wreaths** A class that teaches students to make a permanent Christmas wreath. There will be a variety of materials to decorate a wreath for the Holiday season. A \$20 materials fee is due to the instructor at the class. Dec. 1, 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$30/\$39. Arrillaga Family Rec. Center, 700 Alma St., Menlo Park. [www.menlopark.org/registration](http://www.menlopark.org/registration)

**Dance Workshop** International Dance Festival-Silicon Valley presents Winter Workshop I, Nov. 20-Dec. 11. Each of four Tuesday class sessions includes contemporary technique, repertory, comp\$mprov. Workshop led by internationally acclaimed dancer/choreographer Leslie Friedman. Nov. 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$60 reg by Nov 13 /\$72. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-4110. [www.livelyfoundation.org](http://www.livelyfoundation.org)

**eBook Drop-In Center** Those interested in checking out eBooks from the Palo Alto City Library can visit the eBook drop-in center for informal sessions to ask questions and get help.

On the first Friday of each month, Oct-Dec, 3-5 p.m. Downtown Library, 270 Forest Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2436. [www.cityofpaloalto.org/library](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/library)

**Zoom In Video Production Workshop** Nov/Dec 2012 Session: Nov. 29, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. - Camera Lighting Producing; Nov. 30, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Edit w/ Final Cut, Camera; Dec. 1 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Camera; Dec. 7 6-10 p.m. Edit and Publish. \$145 for Workshop to produce video (\$75 Additional 6 mos. Membership/equip/mentors). Midpeninsula Community Media Center Media, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 50-494-8686 ext 11. [www.midpenmedia.org](http://www.midpenmedia.org)

## CLUBS/MEETINGS

**Model Railroad Club Open House** The West Bay Model Railroad Association holds monthly open houses the fourth Wednesday of every month, and the club is currently seeking new members who are interested in model railroading, regardless of their skill level in the hobby. Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m. Free. West Bay Model Railroad Association, 1090 Merrill St., Menlo Park. Call 650-322-0685. [wbmra.ning.com](http://wbmra.ning.com)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Deborah's Palm Holiday Bazaar** The bazaar features hand-crafted gifts such as jewelry, knitted items, food, ornaments, photographs and cards. We will have wreath making, strolling minstrels and refreshments for all. Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Deborah's Palm, 555 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-473-0664. [www.deborahspalm.org](http://www.deborahspalm.org)

**Gourmet Vegetarian Dinners** The Peninsula Macrobiotic Community serves a Gourmet Vegetarian Dinner every Monday (except holidays), 6:30 pm. Full vegan meal includes soup, grain, beans or bean products, vegetables, desert, and beverage. Friendly, communal seating. Lecture monthly. Nov. 5-Dec. 17, 6:30-8 p.m. \$15. First Baptist Church, 305 N. California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-599-3320. [peninsulamacro.org](http://peninsulamacro.org)

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Drive** JJ& F Market, Miki's Farm Fresh and Rick's Ice Cream are the "food drop off sites" that participants can visit to donate food items. Filled food bags go directly to PA residents. Volunteers and funds donations are also needed. Nov. 9-Dec. 15, Midtoghwn Court Neighbors, Various Locations in Palo Alto, Palo Alto. Call 650-283-9910.t

## CONCERTS

**California Bach Society: Christmas in Antwerp and Amsterdam** The California Bach Society, under the direction of Paul Flight, presents Christmas in Antwerp and Amsterdam: delightful carols and exquisite motets by 16th and 17th century Dutch and Flemish composers. A lively consort of viols, recorders, and lute joins the 30-voice chamber chorus. Dec. 1, 8-10 p.m. \$30 (discounts for advance purchase, seniors, and students). All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 650-485-1097. [www.calbach.org](http://www.calbach.org)

**Haydn and His Students V** Main feature is Beethoven's famous Quartet in Bb, Op. 130. The fifth movement of this work, which the composer considered his best ever, appears on the 'golden record' the Voyager probes sent to outer space in 1977. Nov. 25, 4-6 p.m. \$25 (discounts for seniors and students). All Saints' Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 415-520-0611. [www.newesterhazy.org](http://www.newesterhazy.org)

**Paly Choirs 10th Annual Madrigal Feaste** Attendees join the Paly Choirs, directed by Mr. Michael Najjar and Ms. Monica Covitt, for a celebration of food, cheer and merriment, surrounded by music and costumes of the 16th century. Dec. 1-2, 2-3:30 p.m. Kings \$80 Nobility \$60 Gentry \$40 Seniors, Students, Paly Staff \$15 Palo Alto High Small Gym, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. [palmadrigals.com](http://palmadrigals.com)

**Peninsula Women's Chorus: 'Star of**

**Wonder' Concert 1** "Star of Wonder" features a collection of music from around the world -- from Penderecki to the French Baroque to the U.S. premiere of "Star-Crossed" by Filipino composer Saunder Choi. Dec. 8, 2:30 p.m. \$25 general/\$30 premium/\$10 18 and under. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. [www.pwchorus.org](http://www.pwchorus.org)

**Peninsula Women's Chorus: 'Star of Wonder' Concert 2** "Star of Wonder" features a collection of music from around the world -- from Penderecki to the French Baroque to the U.S. premiere of "Star-Crossed" by Filipino composer Saunder Choi. Includes post-concert holiday sing along. Dec. 15, 4 p.m. \$25 general/\$30 premium/\$10 18 and under. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. [www.pwchorus.org](http://www.pwchorus.org)

## DANCE

**Social Ballroom Dancing** Attendees can come dance the Friday after Thanksgiving at the Cubberley Center Pavilion. Lessons at 8 p.m. are beginning and intermediate East Coast Swing, followed by general dancing from 9 to 12 p.m. \$9 cover includes refreshments. Nov. 23, Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-395-8847. [www.fridayatthepav.com](http://www.fridayatthepav.com)

**Thanksgiving Contra Dance** Thanksgiving Desert Potluck Caller: Eric Black Band: The Newtws (Chris Knepper, Noel Craigg and guest Rich Scher from LA). Free Beginners Class 7:30-8 p.m. Nov. 24, 8-11 p.m. \$10, Members \$8 Students \$5. 1st Church Palo Alto 2Fl, 625 Hamilton St., Palo Alto. [www.bacds.org/series/contra/palo\\_alto](http://www.bacds.org/series/contra/palo_alto)

## EXHIBITS

**'Playing Grown-Up: Toys from the Harry P. Costa Collection'** This exhibition will explore toys from the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s that allowed children to mimic the activities of adults. Toys will include an antique pedal fire truck and airplane, Tonka work trucks, and an electric 1929 Lionel Stove & Oven. Feb. 14-Dec. 31, Tues.-Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 adults, \$3 seniors/students, free for children 5 & under, free for association members. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. Call 650-299-0104. [www.historysmc.org](http://www.historysmc.org)

**Harmony: A fine art photography exhibit** This exhibit presents the work of MJ Otte, Leah K. Read, Frank Ludolph and S. Pierraci from September 6 through December 3. Open reception with the photographers and Richard Dischler on Saturday, October 20 from 3pm to 6pm. Exhibit shows through Dec. 3, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. none Peking Duck Restaurant, 151 S. California Ave., Palo Alto.

**Stanford Art Spaces Stanford University** Cuba 2012: American Photographers in Havana - exhibit from Nov. 16, 2012-Jan. 17, 2013. Reception - Nov. 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Paul G. Allen building on the Stanford University campus. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Stanford Art Spaces, 420 Via Palou, Stanford. Call 650-725-3622. [cis.stanford.edu/~marigros](http://cis.stanford.edu/~marigros)

**The Christmas Creche Exhibit** "Good Tidings of Great Joy." Attendees can celebrate the birth of the Christ Child with more than 350 nativities from around the world in artistic settings with live holiday music. Evening concerts daily at 7 p.m. and at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Marionette Show for children plays daily at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Dec. 1-5, 12-9 p.m. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [christmascreche.org](http://christmascreche.org)

## FAMILY AND KIDS

**Afterschool Special: Build It and They Will Come!** Play with Legos, Tinker Toys, Lincoln Logs, and other fun building materials at the Kid's Choice Afterschool Special on Nov. 28, at 3:30 p.m. Registration is required: <http://califa.evanced.info/paloalto/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=45853:30> p.m. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St., Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4962. [www.cityofpaloalto.org/library](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/library)

## Holiday party at Allied Arts Guild

Children's Holiday Party at the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park, which benefits the Packard Children's Hospital. Two children's authors reading from their stories and selling their books. A puppet show from Magical Moonshine Theater, Heather's Magic Show, a visit from Santa and juice and cookies. Dec. 2, 12:30-3 p.m. \$25 per person attending. Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor at Cambridge, Menlo Park. Call 650-854-4171. [alliedartsguild.org](http://alliedartsguild.org)

## HEALTH

**Lunch N Learn: Lung Cancer Screening** Speaker: Elwyn Cabebe, MD, Hematology/Oncology During Lung Cancer Awareness Month, attendees join Elwyn Cabebe, MD, Hematology/Oncology for a conversation on lung cancer and the importance of knowing risk and screening options. The Lunch N' Learn series is open to everyone and will include a 45-minute lecture and 15 minutes of Q&A. Nov. 28, 12:30-1:30 p.m. El Camino Hospital, Conference Room G, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View.

## LIVE MUSIC

**Live John Blues Boyd at Moroccos Restaurant Mountain View** John Boyd is one on word: blues. He will play with his five-piece band. Nov. 30, 5-11 p.m. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. [www.moroccosrestaurant.com](http://www.moroccosrestaurant.com)

**Ragazzi: Welcome Winter/Winter Solstice** Welcome Winter/Winter Solstice continues the Ragazzi Boys Chorus tradition of mixing music from many different cultures, with songs that celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Native American culture, and more in a musical expression of unification through song. Dec. 1, 5 p.m. \$10-27. First Congregational Church, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto. [www.ragazzi.org](http://www.ragazzi.org)

**University singers** Dr. Robert Huw Morgan directs the University Singers' program of unaccompanied choral music from Europe. Nov. 28, 8-10 p.m. general \$10 | student \$5 | senior \$9. Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-3811. [events.stanford.edu/events/337/33757/](http://events.stanford.edu/events/337/33757/)

## RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

**University Public Worship** Each week the University Public Worship includes preaching from a different reverend or rabbi; music by University Organist, Dr. Robert Huw Morgan and the Memorial Church Choir. Sundays, Nov. 11-Dec. 30, 10-11 a.m. Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-1762. [events.stanford.edu/events/333/33389](http://events.stanford.edu/events/333/33389)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Annual Artist Sample Sale** Handmade items, including scarves, eco-friendly bags and quilts, baskets, pottery, artwork and art supplies, cups, yarn, bowls, wallets and more. Nov. 17-27, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Fibre Arts Design, 935 Industrial Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-646-9221. [www.fibreartsdesign.com](http://www.fibreartsdesign.com)

**Garden Club of Palo Alto's 'Holiday Affaire'** A winter marketplace with fresh flower arrangements, wreaths, paper whites, previously used holiday decorations, jams and jellies and more. Dec. 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. No entry fee, open to the public. First Presbyterian Church, 1140 Cowper St., Palo Alto. [www.gardenclubof-paloalto.org](http://www.gardenclubof-paloalto.org)

## TALKS/AUTHORS

**An Evening with Anita Moorjani** Attendees spend the evening with bestselling author Anita Moorjani as she speaks about her near-death experience and the lessons she learned. Diagnosed with cancer in 2006, she was given only hours to live when she fell into a coma and entered another dimension. Nov. 26, 7-9 p.m. Sofia University, 1057 East Meadow Circle, Palo Alto. Call 888-96-SOFIA. [www.sofia.edu/calendar.php](http://www.sofia.edu/calendar.php)

**Free Introductory TM Lectures** Free Introductory Lectures to the Transcendental Meditation Technique every Wednesday at noon and 8 p.m. Transcendental Meditation Center, 1101 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-8800.

**Humanist Community Forum** The poetry forum (hosted by Sena Havasy) is an opportunity for all who wish to read their own poetry or just poetry they would enjoy sharing. Nov. 25, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Palo Alto High School Student Center, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-964-7576. [www.humanists.org/blog/home/](http://www.humanists.org/blog/home/)

**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)

**Sasha Lilley: Catastrophism** The times are riven by catastrophe: global economic crisis, climate change, floods, fires, droughts, and hurricanes. Predictions of impending doom abound. Across the political spectrum, a culture of fear reigns. Catastrophism explores the politics of apocalypse. Nov. 29, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Social Hall, First Baptist Church, 305 N. California Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-326-8837. [www.peaceandjustice.org/article.php?story=Sasha\\_Lilley\\_Nov\\_29](http://www.peaceandjustice.org/article.php?story=Sasha_Lilley_Nov_29)

**SLAC, Celebrating 50 Years of Scientific Discovery** For five decades, SLAC has been home to cutting-edge facilities where scientists uncover mysteries on the smallest and largest scales - from the workings of the atom to the enigmas of the cosmos. Attendees will hear how SLAC helped define the science of today, and will enable the science of the future. Nov. 29, 7-8 p.m. \$10-15. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [www.commonwealthclub.org/events](http://www.commonwealthclub.org/events)

**The Future of American Israeli Relations, with Consul Gen. Andy David** A conversation with Andy David, the new Consul General of Israel to the Pacific Northwest. Nov. 29, 7:30-9 p.m. \$5. Oshman Family JCC, Conference Room F401 (4th floor above the theater), 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [www.paloaltojcc.org/events/2012/11/29/classes-workshops-lectures/the-future-of-american-israeli-relations-a-conversation-with-israeli-consul-andy-david/](http://www.paloaltojcc.org/events/2012/11/29/classes-workshops-lectures/the-future-of-american-israeli-relations-a-conversation-with-israeli-consul-andy-david/)

**Tim Ferriss, Author of The 4-Hour Series featuring the New "The 4-Hour Chef"** The author of New York Times best-sellers The "4-Hour Workweek" and The "4-Hour Body," Ferriss is on a one-man mission to make people more effective in everything they do in the office, the gym and the kitchen. Join us as this jack of all trades schools us in the ways of chedfom and living life like a pro. Nov. 29, 7-8 p.m. \$12-20. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2012-11-29/tim-ferriss-4-hour-chef-sv](http://www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2012-11-29/tim-ferriss-4-hour-chef-sv)

## 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 free 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)

**Now Recruiting Outdoor Education Leaders** There are volunteer opportunities with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. It involves working as part of a team and leading third through fifth grade students on field trips at the David C. Daniels Nature Center. Those interested can submit an interest form now to be included in the upcoming training. Through Feb. 12, Free [www.openspace.org/volunteer/volunteer.asp](http://www.openspace.org/volunteer/volunteer.asp)

### PLACE AN AD

**ONLINE**  
fogster.com

**E-MAIL**  
ads@fogster.com

**PHONE**  
650/326-8216

Now you can log on to **fogster.com**, day or night and get your ad started immediately online. Most listings are free and include a one-line free print ad in our Peninsula newspapers with the option of photos and additional lines. Exempt are employment ads, which include a web listing charge. Home Services and Mind & Body Services require contact with a Customer Sales Representative.

So, the next time you have an item to sell, barter, give away or buy, get the perfect combination: print ads in your local newspapers, reaching more than 150,000 readers, and unlimited free web postings reaching hundreds of thousands additional people!!

### INDEX

- **BULLETIN BOARD**  
100-199
- **FOR SALE**  
200-299
- **KIDS STUFF**  
330-399
- **MIND & BODY**  
400-499
- **JOBS**  
500-599
- **BUSINESS SERVICES**  
600-699
- **HOME SERVICES**  
700-799
- **FOR RENT/  
FOR SALE  
REAL ESTATE**  
800-899
- **PUBLIC/LEGAL  
NOTICES**  
995-997

The publisher waives any and all claims or consequential damages due to errors. Embarcadero Media cannot assume responsibility for the claims or performance of its advertisers. Embarcadero Media has the right to refuse, edit or reclassify any ad solely at its discretion without prior notice.

**fogster.com** is a unique website offering **FREE** postings from communities throughout the Bay Area and an opportunity for your ad to appear in the Palo Alto Weekly, The Almanac and the Mountain View Voice.

## Bulletin Board

### 115 Announcements

Bird Sitting  
FREE Bathroom Vanity  
Spring Down Horse Show  
Stanford music tutoring

### 130 Classes & Instruction

**Attend College Online**  
100%. \*Medical, \*Business, \*Criminal Justice, \*Hospitality, \*Web. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial Aid if qualified. SCHEV authorized. Call 888-210-5162 www.CenturaOnline.com (Cal-SCAN)

**Aviation Maintenance Tech**  
Airline Careers begin here - FAA approved training. Financial assistance available. Job placement assistance. CALL Aviation Institute of Maintenance 888-242-3382. (Cal-SCAN)

German language class  
**Instruction for Hebrew**  
Bar and Bat Mitzvah  
For Affiliated and Unaffiliated  
George Rubin, M.A. in  
Hebrew/Jewish Education  
650/424-1940

### 133 Music Lessons

**A Piano Teacher**  
Children and Adults  
Ema Currier, 650/493-4797

**Barton-Holding Music Studio**  
Accepting new students for private vocal lessons. All levels. Call Laura Barton, 650/965-0139

**Hope Street Music Studios**  
In downtown Mtn.View. Most Instruments voice. All ages & levels 650-961-2192 www.HopeStreetMusicStudios.com

**Jazz & Pop Piano Lessons**  
Learn how to build chords and improvise. Bill Susman, M.A., Stanford. (650)906-7529

Music lessons for children

**Piano Lessons in your home**  
Children and adults. Christina Conti, B.M. 15+ yrs exp. 650/493-6950

### PIANO, VIOLIN, GUITAR LESSONS

### 135 Group Activities

Learn to Square Dance  
Tellabration! Storytelling 11/17  
Thanks to St Jude

### 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 Bracelet**  
Hawaiian gold bangle. 11/11, vic. Florence/Marsh, RWC/MP border, near Starbucks. Reward. Huge sentimental value. 650/326-4990

**Lost Man's Ring**  
Gold, engraved w/EIMAC. 11/12, vic. El Camino/85, Central and Rengstorff or Trader Joe's MV. Reward, huge sentimental keepsake. 650/948-2239

### 145 Non-Profits

**Needs**  
DONATE BOOKS/HELP PA LIBRARIES

**150 Volunteers**  
Fosterers Needed for Moffet Cats

FRIENDS OF THE PA LIBRARY  
STANFORD FLU VACCINE STUDY

## For Sale

### 201 Autos/Trucks/ Parts



**Vintage RV 1967 Columbus Cruiser**  
30ft. all electric interior motorhome. Original cabinetry and dinette, new carpeting and drapes. Exterior repainted. Many updates, meticulous maintenance with receipts available. See at www.1967classiccustommotorhome.com. mscully@vbbn.com

**Chevrolet 1970 Chevelle**  
1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS 396/350HP, original, \$7800 OBO, email or call for details: brandy6@msn.com /520-955-6232.  
Toyota 2003 Camry - \$2500

### 202 Vehicles Wanted

**CASH FOR CARS:**  
Any Car/Truck. Running or Not!  
Top Dollar Paid. We Come To You! Call For Instant Offer: 1-888-420-3808 www.cash4car.com (AAN CAN)

**Donate Your Car, Truck, Boat**  
to Heritage for the Blind. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. 888-902-6851. (Cal-SCAN)

Hyundai 2000-2005 Sonata - \$ negotiab  
Nissan, Toyota, Honda, Hyundai 2000-2005 Altima, Prius, Accord, Sonata - \$ negotiab

### 210 Garage/Estate Sales

Palo Alto, 390 El Dorado Ave, Sat Nov 24th, 10AM-4PM

### 230 Freebies

Microwave - FREE

### 245 Miscellaneous

**AT&T U-verse**  
for just \$29/mo! BUNDLE & SAVE with AT&T Internet+Phone+TV and get a FREE pre-paid Visa Card! (select plans). Hurry, call now! 800-319-3280. (Cal-SCAN)

**Cable TV-Internet-Phone**  
Save! Packages start at \$89.99/mo (for 12 months.) Options from ALL major service providers. Call Acceller today to learn more! CALL 1-888-897-7650. (Cal-SCAN)

**DirecTV**  
for \$29.99/mo for 24 months. Over 140 channels. FREE HD-DVR Upgrade! FREE NFL Sunday Ticket w/CHOICE Package! Call TODAY for details 1-888-721-2794. (Cal-SCAN)

**Highspeed Internet**  
everywhere by satellite! Speeds up to 12Mbps! (200x faster than dial-up.) Starting at \$49.95/mo. CALL NOW & GO FAST! 1-888-718-6268. (Cal-SCAN)

Bev Air Undercounter Refrigerator  
Brand new Jenn-air dishwasher - \$700  
Commercial Kitchen Fridge & Free

**FOGSTER.COM**

## Kid's Stuff

### 330 Child Care Offered

Mother helper!!!  
Venus' Little Stars Daycare.

### 345 Tutoring/ Lessons

College Admissions Counseling  
PIANO AND RECORDER LESSONS  
Spanish tutor

### 355 Items for Sale

3/4YrsBoyclothesmajorityNew/tags  
4 Teletubbies 6" \$5  
4 Thomas and Friends DVD's  
4YrsBibbsnowpants+DownJacket\$30  
AwardwinningSupermanJuniorLAPTOP  
BabyBlanketsThick/ThinBagfull\$20  
Boy shoes 8-13 toddler \$4each  
BOYO-6MonthsClothesw/tags\$50  
Boy5/6Yrs clothes\$40 manyjackets  
Kids Accordion and zylophone\$15  
PowerRanger outfit\$5

## Mind & Body

### 420 Healing/ Bodywork

Schwinn Airdyne Comp bicycle - \$340

### 425 Health Services

**Diabetics with Medicare**  
Get a FREE Talking Meter and diabetic testing supplies at No Cost, plus FREE home delivery! Best of all, this meter eliminates painful finger pricking! Call 888-781-9376. (Cal-SCAN)

**Female Hair Loss**  
Over 30 Million Women Suffer From Hair Loss! Do you? If So We Have a Solution! CALL KERANIQUE TO FIND OUT MORE 888-690-0395. (Cal-SCAN)

**Medical Alert for Seniors**  
24/7 monitoring. FREE Equipment. FREE Shipping. Nationwide Service. \$29.95/Month CALL Medical Guardian Today 866-944-5935. (Cal-SCAN)

**Sleep Apnea Sufferers**  
Get Free CPAP Replacement Supplies at No Cost, plus FREE home delivery! Best of all, prevent red skin sores and bacterial infection! Call 888-699-7660. (Cal-SCAN)

### 475 Psychotherapy & Counseling

**Counseling Services**  
Mental Research Institute clinics offer low cost counseling services by appointment for individuals, couples, families and children in English, Spanish, and Mandarin. Location: 555 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto. For information, call 650/321-3055

**No phone number in the ad? GO TO FOGSTER.COM for contact information**

## Jobs

### 500 Help Wanted

**Engineer**  
Software Eng. Mtn View, CA. MS in CS, CE or related + 2 yrs exp. Multiple positions. Apply Room 77, Inc. @ job1018@room77.com

**Family Childcare Assistant/Teacher**  
Mountain View. M/W 8:15-1:30. Fluent English & legal to work. (650) 917-9501 ask for Mitko.

**Leasing Consultant**  
Want to learn Affordable Housing? VPM Management will TRAIN an individual with previous leasing experience, along with strong administrative, follow-through and customer service skills to work as a Full-Time Leasing Consultant at an upscale senior apartment community located in San Bruno.

Main responsibilities include, renting apartments, ensuring compliance with all fair housing and affordable housing requirements. Will also assist with the re-certification process.

We offer a competitive compensation package of up to \$14.00 per hr plus paid medical/dental/vision, vacation holidays 401(k) benefits and more...

Must have an attention to detail and possess outstanding organization, administrative and customer service skills. Previous affordable housing experience a plus.

**Online Game Market Research Analyst**  
BA in Business Admin and 5 years of progressive exp as mrktng specialist. Send CV to NHN USA, Inc., Sang Hyun Ahn, 800 W. El Camino Real, Ste 180, Mountain View, CA 94040

**Restaurant**  
Cafe Borrone is now hiring enthusiastic individuals who enjoy working in a fast paced environment and providing excellent customer service. Full and Part time positions available. Will work with school schedule. Apply in person, 1010 El Camino, Menlo Park.

**Software Engineer**  
Specifying, designing, and implementing software components and subsystems comprising core components of proprietary technology. Mt View, CA. Resume: S. Paz, inStart Logic, Inc, 480 San Antonio Rd. Ste 210, Mt View, CA 94040.

**Sr. Comp. Programmer**  
Mountain View, CA. MS Degree. C/ C++, Python, HTML, STL, Unix, Performance, git. Res: EPAM SYSTEMS, 41 University Dr, # 202, Newtown, PA 18940.

### 560 Employment Information

**\$\$\$HELP WANTED\$\$\$**  
Extra Income! Assembling CD cases from Home! No Experience Necessary! Call our Live Operators Now! 1-800-405-7619 EXT 2450 http://www.easywork-greatpay.com (AAN CAN)

**AIRLINE CAREERS**  
Become an Aviation Maintenance Tech. FAA approved training. Financial aid if qualified - Housing available. Job placement assistance. CALL Aviation Institute of Maintenance 877-492-3059 (AAN CAN)

**ATTEND COLLEGE ONLINE**  
from Home. \*Medical, \*Business, \*Criminal Justice, \*Hospitality. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial Aid if qualified. SCHEV authorized. Call 800-481-9472 www.CenturaOnline.com (AAN CAN)

**Driver: Choose Hometown**  
\$0.01 increase per mile after 6 months and 12 months.\$0.03 Quarterly Bonus. Requires 3 months recent experience. 800-414-9569 www.driveknight.com

**Drivers: 12 Needed**  
Apply Now! T 5% Pay & Late Model Equip. Guaranteed Home for Xmas, Need CDL Class A Driving Exp. 877-258-8782 www.addrivers.com (Cal-SCAN)

**EARN \$500 A DAY**  
Airbrush & Media Makeup Artists  
For: Ads - TV - Film - Fashion  
Train & Build Portfolio in 1 week  
Lower Tuition for 2012  
AwardMakeupSchool.com

**Help Wanted!!!**  
Make \$1000 a week mailing brochures from home! FREE Supplies! Helping Home-Workers since 2001! Genuine Opportunity! No experience required. Start Immediately! www.mailing-usa.com (AAN CAN)

**NEW inventions**  
and Product IDEAS WANTED!  
Free info & confidential consultation on your idea at DAVISON. Call toll free at 1-800-428-5116 Today. Fee-based service.

## Business Services

### 615 Computers

**My Computer Works**  
Computer problems? Viruses, spyware, email, printer issues, bad internet connections - FIX IT NOW! Professional, U.S.-based technicians. \$25 off service. Call for immediate help. 1-888-865-0271 (Cal-SCAN)

### 624 Financial

**Credit Card Debt**  
Cut payments by up to half. Stop creditors from calling. 888-416-2691. (Cal-SCAN)

**Reverse Mortgage?**  
Ever Consider a Reverse Mortgage? At least 62 years old? Stay in your home & increase cash flow! Safe and Effective! Call Now for your free DVD! Call Now 888-698-3165. (Cal-SCAN)

### 645 Office/Home Business Services

**Classified Advertising**  
The business that considers itself immune to advertising, finds itself immune to business. Reach Californians with a Classified ad in almost every county! Over 270 newspapers! Combo~California Daily and Weekly Networks. Free Brochures. elizabeth@cnpa.com or (916)288-6019. (Cal-SCAN)

**Classified Advertising**  
Advertise in 240 California newspapers for one low cost. Your 25 word classified ad will reach over 6 million+ Californians. For brochure call Elizabeth (916)288-6019. (Cal-SCAN)

**Fogster.com**  
is a unique website offering **FREE** postings from communities throughout the Bay Area and an opportunity for your ad to appear in The Almanac, the Palo Alto Weekly, and the Mountain View Voice.

**GO TO FOGSTER.COM TO RESPOND TO ADS WITHOUT PHONE NUMBERS**

**Did You Know**  
that Ten Million adults tweeted in the past month, while 164 million read a newspaper in print or online in the past week?

**Display Business Card Ad**  
Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising - Mark Twain. Advertise your business card sized ad in 140 California newspapers for one low cost. Reach over 3 million+ Californians. Free brochure [elizabeth@cnpa.com](mailto:elizabeth@cnpa.com) (916)288-6019. (Cal-SCAN)

**Home Services**

**710 Carpentry**  
Cabinetry-Individual Designs  
Precise, 3-D Computer Modeling:  
Mantels \* Bookcases \* Workplaces  
\* Wall Units \* Window Seats.  
Ned Hollis, 650/856-9475

**715 Cleaning Services**

**Family House Service**  
Weekly or bi-weekly green cleaning. Comm'l., residential, apts. HONest, reliable, family owned. Refs. Sam, 650/315-6681.

**Orkopina Housecleaning**  
"THE BEST Service for You"  
Bonded Since 1985 Insured  
• Dependable, Trustworthy, Detailed  
• Laundry/Ironing, Wash Walls/Windows  
• Move In/Move Out  
• Power Wash • Landscape/Concrete Work  
**650-962-1536** - Lic. 20624  
[www.orkopinabestcleaningservice.com](http://www.orkopinabestcleaningservice.com)

**TIDY CLEANERS**  
House cleaning, offices, move-in/out, windows. 20 yrs., Exp., 650-839-3768 or 650-630-5059

**730 Electrical**  
**A FAST RESPONSE!**  
lic #545936 Bob 650-343-5125.  
[www.HillsboroughElectric.com](http://www.HillsboroughElectric.com)

**748 Gardening/Landscaping**  
**Becky's Landscape**  
Weekly/periodic maint. Annual rose/fruit tree pruning, clean-ups, irrigation, sod, planting, raised beds. Power washing. 650/444-3030

**LANDA'S GARDENING & LANDSCAPING**  
\*Yard Maintenance\*New Lawns\*Clean Ups\*Tree Trimming\*Wood Fences\* Rototilling\*Power Washing\*irrigation timer programming. 17 years experience. Call Ramon 650-576-6242

**Leo Garcia Landscape/Maintenance**  
Lawn and irrig. install, clean-ups. Res. and comm'l. maint. Free Est. Lic. 823699. 650/369-1477.

**Mario's Gardening**  
Maintenance, clean-ups. Free est. 650/365-6955; 650/995-3822

**Tired of Mow, Blow and Go?**  
Owner operated, 40 years exp. All phases of gardening/landscaping. Refs. Call Eric, 408/356-1350

PLACE AN AD by E-MAIL at  
[ads@fogster.com](mailto:ads@fogster.com)

**751 General Contracting**

**A NOTICE TO READERS:**  
It is illegal for an unlicensed person to perform contracting work on any project valued at \$500.00 or more in labor and materials. State law also requires that contractors include their license numbers on all advertising. Check your contractor's status at [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) or 800-321-CSLB (2752). Unlicensed persons taking jobs that total less than \$500.00 must state in their advertisements that they are not licensed by the Contractors State License Board.

**757 Handyman/Repairs**

**AAA HANDYMAN AND MORE**  
Repairs • Electrical • Plumbing  
Carpentry • Fences • Painting  
IKEA furn. Assembled • Senior Discount  
Lic.# 468963 Since 1976 Licensed & Insured  
**650-222-2517**

**ABLE HANDYMAN FRED**  
30 Years Experience  
**650.529.1662**  
**650.483.4227**  
• Complete Home Repairs  
• Maintenance  
• Remodeling  
• Professional Painting  
• Carpentry  
• Plumbing  
• Electrical  
• Custom Cabinet Design  
• Deck & Fence  
• And Much More

To place a Classified ad in  
The Almanac, The Palo Alto Weekly or  
The Mountain View Voice call **326-8216**  
or visit us at [fogster.com](http://fogster.com)

**HANDY "Ed" MAN**  
Electrical • Plumbing • Painting  
Carpentry • Tile • Wallpapering  
22 years serving your area  
FREE ESTIMATES • REFERENCES  
**ED RODRIGUEZ**  
**(650)465-9163 • (650)570-5274**

**Jeff's Handyman and Repair**  
Free est. 10% SENIOR Discount.  
"No Job Too Small." Call Jeff,  
650/933-7021

**759 Hauling**

**# J & G HAULING SERVICE**  
Misc., office, garage, storage, old furniture, mattress, green waste and yard junk. clean-ups. Licensed & insured. FREE EST. 650/368-8810 (see my Yelp reviews)

**771 Painting/Wallpaper**

**Glen Hodges Painting**  
45 yrs. #351738. 650/322-8325

**STYLE PAINTING**  
Full service painting. Insured.  
Lic. 903303. 650/388-8577

**775 Asphalt/Concrete**

**Roe General Engineering**  
Concrete, asphalt, sealing, pavers, new construct, repairs. 34 yrs exp. No job too small. Lic #663703 \* 650/814-5572

**779 Organizing Services**

**End the Clutter & Get Organized**  
Residential Organizing  
by Debra Robinson  
(650)941-5073

**Real Estate**

**801 Apartments/Condos/Studios**  
Mountain View, 2 BR/2 BA - \$2500/mont

**805 Homes for Rent**  
Los Altos, 2 BR/2 BA - \$3900

Menlo Park - \$5,000.00

Palo Alto..channing Av, 4 BR/2 BA - \$5000.

Woodside - 2,200 mont

Woodside, 2 BR/2 BA - 2,200 mont

**809 Shared Housing/Rooms**

**ALL AREAS - ROOMMATES.COM**  
Browse hundreds of online listings with photos and maps. Find your roommate with a click of the mouse! Visit: <http://www.Roommates.com>. (AAN CAN)

**825 Homes/Condos for Sale**

**Oceanfront Condos**  
Luxury 2BR/2BA was \$850k now \$399,900 Resort Spa Restaurant Golf Marina [www.MarinSemihamoo.com](http://www.MarinSemihamoo.com) 1-888-996-2746 x5464. (Cal-SCAN)

**Castro Valley: 3BR, 1 1/2BA**  
Affordable house in the bay area. View of the bay, pleasant neighborhood, fireplace, backyard, dog run & outside room. Must see to appreciate. \$330,000 650-630-5244

Los Altos, 3 BR/2 BA - \$799000

Menlo Park, 3 BR/2 BA - \$1099000

Palo Alto - \$1250.00

Palo Alto, 3 BR/2 BA - \$899000

Palo Alto, 4 BR/3.5 BA - \$3295000

Redwood City, 3 BR/1 BA - \$839950

Redwood City, 3 BR/2 BA - \$599000

Sunnyvale, 3 BR/2 BA - \$599999

Woodside, 3 BR/2 BA - \$1099000

**840 Vacation Rentals/Time Shares**

Christmas Week - Rancho Mirage

**850 Acreage/Lots/Storage**

**20 ACRES FREE**  
Buy 40-Get 60 acres. \$0-Down, \$168/month. Money back guarantee. NO CREDIT CHECKS. Beautiful views. Roads/surveyed. Near El Paso, Texas. 1-800-843-7537  
[www.SunsetRanches.com](http://www.SunsetRanches.com) (AAN CAN)  
**Texas Hill Country**  
Land Bargain! 8.4 Acres - just \$99,900 Huge live oak trees, 30 mile views, in heart of Texas Wine Country. Close to medical. Low taxes (ag exempt). Utilities included. Buy now- build later. Lowest financing in history! Call now 800-511-2430, x 440.

No phone number in the ad?  
GO TO  
**FOGSTER.COM**  
for contact information

# Public Notices

**995 Fictitious Name Statement**

**INSPIRE ME HOMEOPATHY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 571184  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Inspire Me Homeopathy, located at 2672 Bayshore Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: An Individual.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
LUCIA HARLEY  
680 Farley St.  
Mountain View, CA 94043  
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on October 29, 2012. (MVV Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2012)

**APOYO LEGAL MIGRANTE ASOCIADO (ALMA) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 571156  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Apoyo Legal Migrante Asociado (ALMA), located at 2286 Mora Dr. #1, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: An Individual.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
MARY DUTCHER  
183 Del Medio Ave. #314  
Mountain View, CA 94040  
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on October 29, 2012. (MVV Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2012)

**LORIC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 571850  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
LORIC, located at 3333 Bowers Ave., Suite 130, Santa Clara, CA 95054, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: An Individual.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
RODRIGO CANIDO  
199 Easy St. #A  
Mountain View, CA 94043  
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 16, 2012. (MVV Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 2012)

**997 All Other Legals**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
MICHAEL DAVID BLUE  
Case No.: 1-12-PR171637  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MICHAEL DAVID BLUE.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: EDWIN BLUE in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: EDWIN BLUE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to inter-

ested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on December 26, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 3 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.  
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.  
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for Petitioner:  
/s/ Peter LaBoskey (SBN:71571)  
Hopkins & Carley, ALC  
200 Page Mill Road #200  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
(650)804-7600  
(MVV Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 2012)


To place a Classified ad in  
The Almanac, The Palo Alto  
Weekly or The Mountain  
View Voice call **326-8216**  
or visit us at [fogster.com](http://fogster.com)

Call Alicia Santillan  
**(650) 326-8210 x6578**  
to assist you with your  
legal advertising needs.  
Or e-mail her at:  
[asantillan@paweekly.com](mailto:asantillan@paweekly.com)

The Mountain View Voice  
publishes every Friday.  
**THE DEADLINE**  
TO ADVERTISE IN  
THE VOICE PUBLIC  
NOTICES IS:  
5 p.m. the previous Friday  
Call Alicia Santillan at  
(650) 326-8210 x6578  
for more information

**FOGSTER.COM**

Need to publish a  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS STATEMENT**  
in a Santa Clara County  
newspaper of  
general circulation?



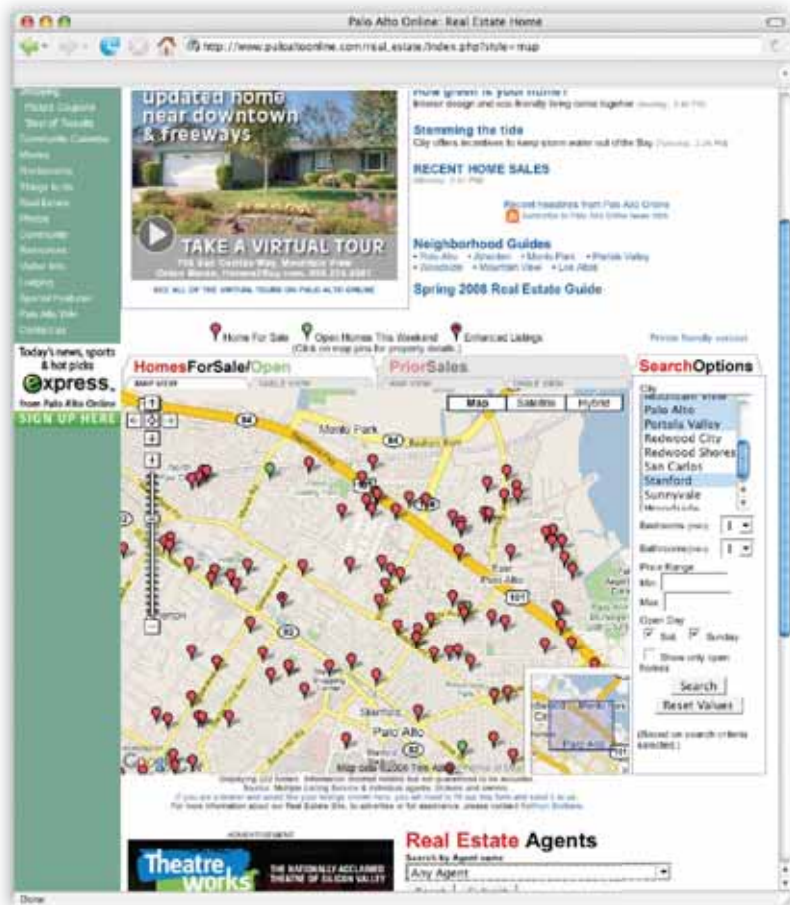
We can also handle all your other legal publishing needs.

Call Alicia Santillan  
**650.326.8210 x6578**  
to assist you with your  
legal advertising needs.  
Email: [asantillan@paweekly.com](mailto:asantillan@paweekly.com)

MountainView  
**VOICE**

# Buying or selling a home?

## Try out Mountain View Online's real estate site, the most comprehensive place for local real estate listings.



We offer the one online destination that lets you fully explore:

- Interactive maps
- Homes for sale
- Open house dates and times
- Virtual tours and photos
- Prior sales info
- Neighborhood guides
- Area real estate links
- and so much more.

Our comprehensive online guide to the Midpeninsula real estate market has all the resources a home buyer, agent or local resident could ever want and it's all in one easy-to-use, local site!

### Agents:

You'll want to explore our unique online advertising opportunities. Contact your sales representative at 650-326-8210 today to find out more.

Explore area real estate through your favorite local website:

[PaloAltoOnline.com](http://PaloAltoOnline.com)  
[TheAlmanacOnline.com](http://TheAlmanacOnline.com)  
[MountainViewOnline.com](http://MountainViewOnline.com)

And click on "real estate" in the navigation bar.

 **Palo Alto**  
online  
[PaloAltoOnline.com](http://PaloAltoOnline.com)

*The* **Almanac**  
[TheAlmanacOnline.com](http://TheAlmanacOnline.com)

MountainView  
**VOICE**  
[MountainViewOnline.com](http://MountainViewOnline.com)

## INCREASE YOUR EXPOSURE

Get your name known in the community. Showcase your listings to thousands of potential buyers and sellers.

Call Rosemary at the **Mountain View Voice**  
650-964-6300



MountainView  
**VOICE**



**TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD**  
in The Mountain View Voice,  
The Palo Alto Weekly or The Almanac  
call 326-8216 or visit us at  
**fogster.com**

**WE MEASURE QUALITY  
BY RESULTS**

*Is Quality Important to You?*



email: toyvonneandjeff@aol.com • www.yvonneandjeff.com

•**Yvonne Heyl**•  
Direct (650) 947-4694  
Cell (650) 302-4055  
DRE# 01255661

•**Jeff Gonzalez**•  
Direct (650) 947-4698  
Cell (408) 888-7748  
DRE# 00978793



496 First St. Suite 200 • Los Altos 94022

We put the pro in property.



**ORION**  
PARTNERS



Andy & Lori Orion  
[www.opartners.com](http://www.opartners.com)  
650-539-5674  
DRE# 01903703 & 01883566



Good for **Business**. Good for **You**.  
Good for the **Community**.

**ShopMountainView.com**

Support Local Business



**When you shop locally, good things happen to make our community stronger:**

- You keep tax dollars in the community
- Shopping districts remain diverse and vibrant
- You build relationships with small business owners who appreciate your concerns and feedback
- You help create jobs for local residents and teens
- Your recommendations to neighbors and friends encourage others to join in supporting local business and commerce.

**Discover local businesses at ShopMountainView.com**

- Search listings
- Read and write reviews
- Find coupons and special deals
- Purchase gift certificates
- See upcoming special events
- View photos and maps

For more information call 650.223.6582 or email [info@ShopMountainView.com](mailto:info@ShopMountainView.com)

# Thank You to My 2012 Clients!

If you would like to sell your home in early 2013, now is the time to start!



**SOLD IN 6 DAYS!**

2734 Levin Ct., Mountain View  
\$1,499,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

2537 Sun Mor Ave., Mountain View  
\$1,395,000



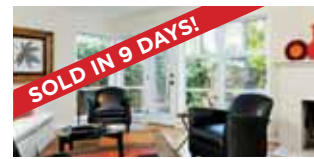
**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

2716 Katrina Wy., Mountain View  
\$1,250,000



**SOLD IN 15 DAYS!**

1745 Crane Ave., Mountain View  
\$1,135,000



**SOLD IN 9 DAYS!**

840 Jefferson Dr., Mountain View  
\$1,099,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

724 Leona Ln., Mountain View  
\$999,000



**SOLD IN 6 DAYS!**

1316 Brook Pl., Mountain View  
\$999,000



**SOLD IN 6 DAYS!**

1717 Pilgrim Ave., Mountain View  
\$999,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

2139 Jardin Dr., Mountain View  
\$999,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

1724 Pilgrim Ave., Mountain View  
\$979,000



**SOLD IN 6 DAYS!**

757 San Carrizo Wy., Mountain View  
\$949,000



**SOLD IN 6 DAYS!**

65 Dalma Dr., Mountain View  
\$925,000



**SOLD IN 9 DAYS!**

450 Del Medio Ave., Mountain View  
\$899,000



**SOLD IN 6 DAYS!**

1890 Montecito Ave., Mountain View  
\$795,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

2546 Dell Ave., Mountain View  
\$699,000



**SOLD IN 8 DAYS!**

197 Bryant Ave., Mountain View  
\$1,788,000



**SOLD IN 6 DAYS!**

27161 Moody Rd., Los Altos Hills  
\$3,700,000



**SOLD IN 9 DAYS!**

661 Manresa Ln., Los Altos  
\$2,699,000



**SOLD IN 6 DAYS!**

521 San Felicia Wy., Los Altos  
\$2,599,000



**SOLD IN 8 DAYS!**

873 Laverne Wy., Los Altos  
\$2,500,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

581 Paco, Dr., Los Altos  
\$2,399,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

790 Sunshine Dr., Los Altos  
\$2,398,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

12143 Hilltop Dr., Los Altos Hills  
\$2,362,000



**SOLD IN 21 DAYS!**

12400 Barley Hill Rd., Los Altos Hills  
\$2,299,000



**SOLD IN 14 DAYS!**

1556 Plateau Ave., Los Altos  
\$2,199,000



**SOLD IN 9 DAYS!**

210 Portola Ct., Los Altos  
\$2,158,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

12100 S. El Monte Rd., Los Altos Hills  
\$2,150,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

234 Mount Hamilton Ave., Los Altos  
\$2,100,000



**SOLD IN 21 DAYS!**

200 Manresa Ct., Los Altos  
\$1,999,000



**SOLD IN 9 DAYS!**

412 Mundel Wy., Los Altos  
\$1,980,000



**SOLD IN 12 DAYS!**

1105 Fremont Ave., Los Altos  
\$1,798,000



**SOLD IN 9 DAYS!**

338 Verano Dr., Los Altos  
\$1,699,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

1810 Austin Ave., Los Altos  
\$1,649,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

27223 Sherlock Rd., Los Altos Hills  
\$1,648,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

680 Orange Ave., Los Altos  
\$1,599,000



**SOLD IN 6 DAYS!**

1420 Frontero Ave., Los Altos  
\$1,599,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

858 Hierra Ct., Los Altos  
\$1,599,000



**SOLD IN 3 DAYS!**

481 Casita Wy., Los Altos  
\$1,498,000



**SOLD IN 8 DAYS!**

1025 Highlands Ci., Los Altos  
\$1,450,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

1024 Highlands Ci., Los Altos  
\$1,450,000



**SOLD IN 7 DAYS!**

1019 Ray Ave., Los Altos  
\$1,350,000



**SOLD IN 13 DAYS!**

287 S. El Monte Ave., Los Altos  
\$1,299,000



**SOLD IN 8 DAYS!**

1430 Kring Wy., Los Altos  
\$1,299,000



**SOLD IN 8 DAYS!**

2265 Deodara Dr., Los Altos  
\$1,225,000



**SOLD IN 20 DAYS!**

13620 Roble Alto Ct., Los Altos Hills  
\$4,498,000

Partial list of 2012 sales. Offered price shown.



**DAVID TROYER**

650·440·5076  
david@troyer.com  
DRE# 01234450



\*Per 2011 # of homes sold on MLS



#1 AGENT 2011: combined sales in MV, LA & LAH\*