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After eight years on the City Council, **Laura Macias** will have to watch the council action from the audience seats.

## Laura Macias says farewell to City Council after eight years

By Daniel DeBolt

After eight years on the job, City Council member Laura Macias went to her final council meeting last week and is now saying goodbye to the intense civic life she's become accustomed to.

In January, Macias and fellow member Tom Means will both reach the end of their terms and be replaced by new members, John McAlister and Chris Clark.

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## Residents react to Newtown tragedy

EDUCATORS SAY SCHOOLS ARE PREPARED;  
OTHERS VOW TO SUPPORT STRICTER GUN LAWS

By Nick Veronin

In the aftermath of one of the bloodiest school shootings in U.S. history, people are struggling to come to grips with how to move forward, and are putting forth their own solutions.

At Mountain View schools, emails have been sent out attempting to reassure parents that officials are prepared for such an event at a local campus, and reminding parents and students that there are grief counselors available.

"We are all saddened by the horrific school shooting that occurred today in Connecticut," wrote Barry Groves, superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District, in an email to district parents. "Our hearts go out to the parents and families. I want to assure all parents that we have in place safety and security procedures to protect our students and staff. At this time, our crisis counseling teams are prepared and ready to assist students, parents and staff in dealing with this tragedy. Additionally, our leadership and local law enforcement are working together to ensure the safety of our students and staff."

A similar email went out to parents of the Mountain View Whisman School District. Craig Goldman, the district's superintendent, reaffirmed that student safety is his organization's top priority.

### Emergency procedures

Groves told the *Voice* that it has long been a part of district protocol to conduct drills for

all kinds of emergencies — not just earthquakes or fires, but also for shooter-on-campus scenarios. These are called "code red drills," he explained. "We lock doors, keep kids out of sight and have a special way to communicate between buildings."

The district has an assigned, uniformed public safety officer. He is not always on campus, but he is there very regularly, Groves said. In addition to the uniformed officer, the district also has two public safety officers — one for each campus.

"I think that what we have in place meets the needs of our school district," Groves said.

An email was also sent out to news agencies from Santa Clara County health officials explaining that services are available to anyone thinking of hurting themselves or others.

"If you suspect a person you know may be considering suicide, or you are thinking about hurting or killing yourself, please call the Suicide and Crisis Hotline at 1-855-278-4204," the email said. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, toll-free, seven days a week. "We are here to help."

### Who to blame?

As schools sought to reassure parents and the county health office reached out to residents of Santa Clara County, guns rights advocates and gun control advocates — both appalled at the shootings — had different ideas about preventing such tragedies in the future.

The owner of The Bay Area Gun Vault in Mountain View

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## Zuckerberg donates a fortune to local foundation

By Daniel DeBolt

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced today that he is giving nearly \$500 million in Facebook stock to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation — its largest donation ever.

The multi-billionaire made the announcement on his Face-

book page Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 18, saying that he and his wife Priscilla have "made a contribution of 18 million Facebook shares to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation" as part of a pledge to donate most of their wealth to charity.

The Mountain View-based foundation funds a wide range

of nonprofits and charities and declined to say how the money might be spent.

With Facebook's stock price at \$27.71 today, the contribution is valued at \$499 million. That is slightly more than the \$470 million in total donations the SCVF received in all of 2011.

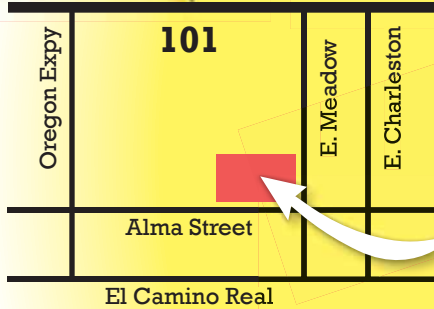
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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Ashley Finden.

## What charity do you support during the holidays?



*"My favorite nonprofit, always, is Planned Parenthood because I think that the work they do is some of the most important that gets done to help people all over the country."*

**Leslie Ingham, Palo Alto**



*"I support Charity: Water during the holidays."*

**Jacqueline Kao, Fremont**



*"My favorite nonprofit is putting together shoeboxes for kids and send them off around the United States, around the world."*

**Brandon Moore, San Jose**



*"I like to donate to the Cancer Society and the American Heart Association."*

**Mike Tomasello, Oakland**



*"Donorschoose.com in order to help teachers get supplies that they need in the classroom and also David Sheldrick Elephant Foundation, just to help elephants who are orphaned."*

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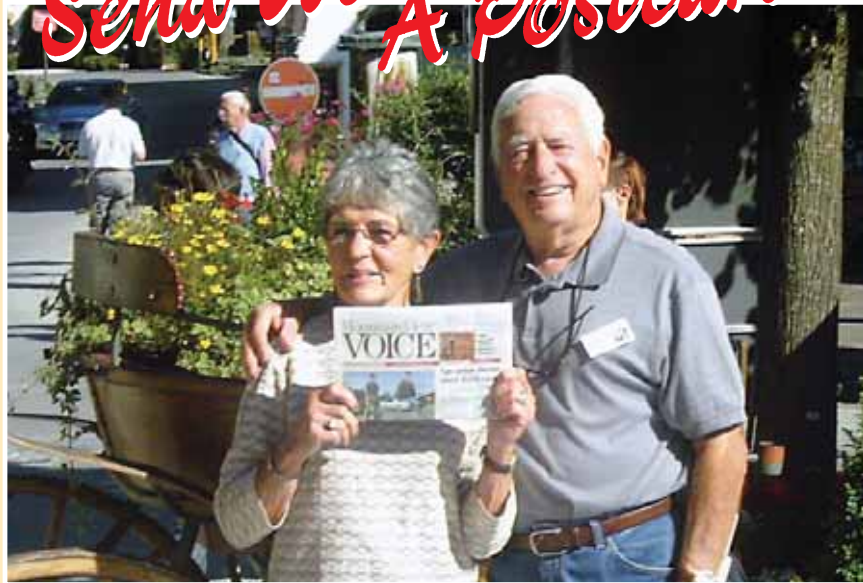
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800 block Alice Av., 12/16  
800 block Alice Av., 12/16

**VANDALISM**

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■ CRIME BRIEFS

**HOLIDAY DUI ARRESTS**

Sixty people were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs last weekend during an ongoing, holiday anti-drunken driving program by the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and other county law enforcement agencies, deputies reported Monday, Dec. 17.

The DUI arrests, during a 48-hour sweep that started at 12:01 a.m. Friday and concluded at midnight Saturday, came from routine traffic stops and special DUI deployments overnight in Santa Clara County, deputies said.

The recent patrol is part of the 16-day Winter Holiday Anti-DUI crackdown involving regularly scheduled traffic and patrol officers, multiple DUI and driver's license checkpoints, multi-agency DUI Task Force operations and roving DUI patrols throughout the county, deputies said.

Of the 60 arrests, the highest number took place Saturday by the San Jose Police Department, which brought 14 DUI suspects into custody, and sheriff's deputies next with six arrests the same day, deputies said.

Deputies and officers from other county law enforcement jurisdictions made a total of 78 arrests during the same 48-hour period in 2011, deputies said.

The holiday-time campaign, to run through midnight Jan. 1., received its funding from a grant by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**BOUNCER PUNCHED**

An unknown man punched a bouncer in the face outside of Molly Magees, a Castro Street bar, on Dec. 17, police said.

The man, described as a black adult in his mid-20s, had apparently been ejected from the bar for improper behavior, according to Sgt. Sean Thompson. After punching the security guard, the man fled and was not found.

The bouncer desires prosecution against the man, who was said to be about 6 feet tall and wearing a dark colored shirt.

**TWEETING AGAINST DRUNKEN DRIVING**

The Mountain View Police Department is taking to social media this week in an effort to raise awareness about the consequences of driving under the influence.

The department has just announced its Avoid the 13 DUI Tweet-a-Long on Friday, Dec. 21. Each year the MVPD holds an anti-DUI campaign called "Avoid the 13," a department press release explained. This year is no different, except for the fact that there will be one officer charged with "live-tweeting" the entire day while riding with another officer in a squad car dedicated to finding suspected DUI offenders.

Lt. Mike Fisher of the Mountain View Police Department

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## New chef embraces the old at Chez TJ

By Andrea Gemmet

The new chef at Chez TJ's, Mountain View's only Michelin-starred restaurant, says that diners shouldn't expect to find agar noodles or other hallmarks of molecular gastronomy on the menu.

Jarad Gallagher, 34, who took the helm of the one-star Chez TJ a couple of weeks ago, says his aim is to be true to the experience of dining in a historic house.

"It's a unique opportunity as a chef," Gallagher told the Voice. "These places don't exist anymore. It's easy to build a modern restaurant, but house built in 1800s?"



Jarad Gallagher

"This is an old Victorian house, that's a unique experience on its own."

He says Chez TJ's menu will play on the

characteristics of being both old and modern.

"We'll use some newer techniques and flavor profiles, but they'll be presented in a little bit more of a throw-back style," Gallagher says. "Molecular gastronomy is not a word we're going to use in this restaurant. You're not going to see agar noodles."

At the moment, he says he's in the process of selecting proteins for the restaurant, which include Dungeness crab, free-range antelope from Broken Arrow Ranch and live lobster and uni. He's still searching for a source of grass-fed beef within 100 miles of the restaurant. It's not easy, because most of the beef is grain finished, he says.

"Local (sources) are only important if it's good for the world and good for people to eat," Gallagher says. "I'll buy scallops from Massachusetts and support that fishery. I'm not going to slight myself by saying everything has to be local if it's not good and it's not consistent."

Gallagher, whose credentials include One Market and Michael Mina, and chef de cuisine at the Plumed Horse in Saratoga, is

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Members gathered last weekend to paint the walls at Hacker Dojo's new space. The Dojo, a shared office and event space for computer programmers, is moving into the new digs at 599 Fairchild Drive this month. The new space is 30 percent larger than the old one at 140 Whisman Road, which the Dojo abandoned because the cost of making it meet city codes for large events was \$100,000 higher than expected. A digital graphics startup incubated at the Dojo, Matterport, has signed a lease for a portion of the old space, but the Dojo continues to seek tenants for the rest.

## High school grading policy under fire

By Nick Veronin

Did the high school district overreach when officials overhauled its grading system?

The new policy is "too big a step," according to one district parent, who says some teachers are adopting illogical assessment techniques that will hurt some students while artificially inflating the grades of others. The superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District disagrees, saying that whatever kinks there may be in the new system, they will all be smoothed out in time.

The district board of trustees discussed the issues surrounding the new grading system at great length at their Dec. 10 meeting, asking pointed questions of Superintendent Barry Groves and Associate Superintendent Brigitte Sarraf. They also heard a detailed presentation from Steve Uhlir, whose daughter is in her senior year at Mountain View High School.

"Overall, I'm really pleased," Groves said. "I think we're going in the right direction. There have been some bumps in the road, but I think we're working through that."

Uhlir disagreed.

"I do not want to see any student get an unfairly low grade," Uhlir said at the beginning of his address to the board. His presentation, which lasted about 20 minutes, succeeded in convincing at least one of the trustees that changes need to be made.

Phil Faillace, the current board president, said he believes that the new grading policy, approved by the trustees at the end of last school year, is completely acceptable in principle. The policy requires that all classes within a given department be taught in a similar fashion, so that an A in one class is the same as an A in another teacher's class. In

other words, no student should ever be able to say that he or she has the "easier" — or "harder" — teacher.

Faillace said it appears that certain departments — particularly the soft sciences and the humanities — have created systems that don't function the way they are intended.

"I think that in the course of doing that, they

**'I do not want to see any student get an unfairly low grade.'**

STEVE UHLIR

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## Google defends \$2 billion tax dodge

By Daniel DeBolt

Google chairman Eric Schmidt said Wednesday that he is proud of the way the Mountain View company is avoiding taxes, according to Bloomberg news service.

Google reportedly avoided paying \$2 billion in taxes last year by funneling ad sales profits through a shell corporation in Bermuda, which has no corporate income tax.

"It's called capitalism," Schmidt said in a Bloomberg article. "We are proudly capitalistic. I'm not confused about this."

"We pay lots of taxes; we pay them in the legally prescribed ways," Schmidt said, according to the article. "I am very proud of the structure that we set up. We did it based on the incentives that the governments offered us to operate."

**'We are proudly capitalistic. I'm not confused about this.'**

GOOGLE CHAIRMAN ERIC SCHMIDT

Several methods for funneling profits offshore, including what's known as the "Dutch sandwich" and the "double Irish" because of the use of subsidiaries in those countries to funnel profits, have helped the company reduce its overall tax rate from 29 percent in 2008 to 22.2 percent in 2009, according to the article. The corporate tax rate in the U.S., combined with state taxes, is 39 percent. Google's effective U.S. tax rate is unclear.

Google's competitor, Apple, reportedly uses an even more aggressive strategy to pay an overall rate of 9.8 percent, according to the New York Times.

Google has over 10,000 employees in Mountain View and pays millions in property taxes and lease payments to the city, which owns the land its headquarters sits on.

Google was not able to immediately respond to a request for comment. ■

## GRADING POLICY

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tried to set up some sort of mechanism — some automatic ways to move forward toward uniformly — and in so doing, they adopted mechanisms that were mathematically inconsistent with what they were trying to do.”

Uhlir said he sees the same problem.

“I have no problem with the policy,” he said after the meeting. “I have a problem with the way the policy is being practiced.”

### Afraid to speak out

According to Uhlir, he is not the only parent concerned with the new system. At the district meeting, he said that many parents have told him they are upset, but are afraid to speak up or perhaps don't have the time or understand the best way to make their voices heard.

A woman who is plugged into the Mountain View High School parent community, but declined to be identified, because she feels it would be

inappropriate for her to speak out publicly given the title she holds, said many parents have expressed their dissatisfaction with the new grading system, but don't know what to do.

Uhlir also said that he has heard from a number of teachers who disagree with the new grading practices but are too afraid to speak for fear of professional consequences. He has been speaking out on this issue for those who are afraid to speak, he said. “My daughter is doing fine. I'm not worried about her.”

Groves isn't so sure that there are as many who are upset as Uhlir claims. “In our community, our parents aren't reticent about talking to us about issues and successes that we have in our district,” he told the *Voice*.

“Whenever you have a student's grade, we take them very seriously,” Groves said. “Ensuring that students get the right grades is very important to us.”

Groves said he is confident in his teachers' “professional judgment,” and does not believe that any students

will suffer serious academic outcomes as a result of the new grading policy. “I think when the semester comes to an end, students' grades will be similar to what they've received last year.”

But the way Uhlir sees things, Groves and the district administration are focused too much on the forest and not enough on the individual trees. He said that he feels district administrators think it will be OK as long as the entire school averages out, and are not considering that such an averaging out overlooks the possibility that some kids that deserved a higher grade got a lower one while those that deserved a lower grade were dragged up.

“I do not believe these are minor glitches,” he said. “Now is the time we have to act.”

Uhlir said the only way he will be satisfied is if the district does an extensive student by student comparison — looking to see how they did in the previous year and how they did during the first semester of this year. ▀

## No perfect scores with new system

By Nick Veronin

According to Steve Uhlir, the parent of a Mountain View High School senior, the biggest problem with the new grading system occurs in departments that grade students based upon subjective assignments, such as essays. They have devised a system that penalizes students on the verge of moving up or down a full letter grade, which he believes has the potential to be most detrimental for students on the cusp between an A-minus and a B-plus.

That's because students who earn a perfect score on such an assignment at Mountain View High School — an essay, book report or series of short paragraph answers, for example — can't score higher than a 97 percent.

Los Altos High School, it seems, does not have the same issue.

Uhlir said he grasped the problem after speaking extensively with one of the English teachers at Mountain View High

who helped put together the new grading system.

Teachers who grade subjective assignments had to decide what percentage should be awarded for an A-minus, an A and an A-plus. He said teachers decided that there was no way to tell whether someone had truly earned a “perfect” score, so they decided that an A-plus grade would be recorded as a 97 percent when it is entered into the computer system that tracks student progress over the course of the year.

While some might think that the difference between a 97 percent and a 100 percent is insignificant, Phil Faillace, the current board president of the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District, pointed out that it is mathematically significant.

Uhlir said the system is confusing and stressful for students who are trying to keep tabs on how they are doing in classes — such as history, languages and the arts — that use the 97 percent maximum.

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## MACIAS

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“It’s pretty amazing. It’s an honor in the sense that you represent the people,” Macias said of her time on council. “They vote for you for a reason. Certainly not everyone will be happy with everything you do. Certainly people trust you to make the best decisions you can.”

Looking back, Macias said one of her proudest accomplishments was helping lead the fight against the Home Depot proposed for San Antonio Shopping Center.

“I’m really happy the year I was mayor, in 2007, we did not let Home Depot come in and build where Sears was,” Macias said. “If you think about how that would have manifested itself and what we’re getting now — a whole new shopping center — I just think that’s a big win.”

The story gained national media attention.

“I felt like a leader in that,” Macias said. “I was insulted by Rush Limbaugh. So there you go, I must have been doing something right if Rush Limbaugh hates me,” she laughed.

Macias, who came to Mountain View from Arizona in the

take it seriously, we should (raise council member pay).”

“We keep on getting fewer and fewer people running for office because it’s like, ‘How many people are this crazy?’” she said.

### Macias and the developing city

Macias has long been known for opposing development projects more often than other council members. She was motivated to become involved when she bought a townhouse at the Old Mill and became concerned about the development of row houses at the Crossings next door. She’d often spar with former council member Greg Perry, who was flabbergasted in one meeting by her lack of support for higher density housing projects, and finally asked if there was any place in the city she might support it. Her answer: El Camino Real.

Macias says the city can’t afford to grow at a rapid pace.

“People talk about, why can’t you be another San Francisco,” Macias said. “I’ll tell you why: we don’t have the revenue.”

She added that “because of Proposition 13, we’re limited” in revenue. She said she wants

**‘We keep on getting fewer and fewer people running for office because it’s like, ‘How many people are this crazy?’”**

1980s and whose grandparents came from Mexico in the early 1900s, is only the second Latina to serve on the Mountain View City Council. Pat Figueroa was the first. For most of her term she was the only council member who was not retired or married.

When asked if it seemed like the job was made for retired people, she said, “I think it is,” because of the need for a second income. A council member’s monthly stipend of \$600 amounts to \$5 an hour if council members work 30 hours a week. Macias said she worked between 20 and 40 hours a week as a council member, sometimes more as mayor.

“I think it is a real job, I think people should be paid for it,” she said.

She recalled that residents “solidly rejected” a pay raise for council members in a 2008 ballot measure required by the city charter. “I just think times have changed. It is a real position,” Macias said.

“Once you are on council, in order to be effective, you have to be all in, you can’t be asleep at the wheel. You have to ask the right questions. If you want people to

reforms to the controversial tax law to increase commercial property tax revenue to keep city services from never-ending cuts.

“As long as the construct is that the cities make money off retail (through sales taxes), it’s going to be really tough for cities to be successful,” she said.

Earlier this month in a meeting on North Bayshore, home to Google and the city’s office district, Macias said she was



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Council member Laura Macias gets a kiss from her dog Tucker in Pioneer Park.

shocked by how many jobs are being considered for the area, now estimated to have 15,000.

“When you go from 15,000 jobs to 28,000 jobs to 48,000 — forget it — it’s just a whole different experience,” Macias said. “They had at least three more freeway ramps coming off 101. I was blown away. The impact of what they were suggesting was so incredible, it’s hard to imagine it wouldn’t affect the entire city.”

Macias said city officials fought hard to make sure North Bayshore got designated as a wildlife corridor.

“Like it or not, we’ve got wildlife there,” she said. “And actually, I do like it and I think we need to find a way to live with them. And we’re not going to do it by tripling the amount of people that work there.”

Macias was not impressed with goals of reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips by only 20 percent in North Bayshore. “In my perfect

world, I want to see us ban cars in North Bayshore,” she said.

Macias has long been supportive of environmental causes. As mayor in 2007 she signed the city onto the U.S. Mayor’s climate protection agreement, which calls on cities to reduce emission to below 1990 levels. As a parks and recreation commissioner with council member Ronit Bryant, she helped come up with the formula the city uses to determine park space needs, helped start a program that provides free trees to residents and made Arbor Day an annual event again, things that “now have a life of their own,” she said. In one of her final council meetings, she called for a discussion on bike and pedestrian safety and supported the construction of special buffered bike lanes like she had seen used in Long Beach, to the delight of bicycle advocates.

Macias has spent the last

six months unemployed, other than serving on the council. “I really wanted to enjoy the last six months,” she said. She called it being able to take a “farewell tour,” going to luncheons and events she would have otherwise had to pass on.

She will now have the title “former mayor,” which always seems to stick.

She laughed when she saw that two other former mayors happened to be on the Le Boulanger on Castro Street while she was giving this interview, Jim Cochrane and Nick Galiotto.

“Now I know what I’m supposed to do on a Monday afternoon, hang out at Le Bou,” she said.

“Sometimes I think I’ll come back and run again in two years. Then I think, ‘No, that’s only for crazy people,’” she laughs.

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## OBITUARY

### MARIANNA WIEDER VAN ERP

Marianna Wieder van Erp, a longtime resident of Mountain View, died on Dec. 10, surrounded by her family. She was 83.

Born in Milwaukee, as a teenager she moved to Monrovia, California. She met her future husband, Dirk, at a Stanford University outing to Santa Cruz, where their fate together was sealed after a ride on the Giant Dipper together.

After graduating from Stanford and attending the social work program at the Univer-

sity of California, Berkeley, she raised five children. During this time she volunteered extensively, including with the Girl Scouts, at the local polling station and with the Red Cross, according to her family.

She entered the paid workforce in her early 50s, where she found a love of computers and computer teaching that stood her in good stead during a five-year stint in Seoul, South Korea in the 1980s.

She was a dedicated volunteer at the Mountain View Library, where her love of books and knowledge of the Internet combined to great effect in the second-hand bookselling fundraising effort, her family said.

She is survived by her children, William, Janna van Erp Mori, Joanne van Erp Montague and Mary van Erp Bythell; and twelve grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her granddaughter Kyla, her daughter Ruth van Erp, her husband of 53 years, Dirk, and her brother Thomas Wieder.

Anyone wishing to make a charitable contribution in her memory is asked to donate to either the Friends of the Mountain View Public Library (650-903-6336), where she volunteered, or to Pathway Hospice Foundation (408-730-1200), which provided such excellent care during her final hours, her family said.

### Correction

In last week's story, "Council compromises on housing fees," the Voice incorrectly

reported that 84 percent of residents make less than 80 percent of the area median income. It is 84 percent

of "low-income households working in the commercial sector" that do.

IN LOVING MEMORY

## Emma Bakes, MD, PhD

Emma Bakes, MD, PhD, died of metastatic breast cancer during her senior year at the Stanford University School of Medicine. Dr. Bakes was an accomplished astrophysicist who worked at NASA for 10 years prior to entering medical school. In addition to her academic and professional accomplishments, Dr. Bakes' dedicated much of her time to various community and volunteer services. Her selfless example inspired the altruistic efforts of countless others, and because of her, some of them have entered into the fields of science and medicine. In recognition of her contributions and accomplishments Stanford University and the School of Medicine conferred her Medical Doctorate posthumously with compassion and kindness during Commencement 2011.

Dr. Bakes represented the best of what we can be and to keep her inspirational flame ever lit, especially for those in the medical profession, her partner, Dr. Donald Mendoza and I -- one of her former teachers at Stanford -- are asking those interested in the service of others to honor and follow her example by contributing to the Campaign for Stanford Medical Center in her memory.

Simply designate Dr. Bakes' name on your check or add an explanatory note to your donation. Fifty percent of the funds contributed in Dr. Bakes' memory will be targeted for breast cancer research; the other 50% will go towards the medical-education fund of the School of Medicine.

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## SANDY HOOK

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said that sales of firearms have just about doubled in his store over the past few days, which he attributes to locals wishing to be prepared to defend themselves against a potential attack, which he said he believes to be their right.

“Don’t blame the tool,” said Gary Kolander, who owns and runs the shop, located at 363 W. El Camino Real. The store was packed on the afternoon of Dec. 18. Kolander said he believes that in order to stop mass shootings like Sandy Hook Elementary School, shooters need to be stopped before they commit to such heinous acts. “We need to address the types of people that commit these crimes.”

Kolander pointed out that the killer, Adam Lanza, was only 20 years old, making it illegal for him to possess many of the firearms he brought to the school that fateful day. Society would do better to scorn a system that allowed Lanza’s troubles to go unaddressed, he said, and perhaps some blame should be placed on legal adult gun owners that do not properly secure their weapons.

“I teared up when I heard about the shooting,” Kolander said.

No matter who you are, he continued, you have to feel terrible for the victim’s and their families. But he said he still firmly believes that no amount of additional regulation will stop killings like this — that means no bans on certain kinds of guns, no bans on certain kinds of clips.

## Assault weapon bans

Such arguments ring hollow to Shikha Hamilton, president of the Santa Clara County chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

“Honestly, the minute you bring up the shooting, tears start rolling through my eyes, because it’s so hard to fathom small children being slaughtered the way they were,” she said.

Hamilton said she believes that just about everybody can relate to her feelings — whether pro- or anti-gun.

However, she said, she is frustrated by those who argue that any kind of new gun-control legislation is an unacceptable infringement upon civil liberties — especially when it comes to the style of weapon used in the Sandy Hook shooting.

If people feel they need a handgun to protect their homes from a potential intruder, she said, that’s one thing — even though such home-defense weaponry is far more likely to hurt or kill a member of the family it is intended to protect.

Hamilton said there is really no practical reason for anyone to own a semi-automatic rifle with high-capacity magazines, such as the Bushmaster brand weapon used to kill the children at Sandy Hook. Such weapons — and particularly large magazines, which can carry as many as 30 rounds and be switched out in seconds — are unnecessary for hunting, Hamilton said, positing that the only reason she can think someone would like such a

gun is for the thrill of spraying bullets at targets at a shooting range.

“Sorry if you guys are having fun, but these weapons have become a health hazard,” she said.

She said the Brady Campaign’s top goals include reinstating a stricter version of the so-called assault weapons ban, which expired after disallowing some of the most powerful rifles and higher-capacity magazines from 1994 to 2004, and closing the “gun show

loophole,” which allows people to buy a gun directly from the owner without going through the same types of background checks and waiting periods as someone buying the same gun from a licensed gun shop.

While he admitted that it could sound callous, Kolander said that if person is hell-bent on wreaking devastation, he will find a way to do it. He pointed to an incident in China. A man in that country, which has much stricter gun laws than the United States, entered an

elementary school and slashed 22 children and one adult with a knife, according to a report from ABC news. A separate report from CBS noted that all 23 victims were “injured.” It did not say any were killed.

However, the attack in China only serves to support Hamilton’s beliefs, she said. The fact that some or all of those children might live underscores the difference between guns and knives.

“I’d rather run from a knife than a gun,” she said. ■



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## ZUCKERBERG

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“This is the Silicon Valley Community Foundation’s largest single gift,” said Rebecca Salner, vice president of marketing and communications for the SVCF.

It is reportedly also Zuckerberg’s largest donation yet.

In his announcement on Facebook, Zuckerberg says that he and his wife signed “the Giving Pledge” two years ago, an effort started by Bill Gates and Warren Buffett which now has 81 billionaires pledging to donate most of their wealth to charities.

“Our first major project has been around education reform with Startup: Education in Newark, NJ,” Zuckerberg writes in his announcement. “I’m really proud of the work we’ve done there, helping leaders like Governor Chris Christie and Mayor Cory Booker sign the most progressive teachers contract in our country, opening four new district high schools, 11 new charter schools and more.”

“Today, in order to lay the foundation for new projects, we’ve made a contribution of 18 million Facebook shares to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation,” Zuckerberg wrote. “Together, we will look for areas in education and health to focus on next. I’m hopeful we’ll be able to have as positive an impact in our next set of projects.”

Foundation officials were tight-lipped about the dona-



VERONICA WEBER

File photo of Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook’s chief executive officer.

tion, other than issuing a brief statement.

“Mark’s generous gift will change lives and inspire others in Silicon Valley and around the globe to give back and make the world a better place,” said Emmett D. Carson, CEO of Silicon Valley Community Foundation. “We are pleased and honored that he has chosen to continue to partner with us to help him achieve his philanthropic goals.”

Zuckerberg, who draws a \$1 a year salary from Menlo Park-based Facebook, had an estimated net worth of \$9.5 billion earlier this year, according to Forbes magazine. ■

## Toying with startups

By Angela Hey

How do you persuade girls to study STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) at college?

STEM subjects represent about one-third of the country’s bachelor’s degrees and females represent less than a third of the science and engineering workforce, according to the National Science Foundation. Early in my career at Bell Labs, at an annual affirmative action workshop, we were encouraged to give boys dolls and girls boys’ toys, like electronics kits and chemistry sets. Girls who learn spatial skills early in life are more likely to choose STEM fields, noted the American Association of University Women in their 2010 report, “Why So Few?”

Bettina Chen and Alice Brooks have created a company, Maykah, to help girls, age 4 and up, learn spatial skills and engineering. Each grew up with older brothers and, like me, didn’t like playing with dolls. This fueled their interest in STEM at an early age. Bettina studied electrical and electronics engineering at Caltech, then came to Stanford where she met Alice, an MIT graduate in mechanical engineering. They joined StartX, a Palo Alto-based accelerator that has helped 170 Stanford entrepreneurs and 60 companies get started. Professor Steve Blank’s hands-on



Lean LaunchPad course, provided invaluable advice and contacts. Stanford connections found them a manufacturer in China and a lawyer.

I found them busy packing their first product into Priority Mail boxes in the Dymond Industrial Park near Hacker Dojo. The first 2,000 units sold out quickly and they are shipping their next batch. The Original Roominate kit, at \$59, provides a battery pack, motor, switch, dry-erase room panels for walls or floors, connectors and furniture building pieces. A Chateau de Roominate kit consists of 4 Original kits. The kits enable children to exercise design, artistic and construction skills by building rooms and then more elaborate creations. Bettina and Alice built a Christmas tree from a kit, using the motor to rotate a decoration.

Reenu Lodha, a recent MBA, from the University of Florida, has joined Maykah to handle marketing. Reenu notes that, whereas Florida has professors with great connections, it lacks the fast-moving Stanford environment that enables companies to launch quickly.

Maykah is sharing warehouse space with E&M Labs, another Kickstarter-funded startup making construction kits for small children. Founder Evan Murphy and his partner Mike, started 18 months ago by making a trebuchet on a laser cutter at Tech Shop in Menlo Park,

funding it with Kickstarter. Trebuchets are weapons of mediaeval warfare used to hurl rocks at fortifications. “The Trebuchette” offered by E&M Labs is designed to catapult small foam balls. A friend then had the idea for semi-circular wooden clips that could hold cards together.

With more Kickstarter funding, Evan and Mike designed Skallops, triple-ply birch wood semicircles that look like half a daisy. There are long slits every 30 degrees and in between are shorter slits. Evan was kind enough to give me a Junior Pack of Skallops, which lists for \$19.95. It contains a pack of playing cards and 52 clips. I had terrific fun building a Christmas tree with the kit. It was quite challenging to balance the tree, calculate angles and select appropriate slits for each card. Future Skallops kits will contain axles to enable construction of moving creations.

Maykah raised \$85,964 on crowd-funding website Kickstarter.com from 1,154 backers. They also have angel investors. E&M Labs started with \$350,000 in funding and is now going for a larger angel round. Both companies sell from their own websites (roominate.com and em-labs.com). It’s now feasible to make and ship toys with very little capital. ■

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## NEW CHEF

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So far, the reaction to Chez TJ’s new menu has been positive, Gallagher says.

“I’ve changed a lot dishes really quickly, and (the staff) has been nothing short of amazing,” he says. “In terms of the guests, I’ve been talking to every table, and they say they’re enjoying it.”

Chez TJ’s former chef, Joey Elenterio, left in early November, reportedly saying that he was ready to move on to something bigger. ■

■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**SUPPORTING NEWTOWN FAMILIES**

The Postal Service in Newtown, Conn., has set up a post office box for cards and letters of support for shooting victim families, the American Red Cross has announced.

This is the address: Messages of Condolence for Newtown, PO Box 3700, Newtown, CT 06470.

Those who want to make a donation to support the affected families, the United Way of Western Connecticut has created a Sandy Hook School Support Fund. For more information, visit <https://newtown.uwwesternct.org>.

**HELP FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS**

Push-ups can do more than strengthen your body, as clients at Evolution Trainers did push-ups to raise over \$30,000 for Hurricane Sandy victims.

The Mountain View health club held a push-up-a-thon in order to raise money for the victims of the recent storm.

Ashley Selman, owner of Evolution Trainers, said in an email that members of their team did over 11,000 push-ups in one day.

“What an incredible story of the huge heart of the Mountain View community coming together to help others in need all the way across the country,” Selman wrote.

**HOLIDAY HOURS**

Most city offices and other facilities, including the Rengstorff House, the Senior Center and the Teen Center, will be closed or have modified hours due to the holidays between Sunday, Dec. 23, and Tuesday, Jan. 1. City Hall will be closed from Saturday, Dec. 22, to Tuesday, Jan. 1.

For more detailed information on city office hours, people can go to [bit.ly/UAzgRX](http://bit.ly/UAzgRX). Regular business hours will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

The city’s police and fire departments’ non-emergency services will also be closed, with the exception of Police Records, which will remain open. Emergency services will not have holiday closures, and are available by calling 911.

—Ashley Finden

■ CRIME BRIEFS

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“will ride along with a patrol officer who will focus on DUI enforcement for the annual Avoid the 13 campaign. Lt. Fisher will tweet regular updates about his partner’s efforts as well as DUI relevant information on the MVPD Twitter feed.” You can follow the MVPD at @MountainViewPD and look for tweets specifically related to the campaign under the hashtag #Mvavoid13.

**MAN ROBBED**

A man was robbed at gunpoint in the 2400 block of Latham Street at about 4 p.m. on Dec. 12, according to police.

The thieves made off with the victim’s wallet, about \$300 in cash and his cell phone, after meeting with him on the pretense that they would sell him gift cards, according to Sgt. Sean Thompson, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department.

Thompson said that the victim, a 26-year-old Oakland man, had arranged to meet and buy the cards. At that time, the victim met a woman, who was with a man. That man pulled a dark colored handgun on the victim and demanded his wallet and cell phone.

The victim surrendered the money and his phone and the woman and the man got into what the victim described as a 2000s model light brown Jeep Cherokee and drove off.

The thieves were described as a black man and black woman, both in their mid- to late-20s. The woman was said to be 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighing about 140 pounds. The man was said to be about 6 feet tall, of medium build and wearing dark colored clothing, Thompson said.

Police are not saying at this time how the meeting was arranged and whether the victim knew the thieves. Thompson did say that the meeting was not arranged through Craigslist.

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**A touch of glue can turn everyday materials into colorful, creative gift wrapping**

# Dreaming of a green Christmas?

by Carol Blitzer

Coffee filters? Check. Old calendars? Check. Toilet paper tubes? Check. With just a little glue and ingenuity at the holidays, anyone can turn ordinary household scraps into beautiful gift wrap — and keep more trash from going to the landfill.

Recycled calendars can become bows that resemble roses; coffee filters can become big, puffy chrysanthemums; and thin paper bags can be transformed into frilly bows.

At a recent workshop on “Eco-Boxes, Tags, & Wrap,” Monica Lee, a teacher at San Francisco’s SCRAP (Scrounger’s Center for Reusable Art Parts) and artist-in-residence at Ruth’s Table, and Dorothy Yuki, a design and production consultant, shared their ideas for using everyday items to add sparkle to one’s gifts.

A toilet-paper roll, for example, can be folded at each end and decorated with a wallpaper scrap. Voila! A gift box is born.

Here are some of their ideas.

## Chrysanthemum bow

Start with six or seven large white coffee filters; fold circle in half, then again and again. Grasping the point, cut the edges into either rounded shapes or points (think snowflake). Open. Repeat with other filters.

Place one filter on the table and dab some glue from a glue stick in the center. Press the second cut filter on top, rotating the cut edges. Repeat until all layers are glued together. When dry, pouf the bow by lightly crushing the fronds. You can then glue a bead or button in the center.

## A book bow

A simple bow can be easily created from a strip cut from an old book (these can be cut at Office Depot for \$1/cut, Yuki said). Break off about 1/2 inch of the book at the spine. Then fold each sheet into the spine. You can alternate

and double fold every two or three. When finished, the bow can be fanned out and attached to a package.

## Gift tags

Gift tags can be made from mat board (or the insides of old cereal boxes), with glued-on designs made from torn newspapers or magazines or junk mail. They can be enhanced with bottle caps or stickers, or colorful twine wound around the tag.

## Rose bow

To make a rose bow, begin with about an 8-inch square of colorful paper, perhaps taken from last year’s wall calendar. Round out the four edges. Then cut a continuous spiral, beginning about 3/4-inch from the edge (“It doesn’t have to be straight,” Yuki said; in fact it’s better to cut a wavy line.)

Beginning with the outside edge, with the side you want to see on the inside, start rolling tightly, all the while keep-



Scrap-paper tree.

CAROL BLITZER

ing the bottom edge together. When you get to the end, twist the end flat, add a dollop of glue (from the glue gun) and press down.

“A rose petal is never ever, never exact,” Yuki said. And no two “roses” are ever the same. One can cluster a trio in different sizes at the corner of a package, and glue in place.

## Paint-strip bow

Wondering what to do with all those paint strips you’ve brought home over the years, only to discard? You can create a fan of color by folding along the white strips between the colors (a



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



CAROL BLITZER

**Paint-strip bow.**

“mountain” fold), then folding halfway along each color square in the opposite direction (a “valley” fold). Repeat for a second strip. Then fan each out and glue ends together to make a round bow. Add a button to the center with hot glue.

**Scrap-paper tree**

You can create a little Christmas tree, beginning with a skewer attached to an old cork. Tear up scraps of paper in different sizes. Beginning at the bottom (the cork end), pierce one scrap at a time and push down the skewer, using larger pieces at the bottom and smaller ones as you near the top. Every few pieces, add a folded piece as spacer.

“This is a great project for grandkids. It’ll keep them busy for days,” noted Jonathan Cranch, president of

FabMo, who participated in the workshop.

**Wallpaper ornament**

A quick tree ornament can be made from 3/4-inch strips of wallpaper. Begin by cutting strips 8 inches long, 7.5 inches, 7 inches and 6.5 inches. Make a loop from red string and knot at one end. Gently fold the shortest strip, capturing the knotted string at the end; fold the next three strips around the first one. Staple the end. Then push down from the center on the bottom, lining up the strips at the other end, and staple that.

Just think how happy the recycle crew will be when they find a gift wrapped in an old paper bag, with a coffee-filter bow and matboard tag. ■

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# The holidays on film

The holidays are here, and that can only mean one thing: hours upon hours spent with relatives you barely know. Hopefully you'll get to hear Uncle Clifford's hilarious reminiscences about the old days (again) or share some quality bonding time with the cousins.

But what if the family get-together feels less "together" and more, well, awkward? Simple: Let Hollywood save your holiday. Gather everyone in the living room, pop in a DVD, and in two short hours, you'll all be holding hands 'round the Christmas tree and singing "Fah who foraze" like Whos down in Whoville.

To help you find just the right movie to help your unique family recall the spirit of the holiday season, Palo Alto Weekly film critics Peter Canavese and Tyler Hanley have selected some of their favorites, from the classics to the not-so-classic.

## It's a Wonderful Life (1946)

No movie says Christmas to me, or David Packard, or most

adult Americans like "It's a Wonderful Life." Director Frank Capra's endlessly influential, constantly reinterpreted film became a Christmas classic largely with the advent of television, which made it an annual holiday tradition (so too has the Stanford Theatre in Palo Alto, which screens it Christmas Eve on actual celluloid and in glorious black and white).

A funny-sweet-sad emotional roller coaster, "It's a Wonderful Life" follows the development of George Bailey (James Stewart) from adolescent to family man, his love story with a girl named Mary (Donna Reed), and the misfortune that befalls the Bailey Building and Loan Association and pushes George to the brink of suicide (only to be rescued by an angel named Clarence).

Yes, it's a movie for the 99 percent, but there are other reasons to occupy Bedford Falls: vibrant characters, great performances (Stewart's is one of the great movie-star turns of all time), and that "what if you were never

## Movies that appeal to all sorts of family members

born?" story — adapted from Philip Van Doren Stern's "The Greatest Gift" — which makes a virtue of unabashed sentiment.

Some call it "Capra-corn," but most want to return to it again and again. Certainly for me it's one of those movies indelibly stamped on my psyche from endless childhood viewings, so familiar that it practically qualifies as family. — PC

## Home Alone (1990)

Then-adorable Macaulay Culkin delivers one of Hollywood's most memorable child performances in the heartwarming and often hilarious "Home Alone." Actress Emmy Rossum ("The Phantom of the Opera") recently Tweeted: "At 7, I was in love w/ Macaulay. I'd watch Home Alone over & over. I used to pause the video and go and kiss his virtual face." Plenty share Rossum's affinity for the film — for many viewers in their 20s, "Home Alone" is considered the ultimate Christmas flick.

Rambunctious youngster Kevin McCallister (Culkin) is inadvertently left unaccompanied in a large house when his massive, frenzied family rushes out the door while running late for a Christmas vacation to Paris. Although Kevin initially celebrates his newfound freedom, his enthusiasm is quickly tempered by the introduction of two dim-bulb burglars (Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern) and their repeated attempts to break in to the house. Meanwhile, Kevin's



distraught mother (Catherine O'Hara) desperately tries to get back to her son, turning to help from a gregarious polka musician (John Candy).

Somewhat ironically, family is the binding theme in "Home Alone." The familial undertone



is not a surprise considering the subject is a common one for both screenwriter John Hughes ("The Breakfast Club") and director Chris Columbus ("Mrs. Doubtfire"). The slapstick that ensues in the picture's final act — when Kevin cleverly fends off the bumbling crooks — is downright riotous (Stern's high-pitched screams are inspired). A cornucopia of Christmas tunes (such as Kevin lip-syncing Bing Crosby's "White Christmas") also helps bring home the holiday spirit. — TH

## A Christmas Story (1983)

Another more recent Christmas classic that's become a TV tradition is Bob Clark's comedy "A Christmas Story," the subject of an annual 24-hour broadcast marathon. Though 12 consecutive viewings would be overkill, at least one is mandatory.

Clark's hilarious, irreverent

reclamation of Rockwellian America derives from the comic tales of Jean Shepherd. Set around the turn of the 1940s, "A Christmas Story" could be the ultimate nostalgia movie, charmingly making viewers long for an innocent time most of them didn't even live through, if it even existed to begin with. Nine-year-old Ralphie (Peter Billingsley) suffers the indignities of youth while being embarrassed by parents (Darren McGavin and Melinda Dillon) and longing for the ultimate gift.

Though perhaps most memorable for Dad's leg lamp, a tongue stuck to an icy pole, and a dangerous BB gun ("You'll shoot your eye out!"), the secret weapon is Shepherd's deliciously wry narration, a precursor to TV's similarly rueful-wistful "The Wonder Years." (And, having first seen this movie when I was Ralphie's age, I get nostalgic just thinking about it.) — PC

## Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! (1966)

This animated gem narrated by the incomparable Boris Karloff and directed by legendary cartoon auteur Chuck Jones is a Christmastime "can't miss." Dr. Seuss' unique and imaginative imagery sparkles throughout the 26-minute short that has become a holiday staple for families around the globe.

Based on Seuss' 1957 children's book, "Grinch" weaves the tale of a grumpy loner who dwells on a mountain peak above the jubilant town of Whoville. The Grinch bemoans the Whos' festive Christmas celebrations, making scowling complaints to his pet pooch, Max. One Christmas, the Grinch sneakily snatches all of the Whos' decorations and gifts, thus putting the kibosh on their seasonal bliss (or so he thinks). But the olive-hued curmudgeon has a change of heart (literally) when the Whos prove unfazed by the dearth of presents, instead reveling in the simple joys of song and fellowship.

My wonderful mother does Christmas better than anyone I've ever met, for which I am ever grateful. And one of her regular rituals is watching this colorful short with my brother and me. I still get choked up when the Grinch, desperately clinging to a sleigh full of the Whos' pilfered goodies, hears the Whos singing down below and finally grasps the true meaning of Christmas. Messages about fellowship, generosity, sharing and empathy toward others are wrapped nicely in the picture's narrative. Just what the doctor ordered. — TH



**The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992)**

I love the Muppets, so the shocking 1990 death of Muppet creator Jim Henson, at age 53, struck a terrible blow. 1992's "The Muppet Christmas Carol," then, had more riding on it than the average Christmas movie. Dickens' heartwarming journey from bitterness to love is emotional enough as it is, but as reinterpreted by the Muppets, it became an unavoidable tearjerker for fans still mourning the loss of Henson and fellow Muppeteer Richard Hunt.

Directed by Henson's son Brian, the film casts Kermit the Frog (Steve Whitmire) and Miss Piggy (Frank Oz) as the Cratchits, Gonzo (Dave Goelz) as narrator Charles Dickens, and Michael Caine as Ebenezer Scrooge. Paul Williams, who with Kenny Ascher penned the tunes for "The Muppet Movie," contributes seven lovely new songs, and beloved Muppet screenwriter Jerry Juhl crafts a surprisingly faithful adaptation, even while striking comedy gold with the double-act of Gonzo and Rizzo the Rat (also Whitmire).

Add Caine's powerful performance — good enough to carry a straight, human retelling of "A Christmas Carol" — and you get a heartwarming family film with serious replay value. With "The Muppets" still in theaters, there's no better time to dig into the Muppet catalog, and no film more seasonally appropriate than "The Muppet Christmas Carol." — PC



sneaking his way through the plaza's unpopulated floors and keeping an eye on the criminals and their sophisticated leader, Hans Gruber (Alan Rickman). John's guile and guts prove invaluable as he slowly picks off the terrorists, leading to a final confrontation with Hans.

Willis is spectacular in the film that built his career, and the thrills are visceral as John daringly veers from one dangerous situation to the next. Rickman

is a revelation as Hans, going down as one of cinema's all-time great villains. John's selfless actions ring true with the holiday season, even if fighting, gunfire and explosions don't exactly elicit thoughts of Santa Claus and Frosty the Snowman. The dynamic that develops between John and a Twinkie-loving patrol cop proves endearing, while John's obvious love for his wife (and vice versa) breaks through the chaos.

"Die Hard" is the season's guilty pleasure — it isn't so much a Christmas movie as it is a "Christosterone" movie. Enjoy in moderation. — TH

**A Christmas Tale (2008)**

Part and parcel of the holidays is the dysfunctional family, the stuff of many a Christmas movie from "Home Alone" to "The Ref." If alcoholism, mental illness, leukemia, and general family strife make you feel at home, "A Christmas Tale" may be the film for you. French writer-director Arnaud Desplechin is given to expansive domestic dramedies, and this one's no exception. Around the same time he bedeviled James Bond in "Quantum of Solace," Mathieu Almaric stars as the most neurotic of the Vuillard family, heading rapidly for a strained reunion on Christmas. Catherine Deneuve plays the ailing matriarch trying to keep the family together.

A feast of individual perspectives, "A Christmas Tale" offers many a character the opportunities to deliver, directly to the audience, a monologue composed of the poetry of the

troubled mind. Can this family be saved? It's the elephant in the room, or perhaps we should say the wolf in the cellar. The invisible beast, named Anatole, is an aging imaginary threat to the household's past and present children. For a family on the edge of madness, the solution is simple: Stop believing the wolf is at the door and start believing in each other. With his artful approach, Desplechin makes the well-worn family-weekend plot endearing again. — PC

**Scrooged (1988)**

Funnyman Bill Murray lends his sharp sense of humor to this edgy adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol."

Murray is exceptional and director Richard Donner ("Lethal Weapon") sets the perfect tone, serving up a delicious Christmas blend of hilarity and sincerity.

Murray is at his sarcastic best as TV executive Frank Cross, a modern-day Scrooge so corrupted by greed and power that even his only brother gets slighted during the holidays. Frank, deep in the throes of producing a



"Scrooge" television special set to air live on Christmas Eve, is visited by the cobwebbed specter of his old boss, Lew (John Forsythe). Lew warns his former protege that three unique ghosts will be paying him a visit. Soon Frank is

being transported to his past by a wisecracking cabbie (David Johansen), through his present by an abusive fairy (Carol Kane) and to his future by a skeletal phantasm.

Donner and company overwhelmingly succeed in taking one of literature's mostly widely read Christmas stories and twist-

ing it without losing what makes it so memorable in the first place. The original score by musical mastermind Danny Elfman (who frequently collaborates with director Tim Burton) is phenomenal and gives "Scrooged" that Burton-esque flair. Murray's supporting cast, which also includes Bobcat Goldthwait as a down-and-out ex-employee and Robert Mitchum as Frank's

boss, is excellent. A subplot involving Frank and his former flame (Karen Allen as Claire) is also surprisingly effective. And in something of an ode to the family spirit that permeates the holidays, Murray's three brothers also have

roles in the film.

"Scrooged" is entertaining, witty and uplifting — a cinematic holiday treat. — TH

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**Die Hard (1988)**

Believe it folks — one of the most celebrated action films of all time also happens to be a terrific holiday movie. Granted, most people prefer their holiday offerings to have a lower body count. But "Die Hard" is Hollywood's only edge-of-your-seat Christmas flick.

New York cop John McClane (Bruce Willis) arrives in Los Angeles for a Christmas shindig at his estranged wife's office building, Nakatomi Plaza. Things spiral from merry to scary when a group of armed thieves invade the plaza and take the party guests hostage. Only the wily John is able to escape,



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Angelica Murillo picks out pajamas for her children with help from Millie Kellogg, a volunteer at CSA for more than 10 years.

## CSA brightens Christmas for the working poor

FOOD, TOYS, RENT MONEY HELPS THOSE IN NEED DURING HOLIDAY SEASON

By Daniel DeBolt

It's a cold Sunday morning and Angelica Murillo has waited an hour and 15 minutes in a line that stretches outside of the Community Services Agency on Stierlin Road.

She's handed a large bag and led upstairs to several rooms full of donated gifts. For each of her three young children, she's able to take one of each: toys, books, games, stuffed animals, pajamas and stocking stuffers. She walks out with a bag packed with 18 gifts to brighten Christmas morning, gifts she could not afford on her husband's income as a landscaper.

"The more they see, the more excited they get," Murillo said of her kids, aged 2, 5 and 7, on Christmas morning.

Murillo is one of 1,000 local residents who are helped by the CSA's annual Holiday exchange program, which distributes donated Christmas gifts for children. The CSA is one of seven non-profits that will share funds raised by the *Voice* Holiday Fund this year.

"The key to (the Holiday exchange) program is understanding that it's not about the donor giving the gift to the child," said CSA executive director Tom Myers. "It's really about empowering the adults to be able to give gifts to the children. One of the most important ways you can help to break the cycle of poverty in a family is to give that family dignity and self respect. And it doesn't really give that family dignity and self respect if it is

a donor giving a child a toy and it's bypassing the parents."

The gift exchange is one way the non-profit and its 600 volunteers are a part of the area's social safety net, providing services not provided elsewhere, including the soon-to-be-shuttered county social services building across the street.

**Mountain View and Los Altos have a surprising number of seniors scraping by on fixed incomes.**

"The government does provide welfare checks, food stamps," Myers said. "We provide a lot of services they just don't provide, like our food center."

Over 5,000 residents make regular use of the CSA's food pantry, a sort of grocery store of donated food on the first floor of the building. Food banks, grocery stores, local businesses and school kids are among those that collect the food. Recently, the students of Santa Rita school collected 7,000 pounds of food to donate to CSA. One million dollars worth of food is distributed by the agency every year, reported as a third of the CSA's \$3 mil-

lion annual revenue, Myers said.

There's a slew of other programs: a lunch program for seniors, one-time help with rent for families on the verge of becoming homeless. There's a program that has helped hundreds of seniors live at home instead of in nursing homes. The chronically homeless are also helped with housing in a new "housing first" approach that relies less on shelters and more on subsidized housing. Volunteers have reached out to those living in homeless encampments in Mountain View, Myers said.

Myers says most of those who use the CSA's services are from Mountain View and Los Altos, which have a surprising number of seniors scraping by on fixed incomes, he said. CSA's clients are screened by a social worker to determine their financial needs.

The recession has hit the CSA with a "double whammy" Myers said. While needs are greater, the CSA has seen a decline in donations.

"The thing we're finding that is having the biggest impact on our clients is that rents are so high right now and continue to go up," Myers said. "Rents are astronomically high right now."

The CSA collects food and items for the holiday gift exchange year round.

To donate to the CSA through the *Voice* Holiday Fund, visit the Holiday Fund web page at [siliconvalleycf.org/mvv-holiday-fund](http://siliconvalleycf.org/mvv-holiday-fund). ▣

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### ■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

## Neighbors should have upper hand in park design

It is no surprise that the City Council balked at rubber-stamping the Santa Clara Valley Water District's final plan to lower the floor of McKelvey Park 15 feet so it could serve double duty as a flood basin and continue to be the home of two Little League playing fields.

The new park's final design would reorient the fields so home plate and the bleachers would back up to what is now the outfield fence. The change would also take out 32 of the tall redwood trees that line the park's border and provide shade and a sound wall for the neighbors.

On a 6-0 vote, the council sent the project back to see if another design that's more acceptable to neighbors can be found. It was the right decision on this contentious project, which the water district is relying on to take away the threat of a rare, 100-year flood along Permanente Creek, which now trickles by just a few yards from the edge of the park.

Water district officials say the park design has been difficult since neighbors want more than just Little League playing fields, which draw teams from all over the area but do not serve most residents who live nearby. To meet that need, the park design includes a mini-play area, parking for 47 cars and a turnaround, so parents easily can drop off young players where they won't have to cross a busy parking lot.

If the district returns to the design in place now, it will remove parking for eight cars, and may impact a turnaround option if neighbors' complaints about them are heeded. One alternative, to reduce the size of the larger ball field, is not likely to be acceptable to Little League officials.

We believe the neighbors have made a good case and should have priority in this redesign for a park in their backyard. The redwood trees must be saved and fields reoriented, so crowd noise and lights that illuminate the field will not impact neighbors. Let's not forget that many of the players who use the park are residents of other neighborhoods or another city.

McKelvey Park is a critical part of the district's flood control plan, and if neighbors sue, as they have threatened to do, it could hold up approval for months, if not years, an outcome that would not be good for anyone.

The district has already agreed to give up the basin once planned for Cuesta Park Annex, so McKelvey and a basin at Rancho San Antonio Park are the key ingredients for the plan to protect 1,600 properties north of El Camino Real in the event of a catastrophic flood. The plan has many critics, including some who claim that there is no certainty that a 100-year flood will ever occur. But in the wake of the recent cataclysmic storms on the East Coast and the continuing worry about global warming, it is not easy to bet against taking precautions.

### ■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

#### HOW DO LOCAL OFFICIALS FEEL ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE?

Given that the National Rifle Association clearly has a lock on our federal government, I'm curious about local officials. How do city council and state officials feel about the sale of what are essentially military weapons to civilians, and what steps do we take to reduce the kind of violence that we see so routinely these days at Columbine, Aurora, Colo., and a mall in Oregon, to name just a few?

Why should we have to live with this level of carnage, when so many other industrialized democracies have managed to control it so much more effectively?

Also, I have a question for the "tea-baggers:" Do you really think that you can stockpile enough weapons to protect you from a drone strike?

*Bill Michel  
Ortega Avenue*

#### QUESTIONS ABOUT PERMANENTE CREEK FLOW DATA

The folks opposing the Cuesta Annex flood basin are not trying to deceive, but just present the facts concerning the Permanente watershed.

The outside engineering firm's report (Multech), which Kevin McBride refers to in his letter to the editor last week, describes its 2,317 cubic feet per second (cfs) estimate as "preliminary only, as evidenced by the over-estimation of the flood peak for the storm of Dec. 22, 1955." It also pro-

vided a 1,204 cfs 100-year flood estimate based on data from the Santa Clara Valley Water District stream gauge and applying the USGS-recommended statistical method.

This estimate is consistent with the 68-year historical record where the highest recorded flow was 967 cfs in 1983. The report also reveals that the water district's model's 2,400 cfs estimate was never calibrated against the peak flows it recorded. In addition, the district's hydrology staff has also clearly stated that their model does not reflect current conditions in the watershed, but some possible future configuration without the existing earthen dam at Rancho and with other unspecified channel modifications.

*Michael Hayden  
Los Altos*

#### PLENTY OF REASONS TO OPPOSE CUESTA BASIN

Responding to Kevin McBride's letter to the editor last week, there are enough significant reasons for people to sign the Cuesta Annex preservation petition without inventing ones such as the destruction of oak trees. We have not misled or exaggerated the Annex basin proposal by the water district and City Council; reality is bad enough.

A home owner living next to Permanente Creek told council on Dec. 12 that his lender removed his flood insurance requirement after seeing the hydrology data. The developers and lenders of the new Grant Farm homes are not worried about floods, either.

*Cynthia Riordan  
Saratoga*





## Third time's a charm

NOW A THREE-RESTAURANT LOCAL CHAIN, THE EXPANDING SCOTT'S SEAFOOD KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER

By Dale F. Bentson

Good things come in threes. There are now three Scott's Seafood restaurants in the area, in Palo Alto, San Jose and Mountain View. Three brothers, German, Alex and Raymon Nava, are the head chefs at each of the restaurants. This is my third time reviewing a Scott's restaurant and each time the experience has been better.

Formerly the Cantankerous Fish, the Castro Street restaurant segued to Scott's after a facelift earlier this year. The open floor plan is bright and

contemporary with a dark tile floor, comfortable tables and chairs, and a banquette that separates the bar area from the dining room. There is patio dining, weather permitting, and service, on each of my visits, was top-notch. Marc Buhagiar is general manager.

For starters, the Dungeness crab cakes (\$15) tasted of fresh crab and not fillers. Crispy on the outside and creamy on the inside, two thick cakes had been artfully arranged on a square plate astride a portion of house-

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**Above:** Lunchtime diners eat in the updated dining room at Scott's Seafood in Mountain View. **Right:** Chive-crusted rainbow trout in caper-butter sauce atop mashed potatoes, spinach and Dungeness crab.



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**Prawns** are served over wild mushroom ravioli in tomato concasse.



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**Scott's sorbet sampler** includes scoops of tangerine, coconut and blood orange.

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made coleslaw topped with squiggles of remoulade sauce.

The crab cakes served as my litmus test. Crab is in season and if the restaurant wasn't using fresh, local crab, I would have likely dismissed Scott's as nothing more than another growing chain. It passed with flying col-

ors.

The mound of fried calamari (\$9) was also fresh, tender and perfectly deep-fried. This dish was accompanied by a perky lemon-butter sauce and a cocktail sauce that was fine but would have been livelier with a spoonful of horseradish.

The requisite clam chowder (cup \$4, bowl \$6), New England

style, was thick with cream and loaded with clams. It was what I expected and I wasn't disappointed.

Main courses equaled the starters. The barely seared sesame-crust ahi tuna (\$25) was delicious. Three large wedges of sashimi-grade ahi were firm and odorless, a luxury in the mouth. Scallions, ginger rice and baby

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The town of Marsala is a seaport city located in the Province of Trapani on the island of Sicily in Italy. The low coast on which it is situated is the westernmost point of the island. It is best known as the source of Marsala wine. Chicken Marsala is an ancient dish made with this wonderful wine. So great was thought the power of this wine, a Greek warlord even believed his men fought with more fl air by drinking a little before battle. But it was the English who settled in Sicily in the early 1800's who are credited with "upgrading" the dish with the use of veal.

It is our distinct pleasure to offer Scaloppine di vitello al Marsala as this week's special dish.

**Bon appetito!** Chef Marco Salvi

#### SCALOPPINE DIVITELLO AL MARSALA

- 1 pound veal medallions
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- All-purpose flour
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 large shallot, minced
- 1 pound fresh button mushrooms, sliced
- ½ cup dry Marsala wine
- 2 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 tablespoon butter

#### Preparation:

Add 2 tablespoon olive oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Lightly season the veal with salt and pepper coat each medallion in fl our, shaking to remove excess fl our. Place in the heated skillet until golden brown on each side, about 5 minutes. Remove medallions from the skillet, place in a baking dish covered with foil, and keep warm in the preheated oven until ready to serve.

Heat the remaining olive oil in the skillet over medium low heat, and sauté the shallot, garlic and mushrooms, scraping up any browned bits, until shallots are tender. Increase heat to medium high, and stir in the Marsala. Cook and stir until thickened. Remove from heat, and whisk in the butter until melted. Pour sauce over the veal and serve with a wedge of lemon. Serves 4

bok choy completed the dish, which was dappled with a barely sweet soy glaze.

The ample portion of chive-crusted rainbow trout (\$21) came with spinach, mashed potatoes, mushrooms and Dungeness crab under a sheer caper-butter sauce. Again, the fish was fresh-tasting and clean in the mouth, and didn't linger on the palate.

My only nitpick was with the prawns over wild mushroom ravioli (\$21). The ravioli were perfectly cooked with a hint of earthiness, and the tomato concasse (peeled, seeded and chopped tomato) was a great addition. The lobster sauce and thyme added richness and color to the dish. The prawns, however, were slightly overcooked which made them too chewy. It's difficult to get them just right, and these were a scotch off. Also, the out-of-season asparagus added some crunch but little more.

Desserts, excepting ice cream, were all house-made and worth saving room for. The Classic Scott's Raspberry Jack (\$8) was triple sec-infused raspberry sauce with ice cream and whipped cream served in an oversized cocktail glass.

The rich New York-style pumpkin cheesecake (\$8) had an Oreo-and-graham cracker crust. Generous portion. Happily, the chocolate sauce was dribbled beneath and on one side of the cheesecake and not drowning it. The dollop of whipped cream was also on the side. Perfect presentation.

The key lime pie (\$8) was creamy and slightly puckery. It came with a spoonful of delicious poached berries that might have been even better than the pie.

The wine list paired well with the menu. Prices were okay, I suppose, given that wine-by-the-glass prices are out of control everywhere. Better bet is buying a full bottle and taking what you don't drink home.

A bar bites menu is available during daily happy hour, featuring lamb, pork and salmon sliders and other options.

Scott's has upped the ante on Castro Street with well-prepared food, good libations, adept service and an appealing decor. If Scott's is planning additional locations, well, that might depend on the availability of more Nava brothers to run the kitchens. ▣



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## MOVIE REVIEWS

### THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY

★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Director Peter Jackson (the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy) rekindles his Middle Earth magic in adapting the first part of J.R.R. Tolkien's seminal novel "The Hobbit" for the big screen. Those fond of the award-winning "Lord of the Rings" pictures will feel a sense of déjà vu in watching "An Unexpected Journey," as cinematography, costuming, score and

set design are all virtually identical, not to mention several cast members. And while "Journey" gets off to a ploddingly slow start, the colorful characters, action sequences and unparalleled visual effects quickly help pick up the pace. There is a paint-by-numbers feel to "Journey," since the groundwork was already well laid with "Lord of the Rings." Some scenes — such as a flashback battle scene involving Thorin and the dwarves — are incredibly similar to moments in "Rings." "Journey" introduces a host of interesting new characters. Martin Freeman makes a wonderful Bilbo, striking a perfect balance between humor and heart, and Ian McKellen serves up another terrific performance. Some have wondered if three films (at nearly three hours each) are really necessary in adapting one 300-page novel. The easy answer is no, but for

those who relish the fantasy genre — and Tolkien's works specifically — three movies might not be enough. *Rated PG-13 for extended sequences of intense fantasy action violence, and frightening images. 2 hours, 49 minutes.*— T.H.

### CHASING ICE ★★1/2

(Aquarius) "It's the economy, stupid." This bit of conventional wisdom holds true for those trying to win public office, but when it comes to the longevity of the human race, it's the environment, stupid. A growing number of concerned citizens have taken up this message, some employing motion pictures like "Chasing Ice" to be worth thousands of words. Jeff Orlowski's documentary feature uses emotional appeal and a measure of science to provide what it characterizes as definitive evidence of global warming. Orlowski follows James Balog, a photographer with a master's degree in geomorphology. Orlowski observes Balog at work with his Extreme Ice Survey, a project recording receding ice-lines and crumbling glaciers in Greenland, Iceland, Alaska and Montana. The presentation of Balog's often hauntingly beautiful imagery go a long way toward the photographer's career mission of reconnecting city dwellers to our presence in and interaction with nature. As artwork, each photo is unique. But as far as being an argument for global warming, if you've seen one melting glacier, you've seen them all. Orlowski makes up the balance partly with a smattering of talking-head commentary paying too-brief lip service to the science of global warming and the effects of global climate change. "Chasing Ice" stakes its claim on that seductive approach, and while more detailed scientific analysis and greater discussion of impacts would have been welcome, the film's visual rhetoric is solid. *Rated PG-13 for brief strong language. One hour, 16 minutes.*— P.C.

### PLAYING FOR KEEPS 1/2

(Century 20) The recession-proof entertainment industry is one of America's most durable ones, and I know we're supposed to buy American. But what did P.T. Barnum say? You'll never go broke underestimating the intelligence of the American public? Actually, "Playing for Keeps" is directed by an Italian filmmaker, Gabriele Mucchio; perhaps a language barrier explains his rubber-stamping a tin-eared script by Robbie Fox. It's all strictly boilerplate. Will they or won't they get back together? Will a job offer in a different city pull a family apart? Will the audience fall asleep before they find out? Actually, there's some mild rooting interest in Butler's George Dryer getting it together, mostly in the scenes in which the overgrown boy attempts to bond with his son, Lewis (Noah Lomax). But "Playing for Keeps" is entirely undemanding, mostly unrealistic, not at all funny, and curiously disconnected, with supporting characters that are plot functions rather than people. Mostly, these comprise actresses rounded up to hit on Butler: Catherine Zeta-Jones, Judy Greer and Uma Thurman. Only Greer milks some laughs, but from a stereotypical desperation shtick, whereas her peers get to more confidently do the same thing: throw themselves at Butler. It's almost as if the movie bought into the parenting advice that Biel's Stacie offers George: "You just have to be there." *Rated PG-13 for some sexual situations, language and a brief intense image. One hour, 45 minutes.*— P.C.

## MOVIE CRITICS

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

## MOVIE TIMES

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<b>Anna Karenina (R) ★★</b>	<b>Aquarius Theatre:</b> 2:15, 5:15 & 8:15 p.m.
<b>Argo (R) ★★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10 a.m.; 12:50, 3:40, 6:40 & 9:40 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 1:10, 3:50, 6:35 & 9:25 p.m.
<b>Can't Help Singing (1944)</b>	<b>Stanford Theatre:</b> Wed. & Thu. at 7:30 p.m.
<b>Chasing Ice (PG-13) ★★1/2</b>	<b>Aquarius Theatre:</b> 3, 5, 7 & 8:45 p.m.
<b>Christmas Holiday (1944)</b>	<b>Stanford Theatre:</b> Fri.-Sun. at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. also at 4:05 p.m.
<b>Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> In 3D at noon & 7 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> In 3D at noon & 7 p.m.
<b>Django Unchained (R)</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> Tue.-Thu. at 11 a.m.; 3, 7 & 10:40 p.m.
<b>The Guilt Trip (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10:40 a.m.; 1:10, 4, 7 & 9:45 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 10:45 a.m.; 1:30, 4:35, 7 & 9:30 p.m.
<b>His Butler's Sister (1943)</b>	<b>Stanford Theatre:</b> Fri.-Sun. at 5:50 & 9:15 p.m.
<b>Hitchcock (PG-13) ★★</b>	<b>Guild Theatre:</b> 1, 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.
<b>The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) ★★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 12:30, 1, 4:30, 5:20, 8:30 & 9:20 p.m.; In 3D at 10, 11 & 11:50 a.m.; 2, 3, 3:50, 6:05, 7, 7:50, 10:05 & 10:40 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 10:25 & 11:50 a.m.; 2:15, 3:40, 6, 7:30 & 9:50 p.m.; In 3D at 11:10 a.m.; 12:30, 1:05, 1:40, 3, 4:15, 4:55, 5:30, 6:40, 8:05, 8:45, 9:20 & 10:15 p.m.
<b>Hyde Park on Hudson (R)</b>	<b>Palo Alto Square:</b> 1:30, 4:30, 7:25 & 9:45 p.m.
<b>It's a Wonderful Life (1946)</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> Mon. at 10 a.m.; 1, 4:30 & 8 p.m. <b>Stanford Theatre:</b> Tue. at 9 p.m.
<b>Jack Reacher (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10 a.m.; 12:55, 4:05, 7:30 & 10:50 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 10:25 & 11:45 a.m.; 1:20, 2:50, 4:20, 5:55, 7:25, 9 & 10:30 p.m.
<b>Lady on a Train (1945)</b>	<b>Stanford Theatre:</b> Wed. & Thu. at 5:45 & 9:10 p.m.
<b>Les Misérables (2012) (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> Tue.-Thu. at 11 a.m.; 3, 7 & 10:35 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> Tue.-Thu. at 3:15, 6:45 & 10:15 p.m.; Wed. & Thu. also at 11:45 a.m.
<b>Life of Pi (PG) ★★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 20:</b> 10:30 a.m.; In 3D at 1:45, 4:40, 7:40 & 10:35 p.m. <b>Palo Alto Square:</b> Fri. & Sat. at 1 p.m.; In 3D at 4, 7 & 10 p.m.; Sun. at 4 p.m.; In 3D at 7 & 10 p.m.
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<b>Monsters, Inc. (G) ★★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10 a.m.; In 3D at 12:30, 3:20, 6:10 & 8:50 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 10:35 a.m.; In 3D at 1, 3:25, 5:50, 8:15 & 10:40 p.m.
<b>Rise of the Guardians (PG) ★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 11:20 a.m.; 4:20 & 9:55 p.m.; In 3D at 1:55 & 7:10 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 11:05 a.m. & 6:45 p.m.; In 3D at 1:55, 4:20 & 9:10 p.m.
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<b>Skyfall (PG-13) ★★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 11:20 a.m.; 2:30, 3:20, 6:30, 9:30 & 10:10 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 12:45, 3:55, 7:20 & 10:30 p.m.
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SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: JANUARY 17, 2013, 5:00 PM

Submit To: [callforartists@mountainview.gov](mailto:callforartists@mountainview.gov)

The City of Mountain View's Visual Arts Committee is seeking Bay Area solo or collective artists to exhibit public art in the lobby of the Center for the Performing Arts for the 2013-14 season.

The rotating exhibits are approximately nine weeks in length and are viewed by thousands of people visiting and attending shows at the Center for Performing Arts. The Committee particularly wants to encourage exhibits by professional artists or collectives and only media that can be hung on the exhibition walls will be accepted for this space. The City will provide insurance, installation and offer a small stipend to help defray transportation and/or shipping costs. Site visits to the Center for Performing Arts Lobby are encouraged in order for the artist(s) to get an idea of the exhibition space. The lobby is open on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 12pm to 1pm and one hour prior to every public performance. All exhibited artwork will now be sold through Center of Performing Arts Box Office for a 20 percent commission. In addition, credit card and debit card processing fees will be deducted from the sales price. Further, the City of Mountain View does not collect sales tax on the sale of merchandise and the artist is responsible for all taxes due on any sale of art by the City. All sale and delivery arrangements will be made by the Center for Performing Arts staff with buyers.

### Artists should submit the following:

- One-page résumé in PDF format (titled Last name, First name)
- 10 digital photos in JPEG format ONLY (numbered 1 through 10 and no larger than 10 MB total). Five (5) of the 10 digital photos must be of art that would be exhibited; the remaining 5 photos should be sample of other past works.
- One-page inventory list of JPEGs in PDF format listing:
  - Title
  - Dimensions
  - Type of media
  - Date of art piece

The Visual Arts Committee asks that all works considered for exhibition be appropriate for the space, both in size and subject matter. The Committee reserves the right to combine one or more artist's work into one exhibition if size of artwork is too small to fit the exhibition space on its own. The Committee also reserves the right to visit any chosen artist at their studio to review their work prior to exhibition. For dimensions of the exhibit space please refer to the schematic listed on our website homepage under "All Announcements" at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).

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**Miniatures and More** Gallery 9 Los Altos Holiday group exhibit features 30 local artists through Dec. 24. Small works in a variety of media: painting, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, photography, mixed media, metal work and jewelry. Holiday reception: Fri., Dec. 7, 5-7:30 p.m. Gallery hours: Tues-Sat., 11-5 p.m.; Sun. 12-4 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. [www.gallery9losaltos.com](http://www.gallery9losaltos.com)

**Winter Celebration, miniature art show** Featuring the work of the Creative Expressions students. Dec. 10, 5-7 p.m. El Camino Hospital, Lower level, Piano lobby, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View.

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**eBook Drop-In Center** Interested in checking out eBooks from the Palo Alto City Library? The eBook Drop-In Center is on the 1st Friday of each month, Dec-Feb, 3-5 p.m. Those interested can drop in to these informal sessions, ask questions, and get help. 3-5 p.m. Downtown Library, 270 Forest Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2436. [www.cityofpaloalto.org/library](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/library)

**Foothill College Winter Registration** Foothill College Winter Quarter registration is Nov. 26-Jan. 6. Classes run Jan. 7-March 27. Continuing students register Nov. 26-Jan. 6. New and former students register Nov. 30--Jan. 6. California residents pay \$31 per unit plus basic fees. Review instructions and class schedule at [www.foothill.edu](http://www.foothill.edu) 5 a.m. California residents pay \$31 per unit plus basic fees. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7325. [www.foothill.fhda.edu/reg/winter13.php](http://www.foothill.fhda.edu/reg/winter13.php)

## CONCERTS

**Annual St. Mark's New Year's Eve Organ Concert** Organist Jessie Jewitt plays works of Bach, Buxtehude, Franck, Langlais, Durufle and Messaien on the great Casavant organ. Dec. 31, 8-9 p.m. \$10 donation suggested; students under 18 free. St. Marks Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-714-2593.

## DANCE

**Social Ballroom Dancing** Lessons at 8 p.m. are Cha Cha for beginning and intermediate levels, followed by general dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. Dec. 21, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. \$9. Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-395-8847. [www.FridayatthePav.com](http://www.FridayatthePav.com)

## FAMILY AND KIDS

**The Wind in the Willows** Kids can go for a wild ride with Mr. Toad as he is reunited with his beloved friends Mole, Ratty, and Mr. Badger. In an adventure with chases, jail breaks and bandits, Mr. Toad learns the true meaning of friendship. Dec. 6-8, 14-15, 21-22 at 7 p.m., Dec 8-9, 15 at 2 p.m. and Dec. 12-13 at 4:30 \$10.00 children; \$12.00 adults Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-4970. [www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/theatre/default.asp](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/theatre/default.asp)

## LIVE MUSIC

**OIGC Annual Holiday Concert** In keeping with the tradition of the past 27 years, the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir will usher in the spirit of the holidays with a concert of magical vocal



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**Tango Dance Party with Redwood Tango Ensemble** A party with live music, two dance floors, demonstrations and a free lesson by tango instructor Igor Polk. Dec. 22, 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$10 Members; \$15 Non-Members. Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [www.paloaltojcc.org/tangoparty](http://www.paloaltojcc.org/tangoparty)

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## VOLUNTEERS

**Museum of American Heritage** Volunteers are welcome at the Museum of

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### 135 Group Activities

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### 140 Lost & Found

#### LOST - REWARD

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#### Lost Boston Terrier

Female Boston Terrier named Flute was lost near the corner of Clark and Marich Way in Mountain View on 12/09/2012. She is black and white, 2 1/2 years old and weighs 18 pounds.

She is shy and skittish. Please do not chase. She may be hiding in bushes, in a garage, or other hiding place.

She is missing her collar, but has a microchip identifying her owner. A Vet or the SPCA should be able to read the information on the microchip.

REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO HER RETURN

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Sunnyvale, 3 BR/2 BA - \$599999

Woodside, 3 BR/2 BA - \$1099000

## Public Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

LUJIA'S PLACE FOR HAIRCUTS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT

File No.: 571666

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:

Lujia's Place for Haircuts, located at  
2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite D,  
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):

LUJIA HEUMANN

18 Moon Beam Dr.

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 13, 2012.

(MVV Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012)

ANT AND FROG  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT

File No.: 572177

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:

Ant and Frog, located at 260 Loreto St.  
#3, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa  
Clara County.

This business is owned by: An  
Individual.

The name and residence address of the  
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

HEMALATHA MANICKAVASAGAM

260 Loreto St. #3

Mountain View, CA 94041

Registrant/Owner began transacting  
business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed herein on 06/01/2012.

This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara  
County on November 29, 2012.

(MVV Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012)

FIT FOR LIFE SOLUTIONS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT

File No.: 572238

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:

Fit For Life Solutions, located at 240  
South Whisman Road, Mountain View,  
CA 94041, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A  
Corporation.

The name and residence address of the  
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

SCHUHMACHER INC.

205-J Red Oak Drive West

Sunnyvale, CA 94086

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 30, 2012.

(MVV Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012)

BAY AREA PAIN & WELLNESS CENTER,  
A MEDICAL CORPORATION  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT

File No.: 570969

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:

Bay Area Pain & Wellness Center A  
Medical Corporation, located at 15047  
Los Gatos Boulevard, Suite 200, Los  
Gatos, CA 95032, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A  
Corporation.

The name and residence address of the  
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

ABACI AND MASSEY PAIN  
MANAGEMENT CENTER, A MEDICAL  
CORPORATION

15047 Los Gatos Boulevard,  
Suite 200

Los Gatos, CA 95032

Registrant/Owner began transacting  
business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed herein on 08/08/2011.

This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara  
County on October 23, 2012.

(MVV Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012)

URBANSIDE REALTY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT

File No.: 572208

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:

Urbanside Realty, located at 1930  
Cappelletti Court, 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):

HANDEL KUANG LIANG CHEN

1930 Cappelletti Court

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 30, 2012.

(MVV Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2012)

ALL TUNE AND LUBE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT

File No.: 572406

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:

All Tune and Lube, located at 2235 Old  
Middlefield Way, Suite E, Mountain View,  
CA 94043, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A Limited  
Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the  
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

VIHANA

160 Carlisle Way

Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Registrant/Owner began transacting  
business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed herein on 09/17/2011.

This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara  
County on December 6, 2012.

(MVV Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2012, Jan. 4,  
2013)

SPENCER PHILOSOPHICAL  
CONSULTING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT

File No.: 571718

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:

Spencer Philosophical Consulting, locat-  
ed at 132 Alley Way, 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):

QUAYSHAWN SPENCER

132 Alley Way

MountainView, 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 November 14, 2012.

(MVV Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2012, Jan. 4,  
2013)

SpotOn Parking  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT

File No.: 572554

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:

SpotOn Parking, located at 1490  
California Street, Mountain View, CA  
94041, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A  
Corporation.

The name and residence address of the  
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

PARK HERE PARK NOW, INC.

1490 California Street

Mountain View, CA 94041

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 December 11, 2012.

(MVV Dec. 21, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 11,  
2013)

GenesisReal  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT

File No.: 572220

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:

GenesisReal, located at 100 W. El  
Camino Real #34, Mountain View, CA

94040, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A  
Corporation.

The name and residence address of the  
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

CHENG PROPERTIES, INC.

100 W. El Camino Real #34

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 November 30, 2012.

(MVV Dec. 21, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 11,  
2013)

94040, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A  
Corporation.

The name and residence address of the  
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

CHENG PROPERTIES, INC.

100 W. El Camino Real #34

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  
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County on November 30, 2012.

(MVV Dec. 21, 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 11,  
2013)

### 997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application:  
December 4, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

The Name(s) of Applicant(s) is/are:  
WING FIESTA GROUP INC.

The applicants listed above are apply-  
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