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Richard Torrez selects groceries at Community Services Agency. He says that with CSA's help, he is no longer homeless.

‘A hand up, not a hand-out’

COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY HELPS THOSE THE ECONOMY LEFT BEHIND

By Nick Veronin

It's hard living paycheck to paycheck. It's even harder if you happen to live in the heart of Silicon Valley, where, over the last 18 months, rents have jumped significantly, according to officials with the



Community Service Agency. "The rents in Mountain View and the surrounding

areas have skyrocketed in the past year and a half, and working poor families are just getting squeezed," says Maureen Wadiak, associate director of CSA, a local non-profit that helps struggling people and

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Chris Clark is the only regularly employed council member.

Council: Pay raises needed to attract candidates

By Daniel DeBolt

Council members said Tuesday said that they spend 30 hours a week doing a job that pays only \$600 a month — amounting to \$5 an hour — limiting the position to those lucky enough to not need regular jobs.

"The local government we have is really flawed," said council

member Ronit Bryant. Council members said they agreed with her comments. Because of low pay, a position on the council is largely limited to those who are retired, supported by a spouse or independently wealthy.

"A group visiting us from Italy a few years ago asked how much we were paid and I told them — they were shocked," Bryant said. "They

said, 'How do you get anyone who doesn't either have money or is retired to run for City Council?' I said that's a very good question — my husband supports me."

After failing in 2006, council members said Tuesday that they are interested in asking voters again for a raise, voting 6-1, with Mayor John Inks opposed, to have the council's procedures committee study the

possibility. Council members can't approve a raise themselves, as they are bound by a city law that says "The City Council has no power to increase its salary by ordinance, resolution or motion."

Council member Jac Siegel said that given the political climate and people's views of

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Costs going up to park downtown

COUNCIL ALSO CALLS FOR STRICTER ENFORCEMENT OF TWO-HOUR TIME LIMIT

By Daniel DeBolt

Those who drive to work in downtown Mountain View be warned: the city is finally enforcing its two-hour time limits on parking.

As the City Council voted to increase parking permit fees Tuesday from \$240 to \$300 a year, City Manager Dan Rich revealed that the police department has stepped up enforcement of two-hour time limits in city parking lots and streets downtown to encourage purchase of permits for unlimited parking. The city is also looking into purchasing sensors that can tell when a car has overstayed the two-hour limit.

Council members noted that the two-hour limits downtown have seen little enforcement in the past. Those likely to face consequences of parking more than two hours are employees who park downtown, those who park and ride on Caltrain and those who attend long lunch meetings.

"In Palo Alto I've been given tickets when I'm 10 minutes late," said council member Margaret-

Abe-Koga. In Mountain View "I've had times where I've been 30 minutes late and we just don't have that kind of staffing."

"People get shocked when they've parked in a place for hours and hours and someone starts enforcing it," said council member Ronit Bryant. "It is like, 'what's going on here?' It is important to really widely publicize it."

To park longer than two hours and avoid a \$36 ticket, drivers must purchase a daily, monthly, quarterly or annual permit at City Hall, which can be highly inconvenient for those wishing to spend one day downtown, some said.

"Who is going to go downtown to city hall to buy a daily pass? It doesn't make sense," said Dan Smolkin, who said he represented a downtown business.

Council members discussed the possibility of placing permit machines in downtown parking lots where people can pay with credit cards.

"I know in San Francisco now

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

What are you thankful for this year?



"This year I'm thankful for my family, my husband, my cute little kitty-cats and just to be alive."

Emily Marshall, Mountain View



"I'm thankful for my friends, my family, my awesome coworkers and my band."

Adam Rupp, Redwood City



"My family and their support."

Charles Christy, Santa Clara



"I am deeply thankful for love."

Ellen Anderson, Campbell.



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CRIME BRIEFS

CELLPHONE ROBBERY

A woman was robbed of her cellphone in the early hours of Nov. 15 at an apartment in the 2000 block of W. Middlefield Road, police said.

The Mountain View woman was assaulted by a suspect who took her phone at about 1 a.m., according to Shino Tanaka, public information officer with the Mountain View Police Department. The 31-year-old victim declined medical treatment from emergency responders.

Police have a suspect in the case, but declined to give a description of him or her, as the case is under investigation.

GUNS STOLEN

Two handguns, cash and some jewelry were reported stolen from a home on the 100 block of Beatrice Street, police said.

Someone appears to have entered the home through a window, where an in-window air conditioning unit was installed but not strongly reinforced, according to Mountain View Police Department spokeswoman Shino Tanaka.

The two handguns — a .23 caliber and a 9 mm — were taken out of a locked box, she said.

"I would advise that if you have anything like an air conditioning unit, to make sure that the window is secure and boarded up properly, so people can't gain access to the residence," Tanaka said.

CAR BREAK-INS

Two cars were broken into in the parking lot of the Mountain View YMCA at 525 Hans Ave.

Both break-ins occurred between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Nov. 18, according to Shino Tanaka, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department. Both victims had entered the YMCA.

In both cases, windows were smashed and the items stolen were visible to anyone looking into the vehicles from the outside, Tanaka said. One victim had her purse stolen. Another victim had his laptop taken.

Tanaka said police can't be sure at this point whether it was the same culprit that broke into both cars. However, she said the "motive seems to be the same" in both cases.

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 500 block W. Middlefield Rd., 11/18
 700 block California St., 11/18
 W. Dana St. and View St., 11/18
 YMCA, 11/18
 Castro St. and Mercy St., 11/18
 500 block Showers Dr., 11/18
 Castro St. and W. Dana St., 11/18
 2700 block Garcia Av., 11/19

BATTERY

1300 block Terra Bella Av., 11/19

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 11/15
 200 block E. Middlefield Rd., 11/18

GRAND THEFT

500 block Showers Dr., 11/14
 300 block Castro St., 11/15
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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

400 block Moffett Bl., 11/15
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2000 block W. Middlefield Rd., 11/15

STOLEN VEHICLE

800 block Park Dr., 11/15
 1 block Evandale Av., 11/18

VANDALISM

2200 block W. El Camino Real, 11/14
 2200 block W. El Camino Real, 11/18
 700 block California St., 11/18

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MICHELLE LE

A hotel parking lot shows markings from the EPA's testing for TCE-contaminated groundwater. Extremely high levels of TCE vapors were found under the lot, but none in the hotel.

Leaky sewer lines delivered TCE to homes

TRAIL OF CONTAMINATION 'ALMOST A SMOKING GUN'

By Daniel DeBolt

A report commissioned by the city is boosting suspicions that early semiconductor companies spread pollution throughout northeastern Mountain View by dumping toxics into leaky sewer lines.

A sewer line that runs through the city's Moffett Gateway site leaked the Trichloroethylene

(TCE) pollution found in the soil and groundwater there, the report concludes, and points to dumping into leaky sewer lines for causing other "hot spots" of TCE contamination in soil and groundwater on Leong Drive and Evandale Avenue.

"It's the most detailed information I've seen thus far" about the hypothesis that sewer lines created the mysterious hot spots located away from a

1.5-mile long regional plume left behind by early silicon chip makers along the east side of Whisman Road, said Lenny Siegel, director of the Center for Public Environmental Oversight.

The four hot spots include the one at the Moffett Gateway site and two recently found among homes on Evandale Avenue.

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Council OKs 33 row homes for Colony Street

By Daniel DeBolt

The neighborhood around the intersection of Colony Street and Sierra Vista Avenue may have 33 new households soon, the City Council decided Tuesday.

Developer City Ventures is set to build 33 attached row houses on the 1.8-acre site, replacing a pair of industrial buildings at 1951 and 1941 Colony St. that's home to several businesses with expiring leases. The three-story homes in the development, dubbed "The Collection," are expected to sell for \$850,000 each.

Council members had almost universal praise for the design, with member Chris Clark calling "a great project" and member Jac

Siegel saying it was "overall good — I like the architecture."

It avoids design pitfalls of a comparable development at the corner of Dana Street and Calderon Avenue, planners and council members said.

"The corners weren't done well at Wild Orchid," council member Ronit Bryant said of the three-story town homes at Dana and Calderon. "I live close by and it annoys me everyday and I know it annoys my neighbors too."

"It is nice to have a project that will be ownership," said council member John McAlister. "It balances out all the apartments" in the city.

Bryant said that more attention needed to be paid to connecting such developments to

nearby trails. The Permanente Creek Trail is nearby, but access requires walking on a very busy and "amazingly unattractive" portion of Old Middlefield Way, Bryant said.

"When we have a trail so close to development there should be some thought given to a connection," Bryant said.

The developers said they worked with an auto shop just south of the site to build structures at the shop to reduce noise from their air-powered tools. There will also be an eight-foot tall sound wall along the southern edge of the site.

A neighbor complained about noise from early morning trucks

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Foothill-De Anza to spearhead state's online efforts

\$16.9 MILLION GRANT TO BUILD CALIFORNIA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE PORTAL

by Nick Veronin

With demand increasing for online college education options, the Foothill-De Anza Community College District is preparing to take on a major project aimed at making the state's community college system a leader in web-based higher learning.

Funded by a \$16.9 million grant from the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, Foothill-DeAnza will partner with a Chico-area community college district to build a statewide "course exchange," which should eventually allow any California resident to take classes from any junior college in the state.

"What we have, really for the first time, is comprehensive statewide coordination of not only online courses but the services that support students and faculty in the online environment," said Linda Thor, chancellor of Foothill-De Anza. "That means that we're going to ensure that a student is going to be able to complete an associate degree for transfer entirely online."

Joe Moreau, Foothill-DeAnza's vice chancellor of technology and lead administrator on the grant, said the district is ready to "hit the ground running," when the money becomes available on Dec. 1.

The project will build upon the "California Virtual Campus," according to Paul Feist, vice chancellor for communication at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. Feist said that the goal of the grant is to "create a common portal through which students throughout the state's community college system can access

community college courses."

The district will work with the Butte-Glenn Community College District on the project. According to Moreau, officials at Butte-Glenn will handle the technical side of the operation — including maintaining the servers and infrastructure of the site — while Moreau and his team will work to put together maps for what effective online lesson plans should look like, as well as improving online access to tutoring and counseling.

Though Feist did not explain exactly why Foothill-DeAnza

was chosen to receive the grant, he did say that the district has a reputation for being tech savvy. "Certainly they have a lot of experience in online education," Feist said.

According to Moreau, it's more than just a matter of perception. Foothill-DeAnza was the first community college in the state to offer classes online. And, in the run-up to the

grant being awarded, Moreau said he and his colleagues were working closely with partners in Mountain View and the surrounding areas, brainstorming how they would pursue the project.

"We don't intend to reinvent the wheel," Thor said, explaining that the district has many friends in high tech with experience that will help them build an effective site.

The grant guarantees the district, in partnership with Butte-Glenn, will have \$16.9 million to spend in the first seven months of the project — through June of 2014. After that, the district will be eligible for an additional \$10 million every year for the

We're going to ensure that a student is going to be able to complete an associate degree for transfer entirely online.

LINDA THOR

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TCE SEWER

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Another had been discovered years prior in the parking lot of the County Inn on Leong Drive, though recent sampling found surprisingly high levels there in the soil and groundwater. "It's a very plausible explanation for all four hot spots," Siegel said.

"What's really striking are the maps that show where the sewer lines are," Siegel said. "I had thought, 'Gee, wouldn't it be funny if (the sewer line) zig-zagged and went by the other two hot spots (at the hotel and Moffett Gateway site)?' That would be almost a smoking gun. And it does. It's not just in the general area — it's right there."

The city-commissioned report by Bureau Veritas concludes, "The direct correlation between distinct areas of high concentration of TCE in groundwater along the sanitary sewer line in areas of no known historical TCE use strongly suggests that historical discharges of TCE-containing wastes into the sanitary sewer may have occurred and then leaked at various locations both on the (Moffett Gateway) site and off-site, resulting in impacts to groundwater."

An ongoing investigation by the EPA has yet to come to a conclusion, but EPA project manager Alana Lee told residents on Nov. 12 that there was no other plausible explanation for the hot spots on Leong and Evandale. "It appears to be coming down the sewer," she said, adding that the dumping stopped years ago when semiconductor manufacturers left the area.

Fairchild Semiconductor had been caught by the city dumping acid and other toxics into the



MICHELLE LE

The Moffett Gateway property's TCE contamination is linked to illegal dumping in leaky sewer lines.

sewer and storm drains that run to Stevens Creek in the late 1970s, according to several news reports from the time. Fairchild's corporate descendant, Schlumberger Corp., is paying to clean up the two Evandale Avenue hot spots, along with the two Evandale Avenue homes where TCE vapors were found above EPA limits for risk of cancer and birth defects — but has refused to take legal responsibility for the contamination.

The EPA has sampled the indoor air in over 95 homes in the Evandale Avenue and Leong Drive area and a total of six were found with TCE vapors inside, though four were under EPA action levels.

Looking at a map of the numerous interconnected sewer lines under every street in the area, it's hard to not ask, as a resident did at the Nov. 12 meeting, "Are we sampling enough to know we haven't missed some (hot spots)?"

"He's not the first person to ask that question," Siegel said after the meeting.

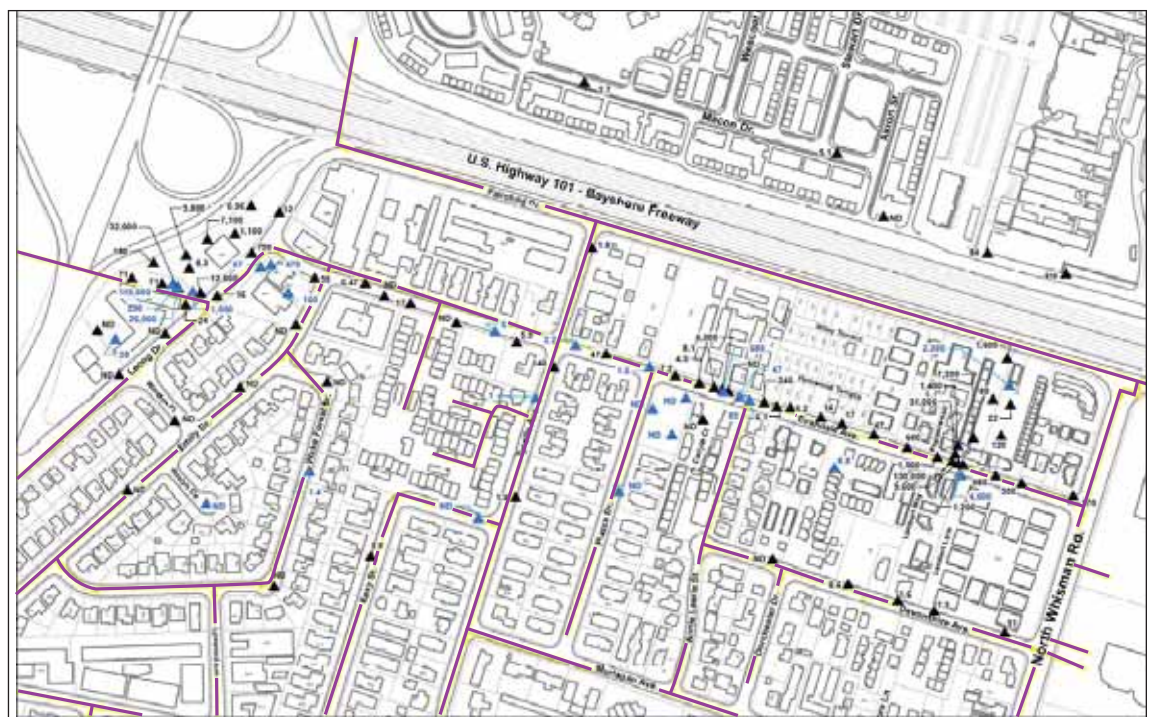
A number of groundwater samples on far-flung residential streets — such as Easy Street and Tyrella Avenue — have turned up with low levels of TCE along sewer lines. Siegel and others wonder if those samples might just be the tip of the iceberg.

As for the Moffett gateway site, it could be developed with office space and a hotel within a year or two, with or without a site clean-up, said Dennis Drennan, property manager for the city. He said that unless a polluter is held accountable by the EPA, the city may end up paying for a toxic cleanup of the largest of two Moffett Gateway hot spots.

A smaller hot spot on the site appears to have come from the county's use of the site as a vector control yard.

"We have a very keen interest in having this plume cleaned up at some point," Drennan said. "In an ideal world we would find a responsible party and we would clean it up very quickly."

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A FALLEN WALL

Christy Tonge views a piece of Cold War history on Thursday, Nov. 14. A dedication ceremony for sections of the Berlin Wall included city officials and the family that donated them. The two, 7-ton sections are now encased in plexiglass near the front steps of Mountain View's library at 585 Franklin St. The sections were donated by the Golzen family, which had them shipped to the United States shortly after the Berlin Wall fell in 1989. The sections were on display until recently in a North Bayshore office park, off the beaten path and relatively unknown.



OBITUARY

MARGARET MARY BENNING

A funeral Mass for Margaret Mary Benning is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at St. Cyprian Catholic Church, 195 Leota Ave. in Sunnyvale.

A Mountain View resident, she died Nov. 13 at Grant Cuesta Sub-Acute and Rehabilitation Center in Mountain View. She was 92 years old.

She was born Oct. 16, 1921 in Faulkton, S.D., the first of five children born to Henry and Marie (Meier) Meyer. She grew up on their farm with her three sisters and brother.

In December 1944, she married Daryl Benning, her husband for 59 years until his death in 2003. Before her marriage, she attended business college and held several accounting and administrative positions. She worked beside her husband as bookkeeper in their appliance and air conditioning business.

After their retirement, the couple moved to Mountain View to be closer to their daughters. Family members said she will be remembered for her sense of humor, her sharp wit, and her "feisty" personality.

She is survived by her daughters Linda Rogers and Caryl Benning; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She preceded in death by her three sisters, Betty Lou Ewan, Dorothy Babcock, and Theresa Thorman; and her brother, Vincent Meyer.

Following the funeral Mass, interment will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos. A reception will follow at 1:30 p.m. at Ristorante Don Giovanni, 235 Castro St., Mountain View. There is an online guest book at www.cusimanocolonial.com.



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FOOTHILL GRANT

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next four years, for a potential total of \$56.9 million over 55 months, Thor said.

Good timing

And that money comes at a crucial time, Thor said. According to a press release from the district, “in 2011-12, some 27 percent of all California community college students were enrolled in distance education courses, a 14.5 percent increase over the previous six years. In 2011-12, more than 50 percent of California community colleges offered at least one degree or certificate through distance education.”

“It is the fastest growing segment of higher education nationally,” Thor said.

People want to be able to take college courses online, she con-

tinued. The average college-age student is very comfortable with learning online and older folks with families, or veterans, appreciate being able to fit earning a degree into their free time.

It’s also widely accepted in education communities that an online class can be just as effective as learning in a classroom, Thor said. That is, if it is done right.

Thor emphasized that partners will not be building a massively open online course — or MOOC. They will simply be building the infrastructure to allow students to find the classes they need by tapping into the 112-campus California community college system.

By giving students more options, Feist said, the system will be able to free up what he referred to as “bottleneck courses” — classes required for popular majors, which get overloaded and prevent students from graduating on time.

At first, as Foothill-DeAnza works on building out the California Virtual Campus, the priority will be focused on eliminating bottlenecks, Feist said.

Thor agreed: “A student should be able to get whatever courses they need when they need them.”

Eventually, as the system becomes more comprehensive, and more courses are offered, Thor and Moreau said they envision it serving a second function: doing away with the limits of a student’s geographical location. As long as they are enrolled in the state’s community college system, they will be able to take any online offering that interests them.

“As educators, we’ll be able to do things a lot more creatively,” Moreau said. “(Students) really enjoy learning that way.” ■

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making pickups or deliveries to a warehouse south of the site. “I’d gladly see that go somewhere else where there’s more room for that kind of stuff,” he said.

The project features solar panels and all electric appliances. No gas lines are planned for the homes.

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PARKING FEES

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you can just use your phone and pay for your parking spot right there,” said member Margaret-Abe-Koga. “I think we need to be moving towards that.”

The parking permit fee hikes passed on a 6-2 vote, with Ronit Bryant and Jac Siegel opposed.

Daily permit costs were raised from \$1.60 to \$4, monthly permits rose from \$40 to \$50, and annual permit costs rose from \$240 to \$300. A quarterly permit was created that costs \$100. City staff said they only sell a few dozen daily and monthly permits a year, but have sold 674 annual permits this year, much higher than the average since 2007.

Council member Mike Kasperzak, who has advocated for more paid parking downtown to recuperate the cost of the city’s pricey parking structures — another of which will be needed soon — wanted even higher permit fees. “You are giving away such a huge

asset,” he said, having noted that it can cost \$30 a day to park in San Francisco.

“I think a 25 percent increase is just too much in one step, that’s a lot of money to some people, so I have some problems with that,” Siegel said, adding that the purpose of downtown parking “is not to raise money. The purpose is to have as many spaces available for retail (customers) as possible.”

The city’s parking permit fees generate \$165,840 in revenue for the city a year, and raising the annual permit cost to \$280 would have generated another \$30,000, city staff members said.

City staff members said council members may be asked to approve a tiered pricing system for parking permits soon, like Palo Alto, which charges between \$75 and \$420 a year for parking permits, depending on the parking space’s location. ■

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

‘COPS & GOBBLERS’

The Mountain View Police Department is asking for the community’s help. They aren’t looking for witnesses to a crime or information on a suspect. They are simply asking for a little bit of time, some spare cash or a stuffed animal.

The 17th annual Cops & Gobblers food drive is on, and the Mountain View Police Officers’ Association will be accepting money and small stuffed animals to help local families have the Thanksgiving they deserve, but might not be able to afford, according to Amber Wilson, a representative for the MVPD.

In addition to donations of money and new or “lightly used” stuffed animals, the department will also need help packaging all of the gift baskets it plans to hand out. Wilson said volunteers are welcome to show up at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, at the Mountain View police and fire building, located at 1000 Villa St.

Wilson said the department is expecting to assemble between 325 and 350 care packages, consisting of a gift card to a local supermarket, a turkey pan, stuffing, mashed potato mix, gravy, canned goods, pasta, sauce and many more food items to help the socioeconomically disadvantaged.

“Every year there is a growing need for families that have fallen on hard times,” Wilson said.

Those who wish to donate money or stuffed animals can mail them or drop by. Checks should be made out to the Community Health Awareness Council or CHAC with the words “Cops & Gobblers” in the memo section. Cash is also accepted.

All payments should be mailed to the Mountain View Police Department, attention Carmen Young, 1000 Villa St., Mountain View, CA 94041.

More information can be found on the police department’s blog at mountainviewpoliceblog.com.

HELPING TYPHOON VICTIMS

A local branch of the Iglesia Ni Cristo church — headquartered in the Philippines and serving a large proportion of the Filipino diaspora worldwide — has been asking congregants to donate money to a special global fund to help the victims of Typhoon Haiyan, also known as Typhoon Yolanda.

The church, founded by Philippines native Felix Y. Manalo, has a congregation in Mountain View, located at 1880 California St. According to Ernel Cabanero, a spokesman for the local congregation, said many locals who attend are Filipino and have family in the Philippines. However, Cabanero added, he has heard of no one with family directly impacted by the natural disaster.

Money collected by the church will be funneled into the Felix Y. Manalo Foundation and distributed to aid victims of the disaster.

—Nick Veronin

CRIME BRIEFS

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“It’s always best to take your stuff with you if you can,” Tanaka said, referring to people who leave valuables in their cars. If you can’t take your items with you, Tanaka said, do your best to keep them out of sight — under a seat or in the trunk. When concealing items, she added, “be aware of your surroundings” and look out for people who may be watching you.

Some thieves observe drivers as they park, watching to see if they put valuable items under their seats or in the trunks of their vehicles, she said.

APARTMENT BURGLARIZED

Money, handbags and perfume were stolen when an apartment located at 440 Moffett Blvd., was burglarized.

Someone reportedly broke into the apartment sometime between 4 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Nov. 15 when the resident was away at work, according to Shino Tanaka, public information officer with the Mountain View Police Department.

All of the doors to the apartment were locked, Tanaka said. The burglary, or burglars, appear to have entered the home through a window that was closed but not locked.

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THE MIDPENINSULA GETS INTO THE HOLIDAY MOOD NICE AND EARLY THIS YEAR

By Rebecca Wallace

Is it really time to plan your December holiday outings? The candle-lighting and hall-decking and jingling are starting up and there sure are a lot of festive events in the works.

Holiday time on the Midpeninsula is high season for choral concerts and ballets, of course, but it also means gift bazaars, puppet shows, tree-lighting, seasonal exhibitions, holiday parties and one-man plays.

There are so many holiday happenings that we gave November events their own separate story. Read on to learn about many of the local highlights coming in December.

Art and exhibits

Kids ages 5 and up can try their hands at festive activities during the Palo Alto Art Center's **Holiday Family Day** from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 2. The free event is at 1313 Newell Road. Go to cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter.

Abstract and modern artists are holding a **holiday art exhibit and party** at the Pacific Art League at 227 Forest Ave. in Palo Alto on Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Music and poetry by Jym Marks and Gary Horseman will be part of the event. More details are at leahlubin.com.

At the **26th annual Christmas Creche Exhibit** at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Palo Alto, artists from around the globe offer up their own visions of one thing: the nativity scene. Media typically include ceramics, wood, textiles and even straw. Marionette shows and musical performances are scheduled throughout the exhibit, which runs Dec. 7-11, noon to 9 p.m. The church is at 3865 Middlefield Road, and admission is free. A full schedule is at christmascreche.org.

Dance

Ready for the **"Nutcracker"**? The Western Ballet production, at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. The curtain goes up at 7 p.m. Dec. 6 and at 1 and 7 p.m. Dec. 7. Admission is \$30 general and \$25 for seniors, students and children. Go to mvcpa.com.

Yes, Virginia, there is another **"Nutcracker."** This one, presented by Dance Connection of Palo Alto, comes to Gunn High School's Spangenberg Theatre at 780 Arastradero Road in Palo Alto on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m., Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. Admission is \$14-\$25. Go to danceconnection-paloalto.com.

A combination dance showcase and toy drive happens at Foothill College on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m., when longtime teacher Bubba Gong's Foothill Repertory Dance Company presents **"Jingle & Mingle."** Experimental works, student choreography and a visit from Santa are planned. Admission is free, and the event is in the Dance Studio in Room 2504, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Go to foothill.edu.

Michael Smuin's **"The Christmas Ballet"** is oft-performed by the company that bears his name, and this year is no exception. Also on the bill for Smuin Ballet's **"XXMAS"** program are works set to music by unusual bedfellows Ray Charles, Mozart and The Chieftains. Local performances are Dec. 11-15: Wednesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8, and Sunday at 2, at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro St. Go to smuinballet.org.

Los Altos' Arete Dance Center offers up ballroom dance, holiday-style, with **"Dance: An International Holiday."** A local performance is scheduled for 8 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro St.; admission is \$27



SUSAN D. ALLEN

Susan Roemer performs "Santa Baby" in Smuin Ballet's "The Christmas Ballet."

and more info is at aretedance-center.com.

Bayer Ballet Academy presents **"A Winter Fairy Tale,"** a Russian tale set in a magical forest, on Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m. and Dec. 22 at 2:30. Performances are at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro St. Tickets are \$30 general and \$25 for seniors and children. Go to bayerballetacademy.com.

Music

"Saxes for the Season," a quartet with three types of saxophones, performs jazz and traditional holiday numbers at 7 p.m. Dec. 5, at the Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Admission is free. Go to arts4all.org.

It's all about tradition at **"A Festival of Lessons and Carols,"** presented by Stanford's Memorial Church Choir under the direction of Robert Huw Morgan. The annual holiday program takes its inspiration from the service at King's College. Admission is free, and the Memorial Church concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6. Go to music.stanford.edu.

"A Jazzy Little Christmas" is Soli Deo Gloria's holiday concert, planned for 5 p.m. Dec. 7 at the First Baptist Church of Palo

Alto, 305 N. California Ave. Bob Chilcott's **"A Little Jazz Mass"** headlines the program. Tickets are \$26 general and \$21 for students and seniors. Go to sdgloria.org.

Mozart, Purcell and Handel will all be represented at **"A Cheerful Noise,"** performed by the Ragazzi Boys Chorus at 5 p.m. Dec. 7. Also: a choral mashup of Latin and African chant in Paul Halley's arrangement of **"Ubi Caritas."** Tickets are \$10-\$27, and the concert is at the First Congregational Church, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto. Go to ragazzi.org.

San Francisco Choral Artists presents **"Sweet Voices & Noyses: Christmas In Italy,"** with carols, motets, folksongs and the Renaissance wind band The Whole Noyse. The concert is at 8 p.m. Dec. 7 in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Admission is \$25 general, \$22 for seniors and \$12 for students. Go to sfca.org.

"Harps for the Holidays" means 20-plus harps and organist T. Paul Rosas performing seasonal and classical music at the Los Altos United Methodist Church at 4 p.m. Dec. 7. The concert is at 655 Magdalena Ave. in Los Altos, and tickets are \$12 to \$15. Go to harpeggio.com/concert.html.

The Peninsula Women's Chorus has a three-fer with a trio of **"Illuminate This Night"** concerts, featuring Conrad Susa's **"Carols and Lullabies,"** carols from Spain, Mexico and other places. Dates: Dec. 7 and 14 at 2:30 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto; and Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Seminary, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Tickets are \$30-\$35 (\$10 for students 18 and under), with more info at pwchorus.org.

Schola Cantorum joins forces with Oxford Street Brass for **"Holidays Are For Singing,"** a concert featuring a new composition by John Cavallaro, Benjamin Britten's **"Hymn to the Virgin"** and other seasonal selections. The concert starts at 3 p.m. Dec. 8 in the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro St.; tickets are \$30 general, \$25 for seniors and \$20 for students and children. Go to scholacantorum.org or call 650-903-6000.

Mezzo-soprano Catherine Cook and other singers will perform at West Bay Opera's **holiday concert** at 4 p.m. Dec. 6 in the performing-arts center at Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Tickets

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are \$45-\$50 and benefit the company and the Opera in the Schools program. Go to wbopera.org.

“A Chanticleer Christmas” spotlights the San Francisco men’s chorus at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at Stanford’s Memorial Church. Tickets are \$28-\$56 (\$10 for Stanford students). Go to live.stanford.edu.

Stanford’s annual “Messiah Sing

Along / Play Along,” led by the ever-upbeat Stephen Sano, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13 in Stanford’s Memorial Church. Tickets are \$15 general and \$10 for students and seniors. Go to music.stanford.edu.

The Community School of Music and Arts’ Merit Scholarship ensembles play a **student holiday concert** of seasonal songs at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 at 230 San Antonio Circle in Mountain View. Admission is free. Go to arts4all.org.

For three decades, the **Gryphon Carolers** have been putting on an unusual show of holiday music with sounds from many lands. This year’s concert is 7 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Eagle Theater at Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. Go to gryphoncarollers.com.

The California Bach Society presents “**Christmas with Peter Warlock and Henry VIII**,” a program of Christmas music in England from the Middle Ages to the present, including Warlock’s contemporary settings of early texts. The concert is at 8 p.m. Dec. 14 in All Saints’ Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Admission is \$10-\$25. Go to calbach.org.

Stanford pipe organist extraordinaire, Robert Huw Morgan, plays his annual **holiday recital** at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 15 in the university’s Memorial Church. The performance is free. Go to music.stanford.edu.

Classical and seasonal music is on the bill for the California Youth Symphony’s free **holiday concert**, planned for 2:30 p.m. Dec. 15 in Smithwick Theatre at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Go to cys.org.

Schola Cantorum’s “**Messiah Sing 2013**” is more comprehensive than some of the others around. Prepare to delve deeply into the score. Under the baton of Gregory Wait, the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro St. Tickets are \$22 general and \$18 for seniors, students and children. Go to scholacantorum.org.

At 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20, the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir presents its **Gospel Holiday Concert** at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. Admission is \$36 general, \$31 for seniors and students, and \$28 for children. Go to oigc.org.

The Magnificat Baroque ensemble shows off its polychoral style with “**A Venetian Christmas Mass**,” performed at 8 p.m. Dec. 20 in the First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. The wind band The Whole Noyse will join in. Tickets are \$12-\$35. Go to magnificatbaroque.com.

Ragazzi Continuo, a men’s ensemble composed of graduates of the Ragazzi Boys Chorus, presents

a concert called “**Mary Had A Baby**” at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21, All Saints’ Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. All the music is dedicated to the biblical Mary, including the titular spiritual. Tickets are \$20. Go to ragazcontinuo.org.

The California Pops Orchestra celebrates a “**Very Merry Pops Christmas**” with a concert replete with sleigh bells, toy trumpets and plenty of carols. The show is at 3 p.m. Dec. 22 at Foothill College’s Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Admission is \$15-\$47. Go to calpops.org.

Theater

Actor Michael Champlin stars in “**This Wonderful Life**,” a one-man telling of “A Christmas Carol,” at the Pear Avenue Theatre from Dec. 6-Dec. 22. The theater is at 1220 Pear Ave., Unit K, in Mountain View, and tickets are \$10-\$35. Go to thepear.org or call 650-254-1148.

The Tomie dePaola children’s book “**Merry Christmas, Strega Nona**” gets its moment in the spotlight with a theatrical adaptation presented by Peninsula Youth Theatre. Performances are Dec. 6 at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 7 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. Tickets are \$8 on Friday morning, \$12 on Friday evening



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Kids and families

Children ages 4 to 9 (and their adults) are invited to a **holiday party** at the Allied Arts Guild at 75 Arbor Road in Menlo Park from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Dec. 8. Activities will include a visit from Santa, Max the Accordion Man playing holiday music, and a puppet show by Magical Moonshine Theater. Admission is \$25. Go to alliedartsguild.org.

Pony rides, a petting zoo, 4-H demonstrations and students singing carols are among the festivities planned for the Westwind Barn's free **holiday barn-lighting** from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 8. Seasonal games, craft tables and refreshments will also be on offer. The event is at 27210 Altamont Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-947-2518.

Kids line up for "**Living LEGO-cy**," the huge holiday-themed display of LEGO cityscapes and model railroads at the Museum of American Heritage at 351 Homer Ave. in Palo Alto. Putting it all together are the Bay Area LEGO User Group and the Bay Area LEGO Train Club. Exhibit dates are Dec. 13-Jan. 16, and the museum is open 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday through Sunday. Admission is \$2 general and free for members. Go to moah.org.

Also popular are the **holiday puppet shows** at Gamble Garden. This year's offering, aimed at kids ages 3 to 10, is "The Nutcracker," presented by The Puppet Company. Performances are Dec. 14 in the Carriage House at 1431 Waverley St. in Palo Alto, at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general and \$10 for members. Go to gamblegarden.org.

Potpourri

The **Festival of Lights Parade** marches through downtown Los Altos on Dec. 1, starting at 6 p.m. at First and State streets. Thousands of folks are expected to turn out to watch the illuminated floats go by, along with high school marching bands and Santa in his sleigh. Go to losaltosparade.com.

A special screening of the 1995 animal movie "Babe" is set for 7 p.m. Dec. 5 as a **holiday fundraiser** and gala for the Palo Alto Humane Society. Bagpiper Jeff Campbell will perform on the red carpet before the screening, followed by the music group The JewelTones at intermission. Admission is \$5 and includes popcorn and a drink. The event is at the Aquarius Theatre, 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto. Go to paloaltohumane.org.

Local, festively decorated homes are stops along tours in "**Finishing Touches: A Holiday Tour of Fine Homes & Boutique**," put on by the Junior League of Palo Alto/Mid Peninsula. The tours and other activities are Dec. 6 and 7; tickets start at \$40. Details are at thejuniorleague.org/home-tour.

Who says railroads have lost their romance? On Dec. 7 and 8, Caltrain's **holiday train** will make local

stops, strung with lots of lights and delivering a Salvation Army brass band, carolers and the extended Claus family. The train makes 20-minute stops at Palo Alto's California Avenue station at 6:50 p.m. Dec. 7 and at the Menlo Park station at 7:45 p.m. Dec. 8. A full schedule is at holiday-train.org.

The Lively Foundation brings its seasonal celebration "**The Festival of Lights**" to the Mountain View Masonic Center at 890 Church Street on Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. Dance, music, storytelling and theater come together to honor winter holidays from Diwali to Lunar New Year. General admission is \$12; \$10 for seniors and children under 10.

Go to livelyfoundation.org.

With minstrels strolling, wreaths being made and handmade gifts being sold, it must be time for the **holiday bazaar** at Deborah's Palm. Folks will buy ornaments, linens, artwork, candy and other items from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at 555 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto. Go to deborahspalm.org.

Mountain View lights it up on Dec. 9 with a 5:30 p.m. **community tree-lighting party**. Holiday music, refreshments and kids' photo sessions with Santa are planned. The event is at the Civic Center Plaza at 500 Castro St. Go to mountainview.gov.

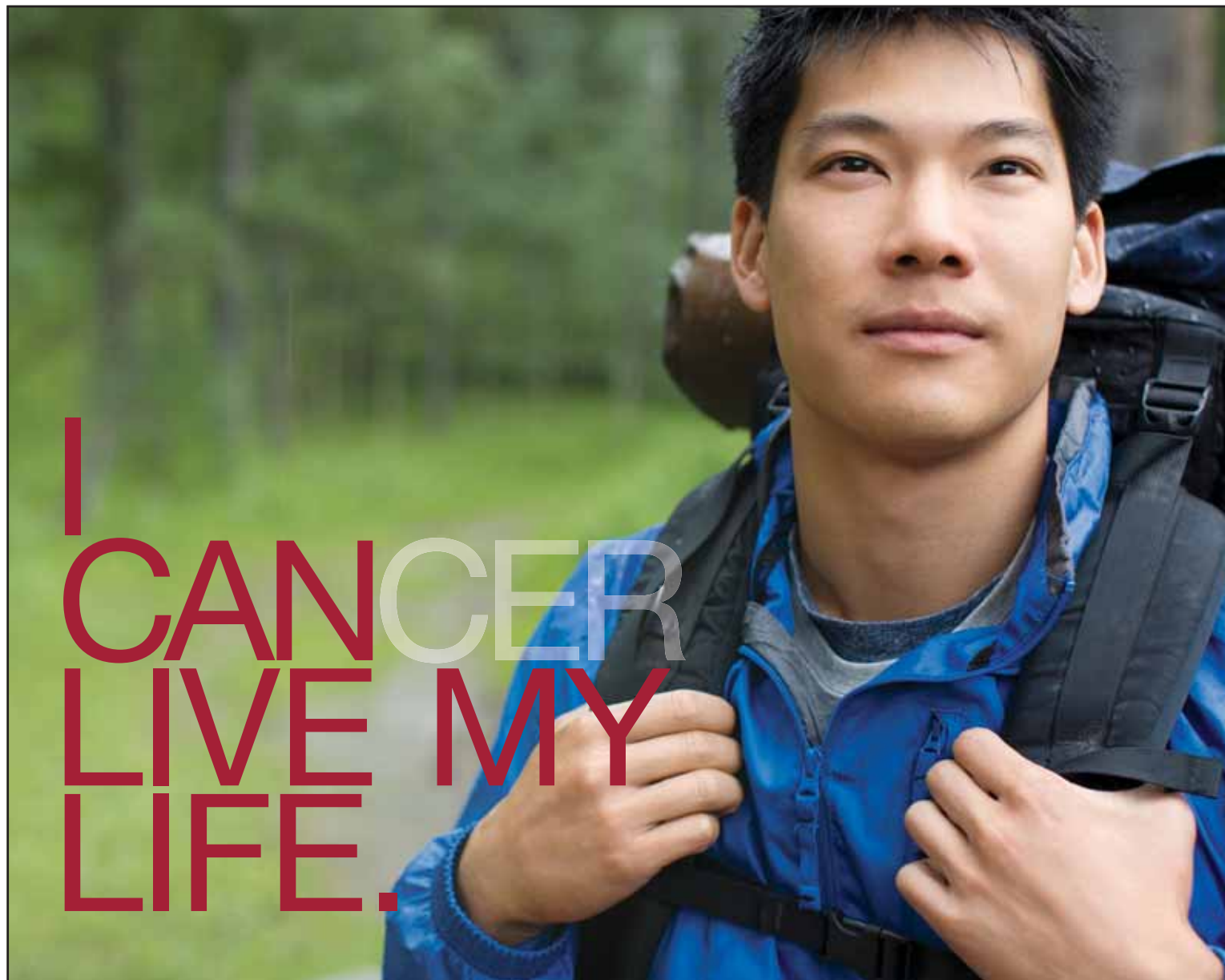
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The Mountain View Senior Center hosts a **holiday gala** with live music by Jerry Jay's Quartet from 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 11 at 266 Escuela Ave. Admission is free. Go to mountainview.gov.

Mulled wine, gingerbread, live music and artisan booths will be among the offerings at the

German Holiday Market hosted by the German American International School of Silicon Valley from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 14. The free event is at Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Go to www.gissv.org/GermanHolidayMarket.

"**Chopshticks**" is a comedy night for folks who think of Dec. 24 as just another night. Hosted by the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center at 3921 Fabian Way in Palo Alto, the show starts at 7:30 p.m. and features stand-up comedian Mark Schiff. Tickets are \$55 in advance and \$60 at the door, and \$50 in advance for JCC members. Go to paloaltojcc.org. ■



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The Community School of Music and Arts provides hands-on art and music education in the classrooms of the Mountain View Whisman School District. Nearly 45 percent of the students are socio-economically disadvantaged, and 28 percent have limited English proficiency.

Mountain View RotaCare Clinic

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YWCA Support Network for Domestic Violence

This group operates a 24-hour bilingual hotline and a safe shelter for women and their children. It also offers counseling and other services for families dealing with domestic violence.

Community Services Agency

CSA is the community's safety-net providing critical support services for low-income individuals and families, the homeless and seniors in northern Santa Clara County, including Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

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CSA

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families in Mountain View.

The Mountain View-based non-profit is one of seven local community agencies that will benefit from contributions to the *Voice's* annual Holiday Fund drive.

Making a gesture indicating the steep increase in local housing costs, Wadiak explained that those who come to CSA have been feeling increasingly strained lately. Some who come are sharing their apartment with another family or have to choose between paying rent and buying food, she said.

That's where the Community Services Agency comes in. Those who qualify can pick up canned food, bread, grains and fresh vegetables from the Food & Nutrition Center. The organization will assist people struggling to make rent with a one-time disbursement of funds and over the holidays the CSA redoubles its efforts — helping families with Thanksgiving dinner staples and by collecting and giving away toys and other gifts.

On a recent Monday, the *Voice* talked to a local man who said he has been relying on CSA for years.

Richard Torrez grew up in Mountain View. As a youth, he struggled to keep up with his studies, but dropped out before graduating from Mountain View High School. After his parents died, he ended up homeless with no family to fall back on.

Torrez said he found a new family at CSA. "They're very good to me over here," he said. "These people helped me out."

CSA helped Torrez find low-cost housing, he visits the center regularly to get groceries, and even gets advice from his case worker on which items to choose from the pantry and how to prepare them. CSA even helps him with dog food for his companion, Lemon.

It's clear Torrez's dog means a lot to him. When his previous dog died, Torrez said, "I just gave up."

While CSA sees plenty of men and women like Torrez, along with the working poor, seniors account for a large portion of the agency's clientele, according to Tom Myers, the organization's director.

"Seniors are one of the fastest growing segments of the population here (in Silicon Valley)," Myers said. "They're also one of the segments of the population that people don't think about when they think about low income or homeless. But if you're a senior living in an apartment, and your rent keeps going up and up and up, and you're still living



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Richard Torrez pedals home from CSA with his groceries and his dog, Lemon. A CSA employee gave him the bike.

on a fixed income, that could be a recipe for disaster."

On Monday, many seniors waited in line for their turn to gather items from the Food & Nutrition Center. Others sat in chairs inside the lobby, waiting their turn to be helped.

The holidays are an especially busy time for CSA. The organization has been collecting baking supplies and working with local grocers so it will be able to help struggling families have a proper Thanksgiving dinner. The agency is also collecting toys, which it will distribute to parents next month, so that they may give their children gifts during this season of giving.

Both Wadiak and Myers emphasized that the agency does its best to make sure families who are having a hard time never feel undignified asking for help. "We look at it like a hand up, not a hand-out," Myers said.

Helping local parents provide gifts for their children this holiday season is great for the kids, Wadiak said. But it's also a blessing for the parents, who so often have to make tough decisions about what they can afford the rest of the year.

In the end, Myers said CSA is about creating a healthy community.

While those working in the tech sector might be thriving, there are plenty in other sectors of the local economy who are having trouble getting by, he explained. If Mountain View is to be a vibrant and diverse community, it needs to be a friendly and hospitable place to those who can't or don't want to land a job in tech.

"Healthy communities are those communities that are able to support a wide variety of socioeconomic levels," he said. "A healthy community is a community that cares."

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politicians, "if we did anything it should be small increase with an inflationary increase. Other than that, we're not going to be able to pass anything."

Several other members said a small increase in pay of only \$100 to \$200 would not be worth the trouble.

"It's less about the money and more about being able to attract a diverse array of candidates," said Vice Mayor Chris Clark, who joked that his salary on council pays his monthly dry cleaning bill, with a "little left over."

"The only reason I'm able to do this is because I have an extremely flexible employer," said Clark, an executive at Mountain View-based Green Dot and the only regularly employed member of the council.

Voters narrowly rejected the council's request for a pay raise from \$500 to \$1,500 in 2006, which would have taken effect in 2009. Council member Mike Kasperzak, who pushed for the raise in 2006, noted that "there was no campaign" to get voters to support it. It failed by a 4-percent margin.

In 2006, council members noted that the pay raise wasn't necessarily for them, as it would have been

applied in 2009. Some members said Tuesday that such a strategy would be needed again.

Placing a measure on next year's November general election ballot would cost \$67,000.

A survey of City Council salaries in nearby cities found that the cities of Palo Alto and Campbell pay council members similarly to Mountain View. Paying half of Mountain View's salary or less are Los Altos, Morgan Hill, Saratoga, Los Gatos and Los Altos Hills.

Paying council members more per month are Cupertino (\$730), Sunnyvale (\$1,982), Santa Clara (\$812), Milpitas (\$861), Gilroy (\$729) and San Jose (\$10,583).

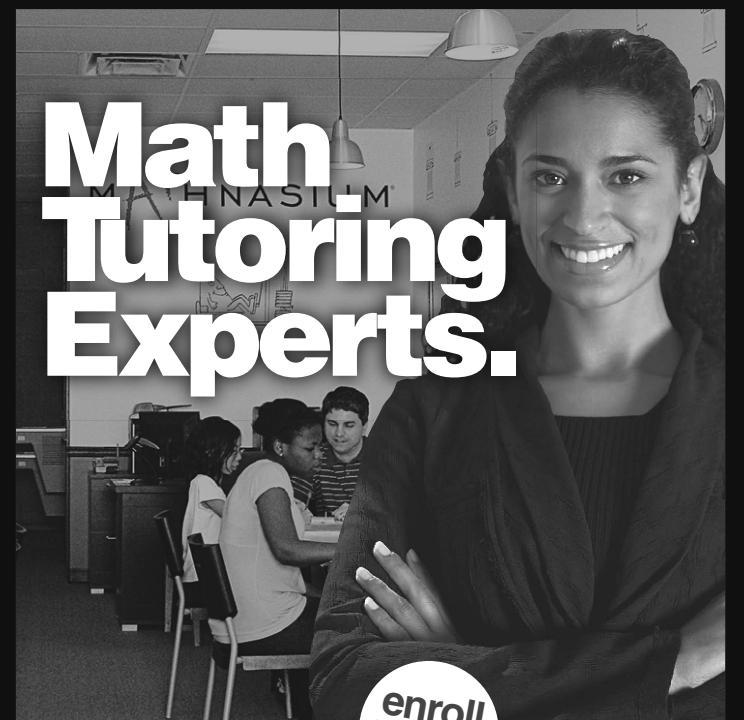
Most also pay mayors a bonus—Mountain View pays \$700 a month to its mayor—along with medical and dental benefits for all members, as does Mountain View.

Bryant said City Council pay is a regional issue, and may require a regional discussion.

"The conversation we should have is, 'Where are we going?'" Bryant said. "What is the future of local government? If you want any resident of Mountain View to give 30 hours a week to the public, how are you going to be compensating him?"

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Happy Thanksgivukkah!



Many foods can be adapted to help celebrate the confluence of Hanukkah and Thanksgiving

By Elena Kadvany

This year, Hanukkah is a once in a lifetime event.

For the first time since 1888 — and the last time for tens of thousands of years — Hanukkah and Thanksgiving fall on the same week. Hanukkah, which is usually a December holiday, starts at sundown on Wednesday, Nov. 27, making the first full day of the Jewish holiday the same as Thanksgiving.

Though the commercialism of such a rare coincidence is inevitable — a Boston woman trademarked the term “Thanksgivukkah” last year; a 9 year old from New York City even invented a “menurkey,” a ceramic turkey-shaped menorah, and has sold more than 1,500 — and not for everyone, it does present unique opportunities for the food consumed on Thursday, Nov. 28.

“Within Judaism, there are ritual foods, which is really neat,” said Marc Drucker, a reformed Jew and avid home chef who keeps kosher in his Menlo Park home.

Every Jewish holiday has some form of accompanying traditional, symbolic foods. Hanukkah, as the celebration of the miracle-burning oil that lasted for eight days in the holy temple the Jews reclaimed from the Syrians, is all about fried foods.

The two primary Hanukkah eats are latkes, or potato pancakes, and sufganiyot, essentially jelly-filled doughnuts. Both are dependent on oil — a symbolic reminder.

Those brave souls who choose

to forgo the boxed, pre-made latke mix are going down a notoriously difficult and messy road, having to peel and then hand grate potatoes and shred onion, then coax them to bind together with not much more than salt, flour and eggs. Latkes are meant to be golden crispy on the outside, evenly cooked yet still maintaining the potato's white color within.

“They’re a lot harder to make than at least I would have originally thought,” Drucker said. “So I probably went year by year over the last 10 years, recipe after recipe trying it and then you know, you put them in the oil ... so you’re frying them in half an inch of oil and they would just disintegrate.”

Drucker said he finally discovered a method to the madness: make the latkes with half pureed potatoes and half shredded potatoes.

Dottie Yourtz, a local kosher caterer, said her secret is using a Cuisinart.

“A lot of people are feeling like you have to grate up potatoes, add a little knuckle skin ... I am not one to hand grate,” she said. “I am a Cuisinart lover.”

She said the key is using the Cuisinart to shred potatoes and also cutting up chunks of potatoes to put in, creating a potato puree. What she calls “onion glue” — finely chopped onion,

eggs and matzo meal or flour (if cooking with meat, she suggested adding a little chicken fat to the mixture) — holds it all together.

Another trick of the trade she uses is taking the entire mixture and wringing it out in a cheese cloth to expel any unnecessary liquid.

As a caterer who makes latkes in high volume (she made 300 one past weekend), she also recommends making the



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Sufganiyot, jelly-filled doughnuts, are a traditional — and symbolic — Hanukkah food.

latkes in advance and freezing them — something a home chef who might be cooking for both Hanukkah and Thanksgiving can take advantage of.

“You don’t have to be there slaving over a stove,” she said. “I get all of that laborious, messy work done ahead.”

After making the latkes, lay them flat on a sheet and put them in the freezer. Once they’re frozen, they can be bagged for easy storage.

“And then when you go to reheat them, put them in a single line on a cookie sheet and reheat them at 350 (degrees) so that they’re heated through and not overly brown,” she said.

Both Drucker and Yourtz also suggested creative ways to meld latkes with Thanksgiving, or just to do something different for the coincidental holidays.

Drucker said latkes can easily be made with sweet potatoes, turnips, carrots or other root vegetables. He said he also considered making “some kind of bastardized version” of latkes for turkey stuffing.

Though the potato pancakes are traditionally served with sour cream (and sans-dairy apple



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Latkes are a staple Hanukkah food. Though traditionally made with potatoes, they can also be made with sweet potatoes, turnips, carrots, other root vegetables or a mixture.

sauce alongside brisket), Drucker said he sometimes makes them as a single dish with crème fraiche and smoked salmon on top.

Yourtz is taking a similar approach on Nov. 28.

“For me, I was going to try to separate (the two holidays) a little bit in that I was going to do our traditional turkey during the day and then in the evening, because Thanksgiving itself is such a large meal, I was going to then do the latkes with multiple toppings,” she said, crediting her friend with the idea. “Kind of make it a latkes tapas kind of thing.”

Yourtz said she’s thought about making a sweet topping with sautéed apples or pears (“don’t mush it, just do that with butter, cinnamon and sugar”); a Thanksgiving hybrid relish with cranberry, pear and orange; guacamole or a corn, tomato and onion salsa; caramelized onions;

sautéed mushrooms; even hummus or just chopped tomato and basil.

One could also serve the latkes with bowls of various topping options and allow guests to make their own.

“I like to keep it quasi-traditional, but pop it a little bit so that it’s more creative and it’s all about us and family,” Yourtz said.

The other traditional fried Hanukkah food, sufganiyot, is another messy, “intimidating activity,” Drucker said.

Deep-frying can be challenging for the home chef; especially when these doughnuts are meant to be puffy, light and able to be filled with jelly.

“The recipes that always call for making the doughnut dough, cutting out two circular rounds and then putting jam in the

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Brisket — braised, smoked or grilled — is the typical meat served at Jewish holidays.

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Turkey tools

Where to splurge and save for Thanksgiving cooking implements

By Elena Kadwany

One might not need a flavor injector, potato scrubbing gloves or a wi-fi enabled thermometer that syncs with one's iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch, but there is a range of cooking tools that can come in handy for Thanksgiving prep and execution.

Some implements are worth splurging on, said Gale Tan, a former culinary manager for Sur La Table in Palo Alto who now runs a local pop-up dinner company.

For example: a culinary torch, which can be used for anything from giving a turkey that perfect golden outer crunch to topping crème brûlée or making s'mores. It's also not Thanksgiving-specific and can be used throughout the year.

Sur La Table at Town & Country Village in Palo Alto carries kitchen torches (a mini goes for \$24.95 and two larger

ones for \$49.95 and \$63, respectively). Williams-Sonoma at the Stanford Shopping Center in Palo Alto carries one for \$49.95.

A digital thermometer with a probe is also preferable for cooking turkey, said John Gurnee, chef de cuisine at LB Steak in Menlo Park.

Williams-Sonoma carries a range of thermometers, from basics like an instant-read digital thermometer (\$39.95) all the way up to a dual probe thermometer (monitor the progress of two meats at once or two parts of a single turkey) for \$42.95 and the smart thermometer that syncs with Apple devices (\$199.95). Sur La Table has similar digital and non-digital options, but the smart thermometer is specific to Williams-Sonoma.

When it comes to roasting pans, Tan said there's really no difference between a \$300-splurge and the disposable pans that can be purchased at grocery stores.

"The thermometer is crucial," she said. "The roasting pan, not so much."

For the multitasker, Tan suggested a triple timer that can monitor three items at once, or one culinary feat that needs to be done at intervals. Both Williams-Sonoma and Sur La Table in Palo Alto carry a triple timer (\$19.99).

Other necessary items: a baster and kitchen twine, Gurnee said.

"I'm a firm believer in kitchen twine; some good string so you can truss your bird up. Most turkeys come with metal thing that twists around turkey's feet (but) you can't beat old fashioned string.

"Basting the skin with the drippings that come off the bird helps give you a nice beautiful brown skin. I can't say

enough about that."

Williams-Sonoma carries an angled dripless baster for \$19.95 as well as basting brushes (from \$10 to \$17.95); Sur La Table

also carries a range of brushes (\$6.95 and up) and a few basters, one dripless (\$11.95).

Sur La Table also goes beyond helpful tools to machines that do the work for you: a rotisserie turkey fryer and steamer (\$249.95) or a smoker (one size, \$299.95; a larger size, \$399.95).

Sous vide immersion circulators — a technological innovation that stems from the sous vide method of cooking (cooking food sealed in airtight plastic bags in a water bath with a regulated temperature) have become

standard in restaurant kitchens, allowing chefs to cook foods at precisely controlled temperatures. Though expensive and somewhat intimidating, immersion circulators are making their way into home kitchens, as well.

Immersion circulators help prevent overcooking and can be used for anything from vegetables to meat to poached eggs. And because the food is sealed completely airtight, it can be stored for long periods of time — an advantage for cooking

meat for the holidays.

Sur La Table and Williams-Sonoma carry various immersion circulators, from about \$300 up to \$1,000. ■

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middle and then sandwiching them, seems like a literal recipe for disaster because if you don't seal it properly, they don't raise enough," Drucker said.

His solution: Instead, use a recipe for beignets, the deep-fried French pastry made famous in New Orleans.

"I realized, probably having had them or seen them, that beignets are perfect for it because they puff up nice and rich and pillowy so you can shove jam on the inside no problem," he said. "And they're super simple. You just roll the dough out, you cut it into whatever shape you want, whether it be a circle or even easier, I just take a pizza cutter and cut out squares. You fry them up and then you shove them full of yummy goodness."

Other holiday food mash-ups include making sufganiyot with pumpkin puree or replacing the jelly with cranberry sauce.

Though Hanukkah is also about fried, there's usually protein present: brisket, a tough cut of meat from the breast or lower chest of beef or veal.

Drucker said he usually braises the brisket, "slow and low" in beef broth in the oven at around 300 degrees. He's also used a smoker ("That's more of a southern Texas thing.") and a sous vide immersion circulator, a somewhat recent culinary-technological innovation that cooks bagged, vacuum-sealed food in a precisely controlled, low-temperature water bath. Because the food is totally sealed, it can be cooked in the sous vide at low temperatures for even days at a time.

This is ideal for cooking a meat like brisket, Drucker explained.

"Brisket's a really, really tough piece of meat. So you have to cook it to about 190 degrees internal ... rare is 135, medium rare is 142-ish. So you're just destroying this piece of meat, but you have to break down all the connective tissue. So by doing it sous vide, you're cooking it at like 160 degrees, so it's just slowly kind of melting away the connective tissue. So it's like a filet when you're done."

With all the Thanksgiving talk, menukeys and typical holiday anxiety, it's easy to forget what both Hanukkah and Thanksgiving are supposed to be about: enjoying a meal with family, Drucker said.

"This year it just happens that it coincides, which will be nice to get to spend an actual Hanukkah and light the menorah with family. And that's all it should be about." ▼

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The Milk Pail Market in Mountain View

Milk Pail Market survives by offering specialty items that big-box groceries can't

The conventional wisdom is that in this current economic climate of harsh, bottom-line realities, the independent operator can't compete against a deep-pocketed store with a national distribution system, economies of scale and volume. We live in a big-box world, and the little guy doesn't stand much of a chance.

So how then do you explain the endurance of Mountain View's The Milk Pail Market?

Located right across the street from Safeway, the 38-year-old market has carved out a deep niche—one filled with rarefied cheese, eclectically flavored ravioli and great deals on produce.

Rasmussen calls that "certain part" of the population "thrill-seekers" who are looking for something else in their shopping cart than the latest product from Kraft or Nestle.

Owner Steve Rasmussen bought what was a bankrupt milk-processing facility in 1974 and renamed it the Milk Pail Market. The store was originally a drive-through milk shop that pasteurized its own milk and sold it in glass bottles.

As more grocery stores began to open in the area, Rasmussen figured he had to stay ahead of the competition, and so the Milk Pail became "a little alternative food business sort of thing" that sold food in bulk to value-conscious shoppers and those looking for out-of-the-ordinary ingredients way before Whole Foods Market started doing the same thing.

In time, Rasmussen added produce, vast quantities of which are now piled up around the edges of the open-air store.

In spite of the prepackaged sameness that defines the retail world today, Rasmussen has stayed in business by going the opposite route and offering specialty items one is not likely to find elsewhere and deals on produce by buying directly from producers.

Because the market caters to an international clientele, the produce goes way beyond iceberg lettuce and Red Delicious apples. I spotted a green cauliflower for 39 cents a pound and beautiful-looking Indian eggplant the size of cue balls.

So when Trader Joe's opened nearby a dozen years ago, it didn't hurt Rasmussen's business. It helped. Trader Joe's shoppers came from near and far, and many also made their way to Rasmussen's store on the corner of California Avenue and San Antonio Road. Same thing when Whole Foods opened on El Camino Real. Shoppers looking for the organic and specialty products at Whole Foods ended up at the Milk Pail, too.

"I think the atmosphere of the business is a very engaging for a certain part of the population," Rasmussen says. "It's very experiential."

Rasmussen calls that "certain part" of the population "thrill-seekers" who are looking for something else in their shopping cart than the latest product from Kraft or Nestle.

Cheese has been a big part of the Milk Pail's success, too. When he first opened, Rasmussen began selling sharp cheddar cheese from Wisconsin in 10-pound blocks, and he sold a lot of it. Then he had the bright idea of selling that cheese in smaller pieces. There were no digital scales or wrapping machines then, so he bought a baby scale, several boxes of Saran wrap and rubber bands, and hand wrote the labels.

Now, he sells more than 300 kinds of foreign and domestic cheese. And because of his contacts in the dairy world (his family used to own an East Bay dairy), he was able to get his hands on some really good cheese.

A walk through the store offers a tour of the world via cheese. I found one of my favorite cheeses, a smoky sheep-milk cheese from Spain called idiazabal, for just \$9.29 a pound. I also spotted the first Filipino cheese I've ever seen, a semisoft cow's-milk cheese called kesong puti.

Rasmussen is something of a cheese evangelist and hosts cheese-tasting and cheese-making events.

"I really want to get them excited about what's possible," he says.

He was even invited to do a cheese class at nearby Google when the Milk Pail sold more "Google Offers" coupons in a shorter period of time than any other business.

If you like cheese, seek out the store's own label of fromage blanc. It comes from a herd of cows Rasmussen owns in Northern California. The cheese is the base for their line of ravioli, too. The store creates unlikely flavors like Thai curry cheddar and horseradish harvarti.

Safeway shopper or thrill-seeker? I'd rather be a thrill-seeker.



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Holiday Fund: Your chance to help those in need

The economy of Silicon Valley is booming for many residents — but not all of them. While some of us may have regular work, others are down on their luck, without jobs, adequate health care or the services they need for their family. Many will not make it through the winter without help.

The Voice Holiday Fund is a way for individuals and small businesses to leverage their donation to help hundreds of the less fortunate. With its foundation grants, the Holiday Fund can match, to the extent possible, donations to seven local nonprofit agencies that help the hungry and homeless, families in trouble or those needing health care. In March of this year, each agency received more than \$10,000, their share of the \$70,000-plus contributed to last year's campaign by Voice readers and the foundations that support the Holiday Fund.

This year's campaign will be helped by generous donations from the Wakerly Family Foundation, in memory of Voice founder Kate Wakerly; the Hewlett and the Packard foundations, as well as a contribution from the Google Tides Foundation.

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Here are the agencies that will benefit from this year's Voice Holiday fund:

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TOWN SQUARE

HERE'S WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ON TOWN SQUARE

NEW TOXIC HOT SPOTS LINKED TO SEWERS

Environmental Protection Agency officials told residents Tuesday that the only plausible explanation so far for the mysterious "hot spots" of sky-high levels of toxics under Evandale Avenue is a leaking sewer line or storm drain — potentially placing the blame on semiconductor manufacturers once located on Whisman Road.

Posted by Outrageous

Great, right next to the new hotel that is planned. Where's the outrage? Are we so used to hearing about this now that no one bothers anymore?

What does it mean that the companies haven't taken legal responsibility? This sort of stuff makes one question if we're a nation of sheep, herded about by our corporate overlords. Those who made off with the profits as they dumped their effluent everywhere are not called out? By the way, this is not a historical event by any means. A lot of this happens every day today, just not here. Perhaps this is a bitter medicine for us to swallow but a daily occurrence in developing countries and even many cities and towns in the U.S. Those who cause it are never made accountable for it. God bless America.

DAY WORKER CENTER

The Day Worker Center of Mountain View provides a secure place for workers and employers to negotiate wages and work conditions. It serves an average of 60 workers a day with job placements, English lessons, job skills workshops and guidance.

PARTNERS FOR A NEW GENERATIONS

Partners for New Generations matches adult volunteer mentors with at-risk youth in the Mountain View, Los Altos and the Los Altos Hills area and offers tutoring to many students, including some in high school and beyond.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND ARTS

The Community School of Music and Arts provides hands-on art and music education in the classrooms of the Mountain View Whisman School District. Nearly 45 percent of the students are socio-economically disadvantaged, and 28 percent have limited English proficiency.

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The RotaCare Free Clinic provides uninsured local residents with primary care and many specialty care services. The clinic is frequently the last resort for this under-served demographic group.

YWCA SUPPORT NETWORK FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This group operates a 24-hour bilingual hotline and a safe shelter for women and their children. It also offers counseling and other services for families dealing with domestic violence.

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MICHELLE TAM AND HENRY FONG COOK UP
'PALEO' FOOD BLOG, IPAD APP AND COOKBOOK

The “paleo diet” advocates eating whole foods and avoiding all grains, even whole grains and refined sugar. Food without grains and sugar — is it palatable?

Palo Alto's Michelle Tam — a lifelong food lover who has been known to prioritize culinary experiences over viewing world-renowned art while traveling — and her husband Henry Fong have discovered that eating paleo food tastes delicious. And they can prove it.

Tam and Fong created a popular blog called “Nom Nom Paleo” that is award-winning and popular, to the tune of over a million views per month. They are also behind a successful iPad cooking app by the same name.

Tam and Fong will release a cookbook, “Nom Nom Paleo: Food for Humans,” on Dec. 17.

The Paleo diet takes its name from the Paleolithic era, before

the advent of agriculture, and models itself on the idea that modern humans will be healthier by emulating the eating habits of their hunter-gatherer ancestors.

For Tam and Fong, it's not just a diet, it's a lifestyle. Living paleo means eating whole foods, which are unprocessed and as nutrient-dense as possible, Tam said. Fong started eating paleo first, and Tam and their two children soon followed.

“For us, we are the middle-aged mommies and daddies, and we woke up one day and said, ‘Where did this muffin-top come from?’” Tam said.

“Everything we thought was right (about our diet) led us to where we were,” she said. “When I tried eating paleo, I noticed a stark difference in how I felt in terms of energy levels and mood. And my muffin-top went away!”

Before Tam started eating paleo, she said, she didn't often cook at



Above: Slow-cooker Kalua pork served with guacamole, roasted tomatoes and cilantro, served on lettuce, from *Nom Nom Paleo*. **Left:** Cookbook authors Henry Fong and Michelle Tam in their kitchen.



Michelle Tam
prepares warm
brussels sprouts slaw
in her home kitchen
as husband Henry
Fong takes photos for
their paleo diet blog.

home for herself or family. Her mother is an “awesome cook” and her sister is a professional chef, and she had easy access to great Bay Area restaurants. Now she cooks more often because it’s hard to find the food she wants when she’s out.

Through preparing paleo foods at home, Tam said she realized that cooking is a learned skill. “I didn’t think of cooking like a skill that you have to practice, which it is,” she said. “I used to think: ‘It’s not great. I’m not going to make this again.’ Now I think, ‘Next time ...’”

Fong said he has observed firsthand the evolution of Tam’s

cooking since she went paleo. Her culinary art, he says, has “developed into jazz.” He watches his wife cook without recipes, improvising by “going to the fridge and picking and choosing what’s on the shelves and throwing it together.”

He added, “I’m still recipe-bound.”

Inspiration for Nom Nom Paleo recipes sometimes comes from what’s in the family fridge, Fong said. But sometimes it comes when the family eats out and notices novel flavor combinations on the menu. Other times, published recipes are what influences Tam. Rather than using her cook-

books while preparing food, she reads them in advance to get ideas on how other cooks put together various tastes, and then comes up with her own plan, Fong said.

Tam started the Nom Nom Paleo website three years ago, to share her recipes in a format that she herself would want to read.

“I’ve always loved reading food blogs, but I never thought I had anything new or different (to write about),” she said. “When I went paleo, there were just a few paleo food blogs, but I didn’t think there was one that fit what I was looking for.”

In three years, the website has won multiple awards. Tam said

her most cherished award is from *Saveur* magazine, because it is a prestigious food-blogging award. “And she got an engraved (meat) cleaver out of it,” Fong added.

Tam and Fong said the idea for the iPad cooking app came to the couple after Fong read an article about cookbooks of the future. “We were cooking with our tablet,” Fong said, “and we live in Silicon Valley.”

Fong added that he and Tam thought an iPad cooking app would be something different in a crowded cookbook market. They partnered with Y Media Labs, an application-development company in Redwood City,

for creation of the app. Recent sales figures state that some 70,000 people have bought the Nom Nom Paleo iPad app.

Tam and Fong said they were not thinking about doing a cookbook until Andrews McMeel Publishing, headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., and famous for publishing cartoons such as *Calvin and Hobbes* as well as cookbooks, pitched the idea to them.

The website, app and cookbook are all collaborative efforts, Tam and Fong said, and the content of all three reflects what is impor-

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tant to them. They choose dishes that they themselves want to eat, rather than trying to please readers, Tam said.

The cookbook contains some recipes already published on the blog and in the app, but about half are new. While Tam creates and writes up the paleo recipes, Fong is primarily responsible for photographs, cartoons, layout and graphic design.

Tam said the cookbook also includes advice for cooking tasty paleo foods, such as a list of 20 cooking tips and ways to boost umami — the “savory” taste — in your food. The book is also personal, “almost our family scrapbook,” she said. “It’s the way we like to eat; it’s our attitude towards food. We have a fun approach to food, and we want it to be delicious.”

Both Tam and Fong said that taste is paramount in the recipes they publish: “It comes from Michelle saying ‘I’m a foodie first and a paleo eater second,’” Fong said.

“And in the name, ‘nom nom’ comes first, before ‘paleo,’” Tam added. ▀

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The warm brussels sprouts slaw with Asian citrus dressing. The recipe is at right.

■ RECIPE

Warm Brussels Sprouts Slaw with Asian Citrus Dressing

Serves eight.

Ingredients:

The slaw:

2 1/4 pounds brussels sprouts, trimmed
3 tablespoons melted ghee or fat of your choice (such as coconut oil, duck fat, lard, etc.)
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

The dressing:

1 tablespoon ghee or other fat
1 tablespoon finely minced ginger
1 tablespoon finely minced shallot
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/3 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
3 tablespoons Coconut Aminos (soy sauce substitute)
1 1/2 tablespoons rice vinegar
1/2 teaspoon Red Boat fish sauce
1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil

The garnish:

2 scallions, thinly sliced
1/4 cup minced cilantro
1 1/2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds

Directions:

Preheat oven to 450 degrees with the rack in the middle position.

Thinly slice the sprouts lengthwise with a knife or mandolin, or with the slicing blade of a food processor. In a large bowl, toss the shredded sprouts, melted fat and salt.

Spread the shredded sprouts evenly on a foil-lined baking sheet. Bake for about 15 to 20 minutes, flipping and tossing every five minutes or until the sprouts are nicely browned and tender.

While the sprouts are roasting, prepare the dressing. Melt the ghee over medium heat in a saucepan. When it’s shimmering, add the ginger, shallot and garlic, and sauté until fragrant (about a minute).

Measure out the orange juice, Coconut Aminos, rice vinegar and fish sauce and pour it into the saucepan. Bring it to a boil and then lower the heat and simmer the dressing for five to eight minutes or until it’s slightly thickened. Remove the pan from the heat, and stir in the sesame oil.

Once the sprouts are ready, take them out of the oven, and pour the sauce over the roasted sprouts. Sprinkle on the scallions, cilantro and sesame seeds and stir to combine. Serve immediately.

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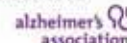
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About Time (R) ★★

Century 16: 9 a.m., 9:20 p.m.

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All Is Lost (PG-13) ★★ ★ 1/2

Guild Theatre: noon & 2:45, 5:30, 8:15 p.m.

Animal Crackers (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 5:40, 8:50 p.m.

The Armstrong Lie (R) ★★ ★

Century 16: 10:25 p.m.

The Best Man Holiday (R) Century 16: 10:15 a.m. & 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:50 a.m. & 12:15, 1:40, 3:05, 4:30, 5:55, 7:25, 8:50, 10:15 p.m.

Blue is the Warmest Color (NC-17) ★★ ★ 1/2

Aquarius Theatre: 12:30, 4:15, 8:15 p.m.

The Book Thief (PG-13)

Palo Alto Square: 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 p.m.

Captain Phillips (PG-13) ★★ ★

Century 16: 9:10 a.m. & 12:15,

3:20, 7:05, 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 7:05, 10:10 p.m.

The Christmas Candle (PG)

Century 20: 10:55 a.m. & 1:15, 3:35, 5:55, 8:15, 10:35 p.m.

Christmas in July (1940) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m. Sat-Sun also at 4:20 p.m.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG)

Century 20: 11:15 a.m. & 1:35, 4:05 p.m.

The Dallas Buyers Club (R) ★★ ★ 1/2

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Doctor Who: The Day of the Doctor (PG)

Century 16: Fri 7:30 p.m. Sat 7:30 p.m. Sun 7:30 p.m. Mon 7:30 p.m.

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4, 6:50 p.m. In 3D 1:30, 9:10 p.m.

Frozen (PG)

Century 16: Tue 7:30, 10:30 p.m. In 3D 7, 10 p.m.

Gravity (PG-13) ★★ ★ 1/2

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Century 20: 10:45 a.m. & 1:15, 3:40, 6, 8:25, 10:45 p.m.

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Century 20: 10:35 a.m. & 1, 3:20, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30 p.m.

Last Vegas (PG-13) ★★ ★

Century 16: 11:10 a.m. & 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:55 p.m.

Century 20: 11:25 a.m. & 2, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50 p.m.

Philomena (R)

Guild Theatre: Wed-Thu 1:45, 4:15, 7, 9:30 p.m.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

THE ARMSTRONG LIE

★★★

"Doping" and "duping" go hand in hand these days when it comes to discussing Lance Armstrong, the world-famous cyclist whose success approached miracle status. After beating long-odds cancer, Armstrong took an unprecedented seven Tour de France titles, but the hero now stands disgraced, caught in what a new documentary calls "The Armstrong Lie." The title of Alex Gibney's film derives from a now-infamous 2005 headline ("Le Mensonge Armstrong") in the French sports newspaper "L'Equipe." The paper directly alleged what many had already assumed must be true: that banned substances had fueled Armstrong's extraordinary endurance and speed. "L'Equipe" was ahead of the curve, of course: Armstrong's insistent denials maintained the lie his fans and the media so urgently wanted to believe, until that became impossible in 2012. *Rated R for language. Two hours, three minutes.* — P.C.

BLUE IS THE WARMEST COLOR ★★ ★ 1/2

IFC Films describes "Blue Is the Warmest Color" as "The story of a young lesbian couple's beginning, middle and possible end." While that's reductive, it does nominally describe the three-stage rocket that is Abdellatif Kechiche's three-hour film. But let's not bury the lead: It's also an NC-17 film with a seven-minute sex scene that has made it cinema non grata in Idaho. Both romance and sexual odyssey, Kechiche's film takes the point of view of Adele (doe-eyed Exarchopoulos), who's 17 going on 18 and bi-curious, if not simply gay-repressed. After a literary lesson in the power of a "love at first sight" glance (via Marivaux's "La Vie de Marianne"), lo and behold, Adele experiences one for herself in passing the provocatively blue-haired Emma (Seydoux) on the street. *Rated NC-17 for explicit sexual content. Two hours, 57 minutes.* — P.C.

DALLAS BUYERS CLUB

★★★ 1/2

Jean-Marc Vallée's film, scripted by Craig Borten & Melisa Wallack, opens in 1985, as the world awoke to Rock Hudson as the sudden celebrity face of AIDS. McConaughey plays Ron Woodruff, a hard-charging electrician and rodeo cowboy first seen plowing women in the shadows before bull-riding with money riding on how long he can hold on. It's a canny entree into the story: When Woodruff sprints away after losing his bets, he's been swiftly established as an all-around reckless character, his sexual recklessness a possible cause of his looming AIDS diagnosis. Faced with a doctor (Denis O'Hare) who tells him, "Frankly, we're surprised you're even alive" and a T-cell count of nine, Woodruff fiercely roots out his limited options. He gets wind of a human trial for AIDS-combating drug AZT, but he's

denied access. In the process of literally saving himself (long outliving his diagnosis), Woodruff creates a drug pipeline that he winds up sharing with his new community of fellow patients. *Rated R for pervasive language, some strong sexual content, nudity and drug use. One hour, 57 minutes.* — P.C.

GRAVITY ★★ ★ 1/2

"At 600 km. above the Earth," we're told in the new film "Gravity," "There is nothing to carry sound. No air pressure. No oxygen. Life in space is impossible." And yet, there we are. The evocation of Ridley Scott's 1979 "Alien" ("In space, no one can hear you scream") is apt: "Gravity" is a bit like "Alien" without the alien, replacing it with existential despair that's

just as likely to take a fatal bite out of the heroine. Here the heroine is Dr. Ryan Stone (Sandra Bullock), a medical engineer sent via space shuttle to assist in repairs to the Hubble Space Telescope. In the film's first sequence — a bravura 12-minute segment crafted to appear as a single camera shot with no cuts — satellite debris shoots at the shuttle and the telescope, causing a fatal accident that threatens to strand and thereby kill Stone and shuttle commander Matt Kowalski (George Clooney). Dwindling oxygen and thruster power threaten their survival, as does Stone's natural panic due to the circumstances and her inexperience. *Rated PG-13 for intense perilous sequences, some disturbing images and brief strong language. One hour, 30 minutes.* — P.C.

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ART GALLERIES

Exhibit: ‘Diversity’ by Judy Miller Johnson Paintings, etchings, jewelry and watercolors by Judy Miller Johnson are on display at Gallery 9 in Los Altos. The artist will provide etching demonstrations on select Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m.: Nov. 9, 16 and 23. Oct. 29-Nov. 24, Gallery 9 Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

Exhibit: Carrie Mae Weems This exhibit is dedicated to contemporary artist and photographer Carrie Mae Weems. More than 100 photographs, installations and videos. Oct. 16-Jan. 5, Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

‘Grow Gourmet Herbs’ Class Learn how to grow various herbs, such as oregano, thyme, tarragon, sage, marjoram, and rosemary from Master Gardeners. Learn when to harvest, and how to preserve many common herbs. Nov. 26, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 408-282-3105. www.mastergardeners.org/scc.html

Estate Planning Risks & Rewards Blackwell & Santaella Legal Services will discuss estate planning as well as the potential disadvantages of trust mills and solicitations to purchase inappropriate products and services. Pre-registration advised. Nov. 22, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-2436. www.avenidas.org

Feng Shui Class Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center hosts “Counting Your Blessings,” a class on feng shui. Taught by Linda Lenore. Nov. 23, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

\$31. Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072. www.commongroundinpaloalto.org

Foothill College Winter Quarter Registration Foothill College Winter Quarter classes will run Jan. 6-March 28. Continuing students can register Nov. 25-Jan. 5 and new/returning students, Nov. 30-Jan. 5. Review more registration dates and instructions at www.foothill.edu. No fee to apply for admission; California residents pay \$31 per unit plus basic fees. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7325. www.foothill.edu/admissions.php

MVLA Adult Education Winter/Spring 2014 Registration Registration for the winter and spring 2014 sessions at Mountain View-Los Altos Adult Education begins on Friday, Nov. 22. Course catalog available online for viewing starting Monday, Nov. 18. Winter 2014 session is Jan. 6-March 21; Spring 2014 is March 24-June 6. Cost of classes. MVLA Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. www.mvlaae.net

Thanksgiving Yoga Class Blue Iris Studio in Palo Alto hosts its annual Thanksgiving class. It focuses on deep stretches, breath and balance poses. Nov. 28, 10-11:15 a.m. Free. Blue Iris Studio, 3485 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 650-858-1440. www.clients.mindbodyonline.com/ASP/adm/home.asp?studioid=20841

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fair Trade Gift Faire Vineyard, Christian Fellowship of the Peninsula, is hosting a fair trade gift fair. Food, cards jewelry and other gift items will be for sale. A MoGo food truck will onsite for lunch purchase as well as crafts and games for kids. Nov. 24, Noon-3 p.m. Free. Cubberley Com-

munity Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-327-5727. www.vcfp.org/event/498645-2013-11-24-fair-trade-faire/

Holiday Tree Lighting & Snowman Competition The city of Palo Alto’s third annual Holiday Tree Lighting kicks off the holiday season when the tree on the plaza is officially lit. There will be holiday music, refreshments and activities. Nov. 30, 4-7 p.m. Free. Lytton Plaza, 202 University Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-387-7048. www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/utl/residents/cals.asp

Mountain View Certified Farmers Market This farmers market features more than 60 certified local producers with farm-fresh fruit and vegetables with organic and Asian varieties, grass-fed beef, eggs, mushrooms, bakeries, plants, herbs, sprouts, cheese, melons and garden tomatoes. Sundays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Dec. 31. Caltrain Station, 600 W. Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Call 800-806-3276. www.cafarmersmkt.com/markets/category/mountain-view

Palo Alto Humane Society Gala The film “Babe” will be screened at the Palo Alto Humane Society’s 105th anniversary gala celebration. Bagpiper Jeff Campbell will also perform, as well as the JewelTones. Phil Giffin (Emmy-nominated producer and composer) and Marilyn Kanes (CEO of Mystery By Design) will co-host. Dec. 5, 7-10 p.m. \$5 (includes popcorn and a beverage). The Aquarius Theatre, 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto. www.paloaltohumane.org

CONCERTS

New Esterhazy Quartet Concert The New Esterhazy Quartet performs music by composer Joseph Eybler in “Haydn & His Students VI.” On the program: Eybler’s “Quartet in C minor,” Haydn’s “op. 64,” No. 4 in G” and Beethoven’s “Op. 127 in Eb.” Dec. 1, 4-6 p.m. \$25 (discount for students and seniors). All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverly St., Palo Alto. Call 415-520-0611. www.newesterhazy.org

Peninsula Symphonic Band Fall Concert In “Flight and Fantasy,” the Peninsula Symphonic Band’s fall concert program, the band will perform works by Giacchino, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Nixon and more. Ted Henderson will be conducting. Nov. 24, 3-5 p.m. Free. Spangenberg Theatre, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. www.psbpaloalto.com

Redwood Bluegrass Associates Concert Series The Redwood Bluegrass Associates is hosting a series of six bluegrass concerts in Mountain View from October through May. See website for more dates and details. All concerts take place Saturday evenings. Pre-show jam session at 5 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. Individual tickets: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. www.rba.org

SF Bay Area Chamber Choir - Britten Centenary Celebration The San Francisco Bay Area Chamber Choir with music director, Anthony Pasqua, and guest artist, Rodney Gehrke (piano and organ), will perform “Festival Te Deum,” “Jubilate Deo in C,” excerpts from “Gloriana,” plus music that influenced Britten by composers Thomas Weelkes, John Dowland and Henry Purcell. Nov. 24, 7-9 p.m. \$10/\$15. All Saints’ Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 510-582-3733. www.SFBayChoir.org

Stanford Symphonic Chorus and Peninsula Symphony Orchestra Mitchell Sardou Klein conducts two performances of the Peninsula Symphony with the Stanford Symphonic Chorus. The program of works by Ernest Bloch includes Concerto Grosso No. 1 with Juliann Ma, piano; and Sacred Service with Stephen Saxon, baritone/cantor. Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 24 at 2:30 p.m. \$10-20. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. www.music.stanford.edu/events/calendar

Volti - Chamber Choir Concert Volti -- San Francisco’s new chamber choir -- sings music by Benjamin Britten, Mark Winges, Forrest Pierce and Sarah Kirkland Snider. Robert Geary conducts. Advance ticket sales: <http://www.brownpaper-tickets.com/event/482498>. Nov. 23, 8-10 p.m.

\$10-30 (\$5 discounts in advance). All Saints’ Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 415-771-3352. www.voltisf.org

DANCE

Scottish Country Dancing A fall session starts on Sept. 4 with “Intro Night,” and is free for first timers. After that, the drop-in fee is \$10 or \$133 for the full session (\$8 per night). Everyone is welcome, from complete beginners to experienced dancers. Classes run until Feb. 4. 7:45-10 p.m. Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro St., Mountain View. www.mtview-rsdc.org

ENVIRONMENT

‘Capturing Real Life’ Dale Beliveau’s acrylic paintings of landscapes, birds, and wildlife will be on display at the EcoCenter Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., from Aug. 30 until Dec. 7. A public reception will be held at the EcoCenter on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 1-3 p.m. Free. EcoCenter, 2560 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-493-8000. www.evols.org

FAMILY AND KIDS

Author Tim McCanna Local author Tim McCanna will lead a musical storytime, as well as read and sign his new book “Teeny Tiny Trucks.” Nov. 23, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

Chanukah Party for Young Families Young children (up to around 5 years) and their parents can attend this Congregation Etz Chayim event with storytelling, singing, craft projects, dreidel games and seasonal snacks. Nov. 29, 5-6 p.m. Free. Congregation Etz Chayim, 4161 Alma St., Palo Alto. Call 650-813-9094. www.etzchayim.org

Thanksgiving at Morocco’s Restaurant Morocco’s Restaurant in Mountain View will be open all day on Thanksgiving offering holiday menu items plus vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options. Reserve a table online. Nov. 28, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Cost of food. Morocco’s Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

HEALTH

Affordable Mental Health Program Deborah’s Palm - a community woman’s center in downtown Palo Alto - has started an affordable psychotherapy program to benefit low-income women. Nov. 19-Jan. 19, Tuesdays, 4-7 p.m. Fees start at \$40/hour. Deborahs Palm, 555 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-473-0664. www.deborahspalm.org

LIVE MUSIC

Live Jazz Music & No Corkage Tuesdays at Morocco’s Morocco’s Restaurant in Mountain View hosts Johnny Williams to play jazz music. No corkage fee charged on Tuesdays. Nov. 5-26, 5-9 p.m. Free. Morocco’s Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

Moroccan Music Night Morocco’s Restaurant in Mountain View hosts multiple evenings of food and music. Nov. 3-24, Sundays, 5-9 p.m. Free. Morocco’s Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

ON STAGE

‘The King’s Legacy’ This play, by local playwright Elyce Melmon, is about King James I (Elizabeth’s heir and Mary’s son). Nov. 1-24, 8-10 p.m. \$10-\$35. Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave. #6, Mountain View. Call 650-254-1148. www.thepear.org

‘Doors to Dreams’ A musical performance by students of Crittenden Middle School in Mountain View. Ice cream and desserts cabaret from 7-7:30 p.m. before the show. Ticket price includes build-your-own ice cream sundae; tickets can be purchased at the door. Nov. 22 and 23, 7 p.m. \$8

adults; \$4 students with ID and children 12 and under. Crittenden Middle School - multi-purpose room, 1701 Rock St., Mountain View.

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

‘A Christmas Surprise: Rekindling the Joy of Christmas’ Lifetree Cafe invites the community to share conversation on “A Christmas Surprise: Rekindling the Joy of Christmas,” featuring a filmed interview with a man who bakes, decorates and gives away more than 4,000 cookies each Christmas. Snacks/beverages available. Nov. 24, 7-8 p.m. Free. 3373 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.lifetreecafe.com

SENIORS

Ornament Contest at Mtn. View Senior Center Enter this homemade ornament contest, held by the Mountain View Senior Center, to win a prize. Nov. 23, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

Talk: Exercise and Cognitive Training Jennifer Fairchild, MD, will give a talk on memory improvement, available treatments and ways to help prevent memory impairment. Nov. 26, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

SPORTS

MVHS Spartan Turkey Trot Mountain View High School’s 4th annual Spartan Turkey Trot Thanksgiving run, jog or walk will benefit MVHS athletics. Sign up at www.mvhsturkeytrot.shutterfly.com. Nov. 28, 8:30-11 a.m. \$20 adults; \$10 students; under 5 are free. Mountain View High School, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-964-7704.

Tied House Beer Special For the rest of the San Jose Sharks 2013-2014 hockey season, Tied House Microbrewery will offer \$3 discounted pints for the duration of games, starting on Oct. 30. 7:30 p.m. Cost of beer. Tied House Microbrewery and Cafe, 954 Villa St., Mountain View. Call 650-965-2739. www.tiedhouse.com

LECTURES & TALKS

‘Humanism In The Post-Post-Modern Era’ Talk Stanford’s Humanist Chaplain Jonathan Figdor will lead this Humanist Forum discussion, “The Challenge For Humanism In The Post-Post-Modern Era,” talking about why he thinks religious institutions can’t provide meaning for an increasingly non-religious America. Nov. 24, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Palo Alto High School Student Center (in main quad), 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-964-7576. www.humanists.org

Humanist Community Forum Hear a different speaker speak each Sunday on a range of topics: philosophy, politics, humanism, health, relationships, history, the environment. A buffet lunch (complimentary for first-time visitors) immediately follows. See website for each Sunday’s speaker and topic: www.humanists.org. Oct. 27-Dec. 29, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Palo Alto High School Student Center (in the main quad - see <http://goo.gl/maps/eWMfv>), 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-964-7576. www.humanists.org

Mid Peninsula ACLU Annual Dinner Trevor Timm, an activist working with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, will give a talk, “Government Surveillance and Civil Liberties,” at the Mid Peninsula chapter of the ACLU’s annual dinner. Nov. 25, 6:15-8:30 p.m. \$30 general; \$10 students. Michael’s at Shoreline, 2690 North Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-308-4350. www.aclu-midpen.org/index.html

Talk: ‘Surveillance, Privacy and Government Transparency’ Trevor Timm, executive director of the Freedom of the Press Foundation and an activist with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, will lead this discussion on government surveillance and the constitutional rights of privacy. Nov. 25, 6:15-9 p.m. \$30. Michaels at Shoreline, 2960 Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-308-4350. www.aclu-midpen.org



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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PEDESTRIAN ACCESS STUDY

The City of Mountain View is conducting a study that is evaluating alternatives for improving the accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists between the Bayshore/NASA Light Rail Station on the north side of Highway 101 and the North Whisman area on the south side of Highway 101 via Ellis Street.

You are invited to the following Mountain View City Council meeting where the Council will consider approving the staff-recommended alternative:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013

6:30 P.M. (OR AS SOON AS THE ITEM CAN BE HEARD)

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Upon Council approval, the recommended alternative will be evaluated in further detail to complete the study, and the results of the study will be proposed as a future project for design and construction. If you have any questions about this project, please contact Joy Houghton, Project Manager, at (650) 903-6311 or joy.houghton@mountainview.gov.

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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PAN AMERICAN BODY SHOP
C & C BODY SHOP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 584268
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
1.) Pan American Collision Center, 2.)
Pan American Body Shop, 3.) C & C
Body Shop, located at 243 Moffett
Boulevard, Mountain View, CA 94040,
Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A
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The name and residence address of the
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
PAN AMERICAN BODY SHOP, INC.
555 Burke St.
San Jose, CA 95112
Registrant/Owner began transacting
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 03/01/2013.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
County on October 25, 2013.
(MVV Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2013)

AP SEMINARS SILICON VALLEY, LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 584536
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
AP Seminars Silicon Valley, LLC, locat-
ed at 2625 Swanson Way, Mountain
View, CA 94040, 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):
AP SEMINARS SILICON VALLEY, LLC
2625 Swanson Way
Mountain View, CA 94040
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business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on N/A.
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County on November 1, 2013.
(MVV Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2013)

MARINADES AND MARMALADES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 584714
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Marinades and Marmalades, located
at 455 W. Evelyn Ave., Apt. 1124,
Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara

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This business is owned by: An
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The name and residence address of the
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
KATHERINE ANNE MARKHAM
455 W. Evelyn Ave., Apt. 1124
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business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on November 6,
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(MVV Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 2013)

M&C MAINTENANCE SERVICE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 584720
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
M&C Maintenance Service, located at
2054 Montecito Ave. #18, Mountain
View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An
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The name and residence address of the
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
MANUEL CRUZ
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Mountain View, CA 94043
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(MVV Nov. 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 2013)

FLYING HIPPO BIKE BAGS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 584677
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
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Marich Way, Los Altos, CA 94022,
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The name and residence address of the
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STATEMENT
File No.: 585185
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(PAW Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 2013)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF:
MARIA NAGY
Case No.: 1-13-PR-173270
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
contingent creditors, and persons who
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The Petition for Probate requests that:
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will and codicils, if any, be admitted to
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Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ Gadi Zohar, Esq.
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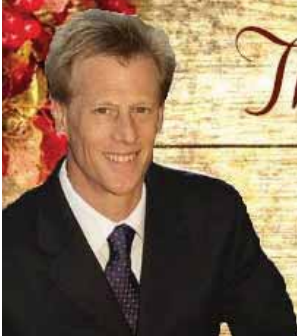
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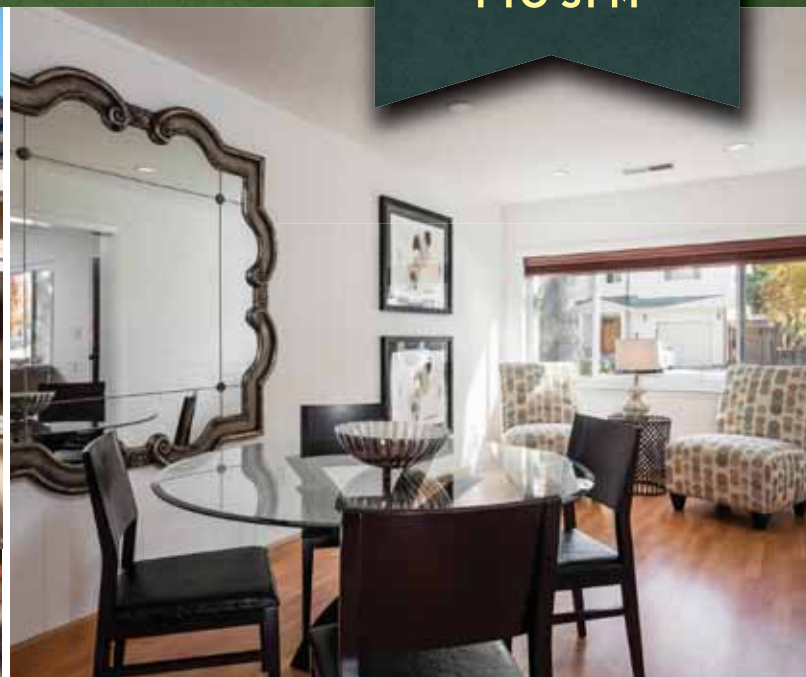
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