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**Cédric Vaudel** of Aldebaran Robotics talked about the NAO robot at the *Rise of the Robots* event at the Mountain View Microsoft Campus.

## A robot for everything

FROM HELPING WITH HOMEWORK TO PLAYING SECURITY GUARD, COMPANIES DISPLAY ROBOTIC HELPERS AT MICROSOFT IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

By *Angela Hey*

Outside Microsoft's Building 1 a couple of robots were gliding around, like daleks from the first episode of *Dr Who*. Inside were a couple of security guards. I wonder if they will ever be replaced by the robots, one attendee suggested at the Nov. 6 event hosted by Tech In Motion.

Knightscope is a Mountain View company that is mak-

ing the K5 Autonomous Data Machine to keep us safe. William Santana Li, chairman and CEO of Knightscope gained his experience with Ford Motor Company then took the entrepreneurial route, leading vehicle startups.

After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, he realized security was a huge problem and founded Knightscope. He claims the United States

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## After parent outcry, board shifts stance on Castro school split

FAMILIES SAY DISTRICT MISLED, EXCLUDED THEM FROM PLANS TO DIVIDE CASTRO INTO TWO SCHOOLS

By *Kevin Forestieri*

**C**astro Elementary School families spoke out last week against the school district's proposal to turn Castro into two separate schools, accusing district officials of excluding them from the process and lying to them.

The dissent by members of the Castro community was an about-face from the nearly unanimous support for the proposal at previous board meetings, and may have given school board members some second thoughts. Fol-

lowing the comments, three of the five trustees said they would likely not support the proposal if it came to a vote.

The Nov. 6 Mountain View Whisman School District board meeting was hosted at Castro Elementary, rather than the district office, to solicit feedback and comments from families with kids in the school. Around 50 parents and community members showed up to the meeting, and many spoke directly to the board in Spanish, aided by a translator.

The district's proposal, recom-

mended by the Castro Restructuring Task Force, would turn Castro into two separate schools, with the Dual Immersion students at one school and the traditional program students at the other. Dual Immersion (DI) is a bilingual "choice" program in which students receive instruction in both Spanish and English, with the goal of becoming proficient in both languages.

The task force recommended the split as a way to improve student achievement in the tra-

► See **CASTRO**, page 10

## NASA, Google ink deal for Hangar One, Moffett airfields

By *Andrea Gemmet*

**N**ASA announced Monday that officials signed a lease with Google's Planetary Ventures LLC to manage Moffett Federal Airfield and rehabilitate the landmark Hangar One.

The agreement comes more than three years after Google's top executives offered to restore the massive hangar built in the early 1930s. Planetary Ventures was awarded the lease in February, after offering to restore Hangar One in exchange for a long-term lease of the space in 2011.

The airfield property covered by the lease includes Hangars One, Two and Three, an airfield flight operations building, two runways and a private golf course about 1,000 acres of land.

NASA officials framed the deal as a way to save money and rid the space agency of surplus property, although the land will remain in federal hands.



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**Hangar One** was being stripped of its siding in 2012. Under the just-signed lease deal between NASA and Google's Planetary Ventures, Hangar One will be restored.

The lease is estimated to save NASA approximately \$6.3 million annually in maintenance and operation costs and provide \$1.16 billion in rent over the initial 60-year lease term, according to NASA spokeswoman Karen Nothon.

"We want to invest taxpayer resources in scientific discovery, technology development and space exploration — not in maintaining infrastructure we no longer need," said NASA

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# Voices

## AROUND TOWN

Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Madeleine Gerson and Natalia Nazarova.

*What is your opinion on the election results?*



"I was happy with the way the local election turned out. I was more disappointed in the national election."

*Becky Maltide, Mountain View*



"The election did not go how I would have liked. In St. Louis, people couldn't vote because there weren't enough ballots, which was disappointing."

*Danielle Brody, San Mateo*



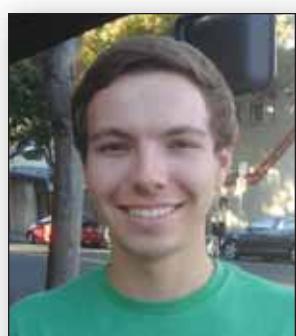
"I like the election results. The Republicans claimed the Senate, which is good."

*Gordon Hahn, Mountain View*



"Not enough people voted. This resulted in the House being primarily Republican."

*Clare Tang, Sydney, Australia*



"Overall, it was pretty bad. Even where the Democrats were expecting to win, they still lost."

*Kirk Waiblinger, Mountain View*

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#### Restoration Advisory Board Meeting



November 2014

The next regular meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for former Naval Air Station (NAS) Moffett Field will be held on:

**Thursday, November 20, 2014, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at:**

**Mountain View Senior Center Social Hall**  
**266 Escuela Avenue**  
**Mountain View, CA 94040-1813**

The RAB reviews and comments on plans and activities about the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities underway at Moffett Field. Regular RAB meetings are open to the public and the Navy encourages your involvement. **To review documents** on Moffett Field environmental restoration projects, please visit the information repository located at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View, CA 94041, (650) 903-6337.

**For more information**, contact Mr. Scott Anderson, Navy Base Realignment and Closure Environmental Coordinator at (619) 532-0938 or [scott.d.anderson@navy.mil](mailto:scott.d.anderson@navy.mil).

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#### ■ CRIME BRIEFS

#### BURGLARY ARRESTS

Police arrested four people in connection with a burglary of a CalMoto BMW dealership in Mountain View earlier this year, leading them to recover stolen property belonging to at least nine people.

Police are seeking the public's help in reuniting more victims with their stolen property.

On May 26 at 1:40 a.m., officers arrested 35-year-old Medardo Rivas Aguirre of Mountain View and Sunnyvale in the midst of a burglary at the dealership, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department. A second suspect, 20-year-old William Rivas Aguirre of Santa Clara, was arrested in a nearby neighborhood in connection to the burglary, he said.

Further investigation led police to arrest 45-year-old Miguel Paz and 50-year-old Doris Zepada, both of San Jose, at their home. According to police, the residence was filled with "numerous" items believed to be stolen. Both Paz and Zepada were arrested on charges of possession of stolen property and burglary.

Nine residential burglary victims have since identified their property among the items seized by police. Pictures of the remaining property suspected to be stolen can be viewed on the Mountain View police Pinterest page. Police are encouraging people to look through pictures to see if they recognize anything as theirs, and to contact detective Andrew Wong at 650-903-6344.

*Kevin Forestieri*

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#### Invitation for Bids **La Honda Creek Livestock Fence Installation**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) will receive bids at their Administrative Office located at 330 Distel Circle, Los Altos, CA **on or before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 2014** for the furnishing of all labor, materials and services required for the following designated scope of work: The installation of approximately 8,900 linear feet of a new 5-strand barbed wire livestock fence, installation of 5 livestock gates, and removal of approximately 100 linear feet of 5-strand barbed wire livestock fence in La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve.

Complete project information is contained within the project Bid Package, which will be available on Saturday, November 15, 2014 online at the District's website: [http://www.openspace.org/news/request\\_for\\_bids.asp](http://www.openspace.org/news/request_for_bids.asp)

A hardcopy is available for review at the District Administrative Office.

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MICHELLE LE

Students walk through the Castro room at the Mountain View's new teen center.

## Teen center debuts in Mountain View

LONG-AWAITED CENTER PROVIDES A 'HANGOUT' FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

By Kevin Forestieri

The grand opening of the new Mountain View teen center is set for Friday, Nov. 14, but kids took a tour through the still-under-construction site last Friday to get an up-close sneak peak of the new facility.

The teen center, called "The View," gives middle and high school students a place to hang out during afternoon hours, and will act as a hub for youth activities, educational classes and special events. The View is across the street from the

Mountain View Senior Center, and replaced the Rock Church at 263 Escuela Ave.

Groups of students, led by the city Recreation Supervisor Diane Atienza, had to use their imaginations a little bit as she led them around the active construction site and showed them all the perks of their new teen center.

"This over here is the field," Atienza said. "There isn't any grass here yet, but there will be!"

Inside, the rooms are painted different colors and set up for different activities. The

"purple room," also known as the lounge room, will have televisions and couches, with the possibility of hosting movie nights. Next door is the kitchen, which Atienza said could be used for culinary classes and cooking programs with "hands-on activities."

The largest room of the teen center is called the "Castro room." Named after the Castro neighborhood, it serves as a multipurpose room for special events.

Sitting on the floor of the

► See **TEEN CENTER**, page 17

## Coladonato leads over incumbent in school board race

LATEST ELECTION RESULTS SHOW CHALLENGER OVERTAKING PALMER FOR SECOND MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SEAT

By Kevin Forestieri

As votes continue to be counted, an incumbent may lose his seat, according to the latest election results for the Mountain View Whisman school board.

While vote counts earlier in the week had him trailing in third place, as of Wednesday, Nov. 12,

candidate Greg Coladonato has received about 90 more votes more than incumbent Philip Palmer, who initially appeared to have retained his seat. The latest results put



Coladonato

Coladonato, a Stevenson parent, in second place, which would give him a seat on the school board. Coladonato has 4,314 votes, or 23 percent of the vote, to Palmer's 4,286 votes, giving him 22.6 percent.

Coladonato trailed behind Palmer by about 1 percent of the

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## A heated but civil discussion on housing

EVENT ON MOUNTAIN VIEW'S HOUSING WOES DRAW CROWD

Two days after voters put three advocates of "balanced growth" on the Mountain View City Council, community members met to discuss the city's lack of affordable housing. The goal was to keep it civil, despite opposing views and interests.

Over 100 people came to the Nov. 6 event in the Senior Center ballroom to hear a panel of speakers,

tion of housing advocates and balanced growth advocates Ken Rosenberg, Lenny Siegel and Pat Showalter, had some anger to express.

"The outcome of the election would seem to appear there's a large mandate for a lot of construction going on in Mountain View. I don't really think that's representative of most people's thinking," said Linda Curtis, who became involved in local politics when she opposed a project to build

**'Economist Richard Florida has done a lot of research on where knowledge workers want to be and they want to be in diverse communities.'**

MARK KROLL

200 apartments and redevelop the site of several small businesses at the corner of Castro Street and El Camino Real. She's gone on to oppose redevelopment of El Camino Real retail centers. "It is really showing us the influence of big money and big corporations," she said of the election.

Resident Julie Lovins, respond-

ing to what she called an accusation that residents had just elected three corrupt City Council members, said: "I know them all personally and I question whether the conclusion is correct."

### Outrage at council meetings

Ballard and Simitian talked about how difficult it is to have a decent discussion of housing issues. Simitian said council meetings are a particularly bad forum for any real dialog. As anyone who has watched a typical City Council meeting can attest, there's often outrage expressed by residents living near a project about the impacts of traffic and parking overflowing onto their streets, taller buildings changing their views and bringing new people into their neighborhoods.

"I've spent years watching

► See **CIVILITY HOUSING**, page 14

# Measure N racks up more 'yes' votes

SCHOOL BOND EXPANDS LEAD AFTER IT TRAILLED IN EARLY VOTE COUNTS

By Kevin Forestieri

The \$150 million school bond proposed by the Los Altos School District to accommodate growing enrollment may win after all.

As the county continues to count votes and update election results, the number of district residents who voted yes on Measure N climbed to 57.3 percent from 54.9 percent as of Wednesday, Nov. 12. The bond needs 55 percent of the vote to pass, and was short by nine votes in the election-night tally.

The razor-thin margin had Los

Altos School District administrators and school board members worried on election night, including board president Tamara Logan, who won her re-election onto the school board Tuesday.

"The (celebration) was tempered somewhat because we're not sure which way it will go," Logan said the morning after the Nov. 4 election.

Associate Superintendent Randy Kenyon said he was "disappointed" to see it was so close, but it didn't come as a surprise. Prior to the election, polling data indicated Measure N would pass by a small margin.

The \$150 million school bond would help the school district build a new school and new facilities to deal with fast-growing enrollment that is already exceeding target enrollment numbers at most of the nine district campuses. District administrators attribute the high quality instruction, in part, to the smaller school sizes which they say could be compromised if the bond does not pass.

Property owners in the district would pay a maximum of \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value annually for the bond.

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## Google backing Earth, Air & Space Collaboratory at Moffett

By Andrea Gemmet

An ambitious plan for a museum and collaborative educational space at Moffett Field is taking shape, thanks to Google's lease deal with NASA for Hangar One and the Moffett Federal Airfields property. On Tuesday, the non-profit Earth, Air & Space Educational Foundation announced that it is receiving financial support from Google to create an Earth, Air & Space Collaboratory at Moffett Field.

NASA's lease with Google subsidiary Planetary Ventures was signed Monday.

months after the announcement that Google would be awarded the lease and would take over the running of roughly 1,000 acres of Moffett Field, including Hangars One, Two and Three, an airfield flight operations building, two runways and a private golf course. Along with a requirement to restore and rehabilitate the historic hangars, the lease called for the creation of "an educational facility where the public can explore the site's legacy and the role of technology in the history of Silicon Valley."

The Earth, Air & Space Educational Foundation, largely made up of members of the Save

Hangar One Committee and the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board, has been working since 2010 to muster support for the creation of a kind of "Smithsonian West" at Moffett.

The exact amount of Google's funding can't be disclosed, at Google's behest, said foundation spokesman Matthew Schmidt. He said that Google's contribution, combined with private donations, make up \$500,000 in seed money for the foundation to flesh out its plans for what he described as a world-class educational, conference, exhibition and museum space.

Google will also provide a

open-session discussion of the selection process for an interim superintendent.

Board member Chris Chiang said the open-session item will just be to start the conversation about the best way to search for an interim superintendent, and will very likely be discussed at the next regularly scheduled board meeting as well.

Goldman and other district officials could not be immediately reached for comment.

— Kevin Forestieri

## MV Whisman superintendent to resign

A special meeting for the Mountain View Whisman school board has been called to discuss the resignation of Superintendent Craig Goldman and a process for selecting an interim superintendent.

The meeting is set for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, after the Voice's press deadline, and the discussion on Goldman's resignation and resignation agreement will be discussed in a closed-session agenda item.

It will be followed by an



Craig Goldman

when it might be open to the public. Schmidt said the foundation will kick off its fundraising efforts in earnest now that the lease deal is signed. He said the final cost will be "in the tens of millions of dollars," but without more details on exactly where it will be housed, it's impossible to say more.

The foundation expects to start launching some educational or speaking programs by the end of 2015, he said. More details of plans for the Earth, Air & Space Collaboratory are at the foundation's website, [earthair-space.org](http://earthair-space.org).

***It all started with wanting to preserve Hangar One and the surrounding area.***

MATTHEW SCHMIDT

"It's exciting to be able to tell this story. It all started with wanting to preserve Hangar One and the surrounding area of Moffett Field and find a future use for it," Schmidt said.

In 2003, the Navy had sought to tear down the landmark structure because of toxic lead, asbestos and PCBs in its frame paint and siding. Stripped of its siding, Hangar One is now a massive skeleton in need of a restoration job expected to cost more than \$40 million.

Besides paying to restore Hangar One, the lease is estimated to save NASA approximately \$6.3 million annually in maintenance and operation costs, and provide \$1.16 billion in rent over the initial 60-year lease term, according to NASA spokeswoman Karen Nothon.

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# State declines to review Santa Clara County election

WITH THOUSANDS OF BALLOTS LEFT TO TALLY, REGISTRAR EXPRESSES 'FULL CONFIDENCE' IN COUNTY'S VOTE COUNT

By Gennady Sheyner

Santa Clara County's election will not be reviewed by the Secretary of State after all, despite public speculation about a county IT manager who quit the day before voters went to the polls and a request from the county for an independent evaluation.

The concerns prompted the county to request last week an independent review from the state of its Election Day procedures. But on Tuesday, county Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey said that state officials have informed her office that they will not go ahead with the review. Bushey said she discussed the potential review with the Secretary of State officials

on Monday and expects a letter from the state stating that "they have full confidence in our vote counts and procedures."

Bushey said she is also fully confident in Election Day results, which are still being tabulated. She said the office continues to count the roughly 11,000 remaining provisional ballots, a process that could spill over into the weekend. The delay in getting out the final count is nothing new, Bushey said, and this year's vote followed the same procedures as those in prior years. The county "did not have any problems whatsoever with our ballot tabulations," she said.

The resignation of IT manager Joseph Le fueled speculations about the county's election pro-

cess, but Bushey said it had no impact on the tabulations.

"I've been assuring everyone that one person not being here does not mean the process has stopped," Bushey said. "Anyone can not be here and we will carry on."

She noted that another member of the IT division who has worked for many years alongside Le picked up the responsibilities and the office was "able to proceed as normal."

Bushey said the county is processing several thousand provisional ballots (those that require extra attention, including a verification of the voter's status) each day.

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## HANGAR ONE

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Administrator Charles Bolden in a statement released Monday.

According to the terms of the lease signed Monday, Nov. 10, Planetary Ventures plans to invest more than \$200 million in improvements to the property and commits to restoring Hangar One, rehabilitating Hangars Two and Three and creating an educational facility where the public can explore the site's legacy and the role of technology in the history of Silicon Valley.

"We look forward to rolling up our sleeves to restore the remarkable landmark Hangar One, which for years has been considered one of the most endangered historic sites in the United States," said David Radcliffe, Google's vice president of real estate and workplace services, in a statement.

Lenny Siegel, a member of the Save Hangar One Committee who is on the board of a group aiming to build an air and space museum in Hangar One, said the lease is great news.

"We finally have assurance that Hangar One will be re-skinned, Moffett Field's facilities will be put to scientific use, and there will be a community-oriented educational center at Moffett Field," he told the *Voice* via email.

"There will be challenges, however," said Siegel, who was just elected to the Mountain View City Council. "I call upon Google, NASA, and adjacent communities to establish a Community Advisory Commission, similar to the one that worked successfully in 1997, to develop

proposals for addressing the transportation and housing challenges associated with the reuse of Moffett Field."

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, a longtime supporter of efforts to save Hangar One, called the agreement "a major win."

"This significant and long-awaited victory ... honors Moffett Field and Hangar One as part of U.S. Naval history, while looking to the future by promoting research into space, aviation and other emerging technologies," Eshoo said in a statement.

The signed deal appears to mark the end of a long battle to preserve the historic 200-foot-tall home of the U.S.S. Macon. In 2003, the Navy had sought to tear down the landmark structure because of toxic lead, asbestos and PCBs in its frame paint and siding. Stripped of its siding, Hangar One now sits as a bare skeletal frame in need of an expensive restoration job expected to cost more than \$40 million.

"We are fortunate to have had significant input from surrounding communities on setting a future path for Moffett Field," said Ames director S. Peter Worden. "With the involvement of the citizens of Mountain View and Sunnyvale, we are confident the results will benefit all parties."

Not everyone is enthusiastic about the deal. Consumer Watchdog posted criticism of the lease on its website, saying it wrongly rewards Google executives for what it calls "longstanding abuses" at Ames Research Center.

John M. Simpson, director of Consumer Watchdog's Privacy Project, pointed out that last December a NASA audit found

that H211's corporate jet fleet, owned by Google chairman Eric Schmidt and co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin, received an unwarranted discount of up to \$5.3 million from its jet fuel purchases from the government.

"This is like giving the keys to your car to the guy who has been siphoning gas from your tank," said Simpson. "It is unfairly rewarding unethical and wrongful behavior. These Google guys seem to think they can do whatever they want and get away with it — and, sadly, it looks like that is true."

While no "intentional misconduct" was found, the inspector general's report said that H211 paid only \$2 million for jet fuel in 2012 that would have cost \$3 million to \$3.6 million if purchased at market rate at the San Jose Mineta International airport.

The report attributes the improper discount to a "misunderstanding" by fuel provider DLA-Energy, which operated under the assumption that the planes were being used for NASA research and could purchase it at a reduced rate for government contractors. But according to the report, only 26 percent of the 229 flights between August 2012 to July 2013 were for NASA missions. The other 170 were private flights.

Planetary Ventures won't get the keys to Moffett Federal Airfield just yet. NASA officials said it will assume operation of the site following the finalization of a joint plan with NASA, the federal Environmental Protection Agency and California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

—Daniel DeBolt contributed to this report.



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# Life-saving devices installed in Mountain View

COUNTY WORKS WITH MOUNTAIN VIEW TO INSTALL 46 DEFIBRILLATORS ACROSS THE CITY

By Kevin Forestier

A nonprofit committed to saving lives by installing portable defibrillators in public spaces is making its mark on Mountain View this month as part of a pilot program to bring more than 40 Auto External Defibrillators (AEDs) to locations all over the city.

Racing Hearts, a health and safety nonprofit, is on a mission to make AEDs available to the public. A defibrillator can be used to get a heart pumping again and greatly increase the rate of survival of a person who has a heart attack and whose heart stops beating.

More than 350,000 people in the United States die from sudden cardiac arrest each year — roughly equal to the number of people killed by firearms, house fires, car accidents, suicides, breast cancer, cervical cancer, colorectal cancer, prostate cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and HIV combined, according to the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation.

In partnership with the city of Mountain View, Santa Clara County, El Camino Hospital and both Mountain View school districts, Racing Hearts will be installing 46 AEDs across the city, including parks, schools and police cars.

Stephanie Martinson, who started Racing Hearts two years ago, has worked with the nonprofit to place more than 150 AEDs in the Bay Area. Martinson focused primarily on Palo Alto and the under-served, at-risk communities in East Palo Alto at first, and now she wants to expand that AED presence into Mountain View.

The partnership with the county and Mountain View agencies was largely orchestrated by Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian. Simitian said he had been in touch with Racing Hearts since he came back as supervisor in 2013, and that he was aware of the good work Martinson and the nonprofit had done to expand the availability of AEDs in Palo Alto.

A member of the county health and hospital committee, Simitian said it seemed like a "wonderful" opportunity to bring the success that Racing Hearts experienced in Palo Alto to other parts of the county. Simitian proposed starting a pilot program to bring AEDs to Mountain View.

"In chatting with Stephanie, I said I was interested in Mountain View, and she said 'so are we,'" Simitian said.

The Board of Supervisors approved a budget item that would put \$50,000 towards purchasing AEDs for Mountain View. On top of that, Simitian asked agencies in the city to match the funding, and convinced the city to contribute \$26,000. El Camino Hospital also contributed \$25,000, and both of the city's school districts contributed \$10,000 each — more than a match, Simitian said.

At the Oct. 9 Mountain View Whisman school board meeting, Superintendent Craig Goldman said he appreciated Martinson's effort to get defibrillators placed at all the Mountain View schools. "We're extremely grateful," Goldman said. "Stephanie has really headed up what seems to be a one-woman campaign to get AEDs at our school sites."

Defibrillator locations include

one at each of the elementary schools, two at each middle school and three at each high school. AEDs will also be at the snack shacks at McKelvey park and the Cuesta Park tennis courts.

The money will also go towards five years of maintenance and any needed replacements for the AEDs.

"We didn't want to just go out and acquire the devices and have them just sort of sit there," Simitian said. "It's not a one-off — it's a longer term commitment."

## A life-saving tool

Defibrillators can play an important role in saving someone suffering from sudden cardiac arrest, and having one close-by can make a big difference. Dr. Chad Rammohan, a physician and medical director of the El Camino Hospital Chest Pain Center, said AEDs deliver a shock to restore the normal rhythm of a heart beat. He said the heart rhythm experiences something similar to a "short circuit" and begins to beat so fast it stops, and the shock applied by the AED breaks that short circuit and brings back a normal heart rhythm.

Response time is a key component for treating sudden cardiac arrest. "The faster the better," Rammohan said. "The clock starts as soon as the heart stops."

Rammohan cited a study that found the rate of survival "with intact neurological function" is more than three times higher among people who were treated with an AED available on site at the time of sudden cardiac arrest than people who were not.

According to the American Heart Association, every minute



racing hearts. [www.racinghearts.org](http://www.racinghearts.org)

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**Defibrillators** now located in public areas all around Mountain View through a joint effort with the Racing Hearts nonprofit.

that passes without CPR or defibrillation decreases the chance of survival by 7 to 10 percent.

Traditionally, Rammohan said, it was typical to have a bystander perform CPR until an ambulance carrying a defibrillator arrived, and that the real role of CPR was to manually pump blood until that happened. Having a readily available AED means delivering the shock in a fraction of the time it takes for an ambulance to arrive, which can increase the chances of survival.

The AEDs installed in Mountain View use foolproof technology, allowing anyone to use it in the event of sudden cardiac arrest. Martinson said the defibrillators come with voice instructions, along with stickers and visual queues, that guide you through all the steps. The AEDs analyze the heart rhythm and determine whether or not the person needs a shock.

"It won't shock if they don't need it," Martinson said

Simitian said the current state-of-the-art AED technology is very easy to use and something people should not be reluctant to pick up. "The systems are essentially fail-safe and walk you through the process," Simitian said.

## Education a key component

Racing Hearts isn't just about getting more AEDs slapped onto the walls of gyms, libraries and parks. Martinson said the group is also looking to spread awareness, and get people talking about where their nearest AED is, and how they would handle an emergency situation.

The Racing Hearts website has what's called an "AEDSpotter," a map system set up by Martinson

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### CASTRO

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ditional program, where student scores are substantially worse on both math and English language arts tests compared to Dual Immersion students. About 90 percent of the students in the traditional program are English-language learners and from families classified as "low socioeconomic status."

#### Parents protest

But the two-school solution faced steep opposition at the board meeting last week, as, one by one, parents told the board they were not comfortable going forward with the current plan.

Blandina Diaz said the Castro community feels lied to and was not involved in the task force process, despite what the district claims, and expressed concern that they would only be

allowed to give input after the board approves the changes to the school structure. She said she agreed with board member Chris Chiang that the district needs to commit millions of dollars to improve the quality of education at Castro rather than just separating the programs.

Nelly Gomez, another member of the Castro community, said she didn't know what to make of the poor student results presented by the district, and that there wasn't a clear answer for solving the problem. She also said she felt the district had been lying to them.

Marilu Delgado of the Community in Action Team, a Castro school community activist group, said parents in the district are hesitant to speak out against the proposal and do not feel encouraged to give feedback.

"There's mixed feelings, and unfortunately some parents are

reluctant to come forward and say 'I feel disrespected and disregarded by the principal,'" Delgado said.

Delgado said some parents fear the task force recommendations will segregate the school, and others are reluctant to say racism could take place if the decision is approved.

These statements are at odds with what was reported to the board in October, when members of the task force said they spent hundreds of hours doing study sessions, focus groups and soliciting feedback. The conclusion they came to was that splitting the programs into two schools was the best solution.

The task force conducted an initial survey to ask parents what improvements they would like to see at Castro, as well as focus groups with randomly selected parents from each of the classes at the school.

"(We) really tried to solicit from the parents their concerns, their questions, and had an opportunity for every parent to contribute to that process," said Sarah Livnat, a Castro parent and member of the task force.

Yet there still remained a disconnect between the Castro families and the district's task force. Ira Beltran, a member of the Castro PTA, told the board that many parents, particularly Spanish speakers, do not feel like they've been provided a forum where they can express their questions and concerns. Many Spanish-speaking families, she said, felt the methods used by the task force discouraged them from expressing their opinion despite the best efforts of the task force to be all-inclusive in seeking out community feedback.

"Giving everyone a chance to express themselves can certainly be difficult, but I hope that you, the board, can find a way to hear the many voices that make up the Castro community," Beltran said.

Brooklyn Cook is a Castro teacher for the traditional program and a parent of three kids in the DI program, and told the board that she is the only teacher at the school who is not "completely on board" with the recommendations of the task force.

"I'm not off-board either, I just have a lot of questions about it," Cook said. "I want there to be a platform for people with questions and concerns."

Part of the problem, Cook said, is that the district has taken a "stand of unity" in favor of splitting Castro into two schools, making it hard for parents, including herself, to voice their concerns.

She said she understands that

funding could increase for students at the traditional program, but she also worries that it could have unintended consequences. Before working at Castro, Cook said she taught at a school of primarily non-native speakers in Los Angeles that got taken over by the state, and that it was a hard transition that "fell on the shoulders" of the teachers at the school.

ditional program combining results with the DI program for a "very long time." But she did express concerns on the district's unclear plans on what to do once the programs have been split into separate schools.

"I do not see clear goals and I do not see clear means put behind the goals," Berthillier said, adding that whatever the district decides to do after the split needs to come as fast as the proposed split itself.

Chris Chiang, acting as the board president for the absent Bill Lambert, said he would not support the decision to turn Castro into two schools until the district is able to identify and commit "real" dollars to better improve the quality of education at the new school. What "real" money could translate into, Chiang said, is about \$2,000 per pupil — about \$1 million annually. Board member Steve Nelson also said he would not be willing to go ahead with the recommendations until more money is committed and a bet-

#### No longer on board

After hearing all of the concerns, board member Phil Palmer said he would not be willing to vote for the proposed split. He said in previous board meetings there wasn't a lot of discussion on the "downsides" of the proposal, and that it seemed like both a unanimous decision and a good idea.

"I didn't get that sense tonight, obviously," Palmer said.

Palmer said he's not sure how the district could reach out to parents to solicit feedback and listen to parents' concerns any more than it already has. He said

### Marilu Delgado said some parents fear the task force recommendations will segregate the school.

there's been lots of opportunities to be engaged, but they're still not reaching everyone.

"I don't know if it's surveying or some sort of anonymous input where they (won't) feel any sense that there's any retribution for speaking up," Palmer said.

Other parents focused less on the communication problems, and more on the district's long-term plans for how to improve education at both Castro schools. David Kessens, a DI program parent who raised concerns about the proposal at previous board meetings, said improving academic achievement does not just mean separating the programs into two schools, and that the recommendation needs a clear focus on what to do once Castro is split in half.

"We are conflating the issue of better education with a split school," Kessens said. "We don't have a plan. There's no clear plan of what you're going to do next, or how those children are going to be educated in the traditional program or the DI program."

Angels Berthillier, a parent of three DI children, said it's great that the district is finally considering new education goals for Castro students, and that the district had been masking the poor test results of the tra-

ter plan is set.

Board member Ellen Wheeler said she still believed the two-school proposal is still the "way to go" to help the low-income Latino students at the school, and that separate schools will help the district focus their attention on better achievement for those students.

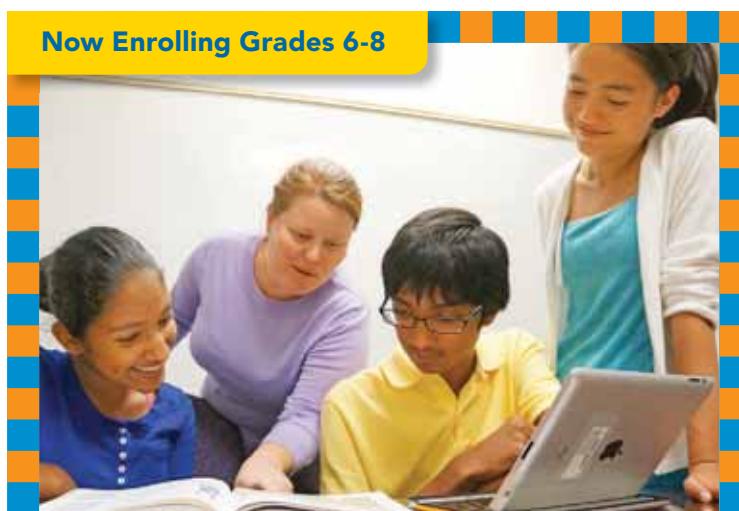
Superintendent Craig Goldman thanked the parents that spoke at the board meeting and acknowledged that it can be hard for parents to get up and speak to the board, especially if they think their opinions might not be particularly popular. He encouraged parents to contact him, the principals at Castro or the board members with their feedback.

Goldman said parents should not be worried about racism or segregation, and that the district never intended to deceive or lie to the Castro community.

"I understood enough of the Spanish to hear references to ... and the comments about racism and segregation," said Goldman, who didn't wear one of the translation headsets that were handed out at the meeting. "Personally, that confuses me. Every person involved in this is trying to do what's best for all our students."

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# Ivanovic pulls ahead of Swan in LASD race

CLOSE RACE FOR THE THIRD SEAT ON SCHOOL BOARD

By Kevin Forestieri

Sunday's updated but still-incomplete election results from the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters show that Vladimir Ivanovic has overtaken John Swan in the Los Altos School District election.

Candidates in the school board race are competing for three seats, and two of the three incumbents opted not to seek re-election. The latest results

show that Ivanovic may be able to claim victory, along with incumbent Tamara Logan and Covington parent Sangeeth Peruri, when the final results come in.

Initial counts showed only a 30-vote difference between Swan, a former real estate CEO and Bullis Charter School parent, and Ivanovic, a Gardner Bullis parent. The latest count shows Ivanovic with 18.2 percent of the vote (5,827 votes) to Swan's 16.4 percent (5,245 votes).

Swan, Ivanovic and Bullis Charter School parent Martha McClatchie have been within 120 votes of securing the third-place spot in the tight election race. The other two board seats were won by Logan, with 25.7 percent of the vote, and Peruri, with 23.3 percent.

If the results hold, neither Bullis Charter School candidate will take a seat on the district school board.

Despite what appears to be a

clear victory, Logan said the election has been very competitive compared to when she ran for the board in previous years. Logan, along with candidates and district officials, spent election night at First and Main Sports Lounge in Los Altos.

District board member Doug Smith, who announced his retirement this year, said on his blog that he congratulates the new board members, and that "big money" played a part in the school district election. He said Swan and McClatchie, along with the campaign fundraising group

"LASD Parents for Great Schools" and the California Charter School Association, spent \$100,000 trying to "buy a seat on the LASD Board of Trustees."

Late FPPC filing documents show the California Charter School Association contributed \$22,000 to LASD Parents for Great Schools — a group that contributed to both McClatchie and Swan — and \$6,000 directly to Swan's campaign.

"This should serve as a cautionary tale to the rest of the community," Smith wrote. "Leopards don't change their spots." □

## A & E BRIEFS



California Pops Orchestra trombonists Billy Robinson, left, Jon Schermir and Mike Basta will perform music of the '20s and '30s.

SAM HUI

### South Asian Film Festival

From feature films and documentaries to Bollywood musicals and independents, San Francisco's 3rd i South Asian Film Festival returns to Palo Alto this weekend. Now in its 12th year, 3rd i aims to present the full range of South Asian cultures and cinematic expressions. Following its five-day run in San Francisco Nov. 5-9, the festival comes to Palo Alto this Saturday, Nov. 15. On the docket for the Midpeninsula are six films, among them "Nirnay," a documentary about love in contemporary middle-class Indian society, and "Zinda Bhaag," a rousing Pakistani musical. Evening screenings include "The Auction House," a documentary about two brothers struggling to save their family business (which happens to be India's oldest auction house), and "Liar's Dice," a drama set in the rural Himalayas that's also India's official 2014 Oscars contender for Best Foreign Language Film.

All films screen at CineArts at Palo Alto Square, 3000 El Camino Real. Tickets are \$10 online and \$12 at the door. For more information, including a full festival calendar, go to [thirdi.org](http://thirdi.org).

### Potsdam Revisited

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That young man was Pvt. Stuart Canin, an avid violinist who brought his instrument with him to the front, because "you never know." Now nearly 90 years old, Canin will make a live appearance at Stanford's Bing Concert Hall this Wednesday in an event that combines musical performance, film and on-stage discussion. Joining Canin will be historian Norman Naimark, political scientist Scott Sagan and 60th Secretary of State George P. Shultz, who will hold a conversation about this pivotal moment in world history.

Citizen Film will also screen a documentary short, "The Rifleman's Violin," which tells Canin's remarkable story.

The former concertmaster of the San Francisco Symphony, Canin will give a 30-minute performance: a reprise of the same works by composers Fritz Kreisler, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky and Henryk Wieniawski that he played in Potsdam 60 years ago.

The event takes place on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at

Stanford's Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St. Tickets are \$30 general admission and are free to Stanford students starting one hour before curtain. To learn more, go to [potsdamatstanford.com](http://potsdamatstanford.com). For tickets, go to [live.stanford.edu](http://live.stanford.edu) or call 650-724-2464.

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The concert takes place Sunday, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m. at Foothill College's Smithwick Theater, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Tickets range from \$37-\$42, with youth tickets \$15. Free parking is available in lots 5 and 6. For tickets, go to [calpops.org](http://calpops.org) or call 650-856-8432.

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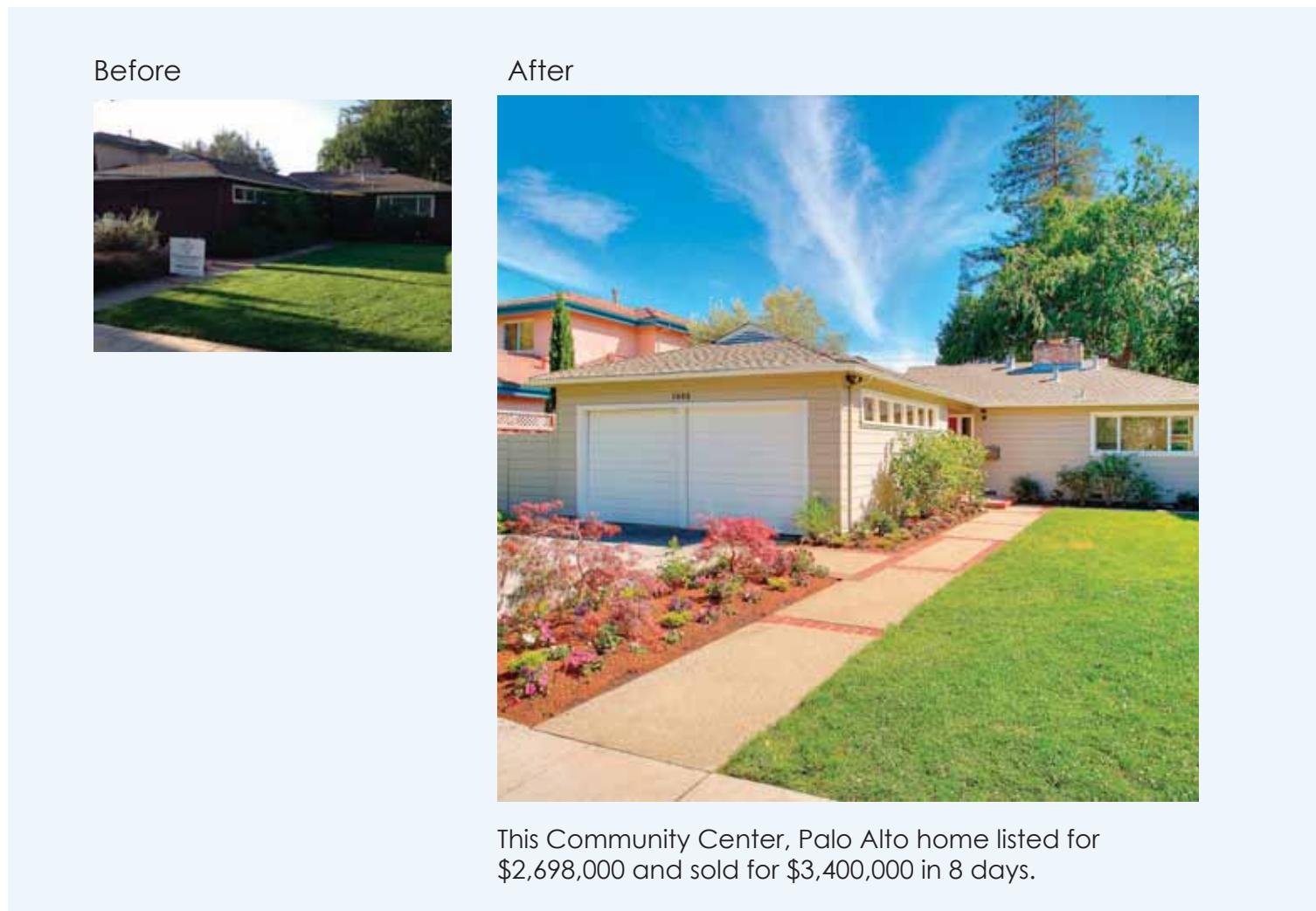


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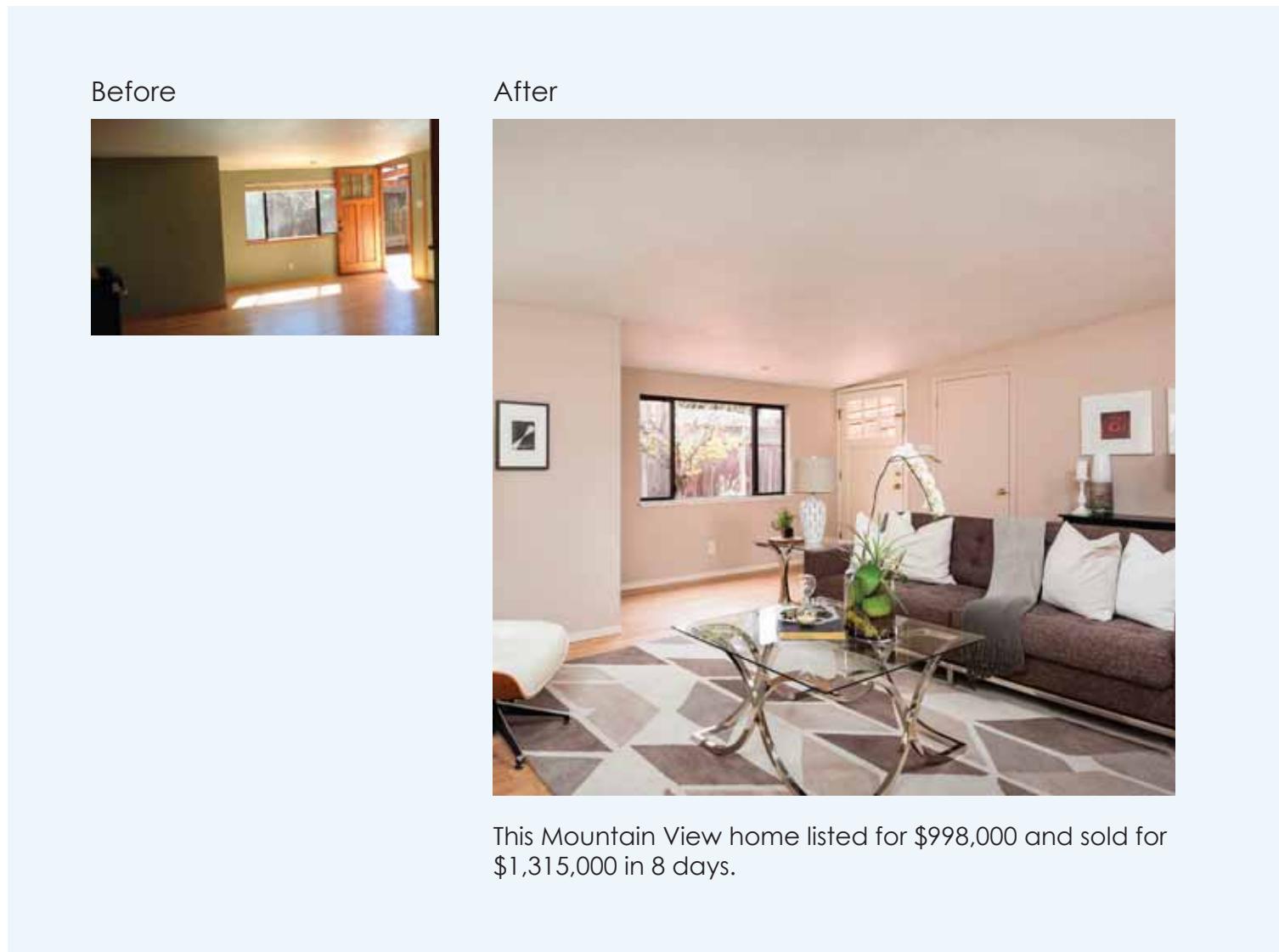
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### CIVILITY HOUSING

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meetings and I can't say I've ever seen it done well, it's usually a train wreck," Ballard said. She talked about how her mother once went to a meeting on a housing-related issue and "she came back and she was very disgruntled because people came to the meeting very angry and contaminating the meeting. She felt she had something to contribute and she didn't because it was dominated by folks who were angry."

Longtime home owner Konrad Sosnow expressed outrage at the start of the meeting.

"I am being forced out by Lenny Siegel and his buddies," Sosnow said. "He (Siegel) has explicitly stated he wants to make all houses in Mountain View affordable. He would like to reduce the value of my home to 25 percent of the value. I'm

looking to move out of Mountain View while I can."

"My wife and I moved to Mountain View in 1968," Sosnow said. "We scrimped and saved to buy a house. We didn't complain about not being able to afford a house. We knew it was expensive here."

Siegel, who was not at the meeting, said via email that Sosnow's comments represent widespread resentment, "not just of traffic, but of the growing busyness and noise of life here," Siegel said. "I'm not sure who said what Konrad attributes to me. I surely didn't. I would like to make both housing ownership and rental less unaffordable, but I have no illusions that prices and rents might actually go down. I found in the campaign that many other homeowners, not just my wife and I, would like to find a way for their grown children to live nearby and

eventually even buy a piece of real estate."

At the meeting, Simitian talked about the early days of Silicon Valley. He described how his father was able to buy a home in Palo Alto on a school teacher's salary, and how no one thought it was odd that he went to the same public school as a mechanic's kid, a janitor's kid and the son of Bill Hewlett, founder of Hewlett Packard.

"That has become harder and harder to achieve," he said of the standard of living enjoyed by area residents in those days, with its smaller gap between rich and poor. Nevertheless, he said views such as Sosnow's were "a very understandable, expectable reaction."

While everyone wants housing to be affordable, "we like somebody else to bear the burden of the cost and the work to make that happen — that's just human nature."

### Affordable housing needs

During a group discussion, working Latina mothers spoke through a translator about fear of displacement from skyrocketing rents. One said that her rent would nearly double when her apartment complex is renovated.

"Families are being pushed out of Mountain View," said another woman. "It's basically gentrification and a form of racism," she said.

In a group discussion, residents such as Patrick Moore and Jeremy Hoffman highlighted the need to balance housing growth and office growth to help reduce spikes in demand for housing.

"All you have to do is demand that housing be built in every (commercial) building that is built in Mountain View," said Moore, calling for buildings of eight stories or more to provide adequate housing.

To put these comments in

perspective, the city may see new office space for more than 40,000 new employees in the coming years, while the city's 2012 general plan update allows for an estimated 8,000 homes by 2030.

Before the audience broke into discussion groups, Simitian put forth some food for thought. He talked about how the city of Palo Alto didn't just allow, but required, that Stanford to build 3,000 homes as it planned its own job growth. He said, "I'm not proposing this, but what if you said, 'We don't have additional commercial development unless necessary housing is developed simultaneously to meet the demand of that development?'"

Resident Joan MacDonald expressed frustration at the City Council's recent rejection of a planning department proposal to stagger office growth with housing growth in the San Antonio precise plan area in and around the San Antonio shopping center area. The council instead moved to allow office space for more than twice as many jobs as homes in the area, though the plan isn't final yet. "Not only was office space replaced, it was expanded," MacDonald told the group.

Others pointed out how critical funding for subsidizing affordable housing has been eliminated from federal and state sources over the years, especially with the loss of the state's redevelopment agencies. But that doesn't mean the city can't do more than it has through better planning. "Just by building a product type that's smaller, without any subsidy, you can make housing more affordable," Ballard said.

Silicon Valley's decades-long struggle to provide affordable housing point to some very deep, perhaps fundamental social and economic problems. Even those who hold the most influence say they want to maintain diverse communities, but appear relatively powerless in this regard, though Google and others have been asked to contribute money towards providing hundreds of affordable homes. Some residents suggested Google and others move to the Central Valley, but business leaders say moving away would put them at a distinct disadvantage in attracting talent.

"Economist Richard Florida has done a lot of research on where knowledge workers want to be and they want to be in diverse communities," said Kroll, the developer. "If Silicon Valley is going to remain competitive we need to attract the best and brightest. Per the unbiased data, a balanced commu-



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nity is an economically viable and vibrant community."

"On an annual basis the leadership group surveys its members and asks its members what are the top impediments to doing business in Silicon Valley and every year, a lack of affordable housing is the top vote-getter," said Ballard of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, which represents the biggest tech companies in the Valley.

A desire for diversity among residents was something everyone at the event seemed to agree on, noted one of the Google employees in the room.

"I don't think any here would say they are not in favor of affordable housing," said panelist Katz, who was introduced as "a neighborhood person and advocate of the developmentally disabled."

"One of the primary questions the city should ask is what is the capacity for a town like this?" Katz said. "We have limited land and limited resources and overwhelming demand. How do we want to allocate our resources?"

This shouldn't be a block-by-block fight."

"As a very privileged person, I would be one of these people who would price out someone else," said Hoffman, a Google employee and renter in Mountain View who just proposed to his girlfriend. He says he doesn't see Mountain View as an affordable place to settle down. "I don't know if I have more of a right to be in Mountain View. That's a weird metaphysical question. I think about, 'How do you correct supply and demand?'"

He asked people to imagine a situation where there are 30,000 homes and 60,000 employees who want them, which is similar to the city's own situation with 32,000 homes and about 70,000 jobs.

Simitian pointed out the large number of commuters who drive long distances to work in Silicon Valley job centers like Mountain View.

"When I'm sitting in traffic with my blood pressure going up, that traffic problem

is a housing problem," Simitian said. "Next time we have a big earthquake, the safest place is to be in Tracy, because as far as I know, every cop, firefighter and nurse lives in Tracy."

Simitian said he's been doing office hours at the farmers market in Mountain View for many years, but "I have never had as many comments on development issues as I did in Mountain View in 2013. People would say, 'We need more affordable housing, but I don't like all this development.' It was particularly interesting when it was the same person saying both of those things."

Despite demands for housing, Simitian said it was important that council members approve good projects and reject bad projects to maintain the community's trust.

"We do the cause of affordable housing a disservice if we vote for bad projects and then alienate the community," Simitian said.

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### ■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### HUMANE SOCIETY OPENS MV ADOPTION CENTER

On Nov. 6, Human Society Silicon Valley announced its opening of a third Neighborhood Adoption Center at PetSmart in Mountain View. Shelter officials say they have increased adoptions by 40 percent since opening its first two off-site adoption centers at local Petco stores.

"Our ability to save lives depends on finding loving homes for the animals, and the Neighborhood Adoption Centers have been a hugely successful means of increasing adoptions," said Carol Novello, president of Humane Society Silicon Valley.

Humane Society Silicon Valley is a nonprofit animal shelter which has been serving the community for over 80 years. A \$1 million challenge match from Coyote Foundation enabled for the building of the adoption center and will provide support for other Humane Society operations.

The average kitten at Humane Society Silicon Valley's Community Center in Milpitas waits for adoption for 13 days while the average kitten at the Neighborhood Adoption Centers awaits adoption for six days. Neighborhood Adoption Centers offer consistent access to adoptable animals, and cats and kittens are available at all three centers.

The Neighborhood Adoption Centers are located at Petco West San Jose, Petco Sunnyvale, and PetSmart Mountain View. For more information, visit [www.hssv.org](http://www.hssv.org).

#### MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH HOSTS TURKEY TROT

Mountain View High School will host its fifth annual Spartan Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 27. The event will take place at the school's track at 3535 Truman Ave. All proceeds benefit the school's athletic department.

There will be a series of events including a 5K walk/run, 60-yard dash, 400-yard dash and Spartan Mile. All ages are welcomed to participate and participants can enter in any number of races.

The reward for first place in the mile, and the top three in the 5K is a homemade pumpkin pie. All children receive a ribbon at the finish line.

There is a limit of 800 participants and the fee is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. T-shirts are guaranteed with online registration and buying tickets in advance is encouraged. To donate or register, go to [mvhsturkeytrot.shutterfly.com](http://mvhsturkeytrot.shutterfly.com).

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#### CALTRAIN SEEKS BIKE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Caltrain announced Tuesday it is seeking four volunteers for its bicycle advisory committee.

The committee of nine members and Caltrain staff serves the three counties of San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara that make up Caltrain's route.

While the committee serves in an advisory capacity only, the committee offers new ideas for discussion and helps guide Caltrain's investments.

Each county fields a public agency member, a general public member and a bike advocacy group member. Caltrain is seeking a bike advocacy group member and a public agency representative from Santa Clara County.

From San Mateo County and the City and County of San Francisco, the agency is seeking general public members.

The committee meets every other month for one evening in San Carlos. Each member serves for two years.

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### Pete Hodges

Pete Hodges passed away on October 20 in Palo Alto due to complications from a stroke. He is survived by his two daughters Erika and Bohdi Hodges, his grandson Logan Hodges and his step-children Dustin Bishop, Angela Wicks and Tony Yazbeck. He is also survived and memorialized by anyone who has a yearning to learn and whomever stands fiercely by their personal moral code. Pete was an explorer, an innovator, a veteran and a humanitarian. His occupations ranged from cross-country truck driver to computer programmer to sailboat builder. He loved solving unsolvable problems, his children and uninhibited freedom. He was an inspiring father, an irreplaceable friend and a clever, impassioned human being.

To remember him, you may make a donation to the Humane Society, Tea Party or you may simply live ethically in the present moment doing what you truly love doing. In that way, we can all be a little more like Pete.

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### ROBOTS

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spends \$840 billion on defense, law enforcement and security. Local and state police forces only account for \$60 billion. G4S, the world's largest security company, has over 650,000 employees and over \$11 billion in revenue. Security is ripe for automation. Since announcing the robots, Li has been inundated with interest from the wide variety of organizations that use security guards, ranging from schools to shopping malls. He wants to cut crime by 50 percent, which could result in house price increases, lower insurance costs and safer neighborhoods.

Define an area where a wheelchair could be pushed and the robots will look and listen for security hazards. They can also detect chemicals. When they hear noises like gunfire and breaking glass they can send out alerts and take pictures. In particular, they can recognize license plates and then a server can match the license plate number to a database of felons, using government data. In fact, there are over 100 government databases that help the robots analyze hazardous situations. The robots are able to find their own charging pads and recharge automatically.

Following a presentation from Knightscope, French company Aldebaran, with 1,000 employees, spoke about their family of three robots. Softbank Group owns 78.5 percent of Aldebaran, which wants robots to be friends. Their smallest robot NAO costs \$8,000 (\$6,000 for developers)



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The SaviOne robot is discussed at the robotics event on Nov. 5.

and is designed to help children do their homework. It can teach children to dance as it waves its arms and balances on its two legs. Schools use NAO as a platform to teach software engineering. It is also useful to entertain lonely folks and it can watch the elderly.

The European Community funded research on a person-sized robot, Romeo. The few Romeo prototypes can carry trays, open doors and climb stairs. A new robot, based on the same proprietary platform as NAO, for consumers is in the works. NAO reminds me of Sony's AIBO ERS-7 robotic dog, discontinued in March 2013. Nao, being humanoid, has more degrees of freedom than Sony's dog and is more sophisticated.

Japanese company SoftBank Mobile partnered with Aldebaran to create Pepper, a child-sized robot for Japanese stores. It can help shoppers find goods and inspire them to spend. According to Aldebaran, in the

five months the robots have been deployed, a typical store will see sales increase by 50 percent. One wonders, which stores are losing as a result of this phenomenal lift in sales.

The final company to present, Savioke, has their SaviOne robot installed at the Aloft hotel in Cupertino. It is a pillar on wheels that delivers food, towels, small pillows and other items to hotel rooms, like a butler. When a guest requests an item, such as a bottle of water, a receptionist puts it into a box on top of the robot and its lid locks. The robot can take the elevator to a guest's room and the room phone rings. The guest opens the room door and the robot's lid opens so the guest can retrieve items. Then the robot asks for a star rating on its touch screen.

At first the company made the robot depart quickly, but testing found that guests liked to see the robot and have time to interact with it. Some people, especially children, like to hug the robot. Minibars are expensive to stock as inventory has to be kept in each room and it takes time to tally the bill. These robots mean that hotels can keep drinks centrally and bring items to guest rooms as needed. The robot reminds me of an automatic mail cart we had at AT&T in the early 1980s that followed a line on the carpet to travel between office cubicles.

We've had industrial robots and the Roomba vacuum cleaner for years. Now, mobile technologies, such as low-powered microprocessors, sensors, tiny cameras, recognition systems and lithium-ion batteries, mean we are going to see many different types of robots in the next few years. However, Li was keen to point out that Knightscope doesn't plan to add weapons, like the dalek's exterminating lasers, or Tasers, to its robots. He said if they did, they'd lose trust. All three vendors believe that consumers must trust robots before they can be widely accepted.

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### TEEN CENTER

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Castro room were signs on the ground representing other neighborhoods as well, including Whisman, Rengstorff and Shoreline. Atienza said they wanted teens to feel a sense of ownership throughout The View, and felt naming the rooms after neighborhoods would bring an inclusive feel to the center.

Ownership played an important role in developing the center. Atienza, who started working on the teen center in March, said the teen center needed to be "for teens by teens." The city's recreation department reached out to middle and high school students, did classroom talks and solicited feedback.

"We were heavily focusing on the ideas that the teens have," Atienza said.

The four main categories students wanted in the teen center included education and academic support, fitness classes, culinary classes and art.

The tour of The View was bundled up with Day of the Dead activities at the senior center. Middle school students rotated between painting sugar skulls with artist Rob-O, setting out offerings or "ofrendas" around tombstones, and checking out the new teen center across the street.

The grand opening of the teen center will kick off at 5 p.m. on Friday, and will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and the unveiling of a mosaic mural that teens helped to design and build for the center over the summer.

#### A long time coming

The new teen center marks a victory for church groups and youth activists that fought to get a new teen center and pushed city council members to make it a priority.

Phil Cosby, a member of the Saint Anthanasius church, has been part of the effort to get a teen center in Mountain View for nearly a decade. It didn't need to be a teen center, Cosby said, but it had to be something to involve youth in Mountain View.

The impetus for the effort was the death of 17-year-old Alejandro "Alex" Fernandez in September 2004, who was shot and killed by Giovanni Duarte, a Norteno-affiliated Mountain View gang member, on Rengstorff Avenue near Latham Street. Fernandez was a self-identified Sureno gang member, a rival gang to the Nortenos.

"The (shooting) produced a lot of apprehension," Cosby said. "Parents were very scared that people were getting killed on the



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**Emilia adds an offering to a Day of the Dead display.**

street."

Back then, Cosby said, just walking through Rengstorff park could be a "dangerous prospect."

Following the death of Fernandez, Cosby worked with other church organizers to host a series of workshops for parents and youth to hear their concerns and find some solutions. What they found was that there was an absence of a "consistent, safe, supervised environment for teenagers" after school before parents returned home from work.

In many cities in the Bay Area, that "third place" between home

and school is a teen center.

Irene Yoshida, of Peninsula Interfaith Action, spent two years learning about at-risk youth in Mountain View and what can be done to address the problem. A report by Yoshida found that gangs are a "powerful force" in Mountain View, particularly in the Tyrella, Villa, Latham and California neighborhoods.

Yoshida's report concluded that what Mountain View really needed to reduce crime amongst youth and the influence of gangs was a new teen center. Not like "The House" teen center on Escuela Avenue

that serves middle-school students, but a newly constructed building that goes beyond just "a tiny house with a TV and some board games."

In May 2007, Yoshida and others made an appeal to Mountain View council members Ronit Bryant and Tom Means for the city to build a new teen center. Bryant and Means, members of the youth committee, met in the basement of St. Joseph Church with 200 Latino youth who made their case for a teen center.

City Council members agreed to purchase the Rock Church on Escuela Avenue for \$3.5 million and convert it into a teen center



**Michell holds still as a friend** adjusts the flower in her hair as part of the Day of the Dead festivities incorporated into a sneak preview of Mountain View's new teen center on Nov. 7.

in February 2009, but full funding to renovate and construct the teen center was not approved until April 2013.

For inspiration, teen center advocates visited the Santa Clara teen center, which serves up to 100 high school students and has a large multipurpose room equipped with a snack bar and video games.

The Santa Clara teen center also has a sign-in system so parents can call and check to see if their kids are there.

Cosby said the teen center doesn't need fancy features, but it does need to be a place where teens can come to work on homework or get advice and counseling.

"It could be as simply as a place to get inexpensive food," Cosby said. "But it needs to be a place that they can call their own."

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## MV WHISMAN

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vote immediately after the election, but has since steadily gained on Palmer.

On Wednesday, Coladonato said he didn't expect vote-counting following the election to be the "spectator sport" it turned out to be, and said he's looking forward to number of still-to-be-counted provisional ballots to reach zero.

"I'll rest easy once they're done with those things," Coladonato said.

Incumbent Ellen Wheeler is still in first place by a large margin, with 36.3 percent of the vote. Challenger Hafsa Mirza, president of the Los Altos Mountain View PTA Council, trails behind the other three candidates in fourth place at 18 percent of the vote.

Candidates vying for the two seats up for re-election ran relatively quiet campaigns, with three of the four candidates raising and spending less than \$1,000. By comparison, candidates in school board races in neighboring cities spent as much as \$30,000 in campaign expenditures in an effort to secure a seat on the board.

The election almost went uncontested this year before Coladonato and Palmer filed for candidacy on the last days of the filing period.

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### LIFE-SAVING DEVICES

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to show where AEDs are located across the Bay Area, denoted by giant pink pins. The information is all crowd-sourced, meaning people volunteer to record the exact location of the AED, as well as a picture of the defibrillator, for each location.

The map shows a significant number of AEDs installed in Palo Alto, specifically on the Stanford campus, and fewer in Mountain View in Sunnyvale.

As a kick-off event to introduce the 46 new AEDs, the city of Mountain View will hold a hands-on CPR class for fourth- and fifth-graders at Landels Elementary School on Monday, Nov. 17, at 1 a.m. The class will also include an introduction to AEDs and how to use them, according to Mountain View Fire spokeswoman Jaime Garrett.

At the event, Garrett said, students will be walked through the steps on how to open the AED unit and put the defibrillator pads on mannequins. □



# Handmade original gifts for the holidays



Left: Carol Malcolm, left, Kirsten Gildersleeve, Kathy Schubin, Kim Chansler, Sue Beebe and Reo Haynes, members of The Garden Club of Palo Alto, knit cotton dishcloths at the workshop at Kim Chansler's Los Altos home in October. Below: The environmentally friendly dishcloths can be washed and composted because they do not contain the harmful chemicals of sponges.



**What:** Holiday Marketplace  
**When:** Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Where:** First Presbyterian Church, 1140 Cowper St., Palo Alto

**Highlights:** Wreaths, planted baskets, garden art, kissing balls, bird feeders, plus knitted dishcloths, homemade food items, gift bags and cards, and more

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## THE GARDEN CLUB OF PALO ALTO CREATES, SELLS ITEMS THAT MEET THEIR MISSION



by Carol Blitzer

While Santa's elves have been chipping away at their annual mega-assignment, members of The Garden Club of Palo Alto have been knitting, baking, felting silk scarves and potting paper whites — all to prepare for the upcoming Holiday Marketplace.

Throughout the year, garden club members have volunteered to create the products that will fill the Fellowship Hall and courtyard at First Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto on Dec. 6.

One group, organized by Kim Chansler, invited more than 50 women to learn to knit so they could make more than 300 dishcloths from eco-friendly cotton yarn — a replacement for kitchen sponges.

"These are better than sponges because they don't harbor bacteria. They're made of washable cotton, they're biodegradable. And, you can put them in your compost pile when you're done," Chansler said.



NATALIA NAZAROVA

The group met in late October to package the brightly colored dishcloths, in colors to match one's kitchen or red and green for the holidays, as a set of three: perfect as a hostess gift or for oneself, she added.

Back in November 2013, Chansler did a presentation to the club about the evils of triclosan, a chemical in most sponges that is both a pesticide and a killer of bacteria. The chemical

will soon be banned, she said.

"They don't stink," garden club member Sue Beebe of Menlo Park said of the triclosan-treated sponges, "but the chemical is dispersed, and water treatment plants can't get it out. It kills crustaceans, which the fish feed on."

Creating the eco-friendly alternative to sponges fits right in with The Garden Club of Palo Alto's mission, which focuses on gardening, horticulture and

conservation, Chansler said.

"The club attracts people who want to do the right thing, horticulturally," Beebe added.

Each dishcloth is a small work of art, with the beginning knitters sticking to a basic garter stitch, but perhaps with a contrasting stripe. The more advanced created diagonal patterns; others picked a different pattern of stitches for each dishcloth. Most made their contributions at home, but many met for a workshop three or four times for the camaraderie and "to share ideas," Carol Malcolm, from Palo Alto, noted.

And the dishcloths last a long time, Chansler said. She recommended rinsing them out and hanging on the faucet to dry overnight. Kathy Schubin of Menlo Park, suggested popping them into the microwave for a quicker dry.

Reo Haynes of Palo Alto, who described herself as more of a beginning knitter, was putting the finishing touches on a more

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## HANDMADE

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advanced diagonal pattern.

"It's become quite addictive," she said.

Other products created by the garden club include bird cards/ Victoriana, food items (toffee, fudge, honey, caramels and biscotti), potted paper whites (*Narcissus papyraceus*), stockings/mini dogs, pine cone bird feeders, felted silk scarves, wreaths, gift bags with holiday scenes, kissing balls, mini cypress trees, birch candles, planted baskets, bell wreaths and garden art (stepping stones, wire pillows and decoupage framed art). A special section will be devoted to donated silver, crystal and porcelain.



Proceeds from the Holiday Marketplace boutique go to fund garden-club projects, which include upgrading the native, drought-resistant plantings at First Presbyterian Church (where the club meets); proving plantings and irrigation near the play structure in front of the Children's Health Council; planting heritage camellias at Gamble Garden; printing a self-guided bilingual interpretive tour app for Environmental Volunteers' Eco Center; and printing pocket guides in English and Spanish on the care and pruning of trees for Canopy. □

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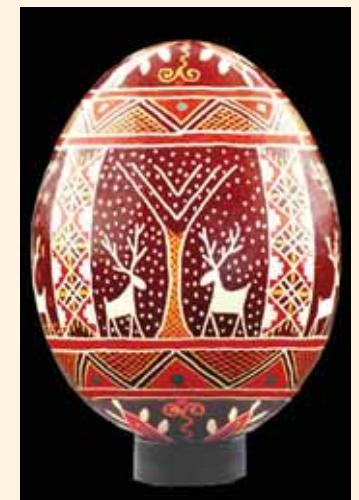
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## Holiday fairs abound

Anyone seeking distinctive holiday gifts and decorations may find inspiration in the upcoming boutiques, art exhibits and sales.

Whether it's garden art, functional and decorative ceramics, painted Ukrainian eggs or felted silk scarves, much can be enjoyed in the looking and discovery.

Upcoming boutiques and sales of handmade gifts include:



COURTESY LAUREL REZEAU

The decorated Ukrainian eggs by Laurel Rezeau of Mountain View are included in The Artifactory Cooperative's Holiday Fair.

**Where:** Foothill College, Cesar Chavez Plaza, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills

**Highlights:** Ceramic functional ware and sculptures, including bowls, vases, figures and more, all made in Foothill classes. Cash, checks and money orders accepted.

**Cost:** Free; \$3 parking  
**Benefits:** Foothill College's ceramics department  
**Info:** 650-949-7584 or [tinyurl.com/FoothillPottery](http://tinyurl.com/FoothillPottery)

**What:** Holiday Fair  
**When:** Friday-Sunday, Dec. 5-7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Where:** Lou Henry Hoover House (aka Girl Scout House), 1120 Hopkins Ave., Palo Alto

**Highlights:** Handmade hemp soaps, ceramics, gourd art, handmade paper, weaving, handpainted silk and velvet jackets, calligraphy, handwoven rugs and pillows, jewelry, Ukrainian eggs, wearable art, glass, wooden boxes and more

**Benefits:** The Artifactory Cooperative  
**Info:** [TheArtifactory@aol.com](mailto:TheArtifactory@aol.com) or 650-625-1736

**What:** Champagne Reception/Holiday show and sale

**When:** Friday, Nov. 21, 6-8 p.m.; extended hours through Dec. 24

**Where:** Gallery House, 320 S. California Ave., Palo Alto

**Highlights:** Paintings, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, fabric and photography, with a special handmade ornament section

**Admission:** Free; 20 percent discount on art purchased during reception

**Benefits:** 40 artists of Gallery House  
**Info:** [galleryhouse2.com](http://galleryhouse2.com) or 650-326-1668

**What:** Foothill College Holiday Pottery Sale

**When:** Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 2-4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

# Don't sweat the small stuff



PLEASING STOCKING STUFFERS CAN BE FOUND FOR ALL

Story and photos by Jennah Feeley

For those who don't want to fill their stockings with generic goods from department stores this holiday season, consider the shops nestled along the local downtown strips. Be it for the techie, the animal lover or the athlete in your life, local shops have less orthodox, more personal little gifts that will fit perfectly into the socks hanging over your fireplace this year.

Find the joy in getting your holiday shopping done in one place, and bring your friends and family cheer with local gifts this year.

## Castro Street, Mountain View

Beyond the surplus of novels at Books Inc., one can find an abundance of tiny presents that have little to do with reading. Box calendars with themes ranging from English vocabulary to "The 365 Stupidest Things Ever Said" cost around \$15 each. Grab a mini globe for your jet-setting friends and a bike-ride or road-trip guide for the adventurer on your list, both under \$20. Fill the kid's stockings with bendy "Wikki Stix," sketchbooks, build-able fun straws and felt markers for under \$10 each. The techie on your list will get a kick out of the "icubes" tray that creates App-imprinted ice cubes for under \$10.

For the musicians on your list, check out West Valley Music for a sweet stocking filler. Stylish music pins and instrument-case tags cost less than \$3 and are suitable for any type of musician. According to sales associates, a holiday shipment of musical scarves, instrument-shaped Christmas ornaments and composer statues will be available in the next couple weeks for under \$20 and are best sellers every holiday season. Guitar straps are great accessories and range from \$5 to \$20.



take your stockings to the next level. For less than \$25, the techie on your list might enjoy a utility-charge tool, a selfie-snap device or the ever-festive "Merry Charger" featuring tiny Christmas lights strung along the charging cord. A plethora of silly oven mitts and measuring cups, all under \$25, will entertain any cook. More fun kitchen items include popsicle-shaped spatulas and bunny or skull breakfast egg molds. The kid section includes do-it-yourself "mark-mat" place mats and bucket bibs, both under \$25. Gifts for the rest of your list include beanies, tablet cases, puppy coin purses and animal coasters. The staff advises choosing magnets, all under \$5, for a bargain buy that will please any friend, co-worker or family member.

## Town & Country Village, Palo Alto

Paper Source has an assortment of appealing items for teens, students and adventurers. Techies and teens alike will be excited to find ban-do ear buddies, sparkling phone decals and ornate iPhone cases in their stockings this year. Students could benefit from fashionable planners ranging from \$13 to \$20, or a tin Kate Spade pencil set, also under \$20.

Pick up a digital travel scale or a portable power strip for the travelers on your list, and adorable cat and dog calendars for the pet lovers.

Athletes and Cardinal fans alike will adore anything you find at U-Threads Stanford apparel store. Fill a fan's stocking with a Stanford scarf for the winter season, or throw in a couple of reusable beverage glasses, which



Colorful guitar straps at West Valley Music make neat gifts for musicians.

cost under \$5 and are advertised as "great for tailgating." Reusable water bottles starting at \$13 are great for fans and athletes.

More terrific sports gear can be found at Athleta. According to the sales associates, lycra running headbands, all \$10 and SmartWool running socks are among the best-selling small items. Visibility strobe lights are perfect for joggers, bikers and walkers who venture out at night.

Sur la Table is the go-to shop for anyone who loves to cook, bake, barbecue or entertain. Some of the more fun small merchandise includes a two in one sand timer, the buttercup butter maker and a variety of pizza cutters, all costing less than \$15. Specialty holiday items include reindeer-themed rubber spatulas and a collection of \$1 holiday cookie cutters.

For any child on your list, visit Ambassador Toys for a vast range of gifts for kids of all ages. Sales associates point to the black-lit backroom full of spaceship models, glow-in-the-dark stars and neon yo-yos as some of the kids' favorites. The store owner confirms that "Animal Toobs," full of various animal figures, kiddie watches and Kid-O birdie whistles are a big hit with the little ones, too. Spot-it and Bamboozlers are best-selling games and fit neatly in stockings due to size and price. ■

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### EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

## Holiday Fund: A chance to double your gift

In an era and an area where economic vibrancy appears to have made a strong comeback, it's possible to lose sight of those who are not reaping the benefits, such as the working poor, the unemployed, and people who have met with unexpected financial hardship. There are the families struggling to pay their rent in an increasingly unforgiving housing market — or who lose their housing altogether. There are the local residents facing health crises, needing medical care but having no personal funds or insurance to pay for it. And women and children with few resources who are victims of domestic violence and needing help.

*Voice* readers can once again help their neighbors in need and double their gifts by making a donation to our Holiday Fund. Money raised through the program will be divided equally among seven nonprofit agencies committed to helping those needing a safety net during hard times. Leaders of these agencies see a growing need for funding as more families and individuals — those on the unfortunate end of the growing income gap in our society — turn to them for support.

Thanks to generous donations from the Wakerly Family Foundation (in memory of *Voice* co-founder Kate Wakerly), the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, your tax-deductible gift will be matched. The donated funds are handled by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which doesn't charge for administration of the program, ensuring that your gifts go straight to the nonprofits.

Last year, local residents and organizations responded to the call for help at a record level, contributing about \$115,000. We hope the momentum — the compassion and generosity — will continue this year as we launch this program. Please consider making a contribution by using the coupon on the next page, or online at [siliconvalleycf.org/mvv-holiday-fund](http://siliconvalleycf.org/mvv-holiday-fund).

The *Voice*'s Holiday Fund this year will support the following nonprofit groups:

### COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY

This 50-plus-year-old nonprofit provides an urgently needed safety net for area residents of all ages. It provides emergency financial help with rent and utilities, homeless support, a food-distribution program for low-income families and individuals, and a range of services for seniors.

### LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### SAY 'NO' TO THE LAME DUCK RUSH

On November 4, Mountain View elected three new council members and the three termed-out incumbents became "lame ducks."

Normally, a lame duck council is expected to act as a simple caretaker until new members are sworn in — after the holidays.

Alas, no such expectation with this year's paddling. The City Council's calendar for the rest of the year is dizzying:

Not one, not two, but three precise plans are set for final approval by the Environmental Planning Commission and City Council.

Some controversial developments will also likely be agendized for final approval (such as Merlone Geier Partners' Phase II proposal for San Antonio Center).

The schedule is so dense it that it might prevent an important public discussion by the council about the environmental impact report for VTA's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project on the El Camino Project (comments due in December, VTA decision shortly thereafter).

The precise plans are also running counter to the jobs/housing re-balancing mandate sent by the voters:

The North Bayshore Precise plan proposes 3.4 million square feet of office without

### DAY WORKER CENTER

The Mountain View-based center serves about 60 workers on an average day, offering guidance and helping with job placement, English language lessons and job training. It provides a secure place for workers and employers to negotiate wages and work conditions.

### MOUNTAIN VIEW ROTACARE CLINIC

This medical clinic is often the last resort for low-income, uninsured residents, providing primary care and other services such as health education and chronic disease management.

### COMMUNITY HEALTH AWARENESS COUNCIL

The CHAC is a mental health services agency that partners with local school districts to address problems that affect children and teens, and cause stress within their families, such as depression, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, economic hardship, and bullying. It offers school-based programs in seven school districts.

### MENTOR TUTOR CONNECTION

Formerly called Partners for New Generations, this organization matches adult volunteer mentors with at-risk kids in Mountain View, Los Altos and the Los Altos Hills area. It also offers tutoring for students in elementary, middle and high school.

### COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND ARTS

Founded in 1968, CSMA provides hands-on art and music education, and reaches kids of all socio-economic levels. Its arts-in-the-schools programs serves more than 7,500 children at close to 30 schools throughout the region.

### YWCA SUPPORT NETWORK FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This group provides safe shelter for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence. It operates a 24-hour bilingual hotline, and offers counseling and other support programs for its clients.

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**This year, the following agencies will be supported by the Holiday Fund:**

#### **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 or guidance.

#### **Mentor Tutor Connection**

Mentor Tutor Connection 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.

#### **Mountain View RotaCare Clinic**

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 underserved 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.

#### **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.

#### **Community Health Awareness Council**

CHAC serves Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and seven school districts. Among other things, it offers school-based programs to protect students from high-risk behaviors, such as drug and alcohol abuse.

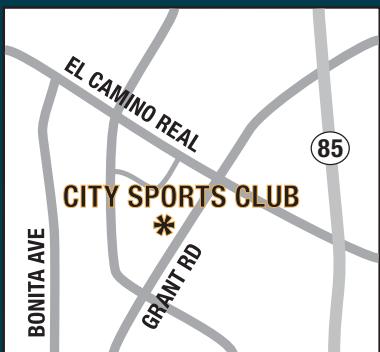
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