

**BUSINESS** The Chronicle with Bloomberg

**Some of Checkbook's top rated firms for quality**

Company	Address	City	Phone	Counties served
A & H Heating & Air Conditioning Service	770 Chestnut St.	San Jose	(408) 279-0722	San Mateo, Santa Clara
ABC Cooling & Heating Service	31845 Hayman St.	Hayward	(510) 471-8181	Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano
Allen Heating & Sheet Metal	31 Industrial Way	Greenbrae	(415) 924-2425	Marin
Allied Aire Service	470 S. Hillview Drive	Milpitas	(408) 934-8844	Santa Clara
Apollo Heating & Ventilating	1005 Geneva Ave.	San Francisco	(415) 585-3635	San Francisco, San Mateo
Associated Heating	5786 Mission St.	San Francisco	(415) 585-0145	San Francisco, San Mateo
Atlas Heating & Ventilating	340 Roebling Road	South San Francisco	(650)873-7000	Alameda, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara
Berg's Heating & Service	11 Banff Way	Pacifica	(650)359-1229	San Francisco, San Mateo
Compare Heating & Air Conditioning	1717 Solano Way No. 42	Concord	(925)686-1366	Alameda, Contra Costa
Dickson Heating	35 Mill St.	San Rafael	(415) 456-1830	Marin
El Cerrito Heating & Sheet Metal	1518 Kearney St.	El Cerrito	(510) 237-8602	Alameda, Contra Costa
Peterson Heating Ventilating & Air Conditioning	338 N. Canal St.	South San Francisco	(650)742-6142	San Francisco, San Mateo

# Make sure furnace-repair bids cover everything

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sweaters for a while, it pays to get at least two estimates, particularly for any job that's likely to cost \$500 or more. For installation of new equipment, Checkbook

recommends getting multiple proposals. Talking to several firms will help you select equipment and design the system — and may save you thousands of dollars. Other Checkbook recommendations:

When it comes to new equipment, weigh claims about energy savings carefully. Some firms exaggerate the size of the potential savings in order to sell new or more expensive equipment. Request documentation

and explanation of how much you will cut your energy costs, and ask questions. Be skeptical about entering a maintenance contract. If you want one, be sure to check exactly what is covered

and shop for price. Checkbook found prices for exactly the same coverage that ranged from \$100 to \$300. Regularly replace the air filter in your heating and cooling system. If you do that faithfully,

getting a maintenance visit from a technician may not be necessary every year. Yearly visits are more likely to be justified if the system is old, heavily used, in a dusty area, oil-fueled, or in a very large house.

## MOVERS AND SHAKERS



**Joseph**



**Sirott**



**Mahlman**



**Ram**



**Kahl**



**Bartolini**



**Greene**



**Poole**



**Sharp**

**Allan Joseph** of Rogers Joseph O'Donnell in San Francisco has been appointed chair of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary. His one-year term began in August. Joseph is one of the founders of Rogers Joseph O'Donnell, where he specializes in government and complex commercial contract law.

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The American Cancer Society honored Dr. **Matthew Sirott** at its Annual East Bay Gala. He is the founder and president of Diablo Valley Oncology and developed the California Cancer and Research Institute in Pleasant Hill.

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**Tim Mahlman** has been hired as chief reve-

nue officer for Klout, an online influence site headquartered in San Francisco. He has worked at Blue Lithium, Yahoo and Turn.

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GlobalEnglish Corp., in Brisbane, has appointed **Mahesh Ram** CEO and **Tom Kahl** president. Ram and Kahl also serve on the board of directors. Prior to his new position, Ram held

a variety of senior management roles at GlobalEnglish. Kahl most recently was the company's executive vice president of worldwide sales.

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The California Association of Community Managers announced that six community association managers from the Bay Area have earned the statewide designation of certified

community association manager. In San Francisco, they are: **Priscilla Aguilar** with Common Interest Management Services, ACMF, Diamond Heights Village Association; **Marcella Bartolini** with Titan Management Group/The Metropolitan Association; **Brian Greene** with Paul Langley Co.; **Davina Poole** with CitiScape Property Management Group; and **Blake West-**

**rate** with Canyon Pacific Management. **James Sharp** with Sharp Property Services in Novato also earned the designation.

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