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Raising a family, making the grade

PROGRAM HELPS TEEN MOMS LEARN PARENTING, FINISH HIGH SCHOOL

By Nick Veronin

At a recent meeting of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District, three young high schoolers were named Student of the Month at their respective schools. Their academic

achievements were impressive. One of the honorees is an editor at her school's student-run paper and a member of numerous clubs. Another is a skilled classical guitarist with a grade point average approaching 5.0 and the ability to juggle five balls at once.

And then there's Liliana Rios Alvarez.

Alvarez hasn't shattered the 4.0 GPA mark with Advanced Placement classes, nor is she a leader of any school clubs. However, she has mastered a

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Google set to expand ferry to East Bay

ALAMEDA TO PORT OF REDWOOD CITY IS NEXT TRIAL ROUTE

By Daniel DeBolt

Google has been testing a ferry boat service as it looks for ways to bring a growing number of its employees to Mountain View without worsening traffic and air pollution.

The company is in the midst of a 30-day test run of a ferry from San Francisco to Red-

wood City, where a shuttle picks up employees for the last stretch of the commute. A Google employee familiar with the program told the *Voice* that it has been well received, and that a similar 30-day test of a ferry from Alameda would begin near the end of the year for Google employees living in Oakland and the East Bay.

If all goes well, Google may be buying its own ferry soon to continue the service.

"It is more reliable, so you know, generally, it will get you home in an hour and a half," said one Mountain View Google employee, who had taken the ferry instead of a shuttle from

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Surprised by local housing costs? You shouldn't be

JOBS-HOUSING IMBALANCE HAS PERSISTED FOR DECADES

By Daniel DeBolt

Silicon Valley has long been a place of human ingenuity, where ever larger worlds of data are packed onto shrinking computer chips — but it's also where cities have struggled for decades to solve a fairly simple housing problem.

"Tell me again why we create six times as much jobs as housing and then everybody says, 'I'm shocked, there's a housing shortage and the housing we have is expensive,'" said Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian of the development pattern he witnessed county-wide during the 1990s dot.com boom. "This is fairly basic stuff."

All the success and job growth of Silicon Valley — especially in Palo Alto and Mountain View — has caused a major unintended consequence: much higher prices for a limited supply of housing and an increased number of commuters on the area's roads.

The jobs-rich, housing-poor pattern of the 1990s boom is now a regular feature of Silicon Valley life, with new and overwhelming demand for limited housing from the likes of Google and Facebook instead of Sun Microsystems, Silicon Graphics and Hewlett Packard. In Google's hometown of Mountain View, for example, average rents for a two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment have skyrocketed over the last two years from \$2,250 to \$2,981 a month, according to data firm Realfacts. Countywide, it's gone from \$2,061 to \$2,479. There is now 100-percent occupancy of the

Madera luxury apartments across from Mountain View's downtown train station, where asking rents for a two-bedroom apartment are as high as \$8,000 a month.

"When I tell people my father bought a home in Palo Alto on a single school teacher salary, they look at me like, 'You can't be that old,'" Simitian said. "It wasn't that long ago."

The influx of residents who can afford the new rents, and displace numerous longtime residents, is apparently causing resentment. And not just in places like San Francisco, where protests of Google's employee shuttles there have created buzz about the problem.

"This is my 13th year, and I've never heard as much resentment of others' prosperity," Simitian said of his regular meetings with constituents at the Mountain View farmer's market.

'People laugh at me when I say we have too many jobs.'

LENNY SIEGEL

Too many jobs?

There are solutions to the problem, though most are unpopular, as anyone who attends City Council meetings can attest. Even the highest quality housing developments are regularly protested by neighbors, while large new office buildings for the likes of Samsung, Google, and Intuit have been consistently approved by the same City Council with little controversy over the last two years.

"Given our national culture, it's pretty hard to argue against jobs. Most places don't have jobs. People laugh at me when I say we have too many jobs. But that's

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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Interviews and photos by Katie Straub

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"I'm generally pro-vaccine, but flu vaccines have been shown to not be very effective. In this case, I have changed. I got a vaccination because H1N1 is going around again, and the vaccine is effective against it."

Creon Levit, San Francisco



"I don't know much about the vaccination of the flu."

Jan Filipiwski, Poland



"I feel pretty good about flu shots. I got one this year and skipped the flu, and I would do it again."

Coco Harris, San Mateo



"You should probably get your flu shot, so that people around you don't get sick."

Alicia Hoffmann, Mountain View



"I have concerns about vaccines as they're made in the 21st century. My husband's had some fairly serious reactions to his flu vaccines. We decided that we aren't going to have them until the problem has been addressed."

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CRIME BRIEFS

ARMED ROBBERY

A convenience store on Old Middlefield Road was robbed at gunpoint Wednesday night, according to police.

The 7-Eleven, located at 1951 Old Middlefield Road, was held up by two men who entered the store at about 9:20 p.m. on Jan. 15, pointed a gun at the clerk and demanded cash, Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department said.

The clerk handed over about \$300, Jaeger said.

The men were described as Hispanic, in their early 20s, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, and wearing dark clothes, Jaeger said. Each wore a black hooded sweatshirt and one covered his face with a mask. The men fled on foot through the store's parking lot.

RESTAURANT BURGLIED

A laptop and cash register were stolen during the burglary of a Mountain View Mexican restaurant, police said.

Sometime between 11 p.m. on Jan. 19 and 9 a.m. on Jan. 20, a burglar, or burglars, smashed the front glass door of Savor Mexico Restaurant, located at 2595 California St, said Sgt. Saul Jaeger, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department. The computer and register were worth an approximate total of \$1,500, according to Jaeger.

BEER CASES SWIPED

Two cases of beer were stolen in a Jan. 10 burglary of Michael's at Shoreline, police said.

According to Sgt. Saul Jaeger, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department, the door to storage shed for the restaurant was reportedly pried open at around 10 a.m. and \$50 worth of suds were stolen.

Police have no suspect at this time, Jaeger said.

—Nick Veronin

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Council likes Castro, El Camino project

PEET'S, ROSE MARKET AMONG THOSE GETTING SPACE IN NEW BUILDING

By Daniel DeBolt

While not yet final, on Tuesday a majority of City Council members gave a thumbs-up to a four-story apartment project which aims to house most of the existing businesses at the corner of Castro Street and El Camino Real.

After a three-hour study session on Jan. 21, five of the council's seven members supported the project at 801 El Camino Real with 164 one- and two-bedroom apartments, suggesting changes

only to the architecture of its roofline recommended by city staff.

"I go to Peet's (coffee), I go to Rose (market), several times per week," said council member Ronit Bryant of two of the existing businesses that would have new spaces on the first floor of the development. "It's absolutely not acceptable to lose them. The businesses we love and want to keep will be in a new building. If this moves forward, they will be protected."

Residents were split over the

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COURTESY CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

This rendering shows a bird's eye view of the project at 801 El Camino, which passed muster with the council at Tuesday's study session.

LASD can't force Bullis to move, judge rules

CHARTER SCHOOL WINS LATEST ROUND AGAINST LOS ALTOS DISTRICT

By Nick Veronin

The Los Altos School District may not force Bullis Charter School to move to a site outside the district's boundaries, a Santa Clara County judge has ruled.

Superior Court Judge Franklin Bondonno ruled last week that BCS could move to the Raynor Activity Center site in Sunnyvale — an option LASD officials began exploring early last year — but that the charter school would have to agree to the move first. And that's not going to happen, according to BCS officials.

At the beginning of 2013, the school district began looking at the possibility of acquiring the Raynor Activity Center — a 22-classroom, 3.7-acre campus in Sunnyvale. Doug Smith, president of the LASD board of trustees, said that the intent was to relocate Bullis to the site permanently.

Bullis officials did not like the idea. In late April, shortly after the district put down a \$50,000 security deposit to claim a spot at the Raynor bidding table, the charter school released a statement accusing LASD of discriminating against its students.

At the time, Bullis board chair-

man Ken Moore said his school would not be moved to Raynor, which is located at 1500 Partridge Ave., about six miles from Blach Junior High School — the nearest portion of the charter school's split campus.

In an effort to get the courts to validate the district's plan, LASD lawyers filed for declaratory relief with the county's Superior Court. Bullis' legal team filed a counter lawsuit, and both cases were eventually combined on May 31 last year.

Because the charter school was against the idea of moving to Raynor, Bondonno ruled that

'I'm thankful the judge saw through their real motive.'

KEN MOORE, CHAIR OF BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL'S BOARD

LASD officials could not relocate BCS to the Sunnyvale site. LASD, the judge wrote, "may offer a site outside its boundaries to a charter school under Proposition 39 only if the charter school requests such a site and only if that request is in conformity to the school's charter."

Moore was pleased with Bondonno's ruling.

"This is exactly what I expect-

ed," he told the *Voice* — reiterating sentiments expressed in the spring of 2012 — that in pursuing the Raynor site, LASD officials were trying to hurt Bullis. "I'm thankful the judge saw through their real motive, which is basically to continue to discriminate against public charter school students."

Doug Smith, president of the LASD board of trustees, denied that the district was discriminating against BCS students when he and his colleagues were considering the Raynor Activity Center. "It was an attempt to try to figure out what options are available to us to try to solve a problem that's been going on for way too long," he said.

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Not so square after all

BOWS AND BEAUS CLUB MARKS 50 YEARS OF SQUARE DANCING

By Katie Straub

The Bows and Beaus Square Dance Club, a local singles and couples square dance club based in Los Altos, is kicking off its 50th anniversary this year with two free beginner classes this month.

The club saw 40 newcomers from Los Altos, Mountain View, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Cupertino and even San Francisco at this week's first free class, which

was held in Loyola Elementary School on Monday evening.

Since its start in Mountain View in 1963, Bows and Beaus has aimed to bring together folks from throughout Santa Clara County through square dancing. According to Doris Livezey, current president of Bows and Beaus, the club has 82 regular club members and offers various classes for dancers of all levels. Both single dancers and couples are encouraged to attend.

"A friend suggested I go with her to a class," said Livezey, recalling her introduction to the club five years ago. "Because I am always willing to try new things, I went. And I got hooked!"

Many new dancers seemed to show the same energy at the first free class on Monday evening, Jan. 21. The music plunked and dance partners laughed and smiled their way

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Wendell Love, a past-president of Bows and Beaus, laughs with his partner Roni Strauss at the square dancing club's class on Jan. 20.

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Keeping tabs

HOSPITAL WORKS TO MAKE SURE PATIENTS LEAVE HAPPY, DON'T RETURN

By Nick Veronin

It used to be that when patients left El Camino Hospital, they left the health care facility behind them. But these days, since the passage of the Affordable Care Act, many patients end up taking a piece of the hospital with them.

After leaving the hospital, El Camino patients who are deemed to be at high risk for readmission are monitored, checked on and visited regularly by a member of the hospital's recently instituted program, Avoiding Readmissions through Collaboration — ARC for short. The idea is to make sure these high-risk patients don't end up back in a hospital bed because of an avoidable mistake or oversight, such as forgetting to take their medication, or being put on a nutrition plan poorly suited for their needs.

The program, which the hospital began putting together at the beginning of 2011, is now in full swing and making inroads. The hospital has seen a significant drop in its monthly readmission rate since the start of the program, according to Cheryl Reinking, chief nursing officer and chair of ARC.

From January 2011 to November 2013, the hospital's 30-day readmission rate has dropped by close to a third — from 13.5 percent to 9.25 percent.

“That's a lot,” Reinking said. “It's tough to drop your readmission rate that much in just under

three years.”

The effort has resulted in an estimated 204 fewer readmissions, Reinking said. That has not only saved the hospital money by avoiding treating the same people twice, it's also resulted in financial rewards, as the government penalizes the hospital with a fee for every readmission. Reinking said she estimates the hospital has saved close to \$2 million through the ARC program.

The ARC team consists of a geriatric nurse practitioner, an outpatient case manager, a pharmacist, a pharmacy technician, a transitions coordinator and handful of other nurses specializing in cardiovascular care.

The team works in a number of ways to ensure patients remain healthy once they leave the hospital. The geriatric nurse practitioner works closely with skilled nursing facilities to ensure elderly patients going to assisted living facilities have what Reinking called a “warm hand-off” — making sure the nursing home has a firm grasp on a patient's file and specific needs.

If a high-risk patient is going home after a stay in the hospital, a case manager will be assigned to do home checkups and make sure the patient, and the patient's family, understand what they need to do to stay healthy and recover. The case manager will also often do a walk-through of the patient's home to look out for potential hazards that could

impede recovery or land that patient back in the hospital. If a patient is at a lower risk for readmission, phone calls tend to suffice.

The pharmacist on the Reinking's team often functions like a “sleuth” — talking to the patient, family members and even calling pharmacies to find out what the patient is taking and making sure none of their medications have negative interactions which might result in a trip back to El Camino. “It's a really key role,” Reinking said.

The hospital also wants to keep tabs on the experience of everyone who is treated at El Camino — from the boy with the broken arm to the woman who had bypass surgery.

El Camino Hospital has contracted with the Ohio-based company, Quality Data Management, which handles calling patients after they've left the hospital and asking them survey questions. The questions are standardized for all hospitals nationwide, Reinking said.

The Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems — or HCAHPS — survey was developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Department of Health and Human Services. The survey asks patients a series of questions to assess how a given hospital performed in a variety of areas.

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Whooping cough surged in 2013

STUDY SHOWS INCREASE, BUT NOT AS BAD AS 2010 SPIKE

By Nick Veronin

California saw a spike in the number of reported cases of whooping cough last year, and Santa Clara County was hacking away with the rest of the state.

However, the surge in incidents of the disease — also known as pertussis — was not as bad as the massive uptick the state and county saw in 2010, according to a local health official.

In 2010, there were 9,120 cases of pertussis reported in California, a September 2013 article published in the journal *Pediatrics* reported — which was more than any year since 1947.

In 2010, the county also saw a large number of reported cases of whooping cough — 455, according to Amy Cornell, public information officer for

the Santa Clara County Public Health Department.

That was much higher than prior years, as well as the years that followed, Cornell said. In 2011, there were 204 cases reported — 143 of them in the first quarter of the year. In 2012, the incidence plummeted, to only 46 reported cases.

In 2013, 241 cases were reported — the vast majority of them coming in the second and third quarters of the year. Palo Alto and San Jose got hit hardest, with 48 and 115 cases, respectively. Mountain View saw only 6 reported cases of whooping cough.

Cornell said she was not aware of any hard evidence pointing to a cause for the uptick. However, the article in *Pediatrics*, titled “Nonmedical Vaccine Exemptions and Pertussis in

California”, 2010, identified a lack of immunization as one of the causes of the 2010 surge. The study found that prevalence of whooping cough was much higher in communities where large numbers of parents chose not to vaccinate their children.

The county public health spokeswoman said she could not draw a link between dropping vaccination rates and a rise in whooping cough. In fact, she noted, “pertussis is cyclical and it does peak every two to five years.”

Regardless, Cornell added, vaccination is the best defense the community has against the disease, which can be especially dangerous for the very young and the very old. “I think that it's very important that people continue to get vaccinated,” she said. ▀



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Jessie Alexander and Tom Haines await instructions at the Bows and Beaus introductory class

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SQUARE DANCING

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through newly-learned “do-si-dos” and “promenades.”

The club sees square dancing as a unique social event, where old friends or total strangers can meet, exercise and socialize all at the same time.

“Working together as a team of four couples, everyone enjoying the music and camaraderie, bonds people,” says Lee Vojvoda,

who has danced with her husband in the Bows and Beaus club for almost four years.

Couples dance in a square formation while reacting to a set of “calls,” or specific dance moves the group has previously been taught, as they are announced by the caller.

“Beginning is easy, and it is fun to put the calls together,” says Tom Haines, 15-year member and former vice president of the club.

Bows and Beaus also hosts par-

ties, or “hoedowns,” on weekends, organizes larger functions with other local square dancing clubs, and coordinates a variety of social events for club members throughout the year.

“Everybody says we have the best club,” Livezey says. “I am inclined to believe it.”

A free introductory square dancing class at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 27, at Loyola Elementary School, 770 Berry Ave., Los Altos. More information is at www.bowsandbeaus.org. ▣

READMISSION

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According to the HCAHPS website, the survey asks patients to rate their communication with doctors, communication with nurses, responsiveness of hospital staff, pain management, communication about medicines, discharge information, cleanliness of the hospital

environment, quietness of the hospital environment and transition of care.

The data collected by Quality Data Management allows the Department of Health and Human Services to determine whether and how much El Camino Hospital will be awarded through a system known as value-based purchasing.

Additionally, that data is reported publicly on a website

called Hospital Compare. Logging on to hospitalcompare.hhs.gov, anyone can compare up to three hospitals against each other — looking at a given hospital’s results on their HCAHPS surveys; seeing whether patients received “timely and effective care,” and seeing how a hospital ranks in terms of readmissions, complications and death, among other categories. ▣

■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PARENT PRESCHOOL HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

Los Altos Parent Preschool (LAPP) will celebrate 60 years of educating children with a series of events in 2014, including an open house this Saturday, Jan. 25.

A parent-participation preschool where parents play as big a role as teachers, LAPP’s co-op approach to child education began in 1954 when a group of mothers formed the school. Parents serve as a central part of the preschool by helping with curricular programs, administration and maintenance.

“The school provides a community for entire families,” says Lara Sandora, president of the preschool’s board. “(LAPP is) a chance to see ‘up close’ how their child reacts in a school setting.”

LAPP parent participants are required to assist accredited educators at the preschool at least once every week, sharing in all aspects of running the

school while engaging with children.

Classes are offered for children from 2.5 to 5 years old, with the school year starting in early fall and ending late spring. Applications for the upcoming fall 2014 session are now available and close at the end of this month, but mid-school year enrollment is also possible.

“Over the past few years we have seen a shift in the timing of enrollment ... which has allowed us to enroll students from families who may be new to the area as soon as they arrive,” says Sandora.

For interested families, an open house will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The open house will take place at the LAPP campus, located at 201 Covington Rd. Children are welcome. More information is available at www.lapp.coop or by emailing lappinfo@lapp.coop.

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GREYSTAR

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project, with some noting that the project would alleviate the need for housing in the city, the lack of which is driving up rents. Others applauded the developer's efforts to retain the Rose Market, Sufi Coffee Shop (including a new patio), Le's Alterations, Tanya's Hair Design and Peet's Coffee (also with a new patio) in the design of the first floor of two of the three proposed buildings. However, the businesses may have to remain closed for two years during construction.

The project is an example of "a well-designed mixed-use development on El Camino Real as the council develops other parts of the corridor," said resident Lucas Ramirez. "I would love to see this paradigm implemented in other areas of Mountain View."

"I would rather patronize the businesses as this moves forward, than as they exist now," said resident Bruce Karney. "If I had to vote on this project as it stands I would give it an absolute thumbs-up."

Opponents in the neighborhood said it would add to traffic in the area, cause parking issues for the neighborhood and be too tall and dense to fit in with



The El Camino Real frontage of the proposed mixed-use development at Castro Street and El Camino.

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the single-story homes and two-story apartments next to the site. The opponents' chief complaints were about a perceived parking problem in the plans.

"The developer will be making a fortune while floating the parking costs onto the neighborhood," said neighbor Ed Faulk, echoing the belief that parking would overflow into the neighborhood. Residents on the other side of El Camino also complained that more customers would park as far away as Fairmont Drive.

Council members Jac Siegel and John McAlister sided with the neighborhood opposition in voting against the project, with McAlister saying the mass of the buildings as shown in a bird's eye view "scared the bejeezus out of

me" and Siegel saying that such density is linked to traffic and parking issues.

Others disagreed that parking would be an issue. Developer Greystar's Dan Diebel contended that there would be more ample retail parking than currently exists. There are now 99 parking spaces serving 22,000 square feet, while the proposed project includes 60 spaces for 10,800 square feet of retail in the proposal. Some of the spaces are used by Avis rental car, which will go away, along with Rug Center and Gochi restaurant.

Residents and council members again debated the city's new residential model parking standard, which specifies that there must be one parking space per bedroom

for such projects, based on a study of apartment complexes city-wide. City staff pointed to a parking study the city did for the new Madera complex, which found a significant number of parking spaces were unused, despite the new one-space-per-bedroom rule. Neighbors argued that more residents would use cars at 801 El Camino Real, because it is much farther from the downtown train station than Madera.

"Each of these parking spaces costs \$40,000," said Bryant before opponents loudly booed her. "It's not like, 'Let's build more and more parking, it's a free ride.' It's not a free ride."

Council members and residents expressed concern about Gochi, whose owner said he had

invested his life savings to fix up the space, not aware of the development plan. City staff said the spaces in the proposed development were full, and that Gochi was receiving help from the city in finding a new space.

"I'm just really disappointed this is not working out," said council member Margaret Abe-Koga of the restaurant's troubles. "Why aren't we asking for more retail space?"

A Rose Market employee also raised concerns, requesting that his employer be able to remain in business an extra year as the El Camino side of the project is built first.

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San Francisco. "It's generally not faster, by any means."

Google had 500 employees interested in using the ferry, from which 100 were selected to be part of the 30-day trial of the service. It would be more convenient if it came all the way to Mountain View.

"I'm sure our transportation group would love to get

the ferry as close as possible to (the) Google campus," said the employee, who declined to be named. "If you are still subject to traffic on (Highway) 101, obviously it's not going to be as convenient."

A Google ferry to Mountain View may be an easier task if Google is successful in its bid to operate Moffett Federal Airfield. The company may want to install a ferry dock near the northern end of the runways.

It would not be a first for such

a proposal. In 2002, the Bay Area Water Transit Authority rejected a plan to extend ferry service to Mountain View, citing a lack of demand.

"It didn't work because it's federal property and the ferry terminal would have been too far from other sources of employment," said Lenny Siegel, a member of the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board.

To Siegel, Google's ferry effort only makes sense as a test for eventually bringing it all the way

to Mountain View. With Google building a 1.1 million-square-foot campus at Moffett, a mile away, and its headquarters just across a proposed Stevens Creek bridge, "it wouldn't be hard to get people to those buildings with their shuttle buses."

According to a NASA Ames environmental study, a military fuel barge made monthly deliveries to Moffett as recently as the 1990s, though dredging of that portion of the bay was required every 10 years.

"There is a dock for floating fuel into Moffett in Guadalupe slough," Siegel said, noting that another portion of the Bay at the north end of the Moffett runways might be more practical for a ferry, although a levee blocks it. "I don't know how much dredging would be required or what the environmental impacts would be, but it's not entirely far-fetched to do it."

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JOBS-HOUSING

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what I've been arguing for over 40 years," said longtime Mountain View resident Lenny Siegel.

The problem reached a fever pitch during the 1990's dot.com boom. Mountain View saw nearly 16,000 new jobs created over that decade, reaching 77,330 jobs by 2000. Meanwhile the city saw only 3,300 new residents, reaching a population of 70,708. After a decade of slower job growth, the city appears to be on track to surpass the dot.com boom's record. Despite a lot of opposition to new housing over the last decade, the imbalance seems to have lessened. City planners say Mountain View now has almost 70,000 jobs and over 74,000 people, but there are plans in the works to add over 20,000 more jobs, with a million square feet of new offices approved for the Whisman area, and as a slew of office developments wait for a new precise plan to guide development of Google's

neighborhood north of Highway 101 in 2015.

Former Mountain View city manager Bruce Liedstrand said he recalled plenty of discussions about the jobs-housing imbalance in the 1980s, but "no one ever did anything about it" except enact a maximum office density in North Bayshore and the Whisman area that has been largely tripled in the city's new 2030 general plan. He recalled the problem began when early tech companies like Fairchild Semiconductor developed in the 1960s and 1970s, overwhelming the suburban layout created in 1950s Mountain View.

Siegel recalled rent hikes were bad enough in the 1970s that he joined an unsuccessful effort to bring rent control to Mountain View. Landlords outspent the campaign 100 to 1, he said, and voters didn't approve it.

"In the '70s there were county-wide reports on the jobs-housing imbalance and it was taken seriously as a regional issue," Siegel said. "You don't see much of that

nowadays."

Siegel showed the *Voice* a report from 1990, with data on the 1990 jobs-housing balance for cities in Santa Clara County in 1990 from the Association of Bay Area Governments. There were 1.54 jobs in Mountain View for every employed resident. In Palo Alto, the ratio was 2.08 jobs per employed resident. More recent reports examining such ratios could not be found for this story.

Perhaps the imbalance has come to be seen as too intractable to even discuss. Mountain View's City Council hasn't had a serious discussion about the issue in the past seven years, even as the city was creating its 2030 general plan, a blueprint for future development in Mountain View. While over 15,000 new jobs are being discussed for the North Bayshore area alone by 2030, the new general plan allows a maximum of 6,539 new homes in the city by the same date, mostly along a redeveloped El Camino Real and San Antonio corridor.

The same arguments

Mountain View has taken more action than many cities in the area to rectify the problem, rezoning commercial land for housing, increasing allowed housing densities, and subsidizing over 1,000 homes for lower-income residents. But the problem of high rents looms as large as ever.

Siegel recalled the argument against housing growth that council members used to make, which happens to be the same one often used today: "Basically the council would argue that we've done more than our share. We have a lot of apartments. Palo Alto doesn't have as many apartments or Los Altos doesn't have any apartments or very few. But that doesn't solve the problems of people who are living in cars or commuting four to five hours a day."

In Mountain View, a city where the majority of residents are renters, residents have consistently elected a City Council of homeowners, a majority of whom opposed the 1,000 new homes Google officials asked to build north of Highway 101. It's an area where Google, Intuit and others are set to rapidly grow, but where the council majority say homes would cause too many environmental impacts

on wildlife and be too much like college dormitories.

In contrast, Simitian said that Palo Alto required 3,000 new homes when Stanford proposed 2 million square feet of new development.

"I said I can support all that but I want to require, not allow, the 3,000 units of housing," Simitian recalled of the proposal, telling Stanford that "as you grow your facilities, we need you to grow your housing supply." That plan was ultimately approved.

Council members have said they'd like a Stanford campus-like environment in North Bayshore, but whether any significant new housing policies or restrictions on office growth are in the cards for Mountain View remains to be seen. Three of the four city council members who have opposed housing in North Bayshore and often elsewhere, Margaret Abe-Koga, Ronit Bryant and Jac Siegel (Siegel and Bryant were also the biggest opponents to North Bayshore office growth), will be forced out by term limits at the end of year. Candidates for their seats have yet to step forward.

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YOUNG PARENTS

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juggling act of her own — maintaining a 3.69 GPA while simultaneously working 20 hours a week at a local fast food restaurant and raising her daughter after becoming pregnant when she was a freshman at Los Altos High School.

Today, she is close to graduating from the Mountain View Los Altos Adult Education program and has plans to continue her studies, with the aim of becoming a medical assistant.

It hasn't been easy getting to where she is, Alvarez admits. Since becoming pregnant and giving birth at 15, her life has changed dramatically. She rarely sees the father of her child, many of her old friends don't come around anymore, and her weekends — a time formerly reserved for hanging out with friends — are now spent working at Burger King and caring for her daughter.

Fortunately for Alvarez, and many other local teen moms, the high school district's adult school has a program designed specifically for high school-aged girls with children.

The Young Parents Program gives girls like Alvarez an opportunity to keep up with their studies without falling behind on raising their children.

On a recent Tuesday, a handful of young mothers and their children gathered on the bottom floor of the MVLA Adult Education building, in a classroom that doubles as a daycare center. They began their day at the Young Parent Program as they always do — sharing a group lunch with their



Jessenia Patino holds her 5-month-old son Damian on Jan. 21.

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to their children at all times. “These girls don't have to come here,” she said, “but they definitely see the comfort level.”

On top of providing the young women with peace of mind, the daycare center and parenting skills component means that the children are benefiting from the program as well.

Karla Bautista, a 16-year-old Mountain View High School Student, has been coming to the

were my friends,” Alvarez said, reflecting on the months after her pregnancy. “My life is about changing diapers now. Me and my old friends don't have a lot in common now. They're more interested in going out, going out to parties. Now my major interest is making sure my daughter is well taken care of.”

She now has a network of peers that she met in the Young Parents Program. Sometimes, they meet up and go out to the park together with their children.

If Alvarez, Bautista or any of the other teen mothers ever feels down, or is having trouble at home or with a personal or romantic relationship, they have access to a counselor through the program.

Hilary Schlossman, a mental health consultant with the San Carlos-based StarVista, comes to the program every Tuesday.

“My role is really to help the young moms with communication — around parenting issues related to their babies, the birth experience, family, relationships — and then also helping them to think about goals and next steps after they leave here.”

Schlossman also works with the De Anza College Child Development Center, and she works on bridging the gap between the Young Parent Program and the local community college, by helping connect the teen moms with resources at the college, so that if they decide



Mytzy Coss works on a reading assignment at the Young Parents Program.

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‘My life is about changing diapers now. Me and my old friends don't have a lot in common.’

LILIANA RIOS ALVAREZ

infants and toddlers. After that, it's off to “circle time” where the girls play with their children for a bit before heading to tutoring sessions or the computer lab to take online courses.

The program allows the teens to continue their high school courses, as well as learn parenting skills, without ever straying too far from their children, said Janie Garcia, an English teacher at the adult school and instructor in the Young Parents Program.

The daycare element of the Young Parents Program is crucial, Garcia said, as the young mothers tend to want to be close

program since she found out she was pregnant. She says she likes knowing that her daughter, Destiny, who is a little over 1 year old, is right down the hall from her when she is studying. Bautista also likes that her daughter is able to play and socialize with other children her age — something she likely wouldn't be doing nearly as much if it weren't for the Young Parents Program.

While Alvarez and Bautista's daughters have been learning how to share, play and make friends, Alvarez said that she has made some new friends of her own.

“I lost most of my friends — or at least the ones that I thought

to pursue a degree at De Anza, their transition will be that much smoother.

“We give them a safe environment, free of judgment,” Garcia said, explaining that the girls in the program know that their classmates are familiar with their own struggles — which is not often the case in the local mainstream high schools.

Garcia said the program is important, as it gives bright girls who got pregnant too young a chance to keep working toward their goals. Not many neighboring cities have a similar program — at least none Garcia is aware of. “We provide them resources that they wouldn't be able to get

otherwise.”

Connecting the local teen moms with resources is incredibly rewarding, Garcia said. During the three years she has worked for the Young Parent Program she has seen many strong young women come up and earn their high school diplomas. All of them have been prepared to work hard and do what they need to do to finish high school, she said. They've just needed a little community support.

“These girls do a lot,” Garcia said. “They really take advantage of every opportunity we give them and they really take it seriously. I love what I do. It's cool to be a part of it.” ▣

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Council confronting huge challenge

Members of the City Council have embarked on a critically important and daunting mission to find room for 3.4 million square feet of new office space in the North Bayshore over the next 15 years.

While most cities would welcome the desire of local companies to develop such an influx of commercial space and the approximately 17,000 jobs that will come with it, Mountain View is caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place. The Shoreline area is hemmed in by Highway 101 and city leaders have vowed to protect the environmentally fragile habitat that is home to a colony of egrets and burrowing owls, even though they are in close proximity to Google's main campus on Charleston Road. Without adequate safeguards, some officials fear the huge development projects could threaten these protected species of birds.

In an earlier debate on the precise plan the council for a second time voted 4-2 to turn down a request by Google to build a private bridge over Stevens Creek to serve pedestrians, bicyclists and shuttle buses and provide access to a 1.1 million-square-foot campus that is planned for a Moffett Field site. Dissenting council members failed to convince the majority to allow an environmental impact report to assess if the bridge would be harmful to local wildlife.

But even without the Moffett building, the council faces the huge task of fitting a mix of tall buildings into the Shoreline property without compromising the environmental integrity of the area, much of which was built over a capped landfill.

Perhaps reflecting the sentiments of his colleagues, council member Mike Kasperzak said: "This is so visual. I'm trying to visualize what this could look like over 15 years. It's really hard to imagine all of this and we're all struggling with that."

Addressing the urgency of the task, he said: "I know everybody wants to get it done," referring to the landowners, developers and companies like Google with plans for rapid expansion. "But we're

talking about a 15-year plan here."

The council's decision will have to take into account multiple layers of complexity. For example:

■ With only 6,000 or so housing units planned during the 15-year window, how will the city deal with the resultant need to house the workers who were left out?

■ Will the council or city leaders ever relent in their opposition to building housing in North Bayshore? Dorm-style housing is not acceptable to council members, who do not want to turn the area into a college campus.

■ Will the current plan to require major employers to join a new transit management agency—which will administer various alternatives to solo car driving—even make a dent in the traffic that would result after 3.4 million square feet of office space is occupied?

■ If, after a council election in November, enough votes are available to approve an environmental impact report on a bridge over Stevens Creek, will it be possible to use it without severely damaging the habitat for egrets, burrowing owls and other fragile wildlife resources in the area?

The limit of 3.4 million square feet of new development in North Bayshore came from an economic forecast developed during the general plan process, according to Planning Director Randy Tsuda. It's not a number set in stone, and council members have the power to place sensible limits on office growth that are more restrictive.

Council member Ronit Bryant said she wants the North Bayshore to look like Stanford, where "there is actually a lot of development though it doesn't feel that way."

"The idea of tall towers in wide open spaces has been tried and has failed because people don't like living like that," she said. "...I don't want to be looking across (Shoreline) lake and see eight-story buildings there," Bryant said.

Whatever decision is made, it will have a lasting impact on the city for many years to come. We urge the council to look for ways to pare down the formulaic development calculation produced by the new general plan. Members should not saddle future residents with an unworkable city that has thousands of jobs and no quality of life.

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

GARDENS FOR ALL

It is hardly surprising that there are scores of Mountain View folks who are craving the space to start gardening.

The city's policies in recent years have seen single-family homes on large lots give way to houses crammed together—apartments, condos and commercial developments that permit no room for trees, let alone gardens. These policies have granted maximum profit for developers but left residents longing for greenery and open space.

For this reason, it is important to leave the Stieper property at 771 North Rengstorff as a park.

Although it is easy to appreciate the desire to grow one's own food, this 1.22-acre property should be made available for everyone and not just a few lucky individuals who made it to the top of a list. The fruit trees, which were planted over many years by the Stiepers, should remain for the enjoyment of all.

There must be homeowners and renters in the city who still have a large yard but are unable to make use of the space due to work demands, disability or age. Maybe it would be possible to open a register of individuals who would be eager to share

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their yard with gardeners — perhaps for a share the produce?

*Christine Crosby
Woodleaf Way*

WHY WAR ON POVERTY FAILED

The war on poverty has failed for multiple reasons and more government hand-outs are not the answer. If you look at Japan they have government welfare but you would never know it because the Japanese look at it as a very last resort.

You do anything you can to support yourself and if you can't you ask your family to help you out. If you are on welfare, the government checks up on you to make sure you are not trying to rip off the system.

Today in the United States, around 40 percent of people with kids are single parents. This is a huge economic problem. On average, kids of single parents end up not doing nearly as well as kids with two parents.

Then you have the entitlement generation. Kids who want to go right to the top without working their way up the job ladder.

Show me a person that is willing to train to learn a skill, will show up to work on time and can pass a drug test and that person will find a job.

We have emphasized in schools too much that learning a trade is a failure, that you need to be a doctor or a lawyer. We need to provide different skills for different kids. This last recession was called the Great Recession. Really? This pales compared to what my grandmother went through in the Great Depression. That was real hardship.

*Charles Channing
Marich Way*

WATCH OUT FOR TOLLS ON HIGHWAY 85

The politicians and bureaucrats in charge of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) are expanding to Highway 85 their replacement of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes with Express Lanes that wealthier folks can use for a fee. Why? Because wealthier folks should never be required to wait in a line, and the VTA wants more money to fund its exorbitant salaries and benefits.

In parts of Maryland, paid HOV lanes on freeways were

expanded to all lanes being toll lanes: every vehicle is tracked with blink cameras, and cars are charged per mile of roadway used.

That will be the next step in the Bay Area.

*Valerie Harris
View Street*

LETCHER'S PROTEST SIGN GOES DOWN

About 15 years ago, concerned about Mountain View's overly

harsh code inspection policies, I put a large sign on the front of my house in protest. The sign said, "Please help save Mtn. View" and "Affordable housing is an issue."

That was 15 years ago and just now, in late 2013, I removed the sign in disgust, and lots of people asked me why.

Please read the editorials in the Dec. 13 and 20 *Voice* and the article on Page 86 of the Jan. 2014 *Vanity Fair* magazine: "The shape of things to come."

Mountain View is dominat-

ed overwhelmingly by Google, which figured out a way to escape from the real world.

As small businesses (except fancy restaurants) and owners who live in their own homes (about 17 percent now) are forced out of "their" city, the City Council should replace the Community Development Department with a more compassionate "Community Preservation Department."

*Donald Letcher
Rengstorff Avenue*

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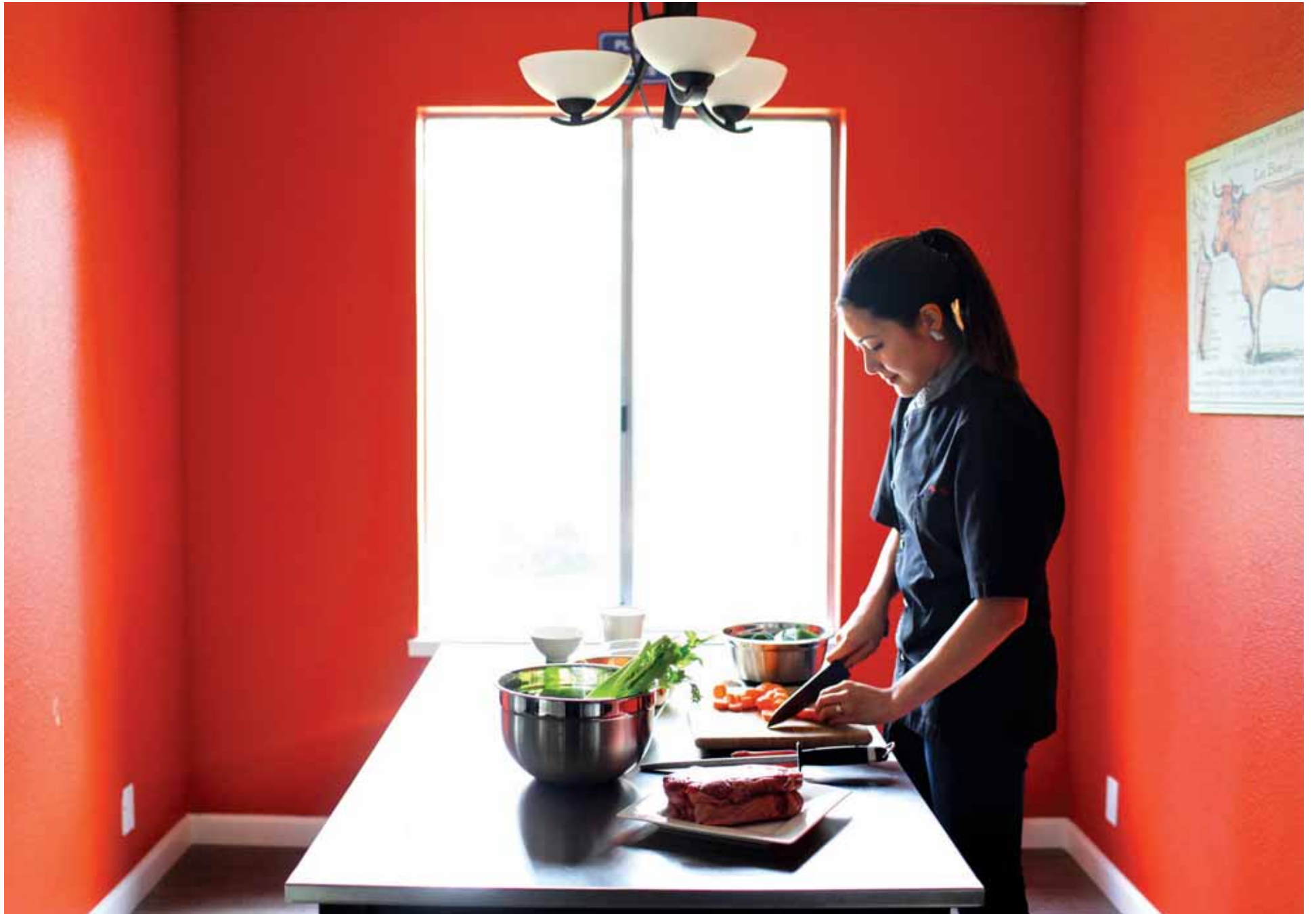
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Imagine you're an aspiring chef, learning how to cook in a Michelin-starred restaurant in Paris and regularly eating dishes like squid ink risotto and sliced baguette topped with bone marrow and shaved black truffles.

But you often suffer from bad health, chronic fatigue and get sick easily, which you chock up to working double shifts six days a week.

Eventually, a doctor tells you

that you are gluten-, egg- and dairy-intolerant.

It would be an adjustment, to say the least. But it was actually a welcome one for Joan Pan, a 32-year-old Mountain View chef who left the world of professional cooking to learn the art of making espresso drinks. She went on to make her own line of gluten-and-egg-free ice cream and provide nutrition consulting for others with food intolerances or health goals.

Joan Pan prepares a pot roast in her Mountain View kitchen.

Pan was born in San Jose and grew up in Saratoga, just 10 minutes from famed chef David Kinch's Manresa restaurant, where she would later spend a few days hanging out in what she said is the "most quiet" kitchen she's ever worked in.

Though she grew up watching cooking shows and cooking with her mother ("ever since I could touch a pan," she said), she studied computer science when she went to college at Santa Clara University. After graduating, she worked in corporate finance for seven years, which eventually lead her to return to school for a master's degree in business.

In the middle of her business school years, she took a pivotal trip to Europe.

"I was just visiting culinary schools for fun, just to see, what is it like to go to culinary school?" she recalled of the trip. "And it kind of triggered something, like, wait, I can actually make this happen."

She made a leap that many contemplate but never do. In 2007, after finishing business school, Pan sold everything she owned and went to the École Supérieure de Cuisine Française — Ferrandi in Paris to study for nine months.

"It was like boot camp for

cooking, but it was the best decision I made in my life," she said.

Pan's first "stage," or internship, in a professional French kitchen was at a Michelin-starred fine dining restaurant called Helene Darroze, after its chef-owner. She remembers a particularly severe, constantly critical cook who, as a "rookie American stagiaire," or intern, she had to win over — and eventually did.

She also remembers a few favorite dishes, most of which she can no longer even think about eating. One was "riz carnaroli acquarello, chipirons aux chorizo et tomates confites," or risotto cooked in squid ink, finished with crème fraîche, topped with squid, chorizo and a tomato confit that was cooked in duck fat. ("Almost everything in this restaurant was cooked in duck fat," Pan explained. "Helene Darroze is from Landes, in the southwest, where duck fat is used a lot.")

At her second internship, Pan lived and worked at a restaurant in the south of France overlooking the Mediterranean. When she returned to the United States, she got a job as chef de cuisine at a private golf course in Morgan Hill, where she had an unlimited budget, "dabbled in molecular gastronomy" and created tasting



Joan Pan chops celery for her pot roast recipe.

menus that changed every week.

While her career sounds enviable, Pan, constantly suffering from health issues, had to leave professional cooking.

"I had really bad insomnia," she said. "I was always sick. If I walked by someone else (who was sick), I would get sick, so I

was sick probably 10 times a year. And I would always get these random 24-hour fevers. Working in the kitchen with a fever is pretty rough."

After multiple doctors who couldn't pinpoint what was wrong with her, she saw a holistic physician who put her on a

30-day sugar-elimination diet. That meant no refined sugars (including fruit), dairy or grains for a food lover who was used to eating ice cream and pastries daily.

But after just two weeks she felt

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Above: Coconut milk-based ice creams are in the taste-testing phase. **Left:** Persimmon-cayenne is one of the lactose- and egg-free ice cream flavors that Joan Pan plans to introduce.

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better, and blood tests confirmed her food intolerances as well as chronic rhinitis and fatigue.

So there's no more squid ink risotto or French pastries in Pan's life, but as she said, don't

feel bad for her. She still eats well and feels much, much healthier.

Her personal health discovery also led to her current professional focus, which is helping other people to learn how to buy groceries and cook for gluten-free and/or paleo diets. Paleo is meant to mimic humans' Paleolithic-era diet, which excludes dairy, grains, processed sugars, legumes and starches.

She does one-on-one consulting as well as group classes through her website, chefjoanpan.com.

Disappointed with the non-dairy ice cream options at most grocery stores, she also recently started making her own ice cream. They're all coconut-milk based and egg-free. A sugar-free version uses xylitol, an all-natural, low-glycemic sugar alcohol that she claims "tastes just like sugar."

She's currently in the flavor-testing phase, trying out recipes for vanilla bean, dark chocolate, milk chocolate, salted but-

ter caramel, butter rum pecan, maple walnut and persimmon ice cream.

Taking a break from being a professional chef also allowed Pan to nurture a food-related love she did not have to give up for her health: coffee.

"Espresso is very much science, and being a barista is very much like cooking," she said.

Pan has been through extensive barista training, including a two-year stint at Palo Alto's Café Venetia.

If she follows through on her plan to open her own brick-and-mortar place in the next few years, coffee will be an integral part, she said.

"I love coffee so much that I would probably want to do something with coffee, with ice cream and maybe with some paleo cakes and food," she said. "I'm debating between (opening) in Paris or California. I think it would work either way."

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12 Years A Slave (R) ★★★1/2	Century 16: 1:35 & 7:25 p.m.
American Hustle (R) ★★★	Century 16: 12:20, 3:40, 7:05 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 12:45, 3:55, 7:15 & 10:25 p.m.
Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG-13) ★★1/2	Century 20: 11:05, 2, 4:50, 7:45 & 10:35 p.m.
August: Osage County (R) ★★★	Century 16: 10:35 a.m., 1:25, 4:20, 7:15 & 10:10 p.m. Century 20: 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:20 & 10:10 p.m.
The Dallas Buyers Club (R) ★★1/2	Century 16: 11 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:30 & 10:20 p.m.
Devil's Due (R)	Century 16: 10:30 a.m., 12:50, 3:15, 5:35, 8 & 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 12, 2:35, 5, 7:35 & 10 p.m.
Dirigible (1931)	Stanford Theatre: 5:40 & 9:40 p.m.
Ferris Bueller's Day Off (PG-13)	Century 20: Sun 2 p.m.
Frozen (PG)	Century 16: 1:30, 4:10 & 7 p.m. In 3-D at 10:45 a.m. Century 20: Fri 1:50 & 7 p.m. In 3-D at 11:15, 4:25 & 9:25 p.m.
Gimme Shelter (PG-13)	Century 20: 11:35 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:25 & 10 p.m.
Gravity (PG-13) ★★★1/2	Century 20: 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 4:40, 7:10 & 9:45 p.m.
Her (R) ★★★	Century 20: 1:20, 4:30, 7:25, 10:20 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 1, 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) ★★★	Century 16: 3:10 & 6:55 p.m. In 3-D at 11:30 a.m. & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m. & 6:35 p.m. In 3-D at 3:05 & 10:05 p.m.
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) ★★★	Century 16: 12:30, 4, 7:20 & 10:35 p.m. Century 20: 12:35, 3:50, 7:05 & 10:05 p.m.
I, Frankenstein (PG-13)	Century 16: 2:20 p.m. In 3-D at 11:50 a.m., 5, 7:40 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 1:40 & 9:10 p.m. In 3-D at 11:20 a.m., 4:05 & 6:40 p.m. In I-MAX at 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m.
Inside Llewyn Davis (R) ★★★	Palo Alto Square: 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 & 9:50 p.m.
The Invisible Woman (R)	Century 16: 10:50, 4:40 & 10:30 p.m.
It Happened One Night (1934)	Stanford Theatre: 5:35 & 8:35 p.m.
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG-13)	Century 16: 11:05 a.m., 1:55, 4:55, 7:50 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:55 a.m., 2:30, 5:05, 7:40 & 10:25 p.m.
Jai Ho	Century 16: 11:45 a.m., 3:20, 7 & 10:40 p.m.
Lone Survivor (R) ★★1/2	Century 16: 10:40 a.m., 1:40, 4:35, 7:35 & 10:35 p.m. Century 20: 12:40, 3:30, 6:25, 7:50, 9:25 & 10:45 p.m.
Nebraska (R) ★★★	Aquarius Theatre: 2, 5 & 8 p.m.
The Nut Job (PG) ★1/2	Century 16: 10:25 a.m., 3:05 & 7:45 p.m. In 3-D at 12:45, 5:25 & 10 p.m. Century 20: 1:30, 3:45 & 8:15 p.m. In 3-D at 11 a.m., 6 & 10:30 p.m.
The Past (PG-13) ★★★1/2	Aquarius Theatre: Fri & Sat 1, 4, 7 & 9:55 p.m. Sun 1, 4 & 7 p.m.
Ride Along (PG-13)	Century 16: 11:15 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:30 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 12:25, 1:40, 2:55, 4:10, 5:25, 6:50, 8, 9:20 & 10:30 p.m.
Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13) ★★	Century 16: 10:25 a.m., 1:20, 4:15, 7:10 & 10:05 p.m. Century 20: 1, 4:20, 7:30 & 10:20 p.m.
The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) ★1/2	Century 20: 11:40 a.m., 2:20 & 5:10 p.m.
That Certain Thing (silent, 1928) (Not Reviewed)	Stanford Theatre: Fri & Sat 7:30 p.m. Sun 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.
The Wolf of Wall Street (R) ★★1/2	Century 16: 11:55 a.m., 3:50 & 7:55 p.m. Century 20: 12:10, 4 & 8:05 p.m.

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MOVIE OPENING

THE INVISIBLE WOMAN ★★★1/2

(Century 16) History, they say, is written by the victors. Indeed, popular English novelist Charles Dickens was a winner who jealously protected his legacy. But don't they also say the truth will out? As adapted from Claire Tomalin's revealing 1991 biography, Ralph Fiennes' fascinating film "The Invisible Woman" looks behind the curtain at the whispered-about mistress Dickens never publicly acknowledged.

Fiennes' film takes the point of view of its title character, Ellen "Nelly" Ternan (Felicity Jones). When the film opens, Dickens has been dead for thirteen years, and a married Nelly has settled into a life as a teacher at the High School in Margate. But her long walks on the beach betray a psychic unrest: clad head to toe in heavy black Victorian dress, Nelly finds cold comfort in these walks, which tip off the local vicar (John Kavanagh) that something is amiss.

Memories unfold, transporting us back to 1857 and Nelly's first encounter with Dickens (Fiennes). On hearing teenage Nelly recite the epilogue of a play he's co-written, Dickens remarks, "She has something," but that something isn't sustainable acting talent. Rather it is a spark of attractiveness in her beauty and her character. It doesn't take long for Nelly's mother (Kristin Scott Thomas) to read the signs, and understand the opportunity Dickens represents for her daughter of dwindling promise.

Dickens' co-playwright Wilkie Collins sums up his friend: "He is a good man trying to be a good man, but he is a great man." Known for his family values as a husband and father of ten, Dickens also pursues social justice through charitable works. But any interest in his wife Catherine (a memorable Joanna Scanlan) has long since dissipated, and a flame begins to burn for Nelly. So begins a long, complex mating dance, with the deep-thinking Nelly attracted to the great writer and improved prospects but cursed by having to share him with his family and his public, and endure her gender's second-class social status.

Fiennes' understated film, expertly scripted by Abi Morgan ("The Iron Lady"), stands confidently on a firm foundation of historical detail and depths of emotional understanding. Soft-

lit elegance and exquisite period detail capture the Victorian era in more ways than one: the stately trappings help to tamp down the emotions so obviously yearning to break free of social mores and economic strictures and psychological repression. Crucially, we stay at the side of the conflicted Nelly, and Jones proves as powerful in nuanced moments of quiet emotional availability as in Nelly's few, stirring allowances to speak truth to male privilege; it's a performance that should rightly take Jones' career to a new level. Meanwhile, Fiennes wisely plays Dickens as everything we thought we knew of him, but also as capable of cruelty and inscrutability (the film opens with his words "A wonder-

ful fact to reflect upon, that every human creature is constituted to be that profound secret and mystery to every other"): his sexual desire is plain enough, but is this love?

Nelly describes the tragedy of her life when she muses, "Whoever we're with, we're alone." Kept as Dickens' "secret," then forever honoring that secret as she struggles to emerge from Dickens' shadow, Ternan suffers until she can define herself on her own terms. Though a love story, "The Invisible Woman" spends most of its time in that shadow, while never leaving us in the dark.

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Photography: The Cuban Evolution Silicon Valley photographers captured images of Cuba undergoing economic reforms and evolution. An opening reception will be held on Jan. 23, 7-9 p.m. Jan. 23-Feb. 28, every day except Sunday. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Sundays. Free Foothill College - Krause Center for Innovation Gallery, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-534-6954. www.TheCubanEvolution.wordpress.com

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CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

'She's Geeky' Bay Area 2014 Conference "She's Geeky" - Bay Area 2014 is a networking conference for women in science, technology, engineering and math. Jan. 24, 8:15 a.m.-6 p.m. \$240 for all three days; \$90/day. Microsoft Silicon Valley, 1065 La Avenida St, Mountain View. www.eventbrite.com/e/shes-geeky-bay-area-2014-tickets-9193673525

Adult Studio Production Program This KMTV 15-hosted TV production program will give hands-on experience operating the cameras, teleprompter, audio, switcher and character graphics. Participants will work with a group to complete a "program piece," rotating crew positions. Class is for ages 16+. Feb. 5-26, Wednesdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$99. KMTV 15 Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1540. www.kmvt15.org

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Edible Garden Series: 'From Design to Harvest' Learn garden design and planning, composting, soil testing and preparation, seed propagation and transplanting, watering and how to nurture healthy edible crops in this Common Ground Garden class. Feb. 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$325. Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072. www.commongroundinpaloalto.org/category/classes-events/

Fruit Tree Pruning Learn how to maximize tree health and fruit production and to identify dead wood. Espalier care will also be discussed. Meet at Common Ground and then proceed to a local orchard, rain or shine. Bring pruning shears, bag lunch and a notebook. Jan. 25, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. \$42. Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072. www.commongroundinpaloalto.org/category/classes-events/

Introduction to Mindfulness This five-week course on mindfulness is taught by Insight Meditation South Bay teachers. No registration required. Jan. 23-Feb. 20, Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. Free (donations accepted). St. Timothy's/Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. www.imsb.org

Square Dance Lessons Learn how to square dance with the Bows & Beaus Singles & Couples Square Dance Club (for adults). Register online; first class is free. Jan. 20-31, Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Free. Loyola Elementary School, 770 Berry Ave., Los Altos. Call 408-250-7934. www.bowsand-beaus.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Repair Cafe Mountain View Repair Cafe attendees can bring small household appliances such as toasters, hair dryers, mixers and vacuums; electronics such as computer games and tools; toys, furniture, luggage, kitchen items, bikes and clothing for repair. Feb. 2, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Hacker Dojo, 599 Fairchild Drive, Mountain View. Call 415-513-6566. www.facebook.com/events/333972180074796/

Used Book Sale Friends of the Library of Los Altos is hosting a three-day used book sale. Feb. 7-9. Friday, Feb. 7: 6:30-9 p.m.; members only (annual memberships may be purchased at the door for \$10) Cost of books. Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-947-3632. www.losaltoslibraryfriends.org

Young Meditators Night This night is designed specifically for meditators age 18-40, hosted every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. 7:30-9 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Silicon Valley Shambhala Meditation Center, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Call 615-330-3622. www.siliconvalley.shambhala.org/program-details/?id=138840

CONCERTS

Music from Around the World The Community School of Music and Arts' World Harmony Chorus performs a repertoire of love songs from Kenya, Finland, Georgia, Puerto Rico and the Basque country. Jan. 27, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm

Master Sinfonia Concert - Los Altos Maestro David Ramadanoff conducts Chabrier's "Fetes Polonaise," Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No. 1 in E-flat major with cellist Amos Yang and Schubert's Symphony No. 9 in C Major, "The Great." A free reception with artists will take place at intermission. Jan. 26, 2:30-4:30 p.m. \$15-25. Free for youth under 18. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-348-1270.

Love Songs Through the Ages Love songs in honor of Valentine's Day, featuring mezzo-soprano Amy Bouchard. Classical and popular songs, from Schumann to Gershwin. Feb. 6, 7-8

p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm

Organ Recital: Robert Huw Morgan Dr. Robert Huw Morgan, Stanford University organist, will kick off a year-long celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Fisk-Nanney organ with this concert. Jan. 24. Presented by the Office for Religious Life at Stanford in partnership with the Department of Music. 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-1762. www.events.stanford.edu/events/410/41081

DANCE

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

EXHIBITS

'Revealing the Unseen' Exhibit Paintings by Andy Gouveia and drawings by Drew McSherry are on exhibit through Jan. 26, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

Freestyle Academy Exhibition Students from the Freestyle Academy of Communication Arts and Technology in Mountain View will exhibit their narrative films, animations, websites, profile films, portraits, magazine articles and music videos at this event. Feb. 7, 5:30-9 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-7477. www.freestyleacademy.net

FAMILY AND KIDS

Family Meditation Day Adults can join in a group sitting meditation practice and discussion while children gather for mindfulness activities, games, stories and community building. No prior meditation experience necessary. Jan. 26, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Silicon Valley Shambhala Meditation Center, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Call 615-330-3622. www.siliconvalley.shambhala.org/program-details/?id=163548

Nature Games and Crafts at Hidden Villa Hidden Villa's environmental education interns will teach children a few games and crafts especially designed to bring them closer to nature. Jan. 25, 1-3 p.m. \$8 per person. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-6326. www.hiddenvilla.org/programs/calendar-of-events/61-public-programs/182576-nature-games-crafts

Tim Federle at Books Inc. Tim Federle, author of "Better Nate Than Never," will share his new sequel, "Five, Six, Seven, Nate!" Jan. 29, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 74 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto. Call 650-321-0600. www.booksinc.net/event/tim-federle-books-inc-palo-alto

Waldorf School: 'A Renaissance in Education' Waldorf School of the Peninsula hosts this multi-disciplinary event that blend musical and dramatic performances with artistic and academic displays. Feb. 6, 6-9 p.m. Free. Waldorf School of the Peninsula Mountain View campus, 180 N. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-209-9400. www.waldorfpenninsula.org/event/waldorf-presents-a-renaissance-in-education/

FILM

'Flesh and Metal' on Film A variety of films by or about artists featured in the Cantor Art Center exhibit "Flesh and Metal: Body and Machine in Early 20th-Century Art" will run continuously concurrent with the exhibition. Ongoing every day from Nov. until March 16. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Wed.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and

Thursdays until 8 p.m. Free. Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. www.events.stanford.edu/events/397/39751/

'Perfect Strangers' Film Discussion "Perfect Strangers" tells the story of Ellie, a woman determined to give away one of her kidneys, and Kathy, who endures nightly dialysis and loses hope of receiving a transplant until Ellie reads her profile online. The documentary was created by Jan Krawitz, director of Stanford's M.F.A. Program in Documentary Film and Video. Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. Free. Annenberg Auditorium, Crothers Way, Stanford. Call 650-736-6247. www.ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu/events/lectures/ethics-of-wealth-series/perfect-strangers-screening-and-discussion

'American Jerusalem: Jews and the Making of San Francisco' This film, which tells the story of Jews who moved to San Francisco to escape persecution in Europe and their ensuing impact on the city, will be screened at the Oshman Family JCC. Jan. 25, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$10 members; \$12 non-members in advance and \$15 at the door. Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, Room E104, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8609. www.paloaltojcc.org/events/2014/01/25/cultural-arts/film-screening-em-american-jerusalem-jews-and-the-making-of-san-francisco-em/

HEALTH

Jacki's Aerobic Dancing Classes These fitness classes include core work, strength training and aerobic routines. Jacki's also offers complimentary childcare; bring children and get the first month of classes for free. 9 a.m.-10 a.m. \$4 per class. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. Call 650-941-1002. www.jackis.com/

LIVE MUSIC

Belly Dancing & World Music Night at Morocco's Restaurant There will be belly dancing and "world" music at Morocco's Restaurant in Mountain View on four Saturday nights in January. Jan. 4-25, 5 p.m.-midnight. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

Happy hour & belly dancing at Morocco's Restaurant Morocco's Restaurant in Mountain View will have happy hour and a belly dancer perform on four Friday nights in January. The belly dancing performance starts at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 3-31, 5-11 p.m. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

Live Jazz Music at Morocco's Restaurant Morocco's Restaurant in Mountain View hosts Johnny Williams to perform live jazz and blues music. Jan. 7-28, 5-9:30 p.m. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com/

Magic Show and Dinner at Morocco's Restaurant Morocco's Restaurant in Mountain View hosts Bay Area entertainer Phil Ackerly for a magic show. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner service begins at 6:15 p.m. Magic show at 7:30 p.m. 5-11 p.m. \$32. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

Mountain View Plaza Ploozza The City of Mountain View is hosting a series of events on the downtown Mountain View Civic Center Plaza. Local musicians and entertainers will perform; food and drink will be served. Event will be held rain or shine. Feb. 7, noon-1:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/community_events/plaza_events.asp

Wine tasting & live music at Morocco's Restaurant Morocco's Restaurant in Mountain View will host a wine tasting (three wines from three different regions of the world with a nut and cheese sampler for \$15) as well as a live acoustic guitar performance. Happy hour is 5-7 p.m. Jan.

2-30, Thursdays, 5-11 p.m. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com/

ON STAGE

Los Altos Stage Co.: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof' The Los Altos Stage Company is putting on a production of Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." Jan. 23-Feb. 16, Wednesday through Sunday, 8-11 p.m. \$32. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.losaltosstage.org

Stanford Savoyards: 'The Mikado' The Stanford Savoyards presents its production of "The Mikado," a comic opera originally done by Arthur Sullivan and W. S. Gilbert. Jan. 31-Feb. 15, Fridays and Saturdays. All shows are at 8 p.m. except for Saturday, Feb. 15, when it's at 2 p.m. \$10-20. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. www.savoyards.stanford.edu

Stanford TAPS: 'Goliath' The Stanford University Theater and Performance Studies and Division of Dance is putting on a production of "Goliath." Returning home from a war without purpose, David searches for his remaining humanity while his family and friends try to reconcile this war-torn veteran with their son, brother, husband and friend. Jan. 27, 8-9:30 p.m. \$5. Stanford University - Pigott Theater, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford. www.taps.stanford.edu/AY14/goliath.html

OUTDOORS

Mushroom Hike at Hidden Villa Learn to identify a variety of mushrooms in this mushroom hike at Hidden Villa, led by naturalist guide from the Mycological Society of San Francisco, who will discuss both edible and poisonous varieties. Hikes are leisurely. No collecting. Cameras are encouraged. Ages 10 and up. Jan. 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$12 per person. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-6326. www.hiddenvilla.org/programs/calendar-of-events

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Compline: An Evening Service of Song This 30-minute service of hymns, anthems and chant is sung by Stanford and local choral ensembles on Sundays (during the academic year with the exception of university holidays and academic breaks). 9-9:30 pm Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-1762. www.events.stanford.edu/events/410/41079

SENIORS

Reading Partners Workshop Volunteers can read with children as part of this Mountain View Senior Center program. Jan. 30, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

LECTURES & TALKS

CNPS Members Night Slide Show Share pictures taken in 2013 at the California Native Plant Society Members' Night. Photos of anything, any place, or anyone related to native plants are welcome. Please RSVP to have photos included. Jan. 31, 7-8 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library Program Room, 13 S San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 408-348-9470.

Fran Smith and Sheila Himmel at Kepler's Sheila Himmel and Fran Smith, authors of "Changing the Way We Die: Compassionate End-Of-Life Care and the Hospice Movement," will discuss and sign their new book. Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Call 650-324-4321. www.keplers.com/event/fran-smith-sheila-himmel

Real Estate and Law Symposium The Third Annual Real Estate and Law REAL Symposium will feature two keynote speakers: Robert E. Hall, professor of Economics at Stanford University and Eli Khouri, executive vice president and chief investment officer at Kilroy Realty Corp. Register before Jan. 20 for discounted prices. Jan. 29, 12:30-6:30 p.m. \$95-225. Paul Brest Hall, Building 4, 555 Salvatierra Walk, Stanford. www.realsymposium.com

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STATEMENT
File No.: 586404
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Dong Lai Shun, located at 545 San
Antonio Road, Suite 32, Mountain View,
CA 94040, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Limited
Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
DLS US LLC
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Registrant/Owner began transacting
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on N/A.
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County on December 30, 2013.
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SUPREME FIT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 586421
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
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Dr., Los Gatos, CA 95032, Santa Clara
County.
This business is owned by: An
Individual.

The name and residence address of the
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business under the fictitious business
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MIE BELLE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 586762

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
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Circle, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa
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This business is owned by: An
Individual.
The name and residence address of the
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
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This statement was filed with the
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997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL
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Date of Filing Application: December
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47 - ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF:
SUSAN M. PORTER
Case No.: 1-14-PR173716
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
contingent creditors, and persons who
may otherwise be interested in the
will or estate, or both, of SUSAN M.
PORTER.

A Petition for Probate has been filed
by: M. KATHERINE PORTER and ANNE
E. CIRNER in the Superior Court of
California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that:
M. KATHERINE PORTER and ANNE E.
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resentative to administer the estate of
the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's
will and codicils, if any, be admitted to
probate. The will and any codicils are
available for examination in the file kept

by the court.
The petition requests authority to
administer the estate under the
Independent Administration of Estates
Act. (This authority will allow the person-
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taking certain very important actions,
however, the personal representative
will be required to give notice to inter-
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A HEARING on the petition will be held
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from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ Diane S. Greenberg,
Jorgenson, Siegel, McClure & Flegel,
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(MVV Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 2014)



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Pending Sale

Address	bd/ba	sq. ft.	age	list price
924 Camille Lane	3/3.5	2,041	11	\$998,000
217 Ada Avenue #22	2/2	1,103	31	\$649,000
46 Starlite Court	2/1.5	1,174	40	\$599,000
400 Ortega Avenue #109	2/1	928	39	\$495,000
505 Cypress Point Drive #12	1/1	662	43	\$385,000
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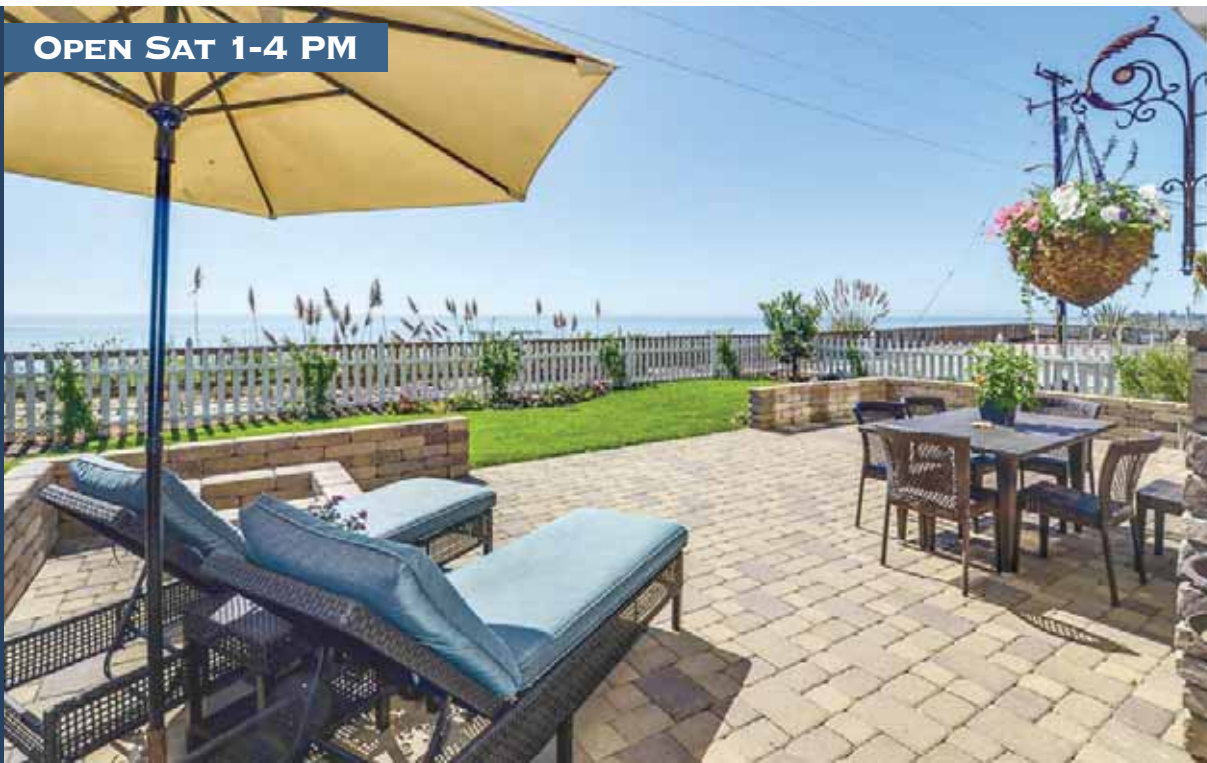
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