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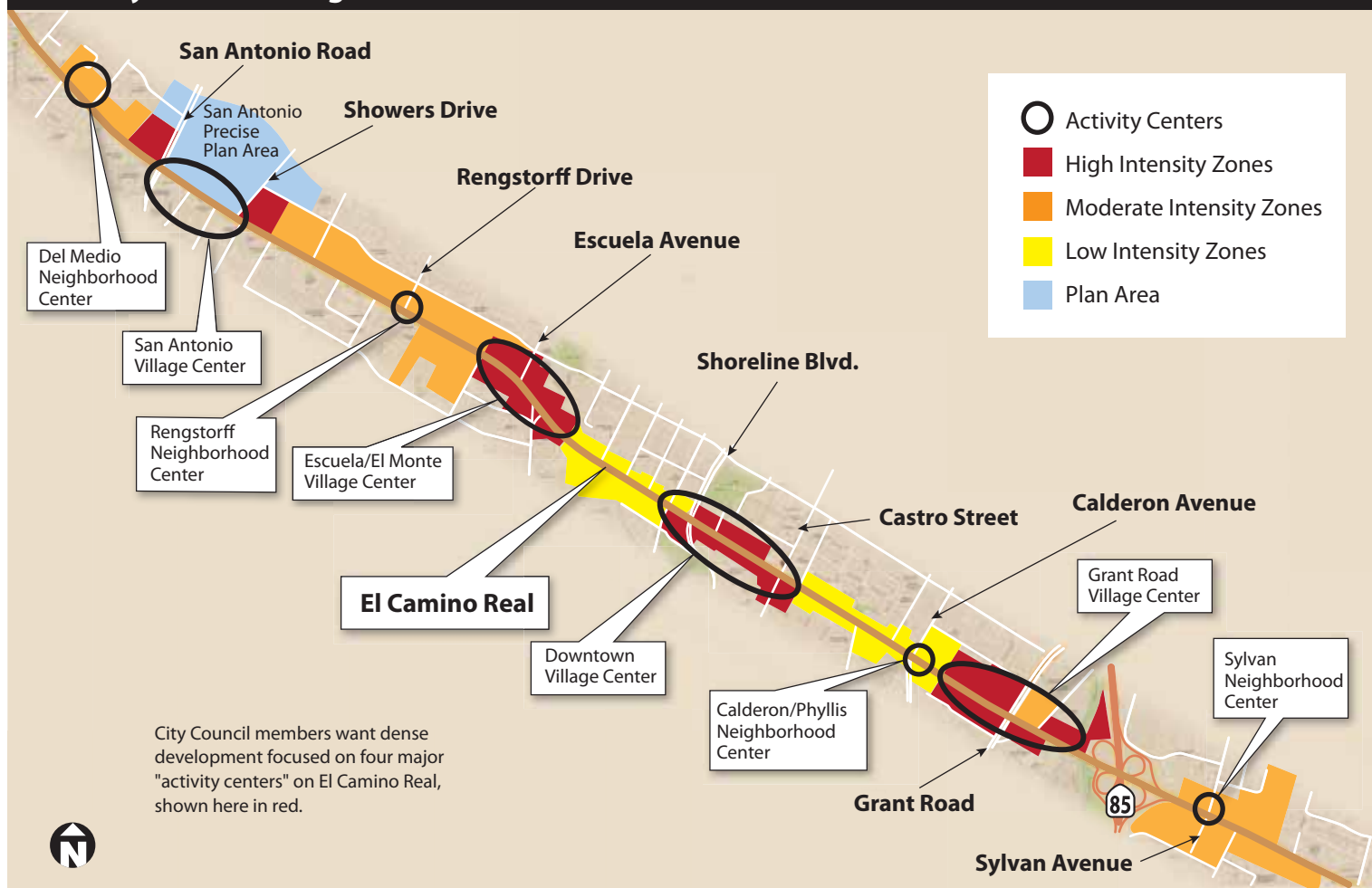
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A transformed El Camino Real in the works

Activity Centers along El Camino Real in Mountain View



COUNCIL WANTS BIKE LANES, DEVELOPMENT ON ABANDONED LOTS

By Daniel DeBolt

In a study session Tuesday, City Council members made some preliminary — but very significant — moves in planning the El Camino Real of the future.

If council members' direction Tuesday is any indication, an El Camino Real "precise plan" drafted for approval by year's end may allow higher density development in four "activity centers" at major intersections, along with bike lanes on portions of El Camino Real where street parking isn't needed, and some incentives for the development of shallow and often long-vacant lots, all while requiring "sensible" building heights against neighboring homes.

The four "activity centers" included the shopping center areas at Grant Road and Highway 237; a large area where El Monte and Escuela both meet El Camino; the north sides of the

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Local water districts urge conservation

RESIDENTS URGED TO CUT WATER CONSUMPTION BY 10 PERCENT

By Nick Veronin

Mountain View residents are being asked to cut water consumption by 10 percent, responding to the governor's call for local water agencies to activate their drought contingency plans. The Santa Clara Valley Water District and the San Francisco Public Utilities

Commission have each set water reduction goals of 10 percent for their service areas, both of which include parts of Mountain View.

The city receives the bulk (87 percent) of its water supply from the San Francisco PUC, while the Santa Clara Valley Water District provides most of the remainder.

Marty Grimes, a spokesman for the water district, said the

board hopes people will heed the recommendation and begin doing their part to reduce water usage whenever possible. Consumers can help by taking shorter showers, only running full loads through the dishwasher and washing machine, and not letting the faucet run while they brush their teeth.

Every little bit helps, Grimes said, emphasizing the importance of conservation. "It's pretty serious," he said of the current drought conditions. Last year was the driest on record for Santa Clara County — the third "critically dry year" in a row for the region — and many area creeks

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Scholarship to honor former Castro student

By Nick Veronin

A scholarship fund is being created in memory of Garon Bolden, a former Mountain View resident who wrote a popular pro-education rap song when he was just 10 years old. Bolden, 17, was killed last month when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver in San Jose.

Investigators are still looking into the circumstances surrounding Bolden's death. The teen was apparently on a freeway on-ramp when he was hit,



Garon Bolden

according to one local news report.

Bolden's father, Greg, said he wants people to remember his son for the vibrant life he lived.

According to an obituary issued by his family, Bolden showed a love and gift for music at a young

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COUNCIL BRIEFS
NEW VETERANS MEMORIAL APPROVED

A new memorial for war veterans and those who serve in the military was approved unanimously by the City Council on Jan. 28, adding significantly to a little-known memorial at Eagle Park.

A new pedestal, plaques and benches will go around the flag pole at the park, near the playground and pool entrance, along with a plaque for each sector of the U.S. military on the existing arches around the flag pole. Up to \$10,000 in funds towards the \$70,000 project will be raised through an American Legion "buy a brick" program.

Among the supporters for the memorial at the meeting was the local American Legion chapter and Karen Meredith, whose son Ken Ballard was killed as an Army lieutenant in Iraq in 2004. The downtown Mountain View post office is named after him.

"I don't want Mountain View to forget our roots as a military community," Meredith said. "I think this is an important part of the process of honoring those who served and those who continue to serve."

—Daniel DeBolt

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Changing the way we die

JOURNALISTS' NEW BOOK AIMS TO CLARIFY AND HUMANIZE END-OF-LIFE CARE

By Elena Kadvany

What do you want to do with the rest of your life?

It's a question normally reserved for high school students or recent college graduates. But in "Changing the Way We Die: Compassionate End-of-Life Care

and the Hospice Movement," co-authors Fran Smith and Sheila Himmel maintain this is an invaluable question to ask those facing death.

The question is at the core of hospice, an alternative form of care for dying patients who likely otherwise would spend the rest of their lives in and out of a hospi-

tal, undergoing endless intensive treatments and draining their families' energy and resources.

Hospice care is a generally misunderstood concept, Smith and Himmel explain. It's not a place people go to die; most hospice care is actually provided in

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Big plan for San Antonio shopping center area

By Daniel DeBolt

A 3-acre central park and a large promenade are among the amenities that belong in a fully redeveloped San Antonio Shopping Center, City Council members said Tuesday.

In a study session which had wide implications for the future of San Antonio Shopping Center and the surrounding area, council members and residents gave input on a new "precise plan" to guide office, housing and retail development while refining policies for the area developed in the city's new 2030 general plan.

Among the plans council supported was a 3-acre "central green" located right in the middle of the shopping center where Trader Joe's and Kohl's stores

now stand. Presumably paid for with fees charged to developers, the large new park would meet a green parkway or promenade along the Hetch Hetchy aqueduct right of way through the shopping center. The promenade is partially being built on the west side of the shopping center in the redevelopment by Merlone Geier.

After a long and complicated discussion, city planner Rebecca Shapiro said council members seemed supportive of a "soft cap" of six stories in building heights for the shopping center, with exceptions for taller buildings "on a case-by-case basis for special projects that provide

public benefits." Buildings may be allowed up to three or four stories high near parks and parkways.

Shapiro added that none of the plans are final at this point.

Development in the shopping center would focus on "regional retail" that would be on the ground floors of new buildings, but council members have yet to decide whether new housing or new offices would occupy the upper floors of new retail spaces.

'I want to make sure we aren't shutting out our young people from having the life we had.'

JANET LAFLEUR, RESIDENT

Several residents spoke in favor of more housing at the shopping center, including an attendee in his 20s who said that building less than eight stories would be a "slap in the face" of young people who need housing. Resident Job Lopez said the city had "moral

obligation" to provide affordable housing for its workers, some of whom can no longer afford to commute.

"I just turned 50 and when I look around I am among the youngest in this room, and that concerns me," said resident and bike advocate Janet LaFleur. "I want to make sure we aren't shutting out our young people from having the life we had."

Partly because a lack of housing has driven up housing costs, "I don't think someone 30 years old today has the same opportunities I had. Don't be afraid of the

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Santa Clara County has Bay Area's highest number of flu deaths

The number of people who died in Santa Clara County during the current flu season has increased by two to 10, the most of any Bay Area county, public health officials reported last week.

The county public health department confirmed on Jan. 31 that the two additional flu victims, men aged 43 and 54, died in the county in January. There have been nine deaths in Santa Clara County for the month and 10 since the flu season began in October, department spokeswoman Amy Cornell said on Jan. 31.

The two newest victims suffered from the H1N1 flu virus but also had "underlying medical

conditions" that might be considered as factors in their deaths, Cornell said.

Of the 10 people who have died from flu symptoms in the county since October, six were females and four males, ranging in age from 41 to 62, and nine had the H1N1 strain, according to Cornell.

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Vaccine is the best defense against this season's strains of influenza, health officials say. The RotaCare Clinic is one of many Mountain View locations providing flu shots.



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intersections at Showers Drive and San Antonio Road, and a large stretch between Castro Street and Shoreline Boulevard. Other intersections, such as those at Sylvan Avenue and Rengstorff Avenue, would be “medium intensity” areas.

Among the challenges in redeveloping El Camino Real is the large number of shallow lots (over half the parcels on El Camino Real are less than an acre) where there’s little room for buildings with parking. Several have been vacant for years, notably on the stretch between Calderon Avenue and Castro Street.

“Do we want to provide any favors to people” interested in redeveloping these sites “or do we always want the (vacant) Tasty Freeze to be on El Camino — and the (vacant) car lot next door?” asked council member Mike Kasperzak of two sites that have been vacant for many years.

The environmental planning commission recommended “auto-oriented uses” on the shallower lots, while Kasperzak and others disagreed. Council member Ronit Bryant said the lots were

designed to become sites for town homes, while Mayor Chris Clark said some should be open space.

“I personally have issues with ‘car-oriented’ stuff,” Kasperzak said, echoing the opinions of other council members, adding that it did not fit into the regional vision for a “Grand Boulevard” on El Camino that is walkable and attractive. “Jiffy Lubes and gas stations — that doesn’t make sense to me.”

Others interpreted “car-oriented” to simply mean uses that require street-level parking lots.

While council members have hinted in the past that they would allow higher densities to encourage the redevelopment of long-vacant lots, the shallow lots would remain in “low intensity” areas, according to plans council members supported. That’s partly because many of them are next to single-family homes, and council members agreed with the planning commission’s recommendation that new buildings have transitions so that they are only one story higher than nearby homes.

In the “activity centers” where development density could be higher, the intensity would be limited by “floor area ratio” which is a way of measuring a building’s intensity by compar-

ing its square footage to the size of the piece of land under it. Council members indicated support for going up to 1.85 FAR, up from 1.35 before, and only above that with permission from the City Council and significant public benefits.

‘El Camino with very low buildings is a very unattractive place.’

COUNCIL MEMBER RONIT BRYANT

“El Camino with very low buildings is a very unattractive place,” said council member Ronit Bryant, who also complained that uniform building types and heights create a “tunnel effect” that is unpleasant. “With taller buildings it feels like a better place to be a person there.”

Bike lanes get some support

“We think El Camino Real is an excellent potential corridor for bikes in Mountain View,” said Colin Heyne, deputy director of

the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition. “Research has shown bicycles are more likely than drivers to stop and go shopping.”

Council members were asked to decide whether to focus bicycle lane improvements on El Camino Real or the parallel side streets of Latham and Church — or study both options. Bike advocates wanted both, noting that it was impossible for bicycles not to ride on the busy street in order to get to many destinations on El Camino and nearby. “A bicycle boulevard on Church and Latham is an excellent project but not entirely sufficient.” Heyne said.

Kasperzak asked Heyne which option he’d choose if he had to pick one, to which Heyne responded, “El Camino.” When asked if he’d ride with children on El Camino, a common concern among council members, he said “not in its current configuration.”

Despite the safety concerns about bicyclists riding next to higher speed car traffic, in the end council members seemed amenable to a “phased approach” to putting in bike lanes on El Camino Real, as suggested by Mayor Clark.

“There’s no reason why we can’t start phasing in bike lanes

where we don’t have a lot of parking,” Clark said. “Between Phyllis and Castro, there’s very few cars parking on the street.” Clark said that the parking could be incrementally moved off the street as El Camino redevelops.

Council members also decided to study bike improvements along Latham and Church, where bike advocates want to see a bike boulevard like those in Palo Alto — a route that would connect with one to the north.

City planners said Tuesday that in order to better connect neighborhoods divided by El Camino, three new crossings would be studied with new traffic lights on El Camino Real. They would be located at Bonita Avenue (between Calderon and Castro), Crestview Drive (between Bernardo and Sylvan) and Mariposa Avenue (between Shoreline and El Monte). Some members had concerns that new lights could slow traffic.

“Are we making El Camino car-oriented, and go as fast we can, or a more pedestrian-friendly, bike-oriented place?” asked member Margaret Abe-Koga. “I don’t know how we can do both.” ■

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density. If we don't have density we won't have space for young people to live here," she said.

Council member Mike Kasperzak said in exasperation, "We are housing deficient!"

Elaborating after the meeting, he said, "The fact is, the general plan has way more square footage for employees than the general plan makes available for additional housing." The city is planning for more than 25,000 new jobs in the North Bayshore and Whisman areas alone, while zoning for a maximum of less than 7,000 new homes, mostly on the San Antonio and El Camino Real corridor.

Council member Ronit Bryant replied to Kasperzak: "Maybe we need less offices — we'll talk about that later," though it wasn't discussed again that night.

Bike route chosen

One of the most significant directions given by the council Tuesday was choosing a path for bicyclists traveling east-west through the shopping center. There were three options: direct bikes lanes around the shopping center on California Street; down a pedestrian promenade along the Hetch Hetchy or a more direct path to connect bike routes on Latham Street and

Fayette Avenue, through the shopping center's parking lots. Council members chose "option B" — the Hetch Hetchy aqueduct right of way, which may one day have a trail on it across the entire city, though much if it is now used by parking lots.

Former mayor Matt Pear opposes such a trail on the section of the Hetch Hetchy that runs along his property leased by Target. He complained Tuesday, "You need to maintain retail for sales tax dollars to maintain public safety for the city. There is no big box retail that can make it on bicycle and pedestrian traffic."

No "road diets"

Council members indicated support for protected bicycle lanes on Showers Drive and California Street Tuesday, but not by removing car traffic lanes, as bike advocates have proposed in order to slow traffic on the four-lane streets, especially on California, where a number of pedestrians have been killed in recent years.

Instead, the city will study the possibility of moving car parking away from the curb to create protected bike lanes in between parked cars and the curb, without losing car lanes. ■

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Council members want a 3-acre park at San Antonio shopping center, shown here in green. It would connect with a promenade through the shopping center along the Hetch Hetchy aqueduct right of way. Map courtesy of the city of Mountain View.

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This book — which is one part history, one part personal testimony, one part journalism — is meant as a resource for families or anyone who will inevitably face end-of-life care decisions, Smith and Himmel said.

"We say the book is what you need to know before you need to know it," Smith said. "The time to think about the choices that you want to make for yourself (and) the time to communicate with your family about those choices is really before the crisis. There's such a difference for people who have thought about these things and discussed them and made their wishes known."

Smith and Himmel, both journalists who used to work together at the San Jose Mercury News (Smith now lives on the East Coast; Himmel lives in Palo Alto and is one of the Voice's freelance restaurant reviewers), personally experienced this difference. Both lost their fathers around the same time.

After a years-long, painful decline, Smith's father died in a hospital, without hospice care. He had "vanished long before he died," suffering from dementia and "almost complete physical incapacity," Smith writes.

Himmel's father also went through years of ambulance trips back and forth to the hospital toward the end of his life, but her family eventually opted for hospice care at the prompting of his nursing home. He was brought home, where, ever the socializer, Himmel said, he would receive friends and family who came to visit. His medications were simplified, and there was no more pressing to take him to occupational therapy.

"Immediately, the level of anxiety for the whole family really lifted because of all the services that hospice offers," Himmel said. "But the main thing was they can tell you what's normal and what to expect. And you can call them at any time. As opposed to Fran's experience, which was (that) nobody mentioned hospice to them."

"Even though for both of us it was a big loss and a very sad experience, in Sheila's case there was just a lot of support

and a lot of understanding about what to expect," Smith said. "That, we really didn't have."

The book is divided into four sections: "The Choice," "The Patients," "The Survivors" and "The Providers." The beginning of the book is mostly history driven and the rest more personal with individual patients', families' and doctors' stories.

"We kept trying to put ourselves back into the mindset of a reader, of a family member who might need this book," Himmel said of the book's structure. "How would it make sense to read it? We tried to organize it so if you're not interested in history, skip it. Or if you're not interested in business, skip it. If you're not interested in personal stories, skip that."

'Immediately, the level of anxiety for the whole family really lifted because of all the services that hospice offers.'

SHEILA HIMMEL, CO-AUTHOR

"We also really tried to make it flow, but we also were aware that you don't have to sit down and read the whole thing in order or read every chapter either."

The first part dives into hospice's more recent history, which goes back to England in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Cicely Saunders — a social worker, physician and founding mother of the hospice movement — "believed that all decisions about care should be driven by the wishes of patients, not by the opinions of specialists or the convenience of nurses or the rules of hospitals, government health programs, or insurance companies," Smith and Himmel write.

Saunders also coined the term "total pain," or the concept that one's end-of-life pain is not exclusively physical, and care must be developed accordingly.

These ideas became the foundation for modern hospice care, which Smith and Himmel best define as "patient-directed end-of-life care."

The practice was introduced in America in the 1960s, after which it eventually morphed

from a grassroots, not-for-profit movement into a multi-billion-dollar industry. A growing clash between the root philosophies of the hospice movement — compassion, holistic care, humanism, respect for patients — and dollar-sign-driven pragmatism have definitively shaped today's hospice offerings. That clash manifests in the roles that Medicare and insurance play in hospice. "Changing the Way We Die" explains that in detail, providing what is surely much-needed clarification for many families and patients.

The book's two middle sections focus on people Smith and Himmel interviewed, from a 39-year-old man with kidney cancer that spreads to much of his body to a 94-year-old man with an endless list of health issues who decides to forgo food and drink and essentially fast to death. There are also numerous stories about widowed spouses, bringing to light the impact different end-of-life care can have on family members as well as invaluable bereavement services offered through hospice.

In the vein of hospice's foundational values, these chapters start with the hospice-related part of each individual's story but then rewind and tell the story of who they are beyond their end-of-life experiences.

Both authors said when they set out to do the book, they decided they would only use people who would agree to full disclosure.

"A lot of books like this use pseudonyms or composites and we really didn't want to do that," Himmel said. "Being journalists, we wanted to make this book different in that people reading it would know that these are real people. We're not making them up. And these are real people like you who have struggles and they're not Mother Teresa or anybody holy; these are just regular people and this is how it worked for them."

Himmel and Smith said they didn't have trouble doing this; many people wanted to talk about their different experiences.

"As reporters, we're used to talking about experiences that were not good experiences but in this case, people really wanted to share what they knew and in large part wanted to do it because family members came out of hospice situations saying, 'I wish I had known about this sooner.' And they were really eager to pass along that knowledge."

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New traffic signal aims to make tracks safer, but causing confusion

By Katie Straub

Nearby residents worry that a new traffic signal at the intersection of Rengstorff and Crisanto avenues may be causing some confusion for drivers as they adapt to changes in traffic patterns.

The Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB), which owns and operates Caltrain, proposed the construction of a traffic signal at Rengstorff and Crisanto avenues as part of a Peninsula-wide effort to improve safety conditions around railroad tracks, a spokeswoman said. The new signal became operational two weeks ago, after construction on the project began in June.

While the new signal promises safer train tracks, the traffic patterns surrounding the Rengstorff at-grade crossing are now markedly different. With the new signal, there are now two stoplights within less than one block of each other, and traffic patterns have been redesigned to eliminate a left-turn lane and modify many through- and right-turn lanes.

Caltrain spokeswoman Christine Dunn said that the Rengstorff Avenue crossing is "one of the most complicated areas" of the JPB's larger project to improve railroad safety.

"People have probably noticed the addition of a pre-signal," Dunn said, referring to the new traffic light at Rengstorff and Crisanto. "The pre-signal detects that a train is coming, so the lights on Rengstorff will turn red and the lights on the streets running parallel will turn green."

Irene Schwartz has lived in the

Parkview West condominium complex on Rengstorff for 15 years and sits on the Parkview West homeowners' association board. She said she worries that the new traffic signal may be causing problems by tripping up drivers accustomed to the old signage around the tracks.

'You've got the new stoplight, you've got the 'keep clear' sign for Crisanto, the train tracks, and then the old signal. For people right now, it is confusing.'

IRENE SCHWARTZ, PARKVIEW WEST CONDOMINIUM RESIDENT

"You've got the new stoplight, you've got the 'keep clear' sign for Crisanto, the train tracks, and then the old signal," Schwartz said. "For people right now, it is confusing."

Schwartz was concerned that such confusion could lead to traffic blockages on Rengstorff and even danger for drivers with old habits.

"When the city was working on installing new lights, traffic was backed up from the train tracks almost to California Street," she said. "I think they have created

a right-hand turn lane ... and someone wanting to make a right-hand turn, they could (get) stuck on the tracks."

Several of her fellow board members and surrounding neighbors have expressed similar concerns about effects of the new signal, she said.

"Any improvements in signal timing or lane configuration would be an improvement to safety throughout that area," said Saul Jaeger, Mountain View police department's press information officer. "That area is a challenge for the police department because of the volume of vehicular traffic in that area, as well as the nearby park and a lot of pedestrian traffic."

Jaeger said that any changes to traffic patterns are based on years of study data compiled by traffic engineers.

Dunn acknowledged that the new traffic pattern will require some adjustment for drivers and pedestrians, but she emphasized that the change is worthwhile and that Mountain View city officials and the JPB will work to help to ease this process.

"I think that (the city and the JPB) will be monitoring it; that is one of the things they plan for," Dunn said. "It is going to take some time for people to get used to, but it allows more time for traffic to clear and is a major safety improvement."

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Donald Philip Thom

1928 – January 2014

Donald Philip Thom, a 4th generation Californian, born in 1928 in San Francisco, first child of Andrew and Mary Thom. The family moved to San Carlos in 1939 where he attended Central School. A 1946 graduate of Sequoia High School, he also attended San Jose State College. He met Jocelyn Bauer on a blind date and the couple celebrated 63 years of marriage in August of 2013.

A strong leader, Don was manager and eventually owner of Bruce Bauer Lumber & Supply in San Carlos and Mountain View. Cultivating and solidifying the community-based roots of the brand that Bruce Bauer himself established, Don defined stewardship for what is now a fourth generation, local family business. He was an active member of the San Carlos Rotary Club. Don graced the earth with his kindness and love. The consummate gentleman; Don always greeted you with a smile and trademark firm handshake, listened to what you had to say, and held the door for you whether he knew you or not.

An avid outdoorsman who fished, hunted and camped; a prolific crossword-solver and a jigsaw puzzler, he could also pitch a mean game of horseshoes. Don was a loyal friend, and loving companion who leaves a legacy that is admired by all who knew him. When not hard at work on projects, Don loved adventures—he and Jocelyn traveled the world on tours and explored California on up into Alaska by motorhome. Dearest to him were Memorial Park, the Bauer family cabin on the Oregon Coast where he and Jocelyn honeymooned, and many summers spent on the south shore of Maui including the family reunion they hosted on their 50th anniversary.

Don leaves behind his wife Jocelyn, and three sons: Douglas (Susan), David (Chris) and Darryl (Lori). He was Grandpa to: Adam Krusi-Thom (Jillian), Mike, Nick & Dan Nardini, Brian, Kelly and Joel Thom and Great Grandpa to Madison & Emma Nardini. Also survived by siblings: Phylis Agnelli (Lou), Doug Thom (Libbie), Gini Alexander (Brian), sister-in-law Barbara Bauer and Don's childhood friend of 80 years, James Old, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Don's family and friends celebrate this great man and his enduring spirit.

A Public Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 22, 1:30 PM, Epiphany Episcopal Church, 1839 Arroyo Ave, San Carlos, CA 94070

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association: www.Alz.org

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COMMUNITY BRIEF

FREE TAXES HELP

As tax day steadily approaches, free tax services are now available in two Mountain View locations for eligible families.

Those earning \$52,000 or less in 2013 are eligible for free tax services, including tax preparation and electronic filing, as well as help applying for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

These services are provided through the Earn It! Keep It! Save It! program offered by United Way Silicon Valley. The program aims to connect eligible families with free tax services from IRS-certified volunteers at local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites.

Two local VITA sites for these free tax services in Mountain View can be found at San Antonio Place at 210 San Antonio Cir. and St. Athanasius Catholic Church at 160 N Rengstorff Ave. Tax preparation services at VITA sites are offered in a number of languages, including English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Tagalog, Farsi and Arabic.

Information and additional VITA sites can be found by dialing 2-1-1, the United Way's Information and Referral line, or by going to www.211scc.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE FORMER NAVAL AIR STATION MOFFETT FIELD

Restoration Advisory Board Meeting



February 2014

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

Thursday, February 13, 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.

Visit the Navy's website: http://www.bracpmo.navy.mil/brac_bases/california/former_nas_moffett_field.html



MARJAN SADOUGHI
Garon Bolden in 2007.

SCHOLARSHIP

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age. He learned to read music when he was 8 years old. When he was 10, Bolden co-wrote and produced two hip-hop songs that were featured on several local radio stations, including KMEL.

The *Voice* profiled Bolden in a 2007 article, which focused on one of his songs, titled "Makin' the Grade," in which the young emcee rapped about staying out of trouble so he could excel in his studies.

His parents, Greg and Renee, have started a scholarship fund

in his honor. All proceeds will go into a scholarship fund that will be managed by San Jose State University.

Those who wish to contribute to the Garon Bolden Memorial Fund can do so by going to sjsu.edu/giving, clicking on the "Give Now" button in the lower right-hand corner of the screen and typing "In Memory of Garon Bolden" in the "Other Purpose Box."

Donations can also be mailed to be mailed to SJSU, University Advancement, One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95192-0183. ■

FLU DEATHS

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The flu season extends to April, she said.

Meanwhile, the California Department of Public Health announced that at least 147 people have died statewide from the flu so far this season, not including the two new deaths in Santa Clara County.

The number of people who died from the flu during the entire 2012-2013 season in California was only 106, state public health officials reported.

Deaths from the flu in other Bay Area counties this season include at least four in Alameda, five in Contra Costa, two in Marin, two in Monterey, four in San Mateo, one in Santa Cruz and four in Sonoma, state officials said.

The Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency said today that a man between 20 and 30 years old had been admitted to the county's intensive care unit with the flu, the ninth such ICU case this season, including one person who died.

People at the highest risk for the flu are the elderly, pregnant

women, infants and those with existing health problems. Symptoms include fever, coughing, sore throat, runny nose, head and body aches and fatigue, state health officials said.

Cornell said that H1N1 is dangerous because it can afflict people of all ages and hits younger people particularly hard.

The health department recommends that people obtain flu shots, which this year can help prevent H1N1, Cornell said.

The public can get shots without an appointment at Santa Clara County's public health department at 967 Lenzen Ave. in San Jose from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., for a fee of about \$63 that includes a medical examination, Cornell said. Vaccine is also available at multiple locations in Mountain View, including the free RotaCare Clinic on the El Camino Hospital campus, Palo Alto Medical Foundation's Mountain View Center, Kaiser, Safeway and various chain drug stores.

The county does not provide shots to pregnant women or people under the age of 18, according to the department's website. ■



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District takes aim at illegal banners

YOUTH SPORTS TEAMS MAY HAVE TO REIN IN SIGNS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

By Katie Straub

Members of the Mountain View Whisman school district board discussed placing tighter restrictions on banners promoting youth sports in non-certified public spaces during a school district board meeting Jan. 23. A vote on the topic was set for the Feb. 6 board meeting.

The banners in question are used by local baseball, softball and soccer teams to advertise season registrations. However, the banners are often placed in non-certified public spaces, most commonly on fences outside schools.

"When you see a Little League banner on the fence of a school, it is hung illegally," said Superintendent Craig Goldman during the district meeting. "And, actually, it has been hung illegally by an organization that knows it's not allowed."

The city of Mountain View approved a policy last October mandating that youth sports organizations hang banners in only three designated areas: Eagle Park, Rengstorff Park, and McKelvey Field. The same policy requires the groups to give their banners to city staff to hang in

designated areas and remove after eight weeks.

However, this policy is not always respected. School board trustee Steve Nelson said during the meeting, "I live outside Bubb School and I can tell you that, at Little League time, there are banners up there. But as a property owner and someone who has not always been involved in Little League, it doesn't really bother me."

Any illegal hanging of banners outside this policy is "a burden on maintenance staff and a burden on city staff," said Goldman. "If banners aren't (legally hung), they are left up there long after registration."

Goldman proposed during the meeting that the city and the school district jointly add Slater School (along Whisman Road) and Crittenden Middle School (along Middlefield Road) as two additional legal locations for the banners.

Slater and Crittenden were identified by the city as strategic locations with high visibility to passing traffic.

The school district board was largely receptive to the idea and is set to make a decision at its next meeting Feb. 6. ■

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Google tests East Bay ferry service

This week, Google had a weeklong trial run of a private ferry service from the East Bay to Silicon Valley for its employees, according to the Water Emergency Transportation Authority.

As reported Jan. 23 in the *Voice*, Google planned its trial of the East Bay ferry service while in the midst of its trial ferry service from San Francisco to Redwood City.

During the five-day trial period, which ends Friday, Feb. 7, Google vessels departed from Harbor Bay in Alameda each morning and ferried passengers to Redwood City, according to the transportation authority, which oversees San Francisco Bay Ferry service.

Last month, Google started a similar trial ferrying its employees between San Francisco and Redwood City. That five-week trial also ends this Friday.

WETA executive director Nina Rannells said in a statement that the transportation authority “has a long-term strategic plan for expanding ferry service in San Francisco Bay,” and that the Google ferry service will complement the public ferry services.

Based on how smoothly the service runs, the private ferry has the potential to become a permanent option for Google employees living in the East Bay and commuting to the company's headquarters in Mountain View.

Google has agreed to pay WETA \$275 per landing. In an effort not to disrupt regular commuters, Google ferry riders will also not be allowed to park in the Harbor Bay ferry parking lot or on adjacent neighborhood streets.

Google will provide off-site parking and a shuttle service for its employees.

The Google ferry service is not expected to impact the normal San Francisco Bay Ferry schedule, WETA officials said.

The ferry services come as Google and other tech companies have faced criticism for providing private commuter buses in San Francisco that housing advocates say have led to higher costs of living in the city and cause delays for public bus service.

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Aging in Place 2014

Saturday, February 8th 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Seniors, families of seniors, baby-boomers! Don't miss out on our third annual Aging in Place event at the Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue, sponsored by the City of Mountain View's Senior Advisory Committee and partner, DrukerCenter for Innovation. Comprehensive seminars offered on an array of topics. Volunteer eldercare professionals will be on-site to answer your questions. This event is FREE. Registration begins at 8:30am. Cash lunch is provided.

9:00-9:30 Main Hall: Introduction by Elna Tymes, Senior Advisory Committee member
What is Aging in Place? The benefits and challenges of staying in your own home.

Conference Schedule:

9:40-10:40 BLOCK ONE (two choices)

Alzheimer's or is it Normal Aging (A)
Elna Tymes, SAC member

Living with Arthritis (B)
Sangeetha Bala, MD, South Bay Joint Care, INC

1:00-1:50 BLOCK THREE (two choices)

Affordable Care Act (A)
Janet Wells, Suzanne Wells, Mid-Peninsulans for Affordable Care

Rightsizing your Life - Is it Time? (B)
Cindy Hofen, Managing Moves

10:50-11:50 BLOCK TWO (two choices)

Strategies for Success for People with Vision Loss (A)
Alice McGrath, Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

How to Get the Most out of Your Golden Years (B)
Dr. Anne Ferguson, Bay Area Older Adults

2:00-2:50 BLOCK FOUR (two choices)

linkAges in the Community: What's in it for You (A)
Dr. Martin Entwistle, Druker Center for Innovation

VA Support for the Aging Veteran (B)
Dr. J. Lisa Tenover, Palo Alto VA

3:00: Conference Ends

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FHDA chancellor appointed to governor's commission

By Nick Veronin

The governor has appointed the chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District to a special committee known for influencing the decisions of policy makers and education officials in California and 14 other western states.

Gov. Jerry Brown announced his appointment of Linda Thor to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education — or WICHE — on Jan. 29.

"I have long admired the work of WICHE, particularly in the areas of higher education policy and research as well as educational technology," Thor said in a FHDA press release. "I am proud to be asked by the governor to represent California on a commission that is focused on student access and success."

Thor will start work immediately as one of three California representatives on the non-profit commission, which, according to the release, was founded in the 1950s to improve access to higher education opportunities for residents of 15 western states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oregon,

Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and the Pacific territories.

Thor's appointment to the committee comes shortly after the local community college district was recognized as a leader in online education. The district was recently awarded \$16.9 million in state funds to develop a statewide online educational system in partnership with the Butte-Glenn Community College District in Northern California.

The chancellor is highly qualified for her latest appointment, according to Michael Kirst, president of the California Board of Education. "Linda Thor's experience in Arizona and California can provide ideas for new interstate initiatives in many crucial postsecondary domains, Kirst said.

The Commission for Higher Education is known for running student exchange programs that help students attend classes at schools outside of their home state while avoiding much of the high cost associated with out-of-state tuition, the release said. Additionally, the commission collects and analyzes data in order to help education officials, policy makers and state governors craft and implement better policies. ▀

CONSERVATION

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creeks are drying up as local reservoirs are not being replenished and have dropped to 54 percent of the 20-year average.

However, despite the dry spell, the district is not at risk of getting tapped out, at least not yet. According to a press release, because of careful water management, the county's local water sources are in "fair shape."

Still, Grimes said, consumers need to do their part. The drought is "even more serious around the state," he explained. That means the district can't rely on getting much help from the Central Valley Project — the federal water management authority, which in the past has supplied water to the area, but is expected to only divert a fraction of its normal delivery this year.

The California State Water Project, the state's version of

the Central Valley Project, announced on Jan. 31 that it would not be supplying any cities with water this year.

"This is a very good time to think about how you use water in your home — both inside and out," Grimes said, adding that the Santa Clara Valley Water District offers incentives and programs to help consumers reduce their usage.

Grimes pointed to rebate programs offered by the district, as well as the Water-Wise House Call — a free service, in which a district water use expert comes out to your home and helps you figure out ways to reduce water consumption.

To learn more about how the Santa Clara Valley Water District can help you, check out the "Water Conservation" page on their website at valleywater.org/programs/waterconservation.aspx. You can also call the district's main line, at (404) 265-2600. ▀



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Thanks to an anonymous donor and other gifts from several foundations, including the Google Tides Foundation, the *Voice* Holiday Fund chalked up a record-breaking year with \$114,628 in donations from 160 contributors. Last year a similar number of gifts brought in \$70,900.

The donations will be split evenly among the seven nonprofit agencies that serve residents in Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. Each agency will receive a check for more than \$16,000.

In addition to the Tides Foundation, the Fund was supported by the Wakerly Family Foundation, in memory of *Voice* founder Kate Wakerly, the David and Lucille Packard Foundation, and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

Money contributed to the Holiday Fund, now in its 12th year, is held by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and will be distributed to the nonprofit agencies in a few weeks. No administrative costs or fees are deducted from the Holiday Fund gifts, so 100 percent of all donations will be shared equally by the nonprofits supported by the Fund.

Here are the organizations supported by the Holiday Fund:

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.

Day Worker Center

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

Partners for a New Generations

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

Community School of Music and Arts

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

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 under-served demographic group.

YWCA Support Network for Domestic Violence

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

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.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

OPPOSITION NOTED TO GREYSTAR PROJECT

Contrary to the article in last week's *Voice*, there was significant opposition to the project at Castro Street and El Camino Real from the community. In addition, three council members, not two, opposed the project as it stands. I didn't keep an exact count, but maybe three out of 20 speakers favored the project, and the remainder opposed it.

The three council members opposed cited the potential traffic congestion resulting from the project's high apartment density, leading to possible gridlock during peak commute hours, safety concerns for Graham students walking to and from school, insufficient parking, possible loss of Rose Market due to the lengthy construction period, and certain loss of Gochi's restaurant.

In his comments, council member Jac Siegel waved the bundle of signed petitions opposing the project, saying "I'm listening to you." The online

petition opposing the project has 458 people who have signed, with more expected. Council member Margaret Abe-Koga said the council should be trying to support existing businesses, not drive them away, and that as a Graham parent she was very concerned about student safety on Castro due to the potential traffic congestion from the project when completed. Council member John McAlister opposed the project, saying the bird's-eye view "scared the bejeezus out of me," as was reported in last week's *Voice*.

All three voted to take out the fourth floor of the planned structure, and for parking concerns to be addressed. The other four voted to proceed with the current plan.

The project is going forward to the next review stage which will include a traffic study. Hopefully community concerns will be addressed more fully as the process unfolds.

*Richard Woolley
Cornelia Court*



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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

A winning blend

GOCHI

SERVES UP TASTY
JAPANESE FUSION
IN SMALL PLATES

*By Sheila Himmel
photos by Michelle Le*

Mountain View must have done something right. The city now houses half a dozen excellent, reasonably priced Japanese restaurants, providing variety from sushi to ramen. Gochi Japanese Fusion Tapas joined the pantheon in August.

In other hands, that mouthful of cuisines could be a mess. But chef/owner Sakae Motoyuji worked for eight years with Masahiko Takei at the original Gochi restaurant, in Cupertino. They skillfully blend ingredients and textures, eye appeal and health concerns. The wide-

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Yaki udon with kurobuta pork at Gochi Japanese Fusion Tapas in Mountain View.



Above: Salmon alburì carpaccio with balsamic ponzu sauce, wasabi cucumber and truffle oil. **Left:** Ako Endo takes a lunch order at Gochi.

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ranging menu offers options to please traditionalists as well as adventurous diners, those with big expense accounts and the rest of us. A long list of the day's specials sits on your table while you peruse the voluminous regular menu — or the vegetarian or gluten-free menus.

Among the fraction of menu items we sampled, one favorite dish was unagi meshi, rice cooked in a rough-hewn clay pot with vegetables and onions, laden with chewy seaweed and tender barbecued eel. Other

Korean-type clay pot dishes include braised ground chicken and pork dry curry. Some are starred, pointing you to the heading "Good Things to Know." One is that starred dishes come with a rare poached egg. The other Good Thing to Know is that hot dashi broth (\$2.50) is recommended for the seafood pots. It adds a cleansing sweetness after you've devoured every molecule of crunchy, toasted rice that sticks to the bowl. Clay pots are for sharing. The "small" size, feeding two to three people, ranges from \$18 to \$28.

In Italian fusion, Gochi's offers

six cheese pizzas (\$12.50). Really. The crust is thin and crispy. We devoured the okonomiyaki-style pizza, bubbling with strips of cabbage, pork and squid. The mentaiko — topped with spicy code roe, snow crab, mushrooms and bacon — has legions of fans.

As a light counterweight, I'd suggest tomiyo itame (\$6.50) sautéed pea sprouts in garlic sauce.

Seaweed salad (in \$5 and \$8 sizes) is a bed of regular baby greens topped with crunchy daikon and an assortment of supple, nutrient-rich, non-fishy vegetables of the sea. I would call this California fusion.

The deep-fried shrimp balls (\$8.50) are like lightly coated meatballs. With a pleasant tempura dipping sauce, they were good but not as special as other dishes, such as another tempura dish, a daily special of savory, rich, immune-boosting maitake mushrooms served with a dashi dipping sauce.

We will go back and sample the izakaya portion of the menu, the half-dozen hot or cold udon noodle dishes, any of the starters and desserts.

In many restaurants, "tapas" are excuses to charge a lot for small plates. Gochi isn't cheap —



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Valentine's Weekend Menu – February 14th thru February 16th

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Salad

Summer in Sorrento – Watermelon topped with Feta cheese squares, arugula, figs, Sicilian olives with Vidalia onion dressing.

Orange and Fennel – Organic mix greens, Crunchy crisp fennel, onions. Topped with fresh orange wedges, pistachios and an orange vinaigrette dressing.

Entrees

Filet Mignon – Filet mignon in a red wine reduction Served with broccolini and a risotto cake filled with blue cheese.

Braised Short Ribs in a light red wine sauce – served with polenta and seasonal fresh cut vegetables.

Grilled Lamb Chops in a lemon vinaigrette sauce – Served with Swiss chard, and roasted potatoes.

Linguine Pescatore – fresh salmon, snapper, clams, mussels and prawns in a spicy tomato sauce.

Mushroom Ravioli – with Roma tomatoes and fresh spinach, in a light Marsala cream sauce.

Grilled Salmon – served with sautéed spinach, wild rice and vegetables.

Dessert

Tiramisu – Italian dessert, consisting of alternating layers of coffee-soaked lady fingers and sweet mixture of mascarpone cheese, eggs and sugar.

Heart Shaped Gelato – You choice of chocolate gelato coated in dark chocolate or strawberry gelato coated in red chocolate.

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Mentaiko pizza with spicy cod roe, snow crab, mushrooms and bacon.

and requires \$10 minimum per person. But it isn't a dive.

Service is welcoming and friendly, although you have to be comfortable with being called "guys." There can be issues with pacing. Everything may come at once or, if there's a large party, energetic waving may be required to flag down a server for your check.

Gochi is short for gochisou, meaning a treat or "delicious hearty meal," according to the restaurant's website. Takei worked in many Bay Area restaurants before opening in Cupertino, in 2005. In Mountain View, they extensively remodeled the space long held by Sushi Tei, next to Peet's Coffee & Tea on Castro Street, on the other side of El Camino from downtown. Parking is a breeze.

The future, however, is murky. Petitions at the front of the restaurant explain the predicament that Gochi faces with a developer that has big plans for the site. Go eat there now. ▣

■ **DINING NOTES**

Gochi Japanese Fusion Tapas

1036 Castro St.,
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650-965-8301

www.gochifusiontapas.com

Hours:

Tues.-Sat. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 6-10 p.m.; Sun. 5:30-9:30 p.m.. Closed Monday.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

LABOR DAY ★1/2

Set in 1987 small-town New Hampshire — and based on Joyce Maynard's bestselling novel — "Labor Day" concerns broken-woman divorcee Adele (Kate Winslet, stuck in blandly stricken mode) and her 13-year-old boy Henry (Gattlin Griffith). Adele suffers from severe depression and mild agoraphobia, which have rubbed off on Henry. The boy stays close to his fragile mother's side, hopelessly trying to provide her with the comforts only a husband can provide her. Socially underdeveloped, Henry enjoys movies like "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" and "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back," all of which reflect a yearning for a rite of passage guided by an external "force." Just such a force arrives in Frank (Josh Brolin), an escaped convict who demands to hide out in Adele and Henry's home, doing so over the five-day Labor Day weekend. *Rated PG-13 for thematic material, brief violence and sexuality. One hour, 51 minutes.* — P.C.

LONE SURVIVOR ★★1/2

Above all an action movie, "Lone Survivor" bucks the trend of recent thought-provoking tales of survival like "All is Lost," "Gravity" and "12 Years a Slave." The firepower-filled film based on Marcus Luttrell's nonfiction book (co-written with Patrick Robinson) takes for granted the simple psychological drive of survival and doesn't pause to consider philosophical

implications. The main impression "Lone Survivor" leaves is of bodies taking incredible punishment and clinging to life while under constant attack. Producer-star Mark Wahlberg plays Luttrell, one of a four-man SEAL team tasked with locating and assassinating senior Taliban commander Ahmad Shah (Yousuf Azami). Dispatched as a part of 2005's Operation Red Wings, Luttrell's colleagues include team leader Lt. Michael P. Murphy (Taylor Kitsch), Danny Dietz (Emile Hirsch) and Matthew Axelson (Ben Foster). Based in Bagram, the men hunker down in the Hindu Kush mountains of the Kunar province to stake out Shah and plan their move. *Rated R for strong bloody war violence and pervasive language. Two hours, one minute.* — P.C.

AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY

★★★

Based on Tracy Letts' Pulitzer Prize-winning drama (also Best Play at the Tonys), "August: Osage County" probably isn't for most boxing or MMA enthusiasts. But it'll be raw meat for theater fans or anyone who enjoys seeing a dysfunctional family strap on the gloves and go a few rounds. The Weston clan is, by design, the mother of all post-Greek tragedy dysfunctional families, and since that "mother" is Meryl Streep, hold on to your popcorn. Streep plays Violet Weston, who reluctantly plays host to her three grown daughters (and their significant others) when their soused father Beverly (Sam Shepard) goes AWOL. The mystery of Beverly's disappearance serves as little more than a catalyst for explosive reactions amongst the characters and secrets jammed into the dim, depressing Weston house (tapping the shades, one character ruefully remarks, "You can't tell if it's night or day").

And so the three sisters — Barbara (Julia Roberts), Ivy (Julianne Nicholson) and Karen (Juliette Lewis) — commiserate and attempt to handle, or simply bear, their overbearing mother, whose ironic mouth cancer has her doubling down on her addictions to pills and sowing unhappiness. *Rated R for language including sexual references, and for drug material. Two hours, one minute.* — P.C.

THE NUT JOB ★1/2

Set in the late '50s in the fictional town of Oakton, "The Nut Job" concerns one Surly (sitcom star Will Arnett), a ruthless rodent self-described as "just a squirrel trying to get a nut." For participating in a nut-gathering incident gone disastrously wrong, Surly gets banished from the city park where a community of critters has been struggling mightily to save enough nuts to sustain them through winter. So Surly, trailed as ever by his dim-bulb buddy Buddy, faces the harsh world of city streets and alleyways and storefronts, but lo! It's a nut store! Sweet providence! And a chance for Surly to redeem himself, if he chooses to play nice with those who've rejected him. Playing peacemaker is Katherine Heigl's Andie, but Liam Neeson's tin-pot tyrant Raccoon proves, y'know, a tough nut to crack. Meanwhile, a human drama — actually, a human noir — is playing out among the denizens of the nut store: crooks using the shop as cover to plan and execute a bank heist. *Rated PG for mild action and rude humor. One hour, 26 minutes.* — P.C.

MOVIE CRITICS

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

MOVIE TIMES

12 Years A Slave (R) ★★★1/2

Century 16: 12:30, 3:45, 7:10 & 10:15 p.m.

American Hustle (R) ★★★ Century 16: 12:20, 3:40, 7:05 & 10:15 p.m.

Century 20: 12:55, 4, 7:15 & 10:25 p.m.

August: Osage County (R) ★★★

Century 20: 10:55 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:20 & 10:10 p.m.

Frozen (PG)

Century 16: 1:15, 3:55 & 7 p.m. Sing along: 11:55 a.m., 2:35 & 5:15 p.m. In 3-D: 10:30 a.m. & 9:50 p.m.

Century 20: 1:50 & 7 p.m. Sing along at 12:05, 2:45 & 8:10 p.m. In 3-D at 11:15 a.m., 4:25 & 9:35 p.m.

Gloria (R) Palo Alto Square: 1:45, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m. Fri & Sat at 9:55 p.m.

Gravity (PG-13) ★★★1/2

Century 20: In 3-D at 11:50 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:05 & 9:45 p.m.

Her (R) ★★★

Century 20: 5:20 & 10:45 p.m.

Palo Alto Square: 4 & 7 p.m. Fri & Sun 1 p.m. Fri & Sat at 10 p.m.

Inside Llewyn Davis (R) ★★★ Century 16: 7:55 & 10:30 p.m.

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG-13)

Century 16: 11:05 a.m., 1:55, 4:55, 7:40 & 10:20 p.m.

Century 20: 11:55 a.m., 2:30, 5:05, 7:40 & 10:25 p.m.

The Jungle Book (1967) (G)

Century 20: 1 & 5 p.m.

Labor Day (PG-13) ★1/2 Century 16: 10:50 a.m., 1:35, 4:20, 7:15 & 10 p.m.

Century 20: 11:05 a.m., 1:55, 4:35, 7:15 & 9:55 p.m.

The LEGO Movie (PG)

Century 16: 10:15 a.m., 12:10, 2:55, 3:30, 5:30, 6:15, 8:05 & 10:40 p.m. In 3-D at 10:45 a.m., 12:50, 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9 & 9:40 p.m.

Century 20: 11 a.m., 1:05, 1:40, 4:20, 6:15, 7 & 8:50 p.m. In 3-D at 10:30 a.m., 3:40, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m. In X-D at 11:45 a.m. 2:25 & 5:05 p.m.

The Little Mermaid (1989) (G)

Century 20: 3 & 7 p.m.

Lone Survivor (R) ★★1/2 Century 16: 7:20 & 10:20 p.m.

Century 20: 11:20 a.m., 2:10, 5, 7:50 & 10:45 p.m.

The Metropolitan Opera: Rusalka (Not Rated)

Century 20: Sat 9:55 a.m.

Palo Alto Square: Fri & Sat 9:55 a.m.

The Monuments Men (PG-13)

Century 16: 10:25 a.m., noon, 1:25, 3, 4:25, 6:10, 7:25, 9:10 & 10:25 p.m.

Century 20: 10:45 a.m., 12:10, 1:55, 3, 4:45, 6 & 9 p.m. In X-D at 7:35 & 10:30 p.m.

Mr. Deeds Goes to Town (1936) (G) Stanford Theatre: 3:50 & 7:30 p.m.

Nebraska (R) ★★★

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

The Nut Job (PG) ★1/2

Century 16: 10:20 a.m., 12:35, 2:50 & 5:05 p.m.

Century 20: 11:15 a.m., 1:30, 3:45, 6, 8:15 & 10:30 p.m.

Oscar Nominated Short Films 2014: Animated (G)

Aquarius Theatre: 11:45 a.m., 2:15 & 7 p.m.

Oscar Nominated Short Films 2014: Live Action (Not Rated)

Aquarius Theatre: 4:30 & 9:15 p.m.

Philomena (PG-13) ★★★

Guild Theatre: 1, 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.

Ride Along (PG-13) Century 16: 11:15 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:30 & 10:05 p.m.

Century 20: 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 8 & 10:30 p.m.

The Saratov Approach (PG-13)

Century 20: 11:25 a.m., 2, 4:40, 7:10 & 9:50 p.m.

Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13) ★★ Century 20: 1:20, 4:15, 7:30 & 10:20 p.m.

Sleepless in Seattle (1993) (PG)

Century 16: Sun 2 p.m.

Century 20: Sun 2 p.m.

That Awkward Moment (R)

Century 16: 12:05 p.m., 2:40, 5:05, 7:35 & 10:10 p.m.

Century 20: 5:10 & 7:35 p.m. Fri & Sat 12:15 & 2:40 p.m. Sat & Sun 10 p.m.

Vampire Academy (PG-13) Century 16: 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5:10, 7:50 & 10:35 p.m.

Century 20: noon, 2:35, 5:15, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m.

The Wolf of Wall Street (R) ★★★1/2

Century 16: 11:50 a.m., 4 & 8 p.m. Century 20: 12:10, 4:10 & 8:05 p.m.

You Can't Take It With You (1938) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m. Sat & Sun 3:25 p.m.

★ Skip it
★★ Some redeeming qualities
★★★ A good bet
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For show times, plot synopses, trailers and more movie info, visit www.mv-voice.com and click on movies.



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■ HIGHLIGHT

CSMA STUDENTS & FACULTY ART SHOW

300+ works of art by students & teachers from Community School of Music and Arts' Art4Schools Program will be on display at Mountain View City Hall Rotunda. Work by K-8 students & teachers from 17 local schools will be showcased. The public reception will be held Fri., Feb 7 from 3-6 p.m. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Free Mountain View City Hall Rotunda, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

ART GALLERIES

'Transitions' by Taryn Curiel "Transitions -- A Story of the Artistic Journey," an exhibit of paintings by Taryn Curiel, are on display at Viewpoints Gallery from Feb. 4 through March 1, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. There will be a reception to meet the artist and an art talk on Friday, Feb. 7, 5-8 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

Joyce Savre Hutt Exhibit Fields of Stanford poppies, images from the book "Violin" and recent "white" paintings comprise the Gallery 9 show called "Letters Home Across the Fields," presented by Menlo Park artist Joyce Savre Hutt. A reception will be held Friday, Feb. 7, 5-8 p.m. Gallery hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., noon-4 p.m. Runs through March 1. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

Memorial Church Tour Cantor Arts Center docents provide background on the architecture, carvings, mosaics and stained glass windows of Memorial Church and its restoration after the earthquakes of 1906 and 1989. Meets at the church entrance. No tours April 18 and Nov. 28. Every Friday at 2 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. <http://events.stanford.edu/events/5/563/>

Photography: The Cuban Evolution Silicon Valley photographers captured images of Cuba undergoing economic reforms and evolution. 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. Free. Foothill College - Krause Center for Innovation Gallery, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-534-6954. www.TheCubanEvolution.wordpress.com

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Friends of Mountain View Library Book Sale Friends of the Mountain View Library hosts its weekend book sale. Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Members of the Friends of the Mountain View Library have early Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mtn View. Call 650-526-7031. www.mvlibraryfriends.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Growing Citrus in Santa Clara Valley Master Gardener Ann Ranish will cover a brief history of citrus in California, tips on planting and caring for citrus and the best varieties for local climate and soils. Feb. 8, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library - Community Room, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 408-282-3105. www.mastergardeners.org/scc.html

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

Spring and Summer Vegetable Gardening Now's the time to start thinking about your spring & summer veggie gardens. The Master Gardeners will present a talk about growing vegetables in early spring, including planting seeds directly in the soil now and transplanting seedlings into vegetable beds. This is also a good time to start seeds for summer crops. Feb. 8, 7:45-8:45 p.m. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos. Call 408-282-3105. www.mastergardeners.org/scc.html

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

WikiSeat Challenge Kick-Off Designer Nic Weidinger kicks off a challenge to library patrons of all ages and abilities: build a WikiSeat. Feb. 15, 2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View.

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.siliconvalleyshambhala.org/program-details/?id=138840

CONCERTS

Palo Alto Philharmonic Orchestra Concert III This concert will begin with a talk at 7:30 p.m., and then performances such as Beethoven's "Fidelio Overture, Op. 72c" and Tomaso Antonio Vitali's "Chaconne for Violin." Feb. 15, 8 p.m. \$20 adults; \$17 seniors; \$10 students. First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto. www.paphil.org/pages/concerts/orch3.php

EXHIBITS

'Imagined Spaces and Paintings' by Ernest Regua This exhibition will display artist Ernest Regua's abstract work, at the museum from Feb. 7 until March 30. There will be an opening reception Friday, Feb. 7, 6-8 p.m. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm

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

Tim McCanna at Books Inc. Author Tim McCanna will share his picture book, "Teeny Tiny Trucks" for a children's story time. Feb. 15, 4 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net/event/story-time-tim-mccanna-books-inc-mountain-view

FILM

'Watershed: Exploring a New Water Ethic for the New West' "Watershed" explores the future of the heavily dammed and diverted Colorado River in an era of rising population and climate change. The film screening will be followed by a Q&A session with the producer, James Redford. Sponsored by the Bill Lane Center for the American West at Stanford. Feb. 10, 7-9 p.m. Free. Stanford University - Clark Center Auditorium, 318 Campus Drive, Stanford. www.west.stanford.edu/events/watershed-exploring-new-water-ethic-new-west

LIVE MUSIC

'Songs from a Lost World of Italian Jewish Composers' Caroline Helton, soprano, and Kathryn Goodson, piano will perform "L'Infinito: Songs from a Lost World of Italian Jewish Composers, 1910-1945" as part of the A. Jess Shenson Recital Series at Stanford. Feb. 9, 2:30 p.m. \$15 general admission; \$10 for seniors and students; Stanford students free with student ID. Campbell Recital Hall, Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-3811. <https://music.stanford.edu/Events/shensonSeries.html>

West Bay Opera: 'The Elixir of Love' West Bay Opera puts on a production of Donizetti's comic opera about country bumpkin love and a snake oil salesman. Fully staged, with chorus and orchestra. Performs on Feb. 14, 16, 22 and 23. Sundays at 2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. \$40-\$75 Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-9999. www.wbopera.org

ON STAGE

Lamplighters Music Theatre: 'Die Fledermaus' San Francisco-based Lamplighters Music Theatre is coming to Mountain View to perform "Die Fledermaus," a comedy of mistaken

identity. They will perform a new translation, by David Scott Marley, of the German original by Johann Straus. Feb. 15-16, 8 p.m. \$20-53. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6000. www.lamplighters.org/season/season.html

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

Theater: 'L'elisir d'amore' Donizetti's musical comedy, "L'elisir d'amore" ("The Elixir of Love"), is about a country bumpkin getting the girl he loves with the help of an Italian-style snake oil salesman. Feb. 14, 16, 22 and 23. Sunday performances are at 2 p.m. 8-11 p.m. \$40-75. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-9999. www.wbopera.org

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

Aging in Place Conference The City of Mountain View's Senior Advisory Committee will offer comprehensive seminars on an array of topics regarding aging in place. Aging in Place-related vendors and volunteer eldercare professionals will be on-site to answer questions. Feb. 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 847-769-3830.

SPECIAL EVENTS

5th Annual Palo Alto AAUW Authors' Luncheon Four authors -- Rhys Bowen, Tracy Guzman, Michelle Richmond and Steve Sporleder -- share their stories during lunch on Saturday, Feb. 15, at this fundraiser for AAUW's Tech Trek math/science camp held at Stanford in July. 12-3 p.m. \$40 Michaels at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. aauw-paloalto.org

LECTURES & TALKS

Andy Weir at Books Inc. Andy Weir will share his novel, "The Martian," in conversation with Pascal Lee, planetary scientist and chairman of the Mars Institute. Feb. 13, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net/event/2014/02/21/month/all/all/1

Breakfast Club: Scaling Up Excellence This discussion will focus on how the best leaders and teams tackle key scaling challenges and traveling the path "from bad to great." Feb. 13, 7:30-9 a.m. Churchill Club Member \$28, non-member \$48 SAP, 3410 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto. Call 408-265-0130. transition.churchillclub.org/eventDetail.jsp?EVT_ID=1006

Fred Turner at Books Inc. Fred Turner, a journalist for more than 10 years and now associate professor of communication at Stanford University, will discuss his book, "The Democratic Surround: Multimedia and American Liberalism from World War II to the Psychedelic Sixties." Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net/event/fred-turner-books-inc-mountain-view

Parenting in the Age of Social Media Erica Pelavin and Gloria Moskowitz-Sweet from My Digital TAT2 will speak about the benefits and challenges that parents and children face living in a 24-hour digital media world. Meant for parents of students in grades 5-9. Feb. 11, 7-9 p.m. Free. Mountain View High School - Spartan Theater, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. www.lamvptac.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/DigitalTAT2flyer-2.11.14.pdf

SFMOMA's 'Photography: Art or Craft?' SFMOMA docents will lead a presentation that traces photography back to its origins and looks at its many roles in modern art. The talk examines

the evolving understanding of photography, from a scientific recording to an imitation of painting. Feb. 10, 7-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.scccl.org

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum George Cohn, president and co-founder of Mountain View-based Creation Ground Media, will discuss Google Glass and the wearable devices movement. Feb. 11, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$12. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. www.tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

Travel Tuesdays Talk Maureen Jones of All Horizons Travel will talk Dubai, Emirates Airlines and a South African safari. Feb. 11, 7-8 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.scccl.org

Winter Garden Talk Hidden Villa's agriculture manager, Jason McKenney, will show participants how the sustainable farming practice of sheet mulching lets nature do the work in the winter to replenish soil for a spring garden. Feb. 16, 1-3 p.m. \$40 per person. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-6326. www.hiddenvilla.org/programs/calendar-of-events/61-public-programs/182589-home-farm-workshop-the-winter-garden

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Author Tracy Clark Tracy Clark, author of "Scintillate," will be at Linden Tree Books for a reading and book signing. "Scintillate" is a young adult mystery and romance novel set in Santa Cruz and Ireland. Feb. 13, 7-8 p.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

Bay Area Shakespeare Camp Upstart Crows, a Bay Area Shakespeare/acting camp for teenagers, is offering a session in Palo Alto led by Phil Lowery, who played Macbeth in the 2011/12 SF Shakespeare Festival. Participants will prepare to perform in Shakespeare's comedy, "As You Like It." Experience welcome but not required. Feb. 15-April 26, Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$500 (includes scripts and supplies for the performance.) First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. Call 415-558-0888. www.sfshakes.org/camp/teen_camp.html

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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. CIRNER be appointed as personal representative 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 personal representative to take many actions

without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 19, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.: 12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ Diane S. Greenberg,
Jorgenson, Siegel, McClure & Flegel, LLP
1100 Alma Street, Suite 210
Menlo Park, CA 94025
(650)324-9300
(MVV Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 2014)

NOTICE OF BULK SALE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given to the Creditors of: ANNA MARGARETA GARCIA AND JAVIER GARCIA LOPEZ, Seller(s), whose business address(es) is: 889 LEONG DRIVE, City of MOUNTAIN VIEW, County of SANTA CLARA, State of California, 94043, that a bulk transfer is about to be made to: AFORTUNADO ENTERPRISES, INC., Buyer(s), whose business(es) address is: 889 LEONG DRIVE, City of MOUNTAIN VIEW, County of SANTA CLARA, State of California, 94043. The property to be transferred is located at: 889 LEONG DRIVE, City of MOUNTAIN VIEW, County of SANTA CLARA, State of California, 94043 Said property is described in general as: All stock in trade, fixtures, equipment, goodwill and other property of that MEXICAN

GROCERY STORE business known as MERCADO Y CARNICERIA MARLEN, and located at: 889 LEONG DRIVE, City of MOUNTAIN VIEW, County of SANTA CLARA, State of California, 94043. The bulk transfer will be consummated on or after the 26TH day of FEBRUARY, 2014. This bulk transfer is subject to Section 6106.2 of the California Commercial Code. If Section 6106.2 applies, claims may be filed at FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, Escrow Division, Escrow No: 5015589-LC, One Daniel Burnham Court, Suite 218-C, San Francisco, CA 94109. Phone: 415.359.2540 - Fax: 415.520.6641 ESCROW NO: 5015589-LC X This bulk transfer includes a liquor license transfer. All claims must be received prior to the date on which the Notice of Transfer of the liquor license is received by Escrow Agent from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. So far as known to the Buyer(s), all business names and addresses used by the Seller(s) for the three years last past, if different from the above, are: MERCADO MARLEN - 2512-2530 CALIFORNIA ST, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040 Dated: JANUARY 9, 2014 AFORTUNADO ENTERPRISES, INC. BY: FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY AS ESCROW AGENT BY: TIFFANY CRIGER, AUTHORIZED SIGNER 2/7/14 CNS-2583593# MVV

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 587292
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This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.
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Mountain View, CA 94040
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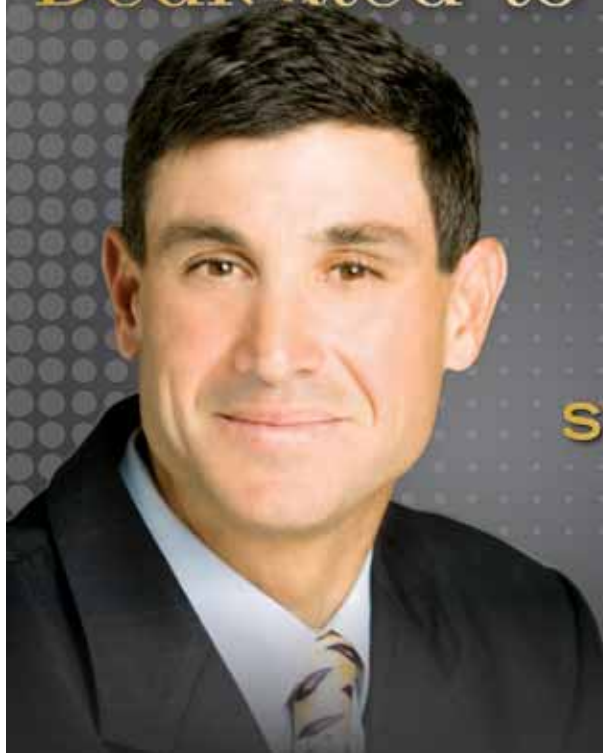
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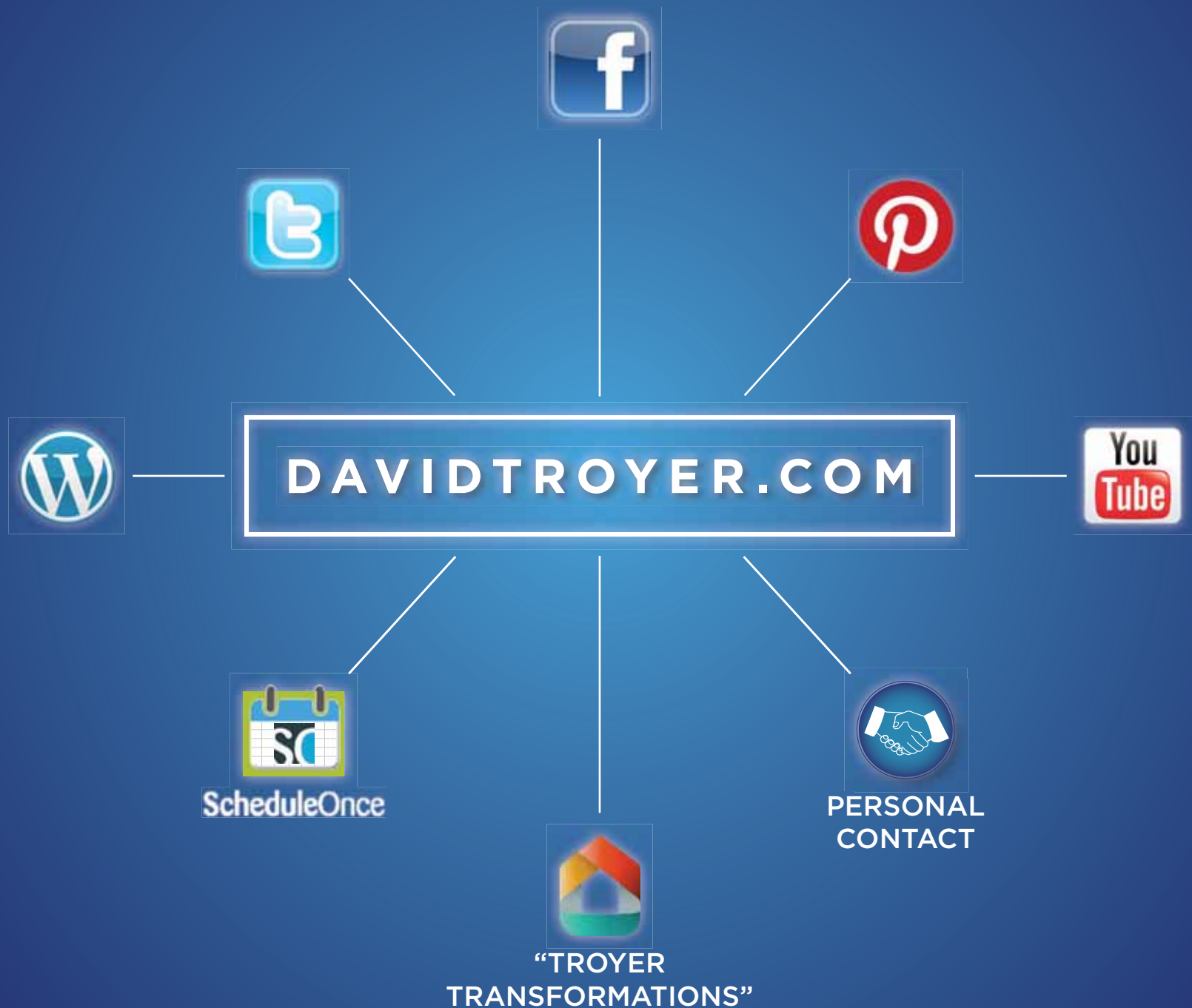
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