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## Dining Out Guide

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## Days numbered for city's small RV park

RESIDENTS DISPLACED AS PARK IS SLATED FOR TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

By Mark Noack

Dozens of residents living in a North Whisman RV park fear that they could be forced out of Mountain View now that the property is being sold to a residential developer.

Located just off Fairchild Drive, the land in question consists of two separate RV parks, listed under the names Bayair and Bayshore. But essentially, both parks are

treated as the same business since they are managed by the same owner and are located right next to each other.

Together, the Bayair/Bayshore parks hold 30 spaces for RVs or trailers, most of which are currently occupied at a monthly rents hovering around \$850 a month. Also on the chopping block are two occupied single-family homes as well as a vacant eight-room

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Cynthia Ayala, a Google employee who lives at the soon-to-close Bayshore RV Park, says she'll likely have to move back to Modesto and face a two-hour commute to Mountain View.

## MV council declines to revisit El Camino bus plan

SPLIT COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR VTA'S BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT CAUSING CONTROVERSY

By Mark Noack

A proposal to dedicate lanes of El Camino Real for bus traffic continues to be a lightning rod of controversy in Mountain View, but council members indicated they weren't

inclined to revisit the issue in the coming weeks.

On Tuesday, the City Council came to a 2-2 stalemate over a proposal by Councilman Lenny Siegel to quickly hold new talks over the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) plan. The council considered the

issue during an April 21 meeting, at which a narrow council majority voted to endorse the bus plan from the Santa Clara County Valley Transportation Authority.

Siegel, who opposed the plan, said on Tuesday that he wasn't seeking to redo the decision.

Instead, he explained that he wanted to schedule more discussion as a way to elaborate on Mountain View's position on matters such as what other vehicles could use the dedicated bus lanes.

"I'm not proposing a reconsid-

eration but a clarification," he said.

Siegel, the council's appointee to the BRT Advisory Board, explained that it would be helpful to have that clarity before the

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Street median landscaping can no longer be watered with drinkable water under new state laws, among other new water-use restrictions.

## City toughens up water restrictions

COUNCIL APPROVES TWICE-A-WEEK LANDSCAPE WATERING LIMIT

By Kevin Forestieri

Keeping your lawn alive just got a little more difficult. Following state-mandated requirements to reduce water use, Mountain View City Council voted 5-1 Tuesday night to adopt a plan that would reduce the city's water usage by restricting, among other things, landscape irrigation to

only two days per week.

The city of Mountain View will be required, by the state to reduce its water use by 16 percent compared to 2013, which amounts to about 500 million gallons over the next nine months. The number sounds daunting, but the city has already reduced its water usage by 13 percent and would only need to save an additional 180 gallons on top of what

residents have already saved.

To get over the hump and avoid a daily fine from the state of \$10,000 for failing to comply, the city imposed restrictions that would only allow landscape watering two times a week beginning in June. Odd-numbered addresses will be able to water on Monday and Thursday, and

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AROUND TOWN

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"I would say Nine Inch Nails and Taylor Swift, because one is really, really good and the other one is not. But I think it will attract a lot of people."

JC Mori Zur, Mountain View



"I'd like to see Jack White and Kanye West, because they're both super diva so it would be awesome."

Kate Fleming, Berkeley



"I would like to see Guns N' Roses and Maroon 5 because Guns N' Roses is very heavy metal, and then Maroon 5 is very pop."

Kit Lam, Mountain View



"In the interest of bizarre pairings, I've got to say Motörhead and Katy Perry — probably not as a duet."

Dean Jackson, Mountain View



"I'd like to see Taylor Swift and Kanye West because of the famous incident."

Rohit Pidaparathi, Mountain View

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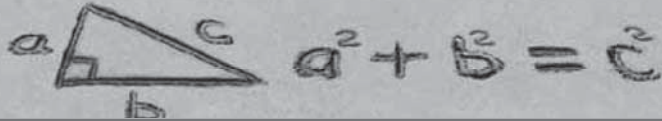
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■ CRIME BRIEFS

**COP HIT BY CAR**

Four suspects are in custody after a suspected financial fraud incident at an AT&T store in Mountain View in which two of the suspects drove their vehicle into an officer.

Officers responded to reports of suspicious circumstances at the store on 1040 Grant Road at around 9:30 p.m. Wednesday night, May 13. When they arrived, two of the suspects were inside the store while the other two remained in a nearby vehicle. The suspect driving the car suddenly and “purposely” maneuvered into one of the officers when they approached the store, injuring the officer, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department.

The officer suffered minor injuries and was

able to complete the arrests before being transported to a nearby hospital to assess the injuries.

“This is dangerous work,” Jaeger said. “You never really know what you’re going to get into.”

The four suspects are now in custody, but police have yet to release any additional information, including the identity of the suspects or the charges against them. Police believe the four were involved in financial fraud involving the purchase of cellphones at the store, Jaeger said.

**JEWELRY THEFT ARREST**

A Menlo Park woman was arrested last week

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■ POLICE LOG

**AUTO BURGLARY**

1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 5/13  
700 block W. Middlefield Rd., 5/14  
1900 block Latham St., 5/15  
Granada Dr., & Wright Av., 5/16  
400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 5/16  
1900 block California St., 5/18

**ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON**

1000 block Grant Rd., 5/13

**BATTERY**

1700 block Rock St., 5/13  
2400 block Wyandotte St., 5/16  
200 block Castro St., 5/17  
2200 block Old Middlefield Way., 5/18

**COMMERCIAL BURGLARY**

200 block E. Middlefield Rd., 5/13

**GRAND THEFT**

2400 block Grant Rd., 5/14  
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**KIDNAPPING**

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1400 block Lloyd Way, 5/15

300 block Escuela Av., 5/16

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200 block Easy St., 5/14  
400 block Franklin St., 5/14  
900 block Clark Av., 5/15  
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## Soaring into the past

There's still time to check out the collection of rare World War II aircraft at Moffett Federal Airfield. After being on display for the public to admire, explore inside or even take up for a ride, the event ends Saturday.

The vintage airplanes, which flew in last Friday afternoon, are displayed by the Collings Foundation, a nonprofit educational foundation devoted to teaching history. Now in

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Passenger **Fred Rios** checks out the interior of the B-24 Liberator American heavy bomber.

## City is growing, public school attendance is dropping

AFFLUENCE, PERCEPTION LIKELY CULPRITS FOR FAMILIES OPTING OUT OF MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View schools are facing a strange predicament. The local economy is humming along, people are moving into the city and dozens of new housing developments are either approved or in the works. All the ingredients are there for enrollment growth for the Mountain View Whisman School District.

But when demographers crunched the numbers late last year, they found district-wide enrollment is expected to stay flat and even decline in the coming years. The information stifled recent efforts by the district's Boundary Advisory Task Force to find ways to open a new school campus, and left many wondering why enrollment is stalling.

The increasing level of affluence in Mountain View, along

with perceptions of how public schools perform, may be the primary culprits.

Mountain View's population has been on the upswing in recent years and is expected to continue, bringing a projected 10 percent increase in the elementary and middle-school aged kids in the city by 2019, according to the district's demographic

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## Google to roll out new self-driving cars in MV

UP TO 25 NEW MODELS TO HIT CITY STREETS

By Mark Noack

The sight of Google's self-driving cars navigating the road is nothing new for Mountain View residents, but national tech media got whipped into a tizzy last week over news that a new fleet of auto-piloted cars will soon be hitting local streets.

In a May 15 blog post, Google announced it would begin testing out a new line of its autonomous vehicles, bringing as many as 25 new custom-built self-driving cars to the streets of the Mountain View in the coming weeks. Easily spotted on the road, the new cars feature a one-of-a-kind bubble shape that makes them resemble koala bears, according to some Google employees. Sitting atop the hood is the main eyes of the vehicle, a cylindrical laser scanner they joke looks like a bucket of chicken.

Making the new cars conspicuous might be part of the point. At this phase of the testing, engineers are focusing on getting human interaction with the autonomous vehicles. Google employees say they want to collect feedback from Mountain View residents on how the new prototypes interact with the flurry of activity on the road.

While the vehicles are sporting a new look, their brains are essentially the same as those of past models. For the last year and

a half, Google has been testing about 20 Lexus SUVs equipped with self-driving software in Mountain View, logging about 10,000 miles per week. Before that phase, the same Lexus models were already being tested out on freeways. In total, the Google team has tallied more than 1 million miles of road driving.

Google spokeswoman Katelin Jabbari said this wasn't quite the watershed moment for self-driving cars, but it was the incremental milestone toward eventually bringing the cars to the consumer market. Working to that goal, it made sense to build new prototypes in-house, allowing the company's team to custom-build their own sensors and equipment for the vehicle, she said.

"If we're shooting for a fully self-driving car without human intervention, you might as well build something that's purpose-built for autonomous driving," she said. "The news here is that we're ready to start."

All of the self-driving cars will be traveling no faster than 25 mph. Jabbari indicated that the drivers may sometimes take the vehicles onto roads with a 35 mph speed limit. She couldn't specify any particular streets where the cars would be tested.

In this testing round, all of the new models will have a driver sit-

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COURTESY OF GOOGLE

Google's newest fleet of self-driving cars is ready to hit the streets of Mountain View.

# City wins in long-fought lawsuits

SUITS CENTERED ON CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AGAINST APARTMENTS

By Mark Noack

Attorneys for Mountain View announced in recent days that they successfully defended the city against two lawsuits from landlords crying foul over the city's code enforcement on low-income housing units. Both cases were discussed by elected leaders on Tuesday in closed session.

The plaintiff in one of the cases, Sal Teresi of San Jose, complained that he lost as much as \$24.5 million because the city unfairly blocked his bid to renovate a 64-unit apartment community at 291 Evandale Ave. Back in 2006, Teresi had received city approvals to demolish the apartments and redevelop the site into condominiums. The action led to about 250 low-income residents being displaced, but the apartments were never razed.

The 2008 recession left Teresi with insufficient financing for the condominiums, and he decided it would be a better idea to remodel the old apartments to lease them out again, according

to court briefs. By this time, the vacant apartments were severely dilapidated, said City Attorney Jannie Quinn. In fact, the city police had used the vacant building to stage SWAT team exercises.

"The SWAT team can do things like blow doors off, or do incursions into the building," Quinn said. "You aren't going to do this to a building that's going to be re-inhabited."

City officials were outraged in 2008 when they learned that Teresi was making unsanctioned roof improvements in an effort to put the apartments back on the market. Code-enforcement officials later red-tagged the property and demanded the Teresi submit his modifications through the standard development-review process.

Court documents indicate that Teresi objected to the city's demands that he first repay \$127,000 in public money spent to help relocate his former tenants. That money was administered to former residents by the Community Services Agency,

and it later became the basis for the City Council passing a tenant-relocation ordinance, compelling other landlords to provide relief for displaced residents who meet low-income criteria.

Teresi later filed suit in 2010, alleging that city officials were being unreasonable and trying to extort money from him as a quid pro quo for his renovation permits. He later sold the property to another firm.

After losing in Santa Clara County Superior Court, Teresi's attorneys decided to reframe the case as a violation of federal Civil Rights. After years of waiting, the case was heard by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Earlier this month, the appellate court handed down a verdict siding with the city and rejecting Teresi's claims.

In the meantime, Mountain View officials are looking to press their advantage to force Teresi to settle an unpaid \$97,000 bill for all the planning costs resulting from his abandoned condominium project. The city filed

a counter-claim seeking repayment in federal court, which was later referred back to state court. That matter could be taken up once the federal decision is fully rendered.

## 819 Rengstorff Ave.

In a separate case, Charles Gardyn had sued the city over a string of code-enforcement violations at his apartment complex and retail strip at 819 Rengstorff Ave. The 1940s buildings had housed the La Bamba and La Costena taquerias, but it was faulted for poor roofing, illegal electrical work and un-permitted expansion buildings. Gardyn was ordered to stop renting out the apartments and pay \$100 a day in fines until his buildings were brought into compliance.

Gardyn tried to overturn the city's code-enforcement decision by taking the matter to court in 2010. But he lost the case, and was told to pay fees that totaled \$125,000. Undeterred, he exhausted every legal remedy available to him, said the city attorney. He tried to appeal the

case to a higher court, but he lost a second time. His attorney petitioned to get the case taken to the California Supreme Court, but the judges declined to consider it.

Meanwhile, as a way to force compliance, the city put a lien on Gardyn's Rengstorff property until he paid the judgment. He eventually paid that amount in order to sell off the site, according to court documents.

Gardyn later filed another lawsuit, this time naming specific city employees as defendants and demanding they pay him back his fees as well as an extra \$60,000. He alleged the city was violating its own municipal code by imposing the fines.

But the attempt ended up backfiring. Last month, a Santa Clara County judge decided to dismiss his lawsuit, and ordering him to repay the city's \$37,000 in attorney costs.

After being sold by Gardyn, the 819 Rengstorff property was developed into a mixed-use affordable-housing complex. On Tuesday, local political and non-profit leaders gathered at the site to celebrate the grand opening of "Studio 819," a 49-unit apartment building for people earning 45 percent or less of the Santa Clara County median income. ▀

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**DROUGHT**

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even-numbered addresses will be able to water on Tuesday and Friday. Each watering period will be limited to 15 minutes.

The watering restriction would save the city an estimated 171 gallons of water between now and June next year, assuming people were watering an average of four days per week in 2013.

If Mountain View residents stick to the new requirements, the city is expected to breeze past its 16 percent reduction in the coming year, according to Greg Hosfeldt, the city's assistant public works director. Between the new watering restrictions and reducing water budgets at parks and golf courses, the city is expected to drop use by between 570 to 633 gallons this year, Hosfeldt said.

"We're not necessarily trying to stop right at 16 percent, ideally we'd like to go beyond that," Hosfeldt said. "(With) another year or two of drought, we'll be tasked with even more conservation requirements."

City Council also approved an extra \$292,000 for drought response programs by the city, which would go towards mailing water use reports to water users, testing the city's smart meter program and sending out informational mailers, fliers and signs supporting reduced water use.

Lawns and other landscaping tend to be the target of new requirements from the state, and now from the city, because it's one of the largest non-essential uses of water. Landscape irrigation accounts for about one-third of the city's total water use, of which 23 percent is "large" landscaping such as parks, according to Elizabeth Flegel, the city's water conservation coordinator.

Of the \$292,000 in funds, \$100,000 is allocated to test new smart meter technology that the city could use to give residents quick updates on how much water they're using, rather than a monthly or bimonthly report. Kasperzak urged city staff to accelerate the implementation of city's smart metering program post-haste, and expressed concerns that they were moving too slow.

"It seems like we're just processing this as a usual sort of thing when we're in a crisis, and we ought to be doing things as fast as we humanly can," Kasperzak said.

Mike Fuller, the city's public works director, said putting the smart meter program in the fast lane would take a great deal of staff time and resour-



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**Landscaping water use** in North Bayshore along Charleston Road has been reduced by Google, leaving some areas to go brown.

es amid the new restrictions and the "tremendous traffic" of questions and complaints from Mountain View residents regarding water conservation. By focusing on the water use mailer programs, he said, they will be sure to reach more people with a method that is known to be effective.

"We felt that the mailer program that we recommended, considering the limited resources we have and the tremendous workload associated with the drought, that it's a better use of staff because it's a known way forward," Fuller said.

Kasperzak, skeptical, said residents could do a whole lot more with "real instant feedback" that smart meters can provide.

The new water use restrictions do not include the use of recycled water, meaning the hundreds of thousands of gallons of water used to irrigate landscapes in North Bayshore and golf courses will not need to be cut back. Hosfeldt said there's plenty of room to expand that recycled water use.

Mountain View falls well short of the 3 million gallons of recycled water they are budgeted for by the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant, and it's just a matter of hooking up new customers.

"We will be using additional staff resources to reach out and more aggressively pursue those additional users who have not connected yet," Hosfeldt said.

**Cutting back in North Bayshore**

The grass isn't always greener on the other side of Highway 101, where Google has been particularly successful reducing the water use in and around its company headquarters, using anything from high-tech solutions like water-recycling laundry machines to simply letting

lawns get a little brown.

The company has reduced its

water usage by 25 percent since

2013 and is continuing to find

ways to cut down, according to a Google spokesperson. The company has removed over 750,000 square feet of landscaping and converted it to drought-resistant plants, which is expected to save 26 million gallons of water each year, the spokesperson said.

Google has also partnered up with laundry water recycling company zNano to pilot technology that will recycle 80 percent of the water used in laundry machines, and startup company Nebia for new shower head technology that, again, would use about 80 percent less water.

While the company has been using recycled water for landscaping whenever possible, the spokesperson said, all irrigation that uses drinkable water has been dialed back while still keeping the trees alive. ■

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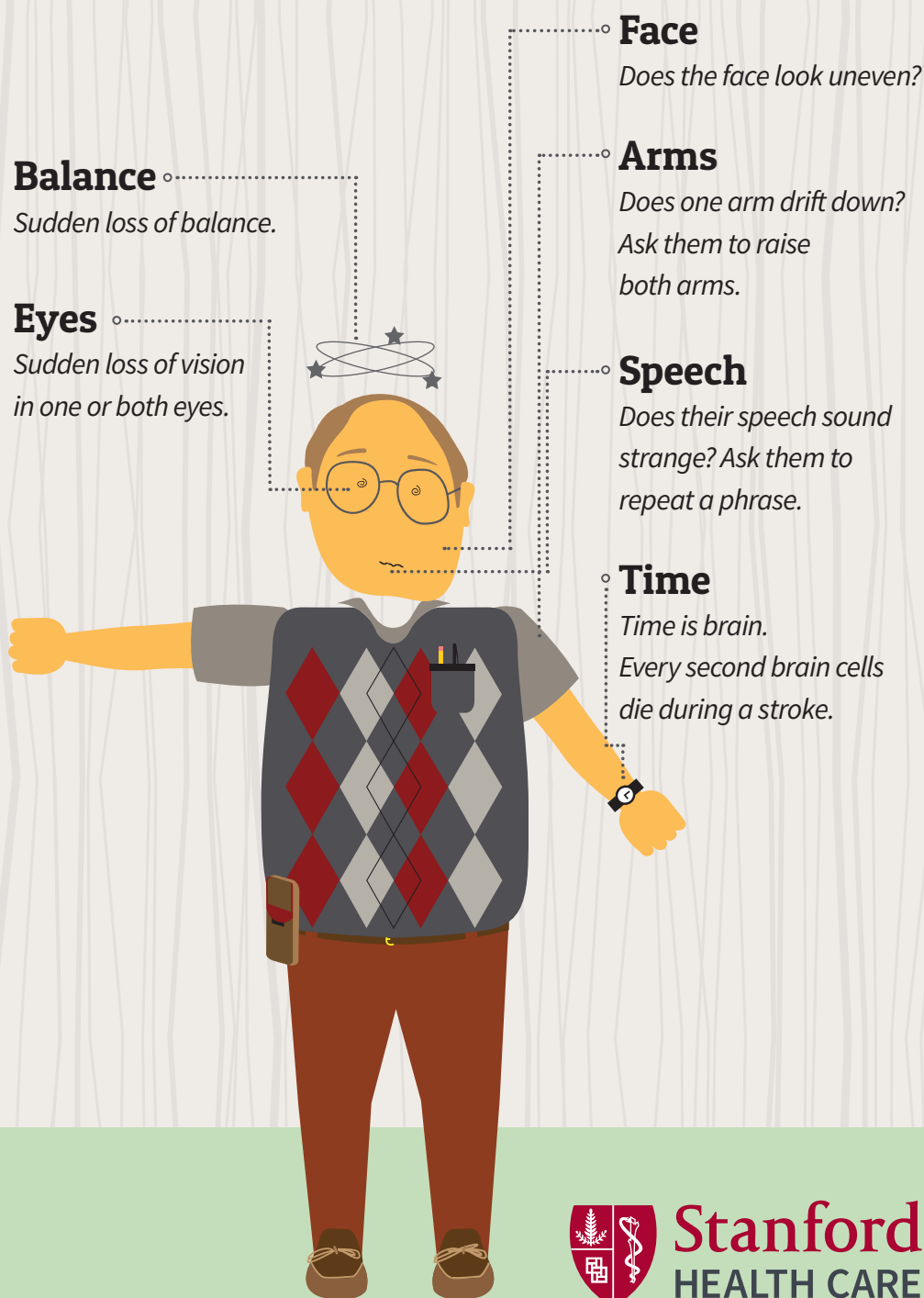
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## BUS PLAN

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board's next meeting on June 19. He admitted it was short timing, but said that the considerable public interest made it a worthwhile priority.

Costing an estimated \$223 million, the BRT proposal aims to enhance bus service by providing an express route running from Palo Alto to San Jose. The VTA-sponsored plan calls for two lanes of El Camino Real — one in each direction — to be closed off to all motorists except public buses. VTA officials have hinted that the exclusive lanes could be used by other drivers, such as emergency responders or private shuttles. Earlier in the meeting, Siegel plugged high-occupancy vehicles as another possible use for the lanes.

Other council members expressed reluctance to dive back into the complicated BRT issue and to task city staff with putting together a hasty report. Councilman Mike Kasperzak, a BRT supporter, said he doubted the council could come up with a meaningful list of priorities for BRT.

"We're not engineers," he said. "Just to have another meeting on this, I'm not sure that would be productive."

Since the decision last month, the BRT plan has continued to

be a cause célèbre among public speakers at council meetings. A regular chorus of merchants and residents near El Camino have appeared before the council to warn that the bus plan would create a traffic nightmare.

The brief discussion over Bus Rapid Transit on Tuesday came up during the council members' reports, a time members can pitch future agenda items. Getting those items in a future meeting requires a majority vote from the council.

Similar to past votes on the BRT plan, Mayor John McAlister and Councilman Chris Clark were instructed to recuse themselves from voting due to a possible conflict of interest over the properties they own near El Camino Real. Councilman Ken Rosenberg was absent from the meeting.

The remaining council members were evenly split in a 2-2 impasse, with Siegel and Councilman John Inks voting in support.

Ultimately, Mountain View and other cities along the El Camino corridor can play only an advisory role for the dedicated bus lane proposal. VTA officials have pledged they will seriously consider all input from impacted cities, but the agency's board of directors gets to make the final decision on the plan.

The VTA board is expected to take up the matter this fall. ▀

## GOOGLE CARS

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ting behind the dashboard who will be able to override the autopilot of the car. The models come with a removable steering wheel, accelerator pedal and brakes, giving the driver the ability to take control if needed.

For right now, Google and other firms have permission from the state Department of Motor Vehicles to test-drive autonomous vehicles on public streets. State regulators are currently working to draft new rules for enforcement and liability issues on self-driving cars as various companies race to develop the technology.

In the meantime, that leaves local police in some uncharted territory on how to enforce the law, should any accidents arise. Recently, Google announced that its self-driving cars had been involved in 11 accidents to date, although the company noted that those incidents were all the result of human error.

Local Mountain View police officials say that, as of yet, no special measures are planned to enforce regulations on self-driving cars. Until new rules are issued by California lawmakers, a driver behind the dashboard of a self-driving car is still tech-

nically in control of the vehicle, said Mountain View Police spokesman Sgt. Saul Jaeger.

"As of right now, the vehicle code hasn't changed," he said. "From a law enforcement perspective, (self-driving cars) will continue to be under the vehicle code until a bill is passed, as far as how they're regulated."

Google employees haven't set a hard date on when their new prototypes would hit city streets, but they indicated it would likely be in the next two months. Leading up to that date, the company has already begun reaching out to local stakeholders to inform them about their progress.

At a Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition meeting earlier this month, Sarah Hunter, the policy head at Google X, delivered a short presentation on the company's progress on self-driving cars. The technology has the potential to one day revolutionize automobile travel and improve road safety, she cheered.

"We're making the next small step forward, and we need to see how people react to these things," Hunter said. "I hope people will realize these cars are driving very, very slowly because they're very, very safe." ▀

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## RV PARK

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motel.

Current residents, some of whom have lived there for more than 30 years, describe the RV park as one of the only options for cheap housing in Mountain View's pricey rental market. The nearest RV park with ample available space is 34 miles away in Morgan Hill, according to a city report.

Elizabeth Sanchez, a medical worker and mother who asked to be identified by her middle name, worried that her family's only option would be to leave the area. That would be particularly hard for her daughters, ages 9 and 14, she said. They are good students, but she is concerned that their grades would take a hit if they were forced to go to different schools.

"We'll have to move to a less expensive area like Hollister," she said. "We're stressed out — this is your whole family and you have to worry about what's best for them."

It turns out that the fate of the RV park was sealed nearly two decades ago. As part of a 1997 precise plan for the Evandale neighborhood, city leaders marked the RV park to be closed down no later than December 2017. At the time, city officials opted not to include the mobile-home park as a recognized use and they flagged it to eventually be zoned residential. But exactly why city leaders went this route remains unclear.

"To be frank, I don't know," said City Planner Scott Plambaek. "They talked about wanting to integrate the area into the Whisman area ... and it's clear they felt that residential was the way to go."

Since 1969, the property has been owned and managed by William Stoddard, who died recently. The park was inherited by his daughter, Kim Stoddard, who took over management duties at the site, according to a closure-impact report commissioned by the city. Stoddard, who lives in Sausalito, said she had no option but to close the RV park due to the city's plans to rezone the site.

But the neighborhood also had serious maintenance issues. In late 2013, a sewer pipe burst underneath one of the motel units, and residents complained that a large amount of wastewater was leaking into the rooms. Alex Gonzalez remembers a lot of dark, smelly water gurgling up into his rental unit. The wastewater soaked his clothes and furniture, and he estimates he lost about \$2,000 in possessions that had to be thrown away. It took nearly a week before the owner



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**Most of the tenants** at the Bayshore RV Park have already vacated after receiving notice.

came in to fix the problem, he said.

"This was a good place until this happened," Gonzalez said. "But (Kim Stoddard) didn't maintain it. She didn't even act concerned."

The problems at the site came to the attention of city officials after residents began complaining that the landowner wasn't fixing the problem. As various city departments investigated the property, they learned the Stoddard family had illegally converted former garages into residential units. The motel was being rented out like single-room-occupancy units, which was not allowed by the city. The motel units were red-tagged and have remained closed ever since.

Stoddard did not return calls seeking comment about the past code violations.

Plambaek said city officials reminded Stoddard that the property was supposed to be redeveloped. Rather than fix the site, she entered talks to sell the

property, and eventually came to a deal with Fairchild-Evandale Investors LLC of Morgan Hill, he said. The developer intends to combine the RV park with a neighboring site to build 53 new row houses. Those homes would be put on the market for sale, likely around \$900,000 apiece, said developer spokesman Josh Vrotsos.

The RV community first learned about the plans in November, and ever since then residents have been scrambling to find a way to stay in the area before the park closes in December. The closure wasn't a huge surprise — the writing was on the wall, said Cinthia Ayala, a two-year resident. Standing in the doorway of her motorhome, she pointed to a construction yard next door for the first phase of 18 row houses being built. Once that work started, it seemed like only a matter of time before the RV park was eyed for redevelopment, she said.

As a food-service worker at the

Google campus, she has a good job that is conveniently right in her neighborhood. But now, she has little option but to move back with her parents in Modesto. She grimaced when describing the two-hour commute to Google she'll face.

"I'll try doing the commute, and if I can, maybe I'll get a low-income apartment that's closer," she said. "But I feel upset — I didn't want to lose my home."

Mountain View city officials encouraged residents to apply for affordable-housing at a new 49-unit studio apartment complex that is opening at 819 Rengstorff. While two families

expressed interest, household size limits ultimately prohibited them from being eligible, according to city reports.

The RV park's displaced residents will receive some assistance. Under a proposal by a city-hired consultant, Fairchild-Evandale Investors would offer to buy the motorhomes from any low-income residents, as well as pay them the difference between their current rent and the cost of one year of rent at a comparable apartment in Mountain View. Other residents in higher income brackets would receive the difference for three months of rent. All RV park residents would be entitled to a lump sum of \$2,000 for relocation costs as well as help from a specialist to find them a new home.

The city also commissioned an independent report to determine the full impact of closing down the RV park. Last week, the city zoning administrator reviewed that report and issued a recommendation to subdivide the property for the new development.

The City Council is expected to review the report next month. If approved by the council, the RV park could close by December. ▀

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# What's troubling local teens?

MENTAL HEALTH FORUM PUTS SPOTLIGHT ON PARENTS, COUNSELORS

By Kevin Forestieri

If you want to find out what's troubling local teens, go straight to the source.

A panel of teens from Mountain View and neighboring cities gathered at the Community Health Awareness Council headquarters earlier this month to explain what it's like to be in the high-stress high school environment that has mental health as a top issue in student well-being. Improved counseling services and better relationships with parents emerged as their top recommendations to the packed room.

The May 7 event is first of three that aims to give high school students a chance to explain directly to parents, grandparents and CHAC therapists why they think students are struggling with stress and anxiety. They pointed to a combination of pressure from parents and peers, along with fears of the future, as key reasons for widespread depression among teens in the area.

Teen mental health is a hot-button issue for many parents, students and school staff in the wake of recent teen suicides by students in the Palo Alto Unified School District, which prompted the first of three teen panel discussions, according to Hala Kleinknecht, a CHAC staff member and teacher at Stanford.

"With all the recent suicides at Paly and Gunn (high schools) we really felt like there needs to be a voice for these young people and talk about what its like to be them. They're educating us," Kleinknecht said.

Research shows that about one-third of teen stress comes from schools, Kleinknecht said, and parents are unfamiliar with the high number of academic options that students can take — and overtake — in today's high schools on a preparatory path towards college.

At a similar teen speaker forum hosted in Mountain View last month by the Mental Health Association of San Francisco, many parents also appeared unaware of what it's like growing up here. When a crowd member asked the dozens of students in the room how many of their parents grew up in the Bay Area, no one raised a hand.

Rachel Hurst, a freshman at Mountain View High School, said growing up in Silicon Valley makes students like herself feel like they have big shoes to fill. Amid the major success

stories of new tech companies, students feel a sense of steep competition from fellow students. All the pressure, Hurst said, can sometimes lead students to completely "tune out."

Those "clown-sized" shoes that students have to fill are compounded by plenty of other societal pressures, said Alta Vista sophomore Giulia DiSomma, including skyrocketing rent and the drought, as well as the perception that the "only way to make it" is to get good grades and get into a "fancy" college.

Simon Leak, a junior in the Middle College program who attended Los Altos High School for two years, said the relative affluence in the area also adds to the pressure of expected success, particularly when the high school parking lot has a significant number of Tesla, Porsche and BMW cars parked in it every day.

The students were anything but fatalistic. Alicia Holland, a senior at the Middle College program at Foothill College, compared teen depression to a downward slope with "plenty of points along the way" for help from parents, teachers and others to intervene and help students before its too late.

Whether teaching and counseling staff, and the school climate, allows for that kind of intervention is another story. As a former student at Gunn High School, Holland criticized teachers and counselors at the school for often being anything but a supportive resource, and said they were known to make discouraging comments to students regarding their academic prospects.

"I know of students who went to guidance counselors with B's and C's and come out being told they're not going to go to college," she said.

There are a handful of guidance counselors at Gunn, Holland recalled, as well as one associated student body counselor with a weak presence on the campus — only at the school a few days out of the week. That kind of school climate may work for some people, she said, but it didn't work for her.

"I'm not trying to demonize Gunn counseling, but it needs progress," Holland said.

While the suicides in Palo Alto have left school administrators, parents and therapists scrambling to find a solution to the problem, Holland insisted that there is no one-size-fits-all solu-

tion for kids. She later indicated that the recent decision to eliminate the early morning "zero period" option for students is the wrong direction.

"All these kids are all such individual cases. Globbing them all as one is just so unfair," Holland said.

Holland suggested that the primary culprit is teachers assigning too much homework and expecting too much, and that it's time to veer away from the discussion on whether or not students get enough sleep.

While throwing out zero period could be seen as a misguided approach, Leak said the decision shows school administrators are mindful of student mental health and are willing to give "fixing the problem a shot."

The responsibility doesn't fall squarely on the schools either, Hurst said, and it's up to parents to strike a careful balance between being supportive and maintaining an open dialogue with their kids and not grilling them with a mental health questionnaire or getting over-involved in academic coursework.

"Even if you don't have a great relationship with your students and kids, you need to start building them," Hurst said. "it really does help us."

## The first of many

The teen speaker forum this month will be the first of three in a quarterly series, with the next one expected to be in October, Kleinknecht said. The series, she said, makes up just one part of a new program she will be starting at CHAC called the Leadership Empowerment Program, which will teach teens leadership skills and will include a component on suicide prevention. Kleinknecht teaches leadership classes at Stanford, and introduced the program to CHAC this year.

The program is expected to include after-school sessions where teens meet weekly for peer-to-peer meetings.

Finding students to talk about tough, personal issues regarding mental health wasn't difficult at all, Kleinknecht said, and plenty of teachers and students had teens who were ready to speak for the May 7 event.

"Teenagers are amazingly receptive at this point in their development. They're breaking away and trying to find their own identity, and during this time learn themselves and how to really empower their own gifts," she said. ■

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# Breaking the mold with Middle College

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FIND SALVATION IN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

By Kevin Forestieri

High school isn't a great fit for everyone, with its 50-minute periods, hours of daily homework and smattering of school spirit at rallies and football games. Rather than tough it out for four years, some 60 students in Mountain View, Los Altos and Palo Alto have found an alternative in Middle College.

The program, run by the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District and operated on the Foothill College campus, has been around for decades. But in a recent forum on teen mental health held earlier this month, two students lauded Middle College as a way for students to "opt out" if they feel disconnected from their high school's academic work or fellow students.

Simon Leak, a junior at Middle College, spent two years at Los Altos High School and said he wasn't a big fan. It wasn't so much the academics, he said, but the school climate and social scene there felt a little superficial. He applied for Middle College with the support of his family and made it in.

"My parents saw that I wasn't enjoying (Los Altos)," Leak said. "Ultimately, it was my decision but my parents were on board."

Before school kicked off last year, Leak and the rest of the junior class starting out at Middle College went on a trip to Yosemite as a way to get to know each other. Right away he noticed a big difference, he said, in the way he got along with everyone else.

"Within the first 15 minutes of being there, I was talking to someone you would actually have a real conversation with,"

Leak said. "It was really different for me."

Middle College is made up of about 60 juniors and seniors from Mountain View, Los Altos and Alta Vista high schools as well as Gunn and Palo Alto high schools. Students spend a few hours each day doing core high school coursework with the two teachers, Trish Langdon and Mike Wilson, and spend the rest of the school day taking Foothill's community college classes.

Former Mountain View High School Principal Patricia Hyland is a dean at Foothill College, and said the kinds of students who enroll in Middle College are incredibly intelligent and motivated, but don't feel like they fit in the "standard construct" that is high school.

"Sometimes you get a student who's kinda on the margins," Hyland said. "They're not bad kids, but you can tell they can't stand the concept of doing a school cheer. They hate rallies, they hate, conceptually, those kinds of things."

The biggest hurdle for most students is getting the parents to agree to switching away from a traditional high school setting, Hyland said. The parents' concept of what "should" happen during those four years of development is very different from what's being proposed through Middle College.

"Convincing them it's a good opportunity is a little bit of a sales job," she said.

Leak, along with Middle College senior Alicia Holland, spoke at a teen mental health forum in Mountain View on May 7, and explained that they had a close-knit relationship with both teachers at Middle College. Always referring to them as "Mike and Trish," Holland said

*'There's never a dull day at Middle College.'*

TEACHER MIKE WILSON

both are very receptive to whether students are feeling down.

"If you come in really quiet or they notice you've been crying, they'll pull you aside the second you come through the door," Holland said.

Wilson described the classroom as a "very personal environment" with loads of team-building activities and a lengthy orientation process that includes

setting up the class structure for the rest of the year.

"We start from a point where we say, 'Hey, what kind of school rules (and) what kind of school culture do we need in order for all of us to be successful, happy and fulfilled here?'" Wilson said.

Other differences include negotiable deadlines, later start times, a greater emphasis on large projects and exams more similar to those of a college course than a high school class.

Wilson described his job as one-third teacher, one-third administrator and one-third counselor, and said he establishes early on in the year that his role is very different from a traditional

high school teacher. He said that he and Langdon should be the "first stop" for students with a problem if it relates to social problems or educational problems.

"Students should seek out a teacher rather than hide from them when they have a problem," he said.

While it's a little challenging — and time consuming — to take on such an extensive role for students at Middle College, Wilson said it's gratifying work that he's been doing for decades.

"It keeps things exciting," Wilson said. "There's never a dull day at Middle College."

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## District names new Landels principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT GRAHAM SAYS HE HAS TIES WITH FAMILIES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

By Kevin Forestieri

Stephen Chesley, a long-time administrator at Graham Middle School, has been selected to take up the torch as principal of Landels Elementary starting next school year, and already he said he's gotten quite the reception.

"I had a chance to come over there last week, and I've gotten a warm welcome from the community," Chesley said.

Chesley, a five-year assistant principal at Graham, is slated to take over for current Landels Principal Carmen Mizell in July. A Mountain View resident and father of three, Chesley for 10 years served as a physical education teacher and the athletic director at Graham, where he spent plenty of time managing after-



Stephen Chesley

school sports, hiring coaches, coordinating buses and staying within the budget.

Mizell was selected last month to be the new special education director for the district.

What really stands out about Landels, said Chesley, is the strong sense of community and diversity at the school. He said Landels recently hosted a cultural festival that celebrated the school's international diversity, highlighting the more than 30 languages that are spoken by students.

Because Landels students feed into Graham Middle School, Chesley said he has already built ties with families in the area, and has worked with Mizell since he became an administrator. He said he will continue to meet with PTA and staff members at Landels, and hopes to stay "visible" leading into the summer.

Mizell said Chesley has been "great" helping kids from Landels transition

into sixth grade, and has a strong background in classroom technology and project-based learning. The school has already made some progress getting more technology and "blended learning" into the classroom at the higher grade levels, Mizell said, and that she's confident he will continue to introduce instructional technology.

On Monday, Chesley visited the campus during the school's assembly where he "just had fun with the kids," Mizell said, explaining that as a father of three, Chesley is good at interacting with school-aged students.

"It really lends himself to that playful side, so I think he's going to have a ball," Mizell said.

Chesley received his bachelor's degree from Chico State University before getting his master's degree and administrative credential from the University of San Francisco. ▣

## SOARING

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This year, the tour included a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress heavy bomber — one of only eight left in the world still in flying condition. Other highlights include a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber and a P-51C Mustang, the only models of their type still flying, according to the event organizers.

Visitors are welcome to explore the aircraft inside and out. Admission costs \$12 for adults, \$6 for children. World War II veterans can peruse the planes free of charge.

Many of the rare airplanes are available for flights, but the plane ride costs extra. For example, a ride in the B-17 or B-24 costs \$450 per person. Prices for other plane rides vary.

The Wings of Freedom Tour is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through May 23. More information about the event is at [collingsfoundation.org](http://collingsfoundation.org).

—Mark Noack



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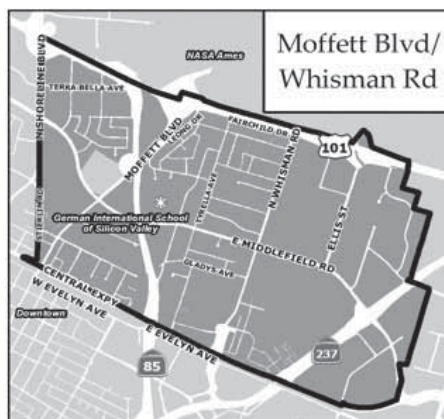
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## ATTENDANCE

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study. But the school district's elementary school enrollment isn't projected to increase at all during that time.

The 10 percent increase will add to the roughly 7,101 children ages 5 to 13 who live within the school district boundaries, although only about 5,000 children attended public schools this year, according to the study. That leaves about 2,100 "missing" students who are presumed to be either attending a private or charter school, or are being home-schooled, according to the study.

While the Boundary Advisory Task Force was charged with balancing enrollment at Mountain View Whisman campuses, some members wondered if the real problem isn't that nearly a quarter of students in the city don't go to public schools in the first place.

"(The issue) is not housing, it's those 2,000 students who are choosing not to go to our schools. That's an issue that we're not discussing," said task force member Thida Cornes at a recent meeting.

Exploring what lures families away from public schools goes well beyond the scope of the task force, but the growing level of affluence in Mountain View may be playing a role. The demographic study noted a jump in median household income from \$41,911 in 1990 to \$91,302 in 2014, and it is expected to grow to \$106,475 by 2019.

"Further analysis of households by income demonstrates that the Mountain View Whisman School District community is becoming increasing affluent," the study states.

Concurrent with the trend is a steady increase in private school enrollment dating back to 2006, with private school enrollment among Mountain View students topping out at more than 800 in 2013. And private school administrations have noticed it, too. Jennifer Chapa, head of admissions at the Yew Chung International School of Silicon Valley, said they've seen more interest in the school this year, and had to stretch the school's limited space to accommodate new students. Even then, she said, the school continues to have a wait lists through third grade.

Interim Superintendent Kevin Skelly said the 2,100 student figure may seem high, but in a community with a high number of "robust" private schools, it's to be expected. A similar count was never done in Palo Alto, he said, but he guessed the

## Recent enrollment data indicates that many students from lower-income families are no longer attending Mountain View schools.

numbers of students opting for private schools was likely similar or even greater considering the sheer number of schools in the area. Skelly noted that about 40 percent of the kids enrolled at the nearby German International School of Silicon Valley reside in Mountain View.

Beyond private schools, Skelly suggested that the enrollment woes of the district may have to do with the number of families unable to live in the area anymore.

"Another factor might be the cost of housing," Skelly said. "Some people are moving out."

Although data on how many people are being priced out of Mountain View is not included in the demographic study, recent enrollment data from the school district strongly indicates that many students from lower-income families are no longer attending Mountain View schools.

The percentage of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch in the district, a key indicator of household income, dropped this year from 42 percent to 37 percent. In order to qualify, the annual household income of a family of four would have to be less than \$44,123.

## Learning to embrace neighborhood schools

While nearly a quarter of Mountain View families are opting out of sending children to their public neighborhood school in favor of private schools and home schooling, many of the families within the district are fight to transfer out of their own neighborhood schools, flocking to either the district's parent-participation program or the schools with the highest test scores.

This year, there were 149 parents who requested kindergarten placement into the Stevenson PACT program in the district, according to a weekly memo from Interim Superintendent Kevin Skelly. Of those students, 77 had their request denied because the school was at capacity. In a distant second place was Bubb Elementary, with 16 requests denied, followed by Huff at 14.

Kindergarten requests showed that over the last two years, only 32 percent of parents from the Theuerkauf attendance area requested their own neighborhood school for kindergarten enrollment, followed by Castro's traditional program at 33 percent (excluding its Dual Immersion choice program), and Monta

Loma and Landels at 35 percent, according to the memo. By contrast, 86 percent of parents in the Huff attendance area requested their neighborhood school.

Parental preference may be partly responsible for why the demographics of the Theuerkauf neighborhood are such a mismatch compared to actual student enrollment at the school. The number of socio-economically disadvantaged students in the Theuerkauf area is pinned at 45 percent, but that number jumps to 70 percent of students at the school.

Tonya Brilon, the PTA president at Monta Loma, told the board earlier this month that about 50 percent of the people on her street send their kids to Castro's Dual Immersion, the PACT program or private school. The rest of the neighborhood, she said, is likely very similar.

"If you were to poll a subset of the students from the Monta Loma neighborhood, I think you would find upwards of 40 percent (of families) send their kids to choice programs," Brilon said.

The disinterest by neighborhood residents in having their children attend Monta Loma may be entirely superficial, as Brilon explained that there's a perception among families that Monta Loma is not a great school because of its diverse population.

Brilon's comments were in the

context of potentially opening up a new school in the Whisman neighborhood area, which threatened to bring Monta Loma Elementary enrollment down to fewer than 350 students and raise the percentage of socio-economically disadvantaged and English-language learners at the school.

She said the move would hamper recent, concerted efforts to get people to see Monta Loma as a quality school. The school has made great progress and was recently recognized by State Sen. Jerry Hill as a distinguished school, Brilon said.

"I think it's getting better. I think we have been pulling more people from the neighborhood," Brilon said.

Peter Darrah, a member of the Boundary Advisory Task Force, said parents tend to love their neighborhood school once they give it a chance, but still initially try to get out of it by requesting a spot in PACT or Huff. He said it creates tension between neighborhood schools and choice programs, particularly among the northern four schools in the district that only have one-third of parents requesting their own neighborhood school.

The problem is not insurmountable, Darrah said, emphasizing that it's time to start working on improving the academic programs at the schools as well as the public's perception of schools traditionally seen as low-performing.

"I'd like to see us work with the image schools have to draw families back into public schools," Darrah said. ■

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## CRIME BRIEFS

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after she was caught allegedly trying to steal more than \$1,000 in jewelry from the Kohl's on Showers Drive.

On May 15 at 4:16 p.m., Security at the store noticed the woman, 30-year-old Susana Solache, putting \$1,160 in jewelry, purses and clothes into a shopping cart, then pushing the cart into a fitting room. When she left the room, some of the stuff was missing from the cart.

Solache allegedly concealed some of the merchandise and attempted to leave the store without paying, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department. Solache was detained by Kohl's security, and was eventually arrested on a charge of grand theft and booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail.

## THREATS WITH KNIFE

Police arrested a 22-year-old Mountain View man in the early hours of Sunday morning after he allegedly threatened his girlfriend with a knife while in their apartment.

Officers responded to a 911 call to the apartment on the 200 block of Easy Street a little after 5 a.m. Police say the man allegedly pushed his girlfriend, a 33-year-old Mountain View woman, and threatened to kill her while holding a knife, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department.

The man, whose name was withheld by police because it is a domestic violence case, was arrested on charges of domestic battery, terrorist threats and brandishing a knife. He was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail.

—Kevin Forestieri

■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**CARBON-CUTTING PLAN**

Setting a goal to reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent in 2050, Mountain View leaders on Tuesday unanimously approved a new long-term climate action plan to guide a host of city operations. The package sets out a time-line of greenhouse-gas reduction targets over the coming decades.

Presenting the plan, city environmental sustainability coordinator Steve Attinger gave a walk-through of the steps the city has already taken in recent years to lower its carbon footprint. The city brought in energy-efficient lighting, low-flow plumbing and fuel-efficient vehicles, he said. Those measures helped the city to lower emissions by 18 percent in 2010, surpassing its scheduled goal by three percentage points.

Going forward, the new environmental plan laid out a "menu" of 13 strategies for meeting carbon targets, including adding more solar panels to city facilities, changing out the city's vehicle fleet with hybrid and electric cars and adopting better building standards. Among the ideas, the city could begin using computerized telematic systems

to track city workers driving on the road to determine if anyone is overusing fuel or leaving their car idle for too long, according to the report.

As to the specifics for the next 35 years, some carbon-cutting ideas would certainly change based on new technology, Attinger said.

"This is a living, breathing plan. We can't possibly predict all the technology that will become available over the next 35 years," he said. "This plan doesn't present a scenario where we can't consider them."

The council approved the plan in 6-0 vote.

**NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLEX**

Mountain View leaders cut the ribbon on Tuesday, celebrating the completion of a new 49-home apartment building offering below-market studios.

The new three-story building, dubbed Studio 819, will offer workforce housing for eligible residents earning below 45 percent of the Santa Clara County median income. Among its amenities, the new housing complex offers a computer room, free

WiFi, a barbecue picnic area and a third-floor deck. On the ground floor is a 1,640-square-foot commercial space that city officials say will soon be leased out to a restaurant.

—By Mark Noack

**BIKE TO SHOP DAY**

The annual Bike to Shop Day for Silicon Valley is set for Saturday, May 23. This one-day event encourages people to ride their bikes to local businesses. There are 125 locations in 15 Bay Area cities participating this year. People who bike to participating stores and merchants may receive special discounts. Special activities include shop-and-ride tours through Mountain View, Palo Alto, and San Jose's downtown and Willow Glen and Japantown neighborhoods.

Locally, there are 21 participating businesses in Mountain View, including Ava's Market, Cascal, Amici's East Coast Pizzeria, Books Inc., Red Rock Coffee, Cognition Cyclery, SnoZen, and Baskin Robbins. The Mountain View Library is also hosting a Courier Challenge where anyone can race professional bike couriers on a route to stop at

a half-dozen local businesses. Mountain View resident and bike blogger Janet Lafleur will be leading an all-day Shop 'Til You Drop ride from Mountain View to Palo Alto and back that visits four business districts.

The event is presented by Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition. For more information, go to [www.biketoshopday.com](http://www.biketoshopday.com).

**TENNIS TOURNAMENT RETURNS TO MV**

The 2015 Mountain View Open Tennis Tournament is set for Memorial Day weekend at the Cuesta Tennis Center at Cuesta Park. Returning tournament director John Togasaki will be leading this four-day tournament.

This is the tournament's 47th year. It attracts players from Northern California and beyond. The public is welcome and there is no charge to watch the matches. The schedule of matches, held Friday, May 22, through Monday, May 25, will be available online at [www.mvopen.com](http://www.mvopen.com)

The tournament is open to all players, including adults and juniors, as long as they are members of the United States Tennis

Association. The nonprofit tournament will conclude on Memorial Day weekend with the final rounds of men's open singles, women's open singles, men's open doubles and mixed open doubles.

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—Rachel Lee

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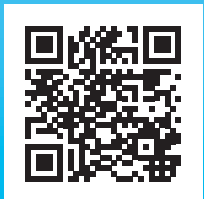


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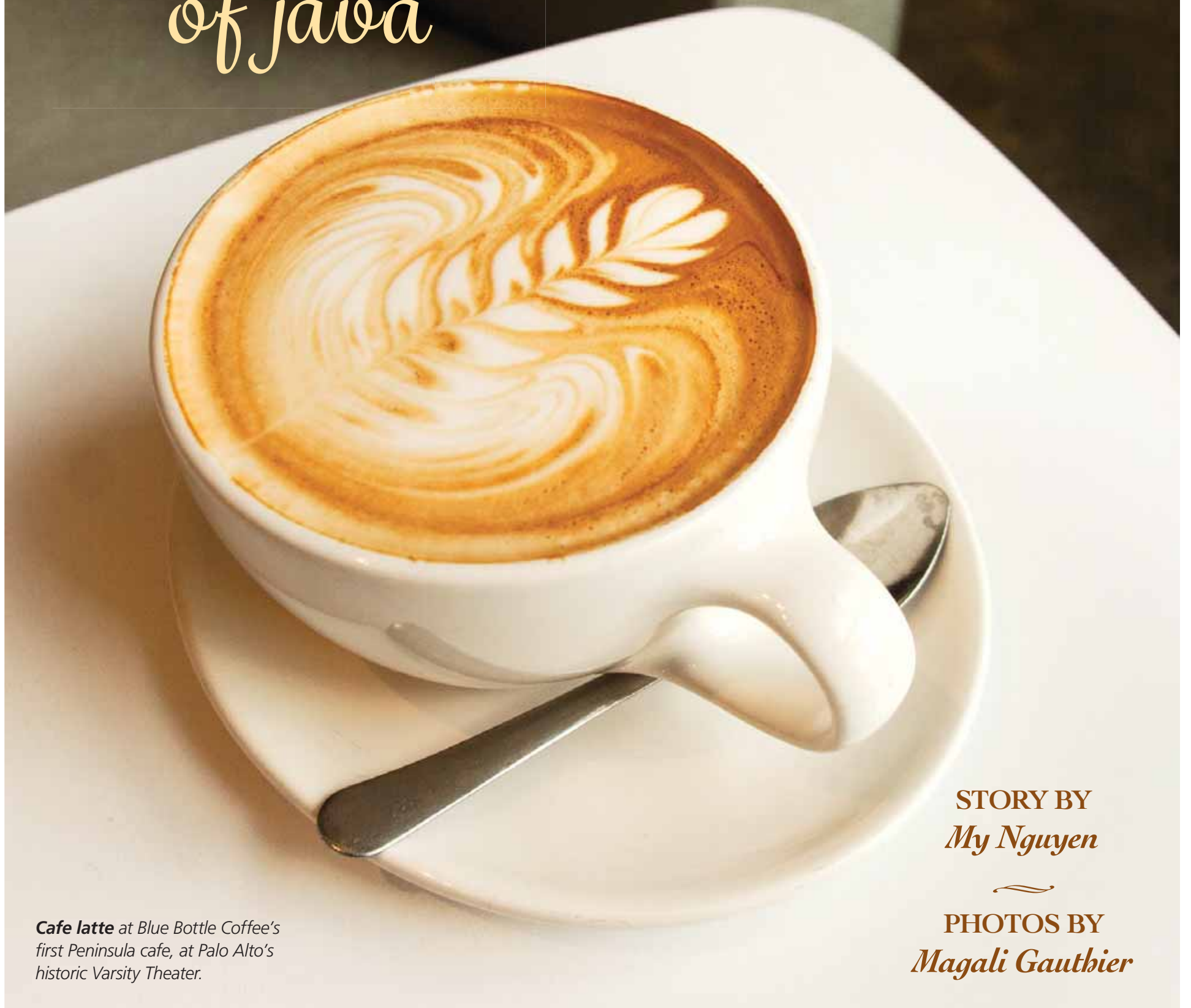
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FOOD FEATURE

It's appropriate that third-wave coffee pioneer Blue Bottle Coffee is serving up its carefully crafted cups of java out of Palo Alto's historic Varsity Theater. The more than 80-year-old building is the perfect setting for a company dedicated to making coffee the old-fashioned way — one cup at a time.

Blue Bottle's main entrance along University Avenue features an old movie theater marquee sign — a nod to the building's history — and takes you through a charming and spacious open-air courtyard with fancifully shaped columns and arches, an inviting fountain, zig-zagging overhead string lights and plenty of seating. There is no shortage of laptops, smartphones, tech workers and lattes. There's free WiFi, of course.

Varsity Theater, located at 456 University Ave., is listed on Palo Alto's Historic Inventory under Category 1, reserved for buildings deemed to be of "pre-eminent national or state importance." Due to its status, tenants are prevented from making significant modifications that would change the overall appearance or character of the



Blue Bottle barista **Cory Gaytan** pours coffee into the top of the coffee siphon.

building.

That's not a problem for Blue Bottle, said general manager Conner Burns.

"We tend to mold with the

space that we're moving into as opposed to other companies," he explained. "Larger brands and chains tend to build out their spaces identically in terms of

aesthetics and style, but if you go to this space you see that we wanted to maintain (the history of the building)."

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theater's remodeled lobby, where one can order coffee or eye baked goods on display in a pastry case

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Belgian waffles are served with strawberry compote and maple syrup.

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designed to look like a movie theater concession stand. It's "not super functional," Burns said, "but it hails back to what this space used to be."

The space is somewhat dark due to the scarcity of windows, but the inviting ambiance puts one in the mood to spend an hour or two sipping a cup of joe while chatting with friends or catching up on work.

The cafe, Blue Bottle's first on the Peninsula, opened in March as part of HanaHaus, a tech-centric gathering space created by Palo Alto software company SAP. The cafe features a minimalist menu: drip coffee, tea, espresso drinks and Blue Bottle's famed New Orleans iced coffee (a sweetly satisfying cold-brewed drink made with Clover whole milk, roasted chicory and organic cane sugar). Each cup of coffee, which is offered in only one size and costs between \$4 and \$7, is brewed to order, ensuring that coffee lovers can enjoy their drink at its peak of flavor. It's no drive-through; individual brewing takes at least three minutes per cup.

"Every drink is different," Burns said. "We don't do batch brewing and so people sometimes get a little confused when they come to a third-wave coffee producer like Blue Bottle or others in the area where every cup is made to order. ... It's a little slow for them, but there's a lot of people who really want to wait that three minutes for a great cup of coffee."

Say you come in wanting a drip coffee. A skilled barista — who goes through an in-depth training process at Blue Bottle's headquarters in Oakland — will grind the coffee beans when you order

and then brew them via one of the many brewing methods used at Blue Bottle, including pour-over coffee, which involves pouring hot water in a steady and slow stream over coffee grounds in a paper filter; and siphon coffee, in which baristas use a glass coffee maker that looks like it came from a chemistry lab to brew a full infusion style of coffee.

Barista Sean White explained that siphon brewing uses a cloth rather than paper filter, meaning more sediment but also more "delicate" coffee.

Blue Bottle's espresso is prepared using a pressurized brewing method, Burns said. (Don't miss the cafe's affogato: espresso poured over San Francisco's famous Humphry Slocombe brown butter ice cream.)

Brewing methods aside, the key to a great cup of coffee lies in the beans. That's why Blue Bottle, which was founded more than 10 years ago in Oakland by freelance musician and coffee lover James Freeman and now has cafes from San Francisco to New York and Tokyo, offers a variety of beans from small coffee co-operatives where beans are produced in a socially and environmentally responsible way, Burns said.

"We won't work with companies that are not like-minded," he said. "Coffee has a troubled history, and we will not play into that. We actually do our best to pull people out of the state they are sometimes in and help the farmers and growers."

In addition to responsibly sourced beans, the Palo Alto cafe serves breakfast, including Blue Bottle's signature crisp and buttery Belgian waffle, which comes with a lightly sweetened strawberry compote, maple syrup and

butter. Needless to say, it goes perfectly with coffee.

A highlight of the cafe's lunch offerings is its simple but elegant ham tartine — a generous slice of toasted bread covered with mustard, gruyere cheese, a hearty spread of spicy cilantro sauce, thinly sliced ham and pickles. The tartine comes with a green side salad.

If you're looking for something lighter, the cafe also offers cookies and pastries, but their baked offerings are soon to change with the company's recent merger with Tartine Bakery & Cafe, a famed San Francisco bakery with a seemingly perpetual line out the door. Blue Bottle will start to serve Tartine's breads, pastries and sweet and savory breakfast treats in the coming months. As far as specific goods to be sold at the Palo Alto location, details are still being sorted out.

Meanwhile, Burns said the Blue Bottle staff is excited to be in a community like Palo Alto that has so much power over how the world operates. A lot can happen over a cup of coffee, he added.

"You never know if the next amazing startup is going to be thought up or put together over a couple of cups of Blue Bottle coffee." ▀

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Where are our flying cars? It's a meme of Baby Boomers, whose ranks include Brad Bird, director of "The Incredibles," "The Iron Giant" and "Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol." In Bird's new science fantasy, "Tomorrowland," an elaborate fable favoring optimism over cynicism, flying cars are just the tip of the space mountain.

"When I was a kid," muses worn-down inventor Frank Walker (George Clooney), "the future was different." The branded Disneytainment that is "Tomorrowland" cheerily endorses the futurism of Disney Parks, as piloted at the 1964 World's Fair where young Frank (Thomas Robinson) totes his prototype jet pack in search of approval. There, in the nascent "It's a Small World" ride, Frank discovers a portal into a peaceful, thriving tomorrow's-future-today land defined by scientific advancement. Ejected from this greenhouse of Eden, Frank grows into a cranky professor waiting out the seemingly inevitable end of the end times.

Lucky for Frank, there's an inventive young woman kicking around by the name of Casey Newton (big-eyed, gape-mouthed Britt Robertson of "The Longest Ride" and "Under the Dome"). Dedicated to staving off the obsolescence of her NASA engineer father (Tim McGraw), Casey too earns an invitation to Tomorrowland, but getting in and staying in are two decidedly different prospects. So it is that Casey and Frank form an uneasy alliance, abetted by the aptly named, mysterious

child Athena (Raffey Cassidy). All of this gets worked out in a cutesy narrative structure that's as clunky as young Frank's not-quite-there-yet jet pack.

Admirably, "Tomorrowland" is a rare beast on the cinematic landscape: an original genre story. In its very existence as much as its particulars, Bird's film (which he co-wrote with "Lost"'s Damon Lindelof with an assist from "Entertainment Weekly" writer and "Lost" superfan Jeff "Doc" Jensen) critiques the dark-ifying of adventure embodied by films like the recent, dour Superman reboot. At one point, Bird takes up some screen real estate with a billboard for an apocalyptic movie titled "ToxiCosmos 3" (tagline: "Nowhere to go"). Both aging Frank and his antagonist David Nix (Hugh Laurie) despair for the human race and its ability to tackle problems like global climate change and war.

Happily, the kids are still

alright, and out of the mouth of young Casey comes the acknowledgment that although "it's hard to have ideas and easy to give up," hope is all, and there's salvation in science and innovation. That's a great message, but Bird and company fail at making a great movie from it, instead conjuring strangely vacant characters and curiously pulse-less whimsy.

Despite dollops of wonder, a fair amount of special-effects bells and whistles and at least one effective burst of Rube Goldbergian action, this well-intentioned film lurches, middlebrow and tiresome, when it should be tripping the light fantastic like the vintage-Zemeckian creature it seems to want to be: "Tomorrowland" is more "Tron" than "Back to the Future."

*Rated PG for sequences of sci-fi action violence and peril, thematic elements, and language. Two hours, 10 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese



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George Clooney, playing cranky professor Frank Walker, teams up with Casey Newton (Britt Robertson), in "Tomorrowland."

■ MOVIE TIMES

**Age of Adaline (PG-13)**

**Century 16:** 10:40 a.m. & 4:35 p.m., Fri & Sat 1:35 p.m.

**Century 20:** 10:30 a.m. & 4:05 p.m., Fri & Sat 1:20 p.m.

**Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13) ★★★**

**Century 16:** 9 a.m., 12:15, 3:40, 7:10 & 10:40 p.m. In 3-D at 10:35 a.m., 1:55, 5:10 & 8:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:25 a.m., 1:35, 4:45, 7, 8:15 & 10:20 p.m. In 3-D at 11:20 a.m., 2:35, 5:50 & 9:10 p.m.

**The Awful Truth (1937) (Not Rated)**

**Stanford Theatre:** 7:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 4:20 p.m.

**Clouds of Sils Maria (R) ★★★1/2**

**Guild Theatre:** 1:15, 4, 7:05 & 9:55 p.m.

**Ex Machina (R)**

**Century 16:** 9:05 & 11:45 a.m., 2:25, 5:05, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m.

**Century 20:** 10:40 a.m., 1:25, 4:15, 7:15 & 9:55 p.m.

**Far From the Madding Crowd (PG-13)**

**Century 20:** 10:35 a.m., 1:30, 4:40, 7:35 & 10:30 p.m.

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

**Full Metal Jacket (1987) (R)**

**Century 16:** Sun 2 p.m. **Century 20:** Sun 2 p.m.

**Furious 7 (PG-13) Century 20:** Fri & Sun 7:15 & 10:20 p.m.

**Home (PG) ★★ Century 16:** 9:30 a.m.

**Century 20:** 10:50 a.m., Fri & Sun 1:35 & 4 p.m., Sat 1:15 p.m.

**Hot Pursuit (PG-13)**

**Century 16:** 7:20 & 9:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 8:05 & 10:25 p.m.

**Hot Saturday (1932) (Not Rated)**

**Stanford Theatre:** 6:05 & 9:15 p.m.

**Mad Max: Fury Road (R)**

**Century 16:** 11 a.m., noon, 2, 5, 8, 9 & 10:05 p.m. In 3-D at 9 & 10 a.m., 1, 3, 4, 6:10, 7 & 10 p.m., Fri & Sat 12:01 a.m.

**Century 20:** 11:05 a.m., 2, 4:55, 7:45 & 10:45 p.m. In 3-D at 10:20 a.m., 12:05, 1:15, 2:55, 4:10, 5:50, 7:05, 8:45 & 10 p.m. In 3-D D-BOX at 10:20 a.m., 1:15, 4:10, 7:05 & 10 p.m.

**Monkey Kingdom (G) ★★1/2**

**Century 20:** 10:05 a.m.

**Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 (PG)**

**Century 20:** 12:50, 3:15 & 5:40 p.m., Fri & Sun 10:25 a.m.

**Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13) ★★1/2**

**Century 16:** 9:10, 10:05 & 11:05 a.m., 12:05, 1:05, 2:15, 3:05, 4:05, 5:05, 5:55, 7:05, 7:55, 8:50, 10:05 & 10:45 p.m., Fri & Sat 12:01 a.m.

**Century 20:** 10:15, 10:50 & 11:40 a.m., 12:30, 1, 1:45, 2:25, 3:15, 3:55, 4:35, 5:10, 6, 6:45, 7:20, 7:55, 8:50, 9:35, 10:10 & 10:50 p.m.

**Poltergeist (PG-13)**

**Century 16:** 2:45 & 7:45 p.m., Fri & Sat 12:01 a.m. In 3-D at 9:45 a.m., 12:10, 5:15 & 10:15 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:25, 6:50 & 9:20 p.m. In 3-D at 10 a.m., 2:50, 5:20, 8 & 10:40 p.m.

**Saint Laurent (R) Century 16:** 11:55 a.m., 3:15, 7 & 10:20 p.m.

**Tanu Weds Manu returns (Not Rated)**

**Century 16:** 7:25 & 10:40 p.m., Fri & Sat 12:01 a.m.

**Tomorrowland (PG) ★★1/2**

**Century 16:** 9:15, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., 12:20, 1:20, 2:20, 3:25, 4:25, 5:25, 7, 7:30, 8:30, 10 & 10:35 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:35 p.m.

**Century 20:** 10:45 & 11:30 a.m., 12:20, 1:50, 2:35, 3:25, 5, 5:45, 6:30, 8:10, 8:55 & 9:45 p.m., Sat 3:45 p.m. In X-D at 10 a.m., 1:05, 4:15, 7:25 & 10:35 p.m. In D-BOX at 10:45 a.m., 1:50, 5 & 8:10 p.m.

**UFC 187: Johnson vs Cormier Live (Not Rated)**

**Century 20:** Sat 7 p.m.

**Wild Tales (R) ★★★1/2 Palo Alto Square:** 1, 4, 7 & 9:55 p.m.

**Woman in Gold (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16:** 11 a.m., 2 & 4:40 p.m.

**Century 20:** 10:55 a.m., 1:40 & 4:20 p.m.

**AQUARIUS:** 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto (266-9260)

**CENTURY CINEMA 16:** 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View (800-326-3264)

**CENTURY 20 DOWNTOWN:** 825 Middlefield Road, Redwood City (800-326-3264)

**CINEARTS AT PALO ALTO SQUARE:** 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (493-3456)

**STANFORD THEATRE:** 221 University Ave., Palo Alto (324-3700)

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MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

## HIGHLIGHT UNLACED DANCE SERIES

Smuin Ballet will close its 21st season with the "Unlaced Dance Series," which includes performances of the balcony pas de deux from Michael Smuin's "Romeo and Juliet," Helen Pickett's "Petal," a world premiere by Adam Houglund and vignettes from Michael Smuin's "Hearts Suite." May 21-23, 8 p.m.; May 23 and 24, 2 p.m. \$52-\$71. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 415-912-1899. [www.smuinballet.org](http://www.smuinballet.org)

## ART GALLERIES

**'Barnyard Friends'** Viewpoints Gallery is showcasing a new group of oil paintings by Julia Munger Seelos entitled "Barnyard Friends." April 28-May 30, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday only until 3 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. [www.viewpointsgallery.com/calendar.html](http://www.viewpointsgallery.com/calendar.html)

**'Cuba, Paris & California'** Main St. Cafe & Books has on display an exhibit of black and white photography by Tom and Marj Green, work that uses light and shadows to lend common scenes a mood or story. May 2-29, Monday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Free. Main St. Cafe & Books, 134 Main St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-4536. [www.tomandmarj.com](http://www.tomandmarj.com)

**'Cuban Icons, Cuban Lives'** Gallery 9 will offer an exhibit of photographs by Bill Scull called "Cuban Icons, Cuban Lives," which captures the rich daily lives of Cubans and their compassion, resilience, pride and style. April 28-May 30, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9 Los Altos, 143 Main St., Los Altos. [www.gallery9losaltos.com/index.html](http://www.gallery9losaltos.com/index.html)

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**Adult school summer classes registration** Registration for summer classes at the Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School began on Friday, May 15. The summer session will run from June 15 to July 31. Those interested should call or visit the website for more info. May 15-June 19. Prices vary. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. [www.mvlaae.net](http://www.mvlaae.net)

**Estate Planning for Life** Presented by the Financial Planning Association of Silicon Valley, this workshop will educate attendees on the basic estate planning documents needed to provide protection during life-changing events — preventing loss of estate, high court costs, and pain and suffering for families. May 26, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

**Foothill College summer registration** This summer Foothill College will offer two six-week summer sessions from June 8 to July 18 and June 29 to Aug. 9, each featuring online and on-campus general education courses. Registration will run from May 7 to June 7. Visit the website for more information. May 7-June 7. \$31 per unit. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7325. [www.foothill.edu/reg/summer15.php](http://www.foothill.edu/reg/summer15.php)

**Health care programs orientation** The Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School will hold a workshop for those interested in health care careers, providing information on the Certified Nursing Assistant and Medical Assistant paths and the programs offered by the school. Online registration is requested. May 22, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333

Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. [www.mvlaae.net](http://www.mvlaae.net)

**Simple Sewing: Book bag panniers** This event will bring back a popular Simple Sewing project of book bag panniers for bicycles. The class is appropriate for sewers of all levels. No registration is required, but space is limited. The sign-up sheet will open at 6:30 p.m. May 27, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

## CLUBS/MEETINGS

**ESL Conversation Club in Mountain View** This weekly club at the Mountain View Public Library provides a place to practice English conversation skills with friendly company. All levels are welcome; no registration is required. Wednesdays, April 1-July 1, 5-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

**Garden Club of Los Altos: 'Herbs in the Garden'** At this meeting of the Garden Club of Los Altos, Rose Loveall, owner of Morningsun Herb Farm, will give tips on growing herbs and creating a compact garden to conserve water. Some herbs will be available for sale. May 26, 1:30-3 p.m. \$5. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Ave., Los Altos. [www.gardencluboflosaltos.org](http://www.gardencluboflosaltos.org)

**Language Swap** This weekly Mountain View Public Library event will allow community members to both practice speaking a different language and teach a language to others. All levels and drop-ins are welcome. Thursdays, April 2-July 30, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

**Sons In Retirement monthly meeting** At this month's meeting of Sons In Retirement, retired U.S. Navy pilot John Suckow will talk about his experiences in Vietnam. Other than holding meetings with lunch and interesting speakers, the club for retired men organizes activities like golf, bocce ball, walking and sporting event outings. May 27, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$22 lunch. Michaels at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-299-9479. [www.sir5.org](http://www.sir5.org)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Bike Courier Challenge** The Mountain View Public Library and Cowgirl Bike Courier will hold a fun event where community members can go up against professional couriers in a bicycle race to make deliveries. May 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

**CSA Homeless Outreach** Twice monthly a Community Services Agency social worker will come to the Mountain View Public Library to offer assistance to low-income and homeless individuals, including information and referrals to community resources. Second and fourth

Tuesday of the month, year-round, 9-11 a.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

**Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony** At this public Memorial Day ceremony, the names of Mountain View men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces will be read. There will also be a wreath laying and a bugle rendition of Taps, before the flag is raised to full staff. The ceremony will start at 11:30 a.m. May 25, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Eagle Park, 650 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-219-1041. [www.mvvetransmemorial.org](http://www.mvvetransmemorial.org)

## CONCERTS

**Alexander Stroud in concert** In this performance, Alexander Stroud will be joined by fellow members of the 24 Strings classical guitar quartet — Aswhin Krishna, Chase Onodera and Nicholas Padmanabhan — as well as cellist Noah Doeden. They will play works written by Villa-Lobos, Piazzolla, Sor, Albeniz, Lennon and McCartney, York and others. May 30, 2-3 p.m. Free. Mountain View High School Theater, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-714-4178.

## EXHIBITS

**'No Limits - Freedom to Create'** The Town of Los Altos Hills is now hosting "No Limits - Freedom to Create," a fine art exhibit showcasing the work of the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society. Monday-Friday, March 9-Aug. 28, 8 a.m.-noon, 1-5 p.m. Free. Town of Los Altos Hills, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-941-7222. [www.losaltoshills.ca.gov](http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov)

**'Reflect + Create'** The Los Altos History Museum will offer a new exhibit called "Reflect + Create: Where Art and History Intersect," looking at how artists, makers and creators from the community have taken inspiration from items in the museum's collection. Thursday-Sunday, May 7-Sept. 30, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-9427, ext. 16. [losaltoshistory.org](http://losaltoshistory.org)

**CSMA Pop-up Art Exhibition and Reception** Adult students from the Community School of Music and Arts' Spring 2015 mixed-media classes will exhibit and discuss their work — including mosaic, fiber art, altered books, collage and assemblage — in the school's courtyard. May 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800, ext. 340. [www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm](http://www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm)

## FAMILY AND KIDS

**Author Jessica Shyba on 'Naptime with Theo and Beau'** Jessica Shyba — a photographer, mother and Momma's Gone City blogger — will visit Linden Tree Books to share her book "Naptime with Theo and Beau," which features images of her toddler son and puppy. Attendees are encouraged to bring a favorite stuffed

animal to this event best suited for children up to age 5. May 30, 1-2 p.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. [www.lindentreebooks.com](http://www.lindentreebooks.com)

## FILM

**'Butterfly Town USA' screening and discussion** Peninsula Peace and Justice Center and the Los Altos Library will present a screening of the film, "Butterfly Town USA," which follows a clash over measures to protect Monarch butterflies in Pacific Grove, California. A discussion will follow with the film's producer and director Dorothy Fadiman. May 28, 7-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-326-8837. [www.peaceandjustice.org/butterfly-town/](http://www.peaceandjustice.org/butterfly-town/)

## HEALTH

**ElliptiGO fundraiser ride stop** Malinda Walker and Lamorna Brown Swigart — who will circle the San Francisco Bay in about a week on elliptical bicycles, or ElliptiGOs, to raise money for breast cancer research — will make a stop in Mountain View to discuss their project and let others try out their bikes. June 5, noon-1:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Performance Bicycles, 2124 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View. Call 415-476-3461. [wegoforgood.com](http://wegoforgood.com)

**Free YMCA fitness course** This weekly course led by YMCA instructors, called Healthy Happens Here, leads participants in beginner-level strength training to develop balance, flexibility, posture, coordination and fall prevention. Classes are appropriate for all levels and backgrounds. Registration is required. Wednesdays, May 6-July 29, noon-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

## ON STAGE

**'Angels in America'** Foothill College Theatre Arts will perform the two-part play "Angels in America" by Tony Kushner. Directed by Bruce McLeod, the production will include a full staging of the first part, "Millennium Approaches," and a dramatic reading of the second part, "Perestroika." The material may not be appropriate for those under age 16. See the website for more info and the full schedule and times. May 28-31, June 4-7 and 10-14. \$20 general; \$15 student, senior, Foothill employee; \$10 OwlCard holder. Foothill College, Lohman Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7360. [foothill.edu/theatre/tickets.php](http://foothill.edu/theatre/tickets.php)

**'Birds of a Feather'** The Pear Avenue Theatre will stage "Birds of a Feather," the third installment of a stage noir trilogy by Paul Braverman that follows the irascible detective Frankie Payne. May 1-24, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. See website for ticket pricing. The Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Unit K, Mountain View. [www.thepear.org](http://www.thepear.org)

**'Fallen Angels'** TheatreWorks will offer a production directed by Robert Kelley of "Fallen Angels," a Noël Coward comedy about two married women who reconnect with a charming French lover. See website for specific times and dates. June 3-28. \$53 adult; \$43 senior, educator; \$25 under age 30. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [www.theatreworks.org/shows/1415-season/fallenangels](http://www.theatreworks.org/shows/1415-season/fallenangels)

**Jewish Women's Theatre: 'Reckoning with Dad'** This performance by the Los Angeles-based Jewish Women's Theatre called "Reckoning with Dad" will explore how individuals make war or peace with their father figures. June 1, 7:30-9 p.m. \$20 member, student; \$25 general; \$30 at the door. Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8664. [paloaltojcc.org/theater](http://paloaltojcc.org/theater)

**Urinetown: The Musical** The Los Altos Stage Company will offer a production of "Urinetown: The Musical," a satirical play by Mark Hollman and Greg Kotis set in a fictional, drought-plagued future where citizens protest the government's ban on private toilets. See the website for specific dates. May 28-June 27, Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. \$18-\$36. Bus Barn Theater,

97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. [www.losaltosstage.org](http://www.losaltosstage.org)

## RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

**Insight Meditation South Bay** Shaila Catherine and guest teachers will lead weekly Insight Meditation sittings, which are accompanied by talks on Buddhist teachings. Tuesdays, Jan. 6-Dec. 29, 7:30-9 p.m. Donations accepted. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. [www.imsb.org](http://www.imsb.org)

## LECTURES & TALKS

**'The Power of Self-Expression 5,000 Years in the Making'** Samya Boxberger-Oberoi, a local author and yoga practitioner, will give a talk sharing and drawing upon her book "The Philosophy and Science of Yoga: The Power of Self-Expression 5,000 Years in the Making." May 27, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. East West Bookshop, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-430-0637. [www.authorsamya.com](http://www.authorsamya.com)

**'Using Graywater with Your Native Plants'** To help community members conserve water during the drought's fourth year, Deva Luna will discuss how to re-use water from inside the house for irrigation, as well as how to install a simple laundry-to-landscape graywater system. Registration is optional. May 28, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6877. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

**'Winning with Salvias!'** This talk organized by UC Master Gardeners will discuss a variety of native and non-native flowering salvias that are fragrant and suitable for home gardens, as they require little water and maintenance. May 27, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 408-282-3105. [mastergardeners.org/sc.html](http://mastergardeners.org/sc.html)

**Author Patricia Ryan Madson on 'Improv Wisdom'** Patricia Ryan Madson, author and Stanford University drama professor emeritus, will visit Linden Tree Books for a book signing and to celebrate the 10th anniversary of her book "Improv Wisdom: Don't Prepare, Just Show Up," which discusses how to use spontaneity as a problem-solving tool. This event is recommended for teens and adults. May 28, 7-8 p.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. [www.lindentreebooks.com](http://www.lindentreebooks.com)

**Dr. Eugenia Chang on 'How to Bake Pi'** A senior lecturer in mathematics and statistics at the University of Sheffield in the U.K., Dr. Eugenia Chang will talk about her accessible introduction to the logic and beauty of math, "How to Bake Pi: An Edible Exploration of the Mathematics of Mathematics." May 28, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. [www.booksinc.net](http://www.booksinc.net)

## VOLUNTEERS

**Greeter and peer counselor recruitment** Neighbors Helping Neighbors is recruiting new peer counselors and greeters to help with its programs and services during Community Outreach events held from April to June and September to November. The organization seeks working or retired professionals, as well as those with no experience, who are emotionally stable. The time commitment is about two to four hours per month. Training will be provided. March-August. Free. Location varies, Palo Alto and Mountain View. Call 650-283-0270. [www.facebook.com/NeighborsHelpingNeighborsPaloAlto](http://www.facebook.com/NeighborsHelpingNeighborsPaloAlto)

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors grocery bagging** At these kid-friendly events, volunteers can assist Neighbors Helping Neighbors in sorting, bagging and delivering groceries. Tasks are assigned based on physical limitations and age-appropriateness. A few two-hour shifts are available at each event. Those interested must RSVP. March 27, April 24 and May 29, 2:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Middlefield Meadows Club House, 114 Flynn Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-283-0270. [www.facebook.com/NeighborsHelpingNeighborsPaloAlto](http://www.facebook.com/NeighborsHelpingNeighborsPaloAlto)

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File No.: 603863

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Karma Cat Rescue, located at 346 Paul Ave., Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: A Corporation.

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SHORELINE CONSTRUCTION GROUP  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 604178

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Shoreline Construction Group, 425 Palo Alto Ave., Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A General Partnership. The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are): DENNIS ALAN MANSON 1506 Jerry Ln. Santa Maria, CA 93454

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 604149

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Scout Leather Co., located at 2139 Old Middlefield Way #C, Mountain View, CA 94043, 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): ANCHOR & FLAG LLC 2139 Old Middlefield Way #C Mountain View, CA 94043

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name(s) listed above on 4/2/15. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 24, 2015. (MVV May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015)

SPRITE TREE CONSULTING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 604281

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Sprite Tree Consulting, located at 2447 Benjamin Drive, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: An Individual.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

In re the RALSTON CURTIS LIVING TRUST, dated April 16, 1996, Created by RALSTON CURTIS, Decedent.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF RALSTON CURTIS PROBATE CODE SEC.19050

No. 1-15-PR 176628

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court, at 191 North First Street, San Jose, California 95113, and mail or deliver a copy to ANN PIERPONT, as trustee of the RALSTON CURTIS LIVING TRUST, dated April 16, 1996, of which the Decedent was the Settlor, at 800 West El Camino Real, Suite 180, Mountain View, California, 94040, within the later of four (4) months after May 22, 2015 or the date of first publication of this Notice to Creditors, or if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, sixty (60) days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Probate Code 19103. A Claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

By /s/Marian Malovos Konevich,  
Marian Malovos Konevich, Attorney for Ann Pierpont, Trustee (MVV May 22, 29, June 5, 2015)



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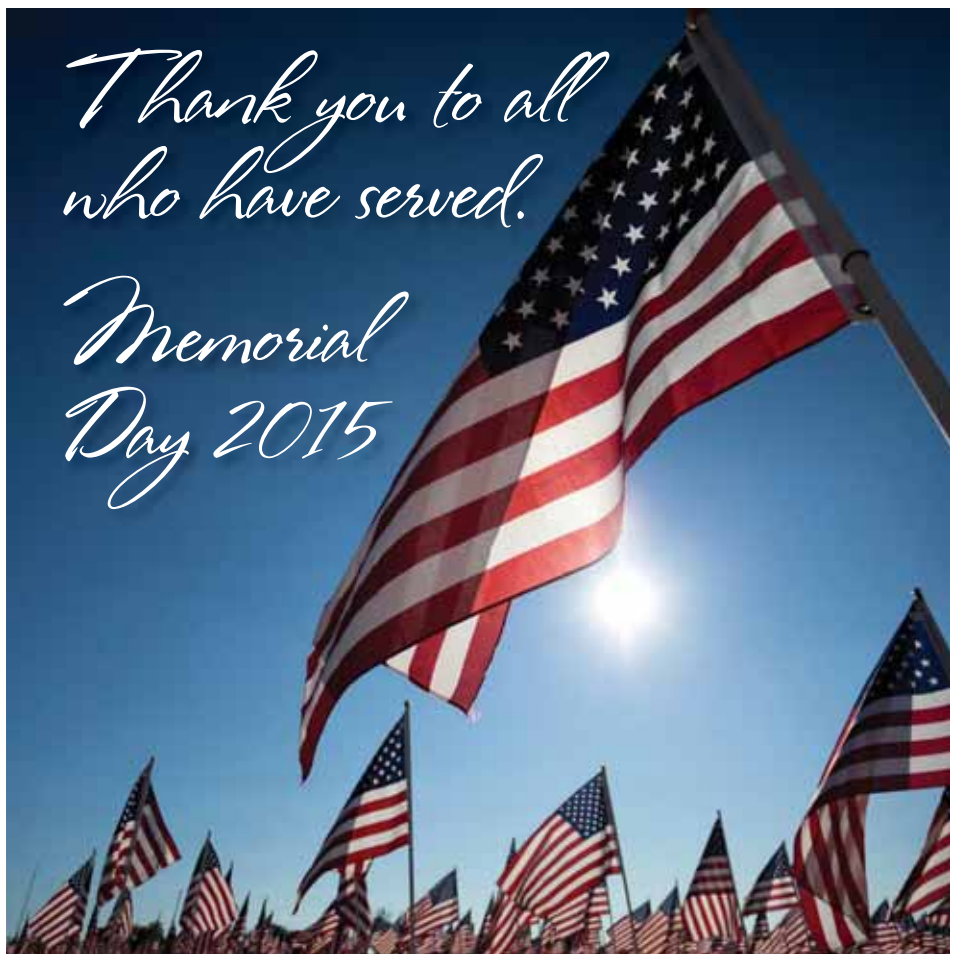
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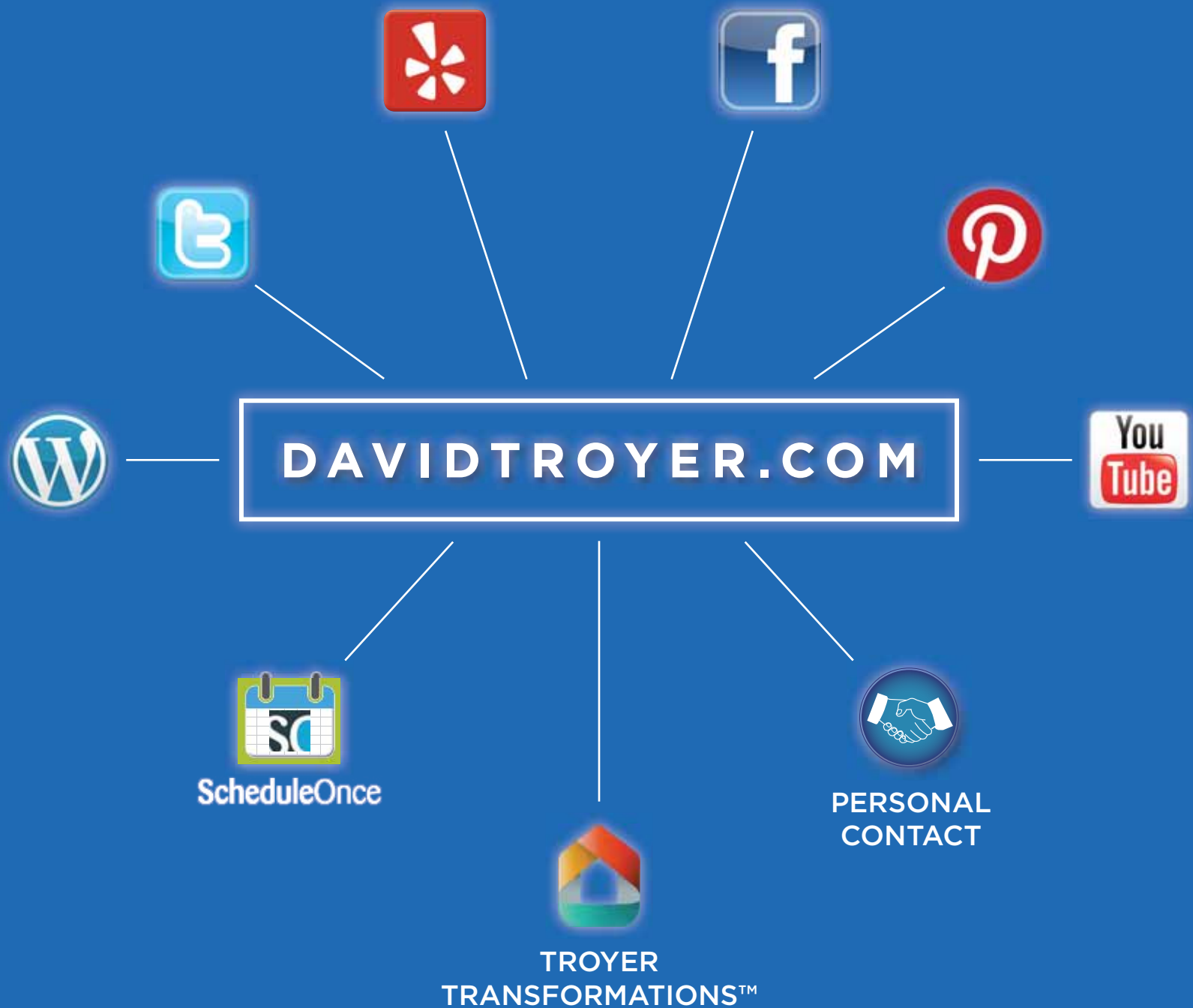
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