

Not just another pizza parlor



Above: Howard Bulka puts a layer of bacon on the baked-potato pizza at Howie's Artisan Pizza in Palo Alto. **Right:** The Thai-style chicken wings are served with peanut sauce.



■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

HOWIE'S ARTISAN PIZZA RISES ABOVE THANKS TO TOP-NOTCH CRUST AND INGREDIENTS

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I recently visited my small hometown in northern Illinois. Decades ago, when I was riding home on my Schwinn with friends after Little League games, we stopped at Alfano's Pizza, the only pizza parlor in town, and gorged ourselves as teenaged boys do.

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Howard Bulka plates the chicken wings after tossing them with sauce on Nov. 17.



Howie's baked-potato pizza is made with scalloped potatoes, Gruyere cheese, bacon and fresh rosemary.

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Alfano's is still in business, but now it's competing with a dozen other pizza spots. Pizza is as American as apple pie and hating the Dodgers. Pizza is comfort food; it's family, friends and good times. There are people who don't eat pizza for a variety of reasons, but I doubt there are many who don't like pizza.

Howard Bulka, former co-owner and chef of Marche restaurant in Menlo Park, knows that. He's studied pizza, analyzed our local eating habits and thought about what we spend money on, and what we won't.

An accomplished chef, Bulka was born in Chicago but reared in West Los Angeles. He came north to study creative writing

at San Francisco State University but ended up with a degree in economics.

"One day, a light bulb went off," he said. He decided to become a chef, igniting a career that took him to Europe and Asia.

He did a turn in Los Angeles, studied under Michelin star-winning chefs Paul Bocuse and the late chef Alain Chapel in France,

worked a wok line in Hong Kong and was executive chef at the Mandarin Hotel's acclaimed Silks in San Francisco. Bulka spent the next decade as a restaurant consultant. In late 2001, he and a business partner opened the upscale Marche.

"Marche was a critical but not a financial success. It was a special-occasion restaurant, not an

every-night family option." Bulka said. After re-thinking his career strategy, he decided on pizza. It was inexpensive, nutritious, and perfect for families any night of the week. Howie's Artisan Pizza opened six years ago in Town & Country Village in Palo Alto. The restaurant has an open kitchen where pizza makers can be seen massaging the dough. The inte-

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The chicken chipotle melt comes with mozzarella, smoked jalapeño mayonnaise, lettuce, red onions, peppers and cilantro on an Acme baguette.

rior is industrial with exposed beams, sturdy wood tables and chairs as well as a bar area with metal bar stools.

A second location opened six months ago in up-and-coming downtown Redwood City, with nearly the same menu, plus weekend brunch and a large outdoor patio.

Since pizza parlors are so ubiquitous, Bulka needed his expertise to perfect the sourdough starter that is the hallmark of Howie's. A pizza's crust defines it and differentiates it in the same way a good hamburger bun separates the special from the ordinary.

Top-notch toppings are crucial, of course, but anyone can source quality ingredients. It's Bulka's dough and resultant crust that elevates his pizzas. Howie's crusts are pliant—the dough is stretched, not rolled—and baked to just the right amount of char and tanginess.

Bulka uses two Marsal gas-fired pizza ovens lined with 3-inch ceramic bricks. Bulka said he considered a wood-fired oven but figured with air pollution issues, gas was a smarter way to go.

Howie's offers 10 pizza options, including composing your own pie. Prices range from \$16 to \$23 for a large pizza. Midday, a smaller "petit'za" is offered for \$12, which is plenty for a single diner.

The mouthwatering sausage and roasted red onion pizza (\$20) comes topped with house-made Berkshire pork fennel sausage, mozzarella, roasted red onion and tomato.

The baked potato pizza (\$19) was one of the more unusual offerings but delicious nevertheless. It was topped with scalloped potatoes, Swiss cheese, bacon, rosemary and black pepper. And it really did taste of potatoes.

Other items on the menu include appetizers, salads and sandwiches. The tasty, garlicky prawns (\$11) were oven-roasted with garlic butter, tomato sauce and Fresno chilies, then sprinkled with Parmesan cheese.

The spicy meatballs (\$11) were similar in presentation, served

with tomato sauce, Parmesan and garlic bread chunks. It was a huge portion, with plenty for sharing.

The Thai chicken wings (\$9) offered just enough spice to get your attention, but came with a soothing peanut dipping sauce, just in case.

My only issue with any of the food was with the chicken chipotle sandwich (\$9). The chicken was tough—not gristly, but chewy. I couldn't cut it with a knife without obliterating the sandwich. With high-quality ingredients—herb-roasted chicken, smoked jalapeño mayonnaise, mozzarella, lettuce, red onion, peppers and cilantro on a crunchy Acme Bakery baguette—my guess is that particular chicken breast was an aberration.

At lunch, I was concerned about getting overwhelmed by hungry Palo Alto High School students, but Howie's had a dedicated line for those just wanting a slice and a salad or soda. Students congregated on the outside patio,

leaving the inside of the restaurant for families.

I grew up on Alfano's Pizza but didn't venture inside on my recent visit. After having a couple of Howie's Artisan pizzas, I might have been disappointed—and why tarnish nostalgia? ❑

■ DINING NOTES

Howie's Artisan Pizza

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS



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Saoirse Ronan and Eileen O'Higgins in "Brooklyn."

When Irish eyes are crying

'BROOKLYN' COMBINES IMMIGRANT STORY, ROMANCE

★★★ 1/2 (Palo Alto Square)

"Involving" is the word for "Brooklyn," a romance of people and places adapted from Colm Tóibín's novel. Even if you don't like the film — though it's a fair bet you will — it will prime you for a spirited discussion about the choices of its hero, a resilient Irish lass who strives to sort out her best judgment from her impulses, her hope from her naiveté.

At the film's outset, in the early 1950s, Eilis Lacey (Saoirse Ronan) makes her final preparations to leave the Emerald Isle, her elder sister, Rose (Fiona Glascott), and their mother (Jane Brennan) on a stomach-churning steamer journey to a new life in America. Eilis: Meet Ellis

(Island, that is), the forbidding but magical portal to a strange land of promise called New York City. Under the watchful care of Father Flood (Jim Broadbent), Eilis is installed at a boarding house for Irish immigrant girls, run by the no-nonsense "Ma" Kehoe (Julie Walters).

As she ponders her future, Eilis takes tentative first steps in the workplace and on the social scene. Teary homesickness threatens her employment at a department store (where her boss is Jessica Paré of "Mad Men"), while the local Irish dance hall finds Eilis initially taken aback by the aggressive informality of young American men's advances.

That all changes when she meets Italian-American boy Tony Fiorello (Emory Cohen), who immediately hits the sweet spot between unceremonious charm and respectful manners.

Cue the complication. In short order, a crisis forces Eilis to put her relationship on hold to return home to Ireland, allowing her heartsick family and friends — and another attractive suitor (Domhnall Gleeson's Jim) — to make a last bid to keep Eilis in the home country. "Brooklyn" sounds like an old-school paperback romance, and in some respects, it is.

But under the sensitive direction of stage-trained director John Crowley ("Intermission," "Is Anybody There?"), and the emotional influence of Ronan's resonant leading performance, "Brooklyn" delicately turns the basic into the elemental, prompting us to examine our strong attachments, how we form them and why we might consider breaking them.

"Brooklyn" isn't the kind of movie that insists on a single authorial perspective, and it makes no guarantee that its ending spells happiness. Instead, audiences are invited to make up their own minds, like Eilis, about the trueness of this love story's love and the rectitude of Eilis' life-changing decisions.

Rated PG-13 for a scene of sexuality and brief strong language. One hour, 51 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

'Games' over

'HUNGER GAMES' FRANCHISE RESOLVES

★★ 1/2 (Century 16, Century 20)

Quoth the Bard: "Quail, crush, conclude, and quell!" Welcome back to the space where, a year ago, referring to "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2," I wrote, "No doubt the gamesmanship will step up ... after a long year's wait." That prediction has come to pass, marginally, as the \$2 billion-dollar franchise adapted from Suzanne Collins' novels comes in for a landing.

Director Francis Lawrence and his sturdy ensemble (minus Stanley Tucci) return for the final go-round, in which rebel teen idol Katniss "The Mockingjay" Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) furiously resists the establishment (the Capitol) and its exploitative president, Coriolanus Snow (Donald Sutherland). The main thrust of the plot finds Katniss driven to assassinate Snow, while delaying her romantic choice between brainwashing sufferer Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson)



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Jennifer Lawrence, Mahershala Ali and Liam Hemsworth in "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2."

and doggedly loyal commando Gale Hawthorne (Liam Hemsworth), whose moping indicates he feels he's already lost.

Indeed, moping is the mode of "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2," which seems determined to take all the fun out of the blockbuster movie. If the franchise continues to feel a bit dull — heavy on the drama and light on the excitement — there's a respectable purity in the films' political cynicism and populist fervor. The most memorable action sequence finds crashing waves of oil (there's a metaphor

for this dying empire) threatening Katniss and company, a rag-tag band of damaged minds and damaged souls that harbors little hope of prevailing but refuses to sit back and watch the world burn." Again and again, this final chapter prods Katniss to tally the public and private costs of war.

Lawrence maintains a consistent production value, and it helps having great actors like Julianne Moore, Elizabeth Banks and the late Philip Seymour Hoffman — in his final screen role. Still, for anyone not hanging breathlessly on Collins' every word and plot

■ MOVIE TIMES

The 33 (PG-13) ★★ Century 16: 10:10 a.m., 1:20, 4:25, 7:30 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:45 a.m., 3:05, 6:55 & 9:55 p.m.

Bridge of Spies (PG-13) Century 16: 9:25 a.m., 12:40, 4, 7:15 & 10:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 3:45, 7 & 10:15 p.m.

Brooklyn (PG-13) ★★★ 1/2 Palo Alto Square: Fri & Sun 1:15, 4:15 & 7:15 p.m., Fri 9:55 p.m., Sat 2:30, 5:15, 7:45 & 10:15 p.m.

By the Sea (R) Aquarius Theatre: 1:15, 4, 7:05 & 9:55 p.m. **Century 20:** 11 a.m., 1:55, 4:50, 7:45 & 10:40 p.m.

Change of Heart (1934) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Fri & Sat 6 & 9:10 p.m.

Cotto vs. Canelo (Not Rated) Century 20: Sat 6 p.m.

Goosebumps (PG) Century 20: 10:05 a.m., Fri & Sat 12:40 p.m.

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2 (PG-13) ★★★ 1/2 Century 16: 9, 10, 11 & 11:40 a.m., 12:35, 1:40, 2:40, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 6:20, 7, 7:50, 9, 10 & 10:40 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:20 p.m. & 12:10 a.m. **Century 20:** 10:25, 10:50 & 11:35 a.m., 12:20, 1:35, 2, 2:45, 3:30, 4:45, 5:20, 6, 6:45, 8, 8:35, 9:15 & 10 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:05 p.m. In X-D at 10 a.m., 1:05, 4:15 & 7:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 10:45 p.m., Sun 10:40 p.m. In D-BOX at 10:25 & 11:35 a.m., 1:35, 2:45, 4:45, 6, 8 & 9:15 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:05 p.m.

The Intern (PG-13) ★★ Century 20: Fri & Sun 10:05 a.m. & 12:55 p.m.

The Iron Horse (1924) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Sun 3:20 p.m.

Love the Coopers (PG-13) Century 16: 9:20 a.m., noon, 2:35, 5:20, 7:55 & 10:45 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:20 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:55 & 10:30 p.m.

The Martian (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 9:05 a.m., 12:20, 3:40, 7:10 & 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 10 a.m., 1:10 & 7:30 p.m. In 3-D at 4:20 p.m., Fri & Sat 10:40 p.m., Sun 10:35 p.m.

MET Opera: Lulu (Not Rated) Century 16: Sat 9:30 a.m. **Century 20:** Sat 9:30 a.m.

The Night Before (R) Century 16: 9 & 11:35 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55 & 10:50 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:40 & 11:50 a.m., 1:15, 2:30, 3:50, 5:10, 6:30, 7:50, 9:10 & 10:30 p.m.

Oklahoma! (1955) (Not Rated) Century 16: Sun 2 p.m. **Century 20:** Sun 2 p.m.

The Peanuts Movie (G) Century 16: 9:10, 10:25 & 11:45 a.m., 12:55, 2:15, 3:25, 4:40, 5:50, 7:10, 8:25 & 9:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:20 & 11:55 a.m., 2:20, 3:25, 4:50, 7:15, 8:20 & 9:40 p.m. In 3-D at 12:55, 5:50 & 10:45 p.m.

Prem Ratan Dhan Payo (Not Rated) Century 16: 10:30 a.m., 2:45 & 6:25 p.m.

The Secret in Their Eyes (R) Century 16: 9 & 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 8 & 10:45 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:55 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:15 & 10:05 p.m.

Servant's Entrance (1934) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Fri & Sat 7:30 p.m., Sat 4:20 p.m.

Spectre (PG-13) Century 16: 9:45 a.m., 12:05, 1:15, 3:35, 4:45, 5:55, 7:05, 8:15, 9:25 & 10:25 p.m., Fri 10:55 a.m., & 2:15 p.m., Sat 2:35 p.m., Sun 10:30 a.m. **Century 20:** 10:10 & 11:10 a.m., 1:30, 2:35, 5:55, 7, 9:30 & 10:25 p.m., Fri & Sat 3:35 p.m., Fri & Sun 4:55 & 8:15 p.m.

Spotlight (R) ★★★ 1/2 Century 20: 10:10 a.m., 1:05, 4:05, 7:05 & 10:10 p.m. **Palo Alto Square:** 1, 4 & 7 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 p.m.

Suffragette (PG-13) ★★★ Guild Theatre: 1:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.

Trumbo (R) Aquarius Theatre: 1:45, 4:30, 7:30 & 10:15 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:30 a.m., 1:25, 4:25, 7:25 & 10:20 p.m.

Upstream (1927) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Sun 2 p.m.

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★ Skip it
★★ Some redeeming qualities
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turn (adapted by Peter Craig and Danny Strong), this protracted two-part adaptation remains problematically enervated, building to a twist even non-readers should see coming all the way up

the Appian Way. *Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, and for some thematic material. Two hours, 17 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

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MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

HIGHLIGHT

FREE RANGE OPERA: 'A COUNTRY GIRL'

Free Range Opera will present composer Lionel Monckton's musical comedy "A Country Girl," which follows three pairs of sweethearts as they attempt to reconnect after years of separation. Nov. 21, 8-11 p.m.; Nov. 22, 2-5 p.m. \$25 general; \$22 senior, student; \$20 educator. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, Second Stage, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 415-385-4806. www.freerangeopera.com

ART GALLERIES

'Colorful Personality' Gallery 9 has on display the photography of Lisa Carpenter and the sculpture and functional art of Rachel Tirosh in "Colorful Personality." Nov. 3-29, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. gallery9losaltos.com

'Heirloom' The show "Heirloom" shares paintings and mixed-media works by Bryan Keith Thomas that celebrate the black experience through historical symbols such as cotton, roses, and African and African-American imagery. See website for facility hours. Monday-Saturday, Oct. 9-Nov. 22. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Mohr Gallery, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm

'Winging It' Viewpoints Gallery presents the work of Floy Zittin and her friends Nancy Calhoun, Jan Grady and Marion Podolski in "Winging It," a show composed of paintings of birds and travels. Nov. 3-28, Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Christmas at Our House: Home tours As part of Saint Francis High School's Christmas at Our House 2015 fundraiser, community members can go on tours of homes in Woodside and Portola Valley. A complimentary and recommended shuttle will be available, leaving from the Fremont Hills Country Club. Dec. 4 and 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$50 general; \$45 per person for groups over 10. Fremont Hills Country Club, 12889 Viscaino Place, Los Altos. Call 650-954-7720. www.sfhhs.com/page.cfm?p=1650

Salvation Army Auxiliary's Benefit Concert The Women's Auxiliary of the Sunnyvale-Mtn. View Salvation Army will hold its annual benefit concert, this year with the Menlo Brass Quintet performing a varied program ending with Christmas music and a sing-along. Proceeds will benefit the clients of the federal food program provided by the Sunnyvale Salvation Army Corps. Dec. 4, 7:30-9:15 p.m. \$20 adult; \$10 child under age 12. First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Call 408-720-0420. www.salvationarmysiliconvalley.org/santadara/womens-aux

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Adult School Winter/Spring Classes Registration Registration for Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School Winter and Spring classes will begin on Friday, November 20. The winter session will run from Jan. 4 to March 18, and the spring session from March 21 to June 3. Visit the website or call for more info. Nov. 20-Jan.

4. Prices vary. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. www.mvlaae.net

Drop-In Bike Clinic Professional bike mechanic Ryan Murphy will be available at the Dero Fixit station to give advice and help community members work on their bikes. He can assist with changing a tire, adjusting shifting and brakes, identifying mysterious noises and more. All ages are welcome. Nov. 21, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6882. goo.gl/zQM7cL

Foothill College Winter Quarter Registration Winter Quarter registration at Foothill College begins on Nov. 18, and courses will meet from Jan. 4 to March 25. A full class schedule and registration instructions are available on the website. There is no application fee. Nov. 18-Jan. 3, 12:15 a.m.-11:45 p.m. \$31 per unit for California residents, plus basic fees. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7325. www.foothill.edu/admissions.php

CLUBS/MEETINGS

Author Ruth Galm on 'Into the Valley' Local author Ruth Galm will read from "Into the Valley," a novel set in San Francisco and the Central Valley. Books will be available for purchase and signing. No registration is required. Nov. 24, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6887. goo.gl/rPU0gj

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Holiday Bazaar 2015 The Mountain View Senior Center will host its annual craft fair, where there will be over 45 booths of handcrafted goods, live music, a free raffle, a DIY craft table, an ornament contest and more. Nov. 21, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov/seniors

Schola Cantorum's Group Sing-Along Community members can raise their voices and remember the golden days of Broadway at Schola Cantorum's sing-along event. Music reading skills are not necessary. The words will be projected on a screen so anyone can participate. Nov. 22, 3 p.m. \$15 general; free for ages 18 and under and student ages 25 and under. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-254-1700. www.scholacantorum.org

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Western Ballet: 'The Nutcracker' Under the direction of Alex Zubiria, the Mountain View-based school and company of Western Ballet will give three performances of the classic holiday ballet, "The Nutcracker." Dec. 4, 7 p.m.; Dec. 5, 1 and 7 p.m. \$30 adult; \$27 student, senior; \$25 child age 12 or under. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.westernballet.org/performance/

ENVIRONMENT

'Last Chance? The United Nations Global Conference on Climate Change' The Peninsula Peace and Justice Center will welcome two leading authorities on climate change, Christopher Field and Katherine Mach, who will discuss the upcoming U.N. conference and the possibility of countries agreeing on an effective plan. Limited seating is available. RSVP is requested. Nov. 24, 7-8 p.m. Free. Midpeninsula Community Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-326-8837. www.peaceandjustice.org/cop21/

EXHIBITS

'Spirits Return' The Los Altos History Museum has a new exhibit called "Spirits Return: Cultural Traditions Keeping Memories Alive," which provides a multicultural look at how communities remember their ancestors. Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 29-April 17, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

FAMILY AND KIDS

2015 Spartan Turkey Trot Mountain View High School's sixth annual Spartan Turkey Trot will take place this year on Thanksgiving morning, offering a new course. One hundred percent of proceeds will benefit the school's athletic programs. Nov. 26, 8:30 a.m. \$25 adult; \$15 age 5-17; \$10 student, children under age 5 (donations accepted). Mountain View High School, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-799-3292. www.mvhsturkeytrot.shutterfly.com

Battle of the Bands The Oshman Family JCC will hold its first Battle of the Bands event, where local teenagers in grades six to 12 will perform tunes from various music genres. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. Nov. 21, 7-10:30 p.m. \$12 general, \$10 member, J-Pass in advance; \$15 general, \$13 member, J-Pass at the door. Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. www.paloaltojcc.org

Family Gratitude Yoga Class This special hourlong class designed for the whole family will center on cultivating and sharing gratitude. There will be yoga, stories, meditation and fun. All ages are welcome. Nov. 25, 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$30 family. Silicon Valley Shambhala Meditation Center, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, #110, Mountain View. Call 615-330-3622. www.beyouyogakids.com

Opera for Families In this entertaining program, two singers and a pianist will present pieces from operas and musicals in order to share the magic of opera with children. The event will include explanations, role-playing games and exercises that capture various aspects of the art form. Nov. 21, 10:30 a.m.-noon. \$10 general; \$8 member, J-Pass; free for children under age 2. Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. www.paloaltojcc.org

FILM

Festival of French Animated Films: 'Ernest et Celestine' The kickoff event for first ever Festival of French Animated Films will include a projection of the award-winning animated film "Ernest et Celestine," directed by Stéphane Aubier. There will be an introduction



'Tribes' The Pear Theatre will stage "Tribes" by Nina Raine, a drama about a deaf young man, who has always relied on lip-reading, and a young woman who teaches him to connect through sign language. Nov. 5-Nov. 22, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$10-\$35. Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org/plays/tribes-2

and a reception following the screening. Dec. 4, 8-11 p.m. \$15-\$20. Second Stage Theater, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 408-761-8158. www.afscv.org

FOOD AND DRINK

Autumn Spice Week Shoreline Lake's annual Autumn Spice Week and Beaujolais Nouveau Celebration will highlight spices and their unique qualities and offer seasonal items — including pastries, beverages, savory items and more — during this week only. Nov. 23-29, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Prices vary. Shoreline Lake, 3160 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-965-3779. shorelinelake.com/upcoming.html

LIVE MUSIC

Red Rock Coffee Open Mic Each Monday night, Red Rock Coffee holds an open mic event on its second floor, where musicians, poets and comedians of all ages and experience levels can share their art. Each act is given 10 minutes or two songs, whichever comes first. Sign ups begin at 6:30 p.m., and performances begin at 7 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 2-Jan. 4, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-967-4473. redrockcoffee.org

ON STAGE

'Clybourne Park' The Palo Alto Players will next produce "Clybourne Park" by Bruce Norris, a 2012 play about race relations that follows two families moving into the same Chicago neighborhood, 50 years apart. Nov. 7-22, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$32-\$46. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-0891. www.paplayers.org

'Cymbeline' Foothill College's Theatre Arts Department will stage a production of "Cymbeline," one of William Shakespeare's most endearing romances. Nov. 6-22, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$10-\$20; \$3 parking. Foothill College, Lohman Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7360. www.foothill.edu/theatre/current.php

'Emma' For its holiday production, TheatreWorks Silicon Valley will stage a musical romance, Jane Austen's "Emma" — with music, lyrics and book by Paul Gordon. See the website for specific dates and times. Dec. 2-Jan. 2. \$25-\$54 adult; \$45 senior, educator; \$25 age 30 and under. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

'Man of La Mancha' The Los Altos Stage Company will take audiences on a journey with

the renowned knight errant Don Quixote in the play-within-a-play and classic musical, "Man of La Mancha." There will be no shows on Nov. 25 and 26 and Dec. 9. Nov. 19-Dec. 19, 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

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Centered on the theme of "The Blessing of Water," this interfaith service will include leaders from Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu traditions, as well as dancers, storytellers and a trombone choir. Nov. 22, 7-8 p.m. Free. Congregation Etz Chayim, 4161 Alma St., Palo Alto. Call 650-494-1760.

LECTURES & TALKS

'Planning for Social Security' The Los Altos Library and the SVFPA will offer a talk entitled "Planning for Social Security," covering how to maximize benefits. Common concerns about filing for Social Security, utilizing spousal benefits, taxes and the Medicare supplement will be discussed. Nov. 23, 2-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.scll.org

'Rethinking Business Leadership' At this Churchill Club event, author Jeffrey Pfeffer will lead an eye-opening discussion about the leadership industry and approaches to leading others. Dec. 4, 7:30-9 a.m. \$30 Churchill Club member; \$45 nonmember. Fenwick & West, 801 California St., Mountain View. Call 408-265-0130. transition.churchillclub.org/eventDetail.jsp?EVT_ID=1054

'Zionism 3.0: Israel's Place in Tomorrow's World' Jewish thought leaders will take part in a variety of programs as part of this conference exploring pivotal issues that will determine Israel's place in the world in the coming years. The Oshman Family JCC partnered with Israeli newspaper Haaretz to organize the event. Nov. 22, 11:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. \$80 general; \$35 student. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. www.paloaltojcc.org

Author Deepak Chopra on 'Super Genes' In a talk entitled "Super Genes: The Future of Wellbeing," author Deepak Chopra will present a bold understanding of human genes and how simple lifestyle changes can boost genetic activity. He will also address practical ways to experience transformation and healing. Tickets to the event will include a copy of his book "Super Genes." Nov. 20, 7:30-9 p.m. \$60 general. Foothill College, Smithwick Theater, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos. Call 650-988-9800. www.eastwest.com/chopra2015

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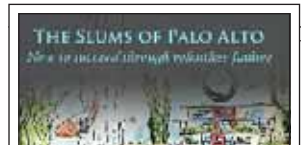
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 File No.: 610246
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 This business is owned by: An Individual.
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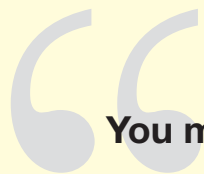
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