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## Community briefs

### End-of-life care videos

The Chinese American Coalition for Compassionate Care, in collaboration with Mettle Health and an \$8,000 grant from the Stupski Foundation, is making available a series of end-of-life care videos that address culturally taboo topics and interventions with the goal of improving end-of-life conversations and outcomes with Chinese American patients, families, family caregivers and the Chinese community at large.

The Cupertino-based coalition has released six videos with Chinese subtitles, featuring BJ Miller, MD, co-founder of Mettle Health; Szu-Ning Chen, regional social work manager of On Lok; and the Rev. Grace Song, spiritual support counselor of By the Bay Health. Titles available on YouTube are “Navigating Family Dynamics,” “Hospice and Palliative Care,” “Questions to Ask Doctors,” “The Dying Process,” “Considering Professional Caregivers” and “Advance Care Planning.”

For more information, visit [cacc-usa.org](http://cacc-usa.org) or call 866-661-5687.

### Swinging new store

PGA TOUR Superstore opened its Cupertino location on Dec. 10 at 20600 Homestead Road. The brand's fifth California location features over 1,000 square feet of putting green, six simulators and two hitting bays.

“With over 40 golf courses in the Santa Clara County area, Cupertino has been a market PGA TOUR Superstore has long sought to enter,” reads a press release. “The brand's expansion in California is fueled by the exponential growth of the game to new audiences, especially among women and juniors, nationwide.”

As part of the Cupertino store's grand opening, PGA TOUR Superstore donated \$15,000 to First Tee Silicon Valley, a nonprofit that aims to instill life skills in local youth through the game of golf.

In addition to golf merchandise, PGA TOUR Superstore also sells tennis and pickleball equipment and accessories.

## ENVIRONMENT

# Project helps restore fish habitat along Stevens Creek

Removal of concrete slab should benefit upstream migration of steelhead trout in particular

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Steelhead and other fish species should find it easier to pass through the section of Stevens Creek that runs by the Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino after contractors working for the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail completed a project to restore natural fish habitat and remove a concrete slab spanning the creek.

The concrete had been a barrier to the upstream migration of juvenile steelhead trout, a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.

“The fish passage was designed with salmonids — particularly steelhead — in mind, but it will be important for the movements of all other fish species in the creek such as stickleback, minnows and suckers,” said Steve Powell, an environmental scientist who consulted on the project. “Allowing the fish access to more habitat allows them increased opportunity to locate suitable reproduction and feeding sites and maintain viable populations.”

When fish were temporarily relocated during construction, numerous juvenile rainbow trout were found near the concrete slab, attesting to the importance of improving passage in this reach of the creek.

Richard McMurtry of the Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition initiated the project and was a technical consultant throughout the more than three years it took to complete it.

“Since my first conversation with the Friends over seven years ago, I have been impressed by their steadfast effort to bring this habitat improvement project to fruition,” McMurtry said in a statement. “It is hoped that this project contributes to ongoing efforts to restore a self-sustaining population of steelhead



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Contractors working for the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail removed a concrete slab spanning the creek near Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino. The concrete had been a barrier to the upstream migration of juvenile steelhead trout, a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.

trout in the Stevens Creek watershed,” said Friends executive director Rajiv Mathur.

The project was collaborative effort among multiple agencies, including the cities of Mountain View, Cupertino, Sunnyvale and Los Altos, Valley Water, the Mid-

peninsula Regional Open Space District, Santa Clara County, Deep Cliff Golf Course, the Bonnevill Environmental Foundation, Google, Inc., Guadalupe Coyote Resources Conservation District and the Los Altos Community Foundation.

The Friends of Stevens Creek Trail is a local community group whose goal is to raise community awareness and support for the completion of a trail in the Stevens Creek Corridor. For more information, visit <https://www.stevenscreektrail.org>.

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