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Kieran Gonsalves harvests dinosaur kale from his plot in the Willowgate community garden.

Willowgate gardeners make push for new community gardens

By Daniel DeBolt

A group of local gardeners is beginning a serious push to bring more community gardens to the city, including one in a new 1-acre park at 771 North Rengstorff Ave.

“Studies have shown that

with a community garden in a neighborhood that crime goes down, neighborhood pride goes up, people come together and talk about things of community interest. And they share,” said resident Kieran Gonsalves, one of the gardeners behind the effort.

The group has started an

online petition for the effort — which closes Jan. 14 — and plans to present it to the city’s Parks and Recreation Commission on Jan. 15. Gonsalves, along with residents Judy Levy and Marcy Fein, have been working with the

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Clark voted in as mayor, McAlister named vice mayor

By Daniel DeBolt

Second-year council members Chris Clark and John McAlister were named Mountain View’s mayor and vice mayor in unanimous City Council votes Tuesday night.

Outgoing Mayor John Inks handed the gavel to Clark in a changing of the guard that went according to tradition at the Jan



Chris Clark



John McAlister

mayor for 2014.

“It’s not a big surprise who I’m going to be nominating,” said council’s most senior member Mike Kasperzak, who nominated Clark and gave him a ribbing in his remarks, noting that Clark “kept agreeing with most of the stuff I had to say” when the two campaigned for

7 meeting, with Clark moving from his post as vice mayor to

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Ex- St. Francis chaplain found slain in Eureka

‘FATHER ERIC’ TAUGHT RELIGIOUS CLASSES AT MV SCHOOL

By Daniel DeBolt

Saint Francis High School and its alumni are mourning the death of their former chaplain, Rev. Eric Freed, after his body was found on New Year’s day in Eureka.

Freed, 56, was the popular pastor of St. Bernard’s Parish in Eureka. He was found dead in the church rectory the morning of Jan. 1.

Police arrested Eureka resident Gary Bullock on a slew of charges including murder, arson, auto theft, burglary and a special allegation of torture. A wooden stake and metal gutter pipe were reportedly used to beat Freed to death, according to police.

In Mountain View, Freed served as the chaplain at St. Francis High School and was a religious studies teacher from 2002 to 2005. He returned each year to lead a retreat for the school’s senior class, and sometimes served as a guest lecturer, according to school officials.

A local memorial service for

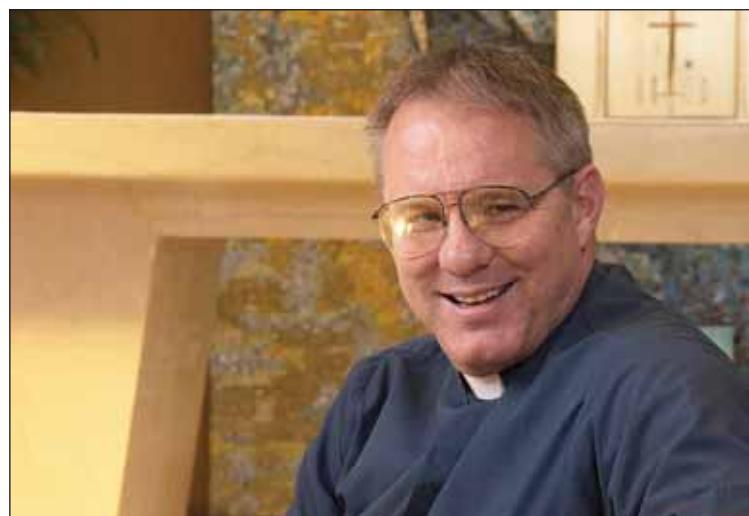
“Father Eric” is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 12, at 11 a.m. in Brothers’ Chapel at Saint Francis High School, located at 1885 Miramonte Ave.

“This man was more than a priest, more than a representation of the Catholic church but rather a representation of the ability to find the best in the human race,” wrote St. Francis graduate Justin Reginato in a Facebook post about Freed’s death. “Sitting in class listening to his stories, talking to him afterwards about personal issues, picking his brain about his worldly travels, he was always there for me.”

Freed would begin his religious studies classes by asking students to silently focus on their breath, banging on a metal bowl that would echo through the room. Freed was somehow able “to get a room of 16-year-olds to reflect inwardly on themselves,” Reginato recalled, noting how easily Freed could do it.

Freed was also the chaplain for

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COURTESY DAVE MONLEY

Rev. Eric Freed, shown in this 2004 photo taken at St. Francis High School’s Brothers’ Chapel, was slain at his parish in Eureka on New Year’s day.

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"It makes me more aware of air pollution, but it doesn't really change my behavior."
Sonia Menchavez, Mountain View



"The idea is good, but I haven't seen a difference."
Aubrey Arndt, Oakland



"The attention focused on problems with wood smoke has convinced me not to use my outdoor wood burner."
Mark Ostrau, Palo Alto



"I'm a libertarian. I don't think we should add restrictions to people's rights."
Nathan Buckley, Boston



"They should add more restrictions. I don't know if it would help, but it's a start."
Sarah Howard, Sydney, Australia

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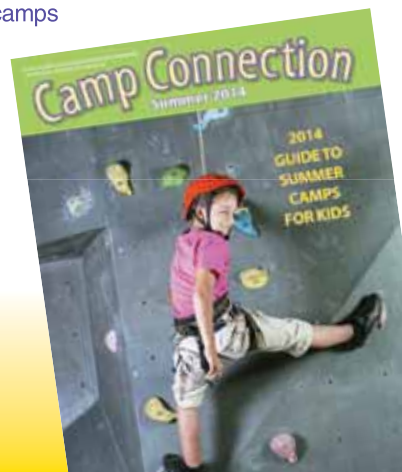
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BOMB SQUAD CALLED TO PAUL AVENUE

After finding a man dead in his home Thursday, police also found a suspicious looking container.

Police were called to Paul Avenue on Thursday at 10:50 a.m. to do a welfare check on a man who hadn't been heard from in a few weeks. He was found dead.

"It didn't look like a traditional bomb device but we weren't sure," Yaeger said of what was described as a "container with a screw lid."

He said police decided to play it safe and called in the bomb squad, and the resulting numbers of police and fire personnel on the scene alarmed neighborhood residents. Police had to ask themselves, "Do we just cut it open and look, or do we err on the side of safety and do it the right way?" Yaeger said.

It appears that man was suffering from an illness and died of natural causes. "It doesn't look like suicide so far," Yaeger said.

COMPUTER HEIST AT KHAN ACADEMY

Khan Academy employees arrived to work in Mountain View

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■ **POLICE LOG**

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500 block San Antonio Rd., 12/31
 1900 block California St., 1/5
 1300 block Shorebird Way, 1/6

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

300 block Showers Dr., 1/1
 1900 block W El Camino Real, 1/2
 1900 block Landings Dr., 1/6

AUTO THEFT

600 block N Whisman Rd., 12/31
 500 block Castro St., 1/2
 100 block Bryant St., 1/3

GRAND THEFT

100 block N Rengstorff Av., 12/31
 1 block Gladys Av., 12/31
 700 Continental Cir., 12/31

BATTERY

500 block Cypress Point Dr., 12/31
 100 block Gladys Av., 1/4
 200 block Castro St., 1/5

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You are invited to the following City of Mountain View Council meeting where the Council will consider adopting A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ON STIERLIN ROAD AND WASHINGTON ALLEY. Additional details will be provided at the meeting:

Tuesday, January 21, 2014
 6:30 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the item can be heard)
 Mountain View City Hall
 500 Castro Street
 Mountain View, California

The report providing information on this item to the City Council will be published on the City's website (www.mountainview.gov) on or about January 17, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Drennan at (650) 903-6633. Comments may also be e-mailed to public.works@mountainview.gov.

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CHRIS KENRICK

Students protest outside Sofia University following a shake-up in top administration and faculty.

Students protest after upheaval at Sofia University

By Chris Kenrick

As an interim president took office at Palo Alto's Sofia University this week, students demonstrating outside the school demanded the replacement of the three-member board that hired him and a return to the institution's founding principles.

Students said they were committed to the school's mission of the study of psychology in the holistic style known as

"transpersonal," which incorporates things like mindfulness and meditation, but were concerned about their futures following last month's abrupt firing of 12 administrators and senior faculty members.

Well-known psychologist and author Fred Luskin, who was among those fired, said he would continue to teach this quarter even if he doesn't get paid because "this is a lovely band of students, committed to being a little different and

marching to their own drum, which has created an atmosphere of cordiality."

Luskin, a psychologist and writer on forgiveness, ran Sofia's research ethics review program and taught clinical assessment and research design. The author of "Forgive for Good" and other self-help books, Luskin also co-founded the Stanford Forgiveness Project and teaches classes there on happiness, emotional

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State may declare drought emergency

By Sue Dremann

The state of California's water supply is in a third year of drought and is prompting state water officials to ask for a state of water emergency in California in the coming weeks.

State and federal water officials met in Sacramento on Tuesday to discuss diminishing water resources in rivers and reservoirs, many of which have dropped to levels that cannot be lowered further, they said. State officials expressed concern for how to get adequate water to cities if the drought deepens. And some farmers in the Central Valley have seen their water allocations eliminated completely.

Water conservation practices during wet years and a 10 percent water-use reduction have left Hetch Hetchy Reservoir with enough water Nicole Sandkulla, CEO and general manager of the Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency, said on Jan. 7. But she urged residents to conserve water whenever they can.

"It's obvious that this is a dry California year," she said, adding that the agency is in a "wait-and-see mode."

The agency is composed of 26 cities receiving drinking water from Hetch Hetchy. Hetch Hetchy is run by the San Francisco

Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC).

Water officials in Sacramento did not have a rosy view of rainfall through March. They planned to ask Gov. Jerry Brown to declare the emergency in February but decided to immediately ask for the emergency after learning that farmers anticipating water will plow their fields this month to plant crops. Officials said the emergency should be declared before plowing occurs, since the dry, plowed land could create dust-bowl conditions, such as dust storms, if farmers later lose their water allocations.

'It's obvious that this is a dry California year.'

NICOLE SANDKULLA

A similar scenario occurred in November 1991, when winds whipped up plowed, desiccated soil, causing a blinding dust storm that caused a 100-car pileup on Interstate 5 and trapped hundreds of Thanksgiving holiday drivers in the San Joaquin Valley,

they said.

Hetch Hetchy water comes from the Sierra snowpack, which is currently at 20 percent of normal levels, according to state officials. But Sandkulla noted that the water year begins in late October to early November. "It's still early in the water year," she said.

More than half of precipitation in the Sierras occurs

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FLU CLAIMS COUNTY'S FIRST VICTIM

A 41-year-old woman who died shortly before Christmas is Santa Clara County's first flu death of the season, county health officials said.

The woman died on Dec. 23 due to the H1N1 virus, also known as swine flu, according to the Santa Clara County Public Health Department.

The county has also recorded seven cases of severe flu so far this flu season, six of which were also confirmed to be H1N1 and

one of which was Flu B, officials said.

However, only flu cases in persons less than 65 years of age that are severe enough to require hospitalization in an intensive care unit or result in death are reported to the Public Health Department.

Health officials are urging residents to get vaccinated against the flu, saying it is not too late. This year's vaccine does protect against H1N1.

In addition, residents are reminded to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when

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they sneeze or cough, wash their hands often with plain soap and water or alcohol-based hand cleaners, avoid contact with those who are sick and stay home if they are sick themselves.

—Bay City News Service

TEEN WINS GRANT FROM LINKEDIN

Mountain View teen Rohun Saxena proved innovative thinking starts at an early age after recently receiving a LinkedIn Innovation Grant for his online social learning site, Eduko.

The 16-year-old high school junior at Mountain View High School began work on Eduko in June 2013. The idea behind Eduko (meaning "education" in Esperanto) is the demand for student tutors: the site is designed as a nonprofit education platform to connect students who need academic help with students that can provide help in return for earning volunteering hours.

Eduko captured the attention of social media powerhouse LinkedIn in September when it received LinkedIn's Innovation Grant, which aims to support

new, unique programs in the social sector by awarding them \$10,000. Eduko was chosen as one of 51 grantees from a pool of more than 150 applicants around the globe. LinkedIn publicly released the list of grant-winners last month.

Since receiving the grant, Saxena, along with his high school-aged co-founders and Eduko team, has been using the grant money to further develop Eduko's digital platform and increase its marketing efforts. The site

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Crash on I-280 kills San Carlos man

By Sue Dremann

A two-vehicle collision on Sunday, Jan. 5, caused one vehicle to split in two and a second to overturn on Interstate 280, killing a 21-year-old man and injuring four others, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The accident occurred in the early morning hours on northbound 280, south of Page Mill Road, in unincorporated Santa Clara County. Officers and firefighters arrived on the scene at 4:02 a.m. to find the driver of a 1999 BMW sedan thrown from the vehicle and dead. The Santa Clara County

Coroner's Office has identified him as Julian Thomas, 21, of San Carlos.

The BMW, which carried three passengers, had crashed with a 2012 Nissan sedan driven by Johnson Chao, 46, of Redwood City. Investigators do not yet know what caused the drivers to lose control of their cars and collide, CHP spokesman Officer Art Monteil said. Both vehicles came to rest within the center median.

The driver's side of the BMW struck a tree. The force of the collision split the car in half, and Thomas was thrown from the vehicle. Two passengers, a San Carlos man, 21, and a

21-year-old Sacramento woman, received minor injuries. A third passenger, a San Francisco woman, 19, had moderate injuries, Monteil said.

Chao's Nissan overturned and came to rest on its roof. It was partially on top of the concrete center median. He was able to extricate himself. Chao and the BMW's passengers were transported to Stanford Hospital.

The collision is currently under investigation. It is unknown at this time if alcohol or drugs were a factor, Monteil said. Any witnesses to this collision are asked to contact Officer William Parker at 650-369-6261. ■

Seen Around Town



GETTING THE RIGHT ANGLE

It's a tessellated world in this artfully framed photo of people walking past the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts on Jan. 5. The image was captured by James Tensuan, a Mountain View resident and former photojournalism intern at the Voice.

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now has over 100 users throughout the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and India, and continues to expand.

As Eduko's mission statement explains, "1.3 million students drop out of high schools annually in the United State alone [...] 40 percent of them attribute the dropping out to the lack of parental support or because of failing classes. We believe this is a solvable problem."

Information about Eduko is at edukofoundation.org.

—Katie Straub

RUGBY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The local youth rugby season is about to start, and there are still scholarships available to cover registration fees, according to Paul Lynch of the

American Youth Rugby Union based in Mountain View and Los Altos. The non-contact rugby league, which holds practices at Landels School, has teams for kids ranging in age from 15 to under 7 years old. The \$80 registration fee can be a stumbling block, so the group offers 20 scholarships each season, Lynch said.

"We deliberately made it the lowest cost rugby program in the Bay Area, but prior experience suggests that even this level is beyond the reach of many families," he said.

Like soccer, rugby's equipment needs are minimal, he said. Kids who sign up get a uniform and rugby ball, and are coached by former players. "They also get an opportunity to be ball runners for (the) Stanford and San Jose University rugby teams," Lynch said.

The season starts Jan. 18 and ends March 15. For information, contact Paul Lynch at 650-776-1599.

—Andrea Gemmet

Out with the old, in with the new

MOUNTAIN VIEW IS SLATED TO GET A SLEW OF NEW EATERIES IN 2014

By Elena Kadwany

The new **Cijjo Restaurant and Lounge** (pronounced sy-joe), a contemporary, international small plates restaurant, had its soft opening in late December but is planning for a grand opening early this year. The restaurant took over the space at 246 Castro St. vacated by Pho Garden last year. The Cijjo kitchen is led by Ira Siegel, who comes with a degree from the Culinary Institute of America and experience in New York City under chefs like Wolfgang Puck and Jean-Louis Palladin.

The menu is worldly, with plates ranging from seared tuna tetaki to burrata pugliesi, from Alsatian tarte flambé to truffle fries. Each dish is meant to be unique and created with authentic ingredients from the region it's representing, said owner Trisha Pham. For example, Cijjo's Peruvian seafood ceviche is marinated with passion fruit, native to Peru, instead of the traditional lime. The name of the restaurant is a word Pham said she and her husband encountered during travels around Spain. "There's no meaning to it, but if you Google 'cijjo' there's absolutely nothing out there except us. Anything related to Cijjo will point you to us. ... We're going to be one-of-a-kind."

Open for lunch and dinner Wednesday through Monday; beer and wine only.

Five Guys, the East Coast version of In-N-Out Burger, is expanding its burger empire (more than 1,000 locations in the U.S. and Canada) with a new outpost at 2098 El Camino Real, the space formerly occupied by Country Gourmet. At Five Guys, customers can build their own burgers from a long list of top-

pings; according to the website, there are more than 250,000 possible ways to order a burger at Five Guys. The restaurants only use fresh ground beef; nothing is ever frozen and only peanut oil is used. The Mountain View location will be open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day; no opening date has been set yet.

The new year will also see Castro Street get another burger place, but this one comes with an Asian tilt. **Buffalo Beers Burgers Baos** is slated to open at 246 Castro St. in early February, said chef-owner Brandon Poon.

"The restaurant is going to be a slider bar concept (with) all-Asian fusion sliders," he said. Poon, trained in fine dining with a degree from The Art Institute of California in Sunnyvale, said he's planning menu items like a banh mi burger (a play on the Vietnamese sandwich), bulgogi burger (marinated and grilled beef, a Korean dish) and a breakfast slider with slow-braised pork belly, a crispy quail egg and mustard vinaigrette. "I figured I would try to take as much of what I learned in culinary school, kind of nicer dining techniques and downplay (them) into a little more casual comfort food," Poon said. And don't forget about that second "b" in the name — Poon

plans to feature California-only brews and keep everything as local as possible.

Doppio Zero, an Italian pizzeria, will take over for Pasta? at 160 Castro St. this year. Doppio Zero is a reference to "00" flour, a super-fine-ground flour used in pasta, pizza dough and pastries. Pizza napoletana, a sought-after distinction granted by the American Delegation of the Associazione Vera Pizza Napoletana, is made with the famed doppio zero flour.

Downtown Palo Alto's **Oren's Hummus Shop** announced plans to open a Mountain View location late last year and will be delivering soon. Mistie Cohen, a partner at Oren's, said the team is aiming for a March opening at 126 Castro St. Oren's imports its chickpeas, tahini, pickles, olives, oils, spices and more directly from Israel and makes everything in-house. The Palo Alto location also does booming take-out business and owners have taken note: The Mountain View restaurant will have an area devoted specifically to to-go customers.

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on Monday morning to find that the free online academy was the victim of a major burglary.

Sometime over Sunday night thieves took 33 Apple computers from the Khan Academy office worth \$40,000, police reported.

Police said the thieves "defeated the front door lock" of the popular nonprofit's offices on the 1900 block of Landings Drive, near Google headquarters, to make the theft.

Police say there are no suspects or witnesses at this point.

—Daniel DeBolt

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GARDENS

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city to improve operations of the Willowgate community garden on Andsbury Avenue, where they each hold one of 84 garden plots available to residents. There's a long waiting list for a garden plot — the city reports that the wait can take as long as five years.

The experience of planting, caring for and harvesting from a garden in Mountain View has been limited to those who've waited for a community plot or have a yard of their own. Whether that will change with the creation of a shared garden, where anyone can pitch in and be involved, remains to be seen.

Another group of residents led by Kavita Dave-Coombe and others has called for such a shared garden, organized much like a "demonstration farm," such as Full Circle Farm in Sunnyvale or Veggielution in San Jose, both of which have nonprofit organizations at the helm.

"I'm not sure any one model



Above: Kieran Gonsalves waters his garden plot at the Willowgate community garden.

Left: Collard greens from Willowgate were donated to CSA's food pantry.

is without its problems," Gonsalves said of having plots versus a shared garden. "Any garden would be a good idea."

Over 172 people had signed the petition as of Jan. 7, which doesn't call for a specific type of garden. It calls for the city "to create additional community gardens as a matter of priority, including using the land at 771 Rengstorff Ave."

Gonsalves said that his experi-

ence at Willowgate has been a positive one. "When I had to wait (for a plot), it made it that much more valuable. You don't take it for granted."

"I've gotten to know people of different nationalities, people from the Ukraine and France," Gonsalves said. "My children eat much more healthy. Sometimes they eat right on the plot without having to take it home and cook it. A lot of people with

children, pregnant mothers or grandparents, walk through the garden and appreciate it. I believe it's really a community asset."

In the last four years, Gonsalves said Willowgate gardeners have donated 2,800 pounds of food to the Community Services Agency in Mountain View, which has a food pantry for the poorest residents in Mountain View. The group even includes recipes to go with the produce, translated into Spanish and Russian.

Gonsalves believes that community gardens also raise property values and are embraced by their neighborhoods. At Willowgate, neighbors are invited to regular "seed exchanges" and potluck dinners attended by as many as 80 people.

For 771 North Rengstorff, a 1.2-acre property sold to the city last year by longtime resident Frances Stieper, he added that it may not "make sense to hack down fruit trees" that now exist on the site "and plant tomatoes. That may not be the best use of the land."

"We want to promote the idea of a community garden for 771 North Rengstorff," Gonsalves said. "We really want to get people out to talk about it and come up with whatever they feel is right for its use and find the best model that fits it."

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intelligence, meditation and forgiveness.

But students said the school would not be the same after the loss of key faculty members fired Dec. 19 by departing president Neal King. Besides Luskin, others fired included the school's cofounder, psychologist Robert Frager.

The students are seeking the resignation of current board members, all but three of whom resigned in the past month, and a slate of new leadership proposed by longtime faculty members.

"Some of the people they let go have been people who inspired me the most," said student Kevin Pinjuv, who came to Sofia in 2011 as a doctoral candidate after earning a political science degree from Vassar College and working in Washington, D.C.

"People are losing their advisors, their dissertation chairs, their major professors. It's been very dramatic and messy and heartbreaking."

Sofia's Interim President Frank Ellsworth said he would establish a task force made up of students, faculty and staff to address the school's finances, and a second task force to address strategy and planning.

"I have spoken with multiple students, faculty and staff in person, who have all voiced their concerns and it is my hope that by implementing these task force measures Sofia can move forward into a positive and sustainable future."

Sofia, which until two years ago was called the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, is a

38-year-old nonprofit institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. It reports a full-time-equivalent enrollment of 526 and offers on-campus as well as online degrees in psychology, with a bent toward the discipline's spiritual, emotional and creative aspects.

After King's arrival as president in 2011, the school changed its name from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology to Sofia University and said it would add an undergraduate program.

'I've made a big investment to be here, and that's one of my big concerns.'

MAYTAL SHALEV

But discontent emerged this past fall after King announced two, 10 percent, across-the-board salary cuts, one after another. Seven out of 10 trustees resigned; King himself resigned, and Frager said he had filed a complaint with the California Attorney General's Office.

Ellsworth, the interim president, said Monday he had reviewed the school's finances and "our numbers are solid."

"The operating budget should reflect a break-even for this fiscal year," Ellsworth said in an e-mailed statement.

Ellsworth said he had not received any notification from the California Attorney General's Office.

Besides losing faculty mem-

bers, students said the firing of the school's clinical coordinator, who set up internships with local mental health agencies, would hurt their programs.

Pinjuv, for example, has worked at Momentum for Mental Health in San Jose and at Sofia's own counseling center, the Community Center for Health & Wellness.

Doctoral student Maytal Shalev said she moved here from Israel to attend Sofia because of its alternative approach to the study of psychology. Shalev, who holds undergraduate degrees from Tel Aviv University, said she "could have continued there to get my licensing" but came to Sofia because it aligned with her "authentic belief system."

"I've made a big investment to be here, and that's one of my big concerns," she said.

Doctoral student Susan Pearson, a former massage therapist in Chicago with a degree in history from Northwestern University, said she chose Sofia specifically for its "transpersonal aspect" and is concerned about the loss of faculty.

"There's been a lot of discussion around whether it would be worthwhile to boycott the school, but I don't think it's in the students' interest and it doesn't seem to be in the interest of the school either," Pearson said.

"We believe in the qualities of the school, in the idea of transpersonal education. It's not just about receiving a degree; it's about being around people with a common point of view that includes a very inclusive and welcoming atmosphere."

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NEW MAYOR

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the council in 2012.

Despite reports to the contrary, it was revealed Tuesday night that Clark — age 30 — is not, in fact, the youngest person to be elected to the council or serve as mayor. There was no question, however, that he is the first openly gay council member to be elected. Clark said last week that it's a testament to the community that his sexual orientation has been a non-issue during his first year in office.

"I'm humbled and honored to serve as mayor," said the young business executive after he took the mayor's chair, thanking all those who helped him reach it. He thanked Inks for showing him the ropes, his campaign volunteers for their "sleepless nights" and family members

who were watching online from an Illinois farm where they hopefully hadn't been "swept away in a polar vortex" and who instilled in him "pragmatism and humility." He noted some others too, including people "who know where you live and aren't afraid to knock on your door repeatedly."

As she sat next to him on the dais, council member Margaret Abe-Koga nominated McAlister to replace Clark as vice mayor, putting him in line to be mayor in 2015.

"His motto has been 'Residents first,'" Abe-Koga said of McAlister, who is known for taking the side of neighbors who oppose development in their neighborhoods. "The thing about our council is it's very diverse, we don't always agree but we can agree to disagree. His heart is in the right place. I've watched him work hard this year to under-

stand the issues and ask the right questions."

"It's definitely an honor to follow in the footsteps of everyone up here," said McAlister, the last member of the current council to be vice mayor. "I have big footsteps to fill."

"Though their time on the council has been short they have had quite a bit of experience on the EPC," Abe-Koga said of Clark and McAlister, referring to the environmental planning commission that advises the council on land use changes in the city.

"Our city is the envy of many," Clark said. "We still, however, have many challenges ahead. We are recovering from one of the worst economic downturns and our jobs-housing imbalance has created tremendous pressures for growth."

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REV FREED

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the school's football team, Reginato said.

Freed "stood on the sidelines of every game. I remember looking over at him, with a smile on his face, as he watched us win (he did love his football). He was an all-around wonderful human being who I will never forget."

Mountain View resident Chris Hildebrandt said in an email that Freed was the second former pastor of St. Francis to die this year.

His predecessor, Father Mark Catalana, died unexpectedly from a blood clot after surgery on a shattered hip from a bicycle accident.

"My children attended St Francis from 1995 to 2005, giving me the opportunity to meet both priests," Hildebrandt said. "Both were exceptional teachers, warm, caring, dedicated to their church and always finding the right words of encouragement for our children and their families."

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DROUGHT

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between December and February, she said. A final determination of the water situation will take place in mid-April, she said.

If a catastrophic drought were to occur, drought allocations for SFPUC water have distinct rules and a formula about who gets water, she said. The agreement allows some flexibility if there is a system-wide cutback greater than 20 percent. "But we've never

had that happen," she said.

The meeting at the California State Board of Food and Agriculture included presentations by the California Department of Water Resources, State Water Resources Control Board, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Mid-Pacific Region, water district representatives, the Northern California Water Association and other conservation agencies, who discussed U.S. Department of Agriculture drought programs.

—Craig Dremann contributed to this report.

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TCE mystery is (nearly) solved

After many years of watching and reporting about EPA scientists and others tracking the underground migration of the toxic chemical trichloroethylene (TCE) from leaking tanks in the vicinity of N. Whisman Road to the discovery of other “hot spots” hundreds, if not thousands of feet away, it is remarkable that even today, the extent of TCE contamination in the city’s soil and groundwater remains unclear.

The latest thinking, though there is no conclusive proof yet, is that it is very likely that the mystery of how TCE managed to flow west of what was thought to be its boundaries has been solved.

It has long been known that the solvent that was spilled at the Fairchild plant on N. Whisman Road, and at other plants making computer chips, created an underground plume of contamination that appeared to be contained in an area bordered by E. Middlefield Road, Ellis Street and N. Whisman Road, and extending across Highway 101 north to connect with another large TCE plume left by the Navy at Moffett Field.

Then came the surprising discovery in 1982 that a deep well used by Joe Silva and his family for drinking water and in their farming operation was contaminated by TCE, in an area outside what was thought to be the boundary of the plume. The well on the Sherland Avenue property is about a block west of the MEW and was immediately shut down when it tested positive for high levels of TCE. But despite efforts to determine how the dangerous chemical found its way into a deep (465 feet) well, the mystery of how the chemical migrated over half a block west of what were thought to be its boundaries was never solved.

In late 2013 two more “hot spots” were found by EPA testing on Evandale Avenue, also west of the N. Whisman boundary of the MEW, and also along a sewer line. Two other significant hot spots of TCE were found even farther west, along the same sewer line, which makes it a near certainty that when early tech workers at Fairchild or other plants making computer chips poured TCE down the drain it found its way through sewer line connections, and produced vapors found by the EPA in a handful of homes in the area. More could be discovered if the Environmental Protection Agency continues to test along the sewer lines in the residential neighborhood west of Whisman Road, where small amounts of TCE have already been found along sewer lines on Easy Street and Tyrella Avenue, among others.

The latest discoveries show how little is known about this dangerous toxic chemical’s presence in the city. It can seem contained in the North Whisman area and then be discovered

blocks away, where in some cases, residents have lived with it in their homes for more than 40 years.

What is known is that prolonged breathing of the toxic vapors given off by underground plumes of TCE can cause birth defects, cancer and a host of other diseases, although it is nearly impossible to attribute individual cases of diseases directly to inhalation of TCE vapors in this area. And unless barriers have been installed in a home’s foundation, TCE vapors from undiscovered hot spots have the potential to penetrate into living spaces, potentially exposing residents to increased health risks.

Another, more problematic hot spot, is the site of a large former military apartment complex — Orion Park — just outside the main gate at Moffett Field, torn down in 2009 and once home to hundreds of military families. A TCE plume in the ground water could have exposed families who lived in the apartments to toxic TCE fumes since 1968. The situation has eased somewhat since demolition of the complex, which was replaced by offices and training facilities. The Army contends that since the area was a farm prior to 1968, cleanup of the TCE is not its responsibility.

But that conclusion was made before the recent discoveries, which strongly suggest that sewer lines are the conduits of TCE outside the MEW area. Lenny Siegel, a longtime local watchdog of toxic cleanups, told the *Voice* he has discovered a map showing a large sewer line located on the east side of Orion Park that had also once served Fairchild, where the TCE is said to have originated. No one knows for sure if the apartments were contaminated by the gas, but the discovery of TCE on the Orion site is certainly an indicator that some apartment-dwellers were breathing the toxic fumes for a long time.

It is remarkable that after so many years, residents and city officials are seeing strong evidence that TCE apparently migrated along sewer line corridors to sites far beyond the boundaries in the MEW. Now it is incumbent on the EPA to do more testing, using the sewer line maps to guide them, and for the city to fully cooperate in revealing the locations and flow directions of sewer lines then and now. It is difficult to imagine why no one suspected the sewer line’s importance in tracking the spread of this dangerous chemical, but now it is clear that TCE can travel hundreds, if not thousands, of feet away from what was previously thought to be its definitive boundaries. And although TCE’s half-life in open air is only about seven days, depending on conditions it is a stable compound underground and could last for 100 or more years.

■ LETTERS
VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

CLARK ALWAYS SIDES WITH DEVELOPERS

New Mayor Chris Clark, like his predecessor John Inks, is a puppet of the out-of-town developers. He believes in unrestricted growth, and believes that what is good for the developers is good for Mountain View. Chris Clark does not care about the residents of Mountain View.

However, there is light at the end of the tunnel. John McAlister is slated to be mayor in 2015.

John, along with Jac Siegel, are the only two members of the City Council who prefer wise development, listen to, and are concerned with, the residents of Mountain View. With three members terming out at the end of 2014, we the residents of Mountain View, will have an opportunity to return control of Mountain View to council members who will represent us.

Take back Mountain View.
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Trophy Drive





■ FOOD FEATURE

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CHEZ TJ OWNER FINDS,
THEN SPINS MICHELIN-STAR CHEFS INTO ORBIT

Story by Dale F. Bentson // Photos by Michelle Le

George Aviet is a carpenter, electrician, plumber, janitor, cabinet-maker, painter and visionary — and the owner of Chez TJ in Mountain View, one of only four restaurants on the Peninsula to earn coveted Michelin stars.

Born in Iran to an Armenian mother and a French-English father, life did not start off so promisingly for Aviet. His father worked for Royal Dutch Shell and was trapped in a tanker for days. He suffered psychological issues and withdrew from the family for a decade

George Aviet is the visionary behind Chez TJ, Mountain View's only Michelin-starred restaurant.

shortly before his son George was born.

Aviet suffered a serious injury at age 6 when a piece of metal from a toy ruptured his back and exited his stomach. He spent nearly two years in the hospital and many months at home convalescing. During that time, he was immersed in the cooking of his mother and grandmother who hailed from the Caspian Sea area.

His father reemerged when Aviet was 10 and paid for his private school education. In 1979, their property confiscated, the family fled Iran after the Islamic Revolution. Aviet came to the South Bay as an exchange student enrolling at Cañada College and took a part-time job at the now extinct Pear William restaurant in Menlo Park, where he met chef Thomas J. McCombie.

It was there that Aviet found his life's passion. He loved the restaurant business and worked in every capacity at Pear William. To make ends meet, he also worked late nights at a doughnut shop in Redwood City. In the early 1980s, McCombie proposed that the two should open a restaurant.



Jared Gallagher, the new executive chef, prepares lamb in the Chez TJ kitchen.

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The partners traveled to Europe and ate their way around France, absorbing what they both adored about French cuisine — the menus, the ambience, the use of local seasonal ingredients — and came home with a plan. They would offer prix fixe dinners at three price points, depending on the number of courses. With their wives, they scraped together enough money to launch Chez TJ in November of 1982.

Opened on a shoestring, McCombie and his wife lived in the converted 1894-era house on Villa Street. Then, Aviet and his wife moved in. As word spread, the entire space was converted to restaurant, happily evicting the partners.

In 1994, McCombie, aged 44, died of a heart attack. By agreement, Aviet took over the restaurant and needed to quickly learn not only how to run the kitchen, but to devise a plan for buying out the McCombie estate's interest.

That's where the real story of Chez TJ begins. Aviet knew what he wanted from his kitchen. He set the bar high

and identified chef and staff that would carry the restaurant to that higher level. In 2007, Chez TJ was awarded one star by the French Michelin Guide, the most dependable and respected of worldwide restaurant critics.

It was chef Joshua Skenes who earned Chez TJ its first

only three-star restaurants on the West Coast.

Next came Bruno Chemel. During his time in Chez TJ's kitchen, the restaurant's rating dropped down to one star. He and Aviet had a very public falling out after the Michelin rating dropped, and Chemel departed with most of the kitchen staff.

intimate dining rooms seat about 40. Even at premium prices, the revenue curve is meager compared to most other restaurants. To be the executive chef at Chez TJ isn't a financial windfall, hence, the high chef turnover.

Aviet couldn't say enough about his current star-in-the-

of Chez TJ. Aviet has a unique eye for the up-and-comers, the chefs de cuisine, the sous chefs waiting to be discovered.

To say Aviet is laser-focused is to state the obvious. His love for the restaurant is deep — it's been his life for over 30 years. He lives in a small cottage behind the restaurant. Aviet has two daughters, both students in the University of California system and he speaks glowingly of them. But paternal love is different than any other kind of love. Aviet has two ex-wives as well.

"Running a restaurant like this takes a toll," Aviet said. "I do not live luxuriously and have had to cut back on my living expenses when times were difficult. I drive a Prius and do all the work around the restaurant."

His daughters recently admonished him for climbing up a steep ladder to hang Christmas lights from the eaves. "I'm getting too old to be doing this," he said, "but I love it." ■

'I give the chef all the freedom, don't interfere unless I feel we are getting off-track. Jared is a tremendous talent, with him in the kitchen, I think we have a good chance of earning back our two-star Michelin rating.'

GEORGE AVIET

Michelin star. Skenes is now co-owner and executive chef at Saison in San Francisco, a two-star Michelin restaurant. He was succeeded by Christopher Kostow who elevated Chez TJ to two stars. He departed soon thereafter to take the position of executive chef at Napa Valley's Restaurant at Meadowood. Kostow's restaurant and Thomas Keller's French Laundry are the

He moved on to earn two stars at Baumé in Palo Alto.

Yet Chez TJ did not miss a beat. Scott Nishiyama, then Joey Elenterio and now Jared Gallagher, formerly of Plumed Horse in Saratoga, have continued Chez TJ's uninterrupted string of eight consecutive years as a Michelin-starred restaurant.

At capacity, Chez TJ's four

making, Jared Gallagher. "I give the chef all the freedom, don't interfere unless I feel we are getting off-track. Jared is a tremendous talent, with him in the kitchen, I think we have a good chance of earning back our two-star Michelin rating."

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**Joint Public Workshop for the
San Antonio &
El Camino Real Precise Plans**

The Mountain View City Council adopted a new General Plan on July 10, 2012. To implement the General Plan, new precise plans are being created in the San Antonio and El Camino Real areas. The precise plans will contain new development standards and regulations.

Information on the precise plans may be found on the project websites:
www.SanAntonioPrecisePlan.com
www.ElCaminoRealPrecisePlan.com

JOINT PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The City of Mountain View will hold a joint public workshop for the precise plans on: **Saturday, January 11, 2014 - 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040

The workshop is an opportunity to discuss draft land use, urban design and transportation options for the precise plan areas. Public input at the workshop will be shared with the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) and City Council in subsequent public hearings tentatively scheduled for January 22, 2014 (EPC) and February 4, 2014 (Council).

Visit the project websites or contact the Community Development Department at (650)903-6306 or community.dev@mountainview.gov if you have questions or to sign up for notifications of future meetings.

PRE-WORKSHOP WEB FORUM

Start the conversation early, by visiting the project websites' Open Town Hall forums to contribute photos of what you would like to see in these areas and how you think they can be improved. Interested members of the public are encouraged to participate online before the workshop.

MOVIE TIMES

47 Ronin (PG-13) Century 20: 1:45 p.m. In 3-D at 7:45 & 10:40 p.m.

American Hustle (R) ★★★ Century 16: 10:40 a.m., 12:20, 2, 3:40, 5:35, 7:05, 9 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 12:45, 2:25, 3:55, 7:15, 9:20 & 10:30 p.m.

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG-13) ★★1/2
Century 16: 10:30 a.m., 1:20, 4:30, 7:30 & 10:20 p.m.
Century 20: 11:05 a.m., 2, 5, 7:55 & 10:45 p.m.

August: Osage County (R) Century 16: 10:30 a.m., 1:25, 4:20, 7:15 & 10:10 p.m. Century 20: 11 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:40 & 10:30 p.m.

The Constant Nymph (1943) (Not Rated)
Aquarius Theatre: 5:25 & 9:10 p.m. Stanford Theatre: 5:25 & 9:10 p.m.

Frozen (PG) Century 16: 12, 1:35, 2:40, 4:15, 5:45, 7:20 & 10 p.m. Century 20: 10:45 a.m., 1:25, 4:15, 6:55 & 9:35 p.m. In 3-D at 11:55 a.m., 2:40 & 5:25 p.m.

Grudge Match (PG-13) Century 20: 2:55 & 6:15 p.m.

Her (R) ★★★★★ Century 20: 11:45 a.m., 1:25, 4:30, 7:30, 8:55 & 10:25 p.m. Palo Alto Square: Fri-Sat 1, 4, 7 & 10 p.m. Sat 1, 4, 7 & 10 p.m. Sun-Thu 1, 4 & 7 p.m.

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) ★★★★★
Century 16: 12:15 & 7:55 p.m. In 3-D at 4 p.m.
Century 20: 11:30 a.m. & 6:35 p.m. In 3-D at 3:05 & 10:10 p.m.

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) ★★★
Century 16: 11:50 a.m., 3:20, 7 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 12:35, 3:50, 7:10 & 10:25 p.m.

Inside Llewyn Davis (R) ★★★★★ Century 20: 11:20 a.m., 1:55, 4:35, 7:05 & 9:45 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 & 9:50 p.m.

The Legend of Hercules (PG-13)
Century 16: 2:30 & 10:30 p.m. In 3-D 11:55 a.m., 5:10, 7:45 p.m.
Century 20: 12 & 10:35 p.m. In 3-D at 2:35, 5:15 & 8 p.m.

Letter from an Unknown Woman (1948) (Not Rated)
Aquarius Theatre: 7:30 p.m. Stanford Theatre: 3:45 & 7:30 p.m.

Lone Survivor (R) Century 16: 10:35 a.m., 12:05, 1:30, 3:10, 4:35, 6:15, 7:40, 9:15 & 10:35 p.m. Century 20: 12:40, 3:30, 6:30 & 9:25 p.m. In IMAX at 11:10 a.m., 2, 4:55, 7:50 & 10:45 p.m.

Nebraska (R) ★★★
Aquarius Theatre: 2, 5 & 8 p.m. Century 20: 11:05 a.m. & 4:50 p.m.

Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (R)
Century 16: 11:15 a.m., 12:10, 1:30, 2:25, 3:45, 4:40, 6, 7:05, 8:20, 9:30 & 10:40 p.m. Century 20: 12:05, 2:20, 4:45, 7, 8:15, 9:40 & 10:40 p.m.

The Past (PG-13) ★★★★★1/2
Aquarius Theatre: Fri-Sat 1, 4, 7 & 9:55 p.m. Mon-Thu 1, 4 & 7 p.m.

Philomena (PG-13) ★★★ Guild Theatre: 1, 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.

The Princess Bride (PG) Century 16: Sun 2 p.m.

Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13) ★★ Century 16: 10:30 a.m., 1:25, 4:25, 7:25 & 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 10:40 a.m., 1:30, 4:25, 7:25 & 10:20 p.m.

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG) ★1/2
Century 16: 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:50 & 10:35 p.m. Century 20: Fri 11:15 a.m., 1:55, 4:40, 7:35 & 10:15 p.m. Sat 11:15 a.m., 1:55, 4:40, 7:35 & 10:15 p.m. Mon 11:15 a.m., 1:55, 4:40, 7:35 & 10:15 p.m. Tue 11:15 a.m., 1:55, 4:40, 7:35 & 10:15 p.m.

Walking With Dinosaurs (PG)
Century 20: 10:55 a.m., 3:25 & 8:20 p.m.

The Wolf of Wall Street (R) ★★★★★1/2
Century 16: 11:45 a.m., 3:50, 8 & 8:45 p.m.
Century 20: 10:35, 12:15, 4:05, 5:30 & 8:10 p.m.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

AMERICAN HUSTLE ★★★
"American Hustle" (with a script credited to Eric Singer and Russell) loosely derives from the late-'70s, early-'80s FBI Abscam operation, so named for its employment of an "Arab," a fake sheik used to entrap politicians into accepting bribes. Director David O. Russell buys himself free rein by admitting he's cherry-picking history for juicy bits while allowing himself to design the characters and story for maximum tickling. Christian Bale plays skilled fraudster Irving Rosenfeld. Along with his mistress Sydney Prosser (Amy Adams, affecting a British accent), Rosenfeld bilks investors, until one turns out to be FBI agent Richie DiMaso (Bradley Cooper). *Rated R for pervasive language, some sexual content and brief violence. Two hours, 18 minutes.* — P.C.

ANCHORMAN 2: THE LEG- END CONTINUES ★★1/2
Inappropriate anchorman Ron Burgundy is back, and he's still failing upwards. Will Ferrell returns in his best role, and just like Ron, he's surrounded by his team: David Koechner as "dangerous alcoholic... (and) racist" Champ Kind ("Whammy!"), Paul Rudd as sorta-suave sports reporter Brian Fantana, and Steve Carell as ape-like, low-IQ weatherman Brick Tamland. As before, part of the joke is looking back in laughter at period fashions and outdated mores. *PG-13 for crude and sexual content, drug use, language and comic violence. One hour, 56 minutes.* — P.C.

INSIDE LLEWYN DAVIS ★★★★★
Like a rolling stone, singer-guitarist Llewyn Davis tumbles through the Greenwich Village folk-music scene of the '60s and onto any available couch of his friends. Oscar Isaac, in a breakout role as the title character, owns every sliver of spotlight in the Coen Brothers' most compelling character study to date. Understated and laced with the siblings' signature sardonic humor, the film explores why some talents shoot to stardom, whereas others struggle passionately and tirelessly yet never become successful artists. *Rated R for language and some sexual references. One hour, 44 minutes.* — S.T.

SAVING MR. BANKS ★★
There's enough spin at work in "Saving Mr. Banks" — a Walt Disney Pictures account of the making of the 1964 Disney musical "Mary Poppins" — to make audiences dizzy, which is essential to the film's design. By neatly assembling an uplifting weepie out of a few choice lies, it's almost as pleasant a fantasy as "Mary Poppins" itself. For 20 years, Walt Disney (here played by Tom Hanks) negotiated with P.L. Travers (Emma Thompson) for the rights to her "Mary Poppins" books, and "Saving Mr. Banks" depicts the last stretch during which Disney finally wore her down. Travers allows herself to be flown out for an "exploratory trip" to the Disney lot, where she makes life miserable for screenwriter Don DaGradi (Bradley Whitford) and songwriters Richard M. and Robert B. Sherman (Jason Schwartzman and B.J. Novak). *PG-13 for thematic elements including some unsettling images. Two hours, five minutes.* — P.C.

MOVIE CRITICS

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS



Mark Wahlberg produced and stars in "Lone Survivor," directed by Peter Berg.

Lone Survivor

★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) One word you won't see used to describe "Lone Survivor," the fact-based movie about a FUBAR Navy SEALs operation: "contemplative."

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

Producer-star Mark Wahlberg plays Luttrell, one of a four-man SEAL team tasked with locating and assassinating senior Taliban commander Ahmad Shah (Yousuf Azami). Dispatched as a part of 2005's Operation Red Wings, Luttrell's colleagues include team leader Lt. Michael P. Murphy (Taylor Kitsch), Danny Dietz (Emile Hirsch) and Matthew Axelson (Ben Foster). Based in Bagram, the men hunker down in the Hindu Kush mountains of the Kunar province to stake out Shah and plan their move.

But their wooded cover isn't as secure as they believed, and the mission quickly devolves. Once surrounded by dozens of Taliban, the mission becomes one of hopeful radio contact (compromised by the rocky terrain) and pure endurance. Bad proceeds to worse and worst before the spoiler-y title comes to pass. Echoing "Chinatown," Luttrell puts it, "It's just Afghanistan, that's all."

One might read into that comment and the failed operation a whiff of doubt about the War in Afghanistan, but tonally this "band of bros" story celebrates the toughness and fraternal bond of the American military man. Director Peter Berg ("Friday Night Lights," "BattleShip") opens with a montage, demonstrating the elite status of the Navy SEAL, that could easily double as a recruitment film; subsequent jocular banter attempts to endear us to the men about to be in harm's way.

The film's final act balances the monstrous Taliban with the Pashtun villagers who provide aid and comfort to Luttrell out of their ancient code of honor and current hatred of the Taliban; the enemy of their enemy is their friend. So "Lone Survivor," despite depicting traumatic

war horrors, isn't an anti-war film. What it is, unambiguously, is pro-troops. And with reasonable accuracy and visceral expressiveness, it depicts true events. Still, the unwillingness to "engage" in larger questions disconcertingly reduces a real-life tragedy to an action movie. When violence helps to tell a story of thematic import, that's one thing, and when action serves as an element in an adventure fiction, that's another, but "Lone Survivor" is something else entirely, something that some will find deeply stirring and others will consider off-putting, if not distasteful.

Rated R for strong bloody war violence and pervasive language. Two hours, one minute.

— Peter Canavese

August: Osage County

★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) It may be 30 below in Cass County this week, but on screen it's 108 degrees in "August: Osage County." And as the old story goes, when the day is hot, there's no escaping a brawl.

Based on Tracy Letts' Pulitzer Prize-winning drama (also Best Play at the Tonys), "August: Osage County" probably isn't for most boxing or MMA enthusiasts. But it'll be raw meat for theater fans or anyone who enjoys

seeing a dysfunctional family strap on the gloves and go a few rounds. The Weston clan is, by design, the mother of all post-Greek tragedy dysfunctional families, and since that "mother" is Meryl Streep, hold on to your popcorn.

Streep plays Violet Weston, who reluctantly plays host to her three grown daughters (and their significant others) when their soused father Beverly (Sam Shepard) goes AWOL. The mystery of Beverly's disappearance serves as little more than a catalyst for explosive reactions amongst the characters and secrets jammed into the dim, depressing Weston house (tapping the shades, one character ruefully remarks, "You can't tell if it's night or day").

And so the three sisters — Barbara (Julia Roberts), Ivy (Julianne Nicholson) and Karen (Juliette Lewis) — commiserate and attempt to handle, or simply bear, their overbearing mother, whose ironic mouth cancer has her doubling down on her addictions to pills and sowing unhappiness. Why, Violet seems to reckon, should she be alone in being miserable? There's enough to go around. Underneath the vitriol, though, we're led to believe that the lyrics of Violet's favorite boogie ("Lay Down Sally") express a hidden longing for the best family has to offer.

All of the play's shock-value plot bombs, and its overdoses of self-destructiveness and destructiveness, can be a bit obvious and get a bit tedious. The playwright has adapted his own work for director John Wells ("The Company Men") but absent the electricity of live-wire live performance, the play's paucity of depth becomes more obvious. What's left to carry the day are a nasty streak of black comedy and the redoubtable acting ensemble.

Streep does her virtuoso thing, not so much disappearing into a role as playing it like the world's greatest electric-guitar solo; her performance is just what the film needs, and it's nicely complemented by Roberts' sourly reactive turn (it's one of the play's best jokes — and threats — that Barbara seems well on her way to becoming Violet).

Also kicking around are Ewan McGregor, the ubiquitous Benedict Cumberbatch, Margo Martindale, Chris Cooper, Dermot Mulroney and Misty Upham, all entirely effective. With material that often spikes to 11 on the volume dial, the understatement of actors like Nicholson and Cooper redefines scene stealing and swiftly endears those characters and their portrayals to the audience.

One thing's for sure. When people get a load of the dinner scene here, they'll be counting their lucky stars for the relative calm of their own family get-togethers.

Rated R for language including sexual references, and for drug material. Two hours, one minute.

— Peter Canavese



Julia Roberts, left, Ewan McGregor and Meryl Streep in "August: Osage County."

Goings On

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

HIGHLIGHT

PARHELION CD RELEASE

Mountain View-based free-jazz duo Parhelion will release their new CD, "Pineapple City," with guest Claude Ferguson. More bands will follow (Dust Collector, Human Baby, Bradbury and more TBA). Jan. 12, 7-11 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.) \$5. Dana Street Roasting Company, 744 W. Dana St., Mountain View. Call 650-224-0133. www.subruckuscollective.wordpress.com

ART GALLERIES

'Portraits of Jamestown, Ghana'

Exhibit Photographs by Bay Area artist Bill Scull will be on display at Gallery 9 through Feb. 1. The exhibit includes portraits from Jamestown, a fishing village in Ghana in West Africa. There will be a reception on Sunday, Jan. 5, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Gallery 9 hours: Tues.-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

AUDITIONS

El Camino Youth Symphony Auditions

ECYS is holding new member auditions for the 2014-15 season. ECYS offers six different orchestras as well as opportunities in chamber music for musicians of all levels. Interested applicants, ages 6-18, with at least one year of private lessons are encouraged to apply. Auditions in March/April 2014. \$25 audition fee. To be determined, To be determined, Palo Alto. www.ecys.org

Silicon Valley Boychoir spring auditions

The Silicon Valley Boychoir auditions for boys ages 7-12 will be held near downtown Palo Alto by appointment. The multi-level choir is held after school and performs locally in May. Older boys with experience may audition for upper levels. Jan. 7-17. Free audition; semester tuition. First Lutheran Church, 600 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. www.svboychoir.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

'She's Geeky' - Bay Area 2014 Conference

"She's Geeky" - Bay Area 2014 is a networking conference for women in science, technology, engineering and math. Jan. 24, 8:15 a.m.-6 p.m. \$240 for all three days; \$90/day; until Nov 30: \$200 and \$75. Microsoft Silicon Valley, 1065 La Avenida St, Mountain View. www.eventbrite.com/e/shes-geeky-bay-area-2014-tickets-9193673525

Bird Drawing and Sketching Workshop

Local artist Kathy Kleinstreiber will teach a workshop on drawing and sketching birds at the EcoCenter. Reservations strongly recommended, especially if you need materials. Jan. 11, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Environmental Volunteers' EcoCenter, 2560 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-493-8000 ext. 345. www.evols.org/index.php?page=bird-drawing-and-sketching-workshop-2

Brew University: Seasonal Beers From Around the World

Learn from Gordon Biersch Brewmaster, John Tucci, about seasonal beers from around the world. Registration is required. Jan. 21, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Downtown Library, 270 Forest Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-838-2931. www.califa.evanced.info/paloalto/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=6274

Introduction to Mindfulness

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

Soil Foodweb Class

Common Ground in Palo Alto hosts this class, focused on soil life and plants. Jan. 11, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$31. Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072. www.commongroundinpaloalto.org/category/classes-events/

Square Dance Lessons

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Young Meditators Night

This night is designed specifically for meditators age 18-40, hosted every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. 7:30-9 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Silicon Valley Shambhala Meditation Center,

2483 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Call 615-330-3622. www.siliconvalley.shambhala.org/program-details/?id=138840

CONCERTS

Audra McDonald Performance Actress and singer Audra McDonald ("Ragtime," "Raisin in the Sun," "Porgy and Bess") will perform show-tunes, classic songs from the movies and original pieces written especially for her. Jan. 17, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10-175. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. www.live.stanford.edu/calendar/january-2014/audra-mcdonald

DANCE

Latin Dance Class Learn the Latin dances — rumba, cha-cha, samba, tango — with instructors Ellen Murray and Gene Esswein in this Mountain View Adult Ed class. Singles and couples welcome. Deadline for registration is Jan. 23. The class runs Jan. 17-March 17, Mondays, 7:30-9 p.m. \$39. Mountain View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. www.mvlaae.net

EXHIBITS

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

FAMILY AND KIDS

'Understanding Healthy Brain Development: Birth Through Early Adolescence'

Susan Johnson, a Waldorf School of the Peninsula teacher who has also been a behavioral and developmental pediatrician for many years, will lead this talk on child development and education. Jan. 10, 7-9 p.m. \$15 suggested donation. Mountain View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-209-9400. www.waldorfpenninsula.org/event/wiring-the-brain-for-success-with-dr-susan-r-johnson/

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FILM

'Flesh and Metal' on Film

A variety of films by or about artists featured in the Cantor Art Center exhibit "Flesh and Metal: Body and Machine in Early 20th-Century Art" will run continuously concurrent with the exhibition. Ongoing every day from Nov. until March 16. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Wed.-Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays until 8 p.m. Free. Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. www.events.stanford.edu/events/397/39751/

Screening of 'Disleksia: The Movie'

Athena Academy, Parents Education Network: Silicon Valley and filmmaker Harvey Hubbell to host a screening of the documentary "Disleksia: The Movie," which is about dyslexia. Hubbell himself is dyslexic. A discussion will follow the film. Jan. 21, 7-9 p.m. \$10. Athena Academy, 525 San Antonio Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-543-4560. www.DisleksiaTheMovieScreening.eventbrite.com

HEALTH

Jacki's Aerobic Dancing Classes

These fitness classes include core work, strength training and aerobic routines. Jacki's also offers complimentary childcare; bring children and get the first month of classes for free. 9 a.m.-10 a.m. \$4 per

class. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. Call 650-941-1002. www.jackis.com/

LIVE MUSIC

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

Happy hour & belly dancing at Morocco's Restaurant

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

Laudami Ensemble: Music of Bach and Son

The Laudami Ensemble will perform works by Johann Sebastian Bach and his son, Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach. Jan. 17, 7-9 p.m. \$10-20. Immanuel Lutheran, 1715 Grant Road, Los Altos. Call 650-380-3996. www.michaelpeterson.org

Live Jazz Music at Morocco's Restaurant

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

Morocco's 'Magic Monday'

Morocco's Restaurant hosts "Magic Monday," a night with food and music. Check in on Facebook for a complimentary wine or starter plate. Jan. 6-27, 5-9:30 p.m. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com

Sunday brunch, lunch & dinner at Morocco's Restaurant

Morocco's Restaurant in Mountain View opens at noon on Sundays for brunch with endless Mimosas and craft beers along with grilled platters and couscous. The restaurant also serves lunch and dinner. Jan. 5-26, Sundays, noon-11 p.m. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com/

Wine tasting & live music at Morocco's Restaurant

Morocco's Restaurant in Mountain View will host a wine tasting (three wines from three different regions of the world with a nut and cheese sampler for \$15) as well as a live acoustic guitar performance. Happy hour is 5-7 p.m. Jan. 2-30, Thursdays, 5-11 p.m. Free. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-1502. www.moroccosrestaurant.com/

ON STAGE

Los Altos Stage Co.: 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'

The Los Altos Stage Company is putting on a production of Tennessee Williams' "Cat

on a Hot Tin Roof. Jan. 23-Feb. 16, Wednesday through Sunday, 8-11 p.m. \$32. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.losaltosstage.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Compline: An Evening Service of Song

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

Insight Meditation South Bay

Shaila Catharine and guest teachers lead a weekly Insight Meditation sitting followed by a talk on Buddhist teachings. Nov. 26-Jan. 21, Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m. Free (donations accepted). St. Timothy's/Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. www.imsb.org

SENIORS

Bodhi Meditation Workshop

William Tseng will lead this workshop on Bodhi meditation, a practice of meditation that can promote physical renewal and health. Jan. 16, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

Community Services Agency Info Session

Community Services Agency's senior case managers will discuss resources for adult education, as well as employment advocacy and rights. Jan. 21, 10-11 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov/city_comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/senior_center/

Legal Planning Basics Workshop

The Elder Law Education Project of Senior Adults Legal Assistance (SALA) is sponsoring a presentation with Mitoshi Fujio-White, an estate planning attorney in private practice and volunteer attorney at SALA. Jan. 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650.903.6330.

Setting Up Email Accounts Workshop

Learn how to set up and use an email account in this Mountain View Senior Center computer workshop. Space is limited; sign up at the front desk. Jan. 15, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

SPECIAL EVENTS

'Step Out for Choice!' Roe v. Wade Anniversary March

This annual pro-choice march, marking the anniversary of landmark case Roe v. Wade, will be preceded by a program featuring Dr. Sylvia Yen from Mountain View's Center for Adolescent Health, Dr. Ellen Shaffer (a reproductive health specialist) and Liz Kniss, San Mateo County supervisor. There will also

be a performance by the Raging Grannies. The event is sponsored by the Los Altos/Mountain View branch of the American Association of University Women and by the Santa Clara County Pro-Choice Community. Jan. 22, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$2 donation requested. Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-968-8476.

LECTURES & TALKS

'The Transaction Society: Origins and Consequences'

This lecture series, hosted by the Stanford Center for Ethics in Society, will feature two lectures by Nicholas Lemann, professor and former dean of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. He will discuss how he thinks American society fundamentally changed in the second half of the twentieth century. Jan. 15 and 16, 5:30 p.m. Free. Koret-Taube 130, 366 Galvez St., Stanford. Call 650-736-6247. www.ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu/events/lectures/tanner-lectures/nicholas-lemannthe-transaction-society-origins-and-consequences

Astronomy Talk on Black Widow Stars

Roger Romani a Stanford University physics professor, will give a talk on "Black Widow Pulsars: Vengeful Star Corpses." Jan. 22, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Foothill College Smithwick Theater, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.foothill.edu/ast/ast_story.php?sr=2&rec_id=3209

Rick Hanson: 'Hardwiring Happiness'

Rick Hanson, author of "Hardwiring Happiness: The New Brain Science of Contentment, Calm, and Confidence," will talk about his book and research. Jan. 14, 7-9 p.m. Free (donations accepted). St. Timothy's Church, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. www.imsb.org

SFMOMA: Project Los Altos

SFMOMA docents will lead a presentation on the newly commissioned art works located throughout downtown Los Altos. The talk will focus on the artworks in the context of Los Altos history and culture. Jan. 13, 7-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.scd.org

Stanford Live: 'Go Baroque!'

In a Stanford Live Informance, the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra will offer an educational presentation on how a Baroque "continuo team" (cello, lute, harpsichord) works together to form the harmonic and rhythmic foundation in baroque repertoire. Jan. 16, 7-8 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum

Vandana Pant, senior director of strategic initiatives at the David Druker Center for Health Systems Innovation, will discuss Bay Area Time Banking, a community-based service exchange network where members provide neighborly services to one another in exchange for time. Jan. 14, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$12. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. www.tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

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231 Cypress Pt. Dr. Mt. View, CA 94043
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/4/2013.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on December 12, 2013. (MVV Dec. 27, 2013, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 2014)

DONG LAI SHUN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 586404
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Dong Lai Shun, located at 545 San Antonio Road, Suite 32, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are): DLS US LLC

160 E. Remington Dr. #138C Sunnyvale, CA 94087
Registrant/Owner began transacting

business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on December 30, 2013. (MVV Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2014)

SUPREMELY FIT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 586421
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Supremely Fit, located at 257 Barbara Dr., Los Gatos, CA 95032, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are): KAREN S. CLARK

257 Barbara Dr. Los Gatos, CA 95032
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on December 31, 2013. (MVV Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2014)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
Date of Filing Application: December 19, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:
The Name(s) of Applicant(s) is/are: ALBERT CHIWAI POON, JENNIFER POON

The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:
292 Castro St.

Mountain View, CA 94041-1204
Type of license(s) applied for: 41 - ON-SALE BEER AND WINE EATING PLACE
(MVV Jan. 10, 2014)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Date of Filing Application: December 27, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:
The Name(s) of Applicant(s) is/are: SUNNY BOWL INC.

The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:
1477 Plymouth St., Ste. D

Mountain View, CA 94043-1220
Type of license(s) applied for: 47 - ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE
(MVV Jan. 10, 17, 24, 2014)



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Sunnyvale	592	\$391,000	\$1,949,000
Mountain View	279	\$635,000	\$4,200,011
Los Altos	323	\$700,000	\$5,000,000
Los Altos Hills	110	\$1,250,000	\$7,950,000
Palo Alto	397	\$595,000	\$10,000,000
Menlo Park	337	\$295,000	\$4,500,000

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Mountain View's Condo Weekly Update

Available Listings

Address	bd/ba	sq. ft.	age	list price
421 Sierra Vista Avenue #4	3/2.5	1,560	23	\$769,000
46 Starlite Court	2/1.5	1,174	40	\$599,000
1943 Mount Vernon Court #207	2/2	1,200	36	\$585,000
1915 Mount Vernon Court #9	2/1	1,056	49	\$515,000
400 Ortega Avenue #109	2/1	928	39	\$495,000
725 Mariposa Avenue #305	1/1	839	39	\$448,800

Pending Sale

Address	bd/ba	sq. ft.	age	list price
179 Bel Air Court	3/2.5	1,369	8	\$799,000
128 Ada Avenue #15	3/2.5	1,544	23	\$779,950
49 Showers Drive #N262	2/2	1,168	39	\$649,000
100 W El Camino Real #35	2/2.5	1,300	35	\$648,000
905 W Middlefield Road #983	2/2	998	36	\$587,500
50 E Middlefield Road #23	1/1	837	43	\$395,000

*This information was pulled from MLS Listings, Inc. as of 1/7/2014. If you would like further information, please contact Royce.

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 Mountain View**

2 bed | 1.5 ba | 1,174 sq ft
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 balcony, private yard &
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List Price TBD

COMING SOON



**674 Morse Avenue
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 balcony, private patio &
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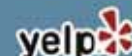
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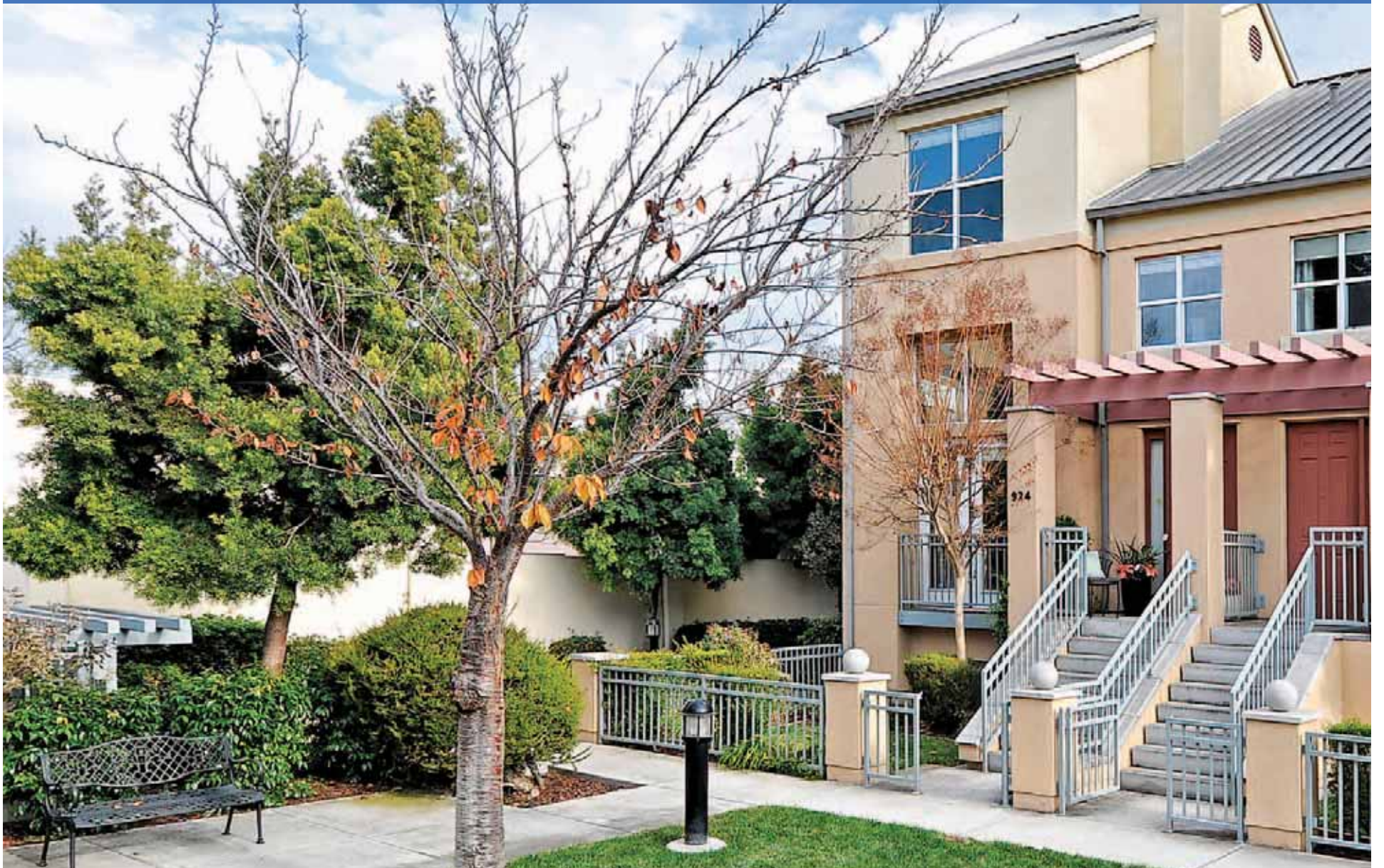
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