

By Elena Kadvany

Ruth Reichl *sinks her teeth into fiction*

FORMER RESTAURANT CRITIC AND GOURMET EDITOR-IN-CHIEF TALKS DINING DISGUISES, HER NEW NOVEL AND THE BEST THING SHE ATE LAST WEEK

■ FOOD FEATURE

For many years, Ruth Reichl was not Ruth Reichl. She was Brenda, a red-headed hippie so friendly she would often receive tastes of food from neighboring tables at restaurants.

She was Chloe, a sultry diner who proves that blondes truly do have more fun.

Perhaps most famous was her stint as Molly, a frumpy woman from Michigan who revealed two very distinct dining experiences at Le Cirque in New

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RUTH REICHL

York City, published in a 1993 review divided into two sections: "Dinner as the Unknown Diner" and "Dinner as a Most Favored Patron."

Reichl donned these disguises for six years while dining as The New York Times restaurant critic, bringing a new flavor and focus to the Grey Lady.

Long before that, she was a starving 20-something in Berkeley, just starting what would become a legendary food-writing career — she's the author of multiple cookbooks, memoirs, winner of six James Beard Awards, was editor-in-chief of now-shuttered Gourmet Magazine and starred in Food Network specials.

Her most recent writing comes in fictional form, and brings her to Palo Alto for a talk at the Oshman Family JCC at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. "Delicious!" is a novel set in contemporary New York City that follows Billie Breslin, a 21-year-old from Santa Barbara who snags a job at nationally renowned food magazine "Delicious!" only to see it shut down by its ruthless owner — not unlike Conde Nast's abrupt closure of 70-year-old Gourmet in 2009.

Billie is asked to stay on to take readers' complaints about recipes, mandated under the Delicious! satisfaction "Guarantee." In her time alone at the defunct magazine's office (a beautiful New York City mansion) she discovers a hidden room full of letters from 12-year-old Lulu Swan to the food pioneer himself, James Beard. The letters, written during World War II, revolve around food and recipes, but underlying references to the war provide a historical tilt that draws Billie into the past.

"Delicious!" is a departure from Reichl's past works — fans best know her memoirs, "Tender at the Bone," "Comfort Me with Apples," "Garlic and Sapphires," and "For You Mom, Finally" — but there are traces of her life and career throughout.

In our Q&A with Reichl, she opened up about her new book, her past, why the Bay Area is a haven for culinary innovation and the frittata she can't stop thinking about.

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Acclaimed food writer **Ruth Reichl** will speak about her new fiction novel "Delicious!" at the Oshman Family JCC on May 20.

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Q&A

What inspired you to make the switch to fiction?

I love fiction. It's my greatest love. In times of trouble, what I do is I leap into a book. I thought, 'I wonder if that's what it's like writing a book?' So that was a big part of it. I was very sad about the closing of Gourmet and a year later, I was finally in a better place. I'd been in the kitchen for that year mostly and I thought now, I'm going to do this. I had this idea — I had been working at Gilt Taste and I met all these fantastic 20-something-year-old women who were so different than my generation and so fantastic. I admired them so much — their energy, their optimism and I thought, 'I wonder what it's like to be 21 and coming to New York?'

What was it like when Gourmet closed? Is it like the scene in "Delicious!" where the staff spends the night clearing out the liquor closet, and then heads to a house in Brooklyn for a "proper wake."

That was, I would say, pretty much like what happens in the book. It came at me out of the

blue. We had a little book party last night and a lot of Gourmet people were there. They were all saying, 'That's just what it felt like.' We did go and have that party. We gathered up everything in the kitchen and all the booze and we went to my house and had a party.

I was so flummoxed at the time. It was also very strange because I was on book tour for the Gourmet cookbook when it happened. I was contractually obligated to be on book tour for another month. It wasn't my book; I wasn't getting royalties for it. Everybody else had packed up and left and I came back into this empty building.

There's a reference to Palo Alto and Sunset Magazine in the book. Where did that come from?

I spent the first 10 years of my career in San Francisco. At the time, Sunset Magazine had the most amazing person who was in charge of food there. She was gorgeous; she was smart. If there's a reference, it's kind of to that. I've always admired Sunset.

What were your first big breaks as a writer?

We had this collective restaurant (The Swallow) in an art museum in Berkeley and I had

■ INFORMATION

Ruth Reichl in conversation with Angie Coiro at Schultz Cultural Hall, Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Tuesday, May 20, with 6:30 p.m. check-in, 7 p.m. program and 8 p.m. book signing. \$20 non-members, \$15 members, \$8 students. Premium (priority seating and copy of book): \$45. commonwealthclub.org/events/2014-05-20/ruth-reichl

done some very small pieces for New West (magazine), mostly about art, which is what my real background is. One of my editors lived in Berkeley and used to come into our restaurant all the time for dinner. One night he just looked at me and said, 'You know you're a much better writer than a restaurant (worker)? And you can cook. Have you ever thought about writing about restaurants?'

I honestly was not thinking, 'Oh, this is going to be my next career.' To be perfectly honest, all I was thinking was free meals.

It was just a fantastic break and I was absolutely determined to make it as incredible restaurant review as I possibly could. It was not like any restaurant review any-

body had ever seen before. It was a short story with the restaurant info kind of woven through it. It was a restaurant called Robert in the Marina. I called the piece Cops and Robert — a little film noir.

Can you talk about your time in Berkeley, the early days at Chez Panisse?

Berkeley in the early '70s was really an amazing place. It was all filled with people who were very political. And the war ended and we all felt really great that we had ended the war. Food seemed like a really good thing to take up. We were looking at the beginning of the industrialization of food, vertical integration of agribusiness and to a lot of us, restaurant work seemed like very honest work. It was honest labor.

Our restaurant, The Swallow, was ... we were a group of really over-educated people who were really passionate about food, but none of us were professionally trained. Chez Panisse was kind of like that too. Alice (Waters) had no professional training. Jeremiah (Towers) didn't. None of us were business people.

When Alice opened Chez Panisse, her idea was that everyone — it didn't matter if you were a dishwasher, waiter or cook, you

we're going to get the same wage. There was no business plan. We were kind of the same at The Swallow. It was kind of a wonderful time. It was a wonderful kind of innocence.

We were like this tiny band of people who cared about food in a world that really was completely oblivious. And today what you have is food as popular culture and certainly the most knowledgeable dining public that this country has ever had.

What do you think has driven that huge shift?

I think an awful lot of it is (the) beginning of TV food networks and all of these food shows on TV. I think there's this generation of kids who grew up watching food TV.

When I first started, one of the first big stories I did for New West was about the opening of Michael's Restaurant in Santa Monica. What was remarkable about it was it was five chefs, all of whom were American. All the chefs we knew were French or Italian. There weren't American chefs. They were all young; they were all college educated. And they were trying to use California products. In 1978, that was a story. So the whole status of being a food



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person changed. All those kids' parents were horrified. Today, if somebody with a PhD says, 'I think I want to be a chef,' nobody thinks that's strange.

You have had feet in both the San Francisco Bay Area and New York City dining worlds. Can you talk about the differences between the two?

The hugest difference is it's so easy to be a good home cook in the Bay Area. I come out there and I go to a place like Bi-Rite Market (in San Francisco) or the Berkeley Bowl and I'm just so jealous. We don't have anything like that in New York. You have a completely different home-cooking culture than we do. It means that restaurants, I think, have license to be more experimental in the Bay Area because people can cook great, simple food at home. I don't think people in the Bay Area go out to eat as much. New Yorkers don't have kitchens; they don't have access to easy great food; people order in.

Tell me about a few of your favorite disguises from your time at The New York Times.

My absolute favorite was Brenda, who was kind of wild, red-headed hippie. She's just so nice. Even my family liked her better than me. She was one of those people who saw a line somewhere and she would get in it and make friends with everyone in line. People in restaurants, people at the next table would offer her tastes (of food). It was very fun to be her. She was my living proof that you catch more flies with honey than with vinegar. I've loved being Chloe, the sultry (one). I've always wanted to be a blonde. Being Chloe was just so much fun. Blondes do have more fun. She was kind of a ditz.

What made you decide to use such elaborate disguises?

When I realized that they all

(restaurants) had photographs of me and I was going to have to do something about it... My mother had a really close friend who was a theater coach. I called her up and asked, 'Where do I go to get a wig?' Claudia said 'No, no, no. You can't just put on a wig. You have to become these people.' She really insisted that I know every character's backstory and where they came from, who they were, how they dressed, who their families were. It was incredible practice for writing fiction. It was like living fiction.

It was an amazing lesson to me in how much in control we are of how people see us. I never thought about that before. (I thought) you are who you are and you're stuck with it.

So what made you realize the reviewing job wasn't right for you anymore?

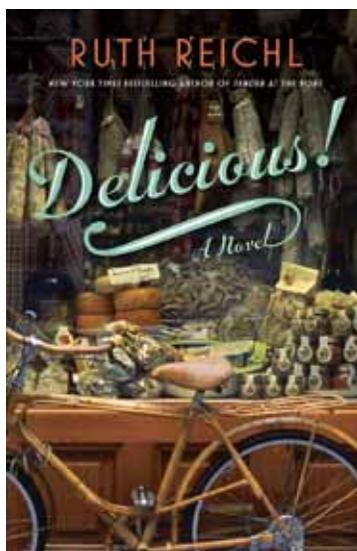
Ultimately, I got offered the job at Gourmet, (it) was irresistible.

I had this meeting with James Truman, who was the one hiring (at Gourmet) and I said to him, 'I don't want this job, but I can tell you what I think you should do with the magazine.' I suddenly realized I really did know exactly what I thought an epicurean magazine should be and that it would be really fun to try to make a magazine that was a part of the national conversation about food.

Is there a food trend today that you hate? Or one you celebrate?

The one that I most celebrate at the moment is, I love the way that Middle Eastern spices are finally coming into the table and I think its all due to (well-known Israeli chef Yotam) Ottolenghi and the success of (his cookbook, "Jerusalem"). They're spilling over into restaurants and we're suddenly getting this entirely different flavor palate and I love that.

This isn't exactly a trend, but one of the things that really worries me is in the whole sustainable



food movement, we are really overlooking an important part of it. Both restaurants and agriculture in this country essentially run on undocumented workers. These people are exploited. We did an article in Gourmet about tomato workers in Florida who are virtual slaves. But it isn't just Florida. I think its time that we got out of this rut of sustainability and what's good for me... and expand the notion of sustainability to the people who are growing this food for us.

Now that your novel is successfully out the door, what's next?

I have just turned in a cookbook that comes off my Twitter feed. It starts with Gourmet closing and each page is the tweet and then the kind of diary of what was going on my life and then the recipe that I was tweeting about. It's seasonal; it goes an entire year. It's really how I went into the kitchen and just healed myself. And it's about how I reconnected with cooking and really re-grounded myself in the kitchen.

Now, I'm working on my next novel. After I finish this novel, I'm going to write the Gourmet memoir. But I wanted a little distance from it. By the time I write it in another year or so, I'll really be writing about a vanished world. That world of Conde Nast, which is a world of unbelievable freedom and luxury, I think, is a thing of the past. But it was a magical time.

What was the best thing you've eaten in the last week?

Right after the (James) Beard Awards ... I had this really absolutely simple but delicious broccoli rabe frittata. I cannot get the flavor of that out of my mouth. It was so delicious and light and slightly bitter and the sweetness of the cheese. It was just perfect.

Is there a new dish you cooked recently that you loved? Or perhaps, an old favorite?

My go-to favorite dish is spaghetti carbonara. I've always got dry pasta in the cupboard and I've always got bacon, eggs and Parmesan cheese in my refrigerator. At the drop of a hat, I'll go home and make myself spaghetti carbonara.

No, I take it back. The most delicious thing I ate last week — my son went to a Japanese market and brought me home as a present a tray of uni and some yamamimo — a Japanese mountain potato which when you grate it gets wonderfully slimy — and some salmon roe. I made this dish of grated yamamimo with uni and salmon roe and a little bit of soy sauce.

Do you have any dining plans set for your Bay Area trip?

Unfortunately, I'm there for three days but all my meals are events that I'm doing so I don't get to go anywhere. That really makes me sad. There are so many restaurants I want to go to. The State Bird Provisions people were at the (James) Beard Awards and I want to go to Tartine (Bakery) and I want to go back to Chez Panisse and Zuni. ■

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MOVIE TIMES

The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: 9:30 a.m., 12:50, 4:10, 7:25 & 10:40 p.m. In 3D at 11:10 a.m., 2:25, 5:50 & 9:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:30 a.m., 1:40, 5:05 & 8:20 p.m. In 3D at 12:30, 3:45, 7:10 & 10:30 p.m.

Bears (G) Century 16: Fri-Sat: 10:20 a.m., 12:30, 2:45 & 4:55 p.m. Sun: 10:20 a.m. **Century 20:** 10:35, 12:45 & 3 p.m.

Belle (PG) ★★1/2 Aquarius Theatre: Fri: 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m. Sat-Sun: 1, 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:20 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:15 & 9:55 p.m.

Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: Fri 9:25 a.m., 12:40, 3:50, 7:10 & 10:25 p.m. Sat 9:25 a.m., 12:40, 3:50, 7:10 & 10:25 p.m. Sun 9:25 a.m., 12:40, 3:50, 7:10 & 10:25 p.m. Mon 9:25 a.m., 12:40, 3:50, 7:10 & 10:25 p.m. Tue 12:40, 3:50, 7:10 & 10:25 p.m. Wed 12:40, 3:50, 7:10 & 10:25 p.m. Thu 12:40, 3:50, 7:10 & 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri 1, 4:05, 7:20 & 10:30 p.m. Sat 1, 4:05, 7:20 & 10:30 p.m. Sun 1, 4:05, 7:20 & 10:30 p.m. Mon 1, 4:05, 7:20 & 10:30 p.m. Tue 1, 4:05, 7:20 & 10:30 p.m. Wed 1, 4:05, 7:20 & 10:30 p.m. Thu 1, 4:05, 7:20 & 10:30 p.m.

Chef (R) Palo Alto Square: Fri-Sat: 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 & 10 p.m. Sun: 1:45, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.

Divergent (PG-13) Century 16: 9:20 a.m., 3:45 & 9:45 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri: 7 p.m. Sat-Sun: 12:45 & 7 p.m.

Draft Day (PG-13) ★★ Century 16: 12:35 & 7:05 p.m. **Century 20:** 7:30 & 10:10 p.m.

Executive Suite (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: 5:35 & 9:20 p.m.

Fading Gigolo (R) ★★ Century 20: Fri: 3:55 & 10:25 p.m. Sat-Sun: 10:25 a.m., 3:55 & 10:25 p.m.

Godzilla (PG-13) Century 16: 9:15, 10:45 a.m., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 4:45, 6:15, 7:45, 9:15 & 10:45 p.m. In 3D at 10, 11:30 a.m., 1, 2:30, 4, 5:30, 7, 8:30, 10 & 11:30 p.m. (No 11:30 p.m. 3D on Sun) **Century 20:** 10:20 a.m., 1:10, 4:05, 7:05 & 10:10 p.m. In 3D at 11:40 a.m., 12:25, 2:35, 3:20, 5:30, 6:20, 8:30 & 9:20 p.m. In XD at 11 a.m., 1:55, 4:50, 7:50 & 10:45 p.m.

The Grand Budapest Hotel (R) ★★ Aquarius Theatre: 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m. (No 2 p.m. on Fri) **Century 20:** 11:45 a.m., 2:25, 5:15, 7:55 & 10:25 p.m.

Heaven Is For Real (PG) Century 16: 9:10, 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7 & 9:40 p.m.

Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return (PG) (Not Reviewed) Century 20: 10:30 a.m., 3:10 & 8 p.m. In 3D at 12:50, 5:30 & 10:15 p.m.

Locke (R) Century 16: 7:10 & 9:25 p.m.

The Lunchbox (PG) ★★ Palo Alto Square: 1:45, 4:20, 7 & 9:35 p.m.

Million Dollar Arm (PG) Century 16: 10:15 a.m., 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15 & 11:40 p.m. (No 11:40 p.m. on Sun) **Century 20:** 10:50 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 6, 7:40, 9:10 & 10:35 p.m.

Moms' Night Out (PG) Century 20: 11:25 a.m., 2, 4:35, 7:10 & 9:45 p.m.

Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG) Century 20: Fri-Sat: 11:15 a.m., 2 & 4:45 p.m. Sun: 11:15 a.m.

Neighbors (R) ★★1/2 Century 16: 9, 10, 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 2, 3, 4:30, 5:30, 7 & 8 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:45 a.m., 12, 1:15, 2:30, 3:50, 5:10, 6:30, 7:45, 9 & 10:20 p.m.

The Other Woman (PG-13) ★1/2 Century 16: 9, 11:40, 2:20, 5, 7:40 & 10:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:55, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m.

Palo Alto ★★ Guild Theatre: 2:15, 4:45, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m. (No 2:15 p.m. on Fri)

The Railway Man (R) Century 16: 10:30 a.m., 1:20, 4:20, 7:30 & 10:25 p.m.

Rio 2 (G) ★★ Century 16: 9, 11:35 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:25 & 10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:05 a.m., 1:45, 4:25, 7:25 & 10:05 p.m.

Titanic (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Fri: 7:30 p.m. Sat-Sun: 4:10 & 7:30 p.m.

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MOVIE OPENINGS



Emma Roberts in "Palo Alto," based on the book by James Franco.

Palo Alto

★★★★

(Guild) In a way, Palo Alto is built on the foundation of teenage tragedy. Established by Leland Stanford as a university town (and a temperance town), Palo Alto took shape to host the institution that takes its name from Stanford's namesake lad, who died at the age of fifteen. It's fitting, then, that James Franco's 2010 fiction book "Palo Alto Stories" and Gia Coppola's new film adaptation of the same both commemorate Palo Alto teenagers teetering between tragedy and possibility.

In spite of all that, the film "Palo Alto" universalizes its setting to an archetypal upscale suburbia, populated by disaffected white kids and their "free-range" parents (Coppola shot the film in Southern California). Freely adapting Franco's stories, writer-director Coppola eschews melodrama, coaxing powerfully resonant performances from her young leads while never pushing style or content into blatant manipulations. Rather, she takes an omniscient observational tack that plays almost like a nature film about teenagers in the wild of their lives (cinematographer Autumn Cheyenne Durald abets this effect by favoring soft or natural light).

The gently rambling story mostly concerns four high schoolers seldom seen in that habitat (or, indeed, in their own homes): Teddy (Jack Kilmer, in his debut), April (Emma Roberts),

Fred (Nat Wolff), and Emily (Zoe Levin). Each has emotional issues — what teenager doesn't? — that emerge in "small talk," which ominously turns to car accidents and suicide; impulsive acting out; fumbling mating rituals; and sex entered into and exited with equal casualness, borne of and causing confusion and frustration rather than satisfaction.

Though the arrangement remains unspoken, Teddy and Fred maintain a tentative friendship based on a vague sense of obligation: neither would benefit from being alone, and Fred clearly needs a minder. A scarily unpredictable class clown with anger issues that may derive from childhood abuse, Fred is given to spitting spontaneous pronouncements like "(Screw) good. Live a dangerous life." His emotional claustrophobia causes collateral damage, perhaps to Teddy and certainly to Emily, who Fred recklessly seduces. For his part, Teddy winds up with a DUI that lands him a community-service stint in a children's library.

Teddy's lassitude at first appears sullen, but when he takes to the library, his tender side emerges, along with senses of purpose and self-confidence. Of course, that latent sensitivity could also be found in his stolen glances at April, the soccer player first seen taking a smoke break from practice. She babysits for her single-dad soccer coach Mr. B (Franco), whose just-

old-enough, just-young enough masculinity proves catnip to the girls on the team. In a development that unfortunately rings true to life (as much in Palo Alto as anywhere in the country), Mr. B makes advances, and April succumbs.

"Palo Alto" reeks of Coppola's heritage. Granddad Francis makes a vocal cameo, and much of the supporting cast can be linked to him. Likewise, 26-year-old Gia shows a clear influence from her Aunt Sofia, who made the similarly themed and styled "The Virgin Suicides" when she was little older than her niece is now. Still, the biggest Coppola influence comes from being a child of privilege, with all the freedom and baggage that entails.

With its somewhat dreamy feel and airy hipster rock, "Palo Alto" could be accused of being a mannered attempt to seem unmannered, but Coppola shows genuine interest in emotional detail, and it accumulates into a depth of real feeling. For all its Palo Alto stories, the film is at its best and most achingly affecting in its impression that Teddy and April would be good for each other, so good, in fact, that they could perhaps save each other from their wayward paths if they would only find the right words to say.

Rated R for strong sexual content, drug and alcohol use, and pervasive language. One hour, 40 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



■ MOVIE REVIEWS



Seth Rogen and Rose Byrne in "Neighbors."

NEIGHBORS ★★1/2

Even more so than its recent forebears, the new comedy film "Neighbors" is all about the riff. With Seth Rogen taking center stage, that's not such a bad thing: a steady flow of one-liners improves the odds for laughs. The latest film from Nicholas Stoller ("Forgetting Sarah Marshall") explores variations on the theme of bad fences making bad neighbors, as the fraternity Delta Psi Beta moves in next door to a couple — Kelly Radner (Rose Byrne) and husband Mac (Rogen) — whose early parenthood already has them emotionally vulnerable. Attempting to befriend and, failing that, master their neighbors, Kelly and Mac set about proving they can keep up with the Joneses, despite having a baby daughter. Representing for the frat house are its president, dumb party animal Teddy Sanders (Zac Efron), and vice president, the studious Pete (Dave Franco). The Radners quickly become Delta Psi Beta's natural enemies. Accountant Mac and stay-at-home mom Kelly need their sleep, as does their growing child, but the frat, with "I've gotta be me" attitude and bass-heavy music, can't not party all the time. Rogen essentially plays himself (which he's proven good at), while Byrne comically unleashes femme fatality as but one weapon in her Machiavellian arsenal. The best, and funniest, part of "Neighbors" is its refusal to shunt Kelly to the sideline, and there's a hilarious, postmodern argument between the marrieds about their correspondence to film and TV stereotypes. The screenplay is smart enough to humanize Teddy a little and to own up to the Radners' transgressive selfishness. Nimble performances by the likeable top-billed foursome go a long way to making the anemic story feel satisfying. It's all very larky and goofy, and if you can meet "Neighbors" in that place, you can get a nice buzz off of it. *Rated R for pervasive language, strong crude and sexual content, graphic nudity, and drug use throughout. One hour, 36 minutes.* — P.C.

BELLE ★★1/2

When films "based on a true story" make actual history enticing, they do a kind of service, especially to young audiences, and perhaps that's the best that can be said for the simplifications of "Belle." "Belle" opens in 1769, as Captain John Lindsay (Matthew Goode) of the Royal Navy locates his biracial illegitimate daughter "Belle" and rescues her from slavery. Lindsay installs the girl with his great-uncle William Murray, First Earl of Mansfield (Tom Wilkinson) and his wife Lady Mansfield (Emily Watson). Though scandalized, they

take in the girl — full name Dido Elizabeth Belle — and before long, she's part of the family, albeit a part not allowed to take dinner with them. Once full grown, Dido (Gugu Mbatha-Raw) begs the question of a husband, an awkward situation for a "mulatto" girl raised by high-society whites. Matters are less complicated for Dido's cousin — and bosom companion since childhood — Elizabeth Murray (Sarah Gadon). Screenwriter Misan Sagay takes creative license to create an Austen-esque romantic drama, in which money is an issue but race even more so. Dido has two options: one perfectly adequate (James Norton), if more interested in her exoticism and dowry than her soul, and a dashing downlow suitor that oozes passion for her and social justice, aspiring lawyer John Davinier (Sam Reid). Unfortunately, his abolitionist advocacy sets him at odds with Lord Mansfield, who, as Lord Chief Justice, is considering a slave trade case with the potential to disrupt "the finances that hold up England." Director Amma Asante wrangles crisp period imagery, and in broad strokes, "Belle" captures the intrigue of the real Dido. Raw makes Dido charismatic without being unduly confident or modern, and Wilkinson's subtleties go a long way to selling a script that favors blunt statement over subtext. Older viewers may be unconvinced by the narrative formulas, but with its PG rating, "Belle" makes a fine opening to engage kids in some race-based social and legal history. *Rated PG for thematic elements, some language and brief smoking images. One hour, 44 minutes.* — P.C.

FADING GIGOLO ★★

The urban fantasy "Fading Gigolo" almost gets by on its idiosyncrasies. There is the setting that keeps on giving: New York City. And there's NYC's favorite cinematic son, Woody Allen, as an unlikely pimp. And let's not forget the Hasidic neighborhood watch and tribunal that threaten to derail his lucrative new business. But for all this, the film never quite rises above a base curiosity value. As written and directed by Turturro, "Fading Gigolo" is sincere and humbly ambitious, manners at odds with its farcical premise. Allen plays Murray Schwartz, a bookseller who loses his shop to rising rent and stagnant business. While commiserating with his florist friend Fioravante (Turturro), Murray not so idly mentions his dermatologist Dr. Parker (Stone) wants to arrange a ménage à trois with her friend Selima (Sofia Vergara) and some stud. Parker's willing to pay a thousand bucks, Murray could sure use a commission, and, well, how about it? Though understandably reluctant, Fiora-

vante relents for some reason. Turturro treats this idea as a kind of photogenic fable — or feature-length public service announcement — to remind people that sex is good for their mental health. The business with Stone and Vergara turns out to be something of a red herring; the film's heart resides with Hasidic widow Avigal (Vanessa Paradis, a striking presence), who hasn't felt the touch of a man in some time. And so it goes: at times thuddingly earnest ("This is what you do," Avigal tells Fioravante. "Bring magic to the lonely"), at times, jazzily, goofily endearing (as in Allen fancying the street name "Dan Bongo" or the film's falling action of "We're not dead yet" male bonding). But the characters are established in shorthand, which undercuts attempts at drama, and Turturro's romanticism keeps undercutting the humor before it has a chance to get satisfyingly irreverent. Call it *comedia interruptus*. *Rated R for some sexual content, language and brief nudity. One hour, 30 minutes.* — P.C.

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN 2 ★★1/2

Marc Webb's sequel "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" about Marvel Comics' famed Manhattan webslinger succeeds in being a largely well-produced comic-book movie extravaganza, but its weighty baggage may leave audiences wishing it had traveled light. Screenwriters Alex Kurtzman, Roberto Orci and Jeff Pinkner pick up where the 2012 film left off, with Peter Parker (Andrew Garfield) tortured about dating the girl he loves, Gwen Stacy (Emma Stone), because of his dangerous double life as Spider-Man. Danger obligingly arrives in the forms of Russian mobsters and a series of supervillains. In the film's biggest tonal misstep, Webb directs Oscar winner Jamie Foxx to ham it up big-time as pocket-protected Max Dillon, who becomes the super-charged Electro as the result of that standby, the tragic lab accident. The lab is located in the skyscraping Oscorp Industries, where Peter's old friend Harry Osborne (Dane DeHaan) inherits from not-so-dear old dad (Chris Cooper) both the CEO position and a fatal genetic disease. As Spidey fans know, Osbornes notoriously suit up as sky-surfing bad guys under the brand name of Green Goblin. Throw in a large heaping of backstory involving Peter's long-gone parents, a couple of juicy scenes for Sally Field as Peter's Aunt May, and the emergence of one more supervillain (Paul Giamatti), and you start to see how "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" quickly reveals itself to be crowded, busy and lumbering, whereas its predecessor, for its faults, etched relatively clean narrative lines. But no one goes to this sort of thing expecting Chekhov; they go for the larger-than-life characters and action. On the "Amazing" score, Webb fares pretty well, in giant-sized confrontations on Manhattan city streets. The frenetic nature of these scenes consistently threaten to spike into the red, but they serve their purpose, and Spidey's high-flying CGI stunt double has become considerably more convincing over the years. *Rated PG-13 for sequences of sci-fi action/violence. Two hours, 22 minutes.* — P.C.

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The first annual Silicon Valley Irish Fleadh will have two full days of activities, including music, dancing, arts and crafts, food and beer, and a kids fun zone. San Francisco band The Shams and U2 tribute group Zoo Station will headline the festival. May 17 and 18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Downtown Mountain View, 240 Hope St., Mountain View. Call 650-964-9151. www.svirishfleadh.com

ART GALLERIES

'From Burma to Myanmar' Foothill College will host a photography exhibit entitled "From Burma to Myanmar: Portrait of a country in transition" with the work of many photographers. May 15-June 21, center hours. Free. Krause Center for Innovation Gallery, Foothill College, Building 4000, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7082. FromBurmaToMyanmar.wordpress.com

'Hello Summer' show The artists of Viewpoints Gallery celebrate summer with an all-gallery group show. The 15 local artists give their individual interpretations of summer in oil, watercolor, pastels, mixed media, pottery and jewelry. Gallery closes at 3 p.m. on Sundays. April 29-May 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

'Journey' The exhibit 'Journey' will serve as a photographic voyage that focuses on paths, routes, passages and experiences. It will feature works by Cupertino artist, Christine Arthur. There will be receptions held on Friday, May 2, 5 to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, May 10 and 11, 11 to 5 p.m. April 29-May 31, gallery hours. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9-losaltos.com

Freestyle Academy exhibition Students from Freestyle Academy in Mountain View will exhibit their Senior Narrative/Explorations and Junior Documentary/Experimental productions, which take the form of films, books, animation, websites, photography and illustrations. Some pieces will be shown at the Mountain View High School Theater. May 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Freestyle Academy, 1299 Bryant Ave., Mountain View. freestyleacademy.net

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Charity event at Morocco's Restaurant Morocco's Restaurant will donate 20 percent of all proceeds on May 20 to the Day Worker Center of Mountain View, allowing customers to enjoy food and contribute to a cause. May 20, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Prices vary. Morocco's Restaurant, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-4102. www.dayworkercentermv.org

Friends of Mountain View Library Book Sale Friends of the Mountain View Library will host a book sale in the library's Bookmobile Garage. From 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, visitors can purchase a grocery bag full of books for \$5. May 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; May 18, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Prices vary. Friends of Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7031. www.mvlibraryfriends.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

'Making the Most of Your Irrigation System' Master Gardener Roberta Barnes will talk about using irrigation systems effectively, providing simple tips and information about component upgrades that help to reduce water usage. She will also discuss mulching and composting, which also help to save water. May 28, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 408-282-3105. mastergardeners.org/scc.html

Adult school summer classes registration Registration for Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School summer classes will begin on Friday, May 16. The session will run from June 16 to August 1. May 16-June 16, Prices vary. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. www.mvlae.net

Health care programs orientation In this workshop for those interested in health care careers, information will be provided on the certified nursing assistant and medical assistant paths and what programs are offered through the Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School. May 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. www.mvlae.net

Photo preservation workshop This workshop will help those who have many digital and print photos to keep them organized for future use

and appreciation. May 19, 1-2 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683. www.scdl.org

TV Studio Production Workshop This class will acquaint students with the crew positions involved in making a TV show at the Midpeninsula Community Media Center. Students will produce a half-hour show by the end of the class. Monday, Tuesday and Friday, May 30-June 13, \$150. Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-494-8686 ext. 10. midpenmedia.org

CLUBS/MEETINGS

May Lunch with the League The Los Altos/Mountain View League of Women Voters will present a talk with Curt Riffle, a board member from Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD). He will give a vision of MROSD's next 40 years and the role that Measure AA will play in the future of regional open space. May 16, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25. Bella Vita Restaurant, 376 First St., Los Altos. Call 650-823-3887. www.lwlvamv.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bike to Shop Day Those who bike on their way to shop or dine can take advantage of special offers at local businesses on Bike to Shop Day. 90 businesses throughout Silicon Valley are participating, including ones offering clothing, sporting goods, household items, coffee and treats. See merchant map on website for locations. May 17, 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Free. Businesses in various cities, Silicon Valley. Call 650-965-1803. biketoshopday.org

Kwibuka 20 20 years after the devastating genocide in Rwanda, Palo Alto University will join with the Rwandan Community of California and Stanford University to remember. This Kwibuka 20 event will feature a speech by Carl Wilkens, a rescuer and survivor of the genocide. May 16, 6-7 p.m. Free. Palo Alto University, 1791 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. www.paloalto.edu/news/palo-alto-university-commemorate-20-year-anniversary-rwandan-genocide

Los Altos Rotary's Fine Art in the Park The Los Altos Rotary's Fine Art in the Park show will feature original juried works by 170 fine artists, wine tasting, food and entertainment. Proceeds will support humanitarian projects. May 17 and 18, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Free. Lincoln Park, Los Altos, Foothill Expressway and Main Street, Los Altos. Call 408-832-7858. www.rotaryart-show.com

Sew Sew Saturday Mountain View Public Library has four Baby Lock (Grace model) sewing machines and one serger. The library invites all to come sew on Saturday mornings. Registration is required to use machines; hand sewers are welcome to drop-in. March through May, 10:15 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. ca.evanced.info/mountainview/lib/eventcalendar.asp?df=list&nd=90&kw=sew

DANCE

Foothill College Dance Concert For the 28th season, director Bubba Gong will present this Foothill College dance concert, honoring the memory of his mentor Dr. Susan Cashion, who trained generations of Stanford dancers, with "Bridge of Birds." May 30 and 31, 7-9:30 p.m. \$25 general; \$15 student/senior/child. Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7354. www.foothill.edu

Smuin Ballet: 'XXcentric' Spring Dance Series Smuin Ballet closes its 20th anniversary season with numerous performances in Mountain View. Check website for specific time and dates, May 21-25, 2 p.m., 8 p.m. \$52-\$68. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 415-556-5000. www.smuinballet.org

EXHIBITS

'Stonewalled in Jerusalem' Santa Cruz mixed media artist Sara Friedlander will have on display her visually arresting and socially focused artwork, which contemplates the Israeli/Palestinian

impasse. Using original and archival images, she explores both sides and welcomes viewers' ideas about moving forward. May 16-August 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 831-427-2650. www.paloaltojcc.org/events

American Photographs: A Cultural History Professor Alexander Nemerov designed this exhibition to illuminate his course on American photographs. The 14 works on display range from a Civil War-era photograph by Timothy O'Sullivan to street photography by Robert Frank, work by Diane Arbus from the 1960s and work by Helen Levitt from the 1970s. March 12-July 6, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

FAMILY AND KIDS

Craft activity with Elisa Kleven Elisa Kleven — author and illustrator of "The Paper Princess," "Ernst" and "The Puddle Pail" — will celebrate Indies First Day with a story time and craft from her picture book "The Apple Doll." This craft is appropriate for ages 5 and above. Younger children will need adult help. RSVP is required. May 17, 11-noon. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

Dave the Horn Guy With 25 horns strapped to his body, Dave will give an interactive, multimedia and musical performance. The event is appropriate for school age children and their families. May 17, 2-2:45 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6897. mountainview.gov/library

Kidical Mass Silicon Valley Kidical Mass Silicon Valley will hold a family bicycle ride around Mountain View. Volunteers will be there to help participants. Prizes will also be given out. May 17, 10 a.m. Free. In front of Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. kidical-massmountainview.weebly.com

HEALTH

Jacki's Aerobic Dancing classes These fitness classes include core work, strength training and aerobic routines. Jacki's also offers complimentary child care; bring children and get the first month of classes for free. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, until June, 9-10 a.m. \$4 per class. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. Call 650-941-1002. www.jackis.com

FOOD AND DRINK

Free wine tasting at Asian Box Asian Box in Mountain View will hold a wine tasting, the first in a series in a collaboration with Cannonball Wine Company. Attendees can taste four different Cannonball wines out on the restaurant's patio. May 22, 5-9 p.m. Free. Asian Box, Mountain View, 142 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-867-3160. www.asianbox.com

Friday Farmers' Market Starting in May, the Oshman Family JCC will hold a Friday Farmers' Market that will feature fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, performances, Shabbat surprises, food trucks and more. Fridays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, Jessica Lynn Saal Town Square, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. www.paloaltojcc.org/events/2014/05/02/community-events/friday-farmers-market-at-the-ofjcc

LIVE MUSIC

West Bay Opera: 'The Magic Flute' Mozart's "Die Zauberflöte" ("The Magic Flute") is part morality play, part rite of passage and part comedy. Fully staged, performances will include an orchestra, chorus, forest animals and English titles. May 23, 25, 31 and June 1, Sundays at 2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. \$40-\$75. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-9999. www.wbopera.org

ON STAGE

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pany." The story follows Bobby and his difficulty committing to a long-term relationship. May 29-June 28, 8 p.m. \$18-\$36. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.losaltosstage.org

'The Assembly-Women' Foothill College Theatre Arts Department will put on a performance of Aristophanes' ancient and ribald satire, "The Assembly-Women." Thursday-Sunday, May 23-June 8, 8 p.m. \$18 general; \$14 student/senior/Foothill-De Anza employee; \$10 student with ID. Foothill College, Lohman Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7360. www.foothill.edu/theatre/assembly/

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

'Believe' Weekend CityLight Church invites the public to attend its "Believe" weekend of worship experiences and a family picnic. May 30-April 1, check website for times. Free. CityLight Church, 1425 Springer Road, Mountain View. www.citylightonline.org

Insight Meditation South Bay Shaila Catherine and guest teachers will lead an Insight Meditation sitting each week, followed by a talk on Buddhist teachings. Tuesdays, April 1-May 27, 7:30-9 p.m. Donations accepted. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. www.imsb.org

SVSMC open house The Sunday open house program for the Silicon Valley Shambhala Meditation Center offers a friendly introduction to meditation, Shambhala Buddhist teachings and the community at the center. Every Sunday, through May, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Silicon Valley Shambhala Meditation Center, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. siliconvalley.shambhala.org/ongoing-offerings/open-house

SPECIAL EVENTS

Poet Lisa Rizzo Lisa Rizzo, a poet and middle school language arts teacher, will share her chapbook "In the Poem an Ocean" (Big Table Publishing, 2011). May 18, 8-10 p.m. Donations appreciated. Know Knew Books, 366 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-326-9355. knowknewbooks.com

SPORTS

Cheer Dynasty Elite Tryouts Tryouts for Cheer Dynasty Elite are approaching. Cheerleaders of all levels are welcome, and everyone makes a team. Tryouts for children ages 5-12 will be from 8-10 a.m. Tryouts for ages 12-18 will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. May 25, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 tryout fee and forms required (includes CDE merchandise). Twisters Sports, 2639 Terminal Blvd., Mountain View. Call 408-560-6212. cdeallstars.com

LECTURES & TALKS

'Human Trafficking Close to Home' The Peninsula Democratic Coalition will host Santa Clara County district attorney Jeff Rosen on May 18 to discuss human trafficking in the county. Appetizers and beverages will be served. Reserve and pre-pay by May 12 on the website or by mail at PDC, P.O. Box 97, Los Altos, CA 94023. May 18, 4-6 p.m. \$16.50 members; \$20 nonmembers. Michaels Restaurant at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-941-8190. www.peninsulademocrats.com

'Monster Black Holes' Dr. Chung-Pei Ma will give a non-technical talk, entitled "Monster Black Holes: What Lurks at the Centers of Galaxies," for the Silicon Valley Astronomy Lecture Series at Foothill College. She will discuss how black holes can grow to extremely large sizes by eating enough mass to make billions of suns. May 21, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Smithwick Theater, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7888. www.foothill.edu/ast

'Past, Present & Future Dynamics of Alpine Plants under Climate Change in California & Nevada' Adelia Barber, director of GLORIA California, will give a talk exploring California's alpine ecosystem and a unique monitoring system at the forefront of climate change research on high alpine plants. May 23, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library Program Room, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683. www.scdl.org

Author Ruth Reichl Ruth Reichl — former editor of Gourmet, a chef and food critic for The New York Times — will share her fictional debut which dwells on a love of food, family ties and the bond between sisters. May 20, 7-8 p.m. \$15-\$45. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 408-280-5530. www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2014-05-20/ruth-reichl

Los Altos development James Walgren, assistant city manager and Los Altos community development director, will speak on office development, the civic center, affordable housing, preserving neighborhoods, and traffic and transportation. The event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Los Altos and Mountain View Area. May 18, 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. \$25. Bella Vita Restaurant, 376 First St., Los Altos. Call 650-383-5590. ow.lv/rvMdg

Slingshot Power clean energy seminar Ravi Chiruvolu, CEO of Slingshot Power, will give an informational presentation at the company's headquarters about solar energy and the opportunities it offers for homeowners and businesses. RSVP for refreshments and seating. May 28, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Slingshot Power, 164 Main St., Los Altos. Call 800-887-9414. slingshotcleanenergyseminar.eventbrite.com

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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File No.: 590745
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 590844
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 591482
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is owned by: A General Partnership.
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File No.: 591500
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This business is owned by: An Individual.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 591774
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 591627
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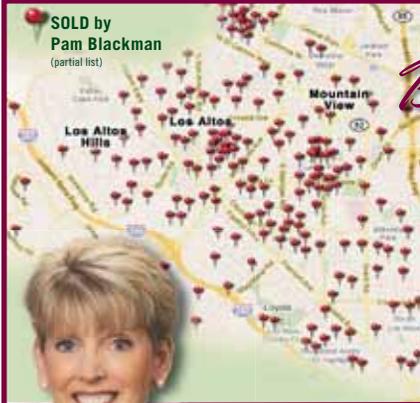
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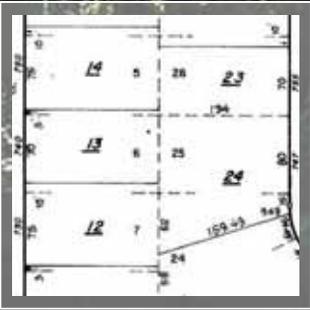
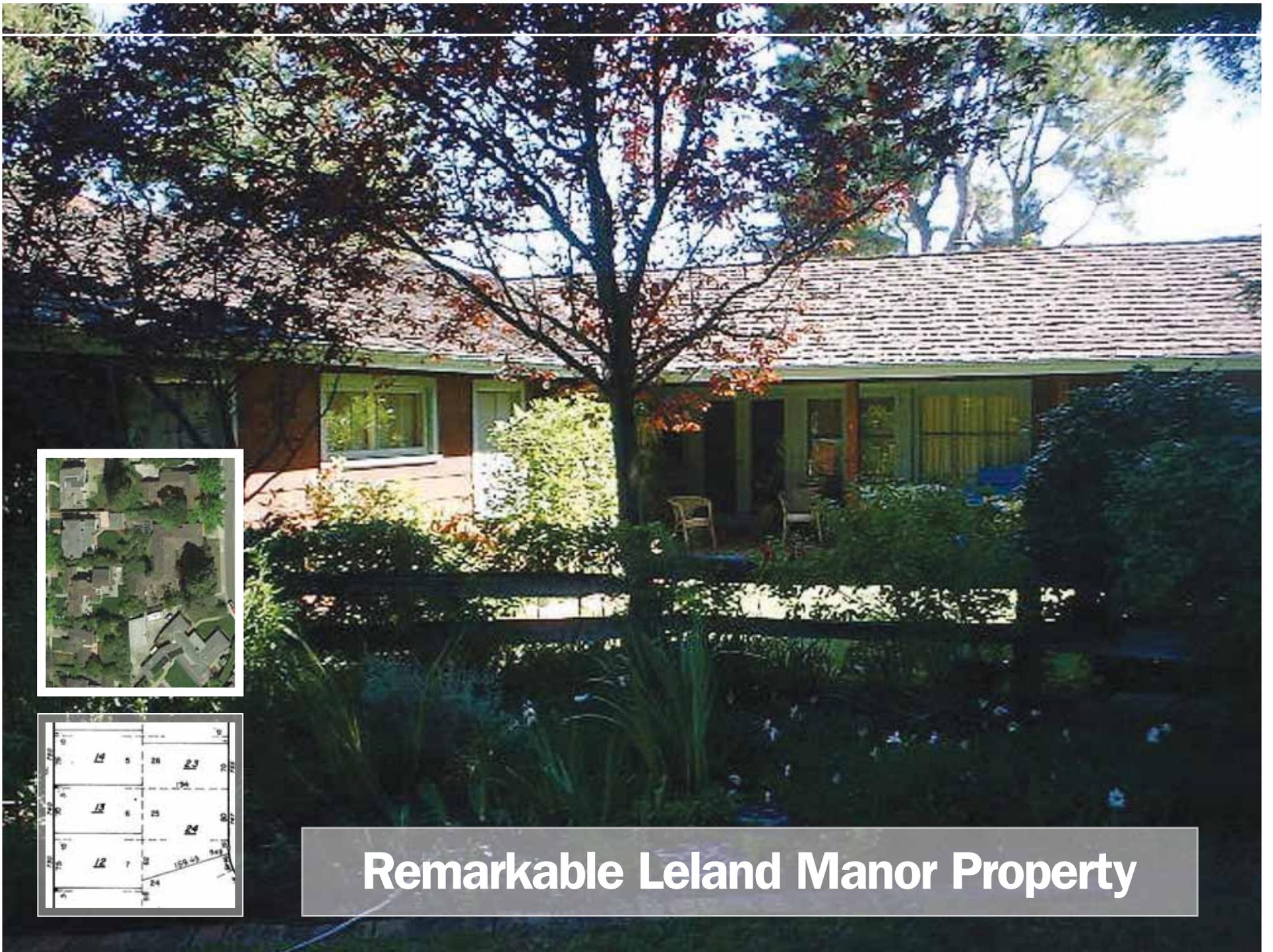
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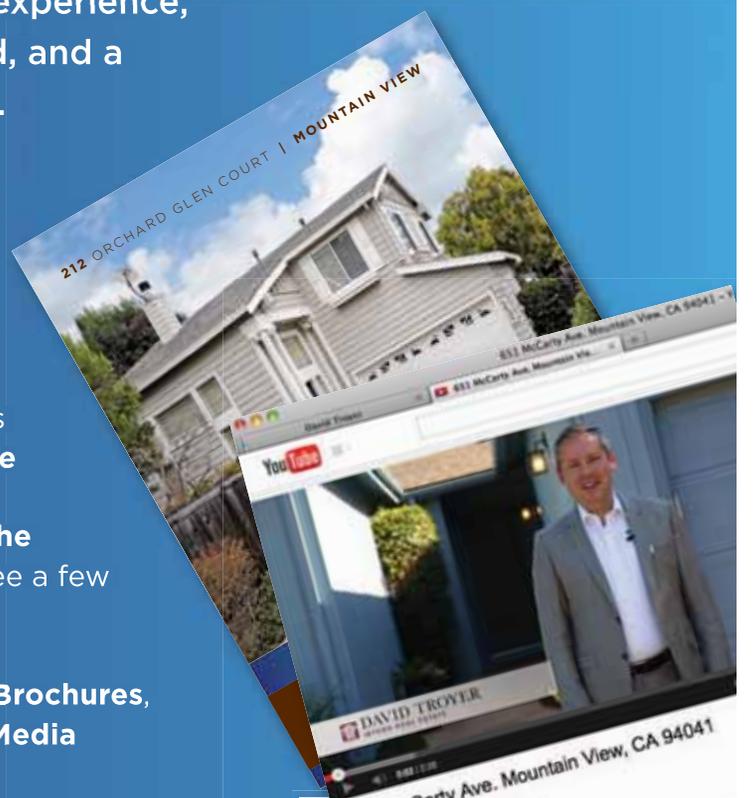
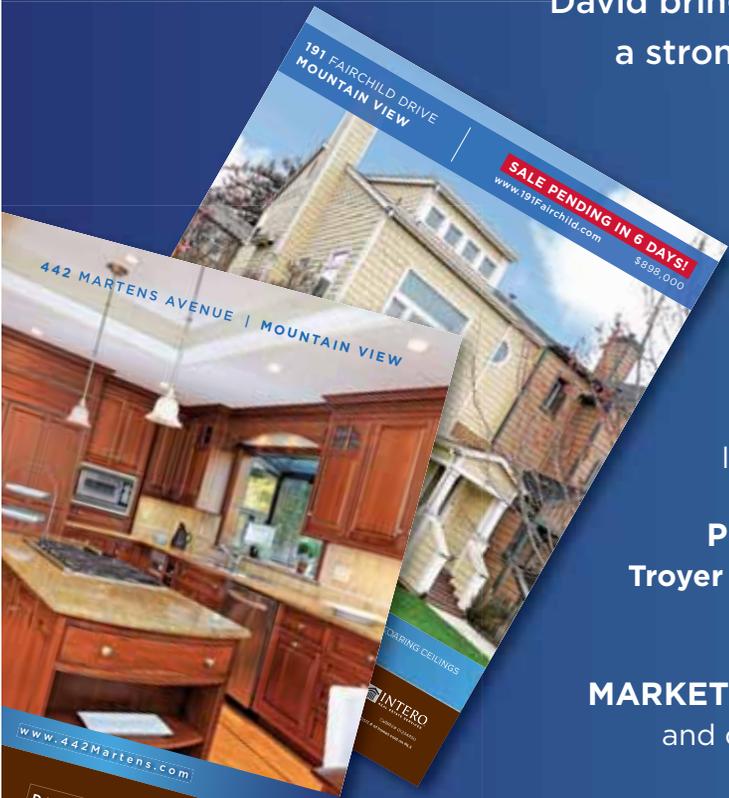
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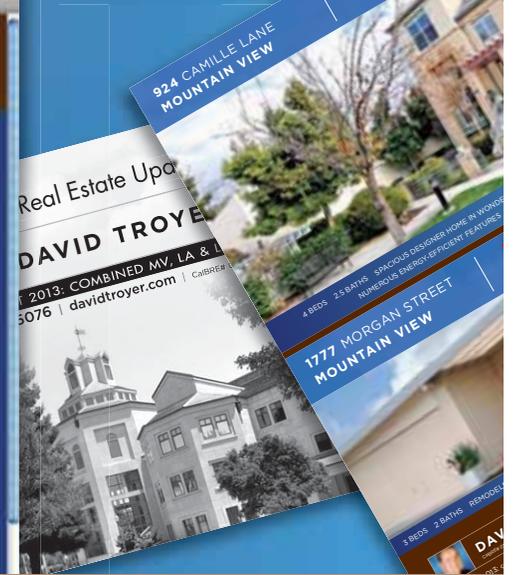
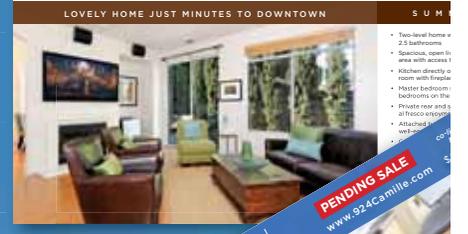
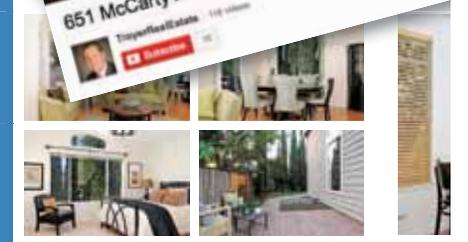


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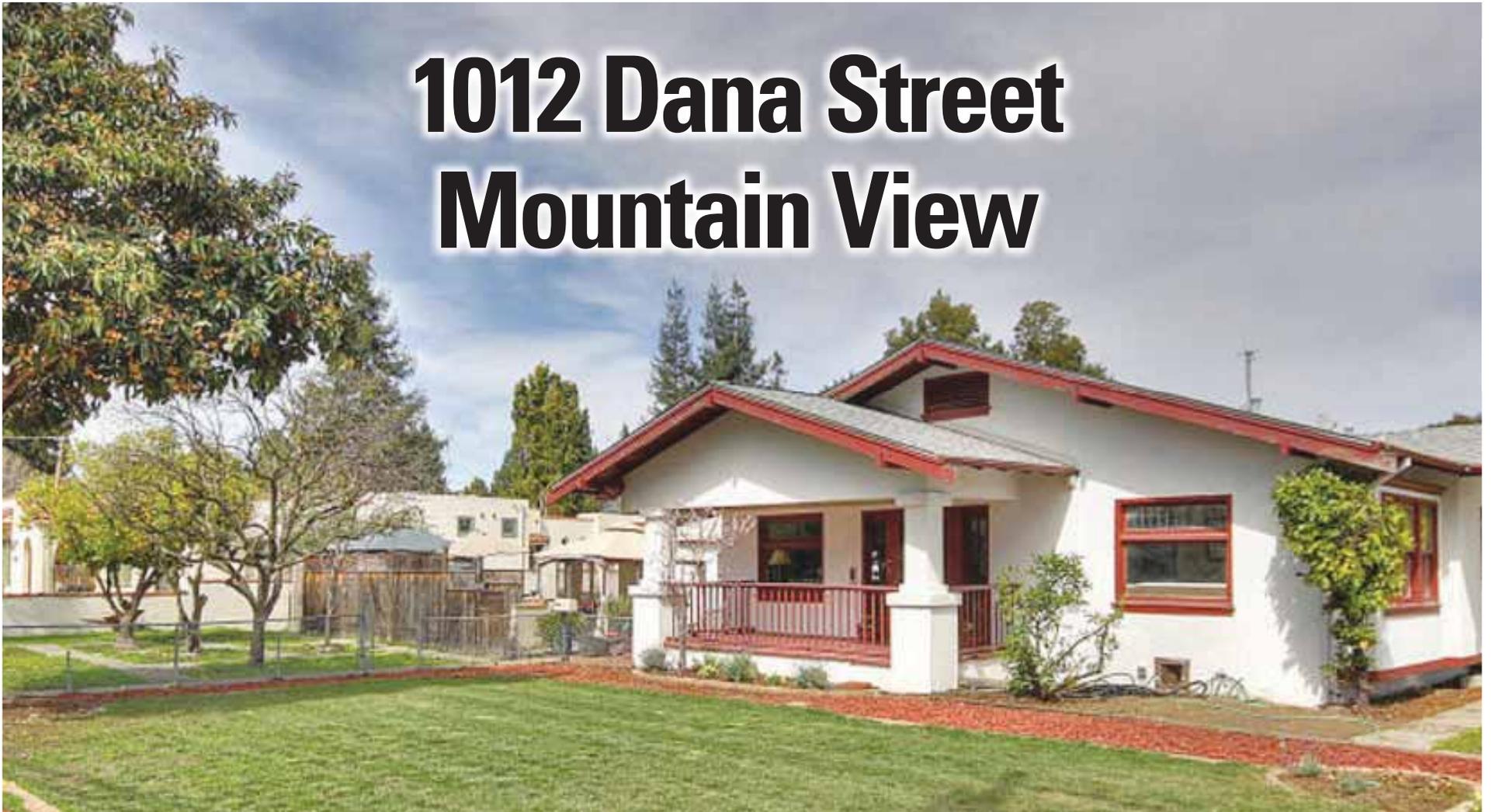
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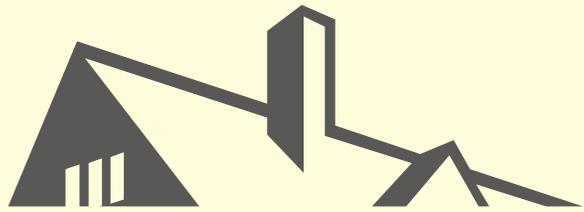
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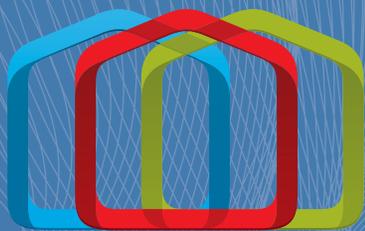
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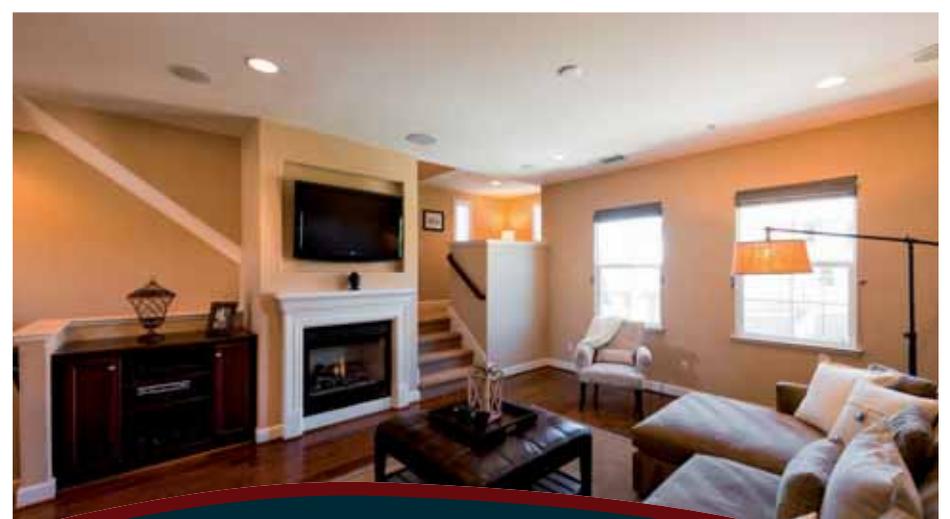
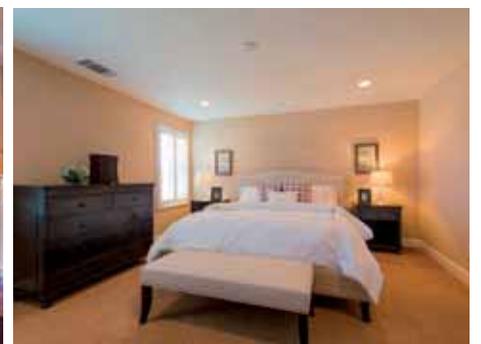


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