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VIN VINO WINE AND TASTING BAR IMPROVES WITH AGE

The *Grand Cru* of wine shops

■ FOOD FEATURE

Mention pinot noir and watch Victor Pugliese's eyes light up.

Then again, his eyes widen at the mention of sangiovese, chardonnay, nebbiolo, syrah, grenache, aligoté and sémillon. Victor knows wine grapes and the varietals that make great wines. His Vin Vino Wine bottle shop and tasting bar has been a fixture on California Avenue for nearly three decades.

He didn't grow up in wine country: quite the opposite, geographically and substantively. "Grew up in south Florida," the energetic Pugliese said. "No wine growing up."

His wine exposure came when he was a business student at Stanford University. "Knowledgeable friends became mentors." There were learning trips to Napa Valley at the time the California wine industry was about to explode. (According to the Wine Institute, there were about 500 bonded wineries in California in 1980; today there are over 3,700.)

After graduation, Pugliese became an economics consultant in Cambridge, Mass. He loved wine, but it remained an avocation; "I had college debt to pay off," he explained. Still an avid wine lover, he located a boutique wine shop in Cambridge that sold the legendary — and hard to find — Stags' Leap vineyard, and learned all he could there.

Inspired, Pugliese migrated west again and began a self-directed education in Napa and Sonoma. In 1985, he opened a 500 square-foot shop on Cambridge Avenue in Palo Alto. Four years later, he moved to the current location on California Avenue.

"From the beginning, I had a tasting bar to let patrons tell me what they liked," he said. "Some of those customers are still regulars. It's not a classic wine bar,



more wine geek oriented. We have tastings every day and will taste everything in the shop over time."

The tasting bar is "a community of people where friends and small groups meet. It has a social aspect of its own," he said. "We have never advertised; it's strictly word of mouth."

The shop has small tables scattered about where patrons can engage in serious wine contemplation, or just to enjoy a glass or two with friends. Upstairs, there is space for larger groups and private functions. A wall-mounted chalkboard announces the tasting lineup.

The daily wine bar selection highlights six to ten wines from

a specific viticultural region. Recently, old Volnays, Pomards (Burgundies), Southern Rhônes, Austrian rieslings, Chablis, California pinot noirs and French dessert wines were featured. The 2.5-ounce pours can be bought individually or as a wine flight. Prices vary accordingly. Buying three or more bottles qualifies for a discount.

In addition to aficionado tastings, Friday and Saturday weekend samplers typically feature less rarefied wines, with a wider variety and more earth-bound prices. It's a great way to learn about wines, wine regions, styles

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Above: Leo Kadejian sniffs the bouquet of a dry German riesling at Vin Vino Wine's tasting bar in Palo Alto.

Left: A glass of Volnay 2011 Burgundy.



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and growers. The staff is there to help, educate and encourage.

Besides the wine bar, Pugliese produces a monthly newsletter, available online at vinvinowine.com. The newsletter contains detailed notes on the wines featured at the tasting bar plus specials and discounts. It's one-stop shopping for oenophiles at every level of experience and sophistication.

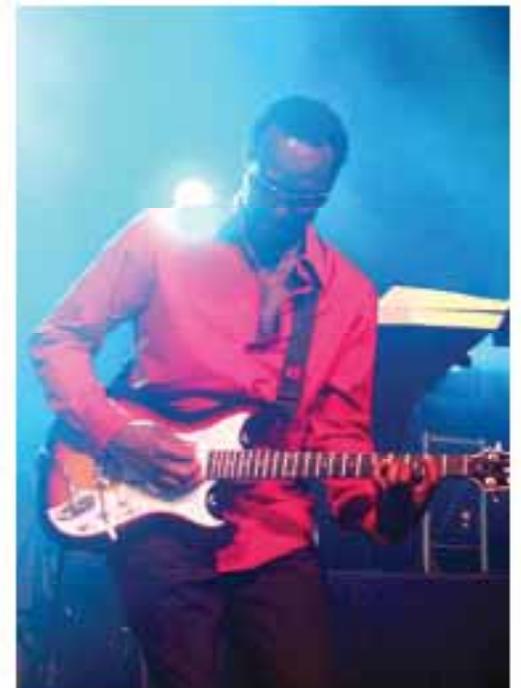
Vin Vino is French-centric. More specifically, Pugliese stated, "This is a Burgundy shop." About half the extensive inventory is French (mostly Burgundian); Italy and California get about 15 percent each and the balance comes from other wine regions including Austria, Spain and New Zealand.

Burgundy is complicated wine territory, with many small producers. To simplify, it can be broken into five main growing areas: Chablis, Côte de Nuits, Côte de Beaune, Côte Chalonnaise and Maconnais. The principal reds are made from pinot noir grapes and the whites from chardonnay. *Terrroir* is critical in Burgundy. It is the symbiosis of soil, climate and topography plus the human element. There are quality clas-

Susan and Greg Shores sample a flight of rieslings at a recent tasting at Vin Vino Wine, a shop that focuses on French wines.



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Victor Pugliese says his wine shop focuses on French wines, specifically Burgundy, but also stocks bottles from Italy, California, Spain and other countries.

sifications as well; the most important are Grand Cru and Premier Cru, but lesser classifications can be delightful and easier on the pocketbook.

Pugliese doesn't routinely travel the world searching for great wines. Instead, he trusts the professionals: top-notch importers who have developed personal relationships with growers and have the experience to identify and codify vintages, regions and micro-climates, and to understand how barrel-tasted wines will mature.

"When I travel, it is with the best importers, and we often have lunch with a winemaker where I can get to know him and his wine-making philosophy," Pugliese said. "Unless you spend a great deal of your life tasting wine from a barrel, it is impossible to understand the nuances and subtleties. I rely on the experts."

Even with extensive travel and tasting notes, keeping up with over 1,200 mostly tiny wineries spread over 74,000 acres in

Burgundy is impossible for any single merchant, importer or wine writer. To keep abreast, Pugliese quotes talented, highly-regarded critics such as Allen Meadows at Burghound, Stephen Tanzer and Josh Raynolds of International Wine Cellar, Robert M. Parker, Antonio Galloni and others with longstanding ties to growers.

"Fads come and go — it's often about what's fashionable,"

Pugliese said, and rattled off several decades of trends: Beaujolais nouveau, white zinfandel, Australian wines, oaky chardonnays, merlot, pinot gris — and, currently, rosés. Vin Vino adjusts its inventory and satisfies its customers. In the end, it's always about high quality and small lot production. That is the bedrock of Victor Pugliese's philosophy. His patrons agree. ▣



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The staff report will be available for viewing as of 5pm on Friday, October 17th on the City's website at http://www.mountainview.gov/council/agendas/parks_and_rec.asp

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Rochelle Kiner by e-mail at rochelle.kiner@mountainview.gov or by phone at (650) 903-6254.

■ INFORMATION

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TheatreWorks sets a murderous tale in WWII London

By Elizabeth Schwyzer

Leave the young kids at home for this delightfully grisly black comedy. “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street” tells the tale of a London barber who turns to using his blades for more than just close shaves. Given that the tale centers on a mass murderer, there’s precious little gore in this production. Still, the story itself is enough to make one’s blood run cold.

Steven Sondheim’s 1979 musical with book by Hugh Wheeler tells the popular 19th-century horror story of Benjamin Barker, a naïve young man married to an unusually pretty woman. Her looks attract the attention of a corrupt London judge, who hands down a life sentence to Barker, then handily takes the beauty for himself.

As the play opens, Barker has escaped prison after 15 years, and has returned to London in search of his wife and his daughter, who was just an infant when he was sent away. In order to disguise his true identity, Barker goes by the name of Sweeney Todd. Soon, he learns that his wife poisoned herself in desperation, that his daughter Johanna is a ward of the hateful Judge Turpin — and, worst of all — that the judge now has designs on marrying Johanna.

It’s at this point that Todd, here played by a steely-eyed David Studwell, begins his descent into madness. You know something’s up when he begins addressing his old razors as “my friends,” but it’s when he does a little jig and cries, “They all deserve to die!” that one realizes Barker is indeed barking mad.

Originally a Victorian villain, Sweeney Todd has been updated for this production. TheatreWorks Artistic Director Robert Kelley has chosen to set the murderous barber in the middle of the London Blitz of 1940, the better to drown out the screams of Todd’s victims with the wailing of air-raid sirens.

It’s the eerie whine of the sirens that opens the show, sending characters surging across the stage for the underground shelters. Stage left is the yawning mouth of a London Underground tunnel in Andrea Bechert’s evocative and efficient set. A spiraling iron staircase leads up to Todd’s barbershop where customers are dispatched in plain



Tobias (Spencer Kiely) invites customers to sample Mrs. Lovett’s meat pies in “Sweeney Todd.”

view of the audience, yet hidden from the street below. Also notable is the rather ingenious barber’s chair, which transforms with the pull of a lever into a chute,

transporting the unfortunate gentlemen conveniently through a trapdoor. (They thud a bit on the way down, making one wonder whether the actors sustain many bruises). The bodies pop out conveniently in Mrs. Lovett’s pie shop, where business is picking up significantly, despite war rationing.

Ah, Mrs. Lovett. Neither the Todd’s taste for revenge nor this production would get very far without her. Tory Ross attacks the role with absolute relish. Straight from her opening number (“The Worst Pies in London”) she’s punching her dough and wielding her rolling pin with gusto, not to mention belting out one of the most complex melodies in the musical. There’s no hiding Mrs. Lovett’s soft spot for the barber — so desperate is she for his affections, even his bad habit of topping off his customers doesn’t faze her — but Ross plays Lovett as more of a cheerful opportunist than a lovelorn biddy. Of course,

it’s also her bright idea to dispose of the growing pile of bodies upstairs by — ahem — recycling them.

At the other end of the spectrum from Ross’s comic role, Jack Mosbacher gives a strong performance as sweet-voiced straight man Anthony, the sailor who rescues Johanna (Mindy Lym) from the evil judge. Then there’s young Toby (Spencer Kiely), the jumpy street urchin Mrs. Lovett takes under her wing and eventually trains as her pie-making apprentice. Kiely plays Toby as the overlooked wise fool who sees far more than anyone suspects, though his IQ takes an unexplained nosedive in Act Two.

In general, the strong cast makes for a smooth, tight ensemble. But it’s Ross who carries the show, right up until Mrs. Lovett’s ignoble end.

Speaking of the end, the final scene comes off as a parody of Hamlet: Bodies are strewn across the stage, though here it’s shaving razors rather than poison-tipped rapiers that are to blame. Johanna and Anthony clutch each other and weep somewhere behind the hulking meat grinder.

At moments of dramatic climax or transition, the sirens pick up their wail, and wardens in helmets and trench coats come darting out, casting their flashlight beams across the stage. Theatrically, this device is a fun twist on the traditional blackout scene change. At the same time, the choice to set the story against the backdrop of WWII effectively dilutes the smaller drama; no matter how gruesome it gets on Fleet Street, a little bomb shrapnel raining down is enough to remind one that there are greater threats afoot than vengeful barbers.

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The butcher, The baker

Tory Ross steals the show as enterprising pie-shop owner Mrs. Lovett, who hopes to keep Sweeney Todd (David Studwell) all to herself.



INFORMATION

TheatreWorks’ “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street” at Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Through Nov. 2, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. Added matinee on Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$19-\$74, with savings for educators, seniors and those 30 and under. Go to theatreworks.org or call 650-463-1960.

New places to eat and drink in Mountain View

By Elena Kadvany

Chef goes green

Jay Essadki is bringing juice to Mountain View.

On Oct. 1, the local chef opened a new-age juice shop on Castro Street called The Liquid Menu, which serves up fresh juice concoctions, from orange juice-based drinks with fruit and nuts to green mixtures with ingredients like celery, cucumber, kale, ginger and apple.

"All of our drinks have a purpose," he said, whether it's the specific combination of apple, carrot and celery that aims to rejuvenate the body post-workout or cold-brewed hibiscus water that is "very good for heart health and stomach balance."

Essadki has headed the Morocco's Restaurant kitchen just down the street for the past seven years (and will continue to do so, along with running the new venture). Until about a year ago, he knew nothing about the juicing trend sweeping much of the nation, especially the Bay Area. (Though I would say it has yet to descend upon Mountain View.)

He said he was helping a woman clean out her garage and stumbled upon a juicer box full of tape recordings of Jay Kordich, creator of the Juiceman Juicer, also referred to as the "Father of Juicing." Until then, he said he had never even heard of a juicer.

He started to get interested, and said he learned more about the benefits of raw food and juice nutrition. He started juicing at home and lost about 10 pounds in one week, he said.

"After a seven-year experience of what I call traditional nutrition, now I'm all about new-age liquid nutrition," he said.

"This concept is the future," he added. "There's no question about it."

He's clearly passionate about nutrition and the science behind juicing. So when the space at 650 Castro St. opened up, he jumped at the opportunity to share that passion.

The Liquid Menu menu is divided into two sections: the "Orchard of Energy" (more fruit-based) and "The Garden of Health" (more veggie-based).

Under "Orchard of Energy," you'll find orange-juice based drinks with banana, berries, nuts, dates and acai. There are also raw-milk mixtures (with fruit, avocado, lemon, dates in various combinations) and water-based drinks with similar ingredients. The water is also highly purified, he said.

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You can also spring for pear, apple, cantaloupe, orange, pineapple or watermelon — all freshly juiced with the skin on.

Head to the "Garden of Health" for the liver clean (apple, carrot, beet, lime) or spicy green (cabbage, parsley, kale, jalapeño, ginger, apple).

You can choose from a range of superfood additions like nuts, raw cacao, tofu, seeds, sprouts, spirulina and germed wheat (\$1.75 each).

Essadki is only offering two size options — "the 8th" (16 ounces for \$7.99) or "the quartz" (24 ounces for \$10.99). However, he does offer gallon-size juices ("juice for your whole family," he said.)

He's also selling pastries and organic coffee because, after all, "we believe in balance," he said.

650 Castro St. theliquidmenu.com

Mas Cocina Central

This farm-to-table Mexican spot had its soft opening the first week of October at The Village at San Antonio Center. The product of a partnership between South Bay restaurateur Randy Everman and southern California Latin-fusion chef Isabel Cruz, Cocina Central serves up traditional staples like ceviche, grilled corn, six kinds of tacos (served on housemade tortillas made from organic, non-GMO corn, of course), tortas and chili rellenos as well as more Mexi-Cal dishes like kale salad with pepitas, pineapple salsa, pico de gallo and tortilla strips, all dressed in a cumin vinaigrette. Everman said they use locally sourced and organic ingredients as much as possible.

The kitchen is headed up by Adrian Cruz, a "ninja chef" from Texas," in Everman's words. Cocina Central also serves breakfast, from pancakes to breakfast burritos, and with a full liquor license, has a tantalizing-sounding cocktail menu and happy hour Monday through Friday. (Also head over for good deals on Taco Tuesdays.) Everman said this will be the Cocina Central flagship location, the first of at least three for the Bay Area.

2590 El Camino Real, Suite 13, Mountain View; cocinacentral.co

Sajj officially open

Rumors floated around for a bit that Sajj was no longer opening at The Village at San Antonio Center, but the fast-casual Medi-

terranean is officially open for business. At Sajj, take your pick of falafel, schwarma or schwafel, and then choose how you want to eat it (in a wrap, stuffed in pita bread, on a plate or in a bowl) and what you want to eat it with (lettuce, tomato, cucumber, onion, parsley, arugula, tahini, garlic cream and more). There are also plenty of sides — hummus, baba-ganoush, tabbouleh and tzatziki. Mountain View will be Sajj's fifth brick-and-mortar location, joining the original in Menlo Park, plus outposts in San Jose, Valley Fair and Willow Glen, which were all born from a food truck.

Owner Zajd Ayoub, who is originally from Jordan, comes with a background in high tech and an assurance that Sajj food is "very consistent, very fresh and reliable." The restaurant's soft opening was Oct. 9 and will be "full blast" on lunch and dinner starting Oct. 15, Ayoub said.

555 San Antonio Road. 650-322-7255 or sajjstreeteats.com

From steak to macarons

The Alexander's Steakhouse group's much anticipated foray into the baking world, Alexander's Patisserie, opened this Thursday, Oct. 16, in downtown Mountain View. Described in a press release as "a bit of a passion project for one of the team members," this new concept means bread, sandwiches, cakes, tarts, cookies, macarons, chocolates and the like, all made in-house. The patisserie has also been described as merging traditional and modern and European and American influences.

Josh Rousseu, vice president of "front-of-house" operations at Alexander's, said in January that it's going to "mimic a fine French bakery or some of the boutique bakeries that they have in Los Angeles." Alexander's has also partnered with San Rafael roaster Equator Coffees & Teas to create its own line of coffee and espresso drinks.

Executive Pastry Chef Dries Delanghe is leading the project with a baking education that took place at in Belgium and pastry experience at hotels in Brussels and Paris and later, Michelin-starred French restaurant Joël Robuchon in Las Vegas. Alexander's Steakhouse operates two restaurants of that name in San Francisco and Cupertino as well as The Sea by Alexander's Steakhouse in Palo Alto.

209 Castro St. 650-864-9999 or alexanderspatisserie.com

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Mountain View Whisman School District Parcel Tax Oversight Committee

Now Accepting Applications for Oversight Committee Vacancies

The Parcel Tax Oversight Committee (PTOC) is composed of representatives from the local community. Appointed representatives monitor and provide advice on the expenditure of Measure C Parcel Tax proceeds, reporting annually to the Board of Trustees and the public regarding the proposed uses, and actual uses, of such funds.

The PTOC currently has two vacancies. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply. Applicants may represent the business community, District homeowners, parents or guardians of a student in the District, or the community at-large.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE G BOND PROJECTS

RFQ NO. 2

ALL qualifications must be submitted in a sealed envelope no later than 2:00 PM local time on Thursday, October 30, 2014.

Mountain View Whisman School District invites responses from qualified firms, partnerships, corporations, associations, persons, or professional organizations to enter into agreements with the District to construct improvements to the Mountain View Whisman School District Measure G Bond Projects ("Projects") pursuant to the lease/leaseback structure (Education Code section 17406, et seq.) and to leaseback a "turn key" Project(s) to the District.

Interested firms or persons are invited to submit one (1) original and five (5) copies of your completed Qualifications package to:

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Attn: Terese McNamee, CBO
750-A San Pierre Way
Mountain View, CA 94043

If you have questions regarding this RFQ, please submit in writing via fax on or before October 24, 2014 at 2:00 PM to Greystone West Company, attention Todd Lee, 707-996-8390. A complete RFQ may be obtained from the District's Construction Manager: Greystone West Co., at 707-933-0624 or downloaded from <http://www.mvwsd.org/measure-g-rfps-rfqs>

A Mandatory Pre-Proposal meeting for these projects will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2014. Please meet at: MVWSD District Office, 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View, CA 94043. Time of Meeting: 2:30 PM

The District may, at its discretion, interview some of the respondents. The District intends to schedule these interviews between November 10 and 14, 2014. This RFQ is neither a formal request for bids, nor an offer by the District to contract with any party responding to this RFQ. The District reserves the right to reject any and all responses. The District also reserves the right to amend this RFQ as necessary. All materials submitted to the District in response to this RFQ shall remain property of the District.



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MOVIE TIMES

- Addicted (R)** Century 20: 11:40 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:25 & 10 p.m.
- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (PG)** Century 16: 10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 12:45, 1:45, 3, 4, 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 8:40 & 9:45 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 a.m., 12:20, 1:30, 2:35, 3:45, 4:55, 5:55, 7:10, 8:05, 9:25 & 10:15 p.m.
- Annabelle (R)** Century 16: 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:55, 7:30 & 10:05 p.m. Century 20: 12:30, 3:05, 5:35, 8:10 & 10:45 p.m.
- The Best of Me (PG-13)** Century 16: 10:35 a.m., 1:25, 4:25, 7:35 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 1:55, 4:40, 7:30 & 10:25 p.m.
- The Book of Life (PG)** Century 16: 10:55 a.m., 4:20 & 7 p.m. In 3-D at 1:40 & 9:40 p.m. Century 20: 11 a.m., 1:35, 4:20 & 7:55 p.m. In 3-D at 12:10, 2:50, 5:25 & 10:25 p.m.
- The Boxtrolls (PG)** Century 16: 11:05 a.m., 1:50, 4:35, 7:25 & 10 p.m. Century 20: 11:25 a.m., 1:55, 4:35, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.
- Dracula Untold (PG-13)** Century 16: 10:45 & 11:55 a.m., 1:15, 2:30, 3:40, 5, 6:20, 7:45, 9:05 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m., 1:50, 4:25, 5:20, 6:50, 8, 9:15 & 10:35 p.m. Fri & Sat 12:35 & 3 p.m.
- The Equalizer (R) ★★** Century 16: 12:20, 3:50, 7:05 & 10:10 p.m. Century 20: 1:15, 4:15, 7:25 & 10:35 p.m.
- Fury (R)** Century 16: 10:50 a.m., 12:30, 2:10, 3:55, 5:25, 7:10, 8:50 & 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m., 2:40, 5:50 & 9 p.m. In X-D at 1, 4:10, 7:20 & 10:30 p.m.
- Gone Girl (R) ★★1/2** Century 16: 10:30 a.m., 12:15, 2, 3:45, 5:30, 7:15, 9 & 10:35 p.m. Century 20: 11 a.m., 12:25, 2:15, 3:40, 5:30, 7, 8:45 & 10:15 p.m.
- Good Will Hunting (1997) (R)** Century 16: Sun 2 p.m. Century 20: Sun 2 p.m.
- Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13)** Century 20: 7:45 p.m., Fri & Sun 2 p.m.
- The Judge (R) ★★1/2** Century 16: 11 a.m., 2:20, 5:40, 7:20, 9:10 & 10:40 p.m., Fri 12:40 p.m., Fri & Sat 4:05 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 a.m., 2:20, 5:40, 7:05, 8:55 & 10:25 p.m.
- Key Largo (1948) (Not Rated)** Stanford Theatre: 5:35 & 9:40 p.m.
- Kill the Messenger (R) ★★1/2** Century 20: 11:20 a.m., 5 & 10:40 p.m. Guild Theatre: 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.
- The Maze Runner (PG-13) ★★1/2** Century 16: 10:40 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:10 & 9:55 p.m. Century 20: 11:45 a.m., 2:25, 5:05, 7:55 & 10:40 p.m.
- Meet the Mormons (PG)** Century 20: 11:35 a.m., 1:45, 3:55, 6, 8:10 & 10:20 p.m.
- Men, Women & Children (R)** Aquarius Theatre: 2, 4:40, 7:30 & 10:10 p.m. Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 2, 4:50, 7:40 & 10:30 p.m.
- MET Opera: Le Nozze di Figaro (Not Rated)** Century 16: Sat 9:55 a.m. Century 20: Sat 9:55 a.m.
- My Old Lady (PG-13) ★★** Palo Alto Square: 4:20 & 7:15 p.m., Fri & Sun 1:45 p.m., Fri & Sat 9:45 p.m.
- National Theatre Live: A Streetcar Named Desire (Not Rated)** Aquarius Theatre: Sun 11 a.m.
- Pride (R) ★★** Palo Alto Square: 1, 4 & 7 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 p.m.
- The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R)** Guild Theatre: Fri at midnight
- St. Vincent (PG-13)** Aquarius Theatre: 4:10, 7:10 & 9:40 p.m., Fri & Sat 1:45
- To Have and Have Not (1944) (Not Rated)** Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 3:25 p.m.

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THE BOXTROLLS ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) The stop-motion animation house LAIKA ("Coraline," "ParaNorman") continues to build its reputation as the anti-Disney by handcrafting dark tales for kids. "The Boxtrolls" falls into the category of classical fairy tale, with its shadowy world inhabited by innocents in contention with monstrous adults.

Perhaps with Pixar pictures like "Up" and "WALL-E" in mind, the first fifteen minutes of "The Boxtrolls" roll by with a minimum of dialogue to establish the picture's premise. In the English-accented village of Cheesebridge, the people live in fear of boxtrolls: underground-dwelling creatures that emerge at night to scavenge trash. Pest exterminator Archibald Snatcher (Ben Kingsley) pursues his sociopolitical aspiration — to become one of the elite, cheese-eating "White Hats" — by slandering the boxtrolls as baby-snatching murderers. In fact, the gremlin gadgeteers are benign and lovable (and, as such, suspiciously similar to the minions in "Despicable Me").

The boxtrolls are so nice that they have taken in an orphan human boy (Isaac Hempstead-Wright), who has grown up believing he is one of the boxtrolls, and is named Eggs for the label on the box he wears. The good-hearted Eggs focuses his existence on protecting the boxtrolls from those who misunderstand and persecute them, particularly Snatcher and his henchmen Mr. Trout (Nick Frost), Mr. Pickle (Richard Ayoade), and Mr. Gristle (Tracy Morgan).

Eggs also gains a defender in Winnie Portley-Rind (Elle Fanning), who stumbles onto the truth after going AWOL from her upper-crust White Hat parents (Jared Harris and Toni Collette). Eggs and Winnie's adventures include dodging Snatcher and his men, crashing a White Hat ball and encountering Eggs' long-lost father (Simon Pegg), who proudly notes his son's confident self-transformation as the life lesson that may save the day.

Many kids are likely to find "The Boxtrolls" scary, dank and generally off-putting, but those who like paging through Edward Gorey books and who devour Roald Dahl novels will consider it an early Halloween treat. Those amongst their parents who are Anglophiles will appreciate the presence of the likes of Pegg and Frost, as well as "The Boxtrolls Song" penned by Monty Python member Eric Idle and performed by the bad guy in drag (as one Madame Frou Frou).

The Gothic material derives from Alan Snow's novel "Here

Be Monsters!," which directors Graham Annable and Anthony Stacchi have visualized as a perversely grotty Old World Europe. The stop-motion animation, presented in 3-D in some theaters, bursts with rollercoaster-esque action sequences, but one might fairly call "The Boxtrolls" action-packed to a fault, given that the film is already halfway over before its protagonist gets any quality character development.

Certainly, the stealth allegory of the insidious nature of gossip as a tool of domination — and the scathing class satire of misbegotten and socially unjust personal goals — carry a productive sting that should leave kids smarting but a bit wiser. And the witty script (with henchmen pondering "the duality of good and evil") is part of the intellectual challenge. Just don't subject the weest ones in your family to this dark vision.

Rated PG for action, some peril and mild rude humor. One hour, 36 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



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Though the box-loving trolls pose no harm to humans, pest exterminator Archibald Snatcher wants to wipe them out.

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HIGHLIGHT

SILICON VALLEY AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL

This fifth annual showcase of films will share stories, hopes and dreams from the African continent. The festival will also include conversations with filmmakers, an awards ceremony, and African drumming and dance. Visit the website for schedule. Oct. 17, 5:30 p.m.; Oct. 18 and 19, 11 a.m. \$15-\$35. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.svaff.org

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Around the World, Bollywood-Style This fundraiser for My Impact, a nonprofit educating and supporting individuals and families coping with Phenylketonuria (PKU), will include dinner, an auction, live entertainment and prizes. Oct. 24, 6-10 p.m. \$20-\$25. The Menu Indian Cuisine, 2700 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View. Call 650-215-8431. www.eventbrite.com/e/around-the-world-bollywood-style-an-epic-celebration-for-a-cause-tickets-13612578589

Chefs Who Care @ Google This unique Chefs Who Care dinner event at one of Google's cafes will benefit the Community Services Agency's efforts to relieve hunger and food insecurity in Mountain View. Oct. 22, 5:30-8:30 p.m. \$35. Community Services Agency, 204 Sterlin Road, Mountain View. Call 650-968-0836 ext. 115. cscares.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Health care programs orientation These workshops for those interested in health care careers will provide info on the Certified Nursing Assistant and Medical Assistant paths and programs offered through the Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School. Register on the website. Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-noon; Oct. 28, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. www.mvlaae.net

How to Start a Fall Vegetable Garden This Edible Urban Farm Company workshop will offer practical skills community members can use to plan and plant a garden this fall. Topics covered will include plant spacing and placement and basic crop rotation. Hands-on activities are included. Oct. 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$25. Neutra House, 181 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-464-1990. www.edibleurbanfarm.com

Structural Pruning Workshop This hands-on workshop with certified arborists will cover the best ways to prune young trees, including what are the ideal tools for the job. Oct. 18, 10 a.m.-noon. Free (\$15 donation appreciated). Three corner island, between Shoreline, Sterlin and Montecito, Mountain View. Call 650-269-7900. www.mountainviewtrees.org

CLUBS/MEETINGS

Lunch with the League The Los Altos-Mountain View League of Women Voters lunch this month will feature Jeffrey Baier, superintendent of the Los Altos School District, who will discuss district updates and the \$150 million capital improvement school bond, Measure N. Those interested should RSVP by phone, email or the website. Oct. 17, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$27. Ristorante Bella Vita, 376 First St., Los Altos. Call 650-559-1828. lvlamv.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Harvest Craft Faire The Harvest Craft Faire will offer a selection of handmade items from 55 artisans, as well as products from garden, bakery and gourmet shops. Some vintage collectibles and small antiques will also be sold. Snacks and lunch will be available. The event is sponsored by Los Altos United Methodist Women and benefits local charities. Oct. 17 and 18, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-948-1083 ext. 122. laumc.org

Library 2 Library Bicycle Tour The Mountain View Public Library will host a stop on this tour of local libraries; the other stops are Rose Garden Library in San Jose, Sunnyvale Public Library and Santa Clara City Library. Each stop will offer a bicycle craft activity, a tour of the library and directions to other locations. Oct. 18, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.eventbrite.com/e/library-2-library-bicycle-tour-registration-13011731439

Monster Bash This Halloween event at Rengstorff Park will offer an outdoor movie, games, music and light refreshments. The movie will start at 6:30 p.m. Attendees should bring a low-back chair and blanket. Oct. 25, 5-8 p.m.

Free. Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/events/halloween.asp

CONCERTS

'Musical Enchantment' This concert celebrating National Arts and Humanities Month, entitled "Musical Enchantment: Fairy Tales, Fantasy and More," will include music by Beethoven, Schumann and Debussy on the piano, violin, viola, cello and clarinet. Oct. 19, 7-9 p.m. \$20 general; \$15 senior (age 62 and over); \$10 student (21 and under); \$5 child (5 and under). Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.artsaction21.org

Albany Consort 40th anniversary concert The period music group Albany Consort will celebrate 40 years of making music this fall with a performance of Vivaldi's "Winter" and concertos by Telemann and Fasch. Oct. 18, 7-9 p.m. \$10-\$30. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1715 Grant Road, Los Altos. Call 408-480-0182. www.albanyconsort.com

Blue Diamond Strings Redwood Bluegrass Associates will begin its 2014-15 concert season with a performance by Blue Diamond Strings, six veteran acoustic musicians from the Bay Area playing a mixture of bluegrass, old time and blues. Doors open for a jam session at 5 p.m. Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door; half-price for teens, students; free for those under age 13 or music students. First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. www.rba.org/#BDS

Jon Nakamatsu conversation and concert For this Peninsula Symphony Music & Conversation event, Bay Area pianist Jon Nakamatsu will chat with Music Director Mitchell Sardou Klein about his music and career. He will also perform a few of his favorite piano pieces. Oct. 22, 7-8:30 p.m. \$45. Community School of Music and Arts, Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.peninsulasymphony.org

Master Sinfonia Concert 1 in Los Altos Maestro David Ramadanoff will conduct Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra's first concert of its 2014-15 season. The performance will include Jeremy Cavaterra's "Monterey Suite," Frederic Chopin's "Andante Spinato and Grand Polonaise Brillante" with Daniel Glover on piano and Erno Dohnanyi's "Variations on a Nursery Song." A free reception with the artists will be held after the concert. Oct. 19, 2:30 p.m. \$15-\$25; free for youth under age 18. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. www.mastersinfonia.org

EXHIBITS

'Silicon Valley: The Lure & the Legends' The Los Altos History Museum will have on display an exhibit called "Silicon Valley: The Lure & the Legends" which examines the reasons why this area turned from orchards to a technology hub. The exhibit will focus on local factors and figures who contributed to the transformation. An opening reception will be held on Oct. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 18-April 19, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.losaltoshistory.org/lure_legends.html

FAMILY AND KIDS

'Seeing with a New Eye' toddler and parent course Waldorf School of the Peninsula will offer Parenting with Heart eight week classes for toddlers and their caregivers. This fall's introductory class called "Seeing with a New Eye: Observation and Rhythm" will help parents and caregivers learn about and guide their children. Other sessions will be held in the winter and spring. Mondays, Oct. 13-Dec. 8, 8:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. for toddlers 12-24 months; 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. for 24-36 months. \$320. Waldorf School of the Peninsula, 11311 Mora Drive, Los Altos. Call 650-209-9400. waldorfpenninsula.org/curriculum/early-childhood/parenting-with-heart/

'The Birds & the Bees' This session led by Torrey Mandell Freeman for parents with kids ages

5 to 10 will discuss appropriate ways to answer children's questions about bodies and sex. Topics covered will include when to have this talk, how to prepare and the benefits of open communication. Oct. 23, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6897. www.mountainview.gov/depts/library/default.asp

Author Kiki Thorpe on 'Never Girls' At this event best suited for girls in kindergarten to second grade, author Kiki Thorpe will share book seven of her The Never Girls books, "A Pinch of Magic." The series follows four ordinary girls in a fairy's world. The event will include themed craft activities and refreshments. Those interested are asked to RSVP. Oct. 21, 4-5 p.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

Magic Forest Journey - A Fairy Tale Event This 30-minute festive journey for children ages 3 to 7 will feature scarecrows dancing, elves crafting shoes and a jack-o'-lantern-lined path. Oct. 25, 5:30-8:30 p.m. \$6 child; free for accompanying adults. Waldorf School of the Peninsula, 180 N. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-209-9400. www.waldorfpenninsula.org

Spooky Times at Deer Hollow Farm Deer Hollow Farm will welcome community members to this Halloween event, where they can explore haunted barns, participate in children's activities and crafts, and meet sheep, goats, chickens, rabbits, pigs and Luna the cow. Oct. 25, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$7 general; \$5 with costume. Deer Hollow Farm, 22500 Cristo Rey Drive, Cupertino. Call 650-903-6430. mountainview.gov/deerhollowfarm

Witches' Delight Halloween Carnival The Witches' Delight Halloween Carnival will return for its 54th year with carnival rides, games, a cake walk, cookie decorating, a costume contest and more. Dinner by the Santa Rita BBQers will be available. Oct. 24, 3-8 p.m. Free admission; \$1 for each play ticket. Santa Rita Elementary School, 700 Los Altos Ave., Los Altos. www.santaritaschool.org/santaritaes/6975-Witches-Delight.html

FOOD AND DRINK

Friday Farmers Market The Oshman Family JCC is now home to its own weekly certified farmers market. Local food trucks are in attendance each week. Fridays, year-round, noon-5 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, Jessica Lynn Saal Town Square, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. www.paloaltojcc.org/market

Tied House NFL 2014 Season To celebrate the San Francisco 49ers football season, on Sundays Tied House will offer beer and drink specials, including 49-cent half pints and its signature Bloody "Hail" Mary. Sundays, Sept. 7-Dec. 28, 9:30 p.m. Prices vary. Tied House Microbrewery and Cafe, 954 Villa St., Mountain View. Call 650-965-2739. www.tiedhouse.com

ON STAGE

'David Gerard: An Evening of Magic and Mindreading' David Gerard will perform a show of magic and mind reading in which he uses psychology, showmanship and more to dazzle spectators. Oct. 17 and 18, 7 and 9:30 p.m. \$30 general; \$22 senior, student, educator. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.mountainview.gov/mvcpa/oct14.html

'Il Trovatore' West Bay Opera will stage a production of Giuseppe Verdi's masterpiece, "Il Trovatore," a gripping drama set in medieval Spain. Performances will include lavish costumes, video-enhanced sets and a cast with soprano Cynthia Clayton, tenor James Callon, baritone Krassen Karagiozov and mezzo-soprano Patrice Houston. Oct. 17, 19, 25 and 26, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. \$40-\$75. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-9999. www.wbopera.org

'Sweeney Todd' TheatreWorks will put on a production of the classic Stephen Sondheim musical "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," in which the titular hero takes revenge on a cruel judge with the help of meat-pie

cooking Mrs. Lovett. Oct. 8-Nov. 2, see website for specific dates and times. \$19-\$74. Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

SENIORS

Aunt Vena's Home Gym This El Camino Hospital workshop will teach seniors how to increase physical activity at home, the office or even in a cubical. These movements can help to improve endurance, strength, flexibility, agility and balance. Oct. 20, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov

CSA Referral - Education/Employment Senior Case Managers from the Community Services Agency will visit the Mountain View Senior Center to discuss adult education classes, employment and volunteer opportunities, and info on employment discrimination. Those interested can make an appointment at the center's front desk or over the phone. Oct. 21, 10-11 a.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov

Influenza talk Emergency medical technicians will give a talk on protective measures to take against the flu this season, as well as how to care for oneself after catching it. Oct. 23, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fall California Native Plant Sale The Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society will hold its fall native plant sale at Hidden Villa. Scores of species will be available, as well as native plant books, posters and note cards. Oct. 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. www.cnps-scv.org

History Meets Haunting tours For its annual Halloween event, Friends of Rengstorff House will turn the building into an interactive haunted house showcasing the eerie and dark side of the 19th century. Tour space is limited; those interested should purchase tickets in advance. Oct. 24 and 25, 7-10 p.m. \$11.54 in advance; \$15 at door. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. r-house.org

SPORTS

Mountain View Tennis Club October Tennis Tournament Mountain View Tennis Club will hold a one-day singles tournament open to both members and non-members of all playing levels. Entry fee includes drinks, lunch and prizes. Oct. 25, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$15 MVTC member; \$20 non-member. Rengstorff Park, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. www.mvtc.net

LECTURES & TALKS

'Innovating Women: The Changing Face of Technology' A panel of executives and entrepreneurs will share their experiences, insights and strategies on the topic of supporting women in the tech industry. Oct. 21, 7-8 p.m. \$12-\$20. Microsoft, 1065 La Avenida St., Mountain View. www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2014-10-21/innovating-women-changing-face-technology

TEEN ACTIVITIES

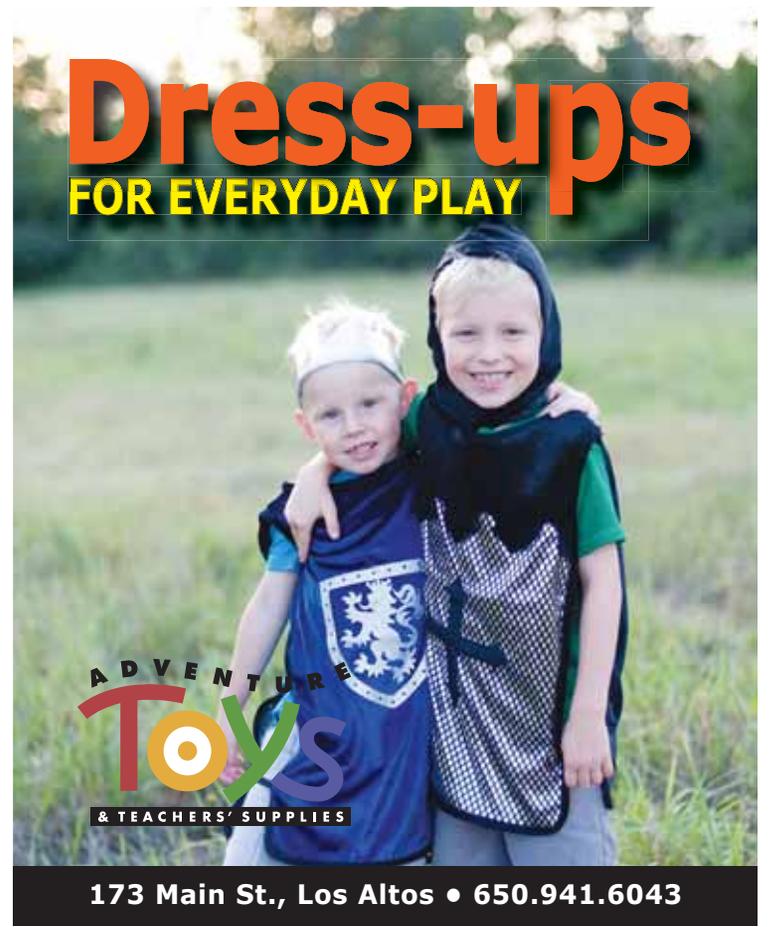
Author Kendare Blake on 'Mortal Gods' This Linden Tree Books event for readers age 14 and up will be attended by author Kendare Blake who will share the latest book from her Goddess War series, "Mortal Gods." Prior to the event, Natalia, owner of the Los Altos store Earth Beauty, will do an Aromatics Alchemy demonstration. Those interested are asked to RSVP for seats and supplies. Oct. 25, 4-5 p.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

The View Teen Center Art Installation

Local teens are invited to help with the final step of installing a mosaic mural on the front of The View, the city's new teen center. Teens are encouraged to RSVP on the website. Oct. 21, 4-6:30 p.m. Free. The View, 263 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. artinstallation.eventbrite.com

The View Teen Center Grouting Party

The City of Mountain View will welcome teens from to a grouting party, where they can help in finishing a mosaic mural on the front of the city's new teen center. The View. Those interested should visit the website to register. Oct. 18, noon-6 p.m. Free. The View, 298 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. groutingparty.eventbrite.com



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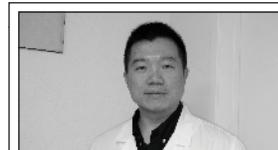
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Mountain View home listings continue their downward trend

By Hadar Guibara

It's unlikely that you'll wake up 12 years from now and discover that there are no homes for sale in Mountain View — that's assuming the current three-year trend in new listings numbers doesn't continue.

From January to August 2011, 194 new home listings entered the Mountain View real estate market. In that same period three years later, in 2014, that number had dropped to 156. If this downward trend were maintained in just the first eight months of upcoming years — and if Septembers through Decembers remained basically steady — by the time 2027 rolled around, there would be no more new listings.

We don't expect that to hap-

pen, because real estate is a cyclical market, with semi-predictable ups and downs. Yet this current down period in single-family home availability has buyers biting their fingernails and playing a chancy version of Russian roulette with their offers.

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Between January and August 2014, buyers paid 110 percent of the asking price on homes here. Low inventories and fierce bidding wars have caused buyers in most Silicon Valley cities to come into deals with their strongest possible offers. Two examples: During the first eight months of 2014, buyers in Menlo Park paid 106 percent while buyers in Palo Alto laid down 113 percent of the initial asking price of the homes they purchased.

Another trend worth watching is the length of time it's tak-

'Low inventories and fierce bidding wars have caused buyers in most Silicon Valley cities to come into deals with their strongest possible offers.'

HADAR GUIBARA

ing for deals on the homes in our tiny inventory pool to be finalized. For the last several years, the average days on the market for Mountain View homes has

been dropping, but numbers for September 2013 through August 2014 paint a startling picture.

During the first six months of that period (September-February), homes were sold, on average, in 33.2 days. Over the next six months, that average dropped to an even 14 days. While it's true that fall and winter aren't the hottest selling seasons, the difference in these numbers is still remarkable.

So while we'll probably never see zero homes for sale in Mountain View, it will be interesting to watch the inventory and other trends as we move into the slower fall and winter months. ■

Hadar Guibara is a Realtor with Sereno Group of Palo Alto. She can be reached at hadar@serenogroup.com.

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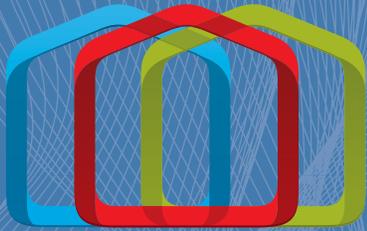
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