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2014: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Police, fire and crime stories that topped the news

By Kevin Forestieri

Headlines shocked Mountain View residents this year after 18 teens were arrested in connection with a fire that rendered a home uninhabitable, and a beloved longtime employee at the Milk Pail market was found dead in his apartment with his 17-year-old son. Police are also still grappling with a fatal

shooting this summer at Shoreline Amphitheatre — the first homicide in Mountain View since 2010.

Police also said farewell to their chief, who joined a private security company that cut ties with Google this year, and a mountain lion prowled its way onto the suburban streets of Mountain View on a trek that began near Boulder Creek and ended sadly near Redwood City.

Teen arson fire

The victims of the fire that severely damaged a home on Fordham Way got some closure in the last months of 2014 when two teens were sentenced to jail time by a superior court judge.

In March, the teens broke into the home while the residents were on vacation and began 10 days of reckless parties with heavy alcohol and drug use. They “trashed” the interior of the

home in what amounted to about \$40,000 of damage, according to Judge C. Randall Schneider.

The family’s Audi A4 was also stolen and later found in San Francisco.

The parties ended when 16-year-old Brett Dispoto set blouses in the home’s master bedroom ablaze and the fire quickly spread out of control, causing severe damage to the residence.

Following the fire, 18 teens were arrested on charges including arson, burglary, auto theft, drug possession and drug sales.

Gilbert Gomes, who was 18 at the time, pleaded no contest to charges of trespassing an inhabited dwelling, and was deemed largely responsible for starting the 10 days of partying that ensued, according to Deputy

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New schools and school leaders ahead

By Kevin Forestieri

New faces and big changes greeted school districts in Mountain View this year after two superintendents called it quits and voters ushered in new board members. Specific plans to open new schools and raise poor student achievement must be worked through as well, leaving the future open for the city’s schools.

But not everything is left unfinished. The Mountain View Whisman School District diffused a heated debate over teacher salaries with a revised contract and bigger salaries, and a long-term agreement between the Los Altos School District and Bullis Charter School meant an end to litigation and a less contentious relationship between the two.

New schools

The Mountain View Whisman

school board agreed last month to split Castro Elementary into two new schools on the same campus, ending a multi-year effort by district administrators to find a way to restructure the school that the parents could agree to.

The school has two different programs: Dual Immersion, a popular bi-lingual program that provides instruction in both English and Spanish, and the traditional school program. The Castro Restructuring Task Force reported that the two programs are very different from each other and would be better structured as two distinct schools.

Members of the task force, including Superintendent Craig Goldman, said the split will help the district focus on the low-income and minority students at the traditional school who perform poorly on standardized

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EXPERIMENTS AND EXCITEMENT IN THE CLASSROOM

Theuerkauf School children, from left, Nicole, Armaan, Yair and Giselle take part in a Science is Elementary project on a recent school day. The nonprofit group sends scientists, who volunteer their time, to local classrooms once a month to promote science education through hands-on experiments. Read the story on Page 7.

Top stories in the city

The Voice will feature a roundup of the city’s top stories of 2014 in the Jan. 2 edition.

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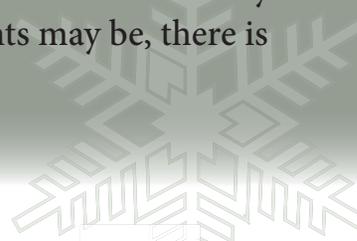
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We understand that there are MANY, MANY worthy causes and organizations in our area. These are just a few that we found and wanted to share with you.

May this holiday season be filled with fond and lasting memories in the years to come!

Judy, Sheri and Cindy

Voices

A R O U N D T O W N

Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Madeleine Gerson.

What is your wish for 2015?



"I would like to find a new job and happiness in my old surroundings."

Jo Panther, Mountain View



"My wish is for greater empathy in an open and connected world. Injustice everywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Mubarik Imam, Mountain View



"My goal is to graduate from high school."

Michael Durana, Mountain View



"I am looking forward to more frequent naps and finding my inner zen."

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Man killed Friday on train tracks identified

After seeking the public's help in identifying a man killed Friday evening on the train tracks between Mountain View and Sunnyvale, the Santa Clara County medical examiner's office has identified the victim as a 29-year-old Santa Clara man. Jason Rodriguez was found without identification after he was struck by an express "Baby Bullet" train headed from San Jose to San Francisco at about 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, according to the medical examiner's office.

Rodriguez was struck by Train 381, which was carrying 59 passengers. Caltrain officials have not said how he ended up on the tracks that evening. Over the weekend, the medical examiner's office issued a request for public help in identifying the victim, whose black backpack didn't contain identification or anything else that might have revealed who he was. Rodriguez is the 10th person to be killed on the tracks this year, according to a Caltrain spokesperson.

CRIME BRIEFS

HAIR SALONS BURGLARIZED

Two hair salons on Villa Street were burglarized over the weekend when thieves made their way through locked doors and stole hundreds of dollars in cash and hair care supplies. Police report that the burglars entered Imagine Hair Salon at 857 Villa St. through the locked rear door sometime between 10 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. on Saturday, and stole 12 pairs of scissors valued at a total of \$200. During the same period, they also broke into Perfect Salon at 744 Villa St. through a locked rear door, and stole shavers and scissors as well as \$200 — a total loss of \$500. There were no witnesses or information on the thieves, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department. Jaeger said it's possible that both burglaries were carried out by the same people, but that there isn't any evidence linking the two incidents.

ROBBERY SUSPECT SOUGHT

Police are looking for a man who allegedly stole a bottle of liquor from a downtown business last week and fled. According to police, the man entered the business on the 200 block of Castro Street on Dec. 16 at around 5:40 p.m. and stole a bottle of Hennessy. The store owner confronted the man and tried to get the bottle back, and after a brief struggle the man fled, running eastbound on Dana Street, according to the Mountain View police website. The suspect is described as African American, with a short beard, between 25 and 30 years old. He is believed to be between 5 feet, 10 inches tall and 6 feet tall. During the robbery, the man was wearing a white T-shirt, gray pants, black shoes and a black hat. Police encourage anyone with information about the case to call 650-903-6395 and refer to case number 14-6555. Anonymous tips can be sent to 274637 — include MVTips in the body of the message.

Kevin Forestieri

POLICE LOG

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 600 block Palo Alto Av., 12/19
 1300 block W. El Camino Real, 12/21
- COMMERCIAL BURGLARY**
 1000 block Grant Rd., 12/16
 400 block E. Middlefield Rd., 12/16
 700 block Villa St., 12/20
 800 block Villa St., 12/20
 200 block Castro St., 12/20
- GRAND THEFT**
 2000 block California St., 12/17
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- 1 block Evandale Av., 12/18
 1000 block Grant Rd., 12/18
 200 block Santa Rosa Av., 12/19
- RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**
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- ROBBERY**
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- STOLEN VEHICLE**
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Google's self-driving car to roll in the new year

Calling it the “best holiday gift we could have imagined,” Google announced on Monday that it had finished a road-worthy prototype of its self-driving car, and that it could hit the streets next year, with “safety drivers” behind the wheel in case something goes awry.

“We’re going to be spending the holidays zipping around our test track, and we hope to see you on the streets of Northern California in the new year,” Google said in a Dec. 22 blog post.

Google unveiled an “early mockup” of the car in May; that

model lacked functioning lights and a steering wheel, among other things.

“Since then, we’ve been working on different prototypes-of-prototypes” to create “our first complete prototype for fully autonomous driving,” the company said.

Google says the car’s sensors and computer programming could someday replace human eyes and ears entirely and allow the cars to drive by themselves, preventing the leading cause of death for those between the ages of 4 and 34: traffic collisions caused by driver error.



COURTESY OF GOOGLE

Google’s “road-worthy” driverless car that may hit the roadways for test drives next year.

County offers one-stop shop for social services

By Kevin Forestieri

Santa Clara County partnered up with local nonprofits in Mountain View and Palo Alto last month to make it easier for needy residents to sign up for social services in some of the county’s more affluent cities.

The pilot program, kicked off by county Supervisor Joe Simitian, helps low-income Midpeninsula residents find work and get access to food and financial assistance at four local nonprofit locations. Prior to the program there was only one nearby location for Mountain View residents — the North County Social Services Agency at 1330 W. Middlefield Road.

Nonprofit partners include the Community Services Agency (CSA), InnVision Shelter Network in Palo Alto, Sunnyvale Community Services and West Valley Community Services.

Simitian said the added locations make it easier for low-income families and residents to tap into the much-needed services, and that spreading out makes transportation less of a roadblock for those eligible for the state programs.

“One of the myths that’s fairly pervasive is that if someone is low-income or homeless they have time on their hands,” Simitian said. “Getting through the day is a struggle, and many do not have reliable transportation and rely on (public) transit.”

Because the county sends case workers to places like CSA in Mountain View, where people

go for food and other services, county officials are able to create a one-stop shop for people in need, Simitian said. People coming in for the pantry services, for example, might also find out they’re eligible for CalFresh, the state’s food stamps program, and sign up for it on the spot.

“We will end up serving clients (who) will have never found their way to the county office,” Simitian said.

‘These folks are largely invisible to too many people in the North County due to our relative affluence.’

COUNTY SUPERVISOR JOE SIMITIAN, SPEAKING ABOUT THE NEEDY

The pilot program is set to run for one year, but Simitian said it’s been successful so far and is likely to continue and expand to other areas.

The county-nonprofits partnership grew from a need that arose last year when the North County Social Services Agency had to uproot and move from its old location at 100 Moffett Blvd. Local nonprofits stepped in to temporarily house social service operations during that period. Though it was intended as a quick fix to keep social services available in the Midpeninsula, it became

clear that such a partnership would allow for more accessibility and greater outreach than before.

Tom Myers, executive director of CSA, said he was more than happy to accommodate one or two case workers at the CSA office during the transition, and realized that giving people the option to sign up for county-run services at the agency was a helpful resource. When the new county office was up and running, Myers told Simitian he wanted to continue the partnership.

“It turned out to be such a fantastic thing that we ended up pushing it and saying, ‘Look, let’s make this more of a permanent thing,’” Myers said.

Under the new program, someone from the county comes to CSA every Thursday — the nonprofit’s busiest day — and is available to help people sign up for CalFresh, among other services.

“Access to good, healthy food is probably one of the most vital things that a low-income family needs,” Myers said.

The days and hours when county services are available at each of the sites are somewhat irregular, in part because the nonprofits don’t always have the available space or technology needed to sign people up for programs. Simitian said the goal is to be where the services are needed most, which means having a flexible schedule.

“We need to be nimble, and have it when and where it is needed,” he said.

Myers said the case worker

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MV council members eye Gordon’s Assembly seat

By Daniel DeBolt

When state Assembly member Rich Gordon terms out of office in 2016, Mountain View City Council members Mike Kasperzak and Margaret Abe-Koga are among those who could take his place.

Gordon, a Menlo Park Democrat, was elected to the seat before district lines were redrawn to include Mountain View and much of northern Santa Clara County. His district encompasses Mountain View, Sunnyvale, a portion of Cupertino, Woodside, Portola Valley, Atherton, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, Palo Alto, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, and the San Mateo County coast.

“As far as I know nobody has been as forthright as I am about their intent to run,” said Kasperzak, a lawyer and mediator. “My plan is to file the paperwork after the beginning of the new year and get together an exploratory committee.”

“I have been urged by many people to run for the 24th Assembly District seat in 2016 so I am exploring the possibility,” Abe-Koga said in an email. She said she needs to consider impacts to her family, among other things.

Palo Alto council member Marc Berman has reportedly filed papers to allow himself to raise funds to campaign for the seat.

Abe-Koga terms off the council at the end of this year, after eight years on the council. By the end of 2016, Kasperzak will finish his second eight-year term on council.

Elected on a wave of anti-growth sentiment in 2006, Abe-Koga has consistently supported labor unions and VTA transportation projects (she is a former chair of the VTA board) and has often opposed housing projects, such as housing in North Bayshore, putting her at odds with progressives in the city. Supported by her husband, Abe-Koga has been making politics her career. She lost a bid for a seat on the El Camino Healthcare District board this year and also considered a run for county supervisor at one point.

Kasperzak and Abe-Koga are Democrats, but Kasperzak has more consistently advocated for business interests than nearly anyone on the council, except perhaps Libertarian John Inks. He’s also interested in pushing for potable reuse of water, reversing the Palmer court decision that limits the amount of affordable housing that can be required in new apartment projects, and reforming state environmental laws to make housing development less financially risky. He’s familiarized himself with city issues at the state level for years as a board member of the League

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NEW SCHOOLS

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tests. But exactly how the district plans to increase student achievement and close the achievement gap remains unclear going into 2015.

That uncertainty was cause for concern for some board members. Prior to the decision, board member Chris Chiang said he would have trouble supporting the split until the district made a “serious commitment” of money to improve performance at Castro — to the tune of about \$2 million.

Goldman said a specific plan and financial commitments to increase student achievement should not be a prerequisite to approving the split, and could come at a later time. The board later approved the proposal unanimously.

The Los Altos School District might be establishing a school in the San Antonio area of Mountain View. After successfully passing a \$150 million bond by a small margin last month, the district is looking to open a new school to handle high enrollment growth and overcrowded schools. It’s still too early to say where that new school will be, but district board members

and administrators say the best location would be north of El Camino in Mountain View.

The problem is that the San Antonio area is built out, and lacking park space or other public land that could go towards a school. Building a school there would likely mean buying high-cost private land, a smaller school size and less money left over to spend on other capital improvements.

Teacher salaries

Teachers at the Mountain View Whisman School District blindsided administrators and the school board this year when they showed up at a board meeting in September demanding higher pay. Leaders of the teachers’ union said they would no longer sit idly as their salaries continue to get heavily outpaced by the high cost of living in the Bay Area.

Superintendent Craig Goldman defended the district’s position, saying teachers enjoy automatic salary increases and some of the best salaries relative to comparable districts in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. He questioned why the union would lash out at the district prior to contract negotiations over salaries that year.

The Sept. 4 board meeting was

followed by a month of back-and-forth on what the district could afford to pay its teaching staff and what compromise could be struck between the two parties. The teachers’ union, disappointed after the second round of negotiations, declared impasse and “work-to-rule” for a week — a schedule in which teachers work the contractual hours only and don’t participate in after-school activities.

After a special closed session meeting on Sept. 26, the school board authorized a revised district proposal for teacher salaries, and contract negotiations were back on. The parties finally settled on a 5 percent permanent, “on-schedule” salary increase, as well as an additional 2 percent one-time boost to salaries.

The debate over teacher salaries brought district parents and community members together at several meetings to talk about what teachers should be making in the Bay Area, and whether the district should be holding as much as \$24 million in reserves when it could be using that money to raise teacher salaries, among other things.

LASD and Bullis declare cease-fire

After a decade of difficulty

between the Los Altos School District and Bullis Charter School over shared facilities, both parties came together this year under a five year agreement crafted to avoid conflicts over enrollment, facilities, and other issues.

The agreement was announced in early July after board members from both the district and the charter school drafted the document and worked out each compromise in mediation meetings.

The agreement also ended all pending litigation between the district and the charter school, concluding years of lawsuits that cost both sides millions.

Disputes over facilities use agreements came to a head last year when the district changed the locks on classrooms used by the charter school at Blach Intermediate School.

Superintendents’ departures

In the final months of 2014, both Goldman and Superintendent Barry Groves of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District announced their resignation.

Goldman said it was his decision to resign, and cited a need for new leadership in the dis-

trict. He said there was a growing disparity in “priorities and the methodologies” between him and the school board, and that only one board member who originally approved his hiring still sits on the board.

Though Goldman said he’s not sure what he’ll do next or where he will go, he’ll be heading off with a lump sum payment from the district equivalent to 12 months’ salary. According to Goldman’s contract, his 2014-15 annual salary was \$227,027.

The Mountain View Whisman school board has since chosen Kevin Skelly, former superintendent of Palo Alto Unified School District, as an interim superintendent through July.

Groves also announced his retirement after nearly nine years as superintendent of the high school district and 37 years in public education. He said he plans to continue to work as a public education consultant and “coach” in the coming years.

Neither district has decided which search firm to use to find a new superintendent, and the new leaders of public education in Mountain View remain a mystery going into the next year.

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Scientists bring experiments — and excitement — to the classroom

By Kevin Forestieri

Teaching science in elementary school can be a tough gig. In Mountain View, a lot of teachers lack the time, the resources or the help needed to do experiments and teach science to students in an engaging, interesting way.

That's where Science is Elementary steps in. The nonprofit group has been going to classrooms at several Mountain View schools to teach kids about science. With help from scientists who volunteer their time, the group travels to each classroom once a month to promote science education through hands-on science experiments.

At Theuerkauf Elementary, second-grade students in Leslie McClellan's class got to try their hand at some "kitchen chemistry," mixing liquids you might find in a kitchen to see how different substances react to one another. At one table, students added soap to a pie pan full of milk and food coloring and watched as the colors spread and reacted to the soap.

Milk is full of water, proteins and fat that all act differently when the solution changes. When the scientist adds soap, the different components of the milk react in ways that leave colorful streaks, twists and swirls.

Students don't have to understand all the nuances of how

chemical bonds work or the polarity of soap molecules to see how the solutions interact with one another, which makes it easy to introduce students to complex scientific ideas with simple classroom experiments.

Across the campus, kindergartners in Jasmine Barragan's class were learning about magnets and how they interact with different objects. After learning that magnets attract metal and not things like wood, they learn about attraction and how it differs from repulsion, and even get to make their own magnets. The students may not understand exactly how magnets work — most people don't — but they get an elementary understanding in their first year at school.

These are the kinds of lessons that are absent from most classrooms, according to Tzipor Ulman, founder and executive director of Science is Elementary. She said she used to do private tutoring and volunteering in classrooms, and what she found was that science wasn't really being taught in schools.

Ulman said one of the problems is that schools are focused on teaching to standardized tests, which she said is largely due to the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Teachers are forced to teach things that students will see on a test so that the school will perform



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Volunteer teacher Kalina Jordanova, left, shows Jose, Larissa and Adamariz and their classmates how soap attracts fat in an acid and base experiment during a Science is Elementary session at Theuerkauf School.

better, making it harder to justify teaching science and doing experiments, she said.

Teaching science can be a hassle, too. There's lots of in-class preparation, materials and clean-up required to pull off a science experiment. The difficulty is compounded if the teacher doesn't have a strong science background and doesn't feel comfortable teaching science, or has never done the experiment before.

So volunteers from Science is Elementary take that burden off the teachers and come into the classroom each month to do experiments with the students. For the second-grade class at Theuerkauf, that meant three volunteers coming in to teach three different experiments for an hour and a half, with students rotating from station to station.

McClellan said her students get excited every time they come in because the experiments are usually something they haven't seen before, and are always very visual. She said the volunteers do a good job letting the stu-

dents make predictions during the experiments, and let the kids figure out things as they go along instead of telling them the answers.

During the electricity experiments, for example, McClellan said students had to line up circuits and put in batteries, and had to problem-solve if things didn't work.

"The volunteers don't tell them what's going to happen," McClellan said. "Students have to figure out why their circuits aren't working."

Kate Kester, a teaching staff member with Science is Elementary, briefs the whole class on the experiments for the day before students break up into groups. She said all the experiments have a common theme with a set of vocabulary words and worksheets; much of the work fits neatly into the new Common Core State Standards. Geology experiments and working with rocks, for example, apply to things students have already done in class. Electricity experiments, Kester said, are less tied to the classroom curriculum,

but are always fun for the students.

Kester said the materials and planning can be a real roadblock for teachers who want to bring science experiments into the classroom. She said the supplies for the second-grade experiments at Theuerkauf aren't expensive, but there's a lot to gather and haul into the classroom.

"I have, in my car, gallons of vegetable oil and whole containers of cabbage juice," Kester said, referring to the backup supplies they might need if experiments run dry.

It also makes a big difference, Kester said, when the volunteers doing the experiments work as scientists and engineers in their day-to-day lives. She said they understand exactly what's going on in the experiments and can explain it to the kids, but they also bring an extra level of excitement to the classroom.

"The volunteers are passionate about science, and the kids see it," Kester said.

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Jose and Andre, from left, participate in an acid and base experiment.

ASSEMBLY SEAT

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of California Cities.

"I believe my work on the Mountain View City Council and on regional boards such as VTA, the Cities Association of Santa Clara County, the Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Agency as

well as work on such boards as the Housing Trust of Silicon Valley would be pertinent to the work conducted at the State level," Abe-Koga said. "I would like to bring to Sacramento the perspective of local government as it is often at the local government level where the rubber meets the road."

She said "technology, transportation, housing, the environment and education" would be her priorities.

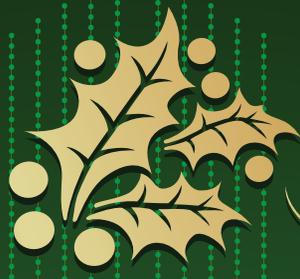
Kasperzak ran for a state Assembly seat in 2007, then withdrew to support Santa Clara Democrat Dominic Caserta.

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District Attorney Bret Wasley.

He was sentenced to 30 days in jail with the expectation that he would take part in a comprehensive 13-month program for troubled teens in Monterey called Teen Challenge, his lawyer said.

Dispoto was charged with felony arson as an adult for starting the fire and pleaded guilty in November. He was sentenced to six months in juvenile hall and three years of probation. He is also responsible for paying restitution for fire damage to the house, though the amount of money is still to be determined.

The Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office is not releasing additional information on the other 15 minors arrested, but Wasley said neither Gomes nor Dispoto is responsible for the vehicle theft. The other adult arrested and charged by police, Brandon Pak, had all charges dropped against him due to lack of evidence.

Homicide at Shoreline

The fatal shooting of an Orinda man in the backstage of Shoreline Amphitheatre in August will continue to be a top priority for Mountain View police investigators, but there's no indication that police are close to cracking the case this year.

The man, 38-year-old Eric Johnson, was found dead with multiple gunshot wounds a shortly after 11 p.m. during a Wiz Khalifa concert on Aug. 22. Police took Johnson to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead, according to a press release by the Mountain View Police Department.

The investigation followed the hip-hop tour to its next location at the Verizon Amphitheatre in Irvine. Irvine police searched the tour bus of rapper Young Jeezy, along with five others, who was part of the Wiz Khalifa concert lineup. Police found an AK-47 assault rifle in the tour bus and arrested Young Jeezy, whose real name is Jay Wayne Jenkins, along with five others on felony weapon charges.

But on Dec. 11, charges against Jenkins and the others were dropped after DNA evidence failed to link any of them to the AK-47 found in the bus. Police say there is also no evidence that the assault rifle was used to gun down Johnson at Shoreline, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the police department.

Police are still not releasing any specific details on how the shooting played out, but Jaeger said the homicide investigation remains a top priority for the department. The fatal shooting marks

the first homicide in Mountain View since 2010, according to an annual report from the police department.

Apartment evacuation, two deaths

The apartment evacuation on California Street triggered by a "noxious smell" in September turned tragic when fire crews discovered two bodies in the apartment complex. One of the deaths was ruled a suicide earlier this month.

Police and firefighters evacuated between 30 and 40 people from the apartments at 2025 California St. on Sept. 24. At the time, police reported that it could be a gas leak, and when PG&E shut off the gas lines the smell dissipated.

But it turned out a gas leak wasn't the cause. Investigators found that a combination of toxic chemicals including hydrogen sulfide were released from within the apartments. The two people found dead in the apartments, 17-year-old William Liu and his father, 53-year-old James Liu, were killed by "thiosulfate intoxication" after both were exposed to hydrogen sulfide gas, according to the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office.

William Liu's death was ruled a suicide, and his father's death was ruled accidental by the coroner's office.

James Liu was the store director of the Milk Pail market in Mountain View and brother-in-law of Steve Rasmussen, the store's owner. Word got out that he had died in the incident when Liu's niece, Kai Rasmussen, made a Facebook post three days afterward notifying customers of his death. In the post, she said James "poured his heart into the business, and everything he did he did with honesty and integrity."

Nobody else was injured in the incident, though four police officers evacuating the apartments reported feeling lightheaded and ill.

Some questions about the incident are still unanswered. Details of how the chemicals were concocted have not been released, and police say they found something in the apartment with the two bodies that was under investigation. According to police spokeswoman Shino Tanaka, there was no suicide note in the building, despite early reports by other news outlets saying otherwise.

Vermeer leaves for private security gig

Over the summer, Mountain View police bid farewell to their 12-year police chief, Scott Vermeer, after he resigned to take

an executive-level job at Security Industry Specialists, or SIS. The company had been Google's private security team at the time.

Vermeer spent 28 years in law enforcement, and said being a police officer was his boyhood dream. After working with the Redwood City and Menlo Park police departments, Vermeer was

SIS ended its relationship with Google, its only significant client in Mountain View, in November. Google said it severed ties with SIS in favor of an in-house security team, while SIS spokesperson Tom Seltz said it was SIS that gave notice to Google, saying that it was no longer interested in serving as the company's security

unit. Researchers with the project were able to map out the lion's journey from Big Basin State Park near Boulder Creek all the way through Los Altos, across Interstate 280 and into Mountain View.

According to a post analyzing its path, the mountain lion made the long trek moving mostly at night, and spent more than two days moving stealthily around the highly developed area. That came to a end, however, on May 6 when police received 911 calls that a mountain lion was in the area near Rengstorff Park. Tom Arledge, an area resident, said he came out with his house cat to get the mail when someone pointed out the puma passively sitting under a tree.

Around 6:30 p.m. that night, Arledge said he saw the cat get up and jump effortlessly into the neighboring apartment complex. Soon after, the mountain lion walked into an indoor, gated parking garage, where police were able to conveniently trap and tranquilize it. No one was injured during the incident.

After prowling throughout the peninsula for months, 46m was hit and killed by a vehicle as it attempted to cross Interstate 280 on Oct. 3 near the Edgewood Road exit. ▀

Following a fire that severely damaged a home, 18 teens were arrested on charges including arson, burglary, auto theft, drug possession and drug sales.

hired as the new police chief of Mountain View in January 2002.

Vermeer announced his resignation and plans to join SIS as its new director of operations in June. Three weeks after the announcement, City Manager Dan Rich chose Captain Max Bosel of the Mountain View Police Department as the new police chief. Bosel said he had served as interim deputy police chief in the past, and was one of the few high-ranking police officers with the tenure and experience required for the new position.

provider. Either way, the development means that both Vermeer and SIS have severed ties with the city of Mountain View.

Mountain lion treks through town

A mountain lion made its way through Mountain View and all the way to Rengstorff Park in May, evading detection until it was spotted sitting under a tree in the park by residents in the area.

The 110-pound animal, named 46m by the Santa Cruz Puma Project, had a GPS track-


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This year, the following agencies will be supported by the Holiday Fund:

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The Day Worker Center of Mountain View provides a secure place for workers and employers to negotiate wages and work conditions. It serves an average of 60 workers a day with job placements, English lessons, job skills workshops or guidance.

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Mentor Tutor Connections matches adult volunteer mentors with at-risk youth in the Mountain View, Los Altos and the Los Altos Hills area and offers tutoring to many students, including some in high school and beyond.

Community School of Music and Arts

The Community School of Music and Arts provides hands-on art and music education in the classrooms of the Mountain View Whisman School District. Nearly 45 percent of the students are socio-economically disadvantaged, and 28 percent have limited English proficiency.

Mountain View RotaCare Clinic

The RotaCare Free Clinic provides uninsured local residents with primary care and many specialty care services. The clinic is frequently the last resort for this underserved demographic group.

YWCA Support Network for Domestic Violence

This group operates a 24-hour bilingual hotline and a safe shelter for women and their children. It also offers counseling and other services for families dealing with domestic violence.

Community Services Agency

CSA is the community's safety-net providing critical support services for low-income individuals and families, the homeless and seniors in northern Santa Clara County, including Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

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HELPING HAND

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seeking to escape abusive relationships. There's the shelter, which is full year-round, and which has to turn away an estimated 500 people each year, said McClane. There are counseling services and art therapy sessions for adults and children. There are legal advocates to help navigate the court system. For some victims, the abusive partner doesn't just control the finances but also the passports or immigration papers, so Support Network offers access to immigration lawyers.

The often-cited statistic still holds true, according to Support Network officials: one in four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes, and one in seven men. While the past year has seen an increasing number of families with children seeking help, the overall demographics are steady — McClane says she sees abuse survivors from all walks of life, regardless of economic status, educational level, ethnicity or sexual orientation. About 15 percent of Support Network's clients are men, and while they can't be accommodated in the YWCA's shelter, which is at a secure and secret location in Santa Clara County, they are offered counseling and other support services.

The organization's \$1.4 million annual budget comes from a variety of local, state and federal sources, along with private donations. A portion of the contributions to the Voice's Holiday Fund go to the Support Network, one of seven local agencies that receive an equal share of donated funds.

In a region struggling with a housing market that's short on supply and plagued by skyrocketing rents, fleeing an abusive relationship carries with it the very real risk of homelessness, according to McClane.

Women and children spent an average of 39 days at the emergency shelter in the last fiscal year, she said, with 83 adults and 78 children housed. Only 29 percent of the households were able to move to either transitional housing, a room for rent or an apartment by the end of their stay. The rest either transitioned to another shelter or stayed with family or friends, McClane said.

"The crisis of homelessness is definitely an issue within the shelter program," she said. "Safe housing is a huge need. Abusive partners may know where friends or family live, so that might not be an option."

With the local housing crunch, even those who qualify for subsidized housing have to wait roughly two months to find an apartment with Section 8 hous-

ing vouchers, McClane said.

For everyone else, it can take time to earn enough money to afford rent. Last year, the National Low Income Housing Coalition issued a study showing that it takes someone earning more than \$31 an hour to be able to afford rent on a two-bedroom apartment in Santa Clara County.

With help from federal funding, Support Network plans to roll out the county's first rapid-rehousing program in the new

there are bright spots. McClane said she recently got a phone call out of the blue from a woman who left the emergency shelter a year ago.

"She came from a really severe incident, stayed in the shelter a while and transitioned to another shelter. She'd been working the whole time, and was finally able to get her own place," McClane said. "She called to let me know, and she was thanking me. Sometimes, what we do, we don't see results that (same) day,

ding, towels, household items, pots and pans, games and toys. Art supplies are especially welcome, as a lot of the therapy is art-based, she said.

Beyond donating money or goods, the YWCA's Support Network has a volunteer program for those who can donate their time. Whether working behind the scenes, pitching in at the shelter, working the domestic violence hotline or helping in the legal or counseling programs, Support Network relies heavily on the efforts of volunteers, according to McClane.

McClane said she'd like to see more landlords taking a chance on domestic violence survivors, and for the community as a whole to get informed about where to get help for people in abusive relationships. "Knowing a person isn't defined by what happened to them, we can make choices to really respect that," she said. "Watch for any victim-blaming language ... and challenge it when you hear it."

The Support Network offers a crisis support hotline at (800) 572-2782, as well as a 24-hour rape crisis hotline at (408) 287-3000 or (650) 493-7273. To make an appointment to drop off donations, call (408) 295-4011, extension 383, or email supportnetworkgiftsprogram@ywca.org. More information about the programs offered is at ywca-sv.org/programs/SN. ■

Shelter manager Amie McClane says she sees abuse survivors from all walks of life, regardless of economic status, educational level, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

year. Fifteen families will be provided rental assistance for up to a year, along with wrap-around support services like safety planning, legal advocacy, therapy and case management, said McClane. It's modeled after a successful program in Washington state.

"The idea with wrap-around support is that once safe housing is secured, a woman could then take over the (rent) payments," she said. "It's increased survivor safety and self-sufficiency."

While the demand for the shelter never seems to lessen,

or in 30 days, or even in months, but the survivors we work for are so resourceful."

Success stories can seem few and far between when the problem of domestic violence is so constant and systemic. Rather than feel discouraged, McClane encourages people to do what they can to help, whether it's volunteering, donating or just speaking up when the situation arises.

This year, the shelter is in need of new furniture, mattresses and beds, and there's always a need for clothing, bed-

ROTACARE

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we continue to exist in Mountain View and serve a huge need for families is really telling. There is a lack of access to health care, and a lack of primary care physicians nationwide."

The clinic sees a variety of patients ranging in age, ethnicity and economic backgrounds. They have many different illnesses, from end stage cancer to workplace injuries, which seem to be on the rise at the clinic, Nguyen said.

Some RotaCare patients said they still do not qualify for any government health care and can't afford their employer's insurance either. The free clinic is a huge help, they say.

"Obamacare knocked their health care out," said Mountain View resident and single mother Roasana Arce said of her three kids. Because of changes to how income is calculated, she lost her subsidized health care, but continues to make "too little to actually pay \$1,700 a month for private insurance through my work" for herself and her three kids. Arce is a

school psychologist employed by a San Mateo County school district.

Last Friday she said she saved hundreds of dollars on vaccines for her son at RotaCare, required by his school. When asked her opinion of the American health care system, she said, "Oh yeah, it sucks."

Another single mother living in Mountain View, Miriam Obando, said she had lost her job as a house cleaner and was desperate to obtain vaccinations for her infant daughter. The shots couldn't wait the four months it could take to get enrolled into subsidized health care. "She actually was really worried; she had no idea what to do," said an interpreter. The shots she got for free at RotaCare for her newborn daughter were worth \$900.

With the closure of the county office for social services at 100 Moffett Blvd. to make way for apartments, the county has begun to staff nonprofits like RotaCare with social workers to connect the poor with various programs providing food and housing, among other things. If RotaCare were to receive more

funding, Nguyen said, there's interest in hiring a social worker or health educator to meet demand. Social workers visit only a handful of times a month, and often represent only one program.

In some cases "people are aware there might be coverage options for them," Nguyen said. "They don't understand we are not a primary care office. They come to us for information, then we can steer them to the social service agencies that can help them enroll."

The clinic may use new funds to hire a second mental health counselor as well. Nguyen said the clinic has been able to fill a need for bilingual mental health counseling that other free mental health clinics can't provide, such as the Community Health Awareness Council, which uses student therapists who don't always speak Spanish and may not be available when someone really needs help. "There's a huge demand for bilingual services, which is where we have been able to capitalize and offer services," Nguyen said. ■

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SOCIAL SERVICES

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at CSA will be available every Thursday during open hours. The InnVision Opportunities Services Center also has someone from the county on-site from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to sign people up for services. West Valley Community Services offers the services on the third Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

County social services include signing people up for CalWORKs, CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) and refugee services. Anyone on CalWORKs can also be referred to employment centers to learn job-search skills and get child care, transportation, and housing support.

Before finding the location on Middlefield Road, Simitian and the North County Social Services Agency faced having to move the social services office to San Jose, making it difficult for North County residents who need the services but don't have access to a car.

Simitian said the problem was "deja vu all over again" because he had to debate with county staff

and defend the Mountain View office during his first term in the late 1990s; he ultimately was able to convince the county that there is "significant need" for the services in cities like Mountain View and Palo Alto.

When the issue came back in 2013, however, things were a little different. The owner of the property, Prometheus Real Estate Group, planned to raze the building and make way for an apartment complex.

The problem, Simitian said, is that people who need social services in North County are often overlooked because the area includes some of the wealthiest communities in Santa Clara County.

"These folks are largely invisible to too many people in the North County due to our relative affluence," Simitian said.

That "invisibility," on top of higher costs of living and fewer social services, makes it particularly hard for struggling residents.

"People struggling to make ends meet and (who) need these services are under the gun not once, not twice, but three times," Simitian said. ■



A sampling of T4's many drinks. From left: caramel milk tea with egg pudding, elegant rose royal tea with rainbow jelly, passion fruit smoothie with coconut and coffee jelly, peppermint milk tea with boba, and classical rose milk tea with grass jelly.

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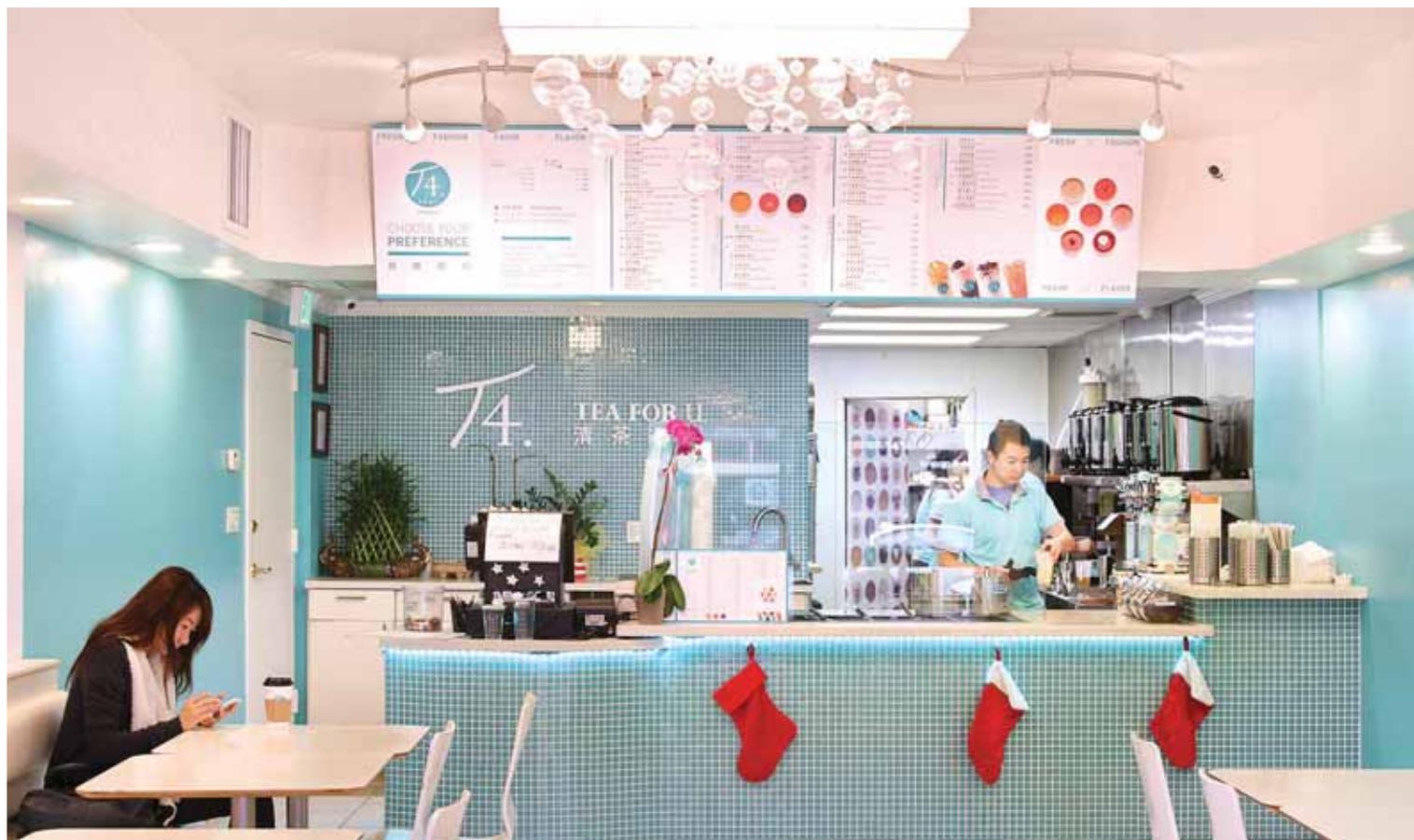
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FOOD FEATURE

Bubble tea. Boba tea. Pearl tea. No matter which way people say it, they want it.

Boba tea is commonplace in Asia as well as the U.S. Chains like Quickly and Tapioca Express and smaller franchises like Purple Kow and Tpumps have been mushrooming in major population centers

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Ming Wen, right, makes tea for T4 customers.

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in the Bay Area, including San Jose and San Francisco. And now, the boba tea sensation has touched down in Palo Alto.

T4, a Taiwanese-based chain with three other Bay Area locations, opened its doors on University Avenue at the former Loving Hut site about a month ago and has received a warm

welcome, with Yelp reviewers exclaiming, “Finally, a boba place in Palo Alto.”

Locals craving bubble tea — tea shaken with milk, ice and sugar, often served with tapioca balls —

had to travel to Mountain View or Redwood City in the past to get their boba fix.

“Everyone is mentioning that this is the only boba place at the moment (in Palo Alto), and a

majority of people (who) went to Mountain View for boba are coming here now,” T4 manager Kevin Oyang said. “It’s been great. It’s right on the main street so a lot of people get to walk by and see it, and it’s nice to have a downtown area where everyone walks around and you get to meet a lot of different people. We have a very diverse customer base.”

On a recent Friday afternoon at T4, an eclectic group of students and tech workers relax in sleek white modern chairs sipping on boba tea served in large see-through plastic cups with thick straws big enough to allow passage for the sweet and chewy tapioca pearls floating in the milky tea. They are surrounded by Tiffany-blue walls and glossy wallpaper with phrases like “Tea 4 U” and “Taiwan 4 U.”

The tapioca balls, which are made in-house and soaked in honey syrup, are the size of a small marble with the translucence of caviar. They have the consistency of gummy candy and because of their density, tend to collect at the bottom of the cup.

T4’s menu is extensive with teas, smoothies and other Taiwanese-style drinks. Oyang’s staff turns out on average 400 drinks a day, from traditional flavored or milk teas to specialty drinks including roasted



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Entrees

Filet Mignon - Filet mignon in a red wine reduction Served with broccolini and a risotto cake filled with blue cheese.

Cioppino-Fresh salmon, snapper, clams, mussels, crab legs and prawns in spicy Venti tomato sauce.

Braised Short Ribs in a light red wine sauce - served with polenta and seasonal fresh cut vegetables.

Grilled Lamb Chops in a lemon vinaigrette sauce - Served with Swiss chard, and roasted potatoes.

Linguine Pescatore - fresh salmon, snapper, clams, mussels and prawns in a spicy tomato sauce.

Mushroom Ravioli - with Roma tomatoes and fresh spinach, in a light Marsala cream sauce.

Grilled Salmon - served with sautéed spinach, wild rice and vegetables.

Dessert

Tiramisu - Italian dessert, consisting of alternating layers of coffee-soaked lady fingers and sweet mixture of mascarpone cheese, eggs and sugar.

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Ming Wen makes a hot milk tea for a customer at T4.

oolong milk tea, honey peach royal tea and jadeite royal tea topped with cream.

The levels of sweetness and ice can be adjusted to suit one's palate, Oyang said. "We allow you to choose your sweetness and also the ice amount," he said. "You can choose a percentage of how much ice and sweetness you want because not everyone wants the same sweetness." (Patrons can choose from 0, 30, 50 or 80 percent of sweetness and 0, 30 or 80 percent of ice.)

T4 roasts four teas for its drinks, including Earl Grey (traditional black tea used as the base for classic boba milk tea), jasmine green tea (traditional green tea used as the base for classic green milk tea), oolong tea (traditional Chinese tea with a stronger tea flavor) and royal tea (lighter Chinese green tea), as well as Thai tea for its Thai milk tea.

And don't forget about the toppings: aloe (cubes of aloe vera), coconut jelly, rainbow jelly, coffee jelly, grass jelly (a jiggly jelly made from stalks and leaves of *Mesona chinensis*), fig jelly, egg pudding and red bean. The fresh grass jelly and egg pudding are made in house, prepared in long containers in the shape of a block and scooped for each order. Drinks are \$3.25 to \$3.75 with 50 cents for each add-on topping.

Oyang said popular drinks include the caramel milk tea, which is made with Earl Grey tea, dairy creamer and caramel-flavored syrup. A scoop of ice is added before the drink is hand-shaken and poured into a plastic cup. The top is then sealed with plastic cellophane (the trick is achieving a clean piercing when poking your straw through the plastic lid).

The sweet and creamy drink offers hints of caramel, and even with all the dairy creamer

and sugar, you can still clearly taste the roasted Earl Grey tea. The caramel flavor is a perfect complement to the sweet tapioca pearls, which are cooked perfectly to yield a chewy consistency and bouncy resilience.

The rose milk tea, made with Earl Grey tea, dairy creamer and rose-flavored syrup, is another beloved drink at T4. "For the rose milk tea we do not use real rose," Oyang admitted. "However, we do have two other drinks that contain real rose petals. Those two drinks are the elegant rose royal tea and also the elegant rose aloe."

T4 prides itself in using the freshest ingredients possible, as well as premium tea and house-made toppings. Roasted teas are rotated every two to three hours

and all drinks are made to order — no big vats of pre-made milk tea.

It is immensely satisfying to sip on the milk tea, as the squishy boba streams up the straw and fills your mouth along with the refreshing, sweet, fragrant liquid. The combination of chewing and swallowing provides a dessert and beverage in one sensation. ■

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has approved the second Five-Year Review Report for the former Plessey Microscience Site (Site) located at 2274 - 2296 Mora Drive in the City of Mountain View, California 94040. Between 1986 and 1990 investigations were conducted and confirmed the presence of chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil and groundwater. The primary substances detected were tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), and xylene.

DTSC approved temporary remedial measures in 1990 which included the removal of six underground storage tanks, removal of approximately 455 cubic yards of VOC impacted soils, and the construction and operation of a soil vapor and a groundwater treatment system. DTSC approved the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) in May of 1992. The system operated from 2002 to 2009, and it was modified and enhanced during that period. The remedy was modified in 2005 to include in-situ Hydrogen Release Compound (HRC™) injections as an enhancement to the remedy in an attempt to expedite the cleanup. Injections were conducted in 2006 and 2008. The system was shut down in late 2009 when Plessey Microscience dissolved and DTSC took over the remediation of the Site.

DTSC has conducted semi-annual groundwater monitoring to monitor the effectiveness of the previous HRC™ injections and conducted additional injections in 2013. The remedy is functioning as intended in that VOC concentrations continue to decrease. HRC™ injections have helped to expedite the cleanup, but additional injections are necessary to achieve the cleanup goals. The Five-Year Review Report recommended continued groundwater monitoring, and amendment of the 1992 RAP. The amendment will change the remedy to include in-situ injections without the soil vapor and groundwater treatment system, to remediate the contaminated soil beneath the building, and to require a land use restriction be placed on the property so that potential indoor air vapors can be addressed.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? Project documents are available at the DTSC file room at the address listed below. You can also review information at our web-site, please visit www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public.

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Robert Melvin Caires

July 19, 1930 - December 12, 2014

Robert M. Caires peacefully passed away quietly at Paramount Senior Living in Turlock at the age of 84. Born July 19, 1930 in Oakland, Bob served 4 years in the US Naval Reserve from 1948 - 1952, during the Korean War. After an honorable discharge, he attended business colleges, Foothill and San Jose State Colleges. He joined the Internal Revenue Service as an agent in 1960 where he worked for 36 years until retiring. Bob was a member of the National Treasury Employee's Union, the Rosicrucian Order AMORC, Fraternal Order of Eagles, California Notary Association, L.A., YMCA, Mountain View Volunteer Fire District Commissioner, and a lifetime member of the Palo Alto Elks Lodge No 1471.



An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed swimming, snorkeling, target and trap shooting, fishing, golf, sightseeing, hikes, tobogganing and was an amateur boxer. Most of all he enjoyed traveling with his wife, Helen, to many "out of the way" places in California, the Grand Canyon, Mexico, Canada, New England and Hawaii. Bob enjoyed and respected nature, wildlife and agriculture. During his later years, after 40+ years in Mountain View, he moved to Atria Senior Living-Sunnyvale (2007) and in 2013 moved to Paramount Court-Turlock, to be close to his Central Valley family.

Robert was preceded in death by his wife of 39 years Helen (Wheeler) in 2005; dad Manuel Caires (1985), Madeira Island, Portugal; and mom Laura Caires (1988), New Bedford, MA.

Robert (Bob, Pops, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, and Uncle) leaves behind many fond & funny memories with his daughter, Kasey (Ken), two grandchildren, Kameron (Lyndsay) and Cassidy; and two great grandchildren, Kollin and Jackson; sister Diane Ayers of Woodstock, GA, brother Gary Caires (Sharon) of Castro Valley, and cousin "Dee" Delores of Castro Valley, as well as many nieces and nephews.

At his request, a private "Celebration of Life" will be held with family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions may be made In Memory of Robert to Community Hospice, 4368 Spyres Way, Modesto, CA 95356.

Please share your memories at www.AllenMortuary.com.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

THE HOBBIT: THE BATTLE OF THE FIVE ARMIES ★★ 1/2

Hobbits put their trust in simple pleasures, so it's ironic that writer-director-producer Peter Jackson has complicated "The Hobbit," J.R.R. Tolkien's humble volume, into three, two-hour-plus films, culminating in "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies." It's probably best not to think about how this \$250 million sausage was made, as it'll quickly become apparent how redundant in theme and narrative it is to the preceding five Middle Earth films. That aside, fans of the series and fanboy grumblers will have to agree that the film is often entertaining. Choreographed action rules the day, with clashes on an ice floe, a crumbling bridge and a mountain ridge. The gang's all here: hobbit Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman), greed-infected dwarf Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage) and his twelve dwarf compatriots, sage wizard Gandalf (Ian McKellen), Elven king Thranduil (Lee Pace) and his son Legolas (Orlando Bloom), Woodland Elf Tauriel (Evangeline Lilly), royal Elf Galadriel (Cate Blanchett) and human Bard the Bowman (Luke Evans). The sprawling saga also affords many more parts for beloved British thespians, including Ian Holm, Stephen Fry, Billy Connolly, Benedict Cumberbatch and the 92-year-old Christopher Lee. "The Battle of the Five Armies" is many stories: a tale of Middle-Earth "troubles" — "ethnic tensions" if you will — a (self-mocking?) parable of greed, a love story of sorts, and a tale of male bonding between Bilbo and Thorin. Add in grace notes from Jackson and his team, and genre fans likely won't feel cheated. But for some, especially fantasy tourists, the "Ring"-around-the-resolution feels pretty old by now. *Rated PG-13 for extended sequences of intense fantasy action violence, and frightening images. Two hours, 24 minutes.* — P.C. (Reviewed Dec. 19, 2014)

THE IMITATION GAME

★★★

Awards season always makes room for at least one plummy-toned drama, so it's no surprise to see Benedict Cumberbatch refereeing the classic internal wrestling match between British reserve and tortured feeling in "The Imitation Game." Cumberbatch, best known from BBC's "Sherlock," inhabits WWII codebreaker and computer innovator Alan Turing with his social anxiety, fierce determination and keen intellect. The "based on a true story" film mostly unfolds in the early 1940s at the top-secret Government Code and Cypher School, where Turing and a team worked to break the German naval Enigma code, largely by use of a prototypical computer of his design. But Graham Moore's screenplay — derived from "Alan Turing: The Enigma" — also leapfrogs backward to Turing's schoolboy days (and first love with a male friend) and forward to the incident that found him prosecuted for "gross indecency." Directed by Morten Tyldum, the film is a dutiful biopic, tasteful to a fault. It's Cumberbatch who elevates the material with depth of feeling, appearing arguably less interested in winning the war (something for which Winston Churchill principally credited Turing) than proving

Weekend

MOVIE TIMES

- Annie (PG) Century 16:** 9:45 a.m., 12:50, 3:55, 7:10 & 10 p.m.
Century 20: 11:50 a.m., 1:05, 3:05, 4:25, 6, 7:20 & 9:15 p.m.
- Big Eyes (PG-13) Aquarius Theatre:** 1:30, 4:15, 7:20 & 9:45 p.m.
Century 20: 10:50 a.m., 1:35, 4:20, 7:05 & 9:45 p.m.
- Big Hero 6 (PG) Century 16:** 9 & 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 5, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m.
Century 20: 10:40 a.m., 1:25, 4:05, 6:50 & 9:30 p.m.
- Birdman (R) ★★★ Palo Alto Square:** 1:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 10:05 p.m.
- Citizenfour (R) ★★★1/2 Aquarius Theatre:** 1 & 9:55 p.m.
- Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13) ★★1/2**
Century 16: 9 a.m., 12:25, 3:50, 7:15 & 10:40 p.m.
Century 20: 12:15 p.m., 3:40, 7 & 10:25 p.m.
- Foxcatcher (R) ★★★1/2 Aquarius Theatre:** 3:45 & 7:05 p.m.
Century 20: 10:15 a.m., 4:15 & 10:15 p.m.
- The Gambler (R) Century 16:** 9 & 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 8 & 10:45 p.m.
Century 20: 11:35 a.m., 2:25, 5:10, 8 & 10:45 pm.
- The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13) ★★1/2**
Century 16: 9:15 a.m., 12:30, 1:40, 3:45, 7:15, 8:30 & 10:40 p.m. In 3-D at 10:20 & 11:20 a.m., 2:40, 5:05, 6:10 & 9:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:20 a.m., 1:45, 3:50, 7:10 & 9:35 p.m. In 3-D at 11:25 a.m., 12:30, 2:45, 6:10, 8:25 & 10:30 p.m.
- Horrible Bosses 2 (R) Century 20:** 5:05 p.m.
- The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 (PG-13) ★★1/2**
Century 16: 10:25 a.m., 1:20, 4:20, 7:30 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11 a.m., 1:55, 4:45, 7:40 & 10:35 p.m.
- The Imitation Game (PG-13) ★★★**
Century 16: 9:55 & 11:25 a.m., 12:45, 2:15, 3:40, 5, 6:30, 7:50, 9:15 & 10:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 11 a.m., 1:55, 4:50, 7:45 & 10:40 p.m.
- Interstellar (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16:** 3:15 p.m.
Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 2:50, 6:30 & 10:05 p.m.
- Into the Woods (PG) Century 16:** 10 a.m., 1, 4, 7:05 & 10:05 p.m.
Century 20: 10:20 a.m., 1:20, 4:25, 7:30 & 10:35 p.m.
- Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Century 16:** 9:25, 10:40 & 11:55 a.m., 1:10, 2:25, 3:40, 4:55, 6:15, 7:40, 9 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:35, 7:05, 9:40 & 10:40 p.m.
- P.K. (Not Rated) Century 16:** 11:30 a.m., 7 & 10:35 p.m.
- The Penguins of Madagascar (PG) ★★**
Century 16: 9:10 & 11:35 a.m., 2 & 4:30 p.m.
Century 20: 11:05 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 6:40 & 9:10 p.m.
- St. Vincent (PG-13) Century 16:** 7:20 & 9:55 p.m.
- The Ten Commandments (1956) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre:** 7:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 2 p.m.
- The Theory of Everything (PG-13) ★★**
Century 20: 1:15 & 7:25 p.m. **Palo Alto Square:** 1, 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
- Top Five (R) ★★1/2**
Century 20: 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 5, 7:50 & 10:45 p.m.
- Unbroken (PG-13) Century 16:** 9:50 a.m., 1:10, 4:20, 7:35 & 10:45 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:15 a.m., 2:30, 5:45 & 8:55 p.m. In X-D at 12:45, 4, 7:15 & 10:25 p.m.
- Wild (R) ★★★ Century 20:** 10:55 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m. **Guild Theatre:** 1:30, 4:15, 7:05 & 9:40 p.m.

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his own thinking correct, and meanwhile making guiltily halfhearted overtures to colleague Joan Clarke (Keira Knightley). Apart from Cumberbatch's performance and other fine supporting turns, the film's principal achievement is simply in making Turing's story visible, which has seen only a few treatments on stage and screen. "The Imitation Game" capably dramatizes an important story while giving rising star

Cumberbatch juicy dramatic material. *Rated PG-13 for some sexual references, mature thematic material and historical smoking. One hour, 54 minutes.* — P.C. (Reviewed Dec. 19, 2014)

MOVIE CRITICS

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MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE Goings On

ART GALLERIES

'Ebb & Flow' For this exhibit, plein air pastelist Teresa Ruzzo will contribute new work inspired by the Russian River, Big Sur, the Palo Alto Baylands and the Stanford hills. Through Jan. 3, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Sundays til 3 p.m.) Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

'Reflections' Gallery 9 Los Altos will mount an exhibit of contemporary art by 28 different local artists, depicting landscapes, seascapes, abstract compositions and introspective reflection. Mediums will include painting, photography, metal work, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics and printmaking. Through Dec. 30, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9 Los Altos, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Foothill College Winter Quarter registration Registration for Winter Quarter 2015 classes at Foothill College is now open and will continue until Jan. 4, the day before classes begin. Winter Quarter will last until March 27. A search-able class schedule is available. Nov. 20-Jan. 4. \$31 per unit for California residents, plus basic fees. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7325. www.foothill.fhda.edu/admissions.php

CLUBS/MEETINGS

Mountain View Tennis Club 2015 Membership The Mountain View Tennis Club is offering new memberships for city residents until the end of the year at a special price of \$20. The club holds tournaments, sponsors USTA teams, has a ladder and promotes tennis within the community. Non-residents are also welcome. Nov. 20-Dec. 31. www.mvtc.net

Mountain View Woman's Club Mountain View Woman's Club is a charitable organization that meets monthly to work on community projects. Guest are welcome at meetings. First Wednesday of each month, year-round, noon. Free. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. Call 650-965-1570.

CONCERTS

Yiddish Art Trio CD Release Yiddish Art Trio, an experimental group of klezmer and Yiddish musicians from New York, will perform a house concert as part of its CD release tour. Contact the organizers for more details. Jan. 7, 8 p.m. \$20 suggested donation. Private residence, location provided upon registration, Mountain View. Call 917-687-2910. www.yiddisharttrio.com

EXHIBITS

'Beginning with Water' This exhibit will showcase the work of Community School of Music and Arts faculty and students ages 5 to adult. Their work incorporates water both as a material and a theme. Through Jan. 11, center hours. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm

'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. 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

Nick Bruel with 'Bad Kitty' and 'A Wonderful Year' Nick Bruel, author and illustrator of the Bad Kitty series, will visit Linden Tree Books to talk to kids about his two new books, "Bad Kitty: Puppy's Big Day" and "A Wonderful Year." Registration is appreciated. Jan. 6, 4-5:30 p.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com



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Adrienne Walters as Molly and Tim Homsley as Peter perform in TheatreWorks' "Peter and the Starcatcher" through Jan. 3. The Tony Award-winning play is a sequel to "Peter Pan." Tickets: \$19-\$74. See website for specific dates, timing and pricing. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1950. www.theatreworks.org

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Ugly Sweater Holiday Beer Tour Bay Area Ale Trails will organize an Ugly Sweater Holiday Beer Tour, which will make a stop at Mountain View's Tied House brewery, as well as Freewheel Brewing Co. and Firehouse Grill & Brewery. Dec. 27. \$135. Tied House Brewery & Cafe, 954 Villa St., Mountain View. Call 415-928-9841. bayareaaletrails.com/brewery-tours/brewery-tours/

ON STAGE

'Peter and the Starcatcher' TheatreWorks stages a holiday production of "Peter and the Starcatcher," a Tony Award-winning, adventure-filled sequel to "Peter Pan." See website for specific dates, timing and pricing. Dec. 3-Jan. 3. \$19-\$74. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1950. www.theatreworks.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

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LECTURES & TALKS

'Next-Generation Clean Energy' Dr. Dan Arvizu, CEO of National Renewable Energy Laboratory, will discuss the growing demand for alternative energy sources in a public talk called "Next-Generation Clean Energy Technology: American and Global Progress." The event is co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council and the Los Altos Library. Jan. 7, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.worldaffairs.org/events/event/1372#.VJhQ3v8AAMA

Docent lecture on 'Fantastic Worlds' This talk by SFMOMA called "Fantastic Worlds: Surrealism and Beyond" will explore how a influential group of early 20th century artists — including Man Ray, Rene Magritte and Salvador Dali — incorporated elements of play, experiment and fantasy into their work. Jan. 5, 7-8 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.scdl.org

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Author Jennifer Niven with 'All the Bright Places' Jennifer Niven will visit Linden Tree Books to discuss her new young adult love story, "All the Bright Places," which is heading to the big screen in a film with Elle Fanning. Jan. 9, 4-5:30 p.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

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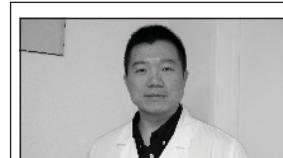
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File No.: 598576

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Keila's Cleaning, located at 251 Higdon Av.#2, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
KEILA E. GARCIA AYALA
251 Higdon Av. #2
Mt. View, CA 94041

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 11-17-14. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on November 18, 2014.

(MNV Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2014)

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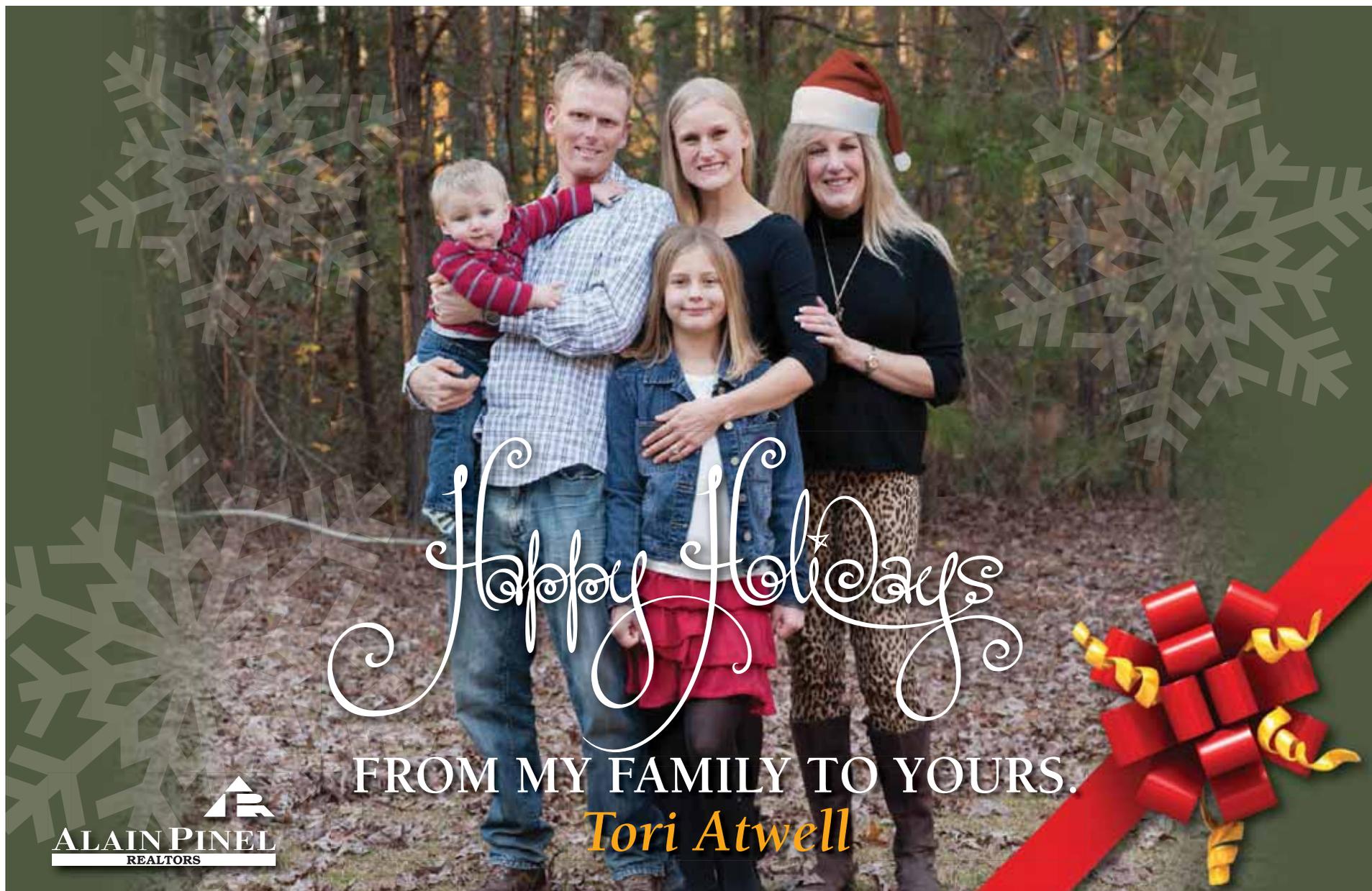
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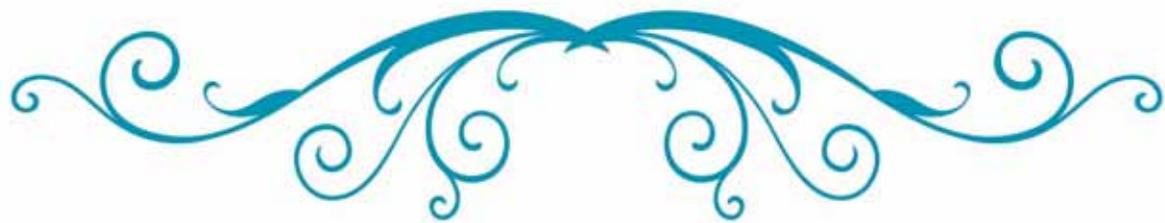
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RECEIVED 8 OFFERS!

201 Flynn Ave#22, Mountain View
1,254 Sq.Ft. 3,174 Sq.Ft.
3/12/2014 | \$700,000.00



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898 Persimmon Avenue, Sunnyvale
1,477 Sq.Ft. 6,800 Sq.Ft.
3/18/2014 | \$1,420,000.00



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1012 W. Dana Street, Mountain View
2,390 Sq.Ft. 15,000 Sq.Ft.
3/20/14 | \$2,500,000.0



COMPETED AGAINST MULTIPLE OFFERS!

331 Carmelita Drive, Mountain View
2,864 Sq.Ft. 9,231 Sq.Ft.
4/1/2014 | \$2,330,000.00



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2412 Laura Lane, Mountain View
1,152 Sq.Ft. 5,000 Sq.Ft.
4/24/2014 | \$1,315,000.00



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149 S. California Ave #A304
1,247 Sq.Ft. 871 Sq.Ft. Lot
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78 Eldora drive, Mountain View
2,028 Sq.Ft. 5,406 Sq.Ft. Lot
5/16/2014 | \$1,275,000.00



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5/23/2014 | \$1,300,000.00



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675 Nash Avenue, Menlo Park
1,000 Sq.Ft. 5,000 Sq.Ft. Lot
5/23/2014 | \$1,480,000.00



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ASKING PRICE!**

16202 Serena Vista, Monte Sereno
4,412 Sq.Ft. 29,400 Sq.Ft. Lot
4/22/2014 | \$3,400,000.00



**COMPETED AGAINST
MULTIPLE OFFERS!**

494 Novato Avenue, Sunnyvale
2,374 Sq.Ft. 5,500 Sq.Ft. Lot
7/10/2014 | \$1,530,494.00



**COMPETED AGAINST
MULTIPLE OFFERS!**

212 Central Avenue,
Mountain View
1,526 Sq.Ft. 1,685 Sq.Ft. Lot
8/7/2014 | \$990,000.00



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MULTIPLE OFFERS!**

940 San Marcos Circle,
Mountain View
1,415 Sq.Ft. 6,000 Sq.Ft. Lot
8/28/2014 | \$1,275,000.00



**COMPETED AGAINST
MULTIPLE OFFERS!**

709 College Avenue, Menlo Park
4,170 Sq.Ft. 8,000 Sq.Ft. Lot
10/9/2014 | \$4,025,000.00



**RECEIVED MULTIPLE
OFFERS!**

702 Palo Alto Avenue,
Mountain View
1,677 Sq.Ft. 7,500 Sq.Ft. Lot
10/23/2014 | \$1,560,000.00



**PURCHASED WITHIN 2 DAYS
OF BEING ON MARKET!**

743 San Ramon Avenue,
Sunnyvale
1,767 Sq.Ft. 5,450 Sq.Ft. Lot
11/24/2014 | \$855,000.00



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25 OFFERS!**

765 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto
1,212 Sq.Ft. 1,316 Sq.Ft. Lot
12/8/2014 | \$1,100,000.00



**COMPETED AGAINST
25 OFFERS!**

380 E. Eaglewood Avenue,
Sunnyvale
1,333 Sq.Ft. 6,136 Sq.Ft. Lot
12/16/2014 | \$995,000.00



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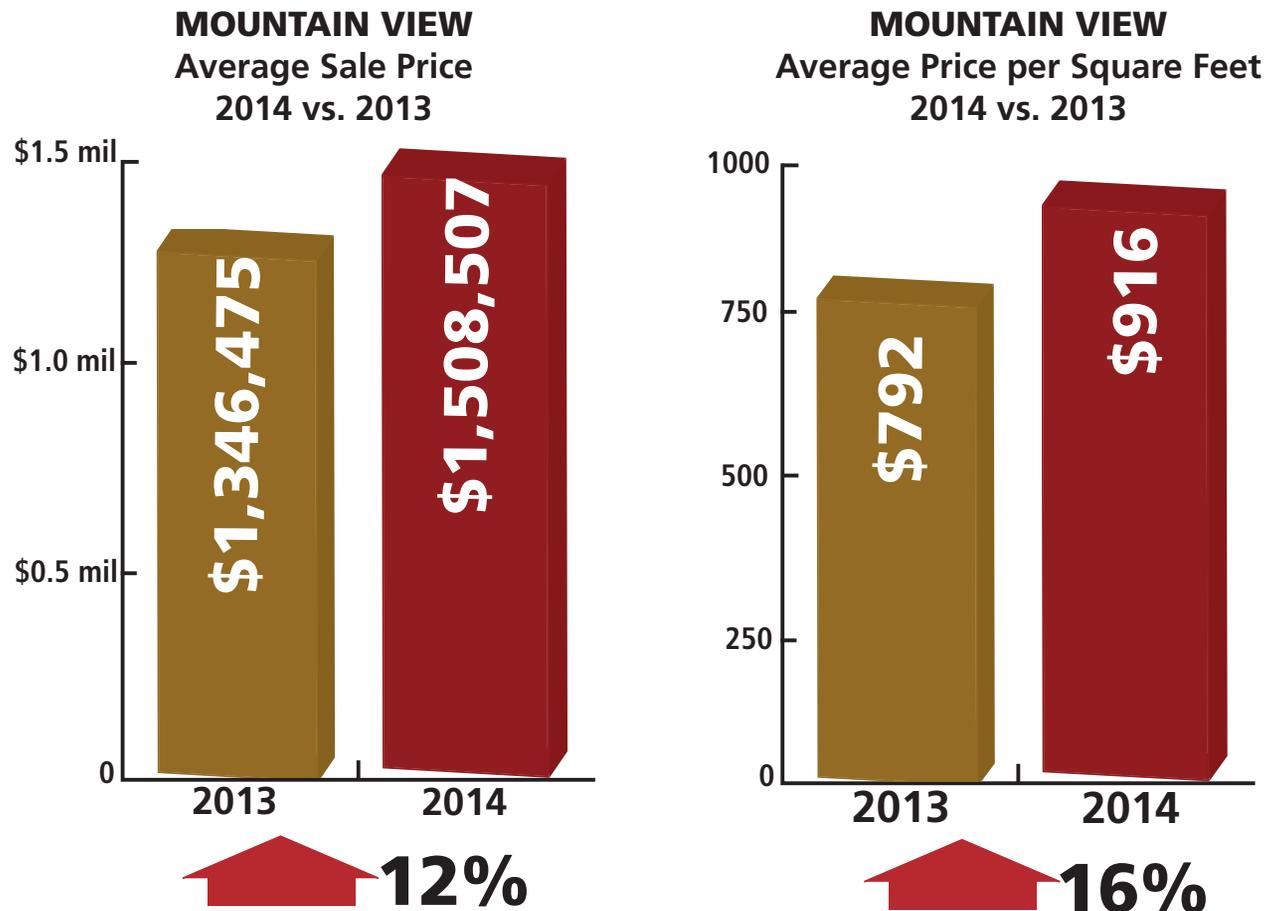


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“After interviewing three agents, we chose to go with Michael. We started looking in early April and in June we went into contract on a Mountain View townhouse. We found Michael super **responsive, knowledgeable, friendly, genuine**, and a consummate professional. Michael was also an expert at the offer process. In this insane real estate market, there is nothing like having someone on your side. We would not have gotten our place without him.”

– Jennifer R., Mountain View

“**Michael is amazing** – probably the best agent I have ever worked with. He is incredibly well-connected and knows of every listing (many that don't ever go on the market) which is huge in a competitive market. I can't recommend him enough.”

– Gina W., Mountain View

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