



Bradley Ogden's diner, BFD, offers sophisticated all-American cuisine

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## *Fine-dining comfort food*



**Top:** Free range turkey meatballs at Bradley's Fine Diner in Menlo Park. **Above:** Chef and owner Bradley Ogden, prepares plates during dinner service.

### ■ FOOD FEATURE

**B**radley Ogden got it early. A primary advocate of California cuisine more than three decades ago, he pioneered the use of fresh seasonal ingredients, presented in a simple straightforward manner, to enhance flavor, color and texture on the plate. Along the way, he won two James Beard Foundation Awards and numerous other honors.

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The roasted beet salad with mandarin oranges and watercress, served with potted cheese toast.

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Ogden was one of seven siblings, and his parents owned a popular music hall just outside Traverse City, Michigan, that attracted big name rock-and-roll groups. His grandmother lived on a farm in Ontario where he became familiar with free-range chickens, fresh-caught trout, just-picked fruits and vegetables and organic produce.

“I never lost my appreciation for those simple, basic flavors,” Ogden said.

He enrolled in the Culinary Institute of America in New York with his twin brother Bentley. His brother didn’t like it, but Bradley thrived. Ogden came to prominence as executive chef at San Francisco’s Campton Place in the early 1980s.

With partners, he opened the highly regarded Lark Creek Inn in Larkspur in 1989. That success launched a series of projects around the Bay Area, Southern California and Las Vegas. Along with his son, Bryan Ogden, he opened Bradley’s Fine Diner (BFD) in Houston last year. He opened BFD’s second location in Menlo Park last November, and it will be the flagship operation as the company moves forward.

BFD isn’t an old-fashioned

diner with blue plate specials. It’s more like San Francisco’s Fog City Diner in concept, with Lark Creek Inn cuisine, seasonal and locally sourced ingredients and superior talent in the kitchen. It’s all-American cuisine — fine-dining comfort food.

That doesn’t mean that everything is perfect. Prices are on the steep side, and there is as much as a 25 percent premium for many of the same dishes between lunch and dinner. The decor is on the rigid side, with nothing much to soften the iron and hard wood elements. One wall has dozens of kitchen knives impaled in it as if a circus knife thrower had been practicing in off hours.

Let’s talk about the excellent fare though. Ogden’s métier is flavor forward, simple and fresh, and menus can have daily variations, depending on availability — all the better for the diner.

The roasted beet salad (\$12) came with citrus wedges, kumquats, goat cheese and watercress, tossed in tangerine vinaigrette. A thin slice of toast smeared with a house-made creamy cheese plumed from the side. The salad was colorful, light and scrumptious.

The free-range turkey meat-

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Customers dine at Bradley's Fine Diner in Menlo Park.

balls (\$14) could have been a meal in itself. A half-dozen plump meatballs were baked in tomato sauce and basil with house-made ricotta melted atop.

The wild shrimp and Santa Cruz rock crab cake (\$14) was served on a bed of grapefruit, fennel and frisée and drizzled with Meyer lemon aioli. Alas, the crab flavor was overwhelmed by the briny shrimp.

The slow-braised short rib (\$29), served with crème fraîche-whipped potatoes and a medley of roasted winter vegetables, was melt-in-your-mouth delicious. The plate was well-balanced and artistic, fragrant and not overly heavy.

One of the best dishes was the grilled Mt. Lassen red trout (\$32) with roasted turnips, toasted farro, beet puree and chard, and topped with matchstick green apples tipped in horseradish. It was a clever and delicious flavor profile.

Fish and chips (\$23) featured rock cod, fries, tartar sauce and little squirt bottles of lemon and malt vinegar. The cod was just fried through and not greasy. The fries were feather-light but crispy.

One day at lunch, I enjoyed wood-grilled flatbread (\$14) blanketed with shrimp, green olive pesto, Parmesan cheese, chickpeas, pickled red onion and spinach — an unusual and

tasty combination.

For dessert, the apple cobbler (\$8) topped with vanilla bean ice cream was disappointing. The baked apples were mouth-watering, but the doughy wafer that capped the apples was like hardtack. I couldn't cut it with a knife and fork.

The winner and undisputed dessert champion was “Bradley's Butterscotch Pudding” (\$6) with whipped cream and a soft ginger cookie. It is one of the best desserts around.

Too bad the front of the house wasn't as inspired as the kitchen. On one dinner visit, the server seemed so rushed, it was all she could do to take our orders despite the restaurant's being only a quarter full. That night, there was too long a wait between courses, I had to ask for the check, then had to ask someone to take said check after another long wait. On a subsequent visit, the waiter was unsure of just about everything. It didn't mar the experience but

I expected better. To be fair, the midday servers were excellent.

Since I'm being picayune, the too-loud rock-and-roll golden oldies music was grating after a while. It's not a theme restaurant and was off-putting.

The wine list was well-chosen but on the pricey side. Creative

cocktails and many beers are also available.

Ogden has enough professional experience to perfect the front of the house and the culinary vision to keep diners happily returning. When it all comes together, BFD will be off the charts. ▣

■ DINING NOTES

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### MOVIE REVIEWS

#### KINGSMAN: THE SECRET SERVICE ★★★ 1/2

Loosely adapted by writer-director Matthew Vaughn and his screenwriting partner Jane Goldman from a comic book by writer Mark Millar, "Kingsman: The Secret Service" is pretty much a spy remake of "Kick-Ass," Vaughn and Goldman's 2010 adaptation of Millar's tale of a comic book fan who decides to become a super-hero. Like "Kick-Ass," "Secret Service" doubles down on glib ultraviolence while pressing buttons of class-consciousness and teasing out pop culture allusions and self-aware witticisms. Colin Firth plays Harry Hart, a well-tailored super spy in the vein of "The Avengers" (the British one) or "The Ipcress File." Hart works for an "independent international intelligence agency" called Kingsman, which needs a new recruit when a top agent bites the dust. In part answering for a familial debt, Hart selects for his protégé Gary "Eggsy" Unwin (Taron Egerton, unfortunately bland), then guides him through training and into active service as Kingsman battles the radical environmentalist madman Richmond Valentine (Samuel L. Jackson), a Bondian baddie. "Kingsman" includes its own hilarious Bond mini-parody (kudos to actor Jack Davenport), but the spy-flick pastiche feels long in the tooth by now. Besides an endearingly ass-kicking Firth and an amusingly lisping Jackson, we get erstwhile movie-spy Michael Caine as a spy boss, Mark "Luke Skywalker" Hamill as a professor in danger and plenty of spectacular (though cartoony) fight sequences — plus a jaw-dropping long take of digitally assisted parkour. But all the mayhem is ultimately exhausting, and yes, tonally off-putting, as Vaughn's capacity for sincerity takes a back seat to fetishized, glamorized violence. *Rated R for sequences of strong violence, language and some sexual content. Two hours, 9 minutes.* — Peter Canavese (Reviewed Feb. 13, 2015)

#### FIFTY SHADES OF GREY ★★★

Let's try to be grown-ups about "Fifty Shades of Grey," the big-screen adaptation of E. L. James' erotic novel. Screenwriter Kelly Marcel ("Saving Mr. Banks"), director Sam Taylor-Johnson ("Nowhere Boy") and star Dakota Johnson ("The Five-Year Engagement") certainly have, and the movie's better for it. On the 20th floor of the Seattle skyscraper Grey House, college student Anastasia Steele swoons and gasps her way through an interview with business magnate Christian Grey (Jamie Dornan, all smoldering woodenness), who immediately begins putting the moves on her. Those moves include an offer to be Grey's live-in sex slave, an on-demand submissive beauty to his dominant beast. Taking this language out of the cultural closet and into the mall theater is a fascinating phenomenon, as is the return of R-rated eroticism to the multiplex. Audiences are treated to Steele's and Grey's anatomy (though not full-frontally) as Taylor-Johnson tests the limits of the ratings board with each careful camera move and edit. Every small adjustment the movie makes to James' thinly veiled romance novel qualifies as an improvement, especially the self-awareness of its perversity's comedic value. Yes, "Fifty Shades of Grey" is absolutely ludicrous and dramatically clumsy. Yet with Taylor-Johnson's projection of Anastasia's thought process (which never cedes her agency

## Weekend

### MOVIE TIMES

<b>A Most Violent Year (R) ★★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 20:</b> 9:10 p.m.
<b>American Sniper (R) ★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 12:20, 3:45, 7 & 10:10 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 1:10, 4:25, 7:30 & 10:35 p.m.
<b>Birdman (R) ★★★</b>	<b>Aquarius Theatre:</b> 7:05 & 9:40 p.m.
<b>The DUFF (PG-13) ★★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10:50 a.m., 1:25, 4:15, 7:15 & 10 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 11:55 a.m., 2:35, 5:10, 7:55 & 10:30 p.m.
<b>Fifty Shades of Grey (R) ★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 11:30 a.m., 12:15, 12:55, 2:30, 3:15, 4, 5:30, 6:15, 6:55, 8:30, 9:15 & 10 p.m. In X-D at 10:50 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:45 & 10:45 p.m.
<b>Hot Tub Time Machine 2 (R)</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 11:55 a.m., 2:35, 5:15, 7:55 & 10:30 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 11:20 a.m., 12:40, 2:10, 3:10, 4:40, 5:40, 7:10, 8:10, 9:40 & 10:40 p.m.
<b>The Imitation Game (PG-13) ★★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10:35 a.m., 4:20, 7:20 & 10:15 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 11:10 a.m., 2, 4:55, 7:40 & 10:20 p.m.
<b>Jupiter Ascending (PG-13) ★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10:25 a.m., 1:25, 4:30, 7:35 & 10:35 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 1:15 & 7:15 p.m. In 3-D at 4:15 & 10:15 p.m.
<b>Kingsman: The Secret Service (R) ★★★1/2</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10:45 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:45 & 10:45 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 11:45 a.m., 1:15, 2:50, 4:20, 5:50, 7:25, 8:55 & 10:30 p.m.
<b>McFarland, USA (PG) ★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 10:40 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:40 & 10:40 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 1, 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
<b>Oscar 2015: Birdman (R)</b>	<b>Century 20:</b> Sun 1 p.m.
<b>Oscar 2015: Boyhood (R)</b>	<b>Century 20:</b> Fri 4 p.m.
<b>Oscar 2015: The Imitation Game (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 20:</b> Fri 1 p.m.
<b>Oscar 2015: The Theory of Everything (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 20:</b> Sat 4 p.m.
<b>Oscar 2015: Whiplash (R)</b>	<b>Century 20:</b> Sat 1 p.m.
<b>Oscar Nominated Short Films 2015: Animation (Not Rated)</b>	<b>Guild Theatre:</b> 2:15 & 7:15 p.m.
<b>Oscar Nominated Short Films 2015: Live Action (Not Rated)</b>	<b>Century 20:</b> 2 p.m., Fri & Sat 7 p.m. <b>Guild Theatre:</b> 4:15 & 9:15 p.m.
<b>Paddington (PG)</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 1:35 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 11:05 a.m., 1:30, 3:55, 6:50 & 9:30 p.m.
<b>Project Almanac (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 20:</b> 8 & 10:45 p.m., Sun 5:15 p.m.
<b>Selma (PG-13) ★★★</b>	<b>Century 20:</b> 1:05, 4:10, 7:10 & 10:10 p.m.
<b>Seventh Son (PG-13)</b>	<b>Century 20:</b> 11:30 a.m., Sun 7:50 p.m.
<b>Song of the Sea (PG)</b>	<b>Palo Alto Square:</b> 2:15, 4:45 & 7:15 p.m., Fri & Sat 9:35 p.m.
<b>The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water (G) ★★</b>	<b>Century 16:</b> 2:25, 4:55 & 7:25 p.m. In 3-D at 11:50 a.m. & 9:55 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 11 a.m., 1:40, 4:10 & 6:40 p.m. In 3-D at noon, 2:30, 5, 7:35 & 10:05 p.m.
<b>Still Alice (PG-13) ★★★1/2</b>	<b>Aquarius Theatre:</b> 2:15, 4:40, 7:30 & 9:55 p.m. <b>Century 20:</b> 11:15 a.m., 1:55, 4:35, 7:20 & 9:55 a.m.
<b>Timbuktu (PG-13)</b>	<b>Palo Alto Square:</b> 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m., Fri & Sat 9:30 p.m.
<b>The Trouble with Harry (1955) (PG)</b>	<b>Stanford Theatre:</b> 5:40 & 9:55 p.m.
<b>Vertigo (1958) (Not Rated)</b>	<b>Stanford Theatre:</b> 7:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 3:20 p.m.
<b>Whiplash (R) ★★★1/2</b>	<b>Aquarius Theatre:</b> 1:45 & 4:20 p.m.

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- ★★★ A good bet
- ★★★★ Outstanding

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and the tortured Grey's sexual kink positioned more as a romantic obstacle than a woman's wildest dream, the franchise can have it both ways: "naughtily" turning on audiences and at the same time dramatizing enough bedroom dos and don'ts for a

year's worth of couples counseling. *Rated R for strong sexual content including dialogue, some unusual behavior and graphic nudity, and for language. Two hours, 5 minutes.* — Peter Canavese (Reviewed Feb. 13, 2015)

■ MOVIE OPENINGS

# Run for your life

KEVIN COSTNER COACHES CROSS-COUNTRY IN 'MCFARLAND'

★★ (Century 16, Century 20)

Take one creeping-past-middle-age white actor, one sport and at least one underdog (preferably a scrappy band of them), then sweeten to taste. That's the Disney sports-movie formula, tried and true over the last decade or so. You've got your Kurt Russell in "Miracle" (hockey), your Dennis Quaid in "The Rookie" (baseball), your Greg Kinnear in "Invincible" (football), your Jon Hamm in "Million Dollar Arm" (cricket meets baseball). Now, there's "McFarland, USA": Kevin Costner, cross-country running and a team of skeptical Mexican-American boys.

"McFarland, USA" treads in tricky territory with its racial politics: not so much for the choice of true-story material (the account of an unlikely rural high-school dynasty probably deserves the big-screen treatment) as the way it's been doctored by screenwriters to fit the condescending narrative: "White savior props

up wayward brown people." Screenwriters Grant Thompson, Christopher Cleveland and Bettina Gilois hammer away at the culture-clash possibilities of the material, starting with the gift that keeps on giving: the main character's name, Jim White.

In the film's opening sequence, Costner's football-coaching White takes a misstep in Boise, Idaho and has to relocate his family to McFarland, "Fruit Bowl of California" and "one of the poorest towns in America." It's the fall of 1987, and Life Sciences teacher White finds himself starting at the bottom as an assistant football coach alienated, along with his family, by his new surroundings (arriving in town, White's ten-year-old daughter asks, "Are we in Mexico?"). Taciturn gringo "Blanco" talks himself out of football and into cross-country when he realizes the boys of McFarland High School, pickers and the sons of pickers, "carbo load on rice and beans"



Kevin Costner plays high school cross-country coach Jim White in "McFarland, USA."

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and sprint across fields to get from school to work.

"Nobody wins around here, White," he's told (by Carlos Pratts' chip-on-his-shoulder runner Thomas), but White has a vision that transcends the pitfalls of needy families,

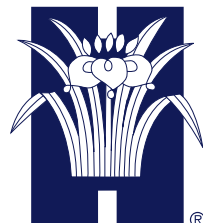
thug life (low riders and prisons loom on the margins of the story) and his own total lack of experience with the sport. It all sounds worse on paper than it plays in the hands of the actors and director Niki Caro ("Whale Rider," "North Country"), but

it's still pretty darn gloppy, from the blatant racism the runners face from their competitors (some of them from Palo Alto) to the lessons White's students teach the teacher with their commitment to hard work and family values. The latter help White recognize, in big-speech form, "the kind of privilege someone like me takes for granted."

On the way to the state championship, the sports-drama functions predictably and Costner is typically magnetic. It's tempting to hail the picture for the exposure it brings to Latino characters, but audiences of all ethnicities deserve far better than the easy stereotypes "McFarland, USA" trades in. What could have been an inspirational teacher-student story stoops to the trope of minority characters not being able to see their own way to prosperity without a guiding white light, who in turn learns from their unsophisticated purity. This kind of "salt of the earth" poisons growth.

Rated PG for thematic material, some violence and language. Two hours, 8 minutes.

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS

# That'll learn 'em

'THE DUFF' SCHOOLS STUDENTS ON SELF-ESTEEM

★★ 1/2 (Century 16, Century 20)

"What do people think of me?" is the uber-question of high school movies, usually paired with an even more important one: "What do I think of myself?" Pitched somewhere between "Mean Girls" and "She's All That," "The DUFF" returns to these questions in a manner that's contrived and predictable, but also pretty entertaining.

That's largely due to the charismatic performances of two actors best known for their TV work: Mae Whitman ("Parenthood"), on whose capable shoulders the film rests, and Robbie Amell ("The Tomorrow People"). (Yep, two 26-year-olds playing high-school seniors: another tradition of the genre.) Whitman plays Bianca, a contentedly dorky gal whose high-school survival tactics involve drafting her beautiful, fashionable and popular friends Jessica and Casey (Skyler Samuels and Bianca Santos). When Bianca's jock friend Wesley (Robbie Amell) insensitively lets slip to

her that she's a "DUFF" (Designated Ugly Fat Friend), Bianca begins a paranoid rethink of her life, resolving to leave her DUFF-ness behind to win over dreamy musician Toby (Nick Eversman).

Naturally, this plan involves enlisting Wesley to coach her, and naturally — well, anyone who's seen a romantic comedy can guess where this is going. Working from Kody Keplinger's novel, screenwriter Josh A. Cagan throws in a queen bee named Madison (genuine teen Bella Thorne) as a figure of greater influence than her fellow archetypes: school-paper moderator Mr. Arthur (a nicely restrained Ken Jeong) or Bianca's flighty mother (Allison Janney, always a pleasure). Cagan and director Ari Sandel work hard and fairly successfully at chasing the tone of Tina Fey's "Mean Girls," keeping the pace breezy and the gags plentiful.

Keplinger was seventeen when she published her novel, which struck a chord with readers. It's possible the film version of "The



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Teen rom-com "The DUFF" sets out to prove there's more to life than being fashionable, pretty and popular.

DUFF" will do the same with teen girls, if they can get past the casting of the healthy but hardly plus-sized Whitman, as well as the changes made to sanitize the book's approach to sex. Whitman's performance captures the spirit of the unpopular girl while giving her a breakout role showcasing her comic abilities and leading-lady potential; it's hard to imagine audiences resist-

ing her charms if they make it into theaters. Amell's charms are more of the white-smile, great-bod variety (and the film misses no opportunity to flaunt those assets), but he also makes his character a recognizable and likeable type.

Crucially, Keplinger's central message — that "we are all someone's DUFF," and we shouldn't give a rat's patoot about that

— remains intact."The DUFF" never risks its own broad-appeal popularity by being as bold or fresh as the likes of "Heathers," "Rushmore" or "Election," but for the dog days of February, it'll do just fine.

Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual material throughout, some language and teen partying. One hour, 40 minutes.

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**AAUW Palo Alto Author Luncheon** The American Association of University Women Palo Alto will hold an author luncheon featuring Andrew Sean Greer, Heather Haven, Shelly King and Stuart Rojstaczer. The authors will share their work in a panel discussion moderated by author Tad Williams. The event will benefit scholarships to assist Palo Alto seventh-graders in attending a science and math camp for girls called Tech Trek. Feb. 28, noon-2 p.m. \$40. Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. [aauw-paloalto.org](http://aauw-paloalto.org)

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**Backyard Bee Keeping workshop** Beekeeper Kendal Sager will lead a workshop on backyard beekeeping, providing all the essential info and resources one needs to get started. Participants must be age 13 or older. Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-noon. \$20. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-6326. [www.hiddenvilla.org/programs-public-programs](http://www.hiddenvilla.org/programs-public-programs)

**Simple Sewing: Felt baskets** This Simple Sewing event at the Mountain View Public Library will guide sewers of all levels in making three felt baskets that nest together. Space is limited, and registration is required. Feb. 23, 7 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [goo.gl/2lJph5](http://goo.gl/2lJph5)

## CLUBS/MEETINGS

**ESL Conversation Club** This weekly club at the Mountain View Public Library provides a place to practice English conversation skills with friendly company. All levels are welcome; no registration is required. Wednesdays, year-round, 5-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

**Lunch with the League** At this month's lunch with the League of Women Voters, Andrea Gemmet, editor of the Mountain View Voice, and Bruce Barton, editor of the Los Altos Town Crier, will update community members on local issues. Feb. 20, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$27. Ristorante Bella Vita, 376 First St., Los Altos. Call 650-559-1828. [www.lwvlamv.org](http://www.lwvlamv.org)

**Peninsula Gem & Geology Society meeting** At the Peninsula Gem & Geology Society's February meeting, Duncan Penman will present a program called "American Turquoise Mines - Every Mine Has A Story," in which he will talk about 15 well-known turquoise mines in the West. Rough and cabochon turquoise examples will be displayed. Feb. 25, 7-8 p.m. Free. Shoup Park Garden House, 400 University Ave., Los Altos. [pggs.org](http://pggs.org)

**Sons in Retirement monthly meeting** Sons in Retirement's monthly meetings offer quality lunches and interesting speakers. The Feb. 25 meeting will feature representatives from the East Bay Municipal Utility District and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and the March 25 meeting will welcome Jack Boyd from NASA. This club for retired men also organizes other activities, including golf, biking, bowling and travel. Fourth Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$22 lunch. Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-299-9479. [www.sir5.org](http://www.sir5.org)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Adobefest Community Weekend** In celebration of Adobe Photoshop turning 25, the Computer History Museum will hold a festival

with live demonstrations of the program in action and a hands-on exploration of vintage photography. Attendees can also learn how to use the program through an interactive exhibit or a one-hour workshop. Feb. 28-March 1, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Regular admission. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. [www.computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/#adobefest-community-weekend](http://www.computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/#adobefest-community-weekend)

**CSA Homeless Outreach** Twice monthly a Community Services Agency social worker will come to the Mountain View Public Library to offer assistance to low-income and homeless individuals, including information and referrals to community resources. Second and fourth Tuesday of the month, year-round, 9-11 a.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

**Game Night at BookBuyers** BookBuyers will host a game night in its new seating area. Attendees are encouraged to bring their favorite games to play. There will also be a discount for game-related items and snacks available for purchase. Feb. 23, 8-10 p.m. Free. BookBuyers Mountain View, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-7323. [bookbuyers.com/event/game-night/](http://bookbuyers.com/event/game-night/)

**Language Swap** This weekly Mountain View Public Library event will allow community members to both practice speaking a different language and teach a language to others. All levels and drop-ins are welcome. Thursdays, year-round, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

**Lego Day** During Lego Day at the Mountain View Public Library, adults can enjoy lunch while playing with Legos from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.; afterward, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., all ages can participate. No registration is required. Third Thursday of the month, Jan. 15-April 16, 12:30-3 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

## CONCERTS

**'Let Freedom Ring'** Conducted by Masetro Anthony Quartuccio, Nova Vista Symphony will present a program including Morton Gould's "American Salute"; Howard Hanson's Symphony No. 2, "Romantic"; Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait," narrated by Hoyt Smith of KDFC; and Duke Ellington's "Black, Brown, and Beige." Feb. 28, 8-10 p.m. \$25 general; \$15 senior (age 65 plus), student; free for children under age 12. Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 408-624-1492. [www.novavista.org](http://www.novavista.org)

**New Generation of Young Flamencos** The Flamenco Society will present the New Generation of Young Flamencos, a group of rising flamenco musicians and dancers from Spain. They will be joined by Bay Area flamenco artists Roberto and Ernesto Granados. March 1, 8 p.m. \$32-\$53. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6000. [www.mountainview.gov/mvcpa/mar15.html](http://www.mountainview.gov/mvcpa/mar15.html)

**The Haydn Project** In this concert, San Francisco Chamber Orchestra members Robin Sharp, Antoine van Dongen, Ben Simon and Hannah Addario-Berry — the Haydn Project — will explore the inventive music of Franz Josef Haydn. Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm](http://www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm)

**Winter Series: Jerusalem Quartet** The acclaimed Jerusalem Quartet will make its Music@Menlo debut, performing a few string quartet masterpieces. Feb. 22, 4 p.m. \$50/\$45 general; \$25/\$20 under age 30. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-330-2030. [www.musicatmenlo.org](http://www.musicatmenlo.org)

## DANCE

**Sahanartana and 'Dancing Together'** This performance presented by Guru Shradha

will combine the Odissi Indian classical dance style with five other Indian dance styles — Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Kuchipudi, Manipuri and Mohiniatt. Feb. 28, 4-6:30 p.m. \$30 patron; \$20 general; \$15 student, senior. Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-394-6022. [www.facebook.com/events/757763130973021/](http://www.facebook.com/events/757763130973021/)

## ENVIRONMENT

**Tree planting at Cuesta Park** Mountain View Trees and the City of Mountain View will co-host this tree planting event at Cuesta Park. No experience is necessary, and instructions, trees, tools and refreshments will be provided. Children accompanied by an adult are welcome. Attendees should wear gardening clothes. Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Cuesta Park, 700 Cuesta Drive, Mountain View. Call 650-564-7620. [www.mountainviewtrees.org](http://www.mountainviewtrees.org)

## EXHIBITS

**'Raúl Cañibano: Storyteller'** The Krause Center for Innovation at Foothill College will host an exhibit called "Raúl Cañibano: Storyteller," which shares images by the Havana-based photographer that capture Cuba, its people and their struggles in the post-revolution era. Jan. 21-March 11, center hours. Free. Krause Center for Innovation, KCI Gallery, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7082. [raulcanibano.wordpress.com](http://raulcanibano.wordpress.com)

**'Watercolors' by Maria Klawe** The Community School for Music and the Arts will host an exhibit of watercolor paintings by Maria Klawe — a mathematician, computer scientist and president of Harvey Mudd College. Feb. 6-March 29, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm](http://www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm)

## FAMILY AND KIDS

**'That's Too Funny!'** Local elementary school students and their teachers from the Community School of Music and Arts' Art4Schools program will share their work in a show called "That's Too Funny!" Feb. 3-20, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Mountain View City Hall Rotunda, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 ext. 308. [www.arts4all.org](http://www.arts4all.org)

**Boys and discipline talk** Rachel Sklar of Parents Place will give talk discussing how to set limits, channel energy and positively guide boys. The event is specifically designed for parents with sons 1 to 8 years old. Those interested are encouraged to come early to ensure a seat. Feb. 26, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6897. [goo.gl/F3APaA](http://goo.gl/F3APaA)

## HEALTH

**Free YMCA fitness course** This weekly course led by YMCA instructors will guide participants in beginner level strength training to develop balance, flexibility, posture, coordination and fall prevention. Classes are appropriate for all levels and backgrounds. Registration is required. Wednesdays, Jan. 7-June 24, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

## ON STAGE

**'Abduction from the Seraglio'** West Bay Opera will put on a production of "Abduction from the Seraglio," Mozart's comedy about a Spanish nobleman's journey to Turkey to rescue his lover from a harem. The opera will be fully staged, with period costumes and sets, a chorus and orchestra. Feb. 21, 8 p.m.; Feb. 22, 2 p.m. \$40-\$75. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-9999. [www.wboopera.org](http://www.wboopera.org)

**'Candide'** Lamplighters Music Theatre will offer two performances of the operetta by Leonard Bernstein, "Candide," a madcap journey around the world. Feb. 21 and 22, 8

p.m. \$25-\$53. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6000. [lamplighters.org/season/season.html](http://lamplighters.org/season/season.html)

**'Maple and Vine'** For its latest production, the Los Altos Stage Company will perform "Maple and Vine," a play by Jordan Harrison about a couple who leave their 21st-century lives behind to join a community of 1950s re-enactors. See the website for specific dates. Jan. 29-Feb. 22, Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. \$18-\$36. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. [www.losaltosstage.org](http://www.losaltosstage.org)

**'The Lake Effect'** TheatreWorks will put on a production of "The Lake Effect," a new drama written by Rajiv Joseph and directed by Giovanna Sardelli in which the grown-up children of an Indian restaurant owner consider the legacy of the now-closed family business. See website for specific times and dates. March 4-29. \$25-\$53. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [www.theatreworks.org/shows/1415-season/thelakeeffect](http://www.theatreworks.org/shows/1415-season/thelakeeffect)

**Treat Social Club** Treat Social Club, an experimental arts collaborative from San Francisco, will perform a concert at the Oshman Family JCC featuring a jazz orchestra and aerial artists. Food and beverages will also be available for purchase. Feb. 26, 7:30-9 p.m. \$35 member; \$40 general; \$45 at the door. Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8664. [paloaltojcc.org/Cultural-Arts/Music](http://paloaltojcc.org/Cultural-Arts/Music)

## SENIORS

**EMT Speaker Series: Disaster alert system** Emergency medical technicians will come to the Mountain View Senior Center to inform community members about the Santa Clara County Emergency Alert System, through which residents can be informed by cellphone, email or land line about a disaster in the county. Feb. 26, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. [www.mountainview.gov/seniors](http://www.mountainview.gov/seniors)

**Healthy cooking workshop** This class will provide tips on making small changes to recipes and cooking techniques — such as using healthier fats, less salt and less added sugars — to reduce calories and generally create a healthy diet. Feb. 24, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. [www.mountainview.gov/seniors](http://www.mountainview.gov/seniors)

**Knee pain talk** Alexander Sah, surgeon with the Dearborn Sah Institute, will give a talk about knee pain, covering what causes arthritis in knees and the available surgical and non-surgical treatments. Feb. 20, 3-4 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. [www.mountainview.gov/seniors](http://www.mountainview.gov/seniors)

**Oral Health 101** At this talk, Foothill College instructor Patti Chan and her students will give tips for seniors on keeping up their dental hygiene. Topics covered will include common periodontal diseases and some available products. Space is limited, and registration is required. Feb. 27, 10-11 a.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. [www.mountainview.gov/seniors](http://www.mountainview.gov/seniors)

## LECTURES & TALKS

**'Animal Pests in Your Garden'** This talk offered by UC Master Gardeners will inform community members on the damage animals can do to both gardens and homes, as well as different ways to control them. What these animals eat and when they are active will also be covered. Feb. 25, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 408-282-3105. [mastergardeners.org/scc.html](http://mastergardeners.org/scc.html)

**'Around the World in a Grumman Albatross'** Venture capitalist Reid Dennis will give a slide lecture about his around-the-world trip in a Grumman Albatross seaplane in which he retraced Amelia Earhart's final 1937 flight. Pre-registration is required. Feb. 24, 11:30 a.m.-

1 p.m. \$25 at the door; \$20 online by Feb. 18. Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 408-634-8062. [events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eadn859f8dac616d&llr=e8kqp6nab](http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eadn859f8dac616d&llr=e8kqp6nab)

**'Creating a Successful Retirement Plan'** This talk presented by the Financial Planning Association of Silicon Valley will explore retirement planning, including topics such as key savings and investment decisions, calculating retirement needs, and generally how to invest and prepare. Feb. 24, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [goo.gl/eMMHsD](http://goo.gl/eMMHsD)

**'Frida and Diego: Mexican Originals'** SFMOMA docent David Grady will give a talk about the artistic contributions of this talented couple. March 2, 7-8 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [www.sccil.org](http://www.sccil.org)

**'My Double Life'** At an event called "My Double Life: From Artist to Mathematician and Back," Maria Klawe — artist, mathematician, computer scientist and president of Harvey Mudd College — will discuss the importance of art and mathematics in her life. She will speak in conversation with Vickie Scott Grove, executive director of the Community School of Music and Arts. A reception will follow. Feb. 26, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm#klawe](http://www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm#klawe)

**'Overcoming Writer's Block and Procrastination'** Dr. David Rasch will give a talk at BookBuyers about working through writer's block and procrastination. Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. Free. BookBuyers Mountain View, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-7323. [bookbuyers.com/event/overcoming-writers-block-and-procrastination-dr-david-rasch/](http://bookbuyers.com/event/overcoming-writers-block-and-procrastination-dr-david-rasch/)

**'The Lure of the Swiss Alps'** René Welti, a professional guide and Mountain View High School alum ('66), will give a talk about the attractions and vistas of Switzerland. Feb. 28, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [goo.gl/cPeFBP](http://goo.gl/cPeFBP)

**'When Shoreline was Stierlin'** The Mountain View Historical Association will hold a lecture about the North Bayshore area before Google or Shoreline Park, when the area was a rural neighborhood with farms, dairies, dumps and a roller coaster plant. Feb. 22, 1-2:30 p.m. Free. The Historic Adobe Building, 157 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. [mountainviewhistorical.org](http://mountainviewhistorical.org)

**Author Randy Henderson on 'Finn Fancy Necromancy'** Randy Henderson will share his dark and quirky debut novel "Finn Fancy Necromancy," a fantasy which follows perpetual teenager Finn Gramaraye's quest to prove his innocence against false accusations. Feb. 23, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. [www.booksinc.net/event/randy-henderson-books-inc-mountain-view](http://www.booksinc.net/event/randy-henderson-books-inc-mountain-view)

**POST Lecture Series: Allan Savory** As part of the Peninsula Open Space Trust's annual lecture series, Allan Savory will discuss the concept of holistic management, a resource management system for farms and ranches. Savory's global research focuses on the environmental impact of livestock. Feb. 23, 8-10 p.m. \$22. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-854-7696. [openspacetrust.org](http://openspacetrust.org)

## TEEN ACTIVITIES

**Author Ransom Riggs on 'Hollow City'** Not Your Mother's Book Club will welcome Ransom Riggs to celebrate the paperback release of "Hollow City," the sequel to the haunting young adult fantasy novel "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children." Feb. 26, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. [www.booksinc.net/event/nymbc-presents-ransom-riggs-books-inc-mountain-view](http://www.booksinc.net/event/nymbc-presents-ransom-riggs-books-inc-mountain-view)

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File No.: 600331

The following person (persons) is (are)  
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Chenery Investments, located at 925  
Las Palmas Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95051,  
Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: An  
Individual.

The name and residence address of the  
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
KENT SILLIMAN  
925 Las Palmas Dr.  
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Registrant/Owner began transacting  
business under the fictitious business  
name(s) listed above on March 01, 2015.  
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**MOUNTAIN VIEW AUTO INTERIORS**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 600479

The following person (persons) is (are)  
doing business as:  
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at 1900 Old Middlefield Way, Suite B,  
Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara  
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This business is owned by: An  
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The name and residence address of the  
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
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**SANTA MARIA GLOBAL REUNION 2015**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 600360

The following person (persons) is (are)  
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1.) SMGR 2015, 2.) Santa Maria Global  
Reunion 2015, located at 1587 Morgan  
St., Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa  
Clara County.

This business is owned by: A General  
Partnership.

The name and residence address of the  
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
ANGIE SIVILA  
1587 Morgan St.  
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EDITH CALLEJO  
1874 Villa St.  
Mountain View, CA 94041  
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business under the fictitious business  
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File No.: 600731

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The name and residence address of the  
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**997 All Other Legals**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF:**  
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JACQUELINE RENEE WEINTRAUB  
Case No.: 1-15-PR175780

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,  
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A Petition for Probate has been filed by:  
DANA WEINTRAUB in the Superior Court  
of California, County of SANTA CLARA.  
The Petition for Probate requests that:  
DANA WEINTRAUB be appointed as personal  
representative to administer the  
estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to  
administer the estate under the  
Independent Administration of  
Estates Act. (This authority will allow  
the personal representative to take  
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approval. Before taking certain very  
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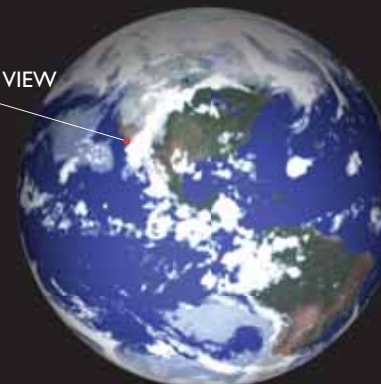
A HEARING on the petition will be held  
on March 11, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.:  
10, of the Superior Court of California,  
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If you object to the granting of the petition,  
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## 2014 ends with MV's highest home prices in 2-plus years

By Hadar Guibara

Mountain View ended 2014 with a median for-sale price on single-family homes that pushed into the \$1.5 million bracket for the first time in more than two years. The median price for homes in December was \$1,516,500.

December's figure was up \$193,500 from November's median of \$1,323,000.

This move past the \$1.5 million mark helped the fourth quarter median for-sale price to reach \$1,425,833. Median prices for the other quarters of 2014 were:

Q1 Jan.-March: \$1,304,166

Q2 April-June: \$1,230,925

Q3 July-Sept.: \$1,396,000

The median for-sale price is the initial asking price that falls exactly between the highest-priced and the lowest-priced homes at a given time. Based on the level of competition for homes, some sell for



above their listing prices, while some sell for below.

Even with sold prices that can fluctuate from listing prices in either direction by 10 percent or more, the median for-sale price statistic gives us a good barometer of the direction in which prices are moving.

Mountain View home prices have enjoyed a consistent rise since January 2013, when the median for-sale price was \$999,999. Two months later, in March, the median hit \$1,099,000 and never dropped back into six figures.

The December homes inventory tightened considerably.

As prices have continued to rise, the number of available homes has remained somewhat consistent over the last two years — until December 2014. The month-to-month average inventory of homes in 2014 through November was 42. In December, it bottomed out at 18.

December 2012 saw 31 homes available. In December 2013, there were 33.

A total of 11 homes were sold in December, spending an average of 17 days on the market (DOM). The DOM average was consistent with the majority of months in 2014, except for January, when sold homes were actively listed for an average of 65 days before being bought.

While the total number of homes available, as a group, always sits on the market longer than sold homes, we can see that buyers are remaining aggressive in going after the properties they consider prime deals.

With a median for-sale price jump from \$1,098,000 in December 2013 to \$1,516,500 in December 2014, it will be interesting to see if next December's prices push against — or surpass — the \$2 million mark.

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



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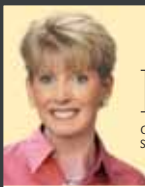


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**SARATOGA** **\$29,000,000**  
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**LOS ALTOS HILLS** **Elegant Property** **\$7,998,000**  
12190 Padre Ct 5 BR 4 BA Excellent flr plan, lots of light, his/hers walk-in closets, outdoor pergola w/kit & more  
Ron & Nasrin Delan CalBRE #01360743 650.941.7040



**PALO ALTO** **Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$5,980,000**  
251 Tennyson Ave 5 BR 5.5 BA This picture-perfect home has it all—a spacious 3-level flr plan w/a bright&light ambiance  
Terrie Masuda CalBRE #00951976 650.941.7040



**LOS ALTOS** **Sun 1 - 4** **\$3,895,000**  
761 Thorsen Ct One of a kind home awash in natural light & gorgeous land offering peace & tranquility.  
Terri Couture CalBRE #01090940 650.941.7040



**PALO ALTO** **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$2,200,000**  
672 Melville 2BD/1.5BA w/eat in kit, freshly painted interior; hardwood floors thru-out living area  
Alan & Nicki Loveless CalBRE #00444835 & 00924021 650.325.6161



**LOS ALTOS** **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 5:30** **\$2,600,000**  
141 S Gordon Way 4 BR 3 BA Situated on 13,300+sf lot, natural light fills every corner thru a multitude of skylights  
Vivi Chan CalBRE #00964958 650.941.7040



**MENLO PARK** **Sun 1 - 4** **\$1,988,000**  
1315 Trinity Exquisite 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome in prime Sharon Heights location in Menlo Park.  
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**LOS ALTOS HILLS** **Over 1 Flat Acre Lot** **\$1,985,000**  
26811 Moody Ct Over 1 flat acre only on private road across from Hidden Villa.  
Jerry Haslam CalBRE #01180022 650.941.7040



**MENLO PARK** **Sat/Sun 1 - 4** **\$1,798,000**  
1243 Hoover St 2 BR 1 BA Fantastic location! Come see this elegant, quaint bungalow on 7000sf lot (zoned R3).  
Susanne Bohl CalBRE #01430611 650.941.7040



**LOS ALTOS** **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$1,295,000**  
28 Farm Rd 2 BR 2 BA One story town house in a beautiful setting. Updated and perfectly ready to move in.  
Alexandra von der Groeben CalBRE #00857515 650.325.6161



**MOUNTAIN VIEW** **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$1,250,000**  
2461 Thaddeus Dr 3 BR 2 BA Sleek, modern upgraded Eichler w/ remod kitchen/baths, very nice yard, convenient local  
Nancy Adele Stuhr CalBRE #00963170 650.941.7040



**CUPERTINO** **By Appointment** **\$988,000**  
8121 Park Villa Circle 3 BR 2 BA One-lvl. Feels like a house! Cheerful. Yard, patio + 2 car-gar. Near 3 schools+DeAnza Clg.  
Nancy Goldcamp CalBRE #00787851 650.325.6161



**EAST PALO ALTO** **Sat/Sun 1 - 4** **\$985,000**  
2881 Drew Ct 3 BR 1 BA This unique lot meets the City's requirements for a detached 2nd dwelling unit.  
Jane Jones CalBRE #01847801 650.325.6161



**MENLO PARK** **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$928,000**  
745 12th Ave 3 BR 1 BA Open flr plan; updated kit; drought friendly front yard; mature garden in rear yard.  
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