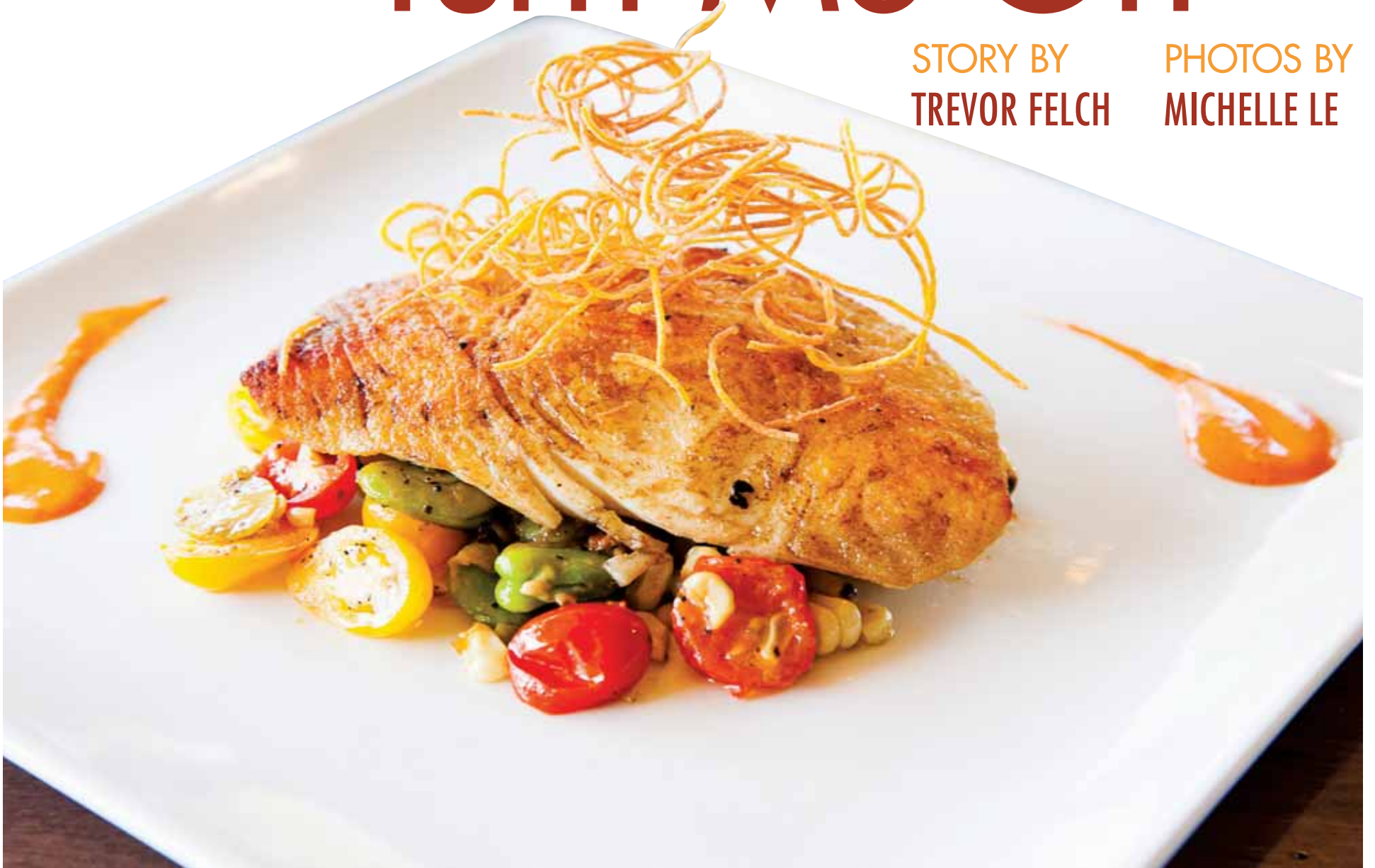


Turn Me On

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Above: Turn Bar & Grill's pan-roasted halibut is served with roasted corn, tomatoes and fava beans, a roasted pepper puree and topped with fried carrot strings.

Right: Bartender Albert Carranza mixes up a "power pom" pomegranate cocktail at the Los Altos restaurant.



■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

UPSCALE COMFORT FOOD IS HIT-AND-MISS AT TURN BAR & GRILL

Cuisines evolve over time. Still, the popularity of American comfort food gone upscale hasn't faded away since the Recession a decade ago. Remind me, how many "neighborhood bistros" with bacon-heavy plates, "Neapolitan" pizzas and spruced-up burgers are there in the Bay Area?

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Lots, but not many in quiet downtown Los Altos. It has always been hard to park at noon in Los Altos, but the area gets sleepy after sunset. There is some buzz now on Main Street when happy hour rolls around, thanks in large part to three-month-old Turn Bar & Grill.

Bacon? At Turn, it appears in mac and cheese with Gorgonzola and aged white cheddar, and also in the excellent, lunch-only chicken avocado club that curiously doesn't have the typical stacked layers of a club sandwich. Burger? Of course. Pizza? Seven different pies, but New York-style, not Naples. Fried chicken? It's the most frequently ordered item.

Turn doesn't shy away from checking off every trend of the of the moment. It goes without saying that everything at Turn is homemade, and the kitchen strives to be seasonally appropriate with fresh ingredients. All of this leads to a borderline overwhelming menu where baby lamb chops are a starter and the quinoa salad is in the same category as the burger. Bone marrow with sriracha jam, short-rib sliders, burrata with tomatoes — yes, all



The jamón ibérico pizza is topped with mozzarella, plum tomatoes and arugula.

the social media generation's greatest hits are there.

It's great to have abundant choices, especially for a restaurant geared toward being accessible to discerning eaters and to families. But as often happens in cases like this, more choices mean most dishes don't quite fulfill their potential.

The pizzas (\$14-17) from the clearly visible stone oven encapsulate exactly where

Turn is at the moment. Choices range drastically from a basic margherita to cured salmon to pork belly and figs. I was enthralled with the portobello mushroom, roasted pepper and artichoke pie that effortlessly balanced the primary toppings with the not-so-subtle additions of manchego cheese and truffle oil. Unfortunately, a pizza is only as good as its crust. The dense,

flabby texture and bland taste of Turn's need help.

Order the kale salad (\$16). Seriously. The ever-hip yoga cuisine favorite basks in its bowl with sherry vinaigrette, almonds, corn, tomatoes and grilled shrimp. Yet it falls in the no-man's land of being too small for an entree salad with just three little shrimp,

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DINING NOTES

Turn Bar & Grill

295 Main St., Los Altos
650-559-8876
turnbarandgrill.com

Hours:

Lunch daily:
11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Dinner:

Mon.–Thu. 4–10 p.m.,
Fri.–Sat. 4–11 p.m.

Credit Cards ✓

Reservations ✓

Take-out orders ✓

Catering ✓

Parking Street and lots nearby

Outdoor seating Yes, around 20 seats

Alcohol Full bar

Wheelchair access Ramp at Main St. door

Noise Level Loud at dinner, moderate at lunch

Bathroom Cleanliness Very clean

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Striking Custom Home with Updated Amenities

Offering truly remarkable views that reach San Francisco Bay, this custom-built 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home of 4,742 sq. ft. (per seller) features a hillside lot of 4.7 acres (per seller) and seamlessly blends Mid-Century Modern design with spacious living areas, original features, and updated amenities. The striking interior is outfitted with walls of glass, high ceilings, skylights, and dual-zone heating and cooling, while fine, light-filled spaces include a living/dining room ensemble with a fireplace, an airy master suite, and an immense bonus room. Fine features include a wine cellar, a large home office, and an oversized three-car garage, while outdoor highlights include a Zen-inspired gravel court and an expansive wraparound deck with a barbecue. Within this home's scenic Skywood setting, you will be just minutes from popular local attractions like Alice's Restaurant. Thornewood Open Space Preserve and Wunderlich County Park are also close by and provide inviting trails. Excellent schools include Ormondale Elementary (API 923), Corte Madera Middle (API 937), and Woodside High (buyer to verify eligibility).

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Noise levels can get high at dinner time but are generally comfortable during lunch at Turn Bar & Grill.

REVIEW

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yet a bit too substantial for a starter. An ahi tuna poke (\$16) small plate boasts gorgeous diced ruby-hued fish begging for more seasoning next to a pool of wasabi sauce. The sauce is needed, but it's too ferocious even for most spice-lovers.

Entrees come with the same mixed results. The braised short ribs (\$26) cry out for a robust supporting element, though a garnish of Gorgonzola helps a little. The lone fish entree, Alaskan halibut (\$34) is perfectly cooked, the accompanying red pepper puree serviceable but the dollop of corn-tomato-fava bean succotash too skimpy to play much of a role.

And no, that price is not a misprint. The halibut is priced in the big leagues with some seriously ambitious kitchens around the Bay Area. Interestingly, the same halibut, sans succotash, is \$19 at lunch.

For sweets, a chocolate ganache tartlet was irresistible with a sprinkle of sea salt, while the berry cobbler reminded me too vividly of the mundane pizza crust (Salt! Sugar! Something to give flavor!).

Drinks are also a weakness. The standard California wines, familiar cocktails and vaguely interesting craft beers are the type that would have been exciting a decade ago. Apparently, the cocktail menu is getting a revamp soon, as is the food menu with a new chef, Mark Laverty, taking over this week.

Despite the initial menu missteps, the place fulfills the vision of husband-and-wife owners Jim and Julie Otis. Jim is a lifelong Los Altos resident who has been involved with the restaurant industry for years, while Julie works in the high-tech sector. Turn really is the all-ages gathering spot for good times that the couple intended to create. Everyone is having fun.

It gets loud at prime time in the 135-seat space with numerous wood elements and high ceilings. Conversation mixes with noise from the plasma TVs flanking the lively horseshoe-shaped bar. There are even TVs in the bathroom so you don't miss a pitch. The primary dining room boasts a warehouse-industrial character: bare black tables, comfortable leather booths, and dangling Edison lights. Locals may hardly recognize that this is the former A.G. Ferrari Italian market. For lunch or a rare balmy evening, or if you're freezing (as I was on every visit, due to the powerful air conditioning), the patio seating on Main Street can't be beat.

Servers pace meals well, quickly offer recommendations when asked and were kind enough to offer a free iced tea when the kitchen was closed by dessert time at lunch.

Turn Bar & Grill won't transform Los Altos into an international dining destination, but with a bit of attentive adaptation in the kitchen, it could become a neighborhood favorite for years to come. ▀

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MOVIE OPENINGS



FOUR IN A BILLION PICTURES

An Indian-American agrees to let his parents find him a bride.

'Meet' market

DOC GOES INSIDE INDIAN-AMERICAN MATCHMAKING

★★★ (Aquarius)

Single and pushing 30, Ravi Patel is feeling the heat from his parents to marry and provide grandchildren. His parents are an arranged-marriage success story, and they cajole him to give that Indian tradition a try. Okay, "cajole" isn't quite the right word ... more like "berate." Ravi's sister Geeta does what any loving sibling does: she grabs the nearest camera and starts recording. Thanks to her, America gets a chance to "Meet the Patels" in a documentary that superficially resembles reality TV, but for being warmly personable and heartfelt.

At the story's outset, angst

actor Ravi is already tired of his parents' nagging, but they're beginning to get through to him. He doesn't see the future in his long-term relationship with red-haired Audrey, whom he has long kept a secret from his parents Vasant and Champa. He's always seen himself settling down with a nice Indian girl, though he has yet to find one in the L.A. dating scene. As soon as he starts showing signs of weakness to the idea (in the wake of breaking it off with Audrey), Ravi's parents pounce, promising he can leave it to them to take care of everything.

And so begins an often hilari-

ous journey through the world of Indian and Indian-American matchmaking. A family trip to the homeland fizzles, but Vasant and Champa put their trust in the "biodata" system, an international database of eligible Indians that offers up plenty of potential matches. Like a thoroughbred being put through his paces, Ravi gets entered into date after date, some more promising than others.

Vasant is a wisecracking machine, a font of hilarious viewpoints and practical philosophies, while Champa, if a hair quieter, is hardly a bottler. The two make world-classes noodges, playful bickerers and a demonstrably great team: proof that arranged marriages can work like a charm. And although the laughs come fast and furious, "Patels" avoids the pitfall of being obviously canned, rigged or staged.

It's also to the film's credit that it doesn't shy away from Ravi's feelings on racial and cultural identity in variations on self-nurturing pride and squirming embarrassment. Discomfort is the movie's bread and butter (or, rather, nan and ghee), and it's here in just enough proportion to give this light romantic-comedy-style doc — a crowd-pleaser if ever there was one — some satisfying substance.

Rated PG for thematic elements, brief suggestive images and incidental smoking. One hour, 28 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

An important, inspiring story

'HE NAMED ME MALALA' IS NOT WELL TOLD

★★ 1/2 (Palo Alto Square, Century 20)

According to folklore, an Afghan woman named Malala rallied fleeing Pashtun fighters back into battle and to victory against British invaders in 1880. Like her namesake in the animated sequence that opens director Davis Guggenheim's documentary, Malala Yousafzai is a rousing activist. The youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize found her voice as a teenager, using powerful words to speak out against the Taliban.

Targeted and shot in the head for advocating that females everywhere have the right to an education, the Pakistani heroine not only survived the October 2012 attack in her native Swat Valley but also continues to personify the lesson of the parable: "It is better to live like a lion for one day than to live like a slave for one hundred years."

Whenever Malala speaks, the



FOX SEARCHLIGHT

A documentary traces the inspiring story of activist Malala Yousafzai.

nonfiction film soars. If only the director of "An Inconvenient Truth" and "Waiting for Superman" had found a storytelling approach of equal eloquence.

Guggenheim constructs a character portrait, painting his incredible subject in very different types of strokes. Crisp news footage contrasts with out-of-focus, over-exposed reenactments. Interviews offer a more objective perspective than the voice-over narration provided

by Malala and her father, Ziauddin. Events do not unfold in chronological order. As a result, the narrative lacks drive and the film seems long and repetitive.

Nevertheless, the many faces of Malala emerge: smart, wise beyond her years, loving, playful, funny, fearless and a fighter. At the same time, it's clear she's also an ordinary girl who has risen to accomplish the extraordinary, whether recovering from the injuries that left her with some

MOVIE TIMES

Oklahoma! (1955) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m., Sun 3 p.m.

99 Homes (R) Century 20: 11:35 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:50 & 10:30 p.m.

Black Mass (R) ★★★1/2

Century 16: 1:15 & 7:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:05 a.m. & 10:40 p.m., Fri & Sat 2 p.m., Fri & Sun 4:55 & 7:50 p.m.

Bolshoi Ballet: Giselle (Not Rated) Century 20: Sun 12:55 p.m.

Everest (PG-13)

Century 16: 1:45 & 7:45 p.m. In 3-D at 10:45 a.m., 4:45 & 10:40 p.m. Century 20: 10:50 a.m., 4:40 & 10:25 p.m. In 3-D at 1:50 & 7:35 p.m.

Fox Sports 1 Presents: USA vs. Mexico (Not Rated)

Century 16: Sat 6:30 p.m. Century 20: Sat 6:30 p.m.

Grandma (R) ★★★ Guild Theatre: 1, 3, 5, 7:15 & 9:30 p.m.

He Named Me Malala (PG-13) ★★★1/2 Century 20: 11 a.m., 1:20, 3:40, 6, 8:20 & 10:40 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 1, 2:20, 3:30, 4:40, 5:50, 7 & 8:10 p.m., Fri & Sat 9:20 & 10:25 p.m.

Hotel Transylvania 2 (PG) Century 16: 9:05, 9:55 & 11:25 a.m., 12:15, 1:55, 2:45, 4:35, 5:15, 7:05, 7:50, 9:30 & 10:15 p.m. In 3-D at 10:35 a.m., Fri & Sun 6:15 & 8:40 p.m., Sat 1:05 & 3:35 p.m., Sun 3:45 p.m. Century 20: 10:40 & 11:30 a.m., 1:05, 1:55, 3:30, 4:20, 5:55, 6:50 & 9:15 p.m. In 3-D at 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40 & 10:05 p.m.

The Intern (PG-13) ★★ Century 16: 10:05 a.m., 1:20, 4:20, 7:20 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 12:35, 6:30, 7:45 & 10:35 p.m., Fri & Sat 2 & 4:50 p.m., Sun 4:55 p.m.

Ladrones (PG-13) Century 16: 9:30 a.m., noon, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 8 & 10:40 p.m.

The Martian (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 10:40 a.m., 3:40, 5:20, 7:50 & 8:40 p.m., Fri & Sat 12:01 a.m., Sat & Sun 2 p.m. In 3-D at 9, 9:50 & 11:30 a.m., 12:20, 1:10, 2:50, 4:30, 6:10, 7, 9:30 & 10:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:20 p.m.

Century 20: 10:35 a.m., 1:45, 4:55, 6:35, 8:10 & 9:50 p.m. In 3-D at 11:15 a.m., noon, 2:30, 3:15, 5:50 & 9:05 p.m. In X-D 3-D at 12:50, 4:05, 7:20 & 10:35 p.m. In 3-D D-BOX at 11:15 a.m., 2:30, 5:50 & 9:05 p.m.

Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials (PG-13) Century 16: 10:10 a.m., 4:20 & 10:40 p.m. Century 20: 1, 4:10, 7:25 & 10:30 p.m.

Meet the Patels (PG) ★★★

Aquarius Theatre: 2:30, 5, 7:30 & 9:55 p.m.

Monty Python and the Holy Grail (1975): Quote-Along (PG)

Century 16: Sun 2 p.m. Century 20: Sun 2 p.m.

Pan (PG)

Century 16: 9 & 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5:30 & 8:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:15 p.m. In 3-D at 10 a.m., 1, 4, 7 & 10 p.m. Century 20: 10:55 a.m., 1:40, 4:25, 7:10 & 9:55 p.m. In 3-D at 12:15, 3, 5:40 & 8:30 p.m. In 3-D D-BOX at 12:15, 3, 5:40 & 8:30 p.m.

Pawn Sacrifice (PG-13) ★★1/2 Aquarius Theatre: 2 & 7:10 p.m.

Rudrama Devi (Not Rated)

Century 16: 6:45 p.m. In 3-D at 11:15 a.m., 3 & 10:25 p.m.

Sicario (R) Century 16: 10:20 a.m., 1:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 10:10 p.m., Fri 11:15 p.m.

Century 20: 2:10, 3:35, 5:05, 7:55, 9:25 & 10:45 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:20 a.m.

Sleeping with Other People (R) ★★1/2

Aquarius Theatre: 4:40 & 9:40 p.m.

The Visit (PG-13) Century 20: 8:15 & 10:45 p.m.

The Walk (PG) Century 16: 1:20 & 7:25 p.m. In 3-D at 10:15 a.m., 4:25 & 10:35 p.m. Century 20: 12:10, 3:05, 6 & 9 p.m. In 3-D at 10:45 a.m., 1:35, 4:35, 7:30 & 10:25 p.m.

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CINEARTS AT PALO ALTO SQUARE: 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (493-3456)

STANFORD THEATRE: 221 University Ave., Palo Alto (324-3700)

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★ Skip it

★★ Some redeeming qualities

★★★ A good bet

★★★★ Outstanding

For show times, plot synopses, trailers and more movie info, visit www.mv-voice.com and click on movies.



facial paralysis and hearing loss, inspiring school girls in Kenya or addressing the United Nations.

Her father may have named her Malala, but she clearly chose the life that she leads. Despite the shortcomings of Guggenheim's storytelling, teens should see this film to learn the power of

an education and the difference one courageous person can make to change the world — turning history into "herstory" and our stories in the process.

Rated PG-13 for thematic elements involving disturbing images and threats. One hour, 27 minutes.

— Susan Tavernetti

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MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

■ HIGHLIGHT

‘PROOF’

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley will present the contemporary drama “Proof,” the compelling tale of a faded mathematical genius and his brilliant but troubled daughter seeking recognition in the male-dominated world of science. See website for specific times and dates. There will be no Oct. 27 show. Oct. 7-Nov. 1. \$19-\$80; discounts available for teachers, seniors and ages 30 and under. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.theatreworks.org

ART GALLERIES

‘Heirloom’ The show “Heirloom” will share paintings and mixed-media works by Bryan Keith Thomas that celebrate the black experience through historic symbols such as cotton, roses, and African and African-American imagery. See website for facility hours. Monday-Saturday, Oct. 9-Nov. 22. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Mohr Gallery, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm

‘Wild Things’ In the exhibit “Wild Things,” nationally known artist Rita Sklar will share her recent water-media paintings portraying vanishing birds and other wildlife from the Bay Area and beyond. Oct. 13-Dec. 7, center hours. Free. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 510-531-1404. www.ritasklar.com

Paintings by Naomi Mindelzun Gallery 9 Los Altos has on display selected works by Palo Alto artist Naomi Mindelzun. Her pieces use a variety of surfaces and materials to capture organic structures that inspire her. Sept. 29-Oct. 31, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. Call 650-326-1053. gallery9losaltos.com

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Castro and Mistral Elementary School Walkathon The annual Castro and Mistral Elementary School Walkathon and Silent Auction will offer children in kindergarten to fifth grade the chance to help raise money for building improvements, supplies and enrichment programs at their schools. Oct. 9, 2-5 p.m. Free. Castro and Mistral elementary schools, 505 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-224-8231. mistral.mvwsd.org/en/programs/annual-events/walkathon-and-silent-auction/

Harvest Craft Faire Sponsored by the Los Altos United Methodist Women, the Harvest Craft Faire will present a large selection of high-quality handmade items from 55 artisans. There will be also be garden and gourmet shops, homemade pies, vintage collectibles and small antiques. Snacks and lunch will be sold each day at the Harvest Cafe. The event will benefit local charities. Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Oct. 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free admission. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-948-2044. www.facebook.com/harvestcraftfaire

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Alzheimer’s Friendly Business Training Home Instead Senior Care is offering free trainings for local businesses on how to reduce feelings of isolation among individuals and families dealing with Alzheimer’s disease. Visit the website or call for more information. Monday-Friday, Oct. 1-31, 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Home Instead Senior Care, 883 N. Shoreline Blvd., A100, Mountain View. Call 650-265-4118. www.homeinstead.com/168/about-us/home-instead-team

Annual Caregiver Conference Avenidas will present its 12th annual Caregiver Conference, giving support and inspiration to caregivers. Industry experts and legal and medical professionals will be on hand, and attendees can participate in dynamic group sessions. Lunch will be provided. Oct. 17, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$45. Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center, 266 and 270 Escuela Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-5435. avenidas.org

Drop-In Bike Clinic Professional bike mechanic Ryan Murphy will be available at the Dero Fixit station to give advice and help community members work on their bikes. He can assist with changing a tire, adjusting shifting and brakes, identifying mysterious noises and more. All ages are welcome. Oct. 17, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7035. goo.gl/zfy4GN

Health care programs orientation The Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School will hold a workshop for those interested in health care careers, providing information on the certified nursing assistant and medical assistant paths and the programs offered by the school. Online registration is requested. Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. www.mvlaae.net

Water-Wise Color Palette class This Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) class will suggest ways to add pleasing, year-round color to a home garden with drought-tolerant plants — including shrubs, grasses, trees and flowers. Oct. 14, 6-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-349-3000. www.bawasca.org/classes

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday Nights @ CHM This weekly block party-style event brings together the Silicon Valley community for innovative cuisine provided by Off the Grid, live music and activities for all ages. Fridays, Sept. 28-Oct. 30, 5-9 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.computerhistory.org

Lego Day This monthly event at the Mountain View Public Library will allow community members to build creatively with Lego blocks. From 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., adults can relax with each other while enjoying lunch and Lego construction. From 1:30-2:30, all ages will be able to join in the fun. No registration is required, and the library will provide the blocks. Oct. 15, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6882. goo.gl/tnm4hE

CONCERTS

Alice Gerrard and the Piedmont Melody Makers At this Redwood Bluegrass Associates-sponsored event, Alice Gerrard and the Piedmont Melody Makers will serve some old-time bluegrass, honky-tonk and country music.

Grammy-nominated Gerrard is a recognized artist in the country-bluegrass-Americana community. Oct. 17, 7:30-10 p.m. \$20 advance; \$25 at the door; half-price for teens, students; free for under age 13, music students. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. Call 650-793-0720. rba.org

Bodhi Tree Concerts North: ‘Reimagining Standards’ At this event benefiting Family Giving Tree, Grammy-winning jazz saxophonist and composer Aaron Lington will lead a quartet of talented Bay Area musicians in performing new spins on old songs. Oct. 9, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$25. Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto. Call 415-298-0137. www.btcnorth.org

Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra concert in Los Altos Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra will kick off its 50th Anniversary Season with a program conducted by David Ramadanoff, including Respighi’s “Trittico Botticelliano”; Glazunov’s Violin Concerto, featuring violinist Emma Steele; and Beethoven’s Symphony No. 5. Oct. 18, 2:30-4:30 p.m. \$15-\$25; free for children. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-208-4159. www.mastersinfonia.org

ENVIRONMENT

California Native Plant Sale This sale at Hidden Villa Ranch will offer a variety of different species of California native plants well-suited for local gardens and wildlife. Experts will also be available to talk about lawn alternatives such as native perennials, wildflowers and grasses. Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. www.cnps-scv.org

EXHIBITS

‘Rough Around the Edges’ The exhibit “Rough Around the Edges: Inspirations in Paper” presents the work of Ronni Jolles, who uses layered paper, acrylic paint and sealants to create dimensional painting-like pieces. See website for daily schedule. Aug. 26-Dec. 7. Free. Goldman Sports & Wellness Complex and Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/rough-around-the-edges

Fine art photography by Immaculada Del Castillo Ditzel The Town of Los Altos Hills is hosting a free exhibit of fine art photography and paintings by Immaculada Del Castillo Ditzel, who uses unconventional methods and materials to present careful displays of everyday objects. Monday-Friday, Sept. 7-March, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Free. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-941-7222. www.losaltoshills.ca.gov

Silicon Valley Home Tours Hosted by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Santa Clara Valley Chapter, this self-guided tour will showcase four new homes designed by AIA residential architects. The architects will be on hand at each of the locations. Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$49 member; \$69 nonmember. Private homes, addresses provided upon registration, Palo Alto and Los Altos. Call 408-298-0611. aiascv.org/?page=HomeTours

FAMILY AND KIDS

Author Doug Jantzen with ‘Henry Hyena’ Doug Jantzen will share his cute, award-winning picture book “Henry Hyena,” about a hyena whose friend helps him learn to laugh again. The story is best suited for ages 4 to 7. Oct. 11, 2-3 p.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com/events-2/linden-tree-events

Author Sherri L. Smith on ‘The Toymaker’s Apprentice’ Author Sherri L. Smith will share her middle grade book debut with a beautifully imagined retelling of “The Nutcracker” that combines history and fantasy. The event is best suited for ages 10 and up. Oct. 17, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com/events-2/linden-tree-events

Mathnasium TriMathlon Mathnasium of Mountain View-Los Altos will host its fifth annual TriMathlon, allowing second to fifth graders to demonstrate their math skills. Those interested should visit the website to register. Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Mathnasium of Mountain

View-Los Altos, 2510 W. El Camino Real, #4, Mountain View. Call 650-941-6284. www.mathnasiumtrimathlon.com

Opera For Families During this educational experience designed to excite young people about opera, two singers and a pianist will give a performance, offer explanations, and lead role-playing games and exercises exploring different aspects of opera. Oct. 17, 10:30 a.m.-noon. \$8 member, J-Pass holder; \$10 general; free for children under age 2. Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/Events/opera-for-families

Sheila Turnage on ‘The Odds of Getting Even’ Sheila Turnage, Newbery Honor-winning author of “Three Times Lucky,” will make one of only two West Coast stops on her national book tour to talk about the newest book in her Tupelo Landing series, “The Odds of Getting Even.” The event is best suited for ages 8 to 12. Oct. 14, 4-5:30 p.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com/events-2/linden-tree-events/

FILM

‘REEL ROCK 10’ Part of a film series now in its 10th year, “REEL ROCK 10” will share stories of vertical climbing action from the past year. Featured athletes will include Tommy Caldwell, Kevin Jorgeson and Alex Honnold. Oct. 12, 7-9 p.m. \$20. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 303-593-0600. reelrocktour.com

Le French Film Club: Cinema du Mois For its Cinema du Mois, the Le French Film Club will screen “Ridicule,” a film by Patrice Leconte with Fanny Ardant. It will be shown on a large screen, with subtitles. Oct. 9, 8-9:45 p.m. \$15. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, Second Stage, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-380-6932. www.lefrenchfilmclub.org

Silicon Valley African Film Festival The sixth annual Silicon Valley African Film Festival will showcase feature films, shorts and animations made by Africa’s veteran and emerging filmmakers. There will also be live performances, opening and closing/awards ceremonies, the African Market and the Innovate Africa Tech Forum. See website for the full schedule. Oct. 16-18. \$20-\$50. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.svaff.org

UNAFF International Documentary Film Festival Over the course of 10 days, the 18th United Nations Association Film Festival will bring documentary films dealing with human rights issues, the environment, racism, women’s issues, education, war and peace to venues in East Palo Alto, Palo Alto, San Francisco and Stanford University. This year’s theme is “Running out of Time.” See website for the full schedule and specific locations. Oct. 15-25. \$10 one film session (2-3 hours). Various local venues, East Palo Alto, Palo Alto and Stanford. www.unaff.org

HEALTH

‘Wireless Technology and Public Health’ UC Berkeley Professor of Public Health Joel Moskowitz and other scientists will discuss the recent call by international scientists for safer wireless radiation standards. Links to autism, cancer and infertility; effects on wildlife; cellphone safety; and Wi-Fi precautions will also be discussed. Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$12. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.mountainview.gov/depts/csmvcpa/subsite/events/wireless_technology_and_public_health.asp

FOOD AND DRINK

Brew Your Own Kombucha This course offered by Anne Marie Bonneau will cover the benefits of kombucha, the necessary equipment, and successful and safe conditions. Students can taste samples of kombucha and other fermented foods made by the instructor, and they will take home a jar of kombucha and a symbiotic colony of bacteria and yeast (SCOBY). Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-noon. \$75. Private home, address provided upon registration, Mountain View. Call 650-450-8205. zerowastechef.com/register/

Ginger Beer Workshop This course offered by Anne Marie Bonneau covers the method for

brewing ginger beer, necessary equipment, and successful and safe conditions. Students can taste ginger beer and other fermented foods made by the instructor, and they will take home a bottle of ginger beer and a jar of ginger bug starter. Oct. 10, 2-4 p.m. \$75. Private home, address provided upon registration, Mountain View. Call 650-450-8205. zerowastechef.com/register/

Hazon Farm To Table Food Fest The Oshman Family JCC will host a day focusing on food, sustainability and Jewish life, offering cooking demonstrations, tastings and samples from local providers, and more. Children can also meet farm animals and go to stations to make butter and braid Challah. Calafia Cafe’s Chef Charlie Ayers will give a talk and demonstration. UC Master Gardeners will also have an information table. Oct. 18, 2-5 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 408-282-3105. mastergardeners.org/scchtml

ON STAGE

‘Chaos Theory’ EnActe will offer a production of “Chaos Theory,” a fast-paced, avant-garde romp full of intellectual shenanigans written by recognized Indian comedian Anuvab Pal. Oct. 9, 8-9:30 p.m.; Oct. 10, 2-3:30 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.; Oct. 11, 2-3:30 p.m. See website for pricing. Cubberley Community Theater, 4000 Middlefield Road, Suite T2, Palo Alto. Call 650-619-6699. www.enacte.org

West Bay Opera: Verdi’s ‘Rigoletto’ West Bay Opera will stage “Rigoletto” by Giuseppe Verdi, a tragic story about a court jester who seeks revenge after his daughter is caught up in debauchery at the court of Mantua. The performances are fully staged, with a chorus and orchestra. Oct. 16 and 24, 8 p.m.; Oct. 18 and 25, 2 p.m. \$40-\$83. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-424-9999. www.wbopera.org

SENIORS

Alzheimer’s Updates Gerontologist Elna Tymes will discuss new developments in Alzheimer’s disease research, as well as ways to temporarily stall the disease. Oct. 15, 1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov/seniors

LECTURES & TALKS

‘Easy-to-Grow and Drought-Tolerant Native Plants’ Nancy McClenny, whose Palo Alto garden has been showcased for three years in the Going Native Garden Tour, will provide info on native trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals that are easy to grow in the home garden and require less water. Oct. 15, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.cnps-scv.org

A Virtual Talk with Tamora Pierce This Library Talks event, which brings favorite authors to the Mountain View Public Library via video conferencing, will feature Tamora Pierce, author of “The Song of the Lioness” and “The Immortals” quartets. Oct. 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6887. www.mountainview.gov/library

Scott Yundt on nuclear exposure issues For the next Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum, Scott Yundt — staff attorney at Tri-Valley CAREs, a Livermore based nonprofit that monitors the activities of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and the U.S. nuclear weapons complex — will describes his work examining worker exposure issues and the nuclear weapons budget. Oct. 13, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. \$12 lunch. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. tlan.greens.org/TASC.shtml

TEEN ACTIVITIES

‘College on Your Mind?’ Girls Innovate! will hold a mixer and fireside chat with Dora Norwood, senior assistant director of admissions at Yale University, who will answer any questions students have about college. Oct. 9, 6:15-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.girlsinnovate.org

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Landlord's bedbug waiver bites; disabled tenant needs co-signer

Edited by Anky van Deursen

Is lease's bedbug addendum legal?

Q I have lived in my apartment for just over three months and I thought everything was going well until last week. That is when I started noticing itchy bumps on my body in the morning. When I showed them to my friend, he told me I had bedbugs. When I contacted my manager and showed her the bites on my arms, she refused to accept responsibility and produced a "Bedbug Addendum" that I had signed as part of my lease. She said that this addendum completely waived my right to hold the management responsible for any bedbug problem. Then she said I would have to pay for professional extermination services at my own expense.

Does this Bedbug Addendum relieve my landlord of all responsibility for my bedbug infestation? I have had a positive relationship with my on-site manager. She doesn't complain if I am a day late with rent and she previously arranged to have my leaking sink fixed. However, the bedbug bites combined with a huge potential extermination bill is really stressing me.

A A landlord has a duty to provide habitable premises to all tenants including you. Under California Civil Code 1953, a tenant cannot be required to waive the landlord's duty of habitability, regardless of whether the purported waiver is incorporated in the rental agreement. California Civil Code section 1941.1 includes rental premises free from "rodents" and "vermin" within the landlord's duty of habitability. In our opinion, bedbugs fall squarely within the definition of vermin.

On the other hand, tenants also have duties, including the duty to report habitability problems promptly, so that bigger and more expensive problems can be avoided. The tenant also has a duty to avoid causing the habitability problem. Therefore, if you brought the bedbugs into the unit or you noticed the infestation and delayed report-



ing it, you could be held responsible for the infestation. You should read this addendum to your rental agreement very carefully. If the language purports to waive any of the duties imposed on the landlord under California law, it should not be enforceable. If the language merely reflects your legal responsibility and that of the landlord as outlined above, it is "legal" but it cannot be used to assert a waiver of the landlord's duty to you.

Given your manager's response to your complaint, make sure you have stated your complaint in writing and reference the date you verbally notified her, in order to document that you met your duty of notice, and in the same writing, request that landlord honor its duty to promptly remedy the infestation. If she continues to refuse, contact your local fair housing or mediation program, or Project Sentinel.

Disabled tenant needs co-signer?

Q I was severely injured in a car accident. As a result, I am in a lot of pain and unable to work. Social Security accepted my claim and I now receive disability payments on a monthly basis. Unfortunately, this is my only income and I am on a very tight budget.

I recently began looking for a new, cheaper rental unit, but have encountered a problem. Most property owners require tenants to earn at least three times the monthly rent. Because of my inability to work due to my disability, there is no way I can meet this standard.

I've asked a few owners if my mother, who is much better off financially, could co-sign for me, but they've all said that they have a policy against co-signers. I'm afraid I'm not going to find a new apartment. Am I entitled to a co-signer? Is there anything I can do?

A Both federal and state Fair Housing laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability. As part of

this prohibition, housing providers are required to grant prospective and in-place tenants reasonable accommodations when requested. According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a reasonable accommodation is a change to a policy, practice or service that is necessary to afford persons with disabilities an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling.

Based on your situation, it appears that the only reason you do not meet the minimum income requirement is because you are disabled and limited to your Social Security disability income as a result. While the housing provider does not have

to waive his minimum income requirement, you can ask him to waive his co-signer policy for you as a reasonable accommodation. This is because your disability is directly tied to your income level. Waiving the co-signer policy would therefore give you equal access to the apartment of your choice. Having a co-signer provides assurance to the landlord that you will be able to pay the rent, which is the housing provider's fundamental reason for having a minimum income requirement.

Please note that the housing provider can place the same requirements on your co-signer that he would if she were an

actual prospective tenant. This means that you and your co-signer must jointly meet the owner's income requirement, and that you may both need to undergo a credit check. The property owner has no obligation to accept a financially unstable co-signer.

Project Sentinel provides landlord-tenant dispute resolution and fair-housing services in Northern California, including rental housing mediation programs in Mountain View, Los Altos and Palo Alto. Call 650-856-4062 for dispute resolution or 650-321-6291 for fair housing, email info@housing.org, or visit housing.org.

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Mountain View home prices up 28 percent since January

By Hadar Guibara

The median price of single-family homes in Mountain View has surged this year from \$1,394,000 in January to \$1,787,500 in August, a gain of 28 percent. Monthly price increases have happened in all but one of the seven months in this time period.

Here's a look at the price trajectory since January.

- Jan.: \$1,394,000
- Feb.: \$1,505,000
- March: \$1,525,000
- April: \$1,835,000
- May: \$1,860,000
- June: \$1,870,000
- July: \$1,565,000
- Aug.: \$1,787,500

The average monthly median price for the first eight months of this year was \$1,667,688. Compare this to the first eight months of 2014, when the monthly average was \$1,424,318.

Across the last two years, the price peaked with the \$1,870,000 recorded in June; the lowest price for Mountain View homes in the last 24 months was \$1,100,000, which happened in September 2013. This represents a 70 percent gain in price over the two distinct months.

Days on the market are averaging under three weeks



Even with the escalating cost of homes, it's still a strong seller's market. Multiple offers are the norm, and many sellers are moving into escrow after listing periods that are amazingly short, even by Silicon Valley standards.

In July, the average days on the market for sold homes here was 29, which, when you look at the string of figures for other recent months, was virtually an exercise in heel-dragging. Aside from July, not one month since May 2014 saw sold homes sit on the market for more than 18 days.

From May 2014 through August of this year, the average days on the market for sold Mountain View homes was 15.1.

Slight rise in MSI

Though homes are selling fast, the overall inventory has been inching upwards over the last few months. Months' Supply of Inventory (MSI) tells the length of time it would take to deplete the homes inventory in a given month based on the current sales pace and assuming no new properties appeared on the market.

In August, the MSI in Mountain View was 1.0, or a single month. Prior to that, it hit a two-year low of 0.5 in both March and April, before climbing to 0.6 in May, 0.7 in June and 0.8 in July.

A rise in inventory levels, however, likely won't do a lot to slow down the pace of sales as long as Mountain View is considered a prime area for property investment and residential living.

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



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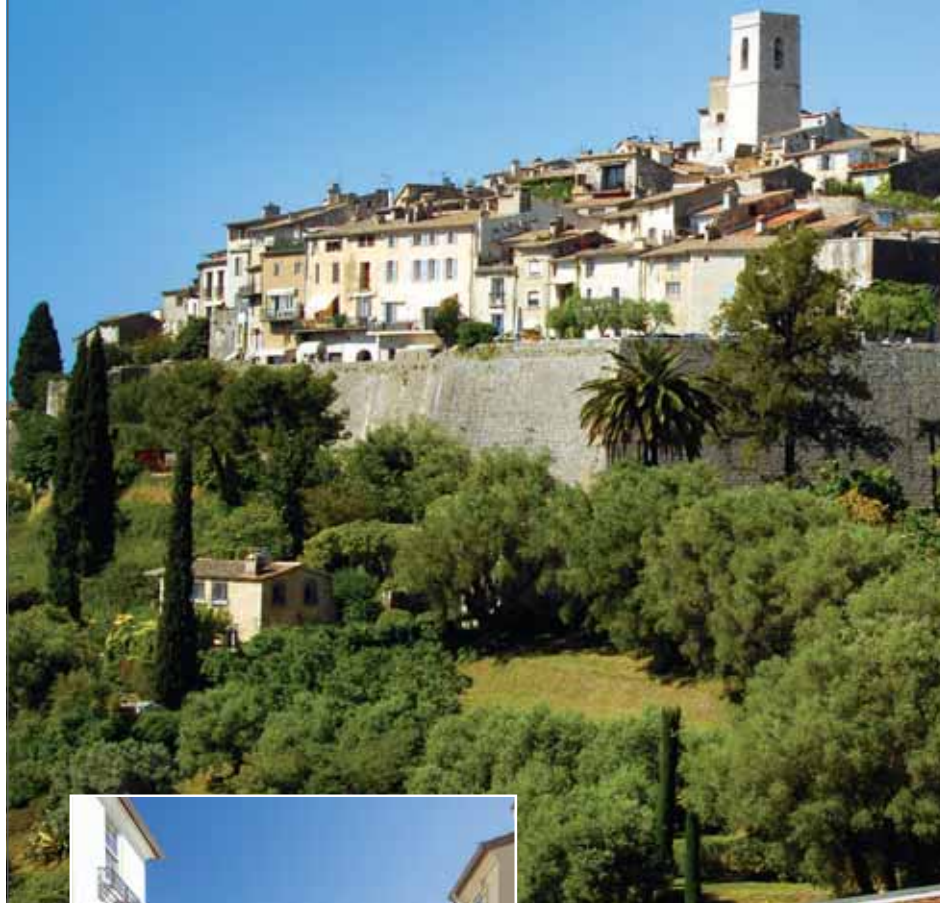
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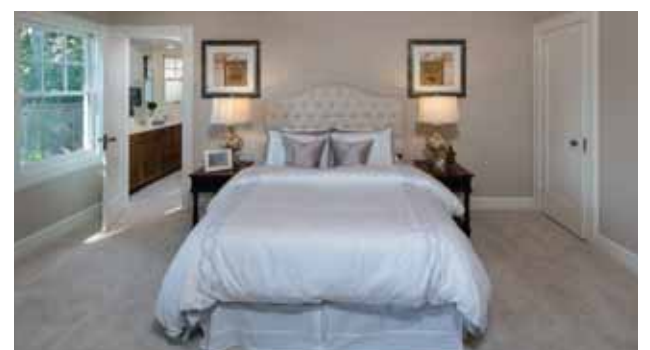
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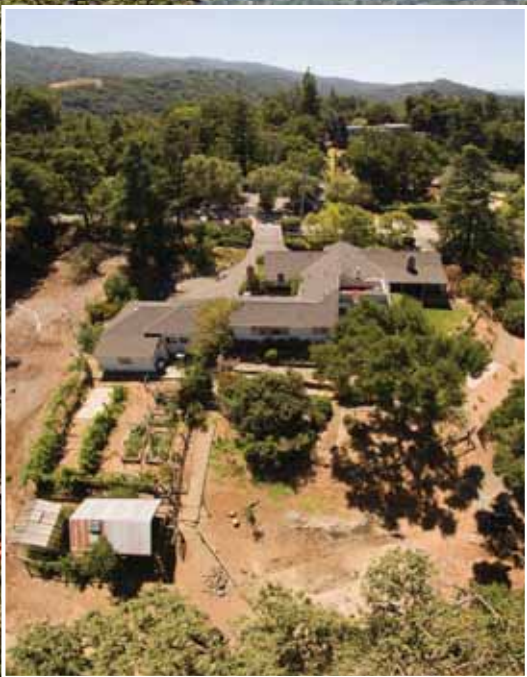
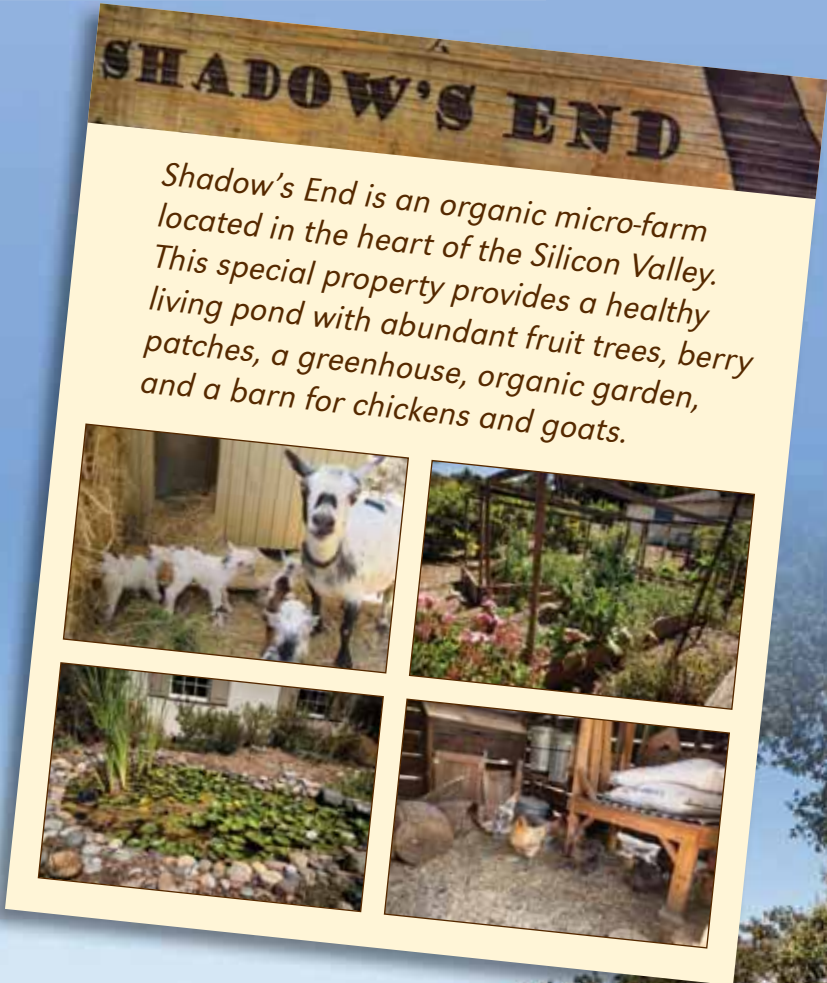
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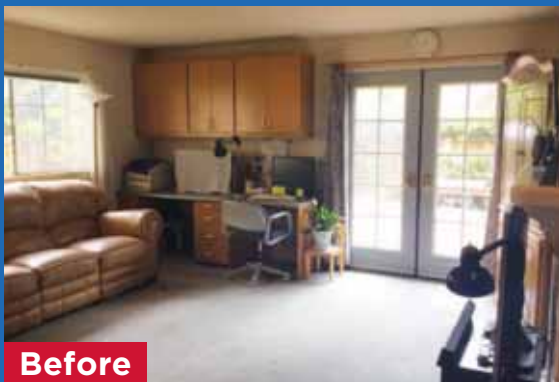
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