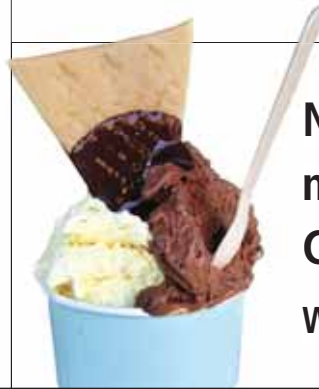


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Moises, a YMCA member, checks out Boys and Girls Club member Terell in his space suit during the recent Zero Robotics final competition for middle schoolers at NASA Ames. See the story and more photos on Page 12.

Bridging the digital divide

INTERNET ACCESS A GROWING ISSUE FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS

By Kevin Forestieri

Computers and mobile devices are turning into a staple school supply for kids in the Bay Area. The new requirement for all Los Altos High School students to bring a laptop or Chromebook to school every day indicates schools here in Mountain View are no exception.

But there are growing concerns that students from low-income families are going to get left behind because of internet access. As assignments require students to work on them online, and turn homework in online, internet access is becoming more

and more of an essential to academic success.

Last year, the Pew Research Center published a survey of over 2,400 teachers that looked into how internet access affects education. The survey showed that 92 percent of teachers say the internet has a “major impact” on students’ ability to access content, resources and materials for teaching. But only 18 percent of the teachers said all or almost all of their students have access to the digital tools they need at home.

Poor internet access disproportionately affects low-income and minority families as well.

According to a 2013 report by the Public Policy Institute of California, only 53 percent of households with an income under \$40,000 have access to broadband internet, compared with 92 percent for households with an income over \$80,000. The report also showed that 52 percent of Latino families have access to broadband internet, compared with 81 percent of white families.

The Mountain View Whisman School District has taken significant steps to bring more digital devices into the classroom to

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Census numbers show Mountain View’s staggering job growth

By Daniel DeBolt

Given how rising housing prices and commuter traffic are causing serious problems for many, tracking the city’s job growth has become a big deal to City Council members and City Council candidates. And how alarming the jobs-housing imbalance sounds may depend on your data source.

Council candidate Lenny Siegel has been sounding the alarm about the worsening “environmental and social disaster” that is being caused by unrestrained job growth in the area without adequate plans for housing growth, a combination that’s driving up housing prices, traffic and pollution. He says job growth may have already passed the predictions included in the city’s 2030 general plan, created two years ago.

A city-hired economist projected 80,800 total jobs by 2030, but Siegel points to the latest U.S. Census numbers that show the city already had 66,768 in 2011 and 74,949 in 2012. The lowest over the decade since the dot-com bust was 53,261 jobs in 2004.

“If the increase between 2011 and 2012 was the same the next year, then we already surpassed the 2030 number — that’s enormous” Siegel said. “Epic I guess would be the way to put it. That to me explains what we’re noticing in terms of housing and traffic.”

Mountain View’s community development director Randy Tsuda says the city uses a different set of Census data, called the American Community Survey. It is collected from employee surveys instead of payroll reports, which is the case for the data Siegel points to. Tsuda said the latest

ACS numbers showed 71,000 jobs in Mountain View in 2012.

Which set of numbers is right? Tsuda said it’s hard to know. “It tends to be somewhere in the middle of the range,” he said.

“From our standpoint it’s less important to know exactly how many jobs there are in the city,” Tsuda said. “What is critical is you track this over time and you look at the trajectory of job growth.” Regardless of which data set you use, “the fact is we are having a substantial amount of job growth — I think that’s agreed,” he said.

The topic of the city’s jobs-housing imbalance is sure to be a main topic of debate this year’s City Council election. It was raised by most of this year’s nine council candidates when asked about their priorities. Despite plans for new office buildings in the works that would add over 30,000 office jobs to the city, Tsuda said there are 2,850 homes in the city’s planning pipeline to add to the city’s housing stock of 34,000 or so homes. “That’s a lot of units in a 12-square-mile city,” he said.

To alleviate increasing rents and traffic, Siegel has called for the city to allow 5,000 or more homes to be developed in a new neighborhood around Google headquarters. Council member Mike Kasperzak said it would be unprecedented for the city to see more than 1,200 homes built in one year.

“The data I’ve summarized is unprecedented,” Siegel said. “There are probably few times in the history of humanity where economic expansion in such a small area has been so great.”

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What is your favorite Robin Williams movie or T.V. show, and why?



"I used to like to watch 'Mork and Mindy' when it first came out. I guess because it was new and it was (focused on) someone from outer space."

Aileen Jones, San Jose



"'Mrs. Doubtfire,' because just the comedy of it, how he played the part he played in dressing up and all that stuff. I really don't know much about the movie itself. I haven't seen it for a few years. But it was just different from your normal comedy."

Lonnie Prusa, Norfolk, Nebraska



"'Good Morning Vietnam.' It was a classic take on a horrible war, but found a way to be entertaining for the masses."

Patrick Ahern, Pacifica



"'What Dreams May Come.' I think it's the ultimate love story."

Anthony Ramirez, San Jose



"'Flubber.' Basically, I think (I liked it) because I was a kid, and do you guys remember that goey stuff that you would play with as a kid? It was like this pudding stuff. It would just remind me of it and I just thought it was so cool that he brought it to life..."

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CRIME BRIEFS

MAN CAUSES HOSPITAL DISTURBANCE

Police arrested a 48-year-old Folsom man last week after he entered a hospital on Castro Street and allegedly caused a disturbance and refused to leave the building.

At around 10 a.m. on Aug. 14, Jeffrey Faravelli walked into the Kaiser Permanente hospital at 555 Castro St. He was acting belligerent and caused a disturbance on the third floor of the hospital, and refused to leave when asked by hospital security, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department.

Faravelli refused to leave the hospital again when contacted by police officers, and hospital staff requested that he be arrested for trespassing. He was arrested and booked into San Jose Main Jail.

Jaeger said security staff at Kaiser told police that Faravelli has a history of being disruptive at the hospital. There was no indication that Faravelli was drunk.

— Kevin Forestieri

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A kindergarten student in Laura Gunshor's class turns around for one last look at her parent on the first day at Monta Loma Elementary School.

It's back to school for Mountain View

KIDS RETURN TO BIG IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUSES

By Kevin Forestieri

It was an emotional moment for kindergarten parents at Monta Loma Elementary when the 8:30 bell rang and their kids filtered into three classrooms for the first day of school Monday.

Some parents followed their children inside to stick around a little longer, while others peered in through the windows. All of them were reluctant to head over to the multipurpose room, where coffee, snacks and Monta Loma Principal Angela Lyon awaited them.

"You're the most precious parents in the world," Lyon said to the parents. "You're in very good hands at Monta Loma."

The first day of school kicked off for Mountain View Whisman School District on Monday, Aug. 18, and it marks a special moment for kindergartners and their parents, said Monta Loma parent and PTA member Priscila Bogdanic.

"There's a lot of 'letting go' when they go into a classroom with people they don't know," Bogdanic said. "They're not babies anymore."

Bogdanic was in the multipurpose room that morning, handing out invitations to the Monta Loma PTA and helping parents with their questions. She has two kids who went through kindergarten at Monta Loma, and said both times were just as emotional for her.

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First 49er game tests new downtown parking program

By Daniel DeBolt

While the new Levi's stadium was nearly filled to capacity for its first 49er game there on Sunday, football fans who used the Mountain View transit center were met with new parking fees and, for some, parking tickets.

Last month City Council members voted to spend \$85,000 on a stadium day parking program for one year, expecting 500 to

600 drivers to seek parking in downtown Mountain View and take buses and light rail trains to the stadium in order to avoid parking near the stadium that costs as much as \$50.

City officials said 123 drivers paid \$10 to park in the three downtown parking lots — and a garage — that were designated for \$10 parking beyond the regular three-hour time limit. One of the lots, at Dana and Hope streets, was nearly vacant. The

transit center's parking lot, where VTA charged drivers \$5 to park, appeared to still have 20 percent of its spaces free around 12:30 (the game began at 1 p.m.).

Meanwhile, police were busy enforcing new three-hour time limits that apply on game days in nearby residential areas, where many cars were seen parked. Police say they issued a total of 36 tickets for time-limit violations. That is up from 32 during an Aug. 2 soccer game at the

stadium, which also spurred 96 drivers to pay for parking in city lots.

"I think the initial observation is that the paid parking system worked fine," said council member Mike Kasperzak, who initially called for the parking program to prevent the downtown from becoming a free parking lot for Levi's stadium. "This was a pre-season game. We have no idea, during the course of the season, what the parking demand will

be, or if people (who) drove to the game yesterday will decide, 'I want to do public transportation.'"

VTA reports that 3,310 people left Mountain View on VTA buses and trollies to get to the game, said VTA spokesperson Colleen Valles. And about 1,500 people used Caltrain to get to those buses and trollies, said Caltrain spokesperson Jayme

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Mountain View 'fogged' for mosquitoes carrying virus

HEALTH OFFICIALS REPORT FIVE COUNTY RESIDENTS INFECTED WITH WEST NILE VIRUS

By Cooper Aspegren

Areas of Mountain View were sprayed on Aug. 19 with a mosquito-control pesticide in an attempt to curb the spread of the West Nile virus, which has infected at least five county residents.

Santa Clara County Vector Control "fogged" the area between Highway 237 and Central Expressway to the north; W. Remington Drive to the south;

Mathilda Avenue, S. Taaffe Street and Spinosa Drive to the east; and Highway 85 to the west portions of Mountain View and Sunnyvale from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Two of the five county residents infected with the West Nile virus have developed the severe neuroinvasive form that can lead to death, a county spokeswoman said.

The infected residents live where the highest concentration of mosquitoes carrying West

Nile were found this year, including Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino, Campbell and west and south San Jose, Valley Medical Center spokeswoman Joy Alexiou said.

The cases mark an increase from last year, when two people in the county suffered from West Nile and are the most since the five detected cases in 2006, county officials said.

Three people died from the virus this year in California,

but no deaths have ever been reported in Santa Clara County, Alexiou said.

County residents infected with the virus this year live in areas where the county's vector control district has sprayed the most insecticide to kill the adult mosquitoes this year, she said.

The severe neuroinvasive form that infected two people is called West Nile encephalitis, which attacks the body's nervous system. One of the other five had

West Nile fever symptom and two had the virus but no symptoms, Alexiou said.

Those who run the highest risk of contracting the potentially deadly neuroinvasive form of the virus are the elderly and people with certain chronic conditions, such as diabetes, she said.

The West Nile virus is transmitted to humans and animals by the bites of mosquitoes carrying

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MICHELLE LE

Above: Neighborhood friends, Jilly, left, and Kinsley, right, have their photo taken on their first day of school at Monta Loma.

Left: Monta Loma second-grader Sotero, center, checks out his cousin and kindergarten student Angel's new gear on their first day of school. Sotero advised his younger cousin "You can't say bad words here."

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It might not always be as emotional for the kindergartners, though. A number of kids had no trouble leaving their parents' side and jumping on the kindergarten playground. Bogdanic said if the kids have older siblings or went through preschool and daycare prior to the first day of school, they'll have an easier time making the transition.

That seemed to be the case

for Monta Loma parent Katie Purcell, who stood outside Mrs. Fox's kindergarten classroom after class had started. She said her daughter Daisy had been to preschool, and didn't have any trouble with separation anxiety or getting used to the classroom setting.

The school district put an extra emphasis on getting parents and students accustomed to where things are on the campuses, and answering any questions they might have.

Bogdanic said she is one of the district's new "school and community engagement facilitators," who serve as a "liaison between students, staff and parents to remove barriers to improve student learning and achievement," according to the district's job description.

On the first day of school, that translates into helping confused parents and students find their way around campus, explaining any paperwork they might need to fill out, and otherwise helping with logistical problems.

Bogdanic said as one of the facilitators, her job is to reach out and "enhance" parent par-

ticipation," and prior to the first day of school she helped organize an event to have 200 families of incoming sixth-graders at Crittenden Middle School come out and meet one another.

Measure G paying off at middle schools

Less than a mile away from Monta Loma, 600 Crittenden Middle School students started the year with fancy new classrooms and a few tech upgrades.

Crittenden Principal Geoffrey Chang said about 80 percent of the campus has been updated since last year, with

a few interesting perks to the new classrooms. Improvements include more whiteboard space that goes from the floor to the ceiling along one, sometimes two, walls of the classroom.

Chang said there's also a new speaker set-up in the classrooms that allows teachers to hook up microphones and talk to students more easily through the use of speakers. He said it's still early in the school year and teachers haven't been formally trained on how to use the sound systems, but he's heard positive feedback from teachers who no longer have to constantly project their voice during class time.

"I've been told that it makes you less tired by the end of the day," Chang said.

The school district upgraded middle school classrooms and other facilities over the summer, mostly through Measure G funds. Passed in 2012, the \$198 million bond measure will generate revenue to repair, upgrade and expand facilities at all nine of the district campuses.

And there are more improvements still to come. Next summer the district will construct a new library and a broadcast studio at the Crittenden campus, and is slated to break ground on a new auditorium, a new track and a new synthetic soccer field in 2015. ▀



MICHELLE LE

Rebecca Yen hugs her son Maxwell on his first day of school as a kindergarten student at Monta Loma. "I try to ease him in, you see all kinds of emotion here."



MICHELLE LE

Angel, 8, holds his sister Milagros, 5, in front of her kindergarten class on their first day of school at Monta Loma.

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Ackemann. It is unclear how many of the other 1,810 stadium-goers arrived in cars parked in Mountain View. The city has yet to release any numbers.

For the thousands of fans who descended on the downtown Mountain View transit center on their way to the game, things appeared to go smoothly. Initial

reports from police were that it was "uneventful" in terms of problems. About 50 police officers employed by the county, city and transit agencies were seen around the downtown transit station helping to manage the crowd.

Fliers posted by the VTA alerted drivers that the \$10 fee charged for parking in the transit station lot on game days will soon be raised to \$25. Under

the new parking ordinance, the city will match that \$25 fee for parking in the city's designated lots.

There were reportedly 68,000 people at Sunday's game, nearly the limit of the stadium's 68,983-person capacity. The first event at the stadium, an Aug. 5 soccer game, drew 48,765 people. ▀

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MVLA kicks off the school year

FIELD IMPROVEMENTS, JUICED-UP INTERNET AWAIT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

By Kevin Forestieri

There've been some big changes over the summer for the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District — some more visible than others. Students may not notice it at first, but when they inevitably pull out their iPhone, they're going to see the district's improvements in action.

One of the goals of the school district over summer was to improve the campus WiFi systems to accommodate the thousands of new devices all over campus, according to Mike Mathiesen, chief business officer for the district.

Not only are students bringing more digital devices on campus and connecting to the WiFi system every year, the school district recently purchased 800 new Chromebooks for students at Los Altos High School to use for class work. The improvements over the summer, according to Mathiesen, should handle all the new

devices and more. He said the system should now be able to handle three digital devices connecting to the WiFi per person, or as many as 6,000 devices on a single campus — provided they aren't all in one spot.

"If all 6,000 were in the library we'd have some trouble," Mathiesen said.

Beyond digital upgrades, Mathiesen said, the district re-did the fields at both schools over the summer, replacing the synthetic turf with a "higher tech" version that allows for more vibrant colors on the field in places like the end zone.

Mountain View High School also has a new concessions stand building near the field, which Mathiesen said is in a more convenient location. He said the former "snack shack" and athletic storage building has since been converted into restrooms, with double-digit stalls to better handle sports events and graduation.

The district also made

improvements to the pool at Los Altos High School, re-plastering the surface, upgrading the pool pumps, and converting to thermosolar power to make the pool more energy-efficient. The upgrade was paid for, in part, by Measure A funds, which can be used by the district to make "green renovations" to the high school campuses.

The new school year also means new teachers and new classes. The district has 41 new teachers, putting the district at just over 200 teachers across the campuses. Superintendent Barry Groves said many of the new teachers are needed to keep up with enrollment growth and reduce class sizes, and a few are taking over for teachers on temporary leave.

Groves said there's a number of new courses for students to try out this year, including multi-variable calculus, introduction to journalism, and an engineering program at Los Altos High School called Project Lead The Way. ▀

City Council candidate forums scheduled

By Cooper Aspegren

The public will have a number of opportunities to learn about the views of Mountain View's City Council candidates in coming months, beginning Wednesday, Aug. 27.

The Mountain View Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters will co-sponsor a council candidate forum on Aug. 27 in Building 1 of the Microsoft campus at 1065 La Avenida. The event is from 6 to 8 p.m.

Mountain View Chamber of Commerce president Oscar Garcia will moderate the forum, and doors will open at 5:30 p.m., according to the Eventbrite page. For more information and to RSVP, visit eventbrite.com/e/city-council-candidate-forum-tickets-12311745763.

A housing and transportation forum will be held at the Rengstorff Community Center audi-

torium on Tuesday, Sept. 2, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., according to host Wendee Crofoot. The event is co-sponsored by Great Streets Mountain View, Safe Mountain View, Friends of Caltrain, the Greenbelt Alliance, the Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange and Community in Action Team. For more information, visit bit.ly/1sW9ZVH or contact wendeeec@gmail.com.

The Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association (OMNVA) will hold a candidate forum at the Mountain View Public Library Community Room on 585 Franklin St. on Monday, Oct. 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., according to the library's events calendar. For more information, contact the OMNVA chair at carolanddavidlewis@gmail.com.

A Whisman area candidate forum will be held at the California Station Clubhouse on Pacific

Drive on Thursday, Oct. 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., according to Whisman Station resident Bruce England. Information about the event can be found on several candidates' websites.

Google and the League of Women Voters will sponsor a candidate forum at Google Headquarters at 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway on Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m., according to the Los Altos-Mountain View Area League of Women Voters' website. For more information, visit the League of Women Voters' calendar at www.lwvlamv.org/calendar/.

The Greater San Antonio Community Association will host a candidate forum at the Senior Center on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., according to several candidates' websites. For more information, contact senior.center@mountainview.gov. ▀

of all birds that reportedly died from the virus in all of California in 2014, Alexiou said.

Of the dead birds found and tested in the county in 2014, 85 percent were infected with West Nile, which means that the risk of humans contacting the virus is higher this year, county officials reported.

The county recommends that people wear long pants and sleeves at night, when mosqui-

toes are the most active, and use insect repellants when going outside, such as DEET, picaridin, and oil of lemon and eucalyptus.

Residents should also make sure to keep doors and window screens closed to keep the insects out and remove standing pools and containers of water, including pet dishes and birdbaths, where mosquitoes breed, officials said.

— Bay City News Service contributed to this report.

WEST NILE

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the virus, but the risk of becoming seriously ill is very low; less than 1 percent of infected people contract encephalitis or meningitis, according to Alexiou.

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Palmer stands by careful planning

INCUMBENT JOINS SCHOOL BOARD RACE, ADVOCATES FOR CONSERVATIVE APPROACH TO DISTRICT ISSUES

By Kevin Forestieri

It's an exciting time for the Mountain View Whisman School District. School funding is coming back, bond measure construction is in full-swing and a new campus may be on the horizon for the Whisman neighborhood.

But to school board incumbent Philip Palmer, going forward means conservative, data-driven decision-making to avoid any unintended consequences.

Palmer was the last of four candidates to jump into the race for Mountain View's elementary school district board, filing for candidacy on the final day of the county filing period. He said the timing wasn't because of any hesitation on whether or not to

run — he had just been out of town on a business trip.

Other candidates include incumbent Ellen Wheeler, Huff Elementary School PTA President Hafsa Mirza, and Slater Neighborhood Association President Greg Coladonato. More information on Wheeler and Coladonato can be found in previous issues of the *Voice*. Mirza could not be reached for an interview.

As an employee for Bay Area tech company Symantec, Palmer has a background in technology and IT management. He said he's been in favor of new computers and other devices in the classroom, provided that it's part of a program implemented at the rate needed.

"I've always been an advocate for more tech in the classroom, but always at the right pace," Palmer said. "We don't need to replace the computers every year."

He said he's proud of the school district's track record for fiscal responsibility going through the recession, but as the economy improves, he said, the district needs to stay frugal in what it spends on school supplies.

"During the good times it's always tempting to go out and spend on things like new textbooks," Palmer said.

During board meeting discussions on whether to open a new school in the Whisman and Slater neighborhoods, Palmer supported an in-depth demographic survey of the district to see how a new school in the northeastern region of Mountain View would affect the rest of the district.

His worry was that a new school could change enroll-

ment in neighboring schools to the point where they would have to close another school five years down the road. He said the decision to open up a school should be backed up by "proper" fiscal and long-term planning.

"We don't want to cannibalize one school to open up another," he said.

Palmer said he also advocates for fiscal responsibility on bond Measure G spending, which recently went over budget in the planning phase for new middle school auditoriums.

Measure G is a \$198 million bond measure designed to repair, improve and construct facilities at all nine of the district campuses. As of last June, the planning phase for middle school construction went millions of dollars over budget due to high construction costs in the Bay Area. Palmer said that can't keep

happening.

"We're in a building boom, and moving forward we're going to keep that in mind," he said. "We're counting on our project managers and the firms they hire for accurate cost estimates."

Palmer said he's aware the board has a reputation for confrontations between trustee Steve Nelson and other board members, as well as Superintendent Craig Goldman, and said it's something they need to continue to work on.

"It's distracting for sure, and not necessarily productive," Palmer said.

Palmer indicated that the district needs to foster a "collaborative spirit," and said things have improved in the last few board meetings.

"There's no 'I' in 'board,' and no 'I' in trustee," Palmer said. "It's really about teamwork." ■

DIGITAL DIVIDE

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bridge the digital divide. Superintendent Craig Goldman said the district is working toward a one-to-one ratio of digital devices to students for fourth through eighth grade.

"We're going to have that at our middle schools this year," Goldman said.

But outside of the classroom is another story. Goldman said that 44 percent of the student in the district are socioeconomically disadvantaged, and a significant portion of the kids do not have access to internet at home. He said students are not expected to complete assignments that require internet use outside of school.

Internet access may be even more pressing for students in the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District, where half the student population is expected to have their own device to take home and work on assignments. Galen Rosenberg, assistant principal at Los Altos High School, said the "bring your own device" policy will, in some ways, even the playing field for low-income families. Any student at the school who doesn't have a

laptop or comparable device will be given a Chromebook free of charge to use for class activities for the school year. Rosenberg said that still doesn't solve the inequalities at home regarding internet access.

Superintendent Barry Groves said the school district will be taking the "no child left offline" approach, and made significant upgrades to the campus-wide WiFi services this year. He said there's also a few off-campus alternatives for kids who don't have internet access at home, and that a lot of students take advantage of free WiFi hotspots at libraries and places like Starbucks.

"We're lucky to be in Mountain View, which offers some access throughout the community," Groves said.

Goldman and Groves mentioned there is another option — an inexpensive internet option by Comcast exclusively for low-income families.

The program is called Internet Essentials, and started in May 2011. Comcast spokesman Bryan Byrd said the goal of the program is to provide low-cost broadband service to families, and bring "digital literacy" to families who aren't up to speed on today's technology.

Byrd said Comcast did an internal survey to find out why a significant segment of the population still doesn't have an internet connection at home. The results indicated that there were three problems: families don't have a computer in the

first place, the monthly costs are prohibitively high, and confusion over what the internet is and how it works.

"The program is designed to address all three," Byrd said.

The cost of the broadband service per month is just shy of \$10, and families can also opt to buy a \$150 computer if they need one. The program also includes digital literacy training, including in-person lessons, to get families accustomed to what the internet is and how to use it.

Eligibility is dependent on whether a child in the family is eligible for the free or reduced lunch program at school, and will last as long as that child remains in school. Byrd said using the free and reduced lunch programs as a benchmark for eligibility avoids any confusion over who qualifies by using a state-wide metric.

He said because of the eligibility requirements, Comcast reached out to school districts in particular to try to get the word out about the program. He said the company has also contacted community organizations, and passed out fliers with information on the program.

As of Aug. 4, a total of 350,000 families across the country have opted into the program. Byrd said they've received lots of stories from people who used to have to sit in a McDonald's and use the restaurant's free WiFi to finish assignments because the library would close too early. Now they have the option to do their homework at home. ■

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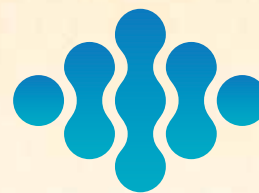
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Middle school kids save the Earth — with flying robots

Story by Cooper Aspegren

Photos by Michelle Le



Six Bay Area participants in the California Zero Robotics Summer Program for middle school kids celebrated their newly acquired engineering knowledge at the program's "FinalDay" on Aug. 15 at Moffett Field, and the fact that their teams had lost in the first round of the competition didn't diminish their enthusiasm.

The event took place at NASA Ames, and marked the finale of the second year California has participated in the national Zero Robotics summer program, according to NASA Ames Research Center officials. The program was coordinated by the California Afterschool Network.

Program organizers said that the five-week program taught 50 middle schoolers computer engineering skills. Participants included students from underserved schools, and members of the Boys and Girls Club Ernest Ingold Clubhouse, and the Buchanan YMCA of San Francisco, and the YMCA of Mt. Madonna in Morgan Hill.

Jeff Davis, a California Afterschool Network program director, said that the relatively low attendance for the final competition day resulted primarily from the fact that school had started for many of the participants.

Organizers hoped that the program and competition encouraged the middle schoolers to acquire a greater interest in science, technology, mathematics and engineering as well as a belief that they could become engineers in the future.



Above: Terrell watches as a helmet is lowered onto his head, with some help from Spencer Tolliver, right, and middle schooler Moises. Meanwhile, Sean Christensen, left, places a glove on Terrell's hand, completing the boy's spacesuit.

Left: A SPHERES flying robot sits on a table as middle schoolers create code at the competition.

Below: Middle schoolers compete in the Jeopardy challenge at the end of the Zero Robotics finals at NASA Ames.





Willie covers Moises' eyes for an exercise designed to reinforce concepts of coding, focusing on communication and collaboration.

The final competition involved entering code programmed by the middle schoolers into a Synchronized Position Hold Engage and Reorient Experimental Satellite (SPHERES) — a volleyball-size flying robot — located inside the Japanese Space Module in the International Space Station, according to NASA officials.

The code was entered from there into a computer simulation, in which virtual SPHERES were programmed to direct a comet away from Earth, they said. The teams that directed the comet the farthest away from Earth through programming earned the highest scores in the competition. The program participants and organizers watched the competition progress on the International Space Station through a live video feed.

Although NASA hosted a field trip day for program participants early in the program, NASA officials said they could not provide any help or tips to the students for the competition. They said NASA provided training in programming to instructors with the Boys and Girls Club and YCMA, who then trained their students to code.

Davis said that during the fourth week of the program, a regional competition was held between the three teams to determine which code was the highest quality. The Boys and Girls Club Ernest Ingold clubhouse won that competition, with the

Buchanan YMCA reaching second place. He said that during the final week of the program, all three teams were given access to the winning code and collaborated virtually to improve it for the national competition.

Despite the three sites' collaborative efforts, California did not make it past the initial round of the competition. Davis said that collaborating virtually presented a challenge and an excellent learning opportunity to the program participants.

'What that tells you is that real scientists and real engineers have to be collaborative.'

JEFF DAVIS,
CALIFORNIA AFTERSCHOOL
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"What that tells you is that real scientists and real engineers have to be collaborative," he said.

Davis said that the effort still marked as an improvement from how the California team competed last year. Only one site participated in the program, and the code was deemed insufficient

for the national competition, he said.

The day's festivities didn't end with the competition. Afterwards, Davis led outdoor activities, a Jeopardy game testing students on information they learned during the program and an awards ceremony that granted certificates to the program participants and plaques to the Boys and Girls Club and YMCA Buchanan.

NASA officials also let participants try on an astronaut suit and explained more to them about how SPHERES work.

Many of the middle schoolers said they hope to continue participating in high school robotics competitions. Zero Robotics has held a competition for high school students for the past six years, according to NASA aerospace intern Sean Christensen.

The program "taught me a lot with how to deal with failure," said Jonathan, a 13-year-old Buchanan YMCA participant.

Middle school students representing nine states participated in the nationwide competition, which the Maryland/DC team eventually won, according to the tournament website.

The Zero Robotics national program and competition is run in partnership by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, NASA, and other organizations. For more information about Zero Robotics, visit zerorobotics.mit.edu. ▣

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Two bills to curb antibiotic use head to governor's desk

By Tiffany Lam

The California Legislature last week sent to the governor two bills sponsored by Sen. Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo) that will prohibit the use of antibiotics as growth enhancers in farm animals and promote more responsible use of antibiotics in humans.

Sen. Hill, whose District 13 includes Mountain View, said in a telephone interview that he is optimistic the bills will be signed. The bill involving antibiotic use in livestock is supported by the state's Department of Food and Agriculture, he noted, and that endorsement is a good indication that the bill is supported by the governor's office.

He said that in working on the bills, he worked closely with the California Hospital Association, which also supports the legislation.

Both bills passed unanimously in the Senate and the Assembly. Sen. Hill said his research indicates that, if the bills are signed, California would be the first state enacting into law such restrictions on antibiotic use.

Sen. Hill said a recent report by the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) prompted his efforts to curb the overuse of antibiotics, which has led to greatly increased resis-

tance to infections.

The CDC reports that more than 2 million Americans develop antibiotic resistance each year, and the drug-resistant infections kill about 23,000 annually. Up to 50 percent of antibiotics prescribed in this country are not needed or are improperly prescribed, according to the CDC.

Senate Bill 835 would allow antibiotics to be sold for use in livestock only for medical reasons. Antibiotics could be administered only with a prescription and under veterinary oversight. Currently, 70 percent of all antibiotics used nationwide are sold for use in livestock, and much of that use is for the sole purpose of fattening up the animals, according to the press release.

"The Food and Drug Administration says there is no scientific reason why antibiotics should be used to promote growth in livestock," Sen. Hill said in the release.

Senate Bill 1311 would require that all general acute care hospitals in California establish antimicrobial stewardship programs by July 1, 2015. Stewardship programs ensure that antibiotics are used only when necessary, that the right antibiotic is chosen, and that antibiotics are administered correctly. ■

— Associate Editor Renee Batti contributed to this story.

Spike in thefts, burglaries across town

By Kevin Forestieri

Dispersed incidents of car, store and home burglaries hit Mountain View early last week, as suspects broke windows and made off with anything from jewelry and computers to envelopes of cash. In just two days, there were 16 reported cases of theft and burglary, and two arrests.

The thefts occurred on Aug. 11 and 12, and include the burglary of a Subway and a Barnes and Noble College Bookstore.

Someone smashed the front window of the Subway at 1477 Plymouth St. sometime between 7 p.m. Monday night and 6:45 a.m. Tuesday morning, and took about \$300 in cash, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department.

During that same period, at 5:15 a.m., one or more burglars shattered and pried open a side door to the Barnes and Noble College Bookstore at 365 Ravendale Drive and appear to have stolen several computers, Jaeger said.

There was also one case of residential burglary at around 12:51 p.m. at the 1100 block of Fordham Way, but the victim inadvertently interrupted the burglary. The resident returned home and parked her vehicle when she noticed a man, described as a Hispanic male in his 20s and wearing a plaid shirt, fleeing the home through the backyard gate and leaving the scene in a metallic green mini-van.

The biggest financial hit occurred in a 9:45 a.m. incident on Tuesday, Aug. 12, when a man left an envelope with \$1,800 in cash in the door pocket of his vehicle while it was being washed at Lozanos Car Wash on El Camino Real. When the man's vehicle was returned, the envelope was gone. The "wash manager" at the car wash assisted officers in questioning and searching employees for the money, but it never turned up, according to Jaeger.

Two car burglaries at Century Cinemas 16 on Shoreline Boulevard occurred back-to-back and may have been related incidents. On Aug. 11, a 65-year-old Sunnyvale man returned to his vehicle in the theater parking lot to find the right rear window broken and some of his property stolen. The incident occurred sometime between 9 and 11 p.m., according to police, and around \$490 in "miscellaneous luggage material" was stolen.

In the same parking lot, someone broke into a vehicle by breaking a window and entering the trunk through the back seat. The burglary occurred sometime between 9:30 and 11:30 p.m..

The police have no suspects

and few witnesses in the 16 cases of theft and burglary, but that doesn't mean the stolen property is gone for good. Jaeger said victims of theft have a better chance of getting their stuff back if they can give police the stolen properties' serial number. If police suspect that a laptop or iPhone may have been stolen, they can "run" the serial number to see if there are any matches.

Jaeger said Mountain View police detectives monitor the reports that come in to see if there's any sort of trend, but other than the auto burglaries in the theater parking lot there does not appear to be any connections between the cases.

Though the thefts and burglaries happened all over Mountain View, multiple incidents occurred on Shoreline Boulevard north of Highway 101 and around the San Antonio Shopping Center.

Jaeger said many thefts can be averted with a little precaution, and suggested that people leave nothing visible in their car — including chargers and cords.

"Leaving things in plain view in a car, even in a bag, is not a good idea," Jaeger said. ■



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Bills would help curb growing health crisis

Good news hails from Sacramento in the form of two bills successfully sponsored by Sen. Jerry Hill. Both are important first steps in reining in the overuse of antibiotics in an effort to control the growing health crisis that results from that excess; the bills now are headed for the governor's desk after approval with no opposition in both the Senate and the Assembly.

SB 835 takes aim at the widespread practice of using antibiotics in farm animals solely for the purpose of fattening them for market. It would enshrine in state law the Federal Drug Administration's recently issued voluntary guidelines aimed at phasing out the drug's use as growth promoters. If signed, the bill would restrict the use of antibiotics for livestock to medical purposes. They would be administered only with a prescription, and with oversight by a licensed veterinarian.

The law is designed to further the urgent work of getting antibiotics out of the food chain — a phenomenon that has greatly contributed to antibiotics resistance in humans.

SB 1311 would require acute care hospitals in the state to create what's known as antimicrobial stewardship programs to oversee the use of antibiotics in humans, and curtail their overuse. In a 2013 report, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) called antibiotics resistance in humans one of the country's most serious health threats. Many of us know someone — a family member, or a friend — who is battling an infection that once-reliable antibiotics simply can't knock out. It is a painful, costly, and sometimes fatal ordeal.

This bill is supported by the California Hospital Association, Stanford Hospital and Clinics, and other medical groups and agencies.

Sen. Hill, D-San Mateo, said he began working on the bills in earnest once he reviewed the CDC's 2013 document, "Antibiotics Resistance Threats in the United States," which reports that more than 2 million Americans develop infections that are resistant to antibiotics annually, including 23,000 who die. There is no scientific reason to use antibiotics as growth stimulants in animals, and the overuse of these drugs in both livestock and humans has led to fears among public health officials that if the problem isn't addressed, there eventually won't be any effective antibiotics to treat "superbugs," he said in a recent phone interview. He is hopeful that the bills will be signed into law, he said, and that they "will save lives and a lot of heartache for the people of California."

The bill restricting antibiotics use in livestock isn't without opponents, and they include environmental groups, such as the Sierra Club, that don't think it goes far enough. But Sen. Hill said the opposition is an example of the perfect being the enemy of the good, and he noted that the measures that some of the opponents push for have "no chance of survival" in the Legislature.

The overuse of antibiotics in both farm animals and in humans has created a nationwide public health crisis, and the FDA's "action" to issue voluntary guidelines to phase out their use in animals for anything other than medical reasons was in fact a regrettable lack of action. Sen. Hill's legislation to curb the use of these drugs is real action, and now the governor must act to finalize it. ■

LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

IMAGINING A NEW STYLE OF COMMUNITY

Too much of the housing debate has been distilled to either suburban or urban. There is no reason why the city cannot both imagine a new bold form of living in North Bayshore north of the 101, and also preserve and restore the suburban quiet essence of the rest of town south of the 101 as well.

Imagine a North Bayshore community that is designed for those who wish to live on the cutting edge of ecologically sustainable and carbon-neutral living. A community that fuels tech innovation beyond 8-5, blurring living, working, and playing in a locus of creativity, startup spaces, large companies, and micro eco-extreme housing.

This doesn't have to appeal to everyone, not even most people,

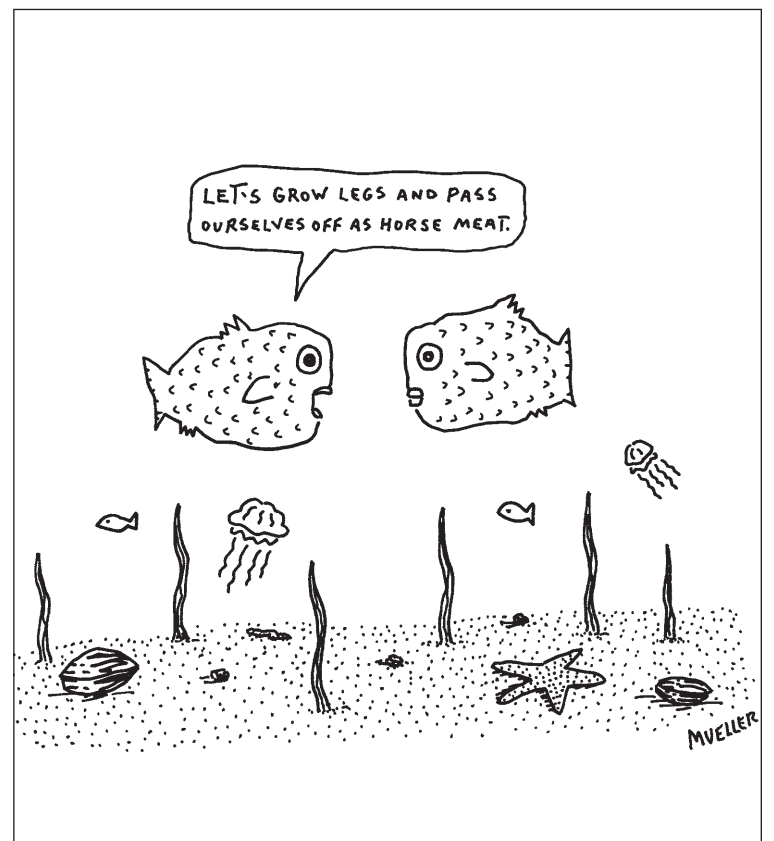
and until we think of entire neighborhoods that can vary in feel to fit our diverse community, we'll continue to unimaginatively see this debate in zero-sum terms.

*Christopher Chiang
North Bayshore*

PAYING EXTRA COSTS FOR BORDER KIDS

Your front page article on Aug. 8 about border kids tells that some families have volunteered to house those kids. That is a noble effort. I suspect that those volunteers are expecting their costs will be reasonable if they only have to provide lodging and meals for some of those who have illegally moved into our country to avoid poverty and violence in their Central America countries.

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Here's what they're saying on Town Square

... ABOUT MOUNTAIN VIEW'S PARKING PROGRAM, AFTER THE FIRST 49ER GAME

"Around 50 police officers - paid by? ... Oh, 49ers owners, City of Santa Clara? Or are the parking fees and restaurant sales taxes suppose to pay for this outlay? If not — seems like the City of Santa Clara has managed to increase their revenue — at Mountain View's expense. I hope not." —*Steven Nelson*

"How \$25 dollars for even the non 49er fan using light rail? How is that a benefit for the people of Mtn View. or will we be offered discount Monster truck tickets?" —*DC*

"I love coming to downtown Mountain View. I conduct business as a sales person with local businesses, and choose to spend much of my free time frequenting local establishments (mainly on Castro). I love coming to the farmers market and getting coffee downtown often staying for lunch on Sundays. It is unfortunate for the local

businesses and vendors at the farmers market that I will no longer be visiting downtown on days when they are charging for parking. It is unfortunate that the City of Mountain View has chosen its current path a far as parking instead of supporting small business. Perhaps a few local businesses would like to post here how business was on Sunday. Was it up or down? By how much?" —*Steve*

"It essentially all went off without a hitch. I even heard a fan sound bite on either KLIV or KCBS talking on the issue of getting to the game "We started from Mountain View and they had it totally organized. It was really easy" I felt some nice civic pride when I heard that. I guess some people simply don't like it when MV looks good at something...look at everyone struggling their hardest to find some iota of negativity they can harp on. Too late, it all worked very well for the most part. I've not heard one complaint aside from the usual suspects on the internet." —*MV Rez*

"Due to the game, the Farmers Market moved. The new location

was great. I asked a vendor what he thought and he liked it too: he had more space in the new location. My neighbors all liked the comfortable feel of the new spot. Is there any chance of moving the Farmers Market to lot 12 permanently?" —*Sunday Shopper*

"... I see there are not enough signs on the streets and also 3 hour limit. It takes 20 mins give or take to get to the stadium and the game is longer than 3 hours. So is this a scam to ticket more people?" —*Liz*

"Well I'm glad we don't have to worry about the realities of the situation, and all we have left is the doom and gloom that some feel will inevitably come one day (this is the prophesy of so many here "Its not bad now, buy oh you just wait...it'll be horrible") Look for this "issue" to dissolve away quickly...oh except for all the terrible things that will follow, one day, maybe...but probably not. Your choice to fret over things. Enjoy." —*Uh-huh*

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The actual cost of such children is much higher if we consider their medical costs, any welfare costs, and costs in our public schools (about \$9,000 per year). And those costs will be

paid by all tax payers, unless we require the volunteers to pay all such costs.

I would recommend that the local politicians require any volunteers who agree to house the border kids to also agree that they will pay all the costs required to care for the children

they take in, so that they are not a burden to our over-used medical, welfare and educational facilities. It is possible that the border kids will be in our country for several years.

Charlie Larson
Sylvan Avenue

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HIGHLIGHT

TEAL CRANE TRIO

For the Rengstorff Arts Festival, the Teal Crane Trio will combine percussion, flute and french horn in an improvisational program. Aug. 24, 2-3 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6392. www.r-house.org

ART GALLERIES

Works by Judi Keyani Recent works by Bay Area artist Judi Keyani will be on display at Gallery 9, including pastel, oil paint and sketch pieces. July 29-Aug. 31, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Moonlight Run and Walk A unique experience, these 5K and 10K runs and 5K walk will take place under the moon along the levees at the Palo Alto Baylands. Music, sponsor booths and other activities will be on hand. The event helps to raise money for the Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund. Sept. 5, 7 p.m. \$35 adult; \$25 youth ages 6-12; free for children under 5 and under. Palo Alto Baylands, 1900 Geng Road, Palo Alto. www.eventbrite.com/e/29th-annual-moonlight-run-and-walk-tickets-728182012

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Foothill College Fall Quarter registration Foothill College Fall Quarter registration will be open on the school's website beginning July 21. Classes will run from Sept. 22 to Dec. 12. Students are encouraged to register early for the best course selection. July 21-Sept. 22. \$31/unit for California residents, plus basic fees. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7325. www.foothill.fhdca.edu/admissions.php

Health care programs orientation In this workshop for those interested in health care careers, information will be provided on the Certified Nursing Assistant and Medical Assistant paths and what programs are offered through the Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School. Register on the website. Aug. 27, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. www.mvlaae.net

Joyful Korean School classes These ongoing classes for children will teach students about the Korean language and culture. Fridays, September-June, 5-7 p.m. \$300/semester. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 408-805-4554. joyful.adroitcollege.org

CLUBS/MEETINGS

ESL Conversation Club Those learning or improving English speaking skills are invited to come practice at club meetings with casual conversation and friendly company. All levels are welcome, no registration 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/depts/library/default.asp

Sew Sew Saturday The library invites community members to come sew on Saturday mornings; four Baby Lock (Grace model) sewing machines and one serger are available for use. Please register on the website. No instruction will be provided. Saturdays, year-round, 10:15-11 a.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6337. www.mountainview.gov/depts/library/default.asp

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mountain View City Council Candidate Forum The Chamber of Commerce Mountain View and the League of Women Voters Los Altos-Mountain View will host a forum with the 2014 candidates for the Mountain View City Council. Aug. 27, 6-8 p.m. Free. Microsoft, 1065 La Avenida St., Building 1, Mountain View. Call 650-968-8378. 2014-city-council-candidate-forum.eventbrite.com

Pacific Ballet Academy open house Pacific Ballet Academy in Mountain View will hold an open house for community members to come see its expanded ballet campus, where they hold classes for individuals starting at age 3 and continuing into adulthood. Aug. 23, 10 a.m.-1

p.m. Free. Pacific Ballet Academy Studios, 295 Polaris Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-969-4614. www.pacificballet.org

EXHIBITS

'Decline & Renewal' The Mohr Gallery will have on display an exhibit called "Decline & Renewal, Mixed Media Works on Paper" by artist Erin Goodwin-Guerrero. Aug. 8-Sept. 28, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm

'Fearless Genius' The Computer History Museum will have on display a photography exhibit by Doug Menuz called "Fearless Genius: The Digital Revolution in Silicon Valley, 1985-2000." It consists of 50 photographs documenting innovators at Apple, Kleiner Perkins, Adobe and other companies. Wednesday-Sunday, July 9-Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$15 general; \$12 student/senior/military. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.computerhistory.org/events

'Huangshan and Zhangjiajie, China' The exhibit "Huangshan and Zhangjiajie, China: Photographs of Land and Culture" will be on display at the Krause Center for Innovation. June 23-Sept. 26, center hours. Free. Krause Center for Innovation, 12345 El Monte Road, Building 4000, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7318. www.incredibletravelphotos.com/krause-innovation-center-2014/

Rengstorff Arts Festival exhibit Works by local artists in watercolor, oil, photography, print and fiber will be on display at this month-long show in the Rengstorff House. Works by students in the Arts in Action Program at the Community School of Music and Arts will be featured. Through Aug. 31, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays 1-5 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6392. www.r-house.org

FILM

'Documented' Mountain View Dreamers will host a screening of "Documented," a documentary by journalist Jose-Antonio Vargas about his and other immigrants' struggle for rights in the United States. Aug. 31, 2-3:45 p.m. Free. St. Joseph Parish, 582 Hope St., Mountain View. Call 408-858-3776. www.mvdreamers.org

HEALTH

A Midsummer Night's Sound Healing This event by Healing the World Through Music will include a mix of music, tones and sounds intended to rejuvenate listeners. Aug. 23, 5:30-8:30 p.m. \$30. Yoga is Youthfulness, 590 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 415-532-9082. healingtheworldthroughmusic.com/events/concert/

Pilates Cardiocamp Pilates Cardiocamp classes offer a workout designed to build the core (abs and back) and strengthen the lower and upper body. New students will receive a free week of classes. See the website for locations, rates and more info. Monday-Friday, Aug. 4-Sept. 5, 6, 7 or 9 a.m. Los Altos and Woodside. www.pilatescardiocamp.com

FOOD AND DRINK

Friday Farmers' Market The Oshman Family JCC will hold a weekly Friday Farmers' Market with fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, performances, Shabbat surprises, food trucks and more. Fridays, through August, noon-5 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, Jessica Lynn Saal Town Square, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. www.paloaltojcc.org/events/2014/05/02/community-events/friday-farmers-market-at-the-ofjcc

New farmer's market location on game days The Mountain View Certified Farmers' Market will move to a new location at the parking lot at Bryant and California streets to accommodate parking on the days of 49ers football home games. Aug. 24, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Prices vary. Mountain View Farmers' Market, 447 Bryant St., Mountain View. Call 800-806-3276. cafarmersmkt.com

LIVE MUSIC

Zen Zenith residency at Red Rock Local musician Zen Zenith will begin a residency at Red Rock Coffee, where he will perform acoustic sets, sing and tell stories. Fridays, Sept. 5-26, 8-10:30 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 408-505-2454. www.redrockcoffee.org

ON STAGE

'The Great American Trailer Park Musical' The Los Altos Stage Company will put on several performances of "The Great American Trailer Park Musical." Set in a mobile home community called Armadillo Acres, the campy musical involves a young stripper, an agoraphobic housewife and a tollbooth collector. Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 4-28, 8 p.m. \$18-\$36. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.losaltosstage.org

'Water by the Spoonful' TheatreWorks stages the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, "Water by the Spoonful," a story about a community of strangers who find refuge in an online chat room. Tuesday-Saturday, Aug. 20-Sept. 14, see website for specific times and dates. \$19-\$74. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-463-1960. theatreworks.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Insight Meditation South Bay Shaila Catherine and guest teachers will lead weekly Insight Meditation sittings, followed by talks on Buddhist teachings. Tuesdays through Sept. 23, 7:30-9 p.m. Donations accepted. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. imsb.org

SPORTS

Mountain View Tennis Club tournament The Mountain View Tennis Club will hold its August tennis tournament, welcoming members of other tennis clubs from Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Los Altos and Tomadachi, and other community members. Participants can play in the morning or afternoon. Participants must be 18 or older; no partner is necessary. Food and prizes will be included. Aug. 23, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$15 MVTC member; \$20 general. Rengstorff Park, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. www.mvtc.net

LECTURES & TALKS

'Tasty Bulb and Stem Vegetables' UCCE Master Gardeners will give a lecture on bulb and stem vegetables, including asparagus, fennel, celery, and members of the onion family. The discussion will cover tips for successful cultivation and recipes. Aug. 27, 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

Author John Scalzi on 'Lock In' A Hugo Award-winner, author John Scalzi will come to Books Inc. to share his latest book, a near-future thriller called "Lock In." Sept. 4, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net/event/john-scalzi-books-inc-mountain-view-0

Author Nick Pope on 'Encounter in Rendlesham Forest' Nick Pope, a former government UFO investigator, will share his new book, "Encounter in Rendlesham Forest: The Inside Story of the World's Best-Documented UFO Incident." Aug. 26, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net/event/2014/08/16/month/all/all/1

Author Richard Kadrey on 'The Getaway God' Richard Kadrey — a contributing writer for Wired magazine, the San Francisco Chronicle and Discovery Online, as well

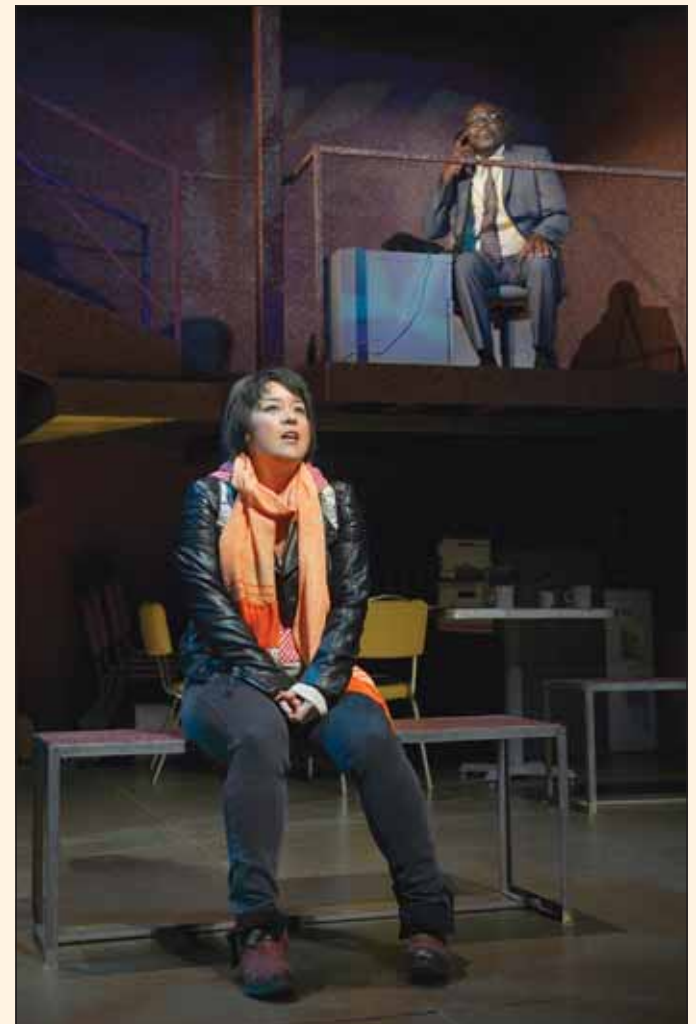


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ON STAGE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

TheatreWorks' production of the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, "Water by the Spoonful," a story about a community of strangers who find refuge in an online chat room, opened this week and runs through Sept. 14 at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. In photo: Anna Ishida as "Orangutan" and Anthony J. Haney as "Chutes & Ladders". Go to theatreworks.org for specific times and dates. Tickets: \$19-\$74. Call 650-463-1960.

as a comic book creator and writer — will talk about the latest chapter of his Sandman Slim series, "The Getaway God." Aug. 28, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net/event/2014/08/16/month/all/all/1

Launch party with Shelly King Local author will celebrate the launch of her debut novel, "The Moment of Everything," a story based in Mountain View that explores startup culture and the charm of bookstores. Sept. 2, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net/event/launch-party-shelly-king-books-inc-mountain-view

TEEN ACTIVITIES

'Women in Media' pilot workshop The Midpeninsula Community Media Center invites girls in middle school and high school to attend a pilot workshop on "Women in Media." The event will include a short presentation, followed by a discussion, on gender and pop culture. Aug. 23, 2-4 p.m. Free. Midpeninsula Community Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. midpenmedia.org

VOLUNTEERS

Living Classroom Introduction Meetings Living Classroom, which provides

garden-based lessons at schools in Mountain View, will hold two meetings for community members to learn about volunteering with the organization. Aug. 25 and 28, 9-10 a.m. Free. Mountain View Whisman School District, Conference Room, 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View. Call 650-526-3500 ext. 1118. www.living-classroom.org

Los Altos Art Docents volunteer opportunities Los Altos Art Docents will hold an informational meeting with coffee for those interested in volunteering and sharing a love of art with children. Aug. 27, 10-11 p.m. Free. Los Altos Art Docents, 201 Covington Road, Los Altos. Call 650-947-1195. www.losaltosartdocents.org

Silicon Valley Tour de Coop preparation Neighbors Helping Neighbors will hold a variety of volunteer activities leading up to and during the Silicon Valley Tour de Coop, a bike ride between chicken coops and home gardens on Sept. 21. Volunteer opportunities include putting up fliers and posters, doing test bike rides, organizing other small events to spread the word and staffing locations on tour day. The organization also seeks community members with chicken coops, beehives and home gardens to host stops. June-September, dates and times vary. Free. Neighbors Helping Neighbors events, various nearby locations, Palo Alto and Mountain View. Call 650-283-0270. tourdecoop.org

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