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**Piyush Mehrotra**, chief of the Ames Advanced Supercomputing Division, gives a tour of the supercomputer at NASA Ames Research Center.

## Behind the scenes at NASA's computer powerhouse

AMONG FASTEST IN WORLD, PLEIADES STILL CAN'T MATCH DEMAND FOR DATA

By Mark Noack

Whether the mission is to discover new planets or study the one we call home, the scientists at the NASA Ames Research Center are constantly relying on one priceless member of the team. Her name is Pleiades; she doesn't talk much.

Pleiades, a vast 210,000-processor supercomputer housed in a rear office building at the NASA Ames campus, might be considered the central nervous system for government

research. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, Pleiades is churning away at hundreds of unique simulations and algorithms shared between government scientists coast to coast. Among its common tasks, the supercomputer is analyzing Earth's ocean currents and the durability of a space probe's fuselage, and determining if a distant glimmer of starlight may reveal an undiscovered planet.

The power of this system is hard for a lay person to fathom. In the parlance of computer

engineers, Pleiades is measured to consistently run at a processing speed of 4.09 petaflops, which basically refers to the number of operations the machine can do in one second.

Piyush Mehrotra, chief of the Ames Advanced Supercomputing Division, likes to use a different analogy to demonstrate that speed.

"If you had every human on Earth doing calculations, it would take 300 years to match the calculations Pleiades can

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## Simitian proposes cap on BART funding

SUPERVISOR ARGUES NEW SALES TAX MEASURE SHOULD BENEFIT THE ENTIRE COUNTY

By Kevin Forestieri

The 2016 election is still more than a year away, but Santa Clara County officials are already testing the waters for a new 30-year sales tax measure to relieve traffic congestion severely clogs Bay Area highways, expressways and city streets.

And while some of the most basic details — such as which agency, the county or the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), is going to put it on the ballot — still need to be hammered out, one county supervisor said it's time to stop funneling the lion's share of sales tax revenue extending the BART system into San Jose.

Supervisor Joe Simitian compiled a list showing how funds from both the Measure A sales tax and the 2008 Measure B sales

tax have been allocated throughout the county, and found that just shy of 80 percent of all funds — \$3.3 billion — have been allocated to extend BART from Fremont to San Jose. By heavily investing in a transit extension along the East Bay, Simitian argued, the previous two sales tax measures haven't done enough to bring congestion relief to most of the cities in the county.

While the data was originally disseminated to local politicians and city councils just to get the facts on the table, Simitian took a stronger position at the Aug. 25 Board of Supervisors meeting. He proposed that if a new sales tax measure is put on the ballot, it should include a cap on BART funding, with only 25 percent of the revenue going

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## City sets new parking rules for local 49ers games

By Mark Noack

It's still the preseason for 49ers' fans, but Mountain View city officials are already getting their game face on. In particular, the city is bracing for the possibility that hundreds of fans will leave their cars in downtown Mountain View as they head to Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara.

This year, Mountain View officials are trying out a new set of parking rules for game days. Fans looking to take the light rail to the stadium are advised to leave their cars at a parking lot between Hope and View streets for a fee of \$10. Street parking will be under

tighter restrictions on game days. The new rules put a three-hour limit for parking on streets in the Old Mountain View neighborhood from Evelyn Avenue down to Mercy Street.

Extra police officers will be on hand to enforce parking limits on game days.

City staffers are still working out a separate set of preparations for the crush of visitors to the area for Super Bowl 50. That game is scheduled for Feb. 7 at Levi's Stadium, and many hotels are already booked for the event.

More information on the parking rules can be found at [tinyurl.com/mv-stadiumparking15](http://tinyurl.com/mv-stadiumparking15). ▣

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*If you could create a new holiday, what would it be?*



"A wine holiday. I think everybody needs a little time to enjoy the fruits of life."

**Mike Valera**, San Jose



"National Live-Like-an-Italian Day. Italians really know how to enjoy good food, take it easy and live well. That's what I aspire someday to achieve, the Tuscan lifestyle."

**Steve Paddon**, Burlingame



"A national Athletics Day. Usually most of the holidays just promote being lazy, eating lunch, drinking. I guess this would be a holiday that's just the opposite of that."

**Will Fessaha**, Campbell



"Margarita Monday, in March. Most people drink tequila at the end of the week, so why not on a Monday?"

**Marilyn Adan**, San Jose



"National Runners' Day. Mostly because I'm a runner, and I like to run; it's brought me a lot of peace and joy."

**Christine Nolan**, Mountain View

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### CRIME BRIEFS

#### PIPE-WELDING MAN ARRESTED

Two people sustained minor injuries after a man police describe as a transient hit them with a pipe at the Alibi Bar in Mountain View over the weekend.

Police received reports at around 2 p.m. Saturday that a man was swinging a 6-foot-long metal pipe at people. The man allegedly struck two people, a 22-year-old man and a 25-year-old woman. Both victims complained of pain after being hit by the pipe, but declined medical attention, according to police spokeswoman Shino Tanaka.

The attacker's motive is unclear, Tanaka said.

Police arrested the man, identified as 40-year-old David Lawrence, who resides in Mountain View but is homeless.

Lawrence was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

#### BURGLARY SUSPECTS SOUGHT

Police are seeking the public's help in finding two suspects who burglarized a home in Mountain View last week.

The suspects entered the residence at the 1000 block of Cuesta Drive through the window sometime between 12:20 and 2:39 p.m. on Aug. 19. They stole several items including passports, electronics and jewelry, police say.

Witnesses reported seeing a silver Honda occupied by two Hispanic males parked near the home during the time of the burglary. Nearby residents provided police with surveillance footage taken during the incident, showing the vehicle.

Anyone with information regarding the vehicle or the burglars are asked to call 650-903-6395 and refer to case number 15-4928.

#### TWO ARRESTED FOR SHOPLIFTING

Police arrested two women Sunday evening on suspicion of shoplifting at a Marshall's and for allegedly trying to leave the store with nearly \$1,000 in merchandise.

Marshall's security had detained the two women at around 7:45 p.m. after they had allegedly entered the store, collected several items and attempted to leave the store without paying, according to police spokeswoman Shino Tanaka.

The total value of the merchandise was estimated at \$968, Tanaka said.

Police arrested 52-year-old Louise Lucero of South San Francisco and 33-year-old Karina Santiago of Daly City, both on charges of grand theft, burglary and conspiracy to commit fraud. Santiago was also charged with possession of burglary tools.

—Kevin Forestieri

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## CATCHING THE WIND

Yakov Shur navigates the waters at Shoreline Aquatic Center on a dazzling summer day. He was a participant in an advanced windsurfing and sailing camp at the center.

# City seeks proposals for downtown hotel, transit center

CONSULTANTS TO BE CHOSEN BY OCTOBER

By Mark Noack

Mountain View officials are expecting to receive formal proposals next week from two competing development firms interested in transforming a pair of city-owned parking lots near Hope Street into the city's first downtown hotel.

In a series of votes earlier this year, City Council members threw their support behind the project, saying a new high-end hotel would boost city revenues

and eventually bring better parking and services to the city's core. They approved spending \$525,000 on engineering studies and marketing to attract developers to the project. Some of that cost would be refunded to the city by a future hotel developer, according to the staff report.

More than 450 developers and people in the hospitality industry were reportedly contacted about the opportunity. Five firms responded to the city's request for qualifications earlier this year.

From that group, city staffers picked two firms they thought had the best experience and financing for the project.

The firms are: the Irvine-based R.D. Olson, which has designed numerous projects in Southern California and the planned Landmark Hotel in San Carlos; and the Encinitas-based Robert Green Company, best known on the Peninsula as the team that built the Four Seasons Hotel off

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# Audit on the way for MV schools

SUPERINTENDENT EXPECTS DONOR TO FOOT \$275,000 BILL

By Kevin Forestieri

In an effort to root out any deep-seated problems and performance issues in the district's public schools, The Mountain View Whisman District school board agreed on Aug. 20 to have a crack team of educators conduct a district-wide audit to the tune of \$275,000.

The district will be hiring education consulting firm Cambridge Education to conduct an on-site, week-long performance assessment at all the district's schools this year. After interviewing students, parents, teachers and principals, the firm will produce a long list of what's working at each school and what could use some work.

The audit comes as new Superintendent Ayindé Rudolph works to not only acclimate himself to the district, but also to identify the weak points in the schools that need improvement right

away. Those weak points could be specific problems, such as instruction that isn't aligned with state standards, or larger issues such as poor communication between school leadership and the community.

"Ultimately we want to understand why schools perform the way they do," Rudolph said. "This isn't about finding blame; it's about understanding the conditions that could be an impediment to increasing student outcomes."

So who is going to foot the bill? The service, which will cost over a quarter-million dollars, did not go through a bidding process to see if it could be done at a lower price, and was brought directly to the board for a vote without prior discussion.

It turns out the district probably won't have to pay for it. At the Aug. 20 school board meeting, Rudolph

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# Water-tracking app wins city contest

WINNING IDEA STILL NEEDS EXTRA HARDWARE

By Mark Noack

Mountain View's first-ever App Challenge has crowned a winner: "Waterwise," a nifty piece of software that will allow homeowners to remotely check how much water they're using at any given time — a bit like a SmartMeter for water.

But don't expect to get this app on your smartphone anytime soon. Waterwise is still a long way from completion, and it's not clear if it will be adopted in Mountain View.

Inspired by California's ongoing drought, Waterwise designers say they wanted to find a way to help local residents track their water usage without the two-month delay it takes to get a utility bill. With the right tool, a homeowner might be able to

immediately track down and fix a leaky pipe or a dripping faucet, explained Waterwise co-designer Aamir Alam Farooqui.

"We're all suffering from the drought, and everyone is wondering how we can reduce our water use," he said. "Everyone in Mountain View could be benefiting from this application."

But there's just one problem with Waterwise: It requires some special hardware. The app would need homeowners to attach a custom-designed reader to their water meters. This reader is basically a camera outfitted with wi-fi capabilities that will take hourly pictures of the meter that a homeowner can view by logging into a special website.

This meter camera is still being designed, but Farooqui

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disclosed that an unnamed donor had agreed to pay for the whole thing, although the agreement was verbal only. The name of the donor had not been released as of the board meeting.

The assurance of outside funding was enough for board members to vote 4-1, with trustee Steve Nelson opposed, to go ahead with the audit.

Board president Ellen Wheeler said she was impressed with the proposal, and commended the superintendent for bringing it to the board on his own volition with a wealthy donor in mind. She said the board voted for a superintendent who would challenge the district's "business as usual" mindset and could court wealthy donors in the tech industry.

"This is exactly the kind of thing that we hired you for," Wheeler told the superintendent.

While Wheeler was confident that the donor would pay for the service, board member Greg Coladonato was tentative. He said he was uncomfortable approving an expenditure without knowing for sure whether the money was there to pay for it, and felt it would be irresponsible to approve \$275,000 in spending if the district can't pay for it.

Rudolph said that regardless of the source of funding, it is important to get the school quality reports done sooner rather than late. There are many budget decisions that need to be made, and the audit will be integral in figuring out the district's

spending priorities.

"We're going to have to sit down and have a conversation about all of our wants and all of our needs, and I think this audit is the first step into understanding what our needs are," Rudolph said.

Nelson supported the school audit, but attempted to delay the decision until a later meeting to get more feedback from the teachers' union. He said it's not clear to him how many hours of district staff time will have to be spent working with Cambridge Education for the audit, and that the district needed to allow more time for teachers to weigh in.

Representatives from the Mountain View Educators Association indicated at the meeting they had not been briefed about how the audit would affect them.

During the week-long school performance review, a team of educators and former teachers familiar with California education standards will visit the schools for a series of class visits and meetings with principals, community members, and students. From that, the team will assess things like the school's quality of learning and instruction, leadership and accountability, and partnerships with families in the community.

For example, one school may end up with a negative review on instruction because teachers give out class work that isn't well-tailored to the abilities of students in the class — either because the work is too easy for high-performing students or because the work is too challenging for "less able and divergent

students," according to a report by Cambridge Education.

The district office will also be reviewed to see how well top administrative staff and the school board adhere to their vision and mission statements, adopt strategic plans for improving student performance and maintain good governance.

A district report, provided by the firm as an example, found that the school board in an unspecified district had a level of divisiveness and tension between the board members that needed to be worked out so that they could focus their full attention on district priorities. It recommended that the board adopt a "laser-like focus" on academic, social and vocational skills for students to prepare them for the 21st century rather than focus on their differences of opinion.

One example of what the district can do with this information, Rudolph said, is use the feedback to figure out how to best spend state funds through the Local Control Accountability Plan.

The plan is a state-required list of how the district will spend state funds to improve test scores, adjust to Common Core standards and narrow the achievement gap, among other things. Prior to the school performance survey, Rudolph said, there's really only a cursory understanding of how to spend money and meet these requirements.

All audit results will be available to the public on the district's website. ▣

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## WATER APP

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explained that he filed paperwork seeking a patent for it just last month. When brought to production, he expects the meter cameras to sell for less than \$100. That cost might seem prohibitive, but Farooqui pointed out it was the simplest alternative he could find from an engineering standpoint. Other options he considered would require temporarily interrupting water service to attach a reader.

For Mountain View, which has about 17,000 water connections, going forward with the Waterwise app would be an expensive endeavor. City officials say they would be looking at the app in the coming weeks to decide whether it's worth implementing in the future.

"There's a fair amount of infrastructure that would have to be built out for this," explained Roger Jensen, the city's information technology director, who

spearheaded the App Challenge contest. "We'll talk to our water-conservation people and see if this is something they want to go forward with."

Jensen emphasized that it was the plan all along that Waterwise and other apps would be prototypes, not meant to be ready for consumers. The App Challenge, launched three months ago, was intended to jump-start ideas to improve the city, not necessarily to generate finished products, Jensen said. Getting exposure from the city's contest could help coders as they fine-tune their apps for the marketplace, he said.

In fact, the App Challenge was a prototype of sorts, as the first attempt of its kind by Mountain View to corral the local coding talent toward civic improvements. The city received submissions from a mix of experienced engineers as well as people dabbling in programming for the first time. The city would work to make all the apps available for the public to try, Jensen said.

The winner of the App Challenge contest was determined through an online vote system. A total of 220 people voted, each choosing their top three candidates.

As the top vote-getter, Farooqui and his design partner, Saima Farooqui, will win a cash prize of \$2,000. Second place went to "MyCity," an app for neighbors to network and share news.

Third prize went to BlueLight, an app designed to improve 911 emergency response time by providing more precise location data. Jensen pointed out that BlueLight was a great idea, but it wasn't feasible with the Santa Clara County's emergency communications system.

In the end, the App Challenge proved to be a learning experience for many, including the city's contest organizers, Jensen said. He hoped the contest could continue as an annual tradition for Mountain View. ▣

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Highway 101 in East Palo Alto.

The firms' deadline to submit proposals is next week. Following that deadline, city leaders plan to interview both applicants, and choose one by early October.

The hotel project would occupy two lots located at Hope and Villa streets that now provide about 150 parking spots. As part of any approved hotel package, city officials say they would insist on developers providing some kind of garage with at least 75 more public parking spots than were available before. Providing that parking will be a costly challenge for any hotel development since it would likely need to go underground and avoid various utility lines.

"At a minimum, this hotel would need to provide 225 parking spots, but more would certainly be favorable," said Melissa Stevenson Diaz, assistant city manager. "It's a key element of this project."

City staff are setting an "ambitious" goal to complete the project by early 2019. In the interim before the hotel and garage are complete, the loss of two public lots could make the city's downtown parking scarcity during peak hours even more frustrating. Diaz explained that the city was exploring options to provide temporary parking lots elsewhere in the downtown area, but she couldn't provide specifics.

In a separate project nearby, the city is also moving forward on plans to build a new downtown transit center to better handle the crush of commuters. The proposed project would provide a new Castro Street station,

linking Caltrain, light rail, bus and private shuttle services.

City officials note that the existing station is among the busiest in the Caltrain system, but it was designed for only a fraction of the number of riders who now use it. It makes particular sense to upgrade the station at this time, they say, since larger regional agencies are working to improve service and increase ridership on Caltrain and light-rail.

By building a new center, the city wants to provide better loading areas for mass transit and make it easier for pedestrians and cyclists to navigate the area. It also wants a new parking structure to accommodate more cars as well as bicycles.

As part of the station project, city officials also want options for separating Castro Street from the train crossing. Currently, this intersection often causes a long backup of cars, especially at the busiest commute times. Over the years, city leaders have suggested various ideas for separating the crossing, such as sinking Castro Street under the train tracks or putting the tracks in a trench.

Last week, the city put out a request for qualifications for consultants interested in developing plans for the transit station and shepherding the project through a variety of public meetings. A final report with various options for the transit center would be due by December 2016, for which the consultant would be paid up to \$800,000.

Mountain View officials expect to choose a consultant for the project in October. ▣

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do in a second,” he said, matter-of-factly. “Think about it as 40,000 to 50,000 workstations or laptops, the kind that you’d have at home, working together simultaneously.”

Waving his key card in front of a door scanner, Mehrotra opened the door to a cavernous room containing row after row of Pleiades’ monolithic computer towers. Each tower stood about 6 feet tall and contained stacks of processor nodes. Like any data center, the Pleiades computer room didn’t appear as some dazzling spectacle of information coursing at the speed of light. But the unseen power was still palpable — the room echoed with a throbbing hum and the lanes between computer rows felt like wind tunnels from the blaring cooling fans.

Surprisingly, the engineering of Pleiades isn’t much different from a home personal computer. At one time, supercomputers were almost entirely custom-built machines filled with a handful of specially designed chips streamlined for performance.

In the mid-1990s, NASA computer engineers were among the first to break out of that mold by building a supercomputer based on commodity parts — that is, the same chips available on the retail market. Clustering a multitude of cheap mass-produced processors turned out to be a much cheaper way to maximize performance.

Today, the 210,000 processors that make up Pleiades are all various generations of the Intel Xeon chipset. Each year, the Advanced Supercomputing Division undergoes about \$15 million in upgrades, during which the oldest generation of processors are phased out for the newer replacements.

Does NASA get a good deal for buying in bulk? “Well, we should certainly hope so,” Mehrotra said, smiling. “We tend to get good prices because we’re buying big huge systems and upgrading all the time.”

Following its most recent round of upgrades, Pleiades was pegged in recent weeks as the third-fastest supercomputer in the U.S., trailing only the federal Department of Energy’s two massive computer centers.

Yet there are times when even one of the world’s fastest computers can still seem too slow. There is a near-insatiable demand for processing power between NASA’s four separate divisions as well as the universities and outside groups wanting the supercomputer for government research.



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NASA directors dictate which projects get priority on Pleiades, and it falls down to Mehrotra and his team to figure out how to allocate the machine’s brainpower accordingly. Naturally, they have algorithms to help portion out 300 to 400 research projects at any given time.

Among the foremost research projects being run on Pleiades is an oceanic study with a long-winded name: Estimating the Climate and Circulation of the Ocean 2 (ECCO2). This study, started in 2011 as a partnership between several federal research agencies, seeks to create a worldwide ocean model to track sea currents, heat patterns, sea ice, salinity and other factors.

The simulations are performed practically in real-time by collecting data from various ocean instruments and space satellites. Pleiades is taking this data from a patchwork of sources and collating it into one global model, explained Christopher Hill, ECCO2’s principal research engineer.

“We designed this study to be able to take advantage of computers as they got bigger,” Hill said. “On a system like Pleiades, we can do thousands of times more than we could on a laptop computer.”

ECCO2 has been the most

demanding study performed to date on Pleiades, at times taking up more than one-third of the computer’s processing power and producing more than three petabytes (three million gigabytes) of raw data. That information has been used in hundreds of published studies and research papers.

The Ames supercomputer is also heavily involved in more traditional roles of NASA space exploration. Pleiades is routinely used to perform simulations on materials used for spacecrafts. Perhaps its biggest success to date, the supercomputer played a lead role in sifting through reams of data taken by the Kepler spacecraft to discover about 1,000 confirmed planets and about 4,200 more candidate planets.

But the evolving capability of Pleiades also makes it a high-value target for hackers. Every day, Mehrotra said, his system is being bombarded by unauthorized users from across the world trying to gain access.

If Pleiades’ firewall were breached, a hacker could try to use the supercomputer for malicious attacks on other computer systems. So far, no such attempt to break into Pleiades has been successful, Mehrotra said. ▣

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The City of Mountain View's Visual Arts Committee is inviting artists and artist teams working in a variety of media to exhibit public art in the lobby of the Center for Performing Arts for the 2016 season.

This year the Visual Arts Committee is requiring a theme of Environmental Sustainability as stated in the Mountain View City Council 2-Year Major Goals Work Plan to enhance environmental sustainability efforts. The theme of Environmental Sustainability can include either the type of artwork medium used or the subject matter of the artwork (e.g. ecological art using recycled materials, or nature/landscape as a subject matter).

The rotating exhibits are approximately nine weeks in length and are viewed by thousands of people visiting downtown Mountain View and attending shows at the Center for Performing Arts.

### APPLICATION

Applications will be accepted from **Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at 8:00 AM (PST) to Wednesday, September 30, 2015 by 11:00 PM (PST)**. **APPLY EARLY**, Applications will not be accepted after the 11pm, September 30th deadline and **only the first 120 applications will be accepted** (whichever comes first).

### ELIGIBILITY

The call is open to all professional artists/artist teams over the age of 18 residing in the local 11 San Francisco Bay Area Counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano and Sonoma).

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applications must be submitted online via CaFE at [www.callforentry.org](http://www.callforentry.org), an online application system for calls for entry. There is no charge for artists to apply or use CaFE. Applications that are mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered will not be considered, as this is an online system.

All applications should include the following:

- **Artist Resume**
- **Five (5) to Ten (10) Images** of current work. All images must be of art that would be exhibited for the 2016 season.
- **Annotated Image descriptions.** Please include the following information: title, date of art piece, dimensions and type of media.

All applicants should allow adequate time to submit their applications. To get additional assistance using CaFE, please contact WESTAF by calling 303-629-1166 or via email at [cafe@westaf.org](mailto:cafe@westaf.org).

### SELECTION

The Visual Arts Committee anticipates making artists selection by November 1, 2015. Artists will be notified by November 9, 2015. **The artist chosen to display their art in the first 9 week slot will be required to do so on December 8, 2015.**

## City takes up charge on plug-in car stations

TENTATIVE RULES WOULD MANDATE CHARGERS FOR LARGE DEVELOPMENTS

By Mark Noack

Whether it's Tesla Roadsters, Nissan Leafs or any of the other fancy new models, a growing number of electric vehicles can be seen every day zipping around the streets of Mountain View. In fact, Santa Clara County is pretty much the world leader for the electric-car industry, surpassing other regions of California and the rest of the nation in sales.

It should come as no shock that more plug-in vehicles means more demand for places to plug in. As the number of electric cars continues to grow, Mountain View and other cities are trying to plan ahead on the equipment needed to power those vehicles. City officials are considering adding a new set of building code rules to prod developers to install equipment for electric

vehicles in future projects.

The effort is being dubbed "Electronic-Vehicle Charging Readiness," said Assistant Community Development Director Terry Blount.

"It's putting in place the elements to ensure charging (stations) later," he said. "We're likely to recommend that a certain percentage of space have electric-vehicle chargers installed."

Blount couldn't go into specifics on those proposed requirements because he and other city staffers are still at work compiling their report. They were originally slated to bring their recommendations to the Environmental Planning Commission last week, but that meeting was postponed to early next month. Staff now plans to bring the item before the full City Council in October.

In general terms, Blount said

he expected the new rules to set a sliding scale of charging equipment for electric vehicles depending on the type of building projects. A commercial office park might be required to have a certain percentage of parking spaces outfitted with plug-in chargers.

Meanwhile a smaller building project, such as a single-family home, likely wouldn't be forced to install an entire charging station. But even a small development could be required to put in the underground electrical panels and conduits to allow a car charger to be installed in the future.

Mountain View is not the first city to take up the charge on this effort. Other Peninsula and South Bay municipalities including Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Cupertino and Santa Clara County have already passed similar rules to promote electric car chargers.

"We're likely to go beyond what any other city is doing," Blount said. "But we've done some research and we're finding even without (a city) requirement, many new developments are doing this already." ■

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## School district to hire public information officer

HALF-TIME STAFF MEMBER WOULD IMPROVE COMMUNITY OUTREACH, SUPERINTENDENT SAYS

By Kevin Forestieri

Communication between the community and the district office has been spotty for the Mountain View Whisman School District in recent years, and the new superintendent is wasting no time trying to find a solution.

Superintendent Ayindé Rudolph, who took over as the new superintendent last month, proposed to the board at the Aug. 20 meeting that it's time to hire a public information officer to let the public know what's going on in the district. The position includes managing the website and social media, and getting news and information out to everyone in the culturally diverse district.

The board voted 4-1, with trustee Steve Nelson dissenting, to approve the new half-time position. While board members generally agreed it's time to improve the district's public relations with a new staff member, Nelson was unsettled that it was not a requirement in the job description for the new public information officer to be fluent

in Spanish. In a district with more than 2,200 Latino students, he argued, there's a dire need for Spanish translation.

"I find it a bit disturbing that we aren't requiring this position to have bilingual Spanish," Nelson said.

Rudolph contended that the district has already cut down the potential pool of applicants by making it a half-time position, and adding an extra requirement could lead to lackluster candidates. It's also not clear, he said, how much of a time sink it would be to translate messages from English to Spanish when they are only going to be around for half of the day.

"Communications is an art in itself," Rudolph said. "Whether or not we can find someone who has both communications and Spanish has yet to be seen, and instead of limiting ourselves we wanted to open it up."

Rudolph said that in meeting with hundreds of community members, including meet-and-greets with parents and talking to local business leaders, there's been one consistent message: The district doesn't have a great

track record for letting the public know what its administrators have been up to, and it should hire someone to take that role.

"Everybody has said at times that communication from the district has been either nonexistent, disjointed or haphazard," Rudolph said.

Communication is "disjointed" in the sense that a handful of staff in the district office pitch in to manage the website and send out newsletters, press releases and social media messages. But nobody helping out has any experience with public relations, Rudolph said, which muddles the message and stifles efforts to inform the public.

"It's hard to address the need for access to public information if we don't have someone who knows how to design that information," Rudolph said.

According to the job description, the public information officer would be responsible for reporting out the district's achievements as well as "problems of significance," to media, faculty, staff, parents and community members. He or she would also manage news inquiries and train district staff to "serve as news media surrogate speakers."

The public information officer will also be key in informing district residents about critical issues such as the possible effort

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# Research points to health risks caused by leaf blowers

by Sue Dremann

**B**lasting air at up to 185 mph, leaf blowers can whip up hazardous particles and contaminants from the ground at speeds greater than a Category 5 hurricane, sending them long distances.

Epidemiological studies have long recognized the harm these particles — including hydrocarbons from gasoline, animal droppings, spores, fungi, pollens, pesticides and herbicides, fertilizers, brake-lining dust and tire residue, and heavy metals — cause to people's respiratory systems, according to Bay Area Air Quality Management District reports.

Exposure to particulate matter is rarely, if ever, cited as the cause of death in a coroner's report when someone dies of a heart attack, stroke or lung disease, a 2012 district study noted. "However, epidemiological studies indicate that exposure to particulate matter is an important contributing factor in hundreds, perhaps thousands, of deaths in the Bay Area each year."

The district has called particulate matter "the air pollutant that poses *by far* the greatest health risk to Bay Area residents."

The average adult inhales 450 cubic centimeters (roughly one pint) of air per breath, which includes 1 million to 10 million tiny particles with each breath.

"But that figure can spike to much higher levels in close proximity to high-volume roadways or other major outdoor emission sources," the district's "Bay Area 2010 Clean Air Plan" noted.

The contribution of leaf blowers to air pollution isn't to be underestimated. About 5 pounds of particulate matter per leaf blower per hour are swept into the air and take hours to settle, according to a widely cited leaf-blower pollution report by the Orange County, California, grand jury in 1999.

An air quality district program aimed at replacing up to 50,000 leaf blowers and 10,000 lawn mowers by 2020 would reduce the most dangerous small-particle emissions (sized 2.5 and 10 microns) by 0.12 tons (240 pounds) per day, according to the 2010 Clean Air Plan.

Fine particles measuring 2.5 microns and coarser material measuring 10 microns are more readily absorbed into the lungs. The smaller 2.5-micron particles are associated with hazardous organic compounds and heavy metals, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agen-



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*The debris kicked up by a leaf blower includes not only leaves but spores, animal droppings, pesticides, heavy metals and more, researchers have found. The tiniest particles, once airborne, can stay aloft for hours.*

cy (EPA). Particles measuring 10 microns are typically composed of smoke, dirt, dust, mold, spores and pollen.

Particulates in the 2.5-micron range can migrate many hundreds of miles and stay the air for days or weeks; 10-micron particles can travel up to 30 miles and stay aloft for hours, according to the U.S. E.P.A.

Besides what they kick up off the ground, gas-powered leaf blowers themselves emit specific pollutants the state of California has identified as of concern: hydrocarbons from both burned and unburned fuel, which combine with other gases to form ozone; carbon monoxide; and toxic contaminants such as benzene, 1,3-butadiene, acetaldehyde and formaldehyde, according to a widely quoted 2000 California Environmental Protection Agency Air Resources Board report.

The air quality district in 2010 estimated there were around 258,000 two-stroke leaf blowers in the Bay Area, which generate

significantly more air pollution than four-stroke engines.

Testing in 2011 by the vehicle reviewer Edmunds.com showed just how dirty leaf blowers remain, even 11 years after new emission standards for blowers went into effect. Pitting leaf blowers against a Ford F-150 SVT Raptor crew cab, the leaf blowers were the big dogs when it came to spewing non-methane hydrocarbons, oxides of nitrogen and carbon monoxide — the three pollutants that the EPA and the California Air Resources Board find most concerning.

The two-stroke blower generated 23 times the carbon monoxide and nearly 300 times more non-methane hydrocarbons as the truck.

"To equate the hydrocarbon emissions of about a half-hour of yard work with this two-stroke leaf blower, you'd have to drive a Raptor for 3,887 miles, or the distance from northern Texas to Anchorage, Alaska," the article noted.

Officials from local lung-health

organizations said the contribution of leaf blowers to pollution can't be ignored.

"It should be of great concern," said Lynn Smith, interim executive director of Breathe California of the Bay Area, also noting the huge discrepancy between leaf blower and car emissions.

Various arguments have been made by some environmental groups that blowers should be entirely banned in favor of a return to old-fashioned brooms and rakes.

A 1999 study by the University of California Riverside and San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, the first of its kind, attempted to quantify the differences. Leaf blowers produced about 30 milligrams per square meter of 2.5-micron-sized particulates and 80 mg per square meter of 10-micron particles.

The results were similar for push brooms used on a concrete surface, probably because of the smoother surface, the researchers found. But using a push

broom on asphalt produced no 2.5-micron particles and only 20 mg in the 10-micron range.

And raking on either surface produced no particulates in either range, the study found.

The California Landscape Contractors Association, however, disputes the figures cited in the studies regarding air pollution caused by leaf blowers, calling concerns over air emissions "spurious," according to a 1999 letter from its board of directors that was confirmed as current on July 20.

"Properly used leaf blowers do not raise inordinate amounts of dust. Rule 403 of the South Coast Air Quality Management District states that 'a person shall not cause or allow the emissions of fugitive dust from any active operation, open storage pile, or disturbed surface area such that the presence of such dust remains visible in the atmosphere beyond the property line of the emission source.' Blower users can and should follow this rule," the letter states.

Debates over air pollution aside, there's also noise — perhaps the most evident pollution caused by leaf blowers. The city of Palo Alto requires leaf blowers to emit no more than 65 decibels, when measured from 50 feet away.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has determined that decibel levels above 85 cause permanent hearing loss. The World Health Organization recommends a general outdoor noise level of 55 decibels or less and 45 or less for sleeping restfully.

Excessive noise has been implicated in higher heart-attack rates, gastrointestinal disturbances, sleep problems, social discord and psychological problems, according to the U.S. E.P.A.

Metal rakes aren't noise-free, though the sound is less constant: The city of Palo Alto noted in a 2005 report that metal rakes used on concrete can generate 58 to 60 decibels at 50 feet.

When it comes to encouraging gardeners to forgo their gas-powered machines, one air quality district in southern California has had significant success with its leaf blower exchange. The South Coast Air Quality Management District, which covers Orange County, urban Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside, has held a leaf blower buy-back program since 2006 for professional gardeners. In that time, the district has put more

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## LEAF BLOWERS

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than 12,000 reduced-noise and lower-emissions leaf blowers in the hands of professional gardeners.

The agency distributes about 1,500 new leaf blowers annually, said spokesman Sam Atwood.

"According to the EPA, a commercial blower emits 93 pounds per year of air pollutants. Multiplied out times 12,000, the units we have distributed have reduced 500 tons of pollutants since 2006," he said.

So far, the district has distributed cleaner blowers manufactured by the company Stihl. The company has supplied trainings at the exchanges. Operators learn to use the blower like a broom, rolling the debris from one area to another where it can be collected, rather than blasting it in a cloud of dust, Atwood said.

The district helped support the development of backpack electric leaf blowers, which are just now becoming commercially available, he said. The district hopes that it will get at least one proposal this year for a truly zero-emission, battery-powered leaf blower as part of its request for proposals, he added.

"In demos, they seem to work very well, equal at least to a gas-powered blower. But it's a little premature to say how they will compare in the field to their gasoline counterparts," he said.

For its part, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District is running a program to fund the purchase of new, battery-powered, zero-emission electric lawn and garden equipment in exchange for gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment. The program currently is operating only in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, however. ■

## BART FUNDING

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toward BART-related projects.

If the sales tax is boosted by a half-cent, it would bring in a projected \$6 billion in revenue, meaning BART to San Jose would get about \$1.5 billion in additional funding on top of what has already been allocated. Simitian said the project needs between \$1.2 and \$1.4 billion, so it's more than enough to finish up and guarantee the rest of the money will go towards congestion relief for the rest of the county.

"We're going to need to have a cap to take to the voters to convince them that there's something in it for them," Simitian said. "If we're looking at \$6 billion dollars in revenue in a half-cent sales tax, about a billion and a half to BART provides a real assurance."

Simitian, who represents North County cities including Mountain View and Palo Alto, and West Valley cities including Cupertino and Campbell, said his district has been a major generator of sales tax revenue, and residents have generally supported the tax measures. The district generates 16 percent of the total tax revenue, but only about 5.3 percent of it gets invested in the district, he said.

District voters will be critical if the 2016 sales tax measure is to pass; the measure would require a two-thirds vote for passage. Last month, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group published a poll showing how receptive county voters would be to a new sales tax measure supporting completion of the BART extension, reduction of traffic congestion on expressways, and improved Caltrain service. Of the 750 likely voters polled, 68 percent said they would vote for a half-cent measure; 71 percent said they would vote for a quarter-cent measure.

It would be hard to argue to voters that extending BART to San Jose brings meaningful congestion relief to most of the county, Simitian said.

"BART provides regional benefits, but if you live in Palo Alto, Stanford, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Los Gatos, Saratoga, Cupertino, Monte Sereno, the Almaden Valley, South San Jose, Morgan

Hill, Gilroy, and significant portions of East San Jose, how much direct benefit do you get from that project? The answer is not much."

Supervisor Cindy Chavez opposed the idea of capping BART funds on a lengthy 30-year sales tax, citing a need for the county to keep its options open for changing traffic needs throughout the county.

"One of the challenges in doing such a long tax is the flexibility we have to respond," Chavez said. "We want to be faithful to the voters and at the same time be able to respond to need."

While Simitian said the point was well taken, he pointed out that Measure A had plenty of flexibility, which allowed funding for North County projects such as the Dumbarton rail to be reallocated to other parts of the county.

Earlier this month, 11 North County and West Valley cities signed a letter co-written by city leaders urging VTA to adopt a comprehensive systems-wide plan for addressing transportation needs across the entire county. The letter was, in part, born out of the perceived inequity in transportation funding throughout the region.

## An early start on a project list

While the supervisors tabled any specific directions on how to move forward with the proposed sales tax measure, VTA is already moving full-steam ahead on collecting a project list for the sales tax revenue.

Throughout this month, VTA has been soliciting cities in the county for a wish list of all the transportation projects they would like to see funded in the future. The cost of those projects is likely to exceed the funding that will be available, but it will give the agency a better idea of transportation needs from city to city.

While the Mountain View public works department staff have declined to release the list of projects prior to the Aug. 31 deadline, previously submitted project proposals include a \$71 million project to construct a grade separation that would sink Regnstorff Avenue underneath the Caltrain tracks. There's also a number of creek trail projects

proposed by the city, the largest being a \$15 million extension of the Stevens Creek Trail to Mountain View High School.

Among the proposals tabled for another meeting was whether to reserve 25 percent of the sales tax funds for improving the county's expressway system, which currently has no special funding outside of a portion of gas tax revenue, according to Michael Murdter, director of Santa Clara County's Roads and Airports Department.

## Housing included in a transit measure?

There was some discussion among supervisors at the meeting about the possibility of including the support of housing in the transportation sales tax measure. The connection, some argued, is that housing should be within close proximity of transit networks, including Caltrain, BART and light rail, which would increase the effectiveness of existing public transit and reduce the number of people who rely on single-occupancy vehicle trips to get to and from work. Chavez said it was critical that the measure include housing.

"We can't keep building two systems separately, housing and transportation," she said.

Supervisor Ken Yeager said he wasn't sold on the idea of including a housing component to the measure, despite the job-housing imbalance in much of the county that is partially responsible for the heavy commute traffic. He said it would be difficult to get cities to work with the county on housing projects, and especially in cities where voters reject low-income senior housing.

Simitian told the *Voice* that he plans to keep an open mind about the housing option, but that he wants to stay focused. If the sales tax measure starts to go beyond transportation and into other causes, no matter how worthy they are, it may start to lose some of its clarity about addressing congestion relief, he said.

"There isn't going to be enough money to do everything we'd like to do," Simitian said. "If you include housing, that's money that won't be available for other congestion relief." ■

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## SCHOOL DISTRICT

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to renew the district's parcel tax in 2016, Rudolph said.

The part-time gig is expected to cost 50 percent of a salary range between \$110,000 to \$130,000, depending on the experience and

qualifications of the new district employee.

Rudolph defended the cost of adding a new administrative position to the district office, explaining that the half-time staff member will address a serious district-wide need.

"I don't think asking for a

part-time (staff member) to really help us communicate with the larger community is excessive, especially considering that all our conversations have indicated this is a clear need and weakness or opportunity for growth in the district," Rudolph said. ■



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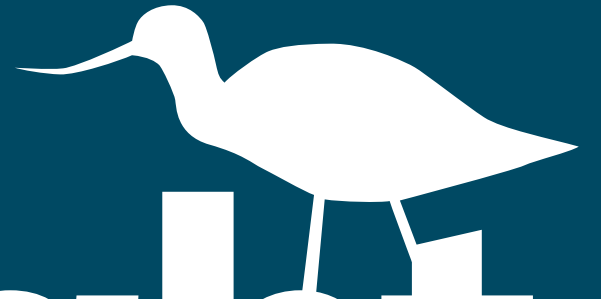
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## Snacks with purpose



A Cub Snacks kit includes rolled oats, brown rice puffs, semisweet chocolate drops, mixed raisins, peanut butter, coconut oil and honey.

### Mountain View resident tackles early nutrition with subscription service

STORY BY SHANNON CHAI ● PHOTOS BY MICHELLE LE

#### FOOD FEATURE

Packaged, processed snacks sure are easy to eat—they're tasty, they require no preparation and they tend to appeal to kids—but everyone knows they're not the healthiest option.

For Mountain View resident Andy Kavanagh, that simple fact inspired a business: healthy, kid-friendly baking projects delivered once a month, right to your door.

The health-food and fitness enthusiast and self-proclaimed “snackaholic” explained: “Our goal is to make it easier for you to raise a happy, healthy and food-educated family by making baking fun. But

sometimes people need a little help and guidance.”

Kavanagh's passion for healthful eating inspired him to create Cub Snacks, a subscription-based service that delivers Healthy Snack Project Kits to families' doors every month. Each kit is based on a healthy, kid-friendly snack recipe and includes all the components necessary to prepare the snack.

In addition to ingredients, there are colorful aprons and chef hats for the kids, an instruction card and a “Fun Food Facts” sheet with educational information about the ingredients. The kits are available for a one-time purchase or by subscriptions of varying lengths (monthly, three months or six months).



Cub Snack kit ingredients, at the ready for a baking project.

Kavanagh, who is originally from Ireland and moved to the Bay Area last year, said the goal is for parents to share a fun project with their children while simultaneously instilling healthful eating habits.

“If you want to teach kids from an early age about diet and nutrition, it’s extremely important to get them involved in cooking,” Kavanagh said. “When kids get more hands-on in the kitchen, it’s more enjoyable for them to learn, and it’s easier for the parents, too.”

Kavanagh hasn’t always been a health-food enthusiast. After his mother died of cancer when he was 11 years old, he was known to turn to junk food when hunger struck. Since his father was not particularly handy in the kitchen, he said, eating six bags of potato chips in one sitting was not unheard of. The only family interaction he had in the kitchen was eating breakfast cereal and microwaved fries at the table, he said.

A humble school cafeteria would end up changing his life and steering him in the direction of a healthful diet. When he turned 14, Kavanagh enrolled in a school where the cafeteria “occasionally served some real food.”



**Andy Kavanagh**, *Cub Snacks* founder, measures brown rice puffs in a commercial kitchen located in Fremont.

He describes the school meals as sometimes being so unappealing that he would choose a salad to fend off certain starvation. Slowly and steadily, Kavanagh’s palate — which had delighted in sugar, sodium and artificial additives — matured, and a lifetime of interest in food and culinary experimentation was sparked.

Since then, Kavanagh has pursued several avenues in the world of food entrepreneurship. Prior to starting *Cub Snacks*, he found-

ed *Revolve Foods*, a food vendor serving up locally sourced, nutritious food for delivery, catering and wholesale. He also made snacks such as baked muesli, bowls of organic steel-cut oatmeal and fruit parfaits for *Chromatic Coffee* in Santa Clara.

While *Cub Snacks* occupies a niche market, meal kit subscription services for adults are on the rise, particularly in the Bay Area. Consumers can subscribe to numerous services that deliver recipes along with

pre-portioned, fresh ingredients to their doorsteps on a daily or weekly basis. Kavanagh said two such companies, *Blue Apron* and *Plated*, inspired his own kits.

*Cub Snacks* did not, however, start out as an interactive product. Kavanagh’s initial business plan focused on helping families pick out healthful snacks from grocery store shelves stocked with fat-, sugar- and salt-laden products designed to appeal to customers.

Originally, *Cub Snacks* was a monthly service that delivered a box filled with 30 healthful snacks to subscribers, with a target group of children from ages 3 to 10. The snack selection included fruit drinks, fruit and granola bars, dried fruit and vegetable strips, trail mix and fruit chips. All of the snacks were screened by Kavanagh to ensure that they were free of refined and added sugars, artificial colors and flavors, trans fats and genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

To avoid common allergens, he also chose snacks that were gluten-free and contained no traces of shellfish.

*Cub Snacks* launched in April with 78 orders. By July, the business had grown to about 380

monthly orders nationwide.

The recipes are all taste-tested and kid-approved by friends’ children, Kavanagh said. This screening process is designed to ensure that the kits hold up to their claim of being kid-friendly.

So far, Kavanagh has stuck to his original target audience, but his plans for the future of *Cub Snacks* do not end with elementary school-aged eaters. He hopes to eventually develop similar kits for adults and is open to experimenting with recipes for full meals as well.

“You can eat well if you want to eat well,” he said. “Sometimes people just need a gentle nudge in the right direction.”

*Shannon Chai* is an editorial intern with *Mountain View Voice*.

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS

# Entries

## 'DIARY OF A TEENAGE GIRL' GETS REAL ABOUT SEX

★★★ 1/2 (Century 16)

This is America, where there are certain things you talk about unhesitatingly (Donald Trump) and certain things you don't (female adolescent ... whatever), with a creative understanding of what constitutes true obscenity. Like the proverbial ostrich with its head in the sand, many Americans prefer to pretend adolescent female desire doesn't exist. Respect, then, to novelist Phoebe Gloeckner for her novel, "The Diary of a Teenage Girl," and writer-director Marielle Heller for her cinematic adaptation of it.

In this story, told matter-of-factly from the point of view of a mostly unapologetic, red-blooded fifteen-year-old girl, sexual interest, pursuit and practice consume much of Minnie Goetze's time and energy. As played by newcomer Bel Powley, Minnie is both smart and naive, a burgeoning social critic learning to question and moderate those hallmarks of hormone-driven teenage existence: gut emotional responses and knee-jerk reactions. But these are hard-won lessons for a girl whose basic instinct is to do an end-run around her oblivious mother, Charlotte (Kristen Wiig) to initiate an affair with mom's 35-year-old boyfriend, Monroe (Alexander Skarsgård).

In any other movie, the same situation would be played for cynical misanthropic laughs or as miserable tragedy, but Heller



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**Kristen Wiig**, left, **Bel Powley** and **Alexander Skarsgård** star in "The Diary of a Teenage Girl."

(who once played Minnie in an Off-Broadway production she scripted) knows this is a story — lived out in variations every day in America — that's deserving of an honest treatment devoid of the usual rush to judgment. We witness a power dynamic of mutual interest and reward, as well as intoxicating risk and possibility, made headier by sex and the search for love. Minnie doesn't fall into the archetype of a sick nymphet or some kind of victim, and Monroe isn't simply branded as a creep with only one thought on his mind.

Rather, they are two living, breathing individuals, and while they're almost certainly making a mistake, it's the kind of mistake they're both likely to look back on with a rueful appreciation of how it shaped their characters and with some level of fondness (helping our imaginations to go there, Gloeckner's story takes place not today, but in 1976 San Francisco). The wide-eyed Powley and close-to-the-vest Skarsgård oblige Heller's creative goal with their truthful turns,

and Wiig strikes just the right funny-sad notes to highlight, with thoughtful specificity, her efficiently scripted background presence.

In most respects, Minnie's coming-of-age tale is conventional ... for a male protagonist. Stretching back to the gauzier nostalgia of a "Summer of '42"; it's high time to explore the flip side. In addition to her sexual development, Minnie takes steps in vocational formation, including heroine worship of cartoonist Aline Kominsky (lightly superimposed animations, a nod to the novel's graphic elements, illustrate Minnie's yen to illustrate). Without prurience or high-fives for the eavesdropping viewers, the film's opening line announces its take-it-or-leave-it reality with Minnie joyfully confiding in her diary: "I had sex today. Holy sh-t!"

*Rated R for strong sexual content including dialogue, graphic nudity, drug use, language and drinking — all involving teens. One hour, 42 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

bad more of "American Ultra" couldn't do the same. *Rated R for strong bloody violence, language throughout, drug use and some sexual content. One hour, 35 minutes.* — P.C.

*ing some sexual references. One hour, 24 minutes.* — P.C.

## THE END OF THE TOUR

★★★ 1/2

The mysteries of personality and the hall of mirrors of celebrity culture form the nebulous parameters of "The End of the Tour," a film inspired by five days in the life of celebrated novelist David Foster Wallace and journalist David Lipsky. In a revelatory change-of-pace performance, actor-screenwriter Jason Segel plays the 34-year-old author at the tail end of his 1996 book tour for "Infinite Jest." As Wallace contends with anxiety issues, Lipsky (Jesse Eisenberg), a novelist currently on assignment from "Rolling Stone," shadows the literary star and plies him for anything he will reveal. *Rated R for language including some sexual references. One hour, 46 minutes.* — P.C.

■ MOVIE CRITICS

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■ MOVIE TIMES

### Airplane! (1980) (PG)

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

**American Ultra (R) ★★★ 1/2** Century 16: 10 a.m., 12:30, 3, 5:30, 8 & 10:35 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m.

**Amy (R) Palo Alto Square:** Fri & Sat 9:45 p.m.

### Ant-Man (PG-13) ★★★

Century 16: 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:35 & 10:30 p.m.

Century 20: 11:10 a.m. & 7:55 p.m. In 3-D at 2, 4:55 & 10:45 p.m.

### Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13) ★★★

Century 20: 12:40, 3:55, 7:10 & 10:20 p.m.

**Best of Enemies (R) ★★★ 1/2** Aquarius Theatre: 2 & 7:10 p.m.

### The Diary of a Teenage Girl (R) ★★★ 1/2

Century 16: 5 p.m., Fri & Sat 9:15 a.m., Sun 9 a.m.

### The End of the Tour (R) ★★★ 1/2

Palo Alto Square: 1:30, 4:15 & 7 p.m.

**Fantastic Four (PG-13) Century 16:** Fri & Sat 11:50 a.m. & 2:25 p.m., Sun 11:30 a.m. Century 20: 9:30 p.m.

**The Gift (R) Century 16:** 9 & 11:50 a.m., 2:35, 5:15, 7:55 & 10:40 p.m. Century 20: 11:40 a.m., 2:25, 5, 7:40 & 10:35 p.m.

**Hitman: Agent 47 (R) Century 16:** 9:45 a.m., 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50 & 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 11:50 a.m., 2:40, 5:15, 7:50 & 10:30 p.m.

### The Importance of Being Earnest (1952) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Fri 7:30 p.m.

**Inside Out (PG) ★★★ 1/2** Century 16: 10:10 a.m., 12:45 & 3:20 p.m.

Century 20: 11:25 a.m., 1:55, 4:30, 7:05 & 9:40 p.m.

### The Man from U.N.C.L.E. (PG-13) ★★★ 1/2

Century 16: 9:55 a.m., 1, 4:10, 7:10 & 10:05 p.m.

Century 20: 11:15 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:40 & 10:30 p.m.

**Meru (R) Century 20:** 11:30 a.m., 1:50, 4:25, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.

Palo Alto Square: 1, 3:15, 5:30 & 7:45 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 p.m.

**Minions (PG) ★★** Century 16: 9:10 & 11:35 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:25 & 9:55 p.m. Century 20: 11:25 a.m., 1:45, 4:05, 6:45 & 9:10 p.m.

### Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation (PG-13) ★★★ 1/2

Century 16: 9 & 10:35 a.m., 12:15, 1:50, 3:30, 5:05, 7, 8:40 & 10:15 p.m.

Century 20: 11:20 a.m., 12:55, 2:30, 4, 5:30, 7:10, 8:35 & 10:25 p.m. In D-BOX at 11:20 a.m., 2:30, 5:30 & 8:35 p.m.

### Mistress America (R) ★★ 1/2

Aquarius Theatre: 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30 & 9:45 p.m.

**Mr. Holmes (PG) ★★★ 1/2** Guild Theatre: 2, 4:30, 7:10 & 9:40 p.m.

**No Escape (R) Century 16:** 9:25 a.m., 12:05, 2:45, 5:25, 8 & 10:40 p.m. Century 20: 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 4:55, 7:25 & 10 p.m.

**Phantom (Not Rated) Century 16:** 6:15 & 9:35 p.m.

### The Picture of Dorian Gray (1945) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Fri 5:30 & 9:20 p.m.

### Pixels (PG-13) ★ 1/2

Century 20: 11:05 a.m., 4:15 & 6:50 p.m., Fri & Sat 1:35 p.m.

**Ricki and the Flash (PG-13) ★★** Century 20: 6:55 & 9:35 p.m., Fri & Sun 11:10 a.m., 1:40 & 4:10 p.m., Sat 1:55 & 4:25 p.m.

### Shaun the Sheep Movie (PG)

Century 16: 9:20 & 11:55 a.m., 2:30, 4:55, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.

Century 20: 11:05 a.m., 1:15, 3:25, 5:45, 8 & 10:15 p.m.

**Sinister 2 (R) Century 16:** 9:30 a.m., noon, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45 & 10:20 p.m.

Century 20: 12:05 p.m., 2:50, 5:20, 8:10 & 10:45 p.m.

### The Stanford Prison Experiment (R) ★★★

Aquarius Theatre: 4:15 & 9:30 p.m.

**Straight Outta Compton (R) Century 16:** 9 a.m., 12:25, 2:20, 4,

5:45, 7:30, 9:15 & 11 p.m., Fri & Sun 10:45 a.m., Sat 11 a.m.

Century 20: 11 a.m., 12:20, 2:15, 3:40, 5:40, 7, 9 & 10:15 p.m.

**Trainwreck (R) Century 16:** 7:40 & 10:45 p.m.

Century 20: 11 a.m., 1:55, 4:50, 7:45 & 10:40 p.m.

### War and Peace (1956) (PG)

Stanford Theatre: Sat & Sun 3 & 7:30 p.m.

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■ MOVIE REVIEWS

## AMERICAN ULTRA ★★ 1/2

"American Ultra" is "The Bourne Identity" with a pothead spin and Jesse Eisenberg in place of Matt Damon, a bit like "Get Smart" was to James Bond. There's some tired, glib satire about the CIA's nefarious techniques and plenty of lightning-fast violence. A cashier at the Cash & Carry convenience store, Mike Howell (Eisenberg) shares a messy apartment with longtime girlfriend Phoebe Larson (Kristen Stewart). He also suffers from panic attacks, which turn out to be self-protective programming, a fact revealed when a sympathetic CIA agent (Connie Britton) reactivates his spy training to save him from an unsympathetic agent (Topher Grace). Oddly, the most impactful element here turns out to be romance: beautifully set up, confounded and paid off in a climax that surprises. It's too



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**Celebrated food writer** Ruth Reichl will speak about the necessity of farmland preservation on Monday, Aug. 31, at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts.

## Back to the land

FOOD WRITER RUTH REICHL TO SPEAK IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

by Elizabeth Schwyzer

Ruth Reichl's mother was a terrible cook. It was her childhood quest to find something edible to eat that turned Reichl into the food lover, food writer and nationally respected food advocate she is today.

As a longtime food critic for both the Los Angeles and New York Times and editor of Gourmet Magazine, Reichl is at home with haute cuisine and exotic delicacies, wine pairings and other gastronomic delights. Yet for her, the love of food is much

more than a hedonistic pursuit. Instead, it's a deep and primal urge, a basic instinct to be well nourished and a passion for ensuring that others can be, too.

Next Monday, Aug. 31, Reichl will appear in Mountain View in conversation with Michael Krasny, host of KQED's popular and wide-ranging discussion program, Forum. Their talk is presented by the Peninsula Open Space Trust, an organization that since 1977 has protected over 75,000 acres of undeveloped spaces, farms and park-

land around the Silicon Valley. POST's annual Wallace Stegner Lectures feature speakers who address issues relating to land use, nature and conservation.

In advance of her Peninsula appearance, Reichl spoke with the Palo Alto Weekly about the changing landscape of American food production, the new generation of foodies and the vital importance of preserving the farmland where our food is grown.

**How did you first become interested in land preservation?**

When I was the editor of Gourmet, we did a piece on land trusts, and I got really interested in the notion of preserving farmland. It slides under the radar. So much of land preservation is about parks and beauty spots, but I feel strongly that one of the things we really need to do is understand how vital small farms are to us and how much we need to fight to protect them.

**How did you go from being a food lover and critic to becoming such an advocate for sustainable farming?**

I started as a food person, but if you follow the chain far enough, you get back to the land. You can't not. We have got to make it possible for small farms to survive. That's why land trusts are so important. It's also important for children to meet farmers, to see where their food comes from and to understand the cycle of nature and planting. Yet as we keep pushing farmers farther and farther away from popula-

tion centers, that becomes harder and harder.

**You have written, "Cooking once gave us the concept of the future, but cooking now threatens that future in many ways." Can you explain your reasoning?**

What has happened over the course of my lifetime is that we have allowed the industrialization of food. We've gone from a place where it was possible in this country to be a poor person and still eat decently to a place where it's not. We now have children who have never seen a piece of fresh fruit, who don't know that orange juice doesn't grow in boxes. We have jerked up natural flavors so much with artificial flavoring that we have a whole generation that has lost a taste for subtle, natural flavors. We literally live in a world now where half the population is undernourished and half is overnourished.

**Where do you think the change in our food production system and our attitudes about food needs to begin? In our kitchens? In our schools? In Washington? In our media coverage?**

I think it has to start at home. Eating is learned behavior. There is a reason Japanese children grow up eating rice and fish for breakfast while American kids grow up eating sugary snacks. Parents have to take responsibility for the fact that at every meal, they are teaching their children how they should eat for the rest of their lives. We have this elite thing where rich mothers puree

their own organic baby food. That's nice, but it puts the bar very high for the 95 percent of the population who are pressed for time and money. There has to be something between that and sugar-laden cereals. What about making them an egg?

**Any advice for families who want to change their habits but aren't sure how to start, especially if resources are limited?**

The way we live is kind of crazy: Everybody is feeding their kids every night. If we could figure out some way for people to cook together, you could have four families who share a common kitchen, and you would only have to cook two days a week. It would make complete sense. It's as much work to cook for one family as it is to cook for four. The real solution is to learn to cook. If you can cook, you can make foods that are not expensive and make them really delicious and nutritious. I also happen to believe that cooking is a natural activity. If you don't know what to do with your kids, take them into the kitchen. Make some bread, and they can watch it rise. Kids love that.

Also, remember that we vote with our dollars, and it is a powerful vote. So demand that your shops sell ethically raised food. Talk about it to your neighbors. Consumerism in this case has enormous clout. You see it with the growth of the organic food movement. When I was a kid, there was an organic grocery store a few blocks from my home

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### 2ND ANNUAL TOMATO TASTING

At this Mountain View Public Library event, urban farms and neighbors will provide tomatoes for visitors to taste and rate. Registration is appreciated but not required, and everyone is welcome. Those interested in contributing tomatoes should contact Emily Weak by phone or email. Aug. 29, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

## ART GALLERIES

**'Favorite Places and New Beginnings'** In the show "Favorite Places and New Beginnings," Nancy Wulff will share new watercolor paintings that provide impressions of the beauty and essence of their subjects. On Sept. 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m., there will be a reception with the artist. Sept. 1-Sept. 27, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. Call 408-255-0752. [gallery9losaltos.com](http://gallery9losaltos.com)

**'Iron Rose'** Joseph Najera, an artist working mostly in wrought iron to create wall pieces and candle holders, shares some of his artwork in an exhibit called "Iron Rose." Aug. 4-30, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. Call 650-941-7969. [gallery9losaltos.com](http://gallery9losaltos.com)

**Rengstorff Arts Festival** The Rengstorff House is hosting a month-long show with fine art by local artists including works in watercolor, oil, glass and photography. Juried student art from the Community School of Music and Arts Art4Schools program is featured. Aug. 2-30, Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6392. [www.r-house.org](http://www.r-house.org)

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**Adult School Fall Session registration** Registration for Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School's Fall Session is underway. The session will run from Sept. 1 to Dec. 18. Visit the website for specific class listings and more info. Aug. 14-Sept. 1. Prices vary. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. [www.mvlaae.net](http://www.mvlaae.net)

**Drip Irrigation Design, Installation, and Maintenance** This Bay Area Water Conservation Supply Agency (BAWSCA) class will demonstrate water-conserving irrigation strategies and how to assess an irrigation system for upgrades. Basic drip irrigation design and installation, component selection, watering techniques and proper system maintenance will be covered. Registration is required. Sept. 2, 6-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-349-3000. [www.bawasca.org/classes](http://www.bawasca.org/classes)

**Fake Food Fest: Mexican Fiesta** This Mountain View Public Library activity will lead community members in sculpting a miniature fiesta of inedible nachos, tacos and more with Fimo, a synthetic clay. All materials will be provided. Participants must be 16 years or older. Sept. 9, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6877. [goo.gl/UaGib5](http://goo.gl/UaGib5)

**Fall Mountain View Tennis group classes** This fall Mountain View Tennis will hold group tennis classes for a variety of ages at skill levels at tennis courts throughout the city. Classes begin on Sept. 5. Visit the website for more info. Sept. 5-Dec. 18. Class prices vary. Cuesta, Rengstorff, Whisman Park and Cooper Tennis Courts, Mountain View. Call 650-967-5955. [www.mountainviewtennis.net](http://www.mountainviewtennis.net)

## CLUBS/MEETINGS

**Bootstrappers Breakfast** The Silicon Valley chapter of Bootstrappers Breakfast will hold a

meeting in Mountain View where entrepreneurs can compare notes, brainstorm, exchange ideas and learn from others' mistakes. Aug. 28, 9-10:30 a.m. \$5 in advance; \$10 at the door (plus cost of breakfast and tip). Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 408-252-9676. [www.meetup.com/Bootstrappers-Breakfast-SV/](http://www.meetup.com/Bootstrappers-Breakfast-SV/)

**ESL Conversation Club in Los Altos** The Los Altos Library's ESL/English conversation club holds regular weekly meetings where community members can drop in to discuss interesting topics, practice speaking skills and meet new friends. No registration is required. Thursdays, year-round, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683. [www.scdl.org](http://www.scdl.org)

**ESL Conversation Club in Mountain View** This Mountain View Public Library club for those learning or improving their spoken English provides practice opportunities with casual conversation and friendly company. All levels are welcome. No registration is required. Wednesdays, July 29-Dec. 23, 5-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

**Language Swap** This weekly Mountain View Public Library event enables community members to both practice speaking a different language and teach a language to others. All levels and drop-ins are welcome. Thursdays, Aug. 6-Dec. 17, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Mountain View Art & Wine Festival** The 44th Mountain View Art & Wine Festival will feature fine art; live entertainment with Salsa Sunday and a "Mountain View's Got Talent" Stage; many food options; a Wine Haven tasting tent, microbrews, sangria and margaritas; and a Kids' Park, with a bungee jump, Waterballerz and more. Sept. 12 and 13, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free admission. Downtown Mountain View, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-8378. [www.miramarevents.com](http://www.miramarevents.com)

## CONCERTS

**Pacific Crest Piano Quartet** Pacific Crest Piano Quartet will perform works from a variety of genres, including classical, jazz and chamber music. Seating will be limited to 200 guests. Aug. 30, 2-3 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm](http://www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm)

**Pianist Richard Glazier with 'Love is Here to Stay'** At this Music at Noon performance entitled "Love is Here to Stay: Homage to the Brothers Gershwin," pianist and George Gershwin expert Robert Glazier will share the music of and stories about the famed musical brothers, George and Ira. The event includes lunch. Sept. 1, noon-1:30 p.m. \$20. Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8616. [paloaltojcc.org/music](http://paloaltojcc.org/music)

## DANCE

**L'Ecole de Danse fall season** Children ages 5 and up, teenagers and adults can sign up for fall classes at L'Ecole de Danse, a studio established by Christine Montessuit-Morgan in 1987 that

teaches the Cecchetti style of ballet. Classes begin on Sept. 8. See website for tuition prices. L'Ecole de Danse, 740 Sierra Vista, Unit G, Mountain View. Call 650-365-4596. [lecolededanse.net](http://lecolededanse.net)

**Scottish Country Dancing** Mountain View Scottish Country Dance will hold an introductory class sharing the techniques and joy of the social dance form. All levels of dancers ages 16 and up are welcome. Sept. 9, 7:45-10 p.m. \$10 returning dancer; free for newcomers. Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro St., Mountain View. [mtview-rscds.org](http://mtview-rscds.org)

**Scottish Country Dancing demonstration** At this event, the Mountain View adult ([www.mtview-rscds.org](http://www.mtview-rscds.org)) and South Bay Youth Scottish Country Dance ([southbay.rscds-sf.org](http://southbay.rscds-sf.org)) classes will offer demonstrations of Scottish Country Dance and invite the audience to participate. Adults and children are welcome. Sept. 1, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mtview-rscds.org](http://www.mtview-rscds.org)

## EXHIBITS

**'Metaphors and Memories'** The Community School of Music and Arts' Mohr Gallery has on display an exhibition of collage and sculpture by Lisa Ramirez and Marianne Lettieri called "Metaphors and Memories." Aug. 14-Sept. 27, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Mohr Gallery, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm](http://www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm)

**'On You: A Story of Wearable Computing'** The Computer History Museum is hosting a traveling exhibition by the Georgia Institute of Technology called "On You: A Story of Wearable Computing," which examines the problems engineers needed to solve to make wearable technology viable and user-friendly. Tuesday-Sunday, June 30-Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Regular admission prices. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. [www.computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/#you-story-wearable-computing](http://www.computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/#you-story-wearable-computing)

**'Rough Around the Edges'** The exhibit "Rough Around the Edges: Inspirations in Paper" presents the work of Ronni Jones, 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](http://paloaltojcc.org/rough-around-the-edges)

## FAMILY AND KIDS

**Shabbat dinner for young families** This event will bring together young Jewish families from around the world for a laid-back and kid-friendly kosher Shabbat dinner. Prepared in a certified kosher kitchen, the food will be served buffet-style. High-school student volunteers will be on hand to help entertain children who attend. July 28, 5:30-8 p.m. \$35 adult; \$10 child; \$5 toddler. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8656. [paloaltojcc.org/Events/evr/16/shabbat-dinners-for-young-families](http://paloaltojcc.org/Events/evr/16/shabbat-dinners-for-young-families)

## HEALTH

**Free YMCA fitness course** This weekly course led by YMCA instructors, called Healthy Happens Here, leads participants in strength

training to develop balance, flexibility, posture, coordination and fall prevention. Classes are appropriate for all levels and backgrounds. Attendees should bring a yoga mat or towel. Registration is required. Wednesdays, Aug. 5-Nov. 25, noon-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

**Postpartum Wellness Class** Conducted by a licensed physical therapist and certified pelvic floor specialist, this class will teach abdominal exercises to strengthen students' cores and provide training in proper posture and body mechanics. Aug. 27, Sept. 10 and 24, 1-2 p.m. Free. El Camino Hospital, 2400 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-940-7285. [www.elcaminohospital.org/stay-healthy/classes-and-events](http://www.elcaminohospital.org/stay-healthy/classes-and-events)

## LIVE MUSIC

**Concert on the Plaza: Smorgaschord** For this City of Mountain View event, community members are invited to the Civic Center Plaza to enjoy food trucks, a "Pop Up Park" area for children, beer and wine, and live music by Smorgaschord. Sept. 4, 6-7:30 p.m. Free admission. Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. [www.mountainview.gov/plazaevents](http://www.mountainview.gov/plazaevents)

**Soul & Wine Lounge Night** The Oshman Family JCC will offer a night of live music and wine tasting, featuring singer-songwriter Steely Nash and Cannonball Wine Company. Aug. 29, 8:30-11 p.m. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Oshman Family JCC, Cafe on the Square, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8631. [paloaltojcc.org/Events/soulwine](http://paloaltojcc.org/Events/soulwine)

## ON STAGE

**'Chicago'** The Palo Alto Players will offer a production of the musical "Chicago," a satire on celebrity and the justice system in 1920s America that focuses on a pair of women on trial for murder. The show is recommended for ages 13 and up. Student, senior and military ticket discounts are available. Sept. 11-27, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$35-\$49. Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-0891. [www.paplayers.org](http://www.paplayers.org)

**'Dead Man's Cell Phone'** Bus Barn Theater will next perform a production of "Dead Man's Cell Phone," a surreal comedy that investigates assumptions about morality, redemption and connection in a tech-crazed world. See website for specific dates; there will be no show on Sept. 6. Sept. 3-27, Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. \$18-\$36. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. [www.losaltosstage.org](http://www.losaltosstage.org)

**'The Country House'** In a Northern California premiere, TheatreWorks will stage a production of "The Country House," a recent Broadway hit by Donald Margulies about a stage and film star who brings her show-biz family to the Berkshires for a summer stock season. There will be no show on Sept. 15; see website for specific times. Tuesday-Sunday, Aug. 26-Sept. 20, 2, 7 or 8:30 p.m. \$19-\$74. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-463-1960. [www.theatreworks.org/shows/1516-season/the-country-house](http://www.theatreworks.org/shows/1516-season/the-country-house)

## RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

**Insight Meditation South Bay** Shaila Catherine and guest teachers will lead weekly Insight Meditation sittings, which are accompanied by talks on Buddhist teachings. Tuesdays, Jan. 6-Dec. 29, 7:30-9 p.m. Donations accepted. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. [www.imsb.org](http://www.imsb.org)

**Lama Surya Das on 'Make Me One with Everything'** Insight Meditation South Bay will host a talk with Lama Surya Das, a learned American-born lama and author of "Make Me One with Everything: Buddhist Meditations to Awaken from the Illusion of Separation." Sept. 1, 7:30-9 p.m. Donations accepted. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 408-425-1507. [www.imsb.org](http://www.imsb.org)

## LECTURES & TALKS

**'Starting Over After a Death or Divorce from a Life Partner'** Vicki Panagotacos, Ph.D., author of "Gaining Traction," will give a lecture that draws from her years of experience helping individuals heal from the loss of a life partner. Attendees will gain tools to harness anxiety, cope with uncertainty, and help decide when to say "yes" or "no" to a new relationship. RSVP by phone is requested. Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m. Free. East West Bookshop, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-988-9800. [www.eastwest.com/events\\_2015\\_september#9](http://www.eastwest.com/events_2015_september#9)

**Ruth Reichl in conversation with Michael Krasny** For this 2015 Wallace Stegner Lecture Series talk, Ruth Reichl — renowned restaurant critic, former editor of Gourmet magazine, author of multiple books and a key figure in the farm to table food movement — will speak in conversation with Michael Krasny, host of Forum on KQED. Aug. 31, 8 p.m. \$22. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [openpacetrust.org/getinvolved/lecture\\_speakers.html#ruth](http://openpacetrust.org/getinvolved/lecture_speakers.html#ruth)

**Scott Yundt on nuclear weapons and exposure** The next Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum will feature 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. He will describe his work on LLNL worker exposure issues and the nuclear weapons budget. Sept. 8, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. \$12 lunch. Hangan Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650 969-7215. [tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml](http://tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml)

## VOLUNTEERS

**Living Classroom docent training classes** Living Classroom, a garden-based education program at local schools, is offering docent trainings in Mountain View and Los Altos. Volunteers are needed to share their love of nature with students and must be available for at least four hours per month during the school day. See website for more info. Mondays, Aug. 31-Oct. 12 (no training on Sept. 7), 9 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View Whisman School District, Board Room, Mountain View, Los Altos School District, Conference #2, Los Altos. Call 650-933-5177. [www.living-classroom.org/docents/docent-trainings](http://www.living-classroom.org/docents/docent-trainings)

## RUTH REICHL

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filled with old, brown, horrible things. Now, organic products are mainstream and really good, and prices have come down. So demand that schools pay attention to what they're serving in the lunch room and demand that they start teaching kids about food.

## What is the role of pleasure in all of this?

The reason the food system is changing in this country comes straight out of our renewed interest in food. You can trace much of this to the advent of food TV and celebrity chefs. When I first started writing about food, most chefs were not educated or particularly articulate. We now have a

generation of extremely articulate well-educated chefs who have been very vocal and used their fame for the public good. But if it hadn't started with the pleasure principle, we wouldn't be where we are now with farmers markets and a whole generation of kids who are very serious about food issues.

I actually hadn't thought about this before, but I think it's connected to the Silicon Valley in

a really interesting way. We are now looking at the first generation who have been raised with virtual reality at their fingertips. They hunger for a reality that is real. I think that's one reason why farming is appealing to so many people in their 20s and 30s. They are opting to spend 14 hours a day glued to the land instead of the screen. I think it's a natural reaction. ■

## ■ INFORMATION

**What:** Ruth Reichl in conversation with Michael Krasny, presented by the Peninsula Open Space Trust

**Where:** Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

**When:** Monday, Aug. 31, 8 p.m.

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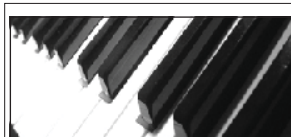
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 File No.: 607486  
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 Beemer Avenue, Sunnyvale CA, 94086,  
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 This business is owned by: An  
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The name and residence address of the  
 owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
 GILROY JOHN GOSLER KEEFER  
 163 Beemer Avenue  
 Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
 Registrant/Owner began transacting  
 business under the fictitious business  
 name(s) listed above on N/A.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
 File No.: 607714  
 The following person (persons) is (are)  
 doing business as:  
 Plumbing Studio Bath & Kitchen  
 Showroom, located at 2265 Old  
 Middlefield Wy., Mountain View, CA  
 94043, Santa Clara County.  
 This business is owned by: Married  
 Couple.

The name and residence address of the  
 owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
 ANA L POWERS  
 1018 Madison Ave.  
 Redwood City, CA 94061  
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 business under the fictitious business  
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**LOREEN HEWITT/ARTIST**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
 File No.: 607132  
 The following person (persons) is (are)  
 doing business as:  
 Loreen Hewitt/Artist, located at 1657-H  
 Belleville Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94087,  
 Santa Clara County.  
 This business is owned by: An  
 Individual.

The name and residence address of the  
 owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
 LOREEN HEWITT  
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File No. 607904  
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 DEBRA JEAN ARMANTROUT  
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 Married Couple.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
 File No.: 608084  
 The following person (persons) is (are)  
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 1080 A La Avenida, Mountain View, CA  
 94043, Santa Clara  
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 This business is owned by: A  
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 is(are):  
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 The name and residence address of the  
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 Registrant/Owner began transacting  
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 File No.: 608097  
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The name and residence address of the  
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**SUNNYVALE** Sat/Sun 1 - 4 **\$1,348,000**  
1009 Heatherstone Ave 3 BR 2 BA Expanded & remodeled home in the wonderful Cherry Chase neighborhood! Approx. 7,655sf lot  
Diyar Essaid CalBRE #01335648 650.941.7040



**MOUNTAIN VIEW** Sat/Sun 1 - 4 **\$1,299,000**  
873 San Lucas Ave 4 BR 2 BA Don't miss coming inside to see this well built home. Hardwood Oak flrs, spac LR & More!  
Jerry Haslam CalBRE #01180022 650.941.7040



**MOUNTAIN VIEW** Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,099,000**  
1016 Asbury Way 3 BR 2.5 BA Convenient luxury blocks to Castro Street with beautiful updates and attached 2-car garage  
Elizabeth Thompson CalBRE #01382997 650.941.7040



**SUNNYVALE** Sat/Sun 1 - 4 **\$998,000**  
1089 W. McKinley Ave 3 BR 2 BA Welcome home- cozy cottage w/ lots of natural light, great floorplan & room for expansion  
Dana Willson CalBRE #01292552 650.941.7040



**MOUNTAIN VIEW** Sat/Sun 11 - 4:30 **\$849,000**  
928 Wright Ave 2 BR 2 BA Beautiful Single-Level Townhome in an Oasis Setting blocks to Castro Street  
Elizabeth Thompson CalBRE #01382997 650.941.7040



**SUNNYVALE** Sat 1:30-4:30/Sun 1-5 **\$855,000**  
981 Asilomar Ter #3 2 BR 2.5 BA Lots of updates! Soaring ceilings; granite kit; refinished hardwood flrs & much more!  
Marli Szpaller CalBRE #01197637 650.941.7040



**SAN JOSE (NORTH)** Sat/Sun 1 - 4:30 **\$649,800**  
1976 Hostetter Rd 4 BR 2 BA Stunning single story home with a gorgeous yard! An exceptional value!!!  
Jim & Katie Galli CalBRE #00944554, 01925901 650.941.7040

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