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Waleed Abdulla collaborates with Kim Nguyen on an artificial intelligence project at Hacker Dojo on Sept. 1. Abdulla, a Hacker Dojo board member, says a looming rent hike could force the nonprofit to move out of Mountain View.

Rising rents present new threat for Hacker Dojo

ORGANIZERS CONSIDER MOVING TO NEW LOCATION

By Mark Noack

Hacker Dojo, Mountain View's one-of-a-kind laboratory for startups and makers, could soon

be in need of a new home. For the past three years, the nonprofit and its community have hacked, coded and tinkered out of a leased 16,000-square foot space at 599 Fairchild

Drive, a prime spot in the heart of the North Whisman tech community. But that office building may soon become too pricey if the rent rises to market rate when the Dojo's lease agreement expires next year. Hacker Dojo organizers say they could be paying about triple their current costs for the space, making it a challenge to stay there.

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A rocky road home for apartment fire victims

CITY INTERVENES AFTER TENANTS HIT WITH 48-HOUR EVICTION NOTICES FOLLOWING PARK VISTA COMPLEX FIRE

By Kevin Forestieri

It's been more than a month since a two-alarm fire at the Park Vista Apartments forced hundreds of residents to take shelter at the nearby Mountain View Senior Center.

And while most of those residents were able to return, at least seven families have been displaced by fire damage to their apartments, and have been staying in hotels, motels or the homes of friends and family.

On top of that, the displaced families — many of them low-income and with children, according to agencies assisting them — were served with 48-hour eviction notices that Mountain View officials say violated the city's tenant protection law.

The fire, which broke out in one of the buildings of the apartment complex on Escuela Avenue on the evening of July 30, forced as many as 300 residents to seek temporary shelter with the American Red Cross. While there's still no verdict on the fire's cause, the Mountain View Fire Department found that 29 apartments units and adjacent hallways had fire,

smoke and water damage. A single unit was red-tagged, meaning it had been destroyed and is no longer inhabitable, according to fire spokeswoman Jaime Garrett.

But on Aug. 18, as many as 13 families received a lease termination notice from the apartment management informing them that their apartment and adjacent corridor have been deemed "uninhabitable for an indefinite period of time," and giving them 48 hours to vacate the premises. Prior to that, some families had received 30- and 60-day termination notices as well, according to Aimee Lopez, member of the Coalicion de Inquilinos de Mountain View.

Mountain View city staff immediately responded to the 48-hour eviction notices by contacting the apartment owner's lawyer to try to get the notices rescinded, according to Krishan Chopra, senior assistant city attorney. In an email to the *Voice*, she explained that the 48-hour notice was illegal under state law, and that city staff attempted to intervene.

"Although the city does not

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Local officials have little enthusiasm for El Camino bus plan

VTA'S BUS RAPID TRANSIT PLANS MET WITH SKEPTICISM, CONCERNS

By Mark Noack

A proposal to create dedicated bus lanes along El Camino Real is facing a new round of skepticism. On Wednesday, representatives from cities along the corridor urged transit officials to give more thought to alternatives to its bus rapid transit plan.

Committee members repre-

senting five cities, as well as Santa Clara County, met for the first time in two months on Aug. 26 to discuss the proposal from the Valley Transportation Authority. Committee members expressed confusion over where the VTA plans were going and whether their input was being considered — even from cities like Mountain View, that nominally are in support of the plan.

County Supervisor Joe Simitian was one of several committee members who expressed hesitation over the bus rapid transit plan at the start of the meeting, held at VTA's headquarters in Santa Clara. Support from cities impacted by the plan, he said, seemed "a long way shy of being a charge up the hill."

"I think you've got a clear message here that there's not support

for a change of this significance," Simitian said in an interview following the meeting. "Look, I understand we've got models and projections, but I don't feel confident in relying on those to turn the world upside-down on El Camino Real."

To solve the daily jam of traffic on El Camino Real, VTA has promoted bus rapid transit (BRT), which would streamline

bus service from Palo Alto to San Jose — likely at the expense of other motorists. The plan calls for taking away two of El Camino's six lanes and restricting them to buses only, and constructing bus stops in the median.

Since the plan was first proposed years ago, Mountain View

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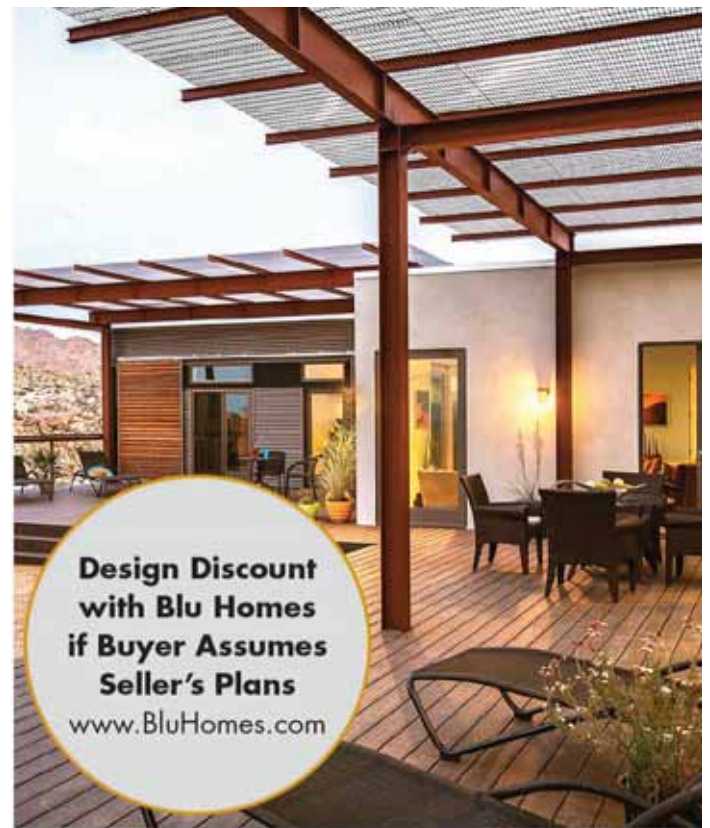


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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Carl Sibley.

What's your favorite way to spend Labor Day?



"Definitely traveling and visiting family."

Jacob Wittenberg, Minnesota



"Every year we rent a house in Stinson Beach. We enjoy the beach, we go body-surfing, and just enjoy the beautiful Bay Area."

Tanya Prioste, Mountain View



"Well, we're in the city all the time... I would spend Labor Day out in a cabin somewhere."

Jewel Li, China



"I actually stay in. My birthday usually falls around Labor Day, so that's usually the focus of my weekend, birthday celebrations."

Mike Rhone, Santa Clara



"Being outside. The weather is always nice here."

Sareena Avadhany, Mountain View

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CRIME BRIEFS

MAN CONFRONTS STUDENTS

Police arrested a 34-year-old man on Wednesday morning after he reportedly accosted five middle school students in downtown Mountain View and attempted to give them bottles of water.

The students were walking down the 700 block of Castro Street when the man, identified by police as Gil Kim, approached the students and offered them bottles of water. When the students declined, Kim grabbed one of the students by the backpack, opened it up and put multiple drinks inside, according to police.

The students decided to call the police, and when officers arrested Kim inside of a business at 750 Castro St. Kim was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail on charges of annoying or molesting children.

Police said they do not know if there was anything suspicious about the bottled water, but commended the children for making the right decision to call for help, according to police spokeswoman Shino Tanaka.

BURGLARY CAUGHT ON VIDEO

Police are asking for the public's help in finding two suspects who burglarized a Mountain View business in the early hours of last Friday morning, stealing about \$7,000 of property including

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POLICE LOG

AUTO BURGLARY

- 500 block Fairchild Dr., 8/25
- 800 block Church St., 8/25
- 500 block Showers Dr., 8/25
- 600 block San Antonio Rd., 8/26
- 500 block Castro St., 8/26
- 400 block Bryant St., 8/26
- 100 block Bryant St., 8/26
- 800 block California St., 8/26
- 1 block W. El Camino Real, 8/27
- 1000 block El Monte Av., 8/27
- 1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 8/27
- Bryant St. & Mercy St., 8/28
- 400 Hope St., 8/28
- 1100 block Judson Dr., 8/28
- 2400 block Charleston Rd., 8/29
- 200 block Franklin St., 8/31
- 200 block Hope St., 9/1
- 300 block Hope St., 9/1
- 1000 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 9/1

BATTERY

- 1 block Evandale Av., 8/27
- 200 block San Antonio Cir., 8/28
- 900 block Clark Av., 8/29

500 block Moorpark Way, 9/1

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

- 900 block Rich Av., 8/26
- 600 block Calderon Av., 8/27
- 400 block N. Whisman Rd., 8/28
- 1300 block W. El Camino Real, 8/31

GRAND THEFT

200 block Ada Av., 8/25

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

- 100 block Central Av., 8/26
- 200 block Central Av., 8/26
- 1300 block Montecito Av., 8/27
- 400 block Ortega Av., 8/28
- 900 block W. Middlefield Rd., 8/28
- 800 block N. Rengstorff Av., 8/28
- 200 block Cypress Point Dr., 8/29
- 2200 block Latham St., 9/1

STOLEN VEHICLE

1 block E. Evelyn Av., 9/1

VANDALISM

- 1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 8/27
- 200 block Castro St., 8/27
- 200 block Castro St., 8/31

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

WEST NILE VIRUS FOUND

The Santa Clara County Vector Control District scheduled ground fogging for mosquitoes on Wednesday in areas of South Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

The fogging comes after the district found adult mosquitoes in the area that tested positive for West Nile virus. The virus does not cause symptoms in most people, but can cause fevers, headaches, body aches and in serious cases, neurological damage or death, according to the district.

The fogging encompassed an area roughly bounded by Highway 280 to the south, Edith Avenue and Camellia Way to the north, Grant Road to the east and El Monte and San Antonio roads to the west.

The agent used in the fogging is called Zenivex E4, which

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Ashton Carter, the United States Secretary of Defense, announced the Pentagon's new Silicon Valley partnership at a press conference held at NASA Ames Research Center on Aug. 28.

Pentagon to invest \$75 million in local tech industry

FLEXIBLE ELECTRONICS TOUTED AS EMERGING FIELD

By Mark Noack

In a bid to fortify United States security and manufacturing, the Pentagon and a consortium of partners are making a \$171 million bet that Silicon Valley can emerge

as the global leader in the nascent field of flexible hybrid electronics. Announcing the initiative last Friday at the NASA Ames Research Center, U.S. Defense Secretary Ashton Carter pledged that research into the technology would be

headquartered in the South Bay as part of a renewed effort to strengthen ties between the country's military and its private tech sector.

A press conference to

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A new approach to workplace health

LOCAL HOSPITALS FIND NEW WAYS TO ENCOURAGE HEALTHY EMPLOYEE LIFESTYLES

By Kevin Forestieri

Silicon Valley is known for its technological innovation, from new apps to driverless cars. But the area is also poised for a possible breakthrough in workplace health, as companies try to tackle chronic health problems and get their employees up and out of their chairs.

The American Heart Association has been leading the charge to get companies to adopt a Comprehensive Workplace Wellness Program, which is designed to reduce employee stress and inactivity, and encourage better eating habits.

This year, the association recognized El Camino Hospital and Lucile Packard Children's

Hospital, along with businesses all over the country, for going above and beyond to promote healthy activities and bring down workplace stress levels.

Companies are uniquely positioned to pull off a big health initiative because 155 million adults in the United States work, either full time or a significant portion of the week, creating a "large captive population" who could benefit from the health initiatives, according to a report by the association.

Laura Putnam, a local workplace-health expert who leads a consulting firm called Motion Infusion, said there's a real cultural and biological mismatch going on in the American work

place. Humans are designed to be active and moving around, she said, but many are stuck in a chair behind a desk all day.

"We're biologically programmed not to sit in front of a computer all day. The question is, how do we close that gap?" Putnam said.

Traditionally, company wellness programs range from on-site screening for blood pressure and cholesterol to physical activity programs and discounts on gym memberships. Putnam said studies on the success of these programs are inconclusive, and workplace incentives don't necessarily help people develop the

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Police ramp up traffic safety efforts

TRAFFIC FATALITIES IN MOUNTAIN VIEW SPIKED THIS YEAR

By Kevin Forestieri

A traffic collision in the Trader Joe's parking lot that killed a man last month marks the fifth traffic fatality of 2015 in Mountain View, a big jump from previous years and a serious concern for the Mountain View Police Department.

The grim tally has prompted the Mountain View Police Department to focus not only on traffic enforcement, but also on an education and outreach campaign to promote traffic safety and get people to slow down and be a little more observant when driving around the city.

The police traffic unit has been tasked with looking back at the fatalities, along with other traffic accidents, to assess ways they could have been avoided, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department. The approach, he said, is not as simple as just writing up more tickets.

It could mean that the lights are badly timed and causing dangerous close calls, Jaeger said. The intersection at Independence Avenue and Charleston Road, for example, had drivers pulling out of a nearby plaza and turning left onto Charleston, which proved to be dangerous for pedestrians in the crosswalk. In February, a 68-year-old Los Altos resident was struck by a car making that left turn; he later died from his injuries.

Jaeger said police regularly meet with the city's traffic engineering team to talk about what can be done to improve safety in the city, as traffic officers are the ones with the boots on the ground who can tell when crosswalks need to be moved and lights need to be changed. He said in the case of the Charleston and Independence intersection, the signal was subsequently changed so drivers cannot make a left turn while pedestrians cross.

There have been four other fatal incidents so far this year. On May 28, a 24-year-old motorcyclist from Gilroy died after he was struck on Moffett Boulevard by a driver who was making a left turn on Highway 85. Just

one month later, a bicyclist was hit by a car heading northbound on San Antonio Road near El Camino Real.

Last month, a man driving down eastbound Central Expressway collided with a tree and ended up critically injured, and later died, Jaeger said. The most recent fatal accident was on Aug. 20 just before 10 p.m., when a vehicle struck a man in the Trader Joe's parking lot. The man was critically injured and later died, Jaeger said.

By comparison, there were no traffic fatalities in Mountain View in 2014, and an average of two fatalities per year since 2008, peaking at four deaths in 2011.

Traffic congestion can also make things worse. The intersection of Leghorn Street and Rengstorff just south of Highway 101 is a prime example of somewhere that traffic gets backed up and prompts people to make bad decisions and attempt to cut through traffic, Jaeger said.

While safety can certainly be improved by changes to lights and configurations at intersections, Jaeger said there's a big need for education. He said he and other officers have attended numerous community meetings trying to get the word out about driving safely, and urging residents to slow down and give themselves more time to react. They also urge residents to pay attention to the road and avoid distractions when driving a vehicle.

"People forget how dangerous it is to drive a car or ride a motorcycle," Jaeger said.

Traffic enforcement and ticketing, which Jaeger maintains is not used as a revenue stream for the department, may have some limited power in changing driving habits. Jaeger said if officers focus on a specific dangerous intersection and give out 10 tickets, it may get the message across to friends, family and anyone who witnesses the citation — maybe only about 50 people. By letting the community know they are enforcing traffic laws through social media and community meetings and increasing their presence, however, he 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, 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.

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.**

**FBI report details local home invasion,
 sexual assault cases**

PALO ALTO, MOUNTAIN VIEW CASES LINKED TO BIZARRE VALLEJO KIDNAPPING

By Sue Dremann

A Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit related to the bizarre of a Vallejo woman in March reveals new information regarding cases he is suspected of perpetrating in Palo Alto and Mountain View.

Matthew Daniel Muller, 38, is also a suspect in a home invasion and restraint of a Palo Alto woman, police previously confirmed. But the August 14 FBI affidavit filed in U.S. District Court indicates he is suspected of many more crimes dating back to September 2009, including a suspicious person incident, false imprisonment with violence, two sexual assaults with attempted rape. The incidents occurred in Palo Alto and Mountain View.

Muller, 38, a former Marine, Harvard Law School graduate and disbarred attorney, was arrested for the March 23 alleged kidnapping of Denise Huskins, 29, of Vallejo during a home-invasion robbery. Her boyfriend, Aaron Quinn, was also present when the kidnapping took place at a home on Mare Island, according to an earlier federal affidavit against Muller filed in U.S. District Court on June 29.

In the Palo Alto suspicious person case on Sept. 25, 2009, Muller is suspected of emerging from the rear of an apartment building and entering another apartment area at about 12:04 a.m. He told an investigating officer that he was a visiting professor from Harvard and was teaching at Stanford. A follow-up investigation found that to not be true.

Muller is suspected in an Oct. 18, 2009 assault and attempted rape of a woman in Palo Alto's College Terrace neighborhood. The victim, a 32-year-old Harvard student studying at Stanford University, was awakened at 3:30 a.m. in her apartment by a man who jumped on top of her, straddled her and told her it was a robbery. He allegedly said he was there for information.

The suspect restrained her arms behind her back and tied her ankles together with Velcro. He placed ear plugs in her ears and covered her eyes with surgical tape.

He gave the victim three options: to be given NyQuil, stunned with a stun gun, or be injected with "A-Bomb." After she pleaded to be given NyQuil, he read the ingredients to her to be sure she didn't have any allergies. He poured an unknown

quantity of NyQuil directly into the victim's mouth.

The suspect asked her questions, such as her log in PIN numbers for her Harvard and Stanford accounts, her email address and password, prior addresses, previous travel locations, if she was on a TSA hold, her parents' names, their phone numbers and birthdays, her parents' social security numbers, addresses and her sister's address and phone number.

The victim believed he was asking the questions for an online overseas transactions, according to the August affidavit.

At one point she heard the suspect whispering and talking to another person. She also saw a silhouette of a second person, but she did not see them and did not hear a second voice.

The suspect allegedly attempted to rape the victim, and she began to fight with him. During the fight, he threatened to inject her with the drug Ketamine.

When the victim told the suspect she had previously been raped, he stopped attempting to rape her.

Further investigation found that she had attended an event at Harvard University on Feb. 6, 2008, that Muller had organized, according to the affidavit.

A Palo Alto police detective investigating the crime contacted Muller, who initially agreed to questioning, but his attorney later contacted police to advise the detective that Muller would not be meeting with police.

Based on a failed log-in attempt to the victim's email, police obtained a search warrant for another location that was not associated with Muller. The occupant agreed to a DNA swab and he was eventually eliminated as a suspect, according to the affidavit.

In another Palo Alto attempted rape and assault case on Nov. 29, 2012, the sleeping victim was awakened by a shadow near her bed and the suspected jumped on her and told her to shut up.

The victim screamed loudly a number of times and began to fight with the suspect. After a struggle, he got off the victim and ran from the house.

The victim's computer, which was downstairs, had been moved to a different location. Two "bump keys" were left at the scene near the front door. The keys are a type of master key that is designed to open all locks

of a specific manufacturer, the affidavit noted.

The detective investigating this case noted that in 2009 Muller's DNA was tested and it did not match DNA recovered at the scene at one of the 2009 break-ins. The detective also noted that the 2009 suspect had told the victim that he was leaving evidence to mislead law enforcement, according to the FBI affidavit.

In the Mountain View case, a 27-year-old woman was asleep in her apartment on Sept. 29, 2009, when she awoke at about 5 a.m. to find a man on her back. The man made similar statements about his purposes to the one he gave to the College Terrace victim.

He also handcuffed the victim's hands and used Velcro to bind her feet. At one point, he placed a mask or swim goggles over her eyes.

The victim was also given an amount of an unknown liquid to drink, which she thought was NyQuil. The suspect asked similar questions as he had in the College Terrace case.

At one point, he called the victim's boss and told him the victim was sick. The suspect threatened to rape the victim, but he did not.

The Aug. 14 affidavit is part of an application for a warrant to search electronic devices belonging to Muller. Investigators are seeking information on the devices related to any Internet searches of the victims prior to the crimes and any financial transactions related to purchases of swim goggles and other things used in the crimes.

In the Vallejo case, a person allegedly broke into Quinn's home on Mare Island and used a Taser on him, according to the June 29 FBI affidavit. The suspect drugged him and Huskins by force with a tranquilizer and Nyquil. The victims were bound with zip ties at the hands and feet and made to wear swimming goggles covered with masking tape.

When he was arrested in South Lake Tahoe, police found a laptop that appeared to be the same type as the one stolen from Quinn, a toy Supersoaker spray painted black, swimming goggles covered with duct tape and zip ties, among other evidence linking him to the Vallejo incident, according to the June affidavit.

Santa Rita Jail authorities

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HACKER DOJO

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Hacker Dojo organizers say they don't begrudge the property owner for making what they see as a fair business decision. But they say the news puts the organization and its board of directors in a tight spot for the near future.

"Our landlord does like us and what we do, but that doesn't mean they'll subsidize our operation," said Jun Wong, Hacker Dojo's membership coordinator. "If you have to blame something here, it's that people around here are so successful."

Some would argue that Hacker Dojo plays no small role in that success. On any day of the week, the Dojo's main room is filled with coders glued to their glowing laptops, plotting the next start-up. The group regularly hosts a packed calendar of events, including a variety of programming classes and "lightning

talks" for members to practice delivering pitches. The community of users is described as an eclectic mix of moonlighting professionals, aspiring entrepreneurs and a surprising number of foreign visitors just hanging out. Organizers say they want everyone to feel welcome working out of the space.

Among its success stories, Pinterest, now based in Palo Alto, got its start operating out of the Hacker Dojo in 2009. The Pebble smartwatch company for a time used the space as its West Coast base of operations. And too many apps to list were conceived in the workspace.

But for a community embracing start-up culture, Hacker Dojo resists the pull to operate like other tech incubators or a hard-nosed business. The nonprofit runs on a thin margin, deriving most of its funding from staggered tiers of monthly fees from about 500 members, yet it rarely

excludes non-members from using the amenities or attending events. The printer, Wi-Fi, and pretty much any spare parts lying around are free for anyone to use. An "honor code" among the regulars dictates you replace anything you use up, whether its printer toner or the beer in the fridge, Wong said. Many users go further and volunteer to maintain or upgrade the space. Nearly all the furniture inside was donated.

With the prospect of higher rents now hanging over Hacker Dojo, the nonprofit's directors aren't sure what kinds of changes the community will undergo over the coming months. It now seems like a "50-50" chance they will be forced to move to a new building, said Hacker Dojo board member Waleed Abdulla. He and other organizers have visited other sites with a real estate agent, but most available spaces in Mountain View are just as expensive as their current location will become.

Moving to another city may be their only option, Abdulla said.

"It's something we considered. But if we go too far, most of our members won't be willing to come anymore," he said. "We just haven't found the (right spot) yet."

This isn't the first time Hacker Dojo has had to search for a new home. The nonprofit originally operated out of an abandoned warehouse at 140 South Whisman Road. As its community grew, city officials discovered in 2012 that Hacker Dojo was operating without a permit and its building had a variety of code violations. In response, supporters mounted a successful Kickstarter campaign to bring the space up to code, which raised more than \$250,000 and included donations from many local tech giants. Hacker Dojo organizers ultimately decided it was a better idea to relocate. At the time, they described the new Fairchild location as a "diamond in the rough"

for its low price — about \$14,000 a month — as well as improvements over the old space.

That deal was such a bargain because the building's former occupants, who had signed a long-term lease, agreed to continue paying half the rent while they sublet the space to Hacker Dojo, according to the landlord. When that lease expires next year in May, Hacker Dojo would have to cover the full amount, as well as any increase in rent.

The good news is Hacker Dojo has plenty of sympathizers — among them their landlord, a family trust operated out of Grass Valley. Mik Bajka, a member of the trust, said his family has a great relationship with Hacker Dojo and wants to find a way for the group to remain there.

"Right now, we're still kicking ideas around," he said. "But bottom line: we'd love to have them stay. They seem like a good group." ■

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BUS PLAN

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leaders have generally been skeptical, and city staff have questioned VTA's claims that dedicated bus lanes wouldn't worsen congestion on El Camino Real or side streets, for the most part.

Nevertheless, Mountain View became one of the only cities to come out in support of the idea with a thin majority of the City Council voting in favor. The city of Santa Clara had taken a position to support the BRT concept, but that vote was way back in 2002, explained Mayor Jaime Matthews. At a council meeting last week, Santa Clara council members had planned to take a new vote, but the discussion was tabled at the request of VTA officials, Matthews said.

Meanwhile, the city councils of Palo Alto and Sunnyvale voted to oppose the BRT plan, and Los Altos leaders opted against taking any stance on the issue.

But even the city firmly in VTA's corner gave — at best — conditional support for the plan at the meeting last week. Representing Mountain View, Councilman Lenny Siegel told the group that time was running out to consider alternatives. Siegel himself had voted against the BRT plan.

"I'm skeptical of the whole project," Siegel said. "I've never seen any coordination of the buses on El Camino — that's what it'd take for me to get on the BRT plan."

Several municipal representatives urged VTA to continue analyzing alternatives or amending the BRT project to make it more palatable. Sunnyvale and Santa Clara representatives both preferred a mixed-flow configuration, which would modify El Camino Real's curbs to expedite bus loading and unloading.

Simatian urged transit officials to wait on any El Camino project until work is complete next year on bringing dedicated bus lanes

to Capitol Expressway and Alum Rock Avenue in San Jose.

"If you've got a similar project underway in Santa Clara County, why on earth wouldn't you wait to see if it works?" Simatian said. "This isn't something where you can say 'oops' and do an about-face. You make a decision here, and it's irreversible."

Transit officials came to the defense of the BRT project in a roundabout fashion. As part of the agenda, VTA engineers delivered a report on the five-year history of how the plan came about. A second presentation showed how development planned for the near future would add thousands more residents and commuters along El Camino Real. Following that, staff members reviewed four alternatives that were less ambitious than the BRT proposal. Going through the list item by item, Senior Planner Steve Fisher explained how each alternative was fraught with its own set of challenges. There simply isn't space for a "have-it-all" option that added dedicated bus lanes without impacting regular traffic, he said.

Later this month, a third-party review of the BRT proposal should be complete and available for public review. VTA officials commissioned that review in response to complaints that they were downplaying the impact that dedicated bus lanes would have on regional traffic flow. The review team includes a mix of public and private experts in the transportation field.

For now, the BRT project is in a state of "suspended animation" but VTA would eventually look to get a recommendation on the project from the advisory group, said General Manager Nuria Fernandez. The project is scheduled to go before the VTA board of directors for a final decision by the end of the year.

"We're not kicking the can down the road. We need to get a sense from this group if we're going to move forward," she urged. "We need to know if this is a go, or a no-go." ▀

FBI REPORT

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recorded a July 17, 2015, jailhouse interview Muller had with KPIX San Francisco journalist Juliette Goodrich and the recording was turned over to the FBI.

Muller said that he had a psychotic break in 2009, the year of the Palo Alto and Mountain View incidents, and he ascribed his conduct to mental illness, believing there was a conspiracy and that he had suffered a side effect related to a vaccine.

Muller was the subject of a missing-person report in Menlo Park on Nov. 13, 2009, after he left a note to his then-wife that said, "I am going completely off the grid -- no phone, email, credit cards, etc."

In a separate email to his wife and family, he said he had mental health problems and lived in terror most of the time. He feared that he was up against people who wanted to investigate and arrest him "to achieve just ends." ▀

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FIRE

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enforce landlord-tenant laws, it felt compelled to bring this to the landlord's attention out of concern for the residents," Chopra said.

When contacted by the *Voice*, representatives of the apartment's management declined to comment on multiple occasions, and the apartment owner's lawyer did not respond to several requests for comment prior to the *Voice's* press deadline.

Through the apartment owner's lawyers, the city attorney's office learned that the landlord had plans to remodel "numerous" apartment units, including the ones damaged and destroyed in the fire, once the tenants permanently left their homes. But because only one apartment was red-tagged by the city, the rest of the displaced residents have a number of protections under city laws that prevent them from being kicked out with 48 hours' notice.

The city requested the number of residents who received 30-day, 60-day and 48-hour notices from the apartment owner's lawyers, but had not received that information as of late last week, Chopra said.

To evict the tenants of the damaged, but not red-tagged, apartments, a 90-day notice and relocation assistance is required under Mountain View's Tenant Relocation Ordinance. The ordinance states that landlords seeking to remodel, renovate or rehabilitate units resulting in permanent displacement must return the tenant's full deposit and compensate the tenant with three months of market-rate rent.

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Fire damage has displaced families living at the Park Vista apartment complex.

strengthened the ordinance last year, which now provides relief to tenants who make at or below 80 percent of the median household income in Santa Clara County. The ordinance kicks in once four or more tenants are displaced within a year.

A helping hand

Several families lost most of their belongings because of the fire and have struggled to find a new place to live, in part because of the high cost of rent. But the Community Services Agency (CSA), local schools and churches have all stepped up to help out.

Maureen Wadiak, associate director at CSA, said the organization has worked with seven families who were displaced by the fire, and six of them had received the 48-hour notices that were eventually rescinded. She said it's been difficult to find affordable housing for the families, and just as difficult to find temporary housing in hotels and

motels.

The agency initially helped house the displaced residents for four nights in the closest hotel with space at the time — the Mariani's Inn in Santa Clara — before finding some vacant rooms at the Quality Inn in Mountain View. Tom Myers, executive director for CSA, said it was generous of the Santa Clara hotel to provide a space for the families at a time when motels are going for outrageous sums of money, somewhere in the realm of \$170 to \$309 per night.

"These are motels we are talking about. This is not a Hilton or Four Seasons hotel or anything like that," Myers said.

While some families were relocated to units elsewhere in the Park Vista Apartment complex, a family of nine, which includes seven kids, has been tough to place because of its size, according to a case manager with CSA.

Two of the displaced families had agreed to meet with the

Voice but then reconsidered and declined to be interviewed.

Wadiak said the residents were informed in the 48-hour notices that they could not return to their apartments to retrieve their things unless they signed a release.

"They've had trouble getting to their belongings — their baby clothes, bottles, just the basic necessities, let alone furnishings," Wadiak said.

Four families with students attending Graham Middle School were displaced by the fire, and the school's administration and Parent Teacher Association put out a call to the community for help. Graham PTA President Debbie Kundrat said the organization is asking people to donate Target and Mi Pueblo gift cards for the families, which can be dropped off at the school's front office.

Lisette Tellez, the at-risk coordinator for the school, has also been in contact with the families and

said the school has done what it can to help ease the transition into the school year, providing school supplies and backpacks for the students. She also heard from residents of the apartment complex that the displaced families have been struggling to find a new place to live because of the rising cost of rent. Counseling services are also available to the students, allowing staff to see how they are handling the situation emotionally.

"We have an open door policy. They can come in and talk to me at any time," Tellez said.

Another family with a child attending Mistral Elementary received more than \$5,500 in help through a GoFundMe online fundraiser, started by Mistral parent Trish Gilbert. The family had lost all of its belongings was living with friends in a one-bedroom apartment, according to the GoFundMe page. ■

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The Final EE/CA can be found on the NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field website at <http://environment.arc.nasa.gov> and also in the Information Repository at the Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin Street, Mountain View, CA 94041. Other environmental documents, including the Administrative Record for NASA Ames Research Center can also be found on the website and in the Information Repository at the Mountain View Library.

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PENTAGON

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announce the new partnership was held in a symbolic location, the cavernous wind tunnel known as the National Full-Scale Aerodynamics Complex, which has long been used to test both military and civilian aircraft. The Aug. 28 event was Carter's second trip to the Midpeninsula since taking office earlier this year, and he pointed out that he was the first U.S. defense secretary to visit the area in almost 20 years.

The U.S. military has a storied history of nurturing technologies that later changed the world, including early research into integrated circuits, packet network systems and computer voice recognition. Carter harkened back to that history to explain why the military needs to make a new push to recruit tech talent and promote innovation.

"I've been pushing the Pentagon to think outside our five-sided box and invest in innovation here in Silicon Valley and in tech communities across the country," he said. "The government helped ignite the spark, but these were places that helped nurture the flames."

Carter kicked off his new outreach to the tech community earlier this year in a speech at Stanford University, where he announced the creation of a new office called the Defense Innovation Unit Experimental. The new office, headquartered at Moffett Federal Airfield, is designed to be the Pentagon's liaison for working with local

corporations and entrepreneurs.

In that speech, Carter said that the U.S. military had neglected to maintain ties with the tech sector as it focused on wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

To revitalize that partnership, Carter announced the Department of Defense would invest \$75 million in a consortium of 162 companies, universities and nonprofits to research flexible-hybrid electronics. Those partners include many of the big names in the area, such as Apple Inc., Lockheed Martin and Stanford University. That seed money would be matched and exceeded by investments from other public agencies and private organizations interested in the flexible-hybrid field, he said.

The new technology holds huge potential. Flexible-hybrid electronics refers to sensors and other electronics produced so they can stretch, bend and be shaped to fit a particular use. They open up the possibility of a wide range of new products, such as computers woven into clothes, cameras housed in contact lenses and "smart bandages" that can monitor wounds and detect infections. More uses for the technology would surely be discovered as the research develops, Carter said.

In contrast with past U.S. innovation that ultimately was outsourced overseas, Carter pledged that the government's investment would go toward establishing a domestic manufacturing hub for new products made possible by the research.

Perhaps no one was as excited



by the news as the team at Flex-Tech, a San Jose-based business group that coordinated a hodgepodge of public and private members to apply for research grants. The overall concept behind flexible electronics is about 20 years old, said FlexTech senior director Heidi Hoffman, and the field is nearing large-scale production. Some steps still needed to be refined, she said, such as being able to inject conductive dyes into the substrates of a material with the precision needed to make reliable circuits. It makes sense for the firms interested in this field to cooperate since the research requires diverse knowledge that cuts across various specializations of science, she said.

"These fundamental technologies can apply to so many different areas," she said. "But once it's done, we're going to apply it to so many applications that exist."

A lineup of Bay Area political heavyweights followed Carter to cheer the announcement, including local U.S. representatives Anna Eshoo, Zoe Lofgren and Mike Honda. Lofgren pointed out that the local tech companies and national security agencies have had a rocky relationship over recent years, particularly over revelations about domestic spying. But that disagreement over the actions of the National Security Agency (NSA) shouldn't tarnish this new partnership, she said.

"It's true: There has been a lot of suspicions in the Valley related to certain NSA activities," Lofgren said. "This is a new day. It doesn't relate to encryption. It relates to manufacturing; it relates to using new technologies in a way that's smart. It's important we celebrate this new day with the (Department of Defense)."

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The market for flexible tech products

Everyone from President Barack Obama to local politicians are touting flexible-hybrid electronics as a technology that could inspire a renaissance for domestic manufacturing. The term refers to advanced techniques to cheaply produce sensors and integrated circuits that can be easily shaped and stretched to fit the need, unlike the rigid silicon chip.

Here's a list of some of the new uses being dreamed up:

AUDIO LEAFLETS

Ever received a birthday card that plays a little jingle when you open it? The military is interested in something similar: an easy-to-produce leaflet equipped with electronics to play audio messages that could be printed in the field. This would be particularly useful for air-dropping to getting information out to civilians in war zones or disaster areas, particularly for those who are illiterate.

MAINTENANCE 2.0

Being able to cheaply outfit hundreds of sensors along a surface would be a game-changer for any company selling pricey machinery. Firms like John Deere, Whirlpool and General Motors all see flexible electronics as a new way to track maintenance and performance after a sale. For a car, this could mean being able to diagnose problems or alert a driver when fluids are low. For a \$350-million fighter jet, this could provide instant alerts on damage or malfunctions.

MACHINE MEDICINE

Healthcare may be one of the first fields to rapidly embrace flexible electronics. Bandages and patches could keep track of wounds or health disorders through a person's sweat. Meanwhile, sensors could provide a cheaper way for hospitals to monitor bio-markers for elderly care or patients with chronic conditions.

COMPU-CLOTHES

Enjoying your Fitbit? Flexible electronics are expected to open a new frontier for wearable gizmos that are hard-wired into your clothes. This could mean shoes that track athletic performance or a shirt that monitors your vitals. Military researchers anticipate soldiers being able to get commands from lightweight displays woven into their sleeves.

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Kevin Forestieri

A NEW KIND OF BREW AT STARBUCKS

Getting your fix at Starbucks may soon take on a new mean-

ing. Officials at the ubiquitous coffee chain last week announced they would begin serving wine and beer at two locations in Mountain View: Starbucks cafes at 1390 Pear Ave. and at 565 San Antonio Road.

The move by Starbucks to serve lagers along with lattes is in a pilot phase currently being tested at 70 locations nationwide.

If it’s successful, the company plans to gradually phase in alcoholic drinks at more of its coffee shops across the nation.

The shift is part of a larger promotion dubbed “Starbucks Evenings,” offering a separate menu of late-hour drinks and snacks to entice customers to visit later in the day.

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CRIME BRIEFS

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monitors and computers.

Security camera footage shows the suspects forced their way into the business on the 400 block of North Whisman Road around 2:53 a.m. on Aug. 28. The footage shows the suspects raiding multiple rooms in the building and hauling out several monitors.

One suspect is described as a white or Asian man between 5-foot-7-inches and 5-foot-9-inches tall with a thin build, weighing between 120 and 145 pounds. He was wearing glasses, a light-colored shirt with colored sleeves, white shoes and jeans. The other suspect is described as an African-American between 5-foot-7-inches and 5-foot-8-inches and weighing between 120 and 135 pounds. He is seen in the video wearing a

light sweater and a hat, white or grey pants and black shoes.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Tim Minor at 650-903-6344 and refer to case number 15-5193.

A video of the burglary can be seen at www.videopress.com/v/FbCDXp24.

—Kevin Forestieri

SHOE THIEF ARRESTED

Mountain View police thanked the community for helping officers track down a suspect in an assault on a Walmart security guard, after anonymous tips led to the man's identification and arrest.

The suspect allegedly put on a pair of new shoes and left the Walmart store on Showers Drive without paying.

The man entered the store early in the afternoon on Sunday,

Aug. 16, and reportedly put on the shoes and started to walk out without paying, according to police. When Walmart security tried to detain him, the man swung his arms multiple times and hit one of the security officers in the face, according to police spokeswoman Shino Tanaka.

The Walmart security officer declined medical treatment.

Police later arrested Gabriel Zuniga, 26, of Mountain View in front of the 7-Eleven at 276 N. Whisman Road after posting his photo and asking for help identifying him.

"Thanks to our community for helping us track down this suspect who was arrested for a warrant related to this incident," Mountain View police wrote in the department's blog on Aug. 27.

—Andrea Gemmet

TRAFFIC SAFETY

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they can reach tens of thousands of residents.

A bump in bike accidents

There were a total of 13 injury accidents between cars and bicyclists in Mountain View from April through June of this year, up from 5 accidents during the

same period in 2014. Two-thirds of the accidents were along major city thoroughfares including Rengstorff Avenue, San Antonio Road and Shoreline Boulevard.

Most of the accidents involved unsafe turns, failure to stop at red lights and stop signs and failing to yield to oncoming traffic. Jaeger said they remind bicyclists, both adults and minors, that they have to follow the same

rules of the road as cars, and cannot cut between cars or ignore stop signs. That said, he said it's impossible to put blame on any one party, whether it be drivers, motorcyclists or bicycles.

"Everyone needs to be paying attention," Jaeger said. "Traffic safety is everybody's responsibility." ▣

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self-motivation needed to adopt healthier lifestyles.

Putnam authored a book called “Workplace Wellness that Works,” examining what kind of health initiatives work and what kind fall flat. She found that often the short-term rewards and incentives — the gym discounts and the tests — don’t do a whole lot in isolation. Of the companies that have launched wellness programs, fewer than 20 percent of the employees participate, she said.

While the Bay Area is full of tech jobs and more than its fair share of employees camped in front of computers all day, it could be the epicenter for healthy work initiatives, Putnam said.

“It’s exciting to be here. There’s a lot of consciousness to wellness and trying to find creative ways to bring it to the workplace,” she said. “Especially with millennials coming in (to the workforce), there’s a higher expectation from companies.”

Comprehensive wellness plans are going to look wildly different from one company to another, but Putnam said the key is to have a long-term, cultural change at the company that encourages people to eat more healthfully and move around more. She said investing in the “intangible” and encouraging employees to have fun on the job and take longer breaks can pay off in more workforce productivity.

Rather than focus on individual employees, Putnam advocates for changing the entire workplace culture and steering clear of initiatives that focus on how stressed, sedentary and overweight employees are. Changing the workplace culture can involve little things, such as encouraging longer lunch breaks and designating days for employees to volunteer in the community, but it’s a necessary step for improving health.

“I’ve seen over and over again where a company may even be

investing in all these mindfulness programs, but meanwhile the culture and the environment just sucks,” Putnam said.

There is a real incentive for companies to get these health initiatives right, as they stand to save money in the long run if they succeed. A 2012 study found more than a fifth of company health care costs are poured into employees with “modifiable” risk factors — such as obesity and inactivity — each year. That means up to 20 percent of the average \$3,534 spent per employee on health care could be shaved off company costs if those firms could find a way to improve overall workplace health.

Companies can also get a lot of bang for their buck on wellness initiatives, and not just because of reductions in health care costs. Putnam said research overwhelmingly shows that workplace wellness can boost morale, teamwork and retention of employees. But only if it’s done right, she said.

A healthy hospital environment

It seems fitting then that some of the leading healthy workplace environments in the Bay Area are at hospitals. El Camino Hospital recently received two awards from the American Heart Association for meeting a myriad of workplace wellness criteria, as well as trying out a few innovative ideas for reducing the stress of nurses and staff.

Hospitals are hardly a cozy working environment, with the long hours and night shifts. El Camino has spent the last few years focusing on wellness initiatives for employees to eat more healthily, exercise and manage stress throughout the work day, according to Alyse Manglik, interim manager of employee wellness and health services at the hospital.

Hospital staff are encouraged to take breaks whenever they can, to walk around the hospital on quarter-mile routes that have

been mapped out to pass some of the hospital’s more prominent art exhibits. There’s also a number of so-called energizer stations — green exercise machines called ski walkers and tai chi spinners that employees can hop onto for a quick boost of energy, Manglik said. Not enough to get a full cardio workout and break a sweat, but enough to keep employees feeling productive until the end of the day.

“Even if it’s just a 15 minute break, you can use it to get a bit of energy,” Manglik said.

The American Heart Association recognized El Camino Hospital this year as a Platinum-level Fit-Friendly work site, not only for encouraging exercise, but for promoting healthy eating on the hospital campus. The hospital recently dumped all of the candy and sugary drinks from the vending machines, and the employee cafeteria has a rotation of “ideal” meals that carefully balance calorie counts.

The hospital was also one of fewer than 40 organizations in the U.S. to receive the Worksite Innovation award for getting creative with employee wellness strategies. The hospital has three massage therapists who roam the hospital, dropping in throughout the day to give massages to just about any employee who’s interested.

Lisa Wong, a massage therapist for the hospital, spent the later half of the afternoon on Monday in the Women’s Hospital going down a list of staff in need of a massage. As a former software engineer who knew first-hand what it’s like to take on 10 to 12-hour workdays, Wong said she knows where some of the

employees are coming from when she drops by. And it’s always a pleasant surprise for the employees, because the roving massage therapists never announce ahead of time when they’re on the way.

“We don’t tell people what time we’re coming,” Wong said. “It’s exciting and feels like a nice treat.”

While the hospital is measuring how successful the health initiatives have been so far with health risk assessments and biometric screenings, Manglik said just simple observations — like lines outside energizer stations and more people spending lunch breaks walking outside at Cuesta Park— already show a positive shift in behaviors.

“I’ve seen more people at the park (lately),” Manglik said. “We’ve raised awareness and helped to build that culture.”

Stanford Hospital and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital have likewise spent the last four years promoting workplace wellness through the Healthy Steps Wellness Program, a joint effort between both hospitals to improve employee health. In the program, employees can apply for small, \$500 grants to implement their own healthy initiatives or programs, according to Patty Purpur de Vries, manager of the program.

And it’s proved popular. So far the grant application program has received 200 applications, Purpur de Vries, with a wide range of different ideas proposed by hospital staff. One physician, she said, put in an application to help her employees improve their practical self-care strategies, while another group of

employees wanted to launch a walking challenge.

Beyond grant money, employees are also given a \$300 to \$600 incentive to check cholesterol, blood sugar, blood pressure, height and weight. Purpur de Vries said getting employees to do these kinds of check-up biometrics tests can be challenging, so it’s key to keep the testing period to between 10 and 15 minutes.

“Often times that’s the hardest part of the wellness program, getting employees to come in and get those things done,” she said. “You’ve got patients waiting (and) you’ve got people who just don’t feel like they have the time.”

While the hospital has successfully gotten 70 percent of employees to keep up with the health screenings, it’s not the focus of the program, Purpur de Vries said. During team-building exercises, she said, they don’t even mention biometrics and focus on thinking positively, and tips on breathing and exercise.

Above all, she said, it’s about creating a group culture based around healthy lifestyle choices, and that shift in group thinking is way more important to focus on than return on investment.

“People can’t be healthy in isolation when they work in groups that don’t do the same, or bring in donuts every week,” she said. “In my world, it’s about helping engagement and helping the hospital (meet) their long-term goal of patient and employee satisfaction, and that does not come from taking biometrics and telling people to lose weight.”

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There are many ways to make it onto the New York Times' best-seller list. For Adam Mansbach, the secret lay in writing a bedtime story not for kids, but for their parents: 2011's "Go the F--- to Sleep" (Google it for a priceless video of Samuel L. Jackson reading the book aloud). Now, Mansbach has teamed up with comedy writer and producer Alan Zweibel to pen "Benjamin Franklin: Huge Pain in My ... !," a middle-grades novel involving a stupid extra-credit assignment, a really embarrassing stepfather and a very surprising pen pal. Mansbach and Zweibel will appear at Menlo Park's Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, on Thursday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Join them for an evening of beer, snacks and laugh-out-loud humor. You might want to leave the kids at home for this one. Tickets are \$10. Go to keplers.com or call 650-324-4321.

DAVE MATTHEWS BAND

The Dave Matthews Band has enjoyed one of the healthiest fan

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Ever wonder about the history of this region? On the first Friday of every month, the San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City, opens its doors for free. On Friday, Sept. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., you can learn about the history of the region from the time of the Native Americans to the era of big tech. Playing in the Past: a preschool activity hour starts at 11 a.m.

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Kids love to dance, and on Friday, Sept. 11, they can dance for free at Palo Alto's Cubberley Community Center, Middlefield Road, 4000 Middlefield Road, #G6. Between 10:45 a.m. and

5:30 p.m., the Silicon Valley Ballet School will be offering an open house in which kids age 10 and under can participate or observe. Costumed dancers from the professional company will also perform. Go to balletsj.org, email school@balletsj.org or call 408-288-2820, ext. 223.

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— Elizabeth Schwyzer



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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Time to open discussion on leaf blowers

Attempts by cities to curtail or outright ban the use of leaf blowers over the years have often been defeated by professional lobbying efforts and fears by some residents that the cost of gardening services will rise. But arguments by the California Landscape Contractors Association and other industry groups claiming that gardeners couldn't survive the financial consequences of a ban, and by homeowners unwilling to pay their gardeners an extra \$10 or \$15 for service, overlook another cost that must become part of the discussion: the cost of leaf blower use to human health.

Most people are all too familiar with the blasting, disruptive noise of leaf blowers, but many probably aren't aware of the health hazards of these machines — to gardeners and everyone else. According to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, leaf blowers whip up into the air particles including hydrocarbons from gasoline, animal droppings, spores, pesticides and herbicides, fertilizers, brake-lining dust and tire residue, and heavy metals. Some of these particles are easily absorbed by the lungs, and some can travel hundreds of miles and remain airborne for days or weeks, the air quality district report says.

Particulate matter, the air quality district asserts, is “the air pollutant that poses by far the greatest health risk to Bay Area residents.” And leaf blowers share the blame for that risk: Each leaf blower whisks up into the air about 5 pounds of particulate matter per hour, and those particles can take hours to settle, according to a 1999 Orange County grand jury report on leaf blower pollution.

Just north of Mountain View, Palo Alto passed an ordinance banning gas-powered leaf blowers in residential areas 10 years ago, but enforcement has been weak to nonexistent. In Menlo Park, a ban passed in 1998 that was opposed by industry lobbying groups and was overturned by referendum.

But some California cities, including Berkeley, Santa Monica, Laguna Beach and Los Angeles, have successfully put bans or significant restrictions in place. In Southern California, cities trying to address health and quality-of-life issues resulting from leaf blower use are supported by the South Coast Air

Quality Management District, which in 2006 established a leaf blower buy-back program for professional gardeners. The program is responsible for handing over some 12,000 cleaner and less noisy machines to professional gardeners in exchange for the worst kinds of blowers.

The Bay Area air quality district has been working on reducing harmful particles swept into the air by leaf blowers, but the task is huge. A program it oversees funds the purchase of battery-powered, zero-emission lawn and garden equipment in exchange for gas-powered machines, but the program is restricted at this time to Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Is it time to raise the issue in Mountain View? Yes, given the high cost to human health posed by leaf blowers. There are many types of restrictions that can be considered. Some cities have focused on banning gas-powered machines but allowing electric blowers, reducing the noise level and emissions specific to gasoline. Others have banned all leaf blowers, regardless of what fuels them. Then there are cities that have restricted the hours of their use, and put a cap on the allowable decibel level of the noise they produce. But the first step is to open a serious discussion about reining in their now-unrestricted use.

Any move to restrict leaf blowers will come with a financial cost to the city — code enforcement isn't cheap. And there would of course be a financial hit to local professional gardeners as well. But the city has an active force of environmental advocates, including on the City Council, and creative minds can forge a plan to make any new rules governing leaf blower use less painful to gardeners and less costly to City Hall.

For one thing, the city might approach the Bay Area air quality district with a plan to partner with that agency in a buy-back program. If leaf blowers aren't banned completely, the partnership could fund training sessions on effective operation of the machines to minimize pollution and protect the soil that now so often is harmed by their reckless use.

There are a number of approaches the city can take to address the leaf blower problem in Mountain View, but to not approach it at all would be to ignore an important health and safety issue. ▀

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

SAY THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

I just watched the video of two San Mateo sheriff's deputies saving a drunk man's life on the Caltrain crossing of Mary and Evelyn in Sunnyvale. Those deputies risked their lives for that fool and yet all we hear all the time is bad-mouthing of cops. Yes, every

profession has its “bad apples” lurking in the proverbial barrel, but it's been my personal direct experience over the decades that most cops are decent people doing an incredibly difficult, thankless job.

Just as I always walk up to our military personnel and tell them, “Thanks for your service” because I have a son who's a dis-

abled Iraq War hero veteran, so it is I started last year telling every cop I run into the same thing. It's amazing the shocked looks most cops get on their faces when you tell them you appreciate their service to society. Pretty sad when you think about it.

You know that the only way we're going to see a paradigm shift in the relationship between cops

and the public is for each of us to start that shift one by one to end the “us-versus-them” attitude by which so many cops feel attacked and despised while so much of the public feels picked on by cops. I decided to make that change myself, and I highly recommend it to everyone, cops and public alike.
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A Fond Farewell

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Longtime food critic decamping for new adventures in East Bay

Sheila Himmel, a longtime food writer and restaurant reviewer, sits in the patio of Terun in Palo Alto, one of her favorite local restaurants.



Charley Chang owns Charley Noodle & Grill in Los Altos, one of the Peninsula's family-run places offering a personal touch.



The shrimp taco at **Sancho's**, a local restaurant that offers an alternative to "cookie-cutter chains."

So long, Silicon Valley. In my 40 years here, our food choices have gone from dismal to delightful, with some notably worrisome exceptions.

Let me explain. For many years I was the San Jose Mercury News' restaurant critic, and then one of the freelance restaurant reviewers for the newspaper you are reading now. Lots of great meals under my expanding belt.

It's time to move my foraging to Berkeley, where I hear there is

some pretty good food. Here are a few parting thoughts about the local food scene.

Despite phenomenal population growth and new construction, we can still enjoy the personal touch in food stores and restaurants. When I moved here, there was a bakery in downtown Palo Alto where the owner cheerfully greeted everyone, knew what kind of bread you liked and always offered kids a cookie. We can still experience personal interac-

tion in cafes and family-owned food purveyors such as Charley Noodle & Grill and Dittmer's Gourmet Meats & Wurst-Haus, both in Los Altos. In Palo Alto Cafe on Middlefield Road the other day, as I was enjoying my veggie bagel sandwich, the owner was chatting with a customer about a family wedding.

In the same way, our thriving farmers markets pulse with the energy of people talking to each other, just happening to meet, and to the vendors who

have grown what they're selling. Farmers care about giving us a good product. They want return customers — and we may return for years, long enough to greet the kids of the farmers.

However, the creep of cookie-cutter chains is worrisome. They smell more like market research than enjoyment of food. If you've eaten at Google, Facebook or a Bay Area airport, you know this food. Some of it is good. There is a place for The Counter and Chipotle and

Asian Box, just don't let them muscle out places like Kirk's Steakhouses, Sancho's Taqueria and Dohatsuten.

Regrets, I've had a few. I regret that only recently did I dare to enter Antonio's Nut House on California Avenue. The very non-Palo Alto parking lot crowd scared me away. The place is totally fun with friendly bartenders, decent Mexican food at the taqueria inside and a colorful, non-threatening clientele.

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I regret that after diners complained year after year about poor service in restaurants, now their no. 1 complaint is noise. Can you hear us? Restaurants are too loud.

And I regret the loss of downtown Palo Alto as a town center, with professionals' offices, lighting and hardware stores.

On the other hand, Town & Country Village's rise from the dead comes in large part thanks to a tidal wave of eateries at a range of price points. Also, Books Inc. and Trader Joe's. Be still my heart.

Midtown now has a good place for breakfast, Sancho's fish tacos and soon, San Jose's popular Bill's Café for family breakfast and lunch.

Downtown Los Altos, too, has people walking around, sometimes even at night. From the reborn Cho's Mandarin Dim Sum to the new Safeway, change has been good.

Downtown Mountain View was a singular beacon of gastronomic light back in the 1970s—the place to go for Chinese, Mexican and the early wave of Vietnamese restaurants. We can also thank Mountain View for introducing regional Chinese food.

Then there's coffee. When I moved here, Peet's in Menlo Park was the only purveyor of fresh coffee beans. That may be the biggest change of all.

I leave you with this final note, to the tune of "Goodnight, Moon."



Goodnight Silicon Valley

Goodnight, Evvia
 Goodnight, Madera

Goodnight, potato chips at Fry's
 Goodnight, downtown streets full of hungry guys
 (and the occasional woman)

Goodnight, inescapable salads of kale
 Goodnight, beloved Milk Pail

Goodnight, restaurant investors enriched by tech rally
 Goodnight, Silicon Valley. ■

MOVIE OPENINGS



FRANK MASI/BROAD GREEN PICTURES

Nick Nolte and Robert Redford in "A Walk in the Woods."

Take a hike

'WALK' PUTS REDFORD AND NOLTE THROUGH THEIR PACES

★★ (Century 16, Century 20)

Some movies announce their phoniness right out of the gate. Such is the case with "A Walk in the Woods," starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte as two old friends who commit to hiking the Appalachian Trail.

In the film's first scene, travel writer Bill Bryson (Redford) begins literally in the dark before the lights come up on the set of a local TV morning show. What follows is a grotesque caricature of a terrible interview, with the inquisitor cheerily showing open contempt, partly by his lack of knowledge and preparation. As directed by sitcom vet Ken Kwapis ("The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants"), all the scene lacks is a telltale laugh track to

underline the film's choice of a broad comic tone, with a likeably coasting Redford cast as put-upon straight man.

Kwapis' film (with a screenplay by Rick Kerb and Bill Holderman) adapts Bryson's "A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail." In both book and film, the writer decides to satisfy his latest wanderlust by hiking the entire 2,118 miles of the trail, a journey that will take five months. "I want to explore nature ... get back to my roots ... push myself," he explains in the movie. Bryson's wife of 40 years, Catherine (Emma Thompson) insists that it's not safe to go alone, so Bryson calls all his friends. To

his chagrin, only a non-invitee responds, having caught wind of the plan.

This is the pseudonymous Stephen Katz (Nick Nolte), who once traveled Europe with Bryson but whose language — and body language — evoke a bull in a china shop. Nolte conveys the distressing ill health of a sedentary alcoholic; the actor does this effortlessly, and could hardly be more grizzled if he tried. Together, the men encourage each other to finish the trail and to become more authentic to themselves and others. When Bryson notes that most Appalachian Trail hikers wash out after a week, Katz replies, "We're not most people, Bryson."

This may be true, but "A Walk in the Woods" ends up being like most comedies, "The Odd Couple II" in particular. Redford and Nolte are no Lemmon and Matthau, but these grumpy old men are agreeable company, much as the film is agreeably scenic. There's also something potentially fresh in the film's "75 is the new 55" attitude. It's just that the sudden, serious climax is so awkward as to sheepishly call attention to itself ("That was a nice moment," Nolte croaks. "Real dramatic"), while the few funny bits and sharp lines amount to fool's gold scattered around a claim that never satisfactorily pays off.

Rated R for language and some sexual references. One hour, 44 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

MOVIE TIMES

A Walk in the Woods (R) ★★ Aquarius Theatre: 11:45 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:10 & 9:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 2, 4:50, 7:40 & 10:30 p.m.

American Ultra (R) ★★1/2
Century 16: 7:50 & 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 10:15 p.m.

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

Anastasia (1956) (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: Sat & Sun 3:25 & 7:30 p.m.

Ant-Man (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:25 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:55 & 10:45 p.m.

Bells are Ringing (1960) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Fri 7:30 p.m.

Bhale Bhale Magadivoi (Not Rated) Century 16: Fri 9:35 p.m., Sat 8 p.m.

The End of the Tour (R) ★★★1/2 Palo Alto Square: 1:30, 4:15 & 7 p.m.

The Gift (R) Century 16: 9 & 11:50 a.m., 2:35, 5:15 & 7:55 p.m., Fri & Sun 10:40 p.m., Sat 11:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 5, 7:40 & 10:20 p.m.

Grandma (R) Guild Theatre: 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10 & 9:30 p.m.

Hitman: Agent 47 (R)
Century 16: 12:05 & 2:35 p.m., Fri & Sun 8 p.m. Century 20: 9:10 p.m.

Inside Out (PG) ★★★1/2 Century 16: 9:10 & 11:45 a.m., 2:20 & 4:55 p.m.
Century 20: 11:25 a.m., 1:55, 4:30, 7:05 & 9:40 p.m.

It Should Happen to You (1954) (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: Fri 5:50 & 9:50 p.m.

Learning to Drive (R)
Century 16: 9:30 & 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 5:10, 7:45 & 10:20 p.m.

The Man from U.N.C.L.E. (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: 9:55 a.m., 1, 4:10, 7:05 & 10 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 a.m., 2:10, 5:05, 7:50 & 10:45 p.m.

Meru (R) Century 20: 2:25 & 7:35 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., 4:45 & 7:10 p.m., Fri & Sat 2:10 p.m. Century 20: 11:25 a.m., 1:45, 4:05 & 6:45 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., Fri & Sat 11:45 p.m.
Century 20: 11:20 a.m., 2:30, 5:30, 8:35 & 10:25 p.m., Fri & Sat 12:55, 4 & 7:15 p.m., Sun 4:20 & 7:20 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. Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 1:25, 3:45, 6, 8:15 & 10:30 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 & 9:55 p.m.

Pixels (PG-13) ★1/2 Century 20: 11:05 a.m., 4:15 & 6:50 p.m.

Ricki and the Flash (PG-13) ★★
Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 1:40, 4:10 & 6:45 p.m.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1957) (R)
Guild Theatre: Sat 11:59 p.m.

Shaun the Sheep Movie (PG) Century 16: 9:20 a.m., noon, 2:30, 4:55 & 7:15 p.m. Century 20: 11:05 a.m., 1:15, 3:25, 5:45 & 8 p.m.

Silk Stockings (1957) (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: Sat & Sun 5:20 & 9:25 p.m.

Sinister 2 (R) Century 16: 9:30 p.m.

Southpaw (R) Century 20: 11:35 a.m., 4:45 & 10 p.m.

Straight Outta Compton (R)
Century 16: 9 & 11 a.m., 12:25, 2:20, 3:55, 5:45, 7:30, 9:15 & 10:55 p.m.
Century 20: 12:20, 3:40, 7 & 10:15 p.m., Fri & Sun 9:15 p.m., Sat 9:20 p.m.

Stripes (1981) (R) Century 16: Sun 2 p.m. Century 20: Sun 2 p.m.

Trainwreck (R) Century 16: 5:05 p.m., Sat & Sun 9:35 p.m.
Century 20: 11 a.m., 1:50, 4:50, 7:45 & 10:40 p.m.

The Transporter Refueled (PG-13)
Century 16: 9:15 & 11:55 a.m., 2:25, 5, 7:40 & 10:20 p.m., Fri & Sat 12:01 a.m.
Century 20: 11:30 a.m., 1:55, 4:25, 7 & 9:35 p.m. In X-D at 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:10 & 10:40 p.m. D-BOX at 11:30 a.m., 1:55, 4:25, 7 & 9:35 p.m.

Un Gallo Con Muchos Huevos (Not Rated)
Century 16: 9:05 & 11:40 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m.
Century 20: 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m.

War Room (PG) Century 20: 12:45, 3:50, 6:50 & 9:50 p.m.

We Are Your Friends (R) ★ Century 16: 9:35 a.m., Fri & Sun 10:35 p.m., Sat 10:40 p.m. Century 20: 1:35 & 9:25 p.m.

Welcome Back (Not Rated) Century 16: 9 a.m., 12:30, 4, 7:30 & 11 p.m.

AQUARIUS: 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto (266-9260)
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CENTURY 20 DOWNTOWN: 825 Middlefield Road, Redwood City (800-326-3264)
CINEARTS AT PALO ALTO SQUARE: 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (493-3456)
STANFORD THEATRE: 221 University Ave., Palo Alto (324-3700)

For show times, plot synopses and more information about any films playing at the Aquarius, visit www.LandmarkTheatres.com



MOVIE REVIEWS

DIARY OF A TEENAGE GIRL ★★★ 1/2

Many Americans prefer to pretend adolescent female desire doesn't exist. Respect, then, to writer-director Marielle Heller for her adaptation of the novel, "The Diary of a Teenage Girl." A smart, naive and red-blooded 15-year-old, protagonist Minnie Goetze finds herself doing an end-run around her oblivious mother, Charlotte (Kristen Wiig), in initiating an affair with mom's 35-year-old boyfriend, Monroe (Alexander Skarsgård). In Heller's honest and nuanced presentation, Minnie doesn't fall into the archetype of a sick nymphet or victim, and Monroe isn't simply branded as a creep. While they're almost certainly making a mistake, it's the kind of mistake they're likely to look back on with a rueful appreciation of how it shaped their characters. *Rated R for strong sexual content including dialogue, graphic nudity, drug use, language and drinking — all involving teens. One hour, 42 minutes.* — P.C.

WE ARE YOUR FRIENDS ★

In what feels a lot like "Entourage, Jr.," the



SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Bel Powley in "The Diary of a Teenage Girl."

electronic dance music-themed drama "We Are Your Friends" centers on 23-year-old DJ Cole Carter (Zac Efron), who dreams of making it big in Los Angeles. He gets his chance when world-renowned DJ James Reed (Wes Bentley) deigns to take him under his wing. To complicate things, Cole flirts with James' girlfriend and personal assistant, Sophie (Emily Ratajkowski), and the two end up running around in a music-video-esque montage that resolves in a hotel-suite love scene. The passage displays the film's consistent tendency for

visual clichés: Nearly every scene looks and feels like an advertisement. "We Are Your Friends" constitutes a naked attempt to commodify youth culture via the big screen. *Rated R for language throughout, drug use, sexual content and some nudity. One hour, 36 minutes.* — P.C.

MOVIE CRITICS

S.T. - Susan Tavernetti, P.C. - Peter Canavese, T.H. - Tyler Hanley

★ Skip it
★★ Some redeeming qualities
★★★ A good bet
★★★★ Outstanding

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



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MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

HIGHLIGHT

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

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. 1-27, 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

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Pratham SF Bay Area Donor Appreciation Dinner This donor appreciation and fundraiser event benefiting Pratham will discuss the learnings of the nonprofit which supports education for children of all social and economic backgrounds in India. There will also be a keynote speech by Neeru Khosla, founder of education technology nonprofit CK-12, and Indian fusion jazz music. Sept. 12, 6-10 p.m. \$500-\$25,000. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 713-774-9599. www.eventbrite.com/e/pratham-sf-bay-area-donor-appreciation-dinner-tickets-17521143211

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

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

Fall Mountain View Tennis group classes This fall Mountain View Tennis will hold group tennis classes for a variety of ages and 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

Foothill College New Student Orientation Foothill College New Student Orientation offers opportunities to meet other students and have a variety of questions answered. Complimentary lunch will be provided. Free parking is also available in Lot 1. Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free in advance. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7241. foothill.edu/nso/

Foothill College Parent Orientation Foothill College will hold a Parent Orientation event, where both parents and students can hear about the many programs and services available through the college. Sept. 16, 6 p.m. Free admission. Foothill College, Campus Center Dining Room (Room 2201), 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7813. foothill.edu/nso/

Library 101 tutorial This quick tutorial at the Mountain View Public Library will inform patrons of what their library card gives them access to, which includes museum passes, reading recommendations, language learning software, homework help, children's e-books and digital resources. Sept. 10, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6882. www.mountainview.gov/library

CLUBS/MEETINGS

BookBuyers Writing Meetup This weekly event at BookBuyers will bring together fellow writers to share their work and get feedback. Thursdays, Sept. 3-24, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. BookBuyers, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-7323. bookbuyers.com

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.scll.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

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

Writing Lunch BookBuyers will welcome writers with all levels of experience to spend lunch focusing on their craft in the Mountain View bookstore. Lunch is not provided. Mondays, Sept. 6-27, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. BookBuyers, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-7323. bookbuyers.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Literary Trivia Night BookBuyers will host a literary trivia night, where community members can test their knowledge of everything from Thoreau to the fantasy genre. Prizes will be distributed. Sept. 14, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. BookBuyers, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-7323. bookbuyers.com/event/literary-trivia-night-2/

Los Altos Hills Hoedown This year's annual hoedown will combine live music, a wine tasting, a farmers market and equestrian exhibitions, as well as old-fashioned crafts, games and prizes. Food will be available for purchase from The Boneyard Food Truck. Sept. 12, 3-8 p.m. Free. Westwind Community Barn, 27210 Altamont Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-947-2518. www.losaltoshills.ca.gov

Meet the Superintendent At this public event, community members can meet the new Mountain View Whisman School District superintendent, Dr. Ayinéd Rudolph. Sept. 10, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Clocktower Coffee, 205 E. Middlefield Road, Mountain View. Call 650-526-3500. www.mvwsd.org

Mountain View Art & Wine Festival The 44th Mountain View Art & Wine Festival will boast 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

CONCERTS

Musical Art Quintet Musical Art Quintet will share its innovative chamber music with Afro-Cuban and world music influences in a program including original compositions by bandleader Sascha Jacobsen and pieces by Duke Ellington, Tito Puente, John Coltrane and others. Seating will be limited to 200 guests. Sept. 12, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm

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

Scottish Country Dancing class Mountain View Scottish Country Dance will hold an introductory class sharing the techniques and joy of the social dance form. Dancers ages 16 and up and of all levels 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

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

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

FAMILY AND KIDS

Children's Story Time BookBuyers will welcome to the store a local preschool teacher, who will lead a fun exploration of literature with children. Sept. 5, 11:30-12:30 p.m. Free. BookBuyers, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-7323. bookbuyers.com

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

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

FOOD AND DRINK

3rd Annual Crop Swap This Mountain View Public Library event will allow local home gardeners to bring their extra produce and swap with their neighbors. Honey, eggs, seeds, bulbs and preserves are also welcome. Registration is appreciated, but not required. Sept. 12, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. goo.gl/Eyrr1f

Brew Your Own Kombucha This course offered by Anne Marie Bonneau will cover the benefits of kombucha, the necessary equipment, and successful and safe conditions. Students can taste samples of kombucha and other fermented foods made by the instructor, and they will take home a jar of kombucha and a symbiotic colony of bacteria and yeast (SCOBY). Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-noon. \$75. Private home, address provided upon registration, Mountain View. Call 650-450-8205. zerowastechef.com/register/

Cultured Vegetables: Sauerkraut & Krautchi This course offered by Anne Marie Bonneau will cover the benefits of fermented foods, the necessary equipment, and successful and safe conditions. Students can taste samples of sauerkraut, sourdough bread and kombucha made by the instructor, and they will take home a jar of kraut they prepare in class. Sept. 9, 6-8 p.m. \$75. Private home, address provided upon registration, Mountain View. Call 650-450-8205. zerowastechef.com/register

Ginger Beer Workshop This course offered by Anne Marie Bonneau covers the method for brewing ginger beer, necessary equipment, and



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'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

successful and safe conditions. Students can taste ginger beer and other fermented foods made by the instructor, and they will take home a bottle of ginger beer and a jar of ginger bug starter. Sept. 12, 2-4 p.m. \$75. Private home, address provided upon registration, Mountain View. Call 650-450-8205. zerowastechef.com/register/

LIVE MUSIC

Acoustic Open Mic Night Musicians of all levels are invited to share their songs and art with listeners in the Living Room at BookBuyers in Mountain View. Sept. 10, 8-9 p.m. Free. BookBuyers, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-7323. bookbuyers.com/event/acoustic-open-mic-night-5/

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.palayers.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

'The Walls of Jericho' Pear Theatre will introduce its new space with a production of "The Walls of Jericho," a romantic comedy by Diane

Tasca based on the story "Night Bus." The Sept. 17 and 18 shows are previews. Sept. 17-Oct. 4, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$10 preview; \$30 general; \$25 senior, student. Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org

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

LECTURES & TALKS

Midpen Media Center Mosaic Event This family-friendly event celebrating 25 years of community storytelling will include a variety of activities and a talk by John C. Hollar of the Computer History Museum on the topic of community storytelling's future. Sept. 13, 2-5 p.m. Free. Midpeninsula Community Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-494-8686. midpenmedia.org

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

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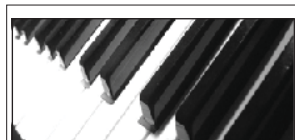
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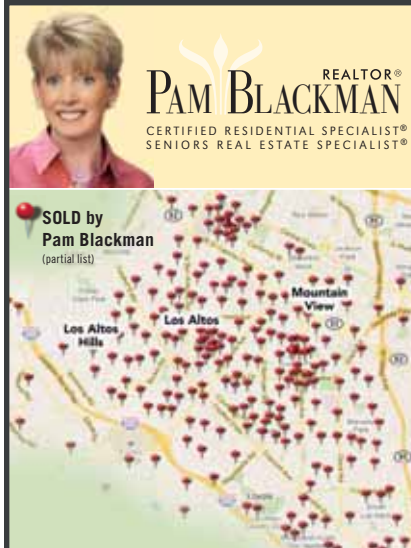
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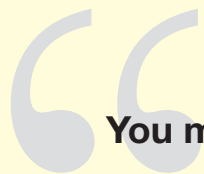
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