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Chris McKay, a planetary scientist at NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, gets frequent queries from science-fiction authors hoping to keep their futuristic plots grounded in scientific reality.

When science meets science fiction

SCI-FI AUTHORS CONVERGE ON NASA AMES FOR EXPERT HELP

By Mark Noack

When it comes to pondering the universe beyond Earth, the number of questions that come to mind might seem, well, astronomical.

If a man were cast out into space, what would kill him first? (Answer: pressure bringing body fluids to a boil.) How high could a human jump on Mars? (About 9 feet.) When you look up, what color would

the red planet's sky be? (Yellow-brown during the day.)

In answering these, and countless other questions, Chris McKay and Kim Stanley Robinson both share an insatiable curiosity, albeit for very different purposes. McKay is one of the foremost experts in



Kim Stanley
Robinson

planetary sciences at the NASA Ames Research Center. Robinson is a bestselling science-fiction author best known for his Mars Trilogy detailing humans staking a future on the red planet.

Professionally, the two men might seem as far apart as fact and fiction, but they both share a common pursuit in contemplating how humankind would exist in a future beyond Earth. And

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Hospital board torn on community benefit spending

EL CAMINO HOSPITAL COULD BOOST FUNDING FOR FREE AND CHARITABLE SERVICES

By Kevin Forestieri

El Camino Hospital has been thriving in recent years, bringing in millions of dollars more in profits than expected and budgeting for

large-scale construction projects that will change the face of its Mountain View campus.

But amid that success, some members of the hospital's board of directors are arguing that the nonprofit ought give more

money back to the community, proposing to dedicate additional tens of millions of dollars for grants to hospital and community organizations.

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Rival developers pitch hotel projects

CITY ASKED TO BEND RULES OR HELP PAY FOR NEW HOTEL ON HOPE STREET PARKING LOTS

By Mark Noack

Competing development firms delivered two distinct visions on Monday for a luxury hotel in the heart of downtown Mountain View, but neither proposal quite fit the profile that city officials had in mind.

Mountain View officials sought proposals from hotel firms earlier this year for transforming two city-owned Hope Street parking lots into a high-end hotel. The valuable real estate bordering Castro Street presents big opportunities for generating income as well as plenty of challenges for how this project would abide with current city building rules. Since the project would redevelop two public parking lots, city officials insisted that developers include a new underground garage that would provide a comparable number of free parking stalls for the public.

On Monday, Sept. 28, the two development firms took turns presenting a basic outline of how they would proceed with the project, which included identifying their hotel brand partners.

The Irvine firm R.D. Olson presented plans for using the space to open an AC Hotel, a boutique brand under Marriott International that architects described as catering to "millennial, tech-savvy travelers." As a baseline, the four-story hotel would provide 130 rooms as well as enough underground parking for about 350 cars. The lodging would include a "European-inspired" restaurant, a second-floor pool and patio area, and a viewing area on the roof.

"We feel we came up with

the most viable plan that turns this site into revenues for the city," said Dustin Schmidt, R.D. Olson's vice president of real estate. "We tried to keep it simple and executable."

However, R.D. Olson representatives encouraged council members to consider an "Option B" proposal that deviated from the city's building rules. This plan differed by calling for a hotel that's five stories high with a public parking lot above-ground. They admitted both these changes didn't comply with the city's building specifications in the downtown precise plan. However, by going this route, Schmidt said the hotel could expand to 175 rooms and just over 370 parking spots. It would also provide a considerable cost savings to the city, Schmidt said. Constructing fully underground parking would require Mountain View to provide a \$10 million subsidy for the project, Schmidt explained.

If the city agreed to bend the rules for Option B, R.D. Olson representatives estimated that Mountain View would net just under \$34 million in extra hotel-tax revenues over the next 15 years.

Cost estimates became an even bigger sticking point for a proposal by the Robert Green Company of Encinitas. Speaking on behalf of his namesake company, Robert Green Jr. presented plans to open a new Joie de Vivre hotel, a brand owned by the San Francisco-based Commune hotel company.

"We think this site is an opportunity to do what we call place-making: creating a place that

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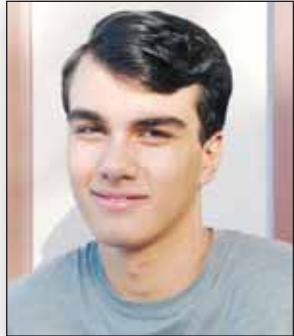
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Voices

AROUND TOWN

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

What's the hardest test you've ever taken?



"For my junior year creative writing class, we had to write an essay during the test on a book that we were supposed to read ... but I didn't read the book."

Alex DeLeon, Mountain View



"The entrance exam for the Indian Institute of Technology. It takes hours to get through."

Sunil Rath, Sunnyvale



"My astronomy test in college. We had to memorize the constellations, and it was hard because it was based on our night observations. We had to go find the constellations in the sky."

Sonia Ibrahimkhail, Mountain View



"I play football, so I had more of a physical test. I had to bench press like 225 pounds, and I could only do it like five times. It was like a performance test, a way of measuring how strong you are at a certain point in the season."

Alex Mosqueda, San Jose



"The CBEST. It's the California State Board of Education's certified teacher test. It was an easy test, but it was five hours long. It was exhausting."

Sara Sweatt, Merced



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October and November 2015



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Oct. 13, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Connie Corrales, director of the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) for Santa Clara County, will explain the basics of Medicare for beneficiaries, as well as Medicare changes for next year.

Mountain View Center

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Oct. 13, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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Medicare Explained

Oct. 27, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Stephanie Thompson, Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Coordinator for Santa Clara County, will explain the basics of Medicare for beneficiaries as well as Medicare changes for next year. The discussion will cover 2016 Medicare Advantage and Part D Rx Plan offerings.

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Sleep and Your Child

Nov. 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

PAMF pediatrician Manisha Panchal, M.D., will discuss how to prevent and resolve sleep issues by establishing a consistent bedtime routine and helping your baby to learn to self-soothe.

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■ CRIME BRIEFS

WOMAN'S CAR STRUCK BY HAMMER-WIELDING SUSPECT

Police arrested a 57-year-old Mountain View man last week after he allegedly approached a woman in her vehicle and began striking the vehicle with a hammer.

The incident occurred Friday at 11:30 p.m. in the Rex Manor neighborhood when the victim, a 41-year-old San Francisco woman, had parked her car near the intersection of San Domar Drive and San Pierre Way to use her phone. After about 30 minutes, the suspect, later identified as Geoffrey Robert Hedges, approached the passenger side of the vehicle with a flashlight, and the victim rolled down her window thinking it was a police officer, according to police spokeswoman Shino Tanaka.

Hedges indicated he was unhappy that the woman had parked in the location that she did, and began striking her vehicle with both ends of a hammer, Tanaka said. Hedges later moved over to the driver's side of the vehicle and allegedly began swinging the hammer near the victim, before she eventually threw her drink at him.

Hedges returned to the passenger side where he also allegedly grabbed the woman's purse and tried to wrestle it free from her, before eventually letting it go and running away, Tanaka said.

The woman called police, and officers were able to locate and detain Hedges at the 1300 block of San Domar Drive. He was arrested and booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail on charges of attempted robbery and vandalism greater than \$400. The woman did not suffer injuries or require medical attention, Tanaka said.

—Kevin Forestieri

HIGHWAY DEBRIS

Nine vehicles driving on southbound U.S. Highway 101 in Mountain View got flat tires early Monday morning as a result of debris in the roadway.

Around 3:44 a.m. on Sept. 28, CHP dispatchers received a report of vehicles being disabled by the debris in the highway's southbound lanes, just north of the South Shoreline Boulevard off-ramp, according to CHP officials.

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■ POLICE LOG

ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON

200 block Ortega Av., 9/27

AUTO BURGLARY

2000 block W. El Camino Real, 9/23

700 block Continental Cir., 9/24

1 block Sierra Vista Av., 9/27

700 block Continental Cir., 9/28

2500 block W. El Camino Real, 9/28

BATTERY

1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 9/27

BRANDISHING WEAPON

2500 block W. El Camino Real, 9/28

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

900 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 9/25

1900 block Old Middlefield Way, 9/27

GRAND THEFT

1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 9/27

■ CORRECTION

In last week's Weekend section, the feature on creating a cheese board ("Say cheese") incorrectly identified Mark Bubert of Dittmer's Gourmet Meats & Wurst Haus with the wrong last name.

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Sanjay Dastoor, one the founders of Boosted, holds the Mountain View company's electric skateboard outside the Mountain View office.

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Mountain View company gives skateboards a boost

BOOSTED'S ELECTRIC BOARDS OFFER TRANSPORTATION YOU CAN CARRY, KEEP UNDER YOUR DESK

By Carl Sibley

For many transit users and commuters, the last mile can be the most difficult to travel. Sanjay Dastoor, John Ulmen, and Matthew Tran have set out to solve that problem with Boosted, their Mountain View-based electric skateboard company.

Dastoor, Ulmen, and Tran met each other at Stanford University's graduate School of Engineering. Each of them had a different engineering focus, which Dastoor noted came in handy for the company.

It all started with John Ulmen, one of Boosted's co-founders, who wanted to find a better way to get to his classes. Anybody

who has visited the Stanford campus knows that bicycles are practically the university's unofficial mascot: how else are students to traverse the university's expansive campus?

But Ulmen wanted a way to get around campus that was more convenient and didn't require him to lock up a bike at his destination. When he looked on the market, he saw that most electric skateboards used older technology. At the same time, the kind of components that make drones possible — lightweight motors and lithium batteries — were becoming cheap enough to use.

"So John built this proto-

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Housing issues top city's October agenda

MULTIPLE MEETINGS TO TACKLE RENT CONTROL, NORTH BAYSHORE HOUSING AND HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

By Mark Noack

Following a crush of complaints from local renters, Mountain View leaders are scheduling an ambitious series of meetings on housing issues this month. The city's calendar is jam-packed with housing events, including a much-anticipated study session on Oct. 19 to explore possible rent-control measures.

Since returning last month from a summer recess, Mountain View's City Council meetings have been dominated by large crowds urging city officials to do something about rising rents that they say are displacing families. While city leaders have expressed concern about the problem, they warned they couldn't take immediate action until it can get placed on a City Council agenda.

Later in October, the city will get its first chance to have a comprehensive discussion on the issue, as well as related housing matters. Among the events scheduled for October:

■ Oct. 6: Project Sentinel will host a discussion and presentation on housing discrimination at 6 p.m. at the Mountain View Public Library at 585 Franklin St.

■ Oct. 14: The city is hosting a mediation program to help resolve tenants' issues at 6 p.m. at the City Hall Rotunda.

■ Oct. 19: The City Council will convene a special study session to discuss rent control and other possible housing initiatives in town. The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.

■ Oct. 20: In a special meeting, the City Council will consider contributing \$5.8 million toward a 60-apartment affordable housing complex off El Camino Real. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

■ Oct. 22: A tenant workshop will be conducted in Spanish at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center Multipurpose Room. At the same time, in another room at the Senior Center, the city will

host a discussion on adding a housing element to the North Bayshore precise plan.

■ Oct. 26: The city is hosting a discussion in Spanish on adding housing to the North Bayshore precise plan at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.

■ Oct. 27: While it's not a housing issue per se it is something that could affect low-income renters: the City Council during its regular meeting will discuss an ordinance that would raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2018. The meeting is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

■ Oct. 28: The city's Human Relations Commission will host a civility roundtable titled "What Will Fix the Housing Crisis in Mountain View?" at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The Mountain View Senior Center is located at 266 Escuela Ave. The Council Chambers, Rotunda and City Hall are located at 500 Castro St. ▀

Huff named Blue Ribbon School

MV SCHOOL ONE OF ONLY TWO IN THE COUNTY TO RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View's own Huff Elementary School has been named a National Blue Ribbon School this week, one of only two schools in the county to receive the national award this year.

Huff, one of the Mountain View Whisman School District's highest performing schools, is now the third Mountain View school to receive the Blue Ribbon School award since the award's inception in 1982.

Superintendent Ayindé Rudolph, who joined the district this year, said the teachers and staff at Huff work exceptionally hard, and have a committed group of teachers and parents working together for the benefit of all the students at the school.

"They're just firing on all cylinders," Rudolph said. "I think this award is really years in the making of Huff's focus on

making sure every kid gets an outstanding education."

There have only been about 6,500 Blue Ribbon schools across the country, and the pro-

'They're just firing on all cylinders'

SUPERINTENDENT AYINDÉ RUDOLPH

cess for receiving that national recognition is a rigorous process, Rudolph said.

"They look at a school holistically to see how they're doing," he said. "It's not an easy thing to get."

Huff parent Hafsa Mirza said everyone at the school is very excited to receive the award, and that the school has made numerous improvements over the past few years. The PTA-supported Enrichment for All program, formerly the school's

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program, provides extra-curricular activities such as a speech and debate program and hands-on science activities with parents who work in the field donating their time to help out in the classroom.

"It's very nice to know that wherever we are putting our money is actually working," Mirza said.

Because the school doesn't get much money from the district to support its relatively low number of economically disadvantaged students, Mirza said the PTA has taken up the cause and helped to support those students, who are now performing better than their peers — something they hope to replicate elsewhere in the district.

"If it's working for one school, it should work for all schools," she said.

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**Council Neighborhoods Committee
SPRINGER/ CUESTA/ PHYLLIS AREA
Neighborhood Meeting**

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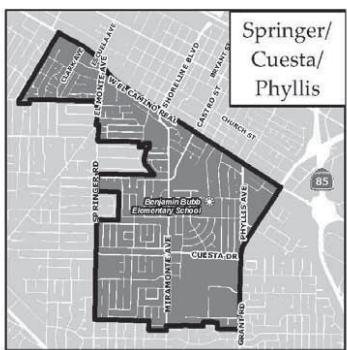
**October 15, 2015
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

The City of Mountain View Council Neighborhoods Committee will be meeting with residents in the Springer/ Cuesta/ Phyllis area on October 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. (area designated on the map below). Residents are encouraged to participate in a forum to discuss:

- What would you like to see changed in your neighborhood?
- How can the City work with your neighborhood to make it a better place to live?

This is an opportunity to make a difference in the future of your neighborhood and express your thoughts about ways to improve city services.

For further information, please call the City's Neighborhood Preservation Division at (650) 903-6379



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MOUNTAIN VIEW OKTOBERFEST

Grab a stein, don your lederhosen and head to Mountain View this weekend for Oktoberfest, which runs Saturday to Sunday, Oct. 3-4, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The festivities are located at Bryant and Dana streets and include live music, kids' activities, food vendors and, of course, a wide range of German beers on tap. \$10 buys you a half-liter stein glass; a full liter glass is \$15. Tickets, which are required to fill your glass, are \$8 per half-liter. Go to mvoktoberfest.com.

Local News



COURTESY OF R.D. OLSON

R.D. Olson presented plans for a five-story hotel that would need an exemption from the city's height rules.

HOTEL

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people will gravitate to," he said. "This is a special location and it calls for something unique."

He described a U-shaped hotel with 180 rooms that would go on the western parking lot and a new 50,000-square foot office building that would go on the other side of Hope Street. City officials had indicated that office space could be included as an accessory to the project. His hotel would include 2,275 square feet of retail space, which would likely be used for new restaurants or bars, as well as a rooftop pool and patio area.

The proposal included underground parking for 385 vehicles, which Green pointed out would be lower than required by the city's specifications. But he explained his project shouldn't be required to provide a full complement of parking since office workers and hotel guests would likely operate on different schedules of the day.

Green was upfront in saying that he expected the city to help

'This is a special location and it calls for something unique.'

DEVELOPER ROBERT GREEN JR.

carry his project's anticipated \$111 million price tag. He pointed out building costs increased by about \$25 million due to the city's criteria for free parking and prevailing-wage rules. In addition, the city's stipulation that organized labor groups be allowed to interact with hotel workers could also stack on more costs, he said. The city's rules essentially created a risk that labor unions would "infiltrate" the hotel staff, he said.

"If we go forward we're required to take the risk that at some point we may have collective bargaining units," Green said. "We're trying to make this deal work based on our current assumptions."

Green indicated the city had

a variety of options to defray the cost of the project, such as committing its in-lieu developer fees. The city could also choose to devote its future hotel tax, also called transient-occupancy taxes, toward the building cost, an arrangement that the Robert Green Company made with the city of East Palo Alto for the Four Seasons Hotel off Highway 101.

The presentation from the developers on Monday was a brief interlude between two long, closed-session meetings for the City Council. Council members asked the developers quick questions about their projects, but they deliberately avoided making comments about which project they favored. Following that, the development teams and the public in attendance were asked to leave as the council reconvened in closed session for a fuller discussion of the hotel projects.

City officials are expected to make a final selection on the hotel developer in an open-session meeting on Oct. 6. □

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■ A + E BRIEFS

NAOMI MINDELZUN

Wax, oil, acrylics and pastels; paper, canvas and wood panels: Palo Alto artist Naomi Mindelzun doesn't limit herself to a single medium. What's consistent about her work is the theme of wilderness and an evident concern with the natural world. On Saturday, Oct. 3, 5-8 p.m., Los Altos' Gallery 9 at 143 Main St. will hold a reception for "Selected Works," a new show of Mindelzun's paintings. "Selected Works" is on exhibit now through Oct. 31. Though inspired by nature, many of

these paintings verge on the abstract, subtly evoking ponds and canyons, thick forests and distant landscapes in a palette of black and white, earthy yellows and watery blues. In other works, rocks, birds, flowers and even human figures emerge from lush backgrounds. The reception and show are both free to the public. For more information about the show, go to gallery9losaltos.com or call 650-941-7969. To learn more about the artist, go to naomimindelzun.com.

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HOSPITAL BOARD

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El Camino Hospital reported putting about \$53 million into its "Community Benefit Program" for the 2013-14 fiscal year, funding a broad array of health initiatives and subsidizing health services. More than one-third of that money, \$19 million, is for "un-reimbursed Medi-Cal" — the amount the hospital loses each year providing services for Medicare and Medicaid patients, whose coverage doesn't cover El Camino's costs.

Despite the losses, the hospital still ended the fiscal year with record-breaking profits, and whether the hospital has been doing enough to reinvest that money back into the community proved a difficult question for board members. Looking at a side-by-side comparison to

other local hospitals, El Camino appears to be falling short.

A hospital staff report last month found most other Bay Area hospitals, including Marin General, John Muir, O'Connor and Lucile Packard, spend a bigger percentage of their yearly revenue on community benefits than El Camino Hospital. Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in Palo Alto, for example, brings in roughly 50 percent more in patient revenue than El Camino each year, but spends four times as much on community benefits.

Board member John Zoglin told the board at the Sept. 9 meeting that despite his inclination to stay fiscally conservative and look long-term, El Camino Hospital is well below comparable hospitals and should be spending much more on grants.

"To me, if we want to go (by) benchmarks, it seems to me we're

at the very bottom of the range," Zoglin said.

Board member Dennis Chiu agreed that the hospital needs to start spending more on community benefits — something closer to 10 percent of the hospital's annual expenses — particularly since Congress has been considering legislation that could force nonprofit hospitals making "exorbitant revenues" to start paying more into community benefits.

There was hardly a consensus, however. Some board members said there wasn't enough information to make a good decision at the meeting, while others argued \$53 million is enough. Board member David Reeder said most hospitals in the country are spending between 5 and 7.5 percent of their budget on community benefits, which puts El Camino Hospital's 7.4 percent on the higher end. Reeder said that he wasn't too worried about repercussions from Congress.

"Congress's concern is, 'Are tax-exempt community hospitals doing enough to give back to the community?'" Reeder said. "We're giving back \$50 million dollars, and that's pretty substantial."

One philosophy discussed at the meeting was that El Camino Hospital should allocate community benefits money equal to the amount of taxes it would have paid had it not been a nonprofit corporation. The hospital's chief financial officer, Iftikhar Hussain, said he was uneasy with the notion that 10 percent of expenses would be diverted to the program. That number would add up to roughly \$75 million, he said, which is the same amount the hospital put away as profit for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

"That's a 100 percent tax rate on our income," Hussain said. "Maybe we should go back and think through this, because no corporation pays 100 percent of

its income in taxes."

The vote to increase community benefit funding failed 2-5, with board member Chiu and Zoglin voted for the motion and Reeder, Neal Cohen, Julia Miller, Jeff Davis, Lanhee Chen and hospital CEO Tomi Ryba voting against it. The board is expected to revisit the proposed increase in funding at a later date.

As a small consolation, the board did decide to set aside \$10 million as an endowment, which could provide an extra \$500,000 for community benefits in future years. Hussain said relying on an endowment for consistent spending, rather than ratcheting up the

community benefits, that pool of grant money could see a tremendous increase.

Effort to increase transparency fall flat

During the lengthy, multifaceted discussion on community benefits, some hospital board members pushed unsuccessfully to turn the Community Benefit Advisory Council, the staff committee that decides how the \$53 million will be spent, into a more transparent board committee with meetings open to the public and subject to the Brown Act.

Chiu argued at the Sept. 9 meeting that deciding how to fund health initiatives, particularly community-based organizations separate from the hospital, ought to be done in public meetings and could really use the extra level of transparency for the otherwise closed-door discussions and grant application process.

"It would allow that discussion to happen in a more open setting, and to all of us," Chiu said.

Chiu's stance was in stark contrast to a hospital staff report that cited a litany of reasons why it would be a terrible idea. It claimed grant applications filled with proprietary information would become public, and that board members could end up being "lobbied by prospective grantees" if they participate in the committee, politicizing the whole grant process.

Board member Dr. Peter Fung agreed with Chiu, and said turning the Community Benefit Advisory Council into a board committee would be an important step toward increased transparency, particularly after the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) admonished the hospital district for its lack of transparency several years ago.

"This is one of our most important duties for the community," Fung said.

Zoglin questioned why the board was even considering turning the staff advisory committee into a board committee when they voted 5-2 in August to have it remain a staff committee.

"When we take a vote, we've got to move on. We can't come back and re-visit them every time," Zoglin said. "I thought this was part of our best practices, we accept votes and we move forward."

The board voted 3-6 to keep the staff advisory committee, with Fung, Chiu and Miller voting in favor, and Reeder, Cohen, Chen, Davis and Ryba voting against. ▀

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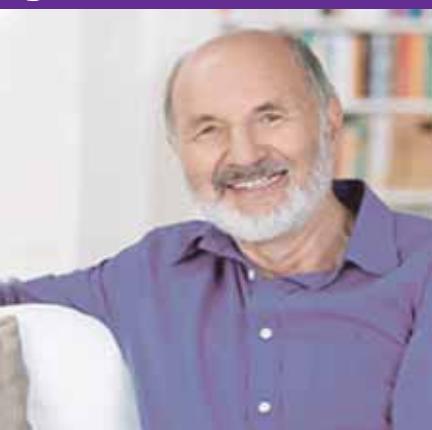
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The **Beyond Wonderland** event brought tens of thousands of concert-goers to Mountain View Saturday and Sunday.

Rave's drug arrests down but still high

POLICE ARREST 70 AT TWO-DAY BEYOND WONDERLAND EVENT AT SHORELINE

By Kevin Forestieri

The Beyond Wonderland festival at Shoreline Amphitheatre brought two days of electronic music, pyrotechnics, fireworks and the usual explosion of drug-related arrests over the weekend.

Between Saturday and Sunday, police arrested 70 people at the venue on charges including possession and sale of narcotics. Drugs present at the concert included ecstasy — in capsules, tablets and powder — as well as LSD and methamphetamine, according to police spokeswoman Shino Tanaka. The police blotter also indicates that at least eight concert-goers were given citations for drug possession but not arrested.

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SCIENCE FICTION

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over the years, they've developed a partnership of sorts in shaping popular imagination on space travel.

Robinson recalls their rapport began about 20 years ago as he was beginning to write "Red Planet," the first book in his Mars Trilogy. The book, set in the year 2026, details the first colonists arriving at Mars and coping with the immense challenges of creating a habitat out of a hostile planet. Space travel and visiting other planets are nothing new when it comes to the annals of science-fiction; however, Robinson set the lofty goal of grounding his story in hard facts and the best knowledge of the day. Fantastic elements such as lightsabers, warp drives and time machines don't show up in his work. To many, his style of sci-fi is all the more impressive because the future it portrays feels within arm's reach.

For years now, Robinson has followed a routine as he lays the groundwork for a new book. To the best of his ability, he reads up on science abstracts and publications and comes up with a list of questions. Then he calls up McKay and asks if they can get lunch.

"I'm an English major, and I don't trust my ability to do intense calculations," Robinson said. "I try to give Chris questions that would be interesting to both him and myself."

These lunch meetings have grown into an event of sorts at the NASA Ames campus. Robinson takes a day to drive down to Mountain View from his home in Davis while McKay gathers any researchers who want to come along. For the next few hours, the scientists and sci-fi writer hash out the technical aspects of how an unrealized future could play out.

Some of these points might seem terribly arcane. If the Hellas basin on Mars were filled

with water, would it flow clockwise or counter-clockwise? How many containers would it take to ship most of the moon Titan's nitrogen to Mars? If there was an ocean on Mars, would its waves be higher than on Earth?

"These are questions that no one but Chris could take seriously," Robinson said.

Many questions the scientists could answer with authority right off the bat; others would spur intense debates around the lunch table with participants scrawling hasty equations on their napkins. All the while, Robinson would be typing away on his laptop, trying to keep up.

For the scientists, solving puzzles like this is no chore; it's why they came to NASA, McKay said.

"Why does a hammer like to hit nails? Because that's what it's for," McKay said. "Especially if the questions are insightful and informed from some research, it's something I enjoy. It's all part of the job."

Their collaboration was particularly crucial for Robinson's latest book, "Aurora," which hit bookstores in July. The book chronicles a vast spaceship made to mimic Earth traveling to begin a new human colony at the distant Tau Ceti system. Among other details, Robinson tapped McKay and his colleagues to find how, in theory, a spaceship could be accelerated to a fraction of light speed. More importantly: when your spaceship arrives at your destination, how do you slow it down?

Not to give away any spoilers, but various plot points in Aurora could be seen as a crisis simulation for how NASA scientists might deal with challenges in interstellar travel. Of course, Robinson had to write around many of the unknown elements.

"Chris said, what you want to do is never give the readers all the figures necessary to check your math," Robinson said with a laugh.

For much of his 35-year career at NASA, McKay has acted as a

point man for boiling down the esoteric NASA research for the public. He has had a lifelong fascination with the planet Mars. Back when he was a graduate student in astrophysics at the University of Colorado, McKay delivered one of the first seminars on the possibility of introducing life to Mars. He eventually became one of the founding members of the Mars Society, an organization dedicated to exploring and settling the red planet.

His frequent presence in the media has long made McKay a favorite target for aspiring sci-fi writers with questions. So long as writers keep their questions concise, he said he is happy to help, although some authors insist on sending him their full manuscripts. In fact, over the years he's even compiled a few files of canned answers to the most common questions authors ask him about Mars. Normally he would get a handful of queries each year, but that's been rapidly changing.

In recent months McKay's been overwhelmed as dozens of new sci-fi writers have begun asking him science-related questions. He credits this resurgence in popular interest to independent initiatives such as the Mars One program and Space X. And he's certain it will reach a fever pitch with the release of the film based off "The Martian" this weekend.

"I'm bracing for an email onslaught," McKay said.

No local news story about the relationship between sci-fi and scientists would be complete without mentioning "The Martian," Mountain View author Andy Weir's breakout novel. The bestseller about an astronaut stranded on Mars and trying to survive has been applauded for its scientific accuracy. Much like Robinson, Weir made it a point to scrupulously base his plot off the best research available. For the most part, Weir performed this research singlehandedly.

"I didn't know anyone in

aerospace. All my research was through Google," Weir told the *Voice* via email. "It actually helped create plot. By deeply researching the science, I discovered problems the protagonist would run into."

For example, Weir's research into potatoes led him to discover that the soil on Mars would need far more water than an astronaut could plausibly have. That led to an entire plotline around his protagonist trying to make water so he can grow potatoes for sustenance. After publishing his book, Weir later learned that agriculture on Mars would be even more complicated due to the abundance of perchlorates,

which are basically toxic salts.

It's a conundrum all too common to science fiction where new discoveries eclipse the technical details in a plot. The future as envisioned 10 years ago can quickly seem dated to contemporary readers.

But that's not really the point, said Robinson. Science fiction isn't supposed to be an end-all road map of the future, he said.

"I have no problems with how sci-fi gets dated and clunky," he said. "It's how people from that time think about what's possible, and it will always be a time capsule of their hopes and fears." □

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NASA celebrates "The Martian" release

Plenty of movies have chronicled space exploration, but never before has a film generated quite so much excitement at NASA as "The Martian."

The big-budget film, which opens this weekend, stars Matt Damon as an astronaut stranded on Mars and struggling to survive. The film arrives amid a constellation of news and resurgent interest in Mars, and NASA publicists have been keen to ride that wave.

"It's the first time I've seen so much interest from NASA headquarters in some fictional piece," said NASA planetary scientist Chris McKay. "There's been more engagement with this book and movie than I've ever seen before."

Later this week, he pointed out he and other scientists were being interviewed for a series of 30-second videos that would dovetail with the film release. The space agency is eager to note its experts collaborated on the film with 20th Century Fox by providing technical assistance and consultants. A full website, nasa.gov/realmartians, has gone live to underscore NASA's discoveries and technologies featured in the film.

Even as a book, "The Martian" made quite a splash at the Ames campus, and propelled local author Andy Weir into a homegrown celebrity. In recent months, Weir has visited the campus on multiple occasions for tours, speaking events and seminars.

Oddly enough, Weir didn't reach out to anyone at the Ames campus for help when he was drafting his book. At the time, he didn't know anyone over there. But that's sure changed, he wrote in an email.

"Now I have lot of contacts in the science and space community, and they're happy to return my emails," Weir told the *Voice*.



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SKATEBOARDS

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type, and it was simultaneously lighter, faster, and handled better than any previous electric skateboard," said Dastoor. "And people would chase him around campus, being like 'Hey, where can I get that thing, how can I buy one?'"

After a successful Kickstarter campaign raised nearly \$470,000 in 2012, Boosted went into production.

Boosted's headquarters in northern Mountain View seems unassuming enough from the outside, but the interior is exactly what you'd expect from a Silicon Valley tech company's offices: anything but ordinary. With a small waiting room and miniature arcade, Boosted's base of operations is expansive. Two large, garage-like central rooms contain hundreds of Boosted

boards at all different stages of production. The boards are all hand-assembled.

And like many tech companies, Boosted won't reveal exactly how many employees it has. Dastoor said the workforce is more or less evenly split between engineering, marketing and sales, and operations.

The company gets its bamboo boards and signature neon-orange wheels from a skateboard manufacturer called Loaded. The wood itself is surprisingly supple, giving the board a springy feel. But these boards aren't what you'd typically think of when you think of skateboards: they're more along the lines of longboards. You probably won't see anybody riding their Boosted board around a skate park's half-pipe any time soon.

The most noticeable safety concern about the Boosted board

is inherent to its design. Unlike a motorcycle or a bicycle, there are no handles for a rider to grip, making it important that the board comes to a gradual stop.

"It's kind of like a bike: you can fall off of a bike, you can go over the handlebars, you can run into things or hit a pothole. And those same risks exist with a Boosted board," Dastoor said. "But I would say it's easier to use than a regular longboard. Although, we really encourage people to have skateboarding or longboarding skills and not ride it past those skill limits when they're using a Boosted board."

The boards are fairly light, weighing between 13.5 and 15 pounds, but are able to hold an impressive amount of weight: during one test ride a board was able to hold around 325 pounds, though this amount of weight is not recommended. The heavier

the rider, the more trouble the board has going up hills. According to Dastoor, the board can even tow a car, though not at full speed.

Dastoor said the biggest challenge was getting the board from prototype to production.

"Going to the point where you're ordering hundreds of motors at a time, all of these different parts, and making sure that when you put them together they all work. That was the hardest part, for sure," he said.

These boards don't come cheap; prices range from \$999 to \$1,499. And that price doesn't look like it's going to be coming down any time soon.

"We're always looking at how to produce products at lower prices, but we don't want to compromise on the quality of the product," Dastoor explained. "I think it's really similar to buying a car. You

can't buy a car for 100 bucks, there's just a floor to how low the price can get."

Two things drive the price of Boosted's boards. The high-quality board itself costs around \$300. And the electronics and motor are also expensive, producing a cost difference similar to that of a normal bike versus an electric bike, according to Dastoor. There are some trade-offs Boosted could make to lower the price, but the company would rather focus on improving quality, he said.

Boosted's intended audience, said Dastoor, is mostly people in their mid-20s to mid-40s — people running errands, getting around town, commuting, and college students.

Even though none of the co-founders had grown up skateboarding, they all have backgrounds in some type of board sport, like snowboarding or kite-surfing. And that's reflected in the board's riding experience. To ride the board, you have to lean your body weight from side to side, carving across the pavement like you would with a snowboard or skateboard. The board is controlled by a small remote with a wheel on top that riders roll forward with their thumbs to make the board go forward or roll backward to brake.

The top speed of the most powerful board they currently make is 22 mph.

As somebody without much experience riding a skateboard or snowboard, this reporter found the board tricky to get used to. Fortunately, Boosted boards have different speed settings that can be used to keep beginners from becoming overwhelmed.

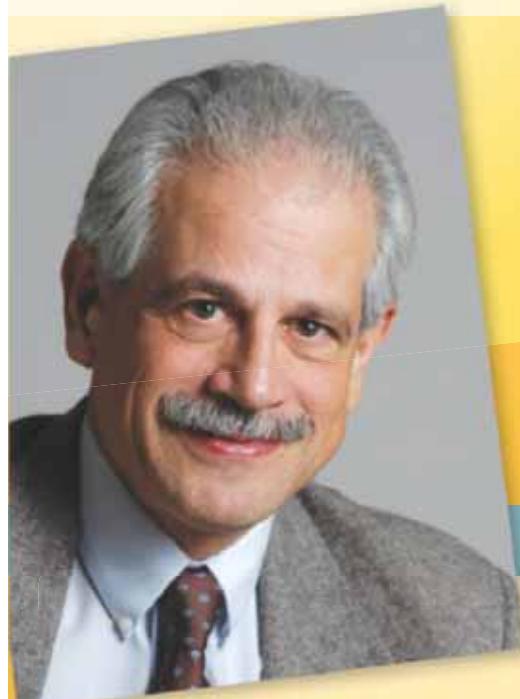
"It's like having a Ferrari, but first you set it down to a Honda. Then, once you get a little better, it's a BMW. And then it's up to a Ferrari again," Dastoor said of the speed settings.

The future of Boosted is still to be determined. Right now, the company is fortifying the boards' software against potential hacking and developing its mobile app, which can connect with the boards via Bluetooth. Somewhere along the line, the company may even branch out of skateboards into other electrical modes of transportation.

"The way we think of ourselves is as an electric vehicle company, not just a skateboard company," Dastoor said. "But the board the way it is right now — people really love it. So I guess the biggest thing we're trying to do with future work is to not mess that up." □

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Martin Pall, PhD, Professor Emeritus School of Molecular Biosciences, Washington State University, author of numerous scientific papers on oxidation and inflammation, will discuss the cellular mechanisms of action that explain the adverse biological effects of wireless devices on the human body.

Katie Singer, Author of An Electronic Silent Spring, will report on the impact of EMR exposure on wildlife.

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Between 20 and 30 officers from the Mountain View Police Department were present at the venue throughout the weekend, both in uniform and in plain clothes.

The thumping bass and loud music from the concert didn't appear to effect the nearby residential areas this year, either. The number of noise complaints filed with police went from 25 last year to only 3 this year. For all the three com-

plaints, Tanaka said officers were sent out to the area where there was reportedly a problem, but "did not hear what had been reported."

The improvement comes after more than 100 noise complaints were filed just two years ago, prompting serious changes to the concert's stage configuration and layout. As of last year, the speakers no longer face Highway 101 towards the city, the stage is smaller and the concert ends earlier on Sunday. □

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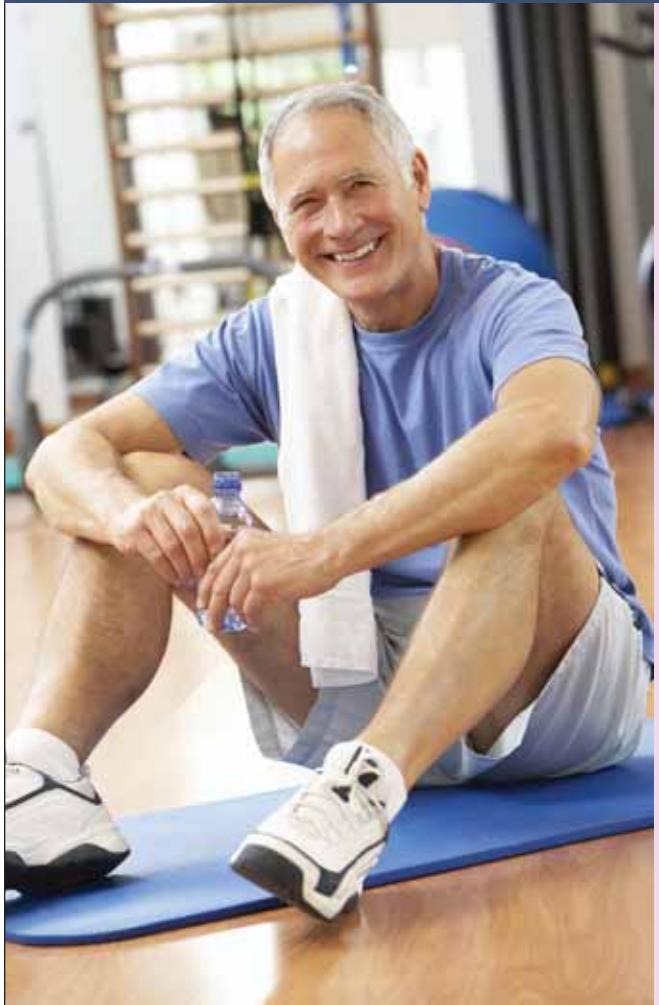


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Part of the success of the enrichment programs, Mirza said, has also come from the staff. Teachers have been enthusiastic about the new programs and are willing to accept changes, and she said Huff Principal Heidi Smith has been open to trying new things.

Smith was unavailable for comment prior to the *Voice*'s press deadline Wednesday.

Huff PTA president Cathy Moore said staff and parents have worked together to create a "robust" enrichment program at the school.

"The dedication of the Huff

teachers and principal energizes the students and their parents, resulting in an incredibly vibrant school community," Moore told the *Voice* via email. "We all come together to make sure that the needs of all our kids are met, regardless of circumstances."

Last year three schools in the Los Altos School District, Egan Junior High School, Blach Intermediate School and Bullis Charter school, were named National Blue Ribbon Schools. Other schools in Mountain View to win the honor include Mountain View High School in 1988 and Saint Francis High School in 1990, 1994 and 1995. □

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CRIME BRIEFS

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By 4:12 a.m., crews had removed all large pieces of debris from the roadway, they said.

The CHP has not identified the debris and did not say how it got on the freeway.

MURDER SUSPECT ARRESTED

A 35-year-old man was arrested in a fatal stabbing during a teen's birthday celebration in unincorporated Morgan Hill over the weekend, a Santa Clara County sheriff's spokesman said.

Gonzalo Julio Morales of San Jose was arrested on suspicion of murder for the killing of 34-year-old Jacobo Rojos-Vilchis of Milpitas during a fight at a quinceanera, also known as a 15th birthday party, sheriff's Sgt. James Jensen said.

Deputies responded around 11:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26,

to a report of a fight involving multiple people during the party at a home in the 600 block of San Bruno Avenue, Jensen said.

He said that deputies found the victim suffering from multiple stab wounds; firefighters and emergency medical service providers also responded, but Rojos-Vilchis was pronounced dead at the scene.

The suspect left before deputies reached the home, Jensen said. Investigators were able to identify Morales as the suspect and found him Monday at a Mountain View home, where they found his bloody jeans in a garbage can at the residence, he said.

A knife used in the stabbing was thrown from a car and was found in the area of U.S. Highway 101 and Bailey Avenue, according to Jensen.

Morales was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail, where he is being held without bail, according to jail records.

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■ COMMUNITY BRIEF

COMMUNITY-CHOICE ENERGY MEETING

An initiative to create a local energy alternative in the South Bay will get its first Mountain View community meeting next week.

The idea, dubbed community-choice energy, would pool local households together to buy power on the energy market. The system is still in its infancy, but it is already being touted as a way for local ratepayers to lower costs and promote alternative sources of energy. Mountain View leaders have discussed idea of partnering with Sunnyvale, Cupertino and Santa Clara County to create a new utility under the model.

Next week, city officials and other experts will hold a community meeting to discuss how the new program would work. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 8 at the Council Chambers at City Hall at 500 Castro Street.

More information on the event can be found at www.mountainview.gov/sustainability.

Mark Noack

Bullis pulls ahead with top test scores

AVERAGE TEST SCORES PUT LOS ALTOS CHARTER SCHOOL AT NO. 1 IN THE STATE

By Kevin Forestieri

For many charter schools in Santa Clara County, the results of the first Common Core-aligned standardized tests were a wake-up call as many students fell behind their public school peers.

But Bullis Charter School in Los Altos appears to be bucking the trend in a big way. One analysis of the test scores indicates that the charter school is not only outperforming nearby schools — it's now the top school in the state.

The school ranking website Schooldigger looked at over 5,500 schools in California and ranked the schools based on average test scores, rather than the percentage of students proficient in English language arts and math. The results show Bullis Charter School had the top average score in the state, followed closely by William Faria Elementary in Cupertino. Almost all of the top 10 school were located in the Bay Area.

Wanny Hersey, principal of Bullis Charter School, said the school embraced a curriculum where students explain their answers and solve problems using different methodologies long before such practices became hallmarks of Common Core. In math, for example, Hersey said it's not uncommon for students to solve problems without actually knowing how or why they ended up with the answer.

"Kids can get the average (number), but they don't know what an average is," she said.

Despite the top-tier performance, Hersey insisted that Bullis does not teach to the test. The school has spent years developing its "forward learning goals" program, a holistic approach to tracking student performance that has space for personal, or "passion" goals that the student hopes to achieve in a given school year.

Rather than lug around a filing cabinet of individual student goals to track progress year to year, teachers at the school adopted a new program this year called FreshGrade, which has digital profiles of all students and their grades on assignments and tests.

Charter schools performed slightly better overall compared

to public schools in California, according to the California Charter School Association. Charter school students outperformed their public school peers by 4.4 percent in English language arts and 1.3 percent in math, according to the association's website.

Emily Bertelli, a spokeswoman for the association, said charter schools have an edge in adopting the new Common Core curriculum because they have more freedom and flexibility than public schools to change academic standards on the fly.

"The added flexibility means charter schools are able to be more nimble in adopting new academic programs to meet the individualized needs of their students," Bertelli told the *Voice* via email.

But other charter schools in Santa Clara County, for the most part, didn't see the same level of success. A majority of the charter schools, many of them located in San Jose, saw student proficiency in both subjects fall short of the county-wide average, including many of the Rocketship Education charter schools that teach mostly low-income students. At Rocketship Fuerza Community Prep School in San Jose, for example, only 35 percent of stu-

dents met the state standards for English language arts, compared to the county-wide average of 58 percent. For many of the Rocketship schools, those numbers remain below the average even when specifically looking at the scores of low-income and minority students.

The Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) and Summit charter schools performed slightly better, but many of the schools also had proficiency levels below the county-wide average.

Charter schools remains a

hot issue in the Bay Area, as Rocketship Education and other organizations seek to expand the number of charter schools in Santa Clara County. Rocketship's recent plans to open another 20 charter schools, which was approved by the Santa Clara County Board of Education, suffered setbacks this year when it had to pare back the list to just seven. The withdrawal came after four school districts in the South County filed lawsuits against the board of education for uni-

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laterally accepting the proposed schools.

The U.S. Department of Education, under Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, has also been trying to expand the use of charter schools throughout the country, spending \$3 billion over the last decade through its Charter Schools Program. On Monday, the department announced an additional \$157 million to create and expand public charter schools across the nation. ▀

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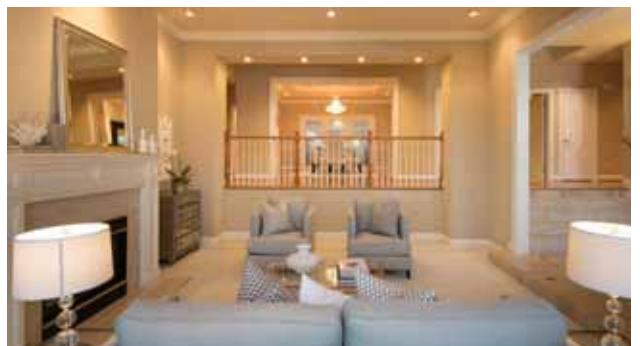
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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

More effort needed to narrow achievement gap

The Mountain View Whisman School District has acknowledged for years that a significant "achievement gap" exists in its schools. And for years, administrators and school board members have stated that more effort must be made to help kids who are achieving at the low end of that gap — predominantly low-income and minority students. Now, the state's most recent test results indicate that past efforts haven't been nearly enough.

Scores show that 69 percent of economically disadvantaged students failed to meet state standards in English and language arts, and 75 percent failed to meet those standards in math. The scores of Latino students show that 66 percent failed to meet standards in language arts and 71 percent in math. Black student scores show that 63 percent tested below the standards in language arts, and 73 percent were below the bar in math.

On the other hand, 85 percent of white students met or exceeded the standards in language arts, and 81 percent did so in the math category. Among Asian students, those figures were 84 percent in language arts and 80 percent in math.

These figures are nothing short of shocking. During a recent meeting, school board members appeared united in their dissatisfaction and recognition that efforts must be ramped up to address this unacceptable situation, which constitutes a failure of the district in its responsibility to students most in need of help onto a path of possibility in their lives.

Fixing a problem as extreme as what the district faces

won't be easy, or quick. The district is in the process of conducting a school audit to examine programs in each school with an eye toward improving instruction and student performance. And there's been ongoing discussion by the board about finding more grant money and setting aside additional district funds for efforts to narrow the achievement gap. Also, the board strongly supports maintaining, and possibly expanding, preschool for low-income children in the face of the elimination of state funding for the program — an important stance, given the evidence linking early learning experiences to long-term academic achievement and a future of greater opportunities.

District administrators have researched methods to address low achievement of disadvantaged students. But Associate Superintendent Cathy Baur's idea of looking to districts that have more success in addressing the problem is a good approach. Theory has its limits; seeing real-world strategies in place that are working can help the district model effective programs for its own classrooms.

The board's dismay over the latest evidence that too many children are not getting the education they should be receiving in the district's schools is well-founded. We urge the board to follow through on its stated concern, and focus, with deep commitment, on devoting resources and supporting staff efforts to narrow the district's achievement gap so that disadvantaged children can reap the rewards of a public school education and have the same chance at future success available to their more privileged peers. □

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

RENEWABLE-ENERGY EFFORT GAINS FORCE

There's growing interest throughout California in Community Choice Energy (CCE). It was pioneered in 2010 in Marin County and has been rolled out in Sonoma and Napa counties.

In a nutshell, CCE puts a local public agency in charge of contracting for a community's electricity supply, with a mandate to provide a higher percentage of renewable power than PG&E does. CCEs typically charge the same or less for power than PG&E does. Customers may still buy electricity from PG&E if they wish to.

I am part of a group called Carbon Free Mountain View that has worked to make CCE a reality

here. Mayor McAlister and our City Council are CCE supporters, as are the councils in Sunnyvale and Cupertino. Together with Santa Clara County, those cities are working to launch the Silicon Valley CCE Partnership in late 2016.

A public meeting about CCE will be held Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. City staff want to share their progress and answer questions. I hope that high turnout will show that support for CCE is widespread. I believe that CCE is the single most important step that Mountain View can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Bruce Karney
Bush Street

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Let's enlarge our toolbox to address Mountain View's housing crisis

By Margaret Abe-Koga

Throughout my eight years on the Mountain View City Council, my colleagues and I worked hard to ensure Mountain View is an inclusive city by, among other things, promoting the construction, financing, and funding of affordable housing. In fact, in 2013, we became the first city in the county to implement affordable housing fees on new commercial and residential development. As a result, Mountain View currently holds \$37 million in affordable housing funds, with tens of millions of dollars more expected with the implementation of the city's general plan.

These funds have been used to build new subsidized housing developments, often in partnership with affordable housing developers. From 2005 to 2015, the city spent \$35 million and leveraged \$61 million to build 351 units.

Yet, our work on affordable housing is unfinished. With explosive job growth and rising housing costs, the city needs to deliver immediate solutions to assist our community's most vulnerable residents in their housing challenges and help prevent hard-working residents from being forced to move elsewhere.

I applaud the efforts of certain advocacy groups, residents and elected officials to push to find "the solution" to our housing crisis. Unfortunately, rent control/rent stabilization has been the only strategy proposed.

While focusing on rent control is well-intentioned, history shows us there's no simple answer to our housing challenges. In fact, studies have shown that expanding rent control can hurt both small property owners and the renters they serve. Punitive rent control prevents owners from generating the revenue necessary to maintain their properties, which can mean not having enough revenue to stay ahead of loans that finance units and losing retirement savings and college savings for children. Further, state law prevents cities from imposing rent control on units built after 1995 and limits some cities with existing rent control laws from expanding them. Thus, its impact is limited and uneven.

The City Council needs to stop sitting on our affordable housing funds and start using them to provide immediate assistance. Letting millions of dollars sit in a bank account waiting to be contributed towards a new housing development that can be years in the making does little to protect the current residents whose rents have risen far out of reach of their budget.

For several years, I've advocated for a financial assistance program to bridge the gap of affordability and actual cost, and ties rental aid to the individual rather than the unit. Several community organizations, such as the Housing Industry Foundation, the Community Services Agency (CSA) in Mountain View and the Housing Trust of Silicon Valley, offer emergency vouchers for a month or two of rent. Why not create

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a program or work with capable community organizations to offer longer-term financial assistance vouchers so existing residents can "catch their breath" and stay in their homes for another six months, a year, or until the market stabilizes with new housing that's planned in the city. Certainly, the assistance cannot last forever, but buying time may prove to be more cost-effective and more successful in protecting those who are vulnerable right now.

In addition, the local apartment association has championed a program where apartment owners can voluntarily agree to limit rent increases. In exchange, the city could use affordable housing funds to provide a low-interest loan to these owners to make facility improvements, thus providing a win-win situation with stable rents and improved units.

It's time to focus on real, long-term solutions to our housing challenges, including educating renters on their rights and the programs available to them; educating apartment owners on their responsibility to be ethical housing providers; expanding our city's housing stock by allowing secondary units on certain parcels; following our general plan to develop high-density housing along transit corridors; and investing the money Mountain View has today in our residents who need it most.

Margaret Abe-Koga served on the Mountain View City Council from 2006 to 2014.

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WATER OUR YARDS, NOT THE STREETS

We are in the middle of a serious drought, which means every drop counts.

Water main flushing happened today on my street. I did not get a notification that it was happening. Which made me think if I had known it was happening I would have had garbage cans ready to collect the water for outdoor use. I did spend a half an hour with a bucket walking up and down the street to give the plants in the front yard a good soak. With the really hot weather last week they really needed it.

I know that water main flushing is a very important thing and it has to happen. I have heard people say it is just a drop in the bucket of the water that is in use. But, when water main flushing hap-

pens residents in the area can use the water to water their outdoor plants, or the truck that waters the trees could come get a fill-up. But we don't have a system in place to notify residents that this is going to happen or that they can use this water for outdoor uses. Is there a way that we can make this happen? It would be a win for everybody.

Our environment is very dry right now. Every drop counts, so why shouldn't we use water main flush water to take care of some of the outdoor needs?

Danelle Oravetz
Fountain Park Lane

A CAR BAN ON EL CAMINO REAL?

A few years ago, I noticed that a group calling itself the "Grand Boulevard Task Force" (including one City Council member from Mountain View) had been meeting and discussing how to transform El Camino Real into a European-

style boulevard with little or no room for cars. The transportation agencies from Santa Clara County (VTA) and San Mateo County (SamTrans) were at the table.

The VTA's plan for bus-only lanes on El Camino is a step in the direction of outlawing all cars on El Camino — with the possible exception of wealthy drivers willing to pay a high toll. The VTA's claim that other traffic on El Camino will not be affected significantly by the loss of the left lane in each direction is hard to understand because it is false.

The VTA's latest tactic of hiring consultants and getting some of its mass transit industry buddies to provide a make-believe "independent third-party review" of its groundless traffic projections is just further evidence that the VTA cannot be trusted and should never receive another dime from voters for its coffers.

Gary Wesley
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Above: Odori Sushi and Teppanyaki's cherry blossom roll is filled with tuna, avocado, cucumber and roe, and wrapped in salmon. **Right:** David Louie, the manager and chef, holds the "fish of the day," a kanpachi.



■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Odori Sushi and Teppanyaki Brings Fresh, Beautiful Sushi to Palo Alto

Sited along busy El Camino Real in Palo Alto, Odori Sushi and Teppanyaki is easy to overlook. But don't let its outside appearance fool you: two-year-old Odori knows what it's doing.

It's a friendly, low-key neighborhood restaurant that focuses on nigiri, sashimi, maki and a number of creatively concocted rolls, as well as traditional Japanese dishes.

The restaurant's interior is divided into a 10-table dining area personalized with a wall-size version of Katsushika Hokusai's famous woodblock print of an ocean wave. Tables and seating are spare, putting the emphasis solely on the food. A small sushi bar, manned by two friendly experts, showcases the restaurant's real draw — super fresh, glistening slabs of fish.

The menu lists more than 25 different types of sushi (\$1.75 to \$4 for two pieces), from old familiaris including eel, salmon, shrimp and yellowtail to less common offerings such as giant clam, Spanish mackerel, ocean trout and white toro. A chalkboard posts seasonal offerings and daily specials like baby lobster, bluefin toro and skipjack. For an indulgence, a \$30 omakase menu provides about 10 samples of the chef's top sushi selections. Fish is brought in daily from a 6 a.m. buyers' market, according to the manager, and his due diligence shows in the



The sashimi daily special at Odori Sushi and Teppanyaki recently featured hiramasa, salmon, pike, mackerel and bluefin tuna.

bright flavors and textures of the restaurant's ocean-based offerings.

There are more than a dozen beautifully presented American-style rolls (\$9 to

\$12) that deserve a moment of admiration before digging in. Carefully applying sauces and garnishes, the chefs create whimsical-looking creatures and visual amusements. The

Loving Heart roll comprises spicy tuna, crab and avocado topped with tuna, molded into a heart shape and driz-

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Sushi chef Taka Ta prepares a sashimi platter at Palo Alto's Odori Sushi on Sept. 29.

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zled with soy sauce and Japanese mayonnaise. The Mango Tango roll contains crisp shrimp tempura and cucumber, topped with mango bits and spicy sauce. The servings are generous, and the chefs take obvious pleasure in making the presentation as enticing as the flavors.

Aside from sushi, the restaurant offers a large selection of appetizers, noodle soups and cooked dishes for both lunch and dinner. My lunch

bento (\$11.95 for three items) included salmon teriyaki, vegetable tempura and white tuna sashimi, along with standard lunchtime sides of a small bowl of tasty miso, a dollop of white rice and an innocuous salad. The generous serving of tempura was a little greasy but its yam, carrot, broccoli and onion were crisp and flavorful. The teriyaki sauce was a bright touch on a thick slice of very well-prepared salmon.

On another visit, we started off with an appetizer of oshitashi (\$5): boiled spinach drizzled with a sweet sesame sauce that looked as delicious as it tasted. Gyoza (\$5) dumplings were overly oily and a bit skimpy on the filling. A large bowl of too-salty seafood ramen (\$12) was heaped with perfectly cooked tender noodles along with large chunks of salmon, exactly one mussel and two small shrimp. A sushi lunch special (\$13.95) highlighted five different nigiri (salmon, tuna, eel, shrimp and hamachi) with a simple, well-proportioned tuna roll. Delicious.

Dinner (\$11.95 to \$17) features classic items like beef, chicken or salmon teriyaki; black miso cod; breaded chicken katsu and the full repertoire of sushi and rolls. The restaurant wisely dropped serving teppanyaki (a style of Japanese cuisine that uses an iron griddle to cook food — think Benihana's), which the manager said was simply too demanding on both servers and space, although the name remains on the restaurant's signs and menu.

Several types of sake are offered as well as Japanese and American beers.

Odori — which means dancing shrimp — is not a secret find, since tables tend to be packed both at lunch and dinner. Its popularity can make

service inconsistent and timing can be hit-or-miss, with long waits between dishes or everything arriving at once. But servers (with one exception) are friendly and zealous about keeping water glasses full and empty plates cleared. And the sushi chefs are expert at cutting and preparing their immaculate fish. ■



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Space race

'THE MARTIAN' GETS SCIENTIFIC WITH MATT DAMON

★★★ (Century 16, Century 20)

Science nerds, start your engines. Yes, "The Martian" — based on a 2011 novel by Mountain View resident Andy Weir — is a science fiction adventure from the director of "Alien" and "Blade Runner," but it's also perhaps the purest ode to science mainstream cinema has ever produced, a love letter to NASA and STEM education.

In the near future, a manned NASA mission to Mars hits a hitch. Believing astronaut Mark Watney (Matt Damon) to be killed in a blinding dust storm, the rest of the Ares 3 crew nar-

rowly escapes. But Watney isn't dead yet, and wakes to discover himself alone on the red planet, 35 million miles from home, four years from the next planned landing, and presumed dead. So he gets to work. "Luckily," he vlogs, "I'm a botanist." Watney's wry self-narration turns out to be part and parcel of a very smart, very witty screenplay by Drew Goddard ("The Cabin in the Woods"), which expertly adapts Weir's Jack London-in-space tale of wilderness survival.

"I'm going to have to science the s--- out of this," Watney quips,

and his subsequent one-foot-in-front-of-the-other efforts to feed himself sustainably, prolong battery life and contact home amount to a refreshing tribute to scientific ingenuity. That's also true of the film's three other principal settings: the Hermes, the vessel carrying the Ares 3 crew home; Johnson Space Center in Houston, where director Ridley Scott, who tamed a logistically complex production with no signs of strain.

Ultimately, "The Martian" may be the best advertisement NASA ever had when it comes to garnering interest, enthusiasm and funding.

Though not as showy as "Gravity," "The Martian" will have you chuckling, armrest-gripping, and hoping for the best ... not a bad night at the movies.

Rated PG-13 for some strong language, injury images, and brief nudity. Two hours, 21 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

malfunctions.

True, no one talks like these characters, whose motor-mouths spew self-awareness and just-so jokes built around pop-culture references. But Headland does evince understanding of the worst of dating behaviors and their wellspring from failed relationships, which is enough to help us excuse the central contrivance that two obviously well-matched emotional-burn victims don't immediately give each other another go. Providing the best of the sideline commentary — and a sort of Ghosts of Marriage Future vision — are two old friends of Jake, the twelve-years-married Xander and Naomi (Jason Mantzoukas and Andrea Savage, on fire separately and especially together).

Headland marshals a strong cast, including "other people" Adam Scott and Amanda Peet. Brie good-naturedly sells raunchy scenes that could smack of misogyny, while Sudeikis modulates his typical defensive smugness and acid wit in service of a potentially redeemable character. "Sleeping with Other People" effectively has it both ways, with its dark neuroses and naughty humor giving way to a sweet



LINDA KALLERUS

Alison Brie and Jason Sudeikis in "Sleeping with Other People."

Sex first, questions later

ROM-COM 'SLEEPING WITH OTHER PEOPLE' HAS EDGE

★★ 1/2 (Guild)

"Men and women can't be friends," says the sassy BFF. "It's the 21st century," the leading lady replies. And so the 21st-century romantic comedy tips its hat to the 20th-century rom-com that inspired it. Writer-director Leslye Headland has called her film "Sleeping with Other People" "When Harry Met Sally" for a-holes," which accurately describes how this

slightly edgier comedy adjusts for cultural inflation.

Alison Brie and Jason Sudeikis play Lainey and Jake, commitment-phobic Manhattanites who, once upon a time, lost their virginity to each other. Upon a chance meeting at a sex-addiction support group a decade later, the two begin seeing each other, strictly as friends who understand each other's major

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99 Homes (R)

Palo Alto Square: 1:45, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m., Fri & Sat 9:55 p.m.

Black Mass (R) ★★1/2 **Century 16:** 9:30 a.m., 12:45, 3:55, 7:10 & 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:05 a.m., 2, 4:55, 6:30, 7:50 & 10:40 p.m.

Everest (PG-13) **Century 16:** 10:45 a.m., 1:45, 7:45 & 10:45 p.m., Fri 4:45 p.m. In 3-D at 9:15, 12:15, 3:15, 6:20 & 9:15, Sat & Sun 4:45 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:05, 3:10, 6:10 & 9:05 p.m. In 3-D at 10:45 a.m., 1:45, 4:40, 7:35 & 10:25 p.m.

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

Green Inferno (R) **Century 20:** 8 & 10:20 p.m.

Hell and Back (R)

Century 20: 10:55 a.m., 1:15, 3:40, 5:55, 8:15 & 10:30 p.m.

Hotel Transylvania 2 (PG)

Century 16: 9, 9:50 & 11:25 a.m., 12:20, 2, 4:25, 7, 7:50, 9:30 & 10:10 p.m., Fri & Sat 5:15 p.m. & 12:01 a.m., Sun 2:45 p.m. In 3-D at 10:35 a.m., 1:05, 3:35, 6:15 & 8:45 p.m., Fri & Sat 2:45 & 11:10 p.m., Sun 5:15 p.m.

Century 20: 10:35 & 11:30 a.m., 1:05, 1:55, 3:30, 4:25, 6, 6:50, 8:25 & 9:15 p.m. In 3-D at 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05 & 10:45 p.m.

Inside Out (PG) ★★★1/2 **Century 20:** 11:25 a.m., 1:55 & 4:35 p.m.

The Intern (PG-13) ★★

Century 16: 10 a.m., 1, 4, 7:25 & 10:15 p.m., Sat 3 p.m., Sun 9:20 a.m.

Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 12:35, 2, 3:25, 4:50, 6:15, 7:45, 9:10 & 10:35 p.m.

The Martian (PG-13) ★★★ **Century 16:** 10:40 a.m., 2, 4:30, 5:20, 7:50 & 8:40 p.m., Fri & Sat 12:01 a.m. In 3-D at 9 & 9:50 a.m., 12:20, 1:10, 2:50, 3:40, 6:10, 7, 9:35 & 10:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:20 p.m., Sat & Sun 11:30 a.m. **Century 20:** 10:25 a.m., 1:35, 4:50, 6:30, 8:05 & 9:45 p.m. In 3-D at 11:15 a.m., noon, 2:30, 3:15, 5:45 & 9 p.m. In X-D at 12:50, 4:05, 7:20 & 10:35 p.m. In D-BOX at 10:25 a.m., 1:35, 4:50 & 8:05 p.m. In 3-D D-BOX at 11:15 a.m., 2:30, 5:45 & 9 p.m.

Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials (PG-13)

Century 16: 10:10 a.m., 1:15, 4:20, 7:30 & 10:40 p.m.

Century 20: 1, 3:05, 4:10, 7:25, 9:20 & 10:30 p.m.

Meru (R) Palo Alto Square: 3:15, 5:30 & 7:45 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 p.m., Fri & Sun 1 p.m.

Met Opera: Il Trovatore (Not Rated) **Century 16:** Sat 9:55 a.m.

Century 20: Sat 9:55 a.m. **Palo Alto Square:** Sat 9:55 a.m.

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

Century 16: 9 a.m., 7:15 & 10:20 p.m., Sat & Sun 12:10 & 3:25 p.m.

Pawn Sacrifice (PG-13) ★★1/2 **Aquarius Theatre:** 1:30, 4:10, 7:10 & 9:55 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:50 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:15 & 10 p.m.

The Princess Bride (1987) (PG)

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

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) (R)

Guild Theatre: Sat at midnight

Sicario (R) Century 16: 9:10 a.m., 12:30, 3:50, 6:15, 7:20 & 10:20 p.m., Sun 4:15 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:20 a.m., 12:45, 2:10, 3:35, 5, 6:25, 7:55, 9:25 & 10:45 p.m.

Singh is Bling (Not Rated) Century 16: 7:05, 9:15 & 10:35 p.m., Fri 11:30 a.m. & 3:40 p.m., Sat & Sun noon & 3:30 p.m.

Sleeping with Other People (R) ★★1/2

Aquarius Theatre: 2, 4:45, 7:30 & 10:10 p.m.

Un Gallo Con Muchos Huevos (Not Rated)

Century 20: Sat & Sun 12:15 p.m.

The Visit (PG-13) Century 20: 5:35, 8:10 & 10:40 p.m., Fri 12:40 p.m., Fri & Sat 3:05 p.m., Sun 11:25 a.m.

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— Peter Canavese

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ART GALLERIES

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

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

Paintings by Naomi Mindelzun Gallery 9 Los Altos will have on display selected works by Palo Alto artist Naomi Mindelzun. Her pieces use a variety of surfaces and materials to capture organic structures that inspire her. On Oct. 3, 5-8 p.m., there will be a reception with the artist. Sept. 29-Oct. 31, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. Call 650-326-1053. gallery9losaltos.com

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Castro and Mistral Elementary School

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

Harvest Craft Faire Sponsored by the Los Altos United Methodist Women, the Harvest Craft Faire will present a large selection of high-quality handmade items from 55 artisans. There will also be garden and gourmet shops, homemade pies, vintage collectibles and small antiques. Snacks and lunch will be sold each day at the Harvest Cafe. The event will benefit

local charities. Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Oct. 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free admission. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-948-2044. www.facebook.com/harvestcraftfaire

LAPP annual Rummage Sale The Los Altos Parent Preschool will host a rummage sale with items donated by the school's families. Quality goods for children and families will be on hand. Oct. 3, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Covington Elementary School, 201 Covington Road, Los Altos. lapp4kids.org

Los Altos Follies The Los Altos Stage Company will present a fundraiser production and musical parody of modern life and politics by the Los Altos Follies, entitled "A Salute to Ignominious Idolizing of Idiocy." There will be receptions with food, wine and a silent auction before and after the Friday and Saturday performances. Oct. 1-3, 7:30 p.m. \$100 Friday, Saturday. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. www.losaltosstage.org

Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange Bike Sale The Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange, a nonprofit providing free bikes to the underprivileged, will hold a bike sale to raise money for needed parts. Bikes, wheels, bags and parts will be available at cheap prices. Visitors should park on the street. Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. BTN Automotive, rear of the lot, 2566 Leghorn St., Mountain View. www.bikex.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Video Blogging/Podcasting Class

KMVT will hold a class exploring video blogging, netcasting, podcasting, streaming and more — covering the basics of creating video content and the setup for producing and editing. Oct. 5, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$45. KMVT 15 Silicon Valley Media, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1540. www.kmvt15.org/learn/adultregistration.html

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Mountain View Union Class of '55

Reunion Class of '55 graduates from Mountain View Union High School will celebrate their 60th reunion. More than 60 people have already registered. Those interested should contact Betty by phone (650-969-8367, leave a message) for details as soon as possible. Oct. 2. Local venue, address provided upon registration, Mountain View.

MVUHS Eagle Alumni Day Picnic The annual Mountain View Union High School "Eagle" Alumni Day picnic will bring together alumni and teachers from Mountain View, Awalt and Los Altos high schools. Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free; donations requested for barbecue. Cuesta Park, barbecue area, 615 Cuesta Drive, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1053.

CONCERTS

Bodhi Tree Concerts North:

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

Pedja Muzijevic with 'Haydn Dialogues'

For this Stanford Live Artist Spotlight, pianist Peja Muzijevic will perform a short recital of Haydn sonatas and shorter works by John Crumb, John Cage and Morton Feldman — interspersed with conversation with the audience. The doors will open at 7 p.m. Seating is limited to 200; those planning to attend should arrive early to secure a seat. Oct. 3, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm

DANCE

Lindy at the Library Mountain View's Wednesday Night Hop will host a beginner-friendly lesson and afternoon of swing dancing. Registration is appreciated, but not required. Oct. 3, 1-3 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6337. goo.gl/JhRj3

Men in Black/Lady in Red Singles

Dance The Opal in Mountain View will hold a themed dance night for single adults, encouraging men to wear black outfits and women to wear red. Oct. 3, 8-11:45 p.m. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Opal, 251 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 415-507-9962. www.thepartyhotline.com

EXHIBITS

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

Fine art photography by Immaculada Del Castillo Ditzel

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

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

HIGHLIGHT

MOUNTAIN VIEW OKTOBERFEST

Steins Beer Garden, Tied House and the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce will present the third annual Mountain View Oktoberfest, an all-ages celebration with traditional German beer and food, as well as music by the Alpiners USA, SF German Band and Big Lou's Accordion Princess. Oct. 3 and 4, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Free admission; see website for drink prices. Downtown Mountain View, parking lot at Dana and Bryant streets, Mountain View. mvoktoberfest.com

FAMILY AND KIDS

Create your own Franken Pumpkin

Orchard Supply Hardware will hold a free craft activity for children 12 and under where they can make a Franken Pumpkin. Pumpkins and hardware decorations will be provided. Oct. 3, 9 a.m.-noon. Free. Orchard Supply Hardware, 2555 Charleston Road, Mountain View. www.osh.com

FILM

Le French Film Club: Cinema du Mois

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

UNAFF International Documentary Film Festival

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

HEALTH

Breast Cancer Facts That Everyone Should Know

To mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Erika Bell, Ph.D., will give a talk called "Breast Cancer Facts That Everyone Should Know" to increase awareness of the most common cancer among women in the U.S., other than skin cancers. Oct. 6, noon-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6882. goo.gl/Q12uVJ

Questions about Pancreatitis

Stanford University gastroenterologist Dr. Walter Park will lead a free education event on pancreatitis for patients, family, friends and medical professionals. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Oct. 3, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 301-961-1508. www.pancreasfoundation.org/event/patient-education-event-northern-california/

'Wireless Technology and Public Health'

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

FOOD AND DRINK

Cultured Vegetables: Sauerkraut & Krautchi (Oct. 9)

This course offered by Anne Marie Bonneau will cover the benefits of fermented foods, the necessary equipment, and successful, 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. Oct. 9, 6-8 p.m. \$75. Private home, address provided upon registration, Mountain View. Call 650-450-8205. zerowastechef.com/register/

Ginger Beer Workshop (Oct. 10)

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

ON STAGE

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

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

'The Walls of Jericho' Pear Theatre will introduce its new space with a production of "The Walls of Jericho," a romantic comedy about the travels of a mismatched young pair. The play by Diane Tasca is based on the short story "Night Bus," the inspiration for the classic film "It Happened One Night." Sept. 17-Oct. 4, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$30 general; \$25 senior, student. Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. Call 650-254-1148. thepear.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Reiki 1 Energy Healing Class This one-day class will teach the natural healing art of Reiki, which aims to produce feelings of relaxation, peace and harmony. Participants will be able to practice with themselves and classmates. Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. \$200 (includes manual and certificate). Los Altos Reiki Center, 745 Distel Drive, Suite 121, Los Altos. www.losaltosreiki.com

LECTURES & TALKS

'Etiquette In the Workplace with Rosalinda Randall'

Local author Rosalinda Randall will read excerpts from and sign her book "Don't Burp in the Boardroom," which discusses proper etiquette in the professional world. Oct. 7, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6337. goo.gl/8qYZk

Dr. Carolyn Porco on the exploration of Saturn As part of the Silicon Valley Astronomy Lecture Series, Dr. Carolyn Porco will give an illustrated, non-technical talk entitled "In the Land of Enchantment: A Decade Exploring Saturn," taking a look at the Cassini mission exploring the planet and its rings and moons. Oct. 7, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Foothill College, Smithwick Theater, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.foothill.edu/ast

Housing discrimination discussion The fair housing coordinator from Project Sentinel will visit the Mountain View Public Library to give a presentation on housing discrimination. Oct. 6, 6-7 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6887. goo.gl/vZTjy0

VOLUNTEERS

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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 the website for more info. Mondays, Aug. 31-Oct. 12, 9 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View Whisman School District, Board Room, Mountain View, and Los Altos School District, Conference #2, Los Altos. Call 650-933-5177. www.living-classroom.org/docents/docent-trainings

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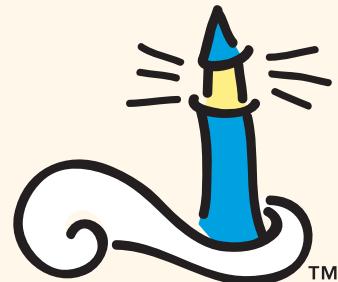


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DONALD BIEK
 1765 Walnut Dr.

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File No.: 609085

The following person (persons) is (are)

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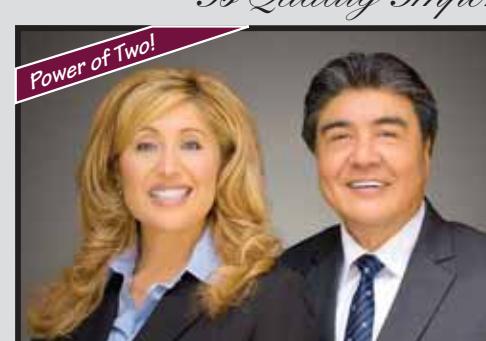
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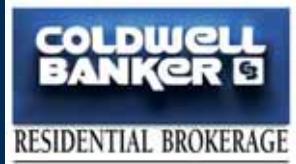
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