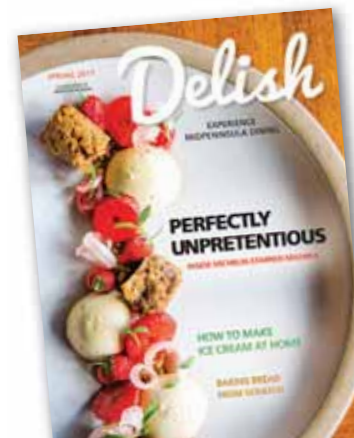


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New committee sets cap on rent increases

By Mark Noack

When it comes to laying out the rules for Mountain View's new rent control policies, everyone seems to agree on only one thing — it is going to be a tremendously difficult and thankless job.

On Monday night, the city's nascent Rental Housing Committee got its first taste of the big stakes and the dicey decisions that lie ahead. The committee

took its first action to cap the rents increases on thousands of local apartments for the upcoming year. Starting in September, that limit will be 3.4 percent.

At the meeting, an audience dominated by landlords decried the new rent cap as well as the very existence of Mountain View's new rent control program,

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dubbed the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act. Speaker after speaker described how their livelihoods would be devastated. They pointed to rising permit fees, property taxes, contractor wages, utility bills and even the

cost of appliances to demonstrate that they need flexibility on raising rents.

"What exactly do I tell the bank who collects my property taxes every month?" said landlord David Avny. "Do I tell them from the rent rollback that I don't

have the money? Do I ask them to be supportive?"

The questions were rhetorical, but they touched on what many committee members saw as the big problem they were being asked to tackle. The city is instituting a one-size-fits-all program

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No more hungry summers

MV WHISMAN DISTRICT EXPANDS FREE MEAL PROGRAM WHILE SCHOOL'S OUT

By Kevin Forestieri

Too many children go hungry in Mountain View during the summer, and it's time to do something about it. That's what Debbie Austin, the director of food services for the Mountain View Whisman School District, vowed when she saw that hundreds of kids were missing out on meals.

Austin headed the district's food services department last summer, which provides breakfast and lunch to anyone age 18 and under, no questions asked. The food sites at Stevenson Elementary, Theuerkauf Elementary and Trinity Methodist Church, along with delivered meals, were largely a success in that they provided a total of 39,185 meals. But when she drove around the city,

she noticed hundreds of kids at Rengstorff Park, at the library and in apartment parking lots who weren't participating in the food program.

"We've got a large population of kids in our city who are hidden, who are homeless and who don't have access to food during the summer," Austin said. "I saw those kids playing in the park, but they weren't eating."

Summer food programs play an important role in making sure kids — particularly from lower-income families — don't go hungry between the last day of school in June and the beginning of the next school year in

August. Schools provide reliable meals at breakfast and lunch for all students, regardless of their family's ability to pay, but that nutritional backstop vanishes during the summer months.

The name "seamless" summer had a hint of irony last year, since the program only spanned six of the 10 weeks of summer vacation. On top of that, the number of places students could get a free meal plummeted once school let out for summer break: only Stevenson and Theuerkauf were designated as food sites, and those schools are located on the same campus.

Things will be very different

this year, Austin said. Crittenden will be open to anyone seeking breakfast or lunch for an eight-week period during the summer, from June 12 through Aug. 4. On top of that, the district will be working with Second Harvest Food Bank to launch a mobile food truck that will regularly deliver lunches to Rengstorff Park, Klein Park and the Mountain View Public Library throughout the summer.

Rengstorff and Klein parks are ideal locations because they tend to attract hundreds of kids every day, and they are both

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MICHELLE LE

A BRUSH WITH COLONIAL LIFE

Fifth-grader Ava gives Joshua a "shave" during the annual WilliamsBubb event. Each May, students at Bubb Elementary take a field trip back to America as it would have been in Williamsburg, Virginia in 1775. Assuming the roles of colonists on the eve of the Revolutionary War is a capstone event for the fifth grade's study of colonial America.

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Heather Green sings the title role of Salome and Isaiah Musik-Ayala is Jochanaan in West Bay Opera's production.

A 'Salome' for our times

By Renee Batti

It's a story set in biblical times, familiar to people the world over. But its ancient backdrop doesn't make the story that unfolds in the opera "Salome" any less relevant to today's world.

The one-act opera by Richard Strauss, staged by West Bay Opera, opens this weekend for a four-performance run over two weekends at the Lucie Stern Theatre in Palo Alto.

The composer loosely based the work on the biblical story of John the Baptist's ill-fated encounter with King Herod and his decadent stepdaughter Salome. One of the opera's most famous moments is Salome's sizzling "Dance of the Seven Veils," which she is persuaded to perform by her stepfather, who promises to grant her any wish. Bad luck for the Baptist.

Despite its biblical storyline, this production, according to West Bay Opera, is set in "a post-Trumpian dystopia: the scorched and irradiated planet Earth, or whatever is left of it."

What's a post-Trumpian dystopia? Maestro Jose Luis Moscovich, West Bay's general director and the opera's conductor, explained in an email: "Salome is the daughter of an amoral mother, and she has an uneasy relationship with her unprincipled stepdad. He lusts after her and makes her uncomfortable. I recall a quote that seems to provide an interesting parallel: 'If Ivanka wasn't my daughter, I'd be dating her.'"

To reflect this modern interpretation, the set will be "a bombed-out planet, where people are living in small tribal clans and trying to recover from the effects of radiation from nuclear blasts triggered by a naively simplistic approach to international relations," Moscovich said.

The imprisonment of John the

Baptist — called in the opera Jochanaan — is another theme relative to today's world, Moscovich said. He's jailed "because he's been walking around loudly criticizing the king and the queen's behavior. ... Nobody gets jailed in the U.S. for expressing their views ... yet," he added.

The cautionary tone is understandable. Moscovich grew up in Argentina in the 1970s and 80s, when the so-called Dirty War roiled the country with state-sponsored terrorism.

"I know what it feels like to have a government that throws you in jail for dissenting with the party line," he said.

Ragnar Conde, who is directing "Salome," has experienced his share of political upheaval in Mexico, where he is artistic director of Escenia Ensemble, which is co-producing "Salome."

New York-based dramatic soprano Heather Green performs as Salome in this production. Baritone Isaiah Musik-Ayala sings the role of Jochanaan. Tenor David Gustafson performs the role of Herod. Mezzo-soprano Michelle Rice performs as Herodias, Salome's mother, and tenor Alonso Sicairos Leon is the smitten captain Narraboth. ■

Email Renee Batti at rbatti@mv-voice.com.

■ INFORMATION

What: "Salome," staged by West Bay Opera and co-produced by Escenia Ensemble of Mexico City

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CRIME BRIEFS

DISPUTE OVER LIMO PAYMENT

Police arrested a Southern California man last week after he allegedly refused to pay a limousine fare worth hundreds of dollars, claiming he had no cash and his card had been declined.

Officers received reports of the dispute around 4 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17, on the 200 block of Carmelita Drive, a residential area east of Grant Park Plaza. The driver told police that the man and woman had been riding in the limo from San Francisco and refused to pay the hundreds of dollars in fare, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Both riders claimed they had no cash on them, and the man, later identified as 50-year-old Andrew Warren of Sherman Oaks, allegedly told police he tried to use his credit card but it was declined, Nelson said.

Officers believed Warren also displayed signs of intoxication, including bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and a staggering gait, Nelson said. Warren was arrested on charges of defrauding an innkeeper as well as being drunk in public.

MAN SLAPPED OVER WARRIORS' ODDS

A 48-year-old San Jose man was arrested after he and another man got into a fight over the odds of the Golden State Warriors winning a game, according to police.

The man, identified by police as Richard Saclayan, allegedly got into an argument regarding the basketball team with another San Jose man in the Costco parking lot at 1000 N. Rengstorff Ave. around 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17. The argument allegedly escalated when Saclayan slapped the victim, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The victim had a visible injury to his face, but declined any medical attention, Nelson said.

Officers arrested Saclayan on charges of battery. The Golden State Warriors won all the playoff games against the San Antonio Spurs that week.

—Kevin Forestieri

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

FAA REVIEWING AIRPLANE NOISE PROPOSALS

The Federal Aviation Administration is now completing its review of the more than 100 recommendations that a committee of South Bay legislators drafted last year with the goal of reducing airplane noise in their communities, according to a statement from U.S. Reps. Anna Eshoo, Jackie Speier and Jimmy Panetta.

The recommendations were drafted by the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals, a committee of local and county

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MICHELLE LE

Elena Pacheco, at a ceremony recognizing her 25 years of volunteering at the Lucile Packard Children Hospital, on April 9, 2015.

Community activist, volunteer Elena Pacheco dies of cancer

By Mark Noack

A tireless volunteer and community activist, Elena Pacheco seemed to be involved in almost every cause in Mountain View — affordable housing, food pantries, health care and church groups.

Pacheco died in hospice care on Saturday, May 13, after a long battle with lymphoma. She was 60 years old.

Growing up in Santiago, Chile, Pacheco was the only girl in a household with six brothers. She came to the U.S. in the late 1980s to study for a job as a teacher and translator in English, Spanish and French.

By her account, her passion for volunteering came not long after she arrived in the U.S. Sitting in a local hospital waiting room, she watched as a 10-year-old boy struggled to translate between his mother and doctors. The same day, she offered to volunteer as a translator.

Over the next 30 years, Pacheco invested herself in a long list of Mountain View's civic organizations. At ease speaking in front of groups, she brought the concerns of the Latino community to mostly-white political leaders at public meetings. She frequently led workshops for the Latino community on government and nonprofit programs

for nutritional health, voter registration and immigrants' rights. For more than 25 years, she volunteered as a translator at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, and she made several trips to Central and South America as a translator for Doctors Without Borders.

For her whole life, Pacheco was dedicated to helping others, explained her brother, Sergio Pacheco.

"She didn't do anything because she wanted to be famous," he said. "Even in Chile she was the same: she volunteered because she wanted to do it."

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Mountain View sells water rights to East Palo Alto

By Mark Noack

The Mountain View City Council signed a \$5 million deal Tuesday night to sell off water rights to East Palo Alto to help end the city's yearlong moratorium on development.

Under the deal, Mountain View agreed to transfer 1 million gallons per day to East Palo Alto, which would single-handedly boost the northern city's water supply by more than 50 percent. In exchange, Mountain View will receive a one-time lump payment of \$5 million.

The agreement was approved by the City Council in a 6-1 vote, with Councilman John McAlister opposed.

The deal is a lifesaver for East Palo Alto, which effectively ran out of water last June and had to call an emergency moratorium on a range of new construction. That action brought a sudden halt to a series of expansive developments already in the city's pipeline, including a 1.4-million-square-foot office campus at 2020 Bay Road that would be the city's largest-ever project. The water shortage also stalled a 120-unit affordable-housing project at 965 Weeks St. and the launching of The Primary School, a Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan-funded private school.

Many of those big-ticket developers agreed to pitch in money to help facilitate the water transfer agreement, according to an East Palo Alto staff report. In exchange, those projects will reportedly receive priority on any new water connections that become available.

On Tuesday night, a line of East Palo Alto officials came out

to Mountain View to urge their Peninsula neighbors to approve the deal. Skipping his own city's council meeting that evening, East Palo Alto Mayor Larry Moody described the water as a game-changer for the future of his city.

"This comes from a heartfelt desire for residents of East Palo Alto to change our narrative," he said. "We can become a community that's pursuing our hopes and dreams; we can become a community like Mountain View."

By most accounts, the trade is a win-win for both cities. The region's major water provider, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), has allocated a meager 1.9 million gallons per day to East Palo Alto, giving it the lowest per-capita amount on the Peninsula.

Conversely, Mountain View has the problem of too much water. Under its SFPUC contract, the city must purchase at least 8.93 million gallons per day even if that full amount is never consumed. Mountain View officials reported that around 2011 and 2012, they ended up wasting \$440,000 on water that wasn't needed. More recently, the SFPUC lifted those contract rules during the statewide drought years.

Mountain View's elected leaders were reassured by Public Works staff that the city should have plenty of water for its long-term growth over the coming decades. But council members still exhibited some caution toward what would be an irreversible sale of their water rights. Councilwoman Pat Showalter, who just retired as a water utility engineer, pointed

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Startup home-buying fund for teachers gains traction

LOCAL INVESTOR POOLS HELP FIRST-TIME BUYERS WITH DOWN PAYMENTS

By Kevin Forestieri

A local startup built on the idea that community members can rally together to help teachers buy homes is finally making some headway. Co-founders of the company Landed say they've successfully put together a pool of funds that teachers in two Mountain View school districts can tap into for a down payment

that would otherwise be out of reach.

And while no teachers have closed on a home quite yet, a few are already shopping around for the right place to put down roots.

Last year, Jonathan Asmis and Alex Lofton, the co-founders of Landed, began making presentations to school districts in Mountain View and Los Altos to get early buy-in on a teacher home-buyer model that's been in

the works for years. The specific details and fine print of the plan get complicated quickly, but the framework is relatively simple: residents in a school community put money into an investor fund, and prospective home buyers living on teacher salaries can tap into that pool in order to make a 20 percent down payment on a house. Investors have a stake in the equity of the home, and share in the future profits, or

losses, when the home is sold or refinanced.

The company's model is based on the idea that teachers on the Peninsula and the South Bay make enough money to handle mortgage payments, but have difficulty building up enough money for a sizable down payment. The Los Altos School District was the first local district to sign onto the idea, and community investors were able

to pull together \$500,000 in just six weeks. The Mountain View-Los Altos High School District followed suit, and recently built up a similar funding pool for its teachers. Checks from residents typically range from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

Lofton said progress has been great so far, and that the initial investor money should be

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High schools boost funding for mental health

DISTRICT DOUBLES CONTRIBUTION TO CHAC FOLLOWING PLEA FOR MORE FUNDING

By Kevin Forestieri

The Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC) has been the premier mental health resource for children and families in northern Santa Clara County for decades. It provides counseling, therapy and other services at 33 schools, including thousands of hours of counseling at Mountain View-Los Altos High School District high schools.

But a growing need for more comprehensive mental health care for teens, coupled with the high cost of hiring counseling staff, means CHAC has had to get by on a shoestring budget in recent years. And contributions by cities and school districts that make up the nonprofit's Joint Powers Authority have dropped over the years as a percentage of CHAC's annual budget. Mountain View's mental health programs are now fueled more by philanthropic private donations than by public agencies.

In a letter to the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District earlier this month,

CHAC Executive Director Marsha Deslauriers requested that the district more than double its funding to the nonprofit for the 2017-18 school year, from \$51,081 to \$119,000. The rationale, according to the letter, is that the nonprofit has had to massively subsidize the roughly 3,400 hours of mental health services it provides each year. A vast majority of that time involves therapists — mostly CHAC interns — doing one-on-one counseling with nearly 300 students in the district. Other services include staff and parent consultation regarding student therapy and support, as well as parent programs and grief counseling.

The district's top-notch performance doesn't "just happen," Deslauriers wrote in the letter. It's the result of a focused effort to support children and families, and student performance is sure to slump if children are struggling with depression and anxiety, she said.

"Academic excellence will not occur when a child is troubled, sad, distracted, worried — or

worse, suicidal," she wrote. "This critical foundation will only be achieved by ensuring that crucial resources for support of teachers, parents and students are available."

CHAC estimates that the district's \$48,649 contribution in the 2015-16 fiscal year amounted to about \$11 per hour for mental health counseling, compared with the estimated \$77 per hour it costs CHAC to provide the services. The nonprofit received an increase of only \$2,432 for the 2016-17 year, which amounted to about \$16 per hour for counseling, according to the letter.

Deslauriers told the *Voice* Tuesday that CHAC's operating budget isn't sustainable, and that the organization can't continue to provide the same level of service without a boost in annual funding.

The high school district board of trustees granted the funding increase Monday night, May 22, on a unanimous vote. District spokeswoman Cynthia Greaves told the *Voice* in an email that the district recognizes the value that CHAC brings to students in the

district, and that the nonprofit provides "safety and wellness" for all students, regardless of whether they've got the money to pay for it.

"They help with a myriad of issues including stress, depression, body issues, bullying, alcohol and drug abuse, and more," Greaves said. "They are our partners in guiding teens to a positive path."

Until now, district officials were not aware of the significant delta between how much the district paid for the services versus the total cost, Greaves said.

A tight budget

Like many problems facing the Bay Area, a big part of CHAC's financial challenge is rooted in the high cost of living. Salaries for the nonprofit's hired staff are lower than the market rate, and retaining staff has been tough with higher demand and competition from other nonprofits, such as Counseling and Support Services for Youth (CASSY) and Uplift, according to the letter from Deslauriers.

But compensation is just one

part of the problem. Deslauriers said a growing number of families in the area are struggling to get by on tight budgets themselves, which is taking its toll on children. Parents are stretched too thin emotionally and economically in order to sustain the family, and have "very little quality time available for children at a time when they need more support than ever." This adverse trend means CHAC therapists and supervising staff are spending much more more time on increasingly complex cases.

In CHAC's earliest days, the nonprofit relied solely on members of its Joint Powers Authority, which included the cities of Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, as well as the Los Altos School District, the Mountain View Whisman School District and the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District. Now, the entire collective of government agencies makes up only a fraction of CHAC's budget — less than 10 percent — making CHAC increasingly dependent

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property valuation. Assessed valuation is slowing, and the District is currently 2 or 3 percentage points below in assessed valuation growth. This environment makes parcel tax funding even more critical. Even with the success of Measure B, the District will continue to look for ways to reduce expenses.

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By Andrea Gemmet

The Mountain View Voice won the Online General Excellence award at the California Newspaper Publishers Association Better Newspapers Contest on Saturday, May 20, in Santa Monica.

Along with receiving the Online General Excellence award the Voice took home five second-place awards for journalism for newspapers in its circulation category, and seven honorable mentions, including General Excellence.

Last year, the Voice won General Excellence, the top award for print journalism given at the statewide contest, and took second place for Online General Excellence.

Journalists from outside of California selected the winners of the annual competition from among daily, weekly and school newspapers out of thousands of entries. The Voice competed against other weekly newspapers with circulations between 11,000 and 25,000 for its work in 2016.

The community media outlet and its news staff, led by Editor Andrea Gemmet, won second place for the following:



Scott Whaley points to the small propane heater he uses to keep warm in the van where he had been living for the past four months. Voice photographer Michelle Le was honored for her documentation of Mountain View's growing ranks of homeless living out of cars and RVs.

- Investigative reporting, for staff writer Mark Noack's story "Disarray at the Dojo" about the leadership crisis and allegations of misuse of funds at the hacker club.
- Coverage of business news, for the story "Robots rolling in dough" by Noack with photos by Michelle Le, about Zume, a well-funded startup seeking to automate pizza delivery.
- Coverage of education, for staff writer Kevin Forestieri's story "A not-so-seamless summer for

hungry kids," about gaps in the summer program that's supposed to feed children who rely on subsidized school lunches.

■ Breaking news, for Noack's coverage of a huge land-swap deal between Google and LinkedIn that would secure Google's place as the dominant property owner in North Bayshore.

■ Photo essay, for Le's documentation of Mountain View's growing population of homeless living in their cars that accompanied

Noack's story "Council: no easy solutions for city's car-dwellers."

In addition, Voice staffers won honorable mention, meaning they finished in third or fourth place, for:

- General Excellence for the print edition of the newspaper.
- Coverage of local government, for Noack's series of stories about the battle over rent control in Mountain View.
- Coverage of education, for Forestieri's story "Teacher shortage still a big problem."
- Enterprise news, for Forestieri and Noack's "Out of Balance" series digging into the job growth that's driving Silicon Valley's housing crisis.
- Editorial comment, for Associate Editor Renee Batti's editorial "City's refusal to release

applications wrongheaded," on the withholding of public information about people seeking appointment to the new city committee overseeing rent control.

■ Online photo essay, for Le's behind-the-scenes photographs of Zume, the pizza delivery startup using robots, with the story "Robots rolling in dough."

■ Feature photo, for Le's eye-catching shot taken in downtown Mountain View's Rocket Fizz candy shop.

The Voice's sister paper, the Palo Alto Weekly, was awarded second prize for Online General Excellence for its paloaltoonline.com website, along with five more first- and second-place awards in its division for the largest circulation news weeklies in California. ■

WATER

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out it wasn't a decision to be made lightly.

The uncertainty was too much for Councilman McAlister, who said he couldn't approve the deal while unsure if it would disadvantage Mountain View. Other

council members were happy to approve it.

In addition to the water from Mountain View, East Palo Alto officials are also hoping to sign a deal with the city of Palo Alto for an extra 500,000 gallons per day.

Any transferring of water rights will still need to be given final approvals by the SFPUC. ■

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MEAL PROGRAM

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within close proximity to a high number of children who qualify for free and reduced lunches, making it the next best place for picking up meals when Castro Elementary is closed, Austin said. Rengstorff Park is also near the dozens of RVs parked along Crisanto Avenue that have become makeshift homes for the homeless, some of whom are children.

Meals prepared by the district also will be picked up by the Mountain View Police Department, YMCA of Silicon Valley and Mountain View's parks and recreation department and distributed at summer camps and youth programs.

Theuerkauf will be a designated food site again this year, but its schedule is mostly unchanged from last year. It will serve breakfast and lunch for a similar six-week duration from June 12 through July 21. But the district will continue to serve meals to kids at Theuerkauf's YMCA camp through the start of the school year, Austin said at a May 18 board meeting.

"I'm blessed in that we have staff that are willing to work, to forgo their vacations, to feed the children this summer," she said.

In a report by the research

group California Food Policy Advocates last year, a vast majority of kids from low-income families reportedly missed out on important meals during the summer months because they lose access to subsidized meals provided by their local school. Of the 2 million California students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals, which is determined by family income, only an estimated 300,000 picked up free meals during July.

'I believe we need to feed those who can't feed themselves.'

DEBBIE AUSTIN, THE DISTRICT'S FOOD SERVICES DIRECTOR

Last year there were 115 locations in Santa Clara County designated as summer food sites, which is slim compared to the total number of schools that normally serve breakfast and lunch during the school year. These programs typically last anywhere from four to six weeks.

Mountain View Whisman is planning to team up with Stanford Children's Health to see how well the mobile feeding program works this year,

and whether delivering meals to popular parks and hubs around the city can overcome food insecurity during the summer. The specific details of the study haven't been worked out yet, Austin said, but it will likely track how many meals are served and how well the district can boost the caloric intake for needy families.

Expanding the district's summer food program isn't expected to cost anything. The federal government provides compensation to school districts for summer food programs, meaning the expanded version of this year's Seamless Summer will be fully reimbursed — provided staff keep a close tally of the meals served.

"You have to keep very good records," Austin said. "By law we're supposed to have a balanced budget. It's very difficult, and most school districts don't."

The goal for this summer is to serve 50,000 meals to kids throughout the city, an ambitious 27.5 percent increase over last year. It's difficult to gauge how many kids will come looking for a meal at each site, Austin said, but the important thing is that the district boost availability as best it can.

"I believe we need to feed those who can't feed themselves," she said. ▀

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has confirmed that his team in Washington, D.C. is now conducting a final review and plans to submit its report to the Department of Transportation for final review and authorization.

"Administrator Huerta told us that the FAA is committed to this Initiative process and continuing to work on the response to the recommendations," according to the statement from the three congressional members.

The statement also notes that it is not known at this time how long the Department of Transportation will take to authorize the release of the FAA's response.

—Gennady Sheyner

COUNCIL MULLS NEW TRANSIT SYSTEM

Plans for a new transit system to link Mountain View's North Bayshore to downtown received a fresh look by city officials this week.

On Tuesday, May 23, the City Council listened to a presentation from the firm Lea+Elliott on various automated transit systems, including monorails, maglev trains, aerial lifts and automated podcars.

For now, those technologies would be tested on how well they can connect downtown Mountain View to the city's North Bayshore.

City Council members made it clear they had high hopes to eventually expand the future system to include other neighborhoods and perhaps other cities. San Antonio, East Whisman and Shoreline Amphitheatre were all pitched as locations that would benefit from a station link. At this stage, city staff warned they needed to keep the project simple, but they promised to take into account each technology's aptitude to expand.

City leaders agreed that one must-have feature for any new transit system would be handling a "surge" of hundreds of passengers, such as a crowd stepping off a Caltrain or concert-goers leaving an event at Shoreline Amphitheatre.

A full report on options for a new transit system is being prepared for late 2017.

—Mark Noack



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2017-18

Local Control and Accountability Plan & Budget

The governing board of Mountain View Los Altos High School District will conduct a public hearing on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), and Proposed Budget for FY 2017-18, in accordance with Education Code Section 42103, 42127, 52061, and 52062 prior to final adoption. Any interested party may inspect the LCAP and budget prior to final adoption and speak at the public hearing.

The public hearing will be held on June 12, 2017

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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legislators that was created to address the growing volume of citizen complaints from residents throughout the region. The increase in airplane noise was prompted by NextGen, a program that was launched in 2015 and that seeks to free up airspace by routing flights along narrow corridors.

The committee's recommendations include abolishing the SERFR flight path (which goes from San Francisco International Airport and over the Santa Cruz Mountains before proceeding southwest) in favor of a different route; higher altitudes (about 8,000 feet); new noise-abatement procedures; and routing flights over the ocean or the San Francisco Bay, rather than the Peninsula.

According to the statement from the three U.S. representatives, the office of FAA's Western-Pacific regional administrator has been reviewing these recommendations since early this year and has recently submitted a draft of its technical review to FAA Administrator Michael Huerta. The statement notes that Huerta

RENT INCREASES

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for fixing rent increases, but the five-member panel of volunteers has to figure out how much leeway is needed.

At least one big decision was a no-brainer. Many landlords urged the committee to grant them the maximum rent increase under the new law — 5 percent. But the city attorney reminded the committee members that their hands were tied. Under the measure's language, their only option was to set the 2017 annual rent adjustment to 3.4 percent, as indicated by the local Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Less simple was city's staff suggestion that the committee could also throw in a second, retroactive rent increase for the period between October 2015 and February 2016. The new rent control law, which was passed by voters as Measure V on the November ballot, included a rollback to October 2015 rates for eligible apartments. But city staffers said the four-month period from October to February was not reflected in the 2017 rent adjustment since they used CPI data for the 12 months that ran from February 2016 to February 2017. Such a supplemental increase would be meager, since Bay Area CPI increases from this period rose by only 0.6 percent.

Still, the idea of a second rent increase spurred a warning from tenants' advocates. Attorneys with the Stanford Community Law Clinic said the rent control measure explicitly prohibited

the city from tacking on increases for prior years and said it would not pass legal muster.

It was just one of the issues that the committee discussed but refrained from deciding on. Even more complicated, the committee members delved into how they should define a "fair return standard," the formula they would use on a case-by-case basis to determine if individual landlords could justify levying an increase beyond the standard amount.

For landlords, this topic was a big deal since it provides one of the only ways to petition for higher rents beyond the CPI increases. It seemed like every landlord who spoke had his or her own tale of how expenses were ballooning.

City staff and the city's outside attorneys tried to lay out a menu of options for gauging a landlord's profits as compared to expenses. Under this system, if landlords could prove the standard CPI hike wasn't enough to cover the costs or profitability of a particular apartment property, they could petition the Rental Housing Committee for a higher rent increase. Maintenance costs could be added into this calculation, but Mountain View's rent control measure explicitly prohibits landlords from including expenses from capital improvements and debt service.

It was high school-level math, but it felt like a graduate seminar in political science as the fledgling committee discussed the issue.

"There's an internal contradiction here — rent control is

Rent control's origins in New York's dairy dilemma

It might seem a world away, but Mountain View's current struggle to curb housing costs has a history that dates back to dairy farmers in 1930s New York. It turns out that many tenets of rent control have their origins in Depression-era feuding over the price of milk.

For upstate New York's farm towns in the midst of the Great Depression, the price of milk was a life-or-death issue. Like other agriculture products, the market for milk collapsed as wholesale prices dipped so low that farmers couldn't feed their families.

What resulted was the Milk Wars of 1933 — an ongoing series of strikes, vandalism and violent scuffles between angry dairymen and strikebreakers working for large distribution companies. After a lot of turmoil and at least two deaths, the state established a Milk Control Board to dictate a fair price for dairy products.

This resulted in a series of legal challenges as well as

the some of the first case law over whether the government could meddle in a private marketplace. In *Nebbia v. New York*, the U.S. Supreme Court ultimately ruled that the state did indeed have authority to fiddle with market pricing for the greater benefit of the community.

This authority was later extended to regulating housing costs, although courts determined that the government was obligated to ensure that property owners still received a fair rate of return.

Earlier this week, Attorney Karen Tiedemann of the firm Goldfarb & Littman delivered a crash course in this case law to Mountain View's new Rental Housing Committee. Much of the current law, she pointed out, was established by the New York's scuffle over milk prices.

But that history also can serve as a cautionary lesson for Mountain View. While New York state's Milk Control Board was well intentioned, it

accomplished little in the way of improving the livelihoods of farmers. Part of the problem was the milk board's charter was riddled with loopholes that distributors were able to exploit.

In effect, "what was originally designed to provide immediate relief to the farmer became another way to protect the distributor," said Virginia Commonwealth University historian Melvin Urofsky in his overview of the *Nebbia* case.

But the story has an upside for farmers. Dairymen found success in organizing their own distribution co-op to circumvent the middlemen. As the years went on, and tempers cooled over milk pricing, the dairymen's co-op actually ended up shifting its focus — to housing.

By the 1970s, the milk group was throwing all its resources into providing loans and seed money into preserving New York City's affordable housing. ▣

—Mark Noack

below market, but landlords are supposed to get a fair rate of return," said committee member Tom Means. "So where's the optimal point for figuring this out?"

The committee wasn't scheduled to make any decisions on

the fair rate of return until June 8. But members warned they would probably need more time. Before making any decision, committee member Matthew Grunwald asked city staff to gather input from tenants and landlords, and everyone agreed

to table the issue until then. The city's affordable housing planner, Anky van Deursen, said she would try to set up stakeholder meetings and a submission form for written comments before the committee's next meeting on June 8. ▣



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Castro Community in Action Team co-founder Marilu Delgado recalled meeting Pacheco about 10 years ago, as efforts were mounting to create a neighborhood teen center on Escuela Avenue. Pacheco invested herself in the project and was able to draw on a huge network of contacts between government and nonprofit groups, Delgado said.

"Elena would just show up solo and be a real strong advocate for things she was passionate about," she said. "She used her talents the best that she could and was very generous about it."

A single woman, she sometimes referred to the community she created as her extended family.

In her last years, Pacheco's experience showed how thin



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Elena Pacheco chants with fellow activists at a rally encouraging the Mountain View City Council to boost the city's minimum wage on Feb. 19, 2014.

the social safety net can be for those living in Mountain View. In 2013, she was diagnosed with lymphoma after suffering

a seizure while teaching a Spanish class. Lacking medical insurance, she exhausted her savings to pay for her chemotherapy treatment, which left her fatigued and unable to work. Around the same time, the rent kept increasing on the apartment where she lived since 1995. Ultimately, she had to move out and live with friends.

Pacheco allowed the *Voice* to document her struggle with both cancer and housing in a story that published in 2015. At the time, she said that her illness forced her to learn how to rely on others, a not-entirely comfortable role reversal. Friends helped provide her with meals, rides to the hospital and other help.

Her cancer had gone into remission, but it came back aggressively in November. Word spread among Pacheco's friends and colleagues as it became clear the cancer would be terminal. Pacheco's brother and his wife say they were flabbergasted by the number of people who came in to visit her.

"She knew so many people: doctors, friends, journalists, priests, students — everyone wanted to visit her," her brother said. "I had no idea she knew so many people."

A memorial service was held for Pacheco on Saturday at the Martinez Family Funeral Home in San Jose. According to her wishes, her family is planning to send her ashes back to Chile.

Besides Sergio Antonio Pacheco and his wife Angela Edwards Pacheco of Roseville, Pacheco is survived by four other brothers, Roberto Pacheco Reyes of New York, and Humberto Pacheco Reyes, Marcelo Pacheco Reyes and Rene Pacheco Reyes, all of Santiago, Chile. ■

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enough to support the “lowest hanging fruit” in terms of teachers who are ready to purchase a home. None of the dozens of interested teachers have actually bought a house yet, but Landed has been careful to let teachers move at their own pace, Lofton said.

“We have a few people who are looking at homes right now, but the reality of this is that home buying is a very personal process,” he said. “Even with our help, it’s difficult to buy a home.”

With a healthy supply of investor capital, what’s the demand look like? In the case of Mountain View-Los Altos, Landed has been in touch with 40 or so prospective staff members who are interested in getting help on a down payment. Most of the informational sessions hosted by Landed have been less about how the company works, and more about what it means to buy a home and take on a mortgage. Any teacher who decides to use investor money to buy a home needs to be fully aware of what they’re getting themselves into, Lofton said.

School districts throughout the Bay Area have struggled for years to find ways to support teachers

in a region where the cost of living has fast outpaced teacher salaries. The problem is only made worse by California’s statewide teacher shortage, which makes attracting new teachers a protracted and painful process. A survey by the Mountain View Whisman School District found that most teachers and staff rent or lease their homes, and just shy of 60 percent had a desire to buy a home in the next five years.

Whether Mountain View Whisman will jump on the opportunity to create its own Landed investor fund is still up in the air. The company only presented its model to the school board last week, and district staff are still having an “ongoing conversation” with Landed about whether to follow its neighboring districts, Lofton said.

At the May 18 meeting, board members asked pointed questions about what kind of risk teacher home buyers, as well as the investors, put themselves in when they participate in Landed’s model, particularly when there’s a risk the housing market could tank. Board member Tamara Wilson wondered why, for example, home buyers are asked to pay Landed back within 10 years by either refinancing, selling their home, or paying off the investment with cash.

Lofton said the 10-year time period is an important mechanism in order to make sure investors have the option to get their money back in a timely manner and see a return on their investments.

Most people are likely to pay the money back within four to seven years, he said, and once teachers are able to pay off Landed’s investors, they have 100 percent of the home’s equity. What’s more, he said, property values historically climb over a 10-year period even with dips in the economy and the local real estate market.

Over the last few years, Lofton told the *Voice* that Landed has taken plenty of time to consider all of the things that could conceivably go wrong with its model, and build a structure that hedges against those pitfalls. He said it can be a little frustrating that it’s taken so long for the company to finally get up and running, but that it’s understandable. Unlike Silicon Valley consumer tech products, if Landed has a critical flaw, it means they’ve potentially ruined someone’s entire life savings.

“It can get frustrating, but you have to remember that if you do it right from the beginning, then you’ve got a better shot at the long game,” he said. ▣

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on raising funds from private groups. Deslauriers, who became executive director of CHAC last year, said she can’t speak to why the nonprofit’s JPA partners contribute so much less as a percentage of the annual budget.

The most recent budget reports from CHAC show that of the nonprofit’s roughly \$3 million operating budget, 88 percent goes straight into paying for program services, followed by 7 percent for administrative costs and 5 percent for fundraising.

The largest contributor among the JPA agencies has traditionally been the city of Mountain View, which gave about \$95,000 in the 2016-17 year. Although CHAC approached the city with a more modest increase request compared with the high school district — about \$9,000 in additional funds — city staff is recommending that that City Council approve only \$2,800 for the 2017-18 year.

At the April 27 City Council meeting, Mountain View resident Joan MacDonald, speaking on behalf of Deslauriers, told council members that CHAC has been left reeling from the fast-increasing cost of providing

services in the area, but hasn’t received an increase in funding from the city in three out of the last five years.

Mountain View-Los Altos isn’t the only district being asked to help out with costly mental health services. Earlier this year, Adolescent Counseling Services asked Palo Alto Unified School District to contribute an additional \$50,000 on top of the annual \$100,000 the district now pays to staff its middle schools and high schools with licensed therapists and counseling interns. Unlike Mountain View-Los Altos, however, Palo Alto Unified opted to drop its long-time counseling service provider, and instead put out a request for proposals earlier this year.

Deslauriers said it’s not her goal to seek 100 percent compensation from school districts for the services CHAC provides, but instead ask the districts to meet the nonprofit halfway. The letter that accompanied the funding request serves as an important reminder, she said, of how much it costs CHAC to provide counseling services.

“I don’t think the districts have been aware of it, and it’s no fault on them,” she said. ▣

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\$647M to electrify Caltrain tracks approved

By Jamey Padojino

Caltrain's electrification project can move forward with \$647 million in assistance from the Federal Transit Administration, which plans to sign a grant agreement for the long-awaited work, the agency said Monday.

The rail service agency had requested the grant from the federal government but was notified in February that the funds were being withheld, just days before construction was set to begin. Caltrain was able to secure a three-month extension with its contractors to break ground on the project while waiting to hear back from the FTA.

After significant lobbying by California representatives, the FTA has announced the funding will be released. This year's federal budget will set aside \$100 million for the electrification work, according to the FTA.

"This multi-year agreement is a commitment to provide \$647 million over the next five years, roughly one-third of the total project cost. I'll do all I can in the coming years to ensure Congress continues to provide full funding to keep this project moving forward," U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein said in a statement.

The project, which has been in the works for more than 15 years, is expected to create more

than 9,600 jobs, according to Caltrain officials.

"This shovel-ready project will help expand service on an already congested corridor, improve air quality and put thousands of people to work. (Transportation) Secretary (Elaine) Chao did the right thing on Caltrain. This is not only good for California, it's good for America," Gov. Jerry Brown said in a statement.

"This critical upgrade is one of the key transportation job creators in the country. It will enhance the spine of the Silicon Valley transportation system," Rep. Anna Eshoo, who represents the Peninsula, said in a press release Monday.

"Passenger service began on this corridor during the presidency of Abraham Lincoln over 150 years ago. Today, I am proud that our generation is able to build something worthy of the future of our region, she said.

"This is an 'Alleluia' moment," Eshoo said.

Mountain View's representative in the state Legislature, Assemblyman Marc Berman, expressed relief in a statement to the press.

"It's time that transit on the Peninsula reflects the innovative and technological advancement that is so often spearheaded by our region," Berman said. ■

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Injuries in fire at Google I/O

The second afternoon of Google's annual I/O developer conference was brought to a sudden halt on May 18, a little before 4 p.m., when a fire broke out at a Shoreline Amphitheatre concession stand.

By the time the fire was extinguished, a total of six people had reportedly suffered injuries. Three of the injured were taken to the hospital for treatment, and one of the victims had life-threatening injuries, said Lynn Brown, Mountain View Fire Department spokesman.

The other three declined treatment at the scene, Brown said. He said he could not comment on the nature of the injuries.

Google officials on Thursday evening announced they were in contact with the injured victims, whom they identified as event staff.

"We're thankful to the fire department for putting it out and ensuring everyone's safety," wrote Google spokesman Joshua

Cruz in an email. "We're making sure (the injured parties) receive the proper treatment."

In a statement, Google officials disputed the fire department's account, saying only three workers suffered minor injuries from the incident. The fire department maintains that six people were injured "to some extent" and that one person was transferred to a hospital with life-threatening injuries, Brown told the *Voice* Tuesday.

The fire originated from a concession stand area within Shoreline Amphitheatre, Brown said. Although the exact origin and cause of the fire is still under investigation, he said it appears there was some kind of gas leak that ignited the fire. A fire control system built into the facility put the fire out before firefighters arrived, Brown said.

Held since 2008, Google I/O is the tech giant's main developer conference, drawing thousands of attendees each year.

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■ EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Boardroom door closed on a public process

In April, the El Camino Healthcare District, a public agency with five voter-elected members, sent mailers to district residents informing them of proposed changes to the governance board of the hospital the district oversees, El Camino Hospital. The hospital was built in the 1950s and '60s with taxpayer funds raised through the health care district.

Last month's mailer asked residents for their thoughts about two options the district board was considering to alter the composition of the existing nine-member hospital board of directors, which all district board members sit on along with three appointees and the hospital's CEO.

This mailing of information and request for public input on the surface seemed like evidence of the district's transparency and welcoming of public participation in a process that could have significant consequences for the hospital's governance. But a closer look at the process suggests otherwise.

As it happens, the public was brought into the process only after a series of closed-door meetings of the district board and a consulting firm, during which options for altering the hospital board's makeup were discussed and presumably shaped. These meetings were likely violations of the state's open meeting law — the Brown Act — which strictly limits what public boards can discuss in closed session.

By the time the mailers were sent, the district board had, with no public input, essentially settled on two options to change the hospital board structure — one of which would have diminished the governance role of the publicly elected members and empowered a new majority of appointees. (See stories in the April 21 and May 19 issues of the Voice).

How did the district justify the closed-door meetings? Its agendas claimed exemption from open-meeting law by citing a provision of the Health and Safety Code that refers to "health care facility trade secrets." That category is indeed covered in the Brown Act as a permitted cause for a closed session. But the specific language used

on at least two of the closed-session agendas to describe the discussion topic was "El Camino Hospital governance" — a topic not in itself allowed to be discussed behind closed doors. This raises the question: Why would discussing a change in the hospital governing board's composition involve the discussion of trade secrets?

Nikki Moore, an attorney with the California Newspaper Publishers Association and a Brown Act expert, said that the topic under discussion as described on the agenda did not meet the Brown Act provisions that allow closed-door meetings. If the "trade secret" exemption was in fact justifiably applied by the district, the agenda language was inadequate to reflect that, and the law requires an adequate description of the topic under discussion.

It's not a stretch, given the results of these meetings with a consulting firm that specializes in organizational governance and performance — not health care or property law — to suspect that the "trade secrets" claim to justify closed-door meetings was a deceit used to avoid allowing public participation in a process the public had every right to participate in.

The action that the health care district board took at its May 15 meeting was an acceptable outcome to an unacceptably flawed process. The majority of public speakers at the meeting and a large majority of the public comments received by the district since last month's mailer was sent out, opposed the option that would have diluted the power of voter-elected board members. Thanks to board member Julia Miller, supported by members Dennis Chiu and John Zoglin, the hospital board will now have 10 voting members: the five elected health care district members, and five appointees. The CEO will be a nonvoting member.

It's possible that El Camino Hospital will be better served with an expanded board that includes more professionals in fields that modern-day hospitals need expertise in. But the public also would be better served if the health care district's voter-elected board members were to seek expertise about open meeting law before deciding to close the boardroom door to the public. ■

A call for volunteers to help realize visionary plan

by Ken Rosenberg

Like many of you, I feel battered by daily reports of what is going on around the world and in our nation's capital. As citizens create new and exciting ways of getting politically, economically and socially involved, we in Mountain View are ready to accept a global challenge and become home to the world's first institute focused on building 100 human rights cities in every region of the world, based on learning and integrating human rights into every aspect of our daily lives. To start this process, I am looking for a small group of people to join me.

In late 2016, Mountain View became a Human Rights City, one of only a few in the world. At its core, this means that we identify the 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as guiding principles during our decision-making process in the city, by citizens, government, business and civil society. I don't think, in our current era, there is any doubt that our human rights are under assault, even here (especially here?) in the United States.

Mountain View was introduced to this "way of life" by The People's Movement

for Human Rights Learning (PDHRE), the organization providing the expertise our new institute will require. Founded in 1997 to promote and facilitate human rights cities, it is creating a practical and effective way to bring about a new future, leading to change in every region of the world. This extensive international work, including in cities in Argentina, Senegal, Ghana, Austria, India, Canada and the United States, led to

the United Nation bestowing its prestigious Human Rights Award, previously awarded to Eleanor Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr. and former President Jimmy Carter, to PDHRE. We look forward to welcoming them to Mountain View.

A city known as the home of Google might be nearly satisfied, but imagine a city known as the global home of humanity's future, a birthplace for a global institute that will reach out to all 7 billion-plus people on this planet and integrate human rights into their daily lives via the facilitation of human rights cities around the world. Imagine an institute, based here, that will transform our views of development, security, and human interrelationships and through our partnerships with the tech community, reach every

corner of the planet, as we work together to raise all ships, holding fast to the ideal that all human beings are born free and equal, living free of fear and want, with dignity being an inalienable right.

For the first time in human history, the technology we have and the technology in the pipeline is such that a global transformation in values and principles is possible; for the first time it is a reality to reach all humanity, even at the astounding number of 7 billion.

Mountain View is the ideal location for such a global institute. It is the ideal place to serve as a birthplace of a new way for humanity, one founded on every woman, man, youth and child knowing, integrating and owning human rights as a way of life. Help me make our city known the world over for being more than the home of a search engine.

I am looking to assemble about five to 10 people who would form a steering committee to make this a reality. If you are interested, please email me at MountainViewKen@gmail.com. Details will follow.

Ken Rosenberg is the mayor of Mountain View; he is serving his first term on the City Council.

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BEST BETS FOR ENTERTAINMENT



By Elena Kadvany | Photos by Michelle Le

Just after 4 p.m. at Manresa in Los Gatos, you'll find some of the kitchen staff in an unlikely setting: sitting in a nondescript parking lot behind the three-Michelin-star restaurant, eating out of ceramic dishes filled with chicken parmesan, pasta, Caesar salad and garlic bread. Welcome to family meal.

Before the restaurant opens at 5:30 p.m., the 60-plus staff members not only prep for that evening's dinner service, but work together to prepare their own meal. Two days a week, the sous chefs come up with an idea for the dinner and the entire kitchen pitches in to make it. Thursday through Sunday, a staff member is assigned to plan the meal and enlist others to help execute it.

For restaurants like Manresa that place a high value on family meal, it's more than just dinner. It's a collaboration, a

chance to learn about other staff members through the food they make (which often reflects their heritage or family recipes) and, above all else, a time to decompress before going into a high-pressure service.

Family meal, chefs say, is central to the culture of their kitchens.

"It's the one meal of the day that everyone can sit together, talk, relax and see someone's different culture of food that they're really good at," said Mitch Leinhard, Manresa's chef de cuisine. "It's a very special time of day for us."

Not all family meals are created equal. Manresa's — consistently ranked on the annual World's 50 Best Restaurants list — might be the pinnacle. A pre-planned, monthly calendar posted by the walk-in refrigerators maps out who will be in charge of dinner. Some staff prepare far in advance, like Kristofer Lord, an Icelandic

chef de partie, who often makes his own kimchi to use in his family meals. Most recently, he made a duck ramen with kimchi that used duck legs leftover from a duck breast dish on Manresa's \$255 tasting menu. Since there isn't much Asian cuisine in Iceland, Lord said he treats staff meal as learning opportunity.

Other recent Manresa staff meals, documented on a dedicated Instagram account (@manresafamilymeal) run by the restaurant's pastry team, range from Moroccan lamb stew or golubzy (Russian stuffed cabbage) to pastrami sandwiches "with all the fixings" made by the renowned chef-owner of Manresa, David Kinch. Other days there's fried chicken, tacos, Chinese chicken salad or sloppy joes. One of the cooks is known for making great salsa. Another staff member would cure and smoke meats and

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'For most of us, this is our one big meal of the day.'

JOHN MADRIAGA,
VILLAGE PUB

make pickles in advance of his assigned day.

Leinhard said someone made a joke recently: "Three stars at night, one star during the day." We have one Michelin-star staff meal."

The best family meals, Leinhard and other chefs said, are the ones created



Left: Nadiv Geiger, sous chef at the Village Pub in Woodside, pours dressing over panzanella on May 10. Right: John Madriaga, the Pub's chef de cuisine, loads his plate at the staff's family meal.



Clockwise from top left: A staff member's plate from the Village Pub; Mitch Leinhard, chef de cuisine at Manresa, sets out food for the family meal on April 28; Chicken Parmesan, salad and a cookie fill a staffer's plate at Manresa.

by individual staff members. Staff meal wasn't always that way at Manresa — the previous structure had the whole kitchen contributing.

"We realized we would lose out on those people who are really good at that specific area. Their staff meal days are the ones we always look forward to," he said.

At most restaurants, kitchen staff rely on

leftover ingredients to make their dinner. On the high end, Manresa uses leftover duck legs to make ramen. At the low end is what Robbie Wilson, chef-owner of Bird Dog in Palo Alto, calls "cream of walk-in (refrigerator) soup." Most chefs have a horror story about working in kitchens where staff meal was such an afterthought.

For a recent staff meal at the Village Pub

in Woodside, which has one Michelin star, staff repurposed stale garlic-parmesan bread from Mayfield Bakery and tomatoes from an earlier photo shoot into a bright panzanella salad. The bread was tossed with olive oil and garlic, roasted in the oven, and then tossed in a simple balsamic vinaigrette with the tomatoes, micro-greens, burrata and mozzarella di bufala.

It was served with roasted chicken (coated in an Asian marinade made by a line cook), vegetables, potato mash and a watermelon salad. For dessert, pastry chef Vivian Hussein made two fruit cobblers, served in cast iron pans with a large bowl of silky, fresh whipped cream on the side.

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Manresa staff sit outside the restaurant to eat the family meal before starting dinner service on April 28.

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Village Pub chef de cuisine John Madriaga said they aim for healthy meals, always making a protein and a vegetable dish to keep things light before going into a four-hour dinner service.

other toppings). The kitchen often makes curries, rice and vegetables, he said. The pastry team will sometimes pitch in by making a special drink (recently, boba tea from scratch) or dessert. Dishes tend toward California, Mexican, Spanish and Asian cuisines.

“We want to make sure that we nourish the staff,” he said. “A lot of us have been here for a few hours now and we’re going to work all the way through the night. For most of us, this is our one big meal of the day. The rest of the time we’re coming in here with shakes or juices or a light breakfast.”

Despite its importance, family meal is a meal to be enjoyed — not a burden on staff, nor a time to “show off,” Wilson said. You won’t find staff eating dishes like Manresa’s iconic “winter tidal pool,” an elegant bowl of ingredients like foie gras, sea urchin and mushroom gel.

‘We’ve been open over a year now. We’ve never missed a family meal.’

ROBBIE WILSON, BIRD DOG

Now that Bird Dog serves lunch as well as dinner, the restaurant has two family meals each day. Everyone’s favorite, Wilson said, are traditional Mexican meals prepared for lunch by a new staff member named Maria.

“Essentially, they’re doing family meals as something they want to eat,” Wilson said.

“With Maria, everything is from scratch and there’s a lot of love and soul,” Wilson said. She indulges his “fetish” for chilaquiles, making the tortillas herself from masa, topped with fresh salsa roja, cotija cheese and eggs.

But the purposeful investment in family meal signals to staff that “this restaurant cares,” he said. Leinhard said he believes Manresa’s staff meal, infamous in kitchens throughout the Peninsula, is one reason that the restaurant has low turnover.

Wilson, who hails from Texas, said he has made frito pie for staff meal (an uncomplicated mess of chili, cheese, corn chips and

For Wilson, family meal is “a privilege, but at the same time I think, as the owner of the restaurant, I feel like it’s a requirement.”

“We’ve been open over a year now,” he said. “We’ve never missed a family meal.”



Village Pub staff sit in the restaurant’s dining room to eat the family meal on May 10.

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MOVIES TO WATCH (FOR) THIS SUMMER

Summer means some of the “biggest” movies of the year. The sequels, the superhero movies, the science-fiction extravaganzas. Comedies with big stars. A Pixar adventure here, a horror movie there. Although we’re already hip deep in blockbuster movies, summer also holds scrappier movies looking for attention, in what’s come to be known as “counter-programming.”

The movie studios know there’s an audience out there that doesn’t want to see “Baywatch” or even, heaven forbid, “Spider-Man: Homecoming.” So, for them, different kinds of movies get counter-programmed each week against the presumed box-office leader. We can’t talk about them all: upwards of 100 movies will roll out between now and Aug. 30. But put away those metal detectors, and allow me to sift the sands for the hidden gems of the summer movie season ... and to spot a whale or two.

This week brings a whale, with “Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales,” the fifth installment of the Disney franchise based on an amusement-park ride. Johnny Depp teeters around the screen for two hours in a formulaic rehash. New directors Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg somewhat streamline the storytelling, but the movie is still a creatively redundant venture with short bursts of genuine amusement.

One buzzy blockbuster looks genuinely promising: “Wonder Woman” (June 2). The original female comic-book superhero was a TV star in the mid-to-late ‘70s, and appeared in last year’s “Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice,” but she’s never headlined a big-screen feature until now. “Wonder Woman” has been in development for 20 years, passing through the hands of Joss Whedon (“The Avengers”) and Paul Feig (“Ghostbusters”) on the way to Patty Jenkins. With



“Wonder Woman”: Gal Gadot plays the comic-book super hero.

Israeli actress Gal Gadot already welcomed by fans as golden-las-so-swinging Diana Prince (and paired with love interest Chris Pine), the preview footage has DC Comics enthusiasts excited to see their brand give Marvel a run for the money again. “Wonder Woman” looks to be tough, cheeky, colorful fun for kids and adults.

Arriving just one week later is a feminist film with a tiny fraction of the “Wonder Woman” budget but just as big a chance of being the movie of the cultural moment. “Beatriz at Dinner” (June 9) concerns the clash of personalities at a dinner party when John Lithgow’s loud-mouthed, racist, hotel-owning billionaire meets Salma Hayek’s liberal-minded Mexican massage therapist. The social satire’s Trumpian overtones already have people talking, and the film marks a reunion of writer Mike White and director Miguel Arteta. Expect a wickedly funny revenge fantasy, although if you’re a big fan of our increasingly beleaguered Commander in Chief, proceed with caution.

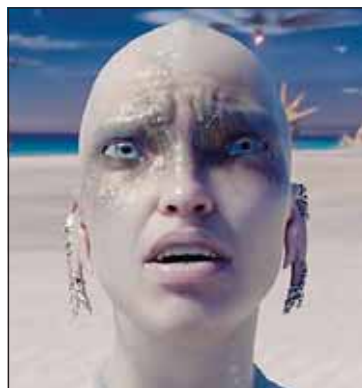
Two other June titles have built up significant buzz in their film-festival debuts. The runaway hit of Sundance was “The Big Sick” (June 23), a romantic-comedy starring and co-written by Kumail Nanjiani of HBO’s “Silicon Valley.” Nanjiani plays a Pakistani-American comic whose love interest (Zoe Kazan) winds up in a coma, putting their relationship in a very strange zone. Five days later, fans of hip, stylized, funny action flicks will get their heart’s desire in “Baby Driver” (June 28). No, it’s not directed by Quentin Tarantino, but rather cult fave writer-director Edgar Wright (“Shaun of the Dead”). Wright’s outing about a getaway driver (Ansel Elgort) has a quirky cast (Kevin Spacey, Jamie Foxx, Jon Hamm) and rubber to burn.

What else does June bring? Tom Cruise in “The Mummy,” gal-power black comedy “Rough Night” (with Scarlett Johansson and Kate McKinnon) and middle-age, middle-class comedy “The House” (with Will Ferrell and Amy Poehler), “Transformers: The Last Knight” and, for the kids, “Cars 3,” “Despicable Me 3,” and “Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie.”

July brings Marvel’s heavy-weight “Spider-Man: Homecoming,” with Tom Holland’s Spidey and Robert Downey Jr.’s Iron Man battling the Vulture



“Beatriz at Dinner”: John Lithgow plays a racist, hotel-owning billionaire who clashes with a Mexican massage therapist.



“Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets”: Director Luc Besson’s new adventure film is visually spectacular.

(erstwhile Batman Michael Keaton). But how’s this for counter-programming? The same day brings “Patti Cake\$” (July 7), a low-budget indie drama in the Rocky mold about an aspiring New Jersey rapper. At the Sundance Film Festival, Australian newcomer Danielle Macdonald was crowned one to watch for her work as the titular rapper. Picked up by Fox Searchlight, “Patti Cake\$” is rumored to be a heckuva crowd-pleaser.

Summer also tends to bring one or two early Oscar contenders, and that we have in “Dunkirk” (July 21). Since Christopher Nolan made Warner Bros. a mint on his Batman trilogy, he’s gotten pretty much carte blanche, and though “Interstellar” didn’t connect with audiences, he’s on more traditional ground with his WWII epic about a mass Allied evacuation in 1940. He’s got a prestigious ensemble of stars (Tom Hardy, Cillian Murphy, Kenneth Branagh, and recent Oscar winner Mark Rylance)



“Dunkirk”: This World War II story could be an Oscar contender.

NOW SHOWING

A Quiet Passion (PG-13) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Mon.

Alien: Covenant (R)

Century 16: Fri. - Mon. Century 20: Fri. - Mon.

Baahubali 2: The conclusion (Not Rated) Century 16: Fri. - Mon.

Baywatch (R) Century 16: Fri. - Mon. Century 20: Fri. - Mon.

Beauty and the Beast (PG) ★★

Century 16: Fri. - Mon. Century 20: Fri. - Mon.

The Boss Baby (PG) ★★1/2 Century 20: Fri. - Mon.

Cover Girl (1944) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 5:30 & 9:25 p.m., Fri. - Sun.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul (PG)

Century 16: Fri. - Mon. Century 20: Fri. - Mon.

Everything, Everything (PG-13) ★

Century 16: Fri. - Mon. Century 20: Fri. - Mon.

The Fate of the Furious (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Mon.

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (PG-13) ★★1/2

Century 16: Fri. - Mon. Century 20: Fri. - Mon.

How to be a Latin Lover (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Mon.

King Arthur: Legend of the Sword (PG-13) ★★1/2

Century 16: Fri. - Mon. Century 20: Fri. - Mon.

The Lovers (R)

Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Mon. Century 20: Fri. - Mon.

Lowriders (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Mon.

Norman: The Moderate Rise and Tragic Fall of a New York Fixer (R) ★★★ Century 20: Fri. - Mon. Guild Theatre: Fri. - Mon.

Paris Can Wait (PG) Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Mon.

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales (PG-13)

Century 16: Fri. - Mon. Century 20: Fri. - Mon.

Singin’ in the Rain (1952) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 3:35 & 7:30 p.m., Fri. - Sun.

Snatched (R) Century 16: Fri. - Mon. Century 20: Fri. - Mon.

The Wedding Plan (PG) Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Mon.

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★ Skip it
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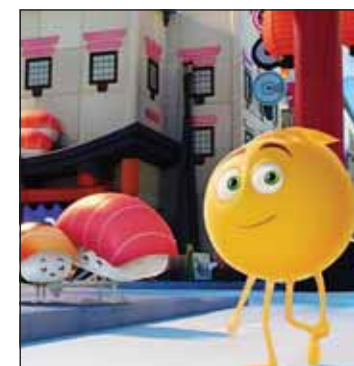


as well as stars in the making (Fionn Whitehead and first-time actor Harry Styles of “One Direction”) fame.

July promises other big-budget distractions — threequel “War for the Planet of the Apes,” the animated “The Emoji Movie,” and Luc Besson’s sci-fi eye-popper “Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets” but scan the margins, and you’ll find lots of options: the fine documentary “City of Ghosts,” about Syrian citizen journalists risking their lives reporting on the Islamic State; Oscar winner Casey Affleck in David Lowery’s uncategorizable “A Ghost Story,” another Sundance sensation; and the peculiar comedy “Brigsby Bear,” starring Kyle Mooney (of “SNL”) as a man who lives in an underground bunker and watches the titular TV show.

Amazingly, all that represents just a sampling of what’s on your summer-movie menu. And you’re only as far as July. For August openings, see the full story online at mv-voice.com/movies.

— Peter Canavese



“The Emoji Movie”: Gene (T.J. Miller) sets out on a journey to become a normal emoji.

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HIGHLIGHT

THEATER: '[TITLE OF SHOW]'

Tony Award-nominated "[title of show]" follows friends Hunter and Jeff as they journey through the gauntlet of creative self-expression. With an upbeat, contemporary score, it is a love-letter to musical theater and to the joy of artistic collaboration. May 25-June 24, times vary. \$18-\$36. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org

THEATER

AATP: 'Purple Cloud' In "Purple Cloud," three generations of Huangs deal with their multiracial identities as — accompanied by four Jade Pieces — they embark on a mythical journey from China to America and back again. The business of acculturation is explored through three intertwining stories. Friday night's performance features a post-show talkback and Q&A with the playwright, Jessica Huang. June 1-3, 8-10 p.m. Free. Elliot Program Center, 589 Governor's Ave., Stanford.

'Arts Razzle-Dazzle' This event includes musical acts by local students and theater performers including Freya Forstall, a senior at Menlo School; stars of Foothill College's "Side Show"; Elizabeth Lawrence of Los Altos Stage Company and others. Admission includes a pre- and post-show reception. May 30, 5:30 p.m. \$45, adults; \$20, ages 13-18; \$10, ages 12 and under. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org

'The Odd Couple' (Female Version) Unger and Madison are back in Neil Simon's comedy of mismatched roomies, but things are a little bit different this time around. Now it's two women — slovenly Olive Madison and neat-freak Florence Unger — who become unlikely roommates. Simon wrote the female version of his classic buddy comedy "The Odd Couple" in 1985, 20 years after the original. June 2, 3, 9 and 10, 8 p.m. \$20. The Lohman Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills.

Pear Slices 2017 Pear Theatre continues its season with its annual showcase of original short plays by members of the Pear Playwrights Guild. From Anasazi to Aborigines, private detectives to proposals, this year's crop of plays promises to engage, delight and inspire. May 5-28, 8 p.m. \$10, preview; \$35, regular; senior/student discounts. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida, Mountain View. thepear.org

'Salome' at West Bay Opera This opera tells the story of Princess Salome, who is smitten with the prophet Iokanaan, who rejects her. The King promises her anything she wants if she'll dance for him. She does and demands Iokanaan's head on a platter. Strauss' score captures the raw sensuality of this wild tale, loosely based on a biblical story. May 26 and June 3, 8-10 p.m.; May

28 and June 4, 2-4 p.m. \$35-\$83; discounts for students, seniors and groups. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. westbayopera.org/

'Suburban Undertow' The Foothill College Theatre Arts department presents "Suburban Undertow," about a tight group of friends who have a standing Friday night hang-out session filled with jibes, junk food and videos. The sanctity of their time-honored tradition is compromised when one member of the group introduces an uncomfortable new change: his own shifting personal values. May 26 and 27, 8 p.m.; May 27 and 28, 2 p.m. \$20. The Lohman Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills.

'Twelfth Night, or What You Will' "Twelfth Night" is not bound to a particular setting, and in its characters and their actions, one can see common ground and familiar stories. From the lovesick duke to the countess's drunk uncle, from the friendly pirate to the cunning maid, "Twelfth Night's" story and characters provide an evening of laughter, conflict and love. May 25-27, 8-10:30 p.m.; May 27, 2-4:30 p.m. Free. Stanford Engineering Quad - Spilker Building Treewell, 475 Via Ortega, Stanford.

CONCERTS

2017 Country Megaticket The Country Megaticket provides access to six shows and 18 best-selling country acts, including Lady Antebellum, Kelsea Bellerini and Brett Young. May 26 and 27, 7-10 p.m. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Pkwy, Mountain View.

Concert on the Plaza All are invited to join friends and neighbors and bring a blanket or lawn chair to the Civic Center Plaza for a variety of musical performances. There will also be food trucks, a "Pop Up Park" area for children and — for adults — beer and wine. First Friday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/plazaevents

MUSIC

Music: Jamila Woods Jamila Woods, a Chicago-based R&B soul singer-songwriter known for her collaborative works with Chance The Rapper, Macklemore, Ryan Lewis and more will perform at Stanford. Her recent album

"HEAVN" marks her solo debut, receiving critical acclaim from Pitchfork, NPR and Rolling Stone. This event is curated by IDA and Harmony House. June 2, 10 p.m. \$10-\$20. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

'Tamburitzans in Concert' Pittsburgh International Folk Arts Institute presents "Tamburitzans in Concert Eastern European Folklore Ensemble Performance." The Tamburitzans present dance and music from Croatia, Armenia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Russia, Ukraine, France and India — with a finale "Dance of the Roma." May 28, 2-4 p.m. \$23-\$38. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View.

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

Mountain View Multicultural Festival Mountain View will hold its first annual Multicultural Festival, which will feature a variety of entertainment, educational activities and exhibits for all ages. Performers will provide entertaining and educational highlights of their respective cultures throughout the afternoon. May 27, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Mountain View Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/civica/calendar/

TALKS & LECTURES

KQED Broadcasts Live: 'Forum on the Road' During Forum's two-hour program at the Computer History Museum, host Michael Krasny will discuss technology and issues facing Silicon Valley. Audience members will participate in these live programs and get a behind-the-scenes look at how the show is produced. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/#forum-road

FAMILY

Chinese Storytime This bilingual storytime will be in Mandarin Chinese and English for ages 3 to 10. Kids should be accompanied by an adult. May 27, 11:15-11:45 a.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. ca.evanced.info/mountainview/lib/

Goodnight Mother Goose This is a musical storytime for babies and toddlers through 2 years of age, with books, play rhymes and puppetry. No registration is required. June 1, 6:30-7 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. ca.evanced.info/mountainview/lib/

Kids Read Kids Read is a program for kindergarten, first and second graders who would like to practice their reading with a middle or high school buddy. The program is free, and no registration is required. Children will get to pick out a free book to keep every week. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. ca.evanced.info/mountainview/lib/

Mother Goose & More This is a musical storytime for babies and toddlers through 2 years of age, with books, play rhymes and puppetry. No registration is required. May 19 and 26, 10:15-10:45 a.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. ca.evanced.info/mountainview/lib/

Mountain View Open Tennis Tournament The 49th playing of the Mountain View Open (MVO) is considered one of the top USTA open tournaments in Northern California and a Memorial Day weekend tradition. This year it will feature 130 players, including past MVO champions, up-and-coming stars and Mountain View Tennis coaches. May 26, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; May 27-28, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; May 29, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Cuesta Tennis Center, 685 Cuesta Drive, Mountain View. mvopen.com

Saturday Stories: English/Spanish This is an English/Spanish storytime for children ages 2 to 5 and their parents, with stories, songs and flannel boards. No registration is required. Saturdays, May 20-June 10, 10:15-10:45 a.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. ca.evanced.info/mountainview/lib/

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Artist at Work 2017: Hope Gangloff The artist Hope Gangloff will be at the Cantor from May 21-29 and using the museum's atrium as her painting studio. Visitors are invited to watch her work. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

'Eichler Homes: Modernism for the Masses' This exhibit will honor Eichler Homes, which thrived locally from 1949-1966, and Joseph Eichler's dream of affordable contemporary homes. Curated by his grandson Steven Eichler, the exhibition displays photos, mid-modern furniture, stories and will include a series of programs highlighting why these homes remain unique, desirable and celebrated 65 years later. Thursday-Sunday, ongoing, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org/exhibits/eichler-homes/

'Meringue,' Paintings by Lindsay Evans Montgomery The Community School of Music and Arts in Mountain View presents "Meringue," an exhibit featuring paintings by Lindsay Evans Montgomery. There will be a reception with the artist on Friday, June 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. May 26-June 23. Free. Mohr Gallery, Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events/meringue

Sustainable Solutions & Materials for the Built Environment Sustainable Solutions & Materials for the Built Environment is a supporting program of the Eichler Homes exhibit, presented by Lucille Glessner, of Lucille Glessner Design. May 31, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org/events/sustainable-solutions/

DANCE

Classical Ballet Trial Class: Advanced Youth (14-17 yrs) L'Ecole de Danse Ballet School has provided Cecchetti-style ballet to both children and adults since 1987. It offers a full curriculum for children and teens beginning at age four, as well as beginning, intermediate and advanced classes for adults. May 19 and 26, 5-6:30 p.m. Free. 740 Sierra Vista Ave., Unit G, Mountain View.

Foothill College Dance: 'All You Need is Love' Foothill College Dance directed by Bubba Gong will present its annual spring concert. Highlights include a premiere of the La La Land medley. June 2, 7 p.m.; box office opens, 6 p.m. \$15, students/seniors; \$20, general adults. Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos. foothill.edu

Spring Performance 2017 Artistic Director Ramon Moreno choreographed a mixed repertoire of classical ballets and contemporary dance for Palo Alto Ballet's spring performance. The whole family is invited to watch the company's young students, ages 6 to 18, display their growing skill. Professional Dancer Alex Kramer joins the students as featured guest artist. May 27, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View.

LESSONS & CLASSES

Language Swap During this time, attendants will have the opportunity to swap language lessons. Participants should be prepared to spend some time helping someone speak their native language and some time practicing a new language. All levels and languages are welcome. Fridays, May 18-June 8, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. ca.evanced.info/mountainview/lib/

Learn Google G Suite In these classes, participants will learn how to use Google's G Suite applications, like Docs, Sheets, and Slides. The curriculum prepares learners to use these tools to make real-world projects. Registration is for all three sessions. June 1, 6 and 8, 4-6 p.m. RSVP online. Mountain View Public Library, 585

Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/library/calendar

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Coloring for Grown-ups Coloring for adults, the latest trend in stress-relief, provides adults with time and space to sit down and decompress while coloring. A wide selection of coloring sheets designed for adults will be provided, along with colored pencils and crayons. May 31, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. ca.evanced.info/mountainview/lib/

SPORTS

Underwater Rugby Practice San Francisco Bay Area Underwater Rugby team a.k.a Giant Sea Bass is moving to a new pool in Mountain View. Those interested in trying out this intensive, full-contact sport are invited to bring their swim suit and towel. The practice will start at 8 p.m. with warm-ups, skills and drills, then scrimmage until about 9:30 p.m. Gear and a basic introduction to the sport is provided. May 30, 7:45 p.m. Free, newcomers; \$10, general. Eagle Pool, 625 Franklin St., Mountain View. meetup.com/San-Francisco-Underwater-Rugby-Meetup/events/

Yin Style Baguazhang Training This regular training class will go over the methods for training and using Yin Style Baguazhang. It will go over the foundational practices of standing, turning, striking and forms, as well as applications of the strikes and explanation of why the foundational practices are performed and how to use them to improve one's applications, as well as overall conditioning. May 28, 1 p.m. Eagle Park, 650 Franklin St., Mountain View. meetup.com/Bay-Area-Yin-Style-Baguazhang/events/

BUSINESS

Bootstrappers Breakfast The Bootstrappers Breakfast features serious conversations about growing a business based on internal cashflow and organic profit. This event is for founders who are actively bootstrapping a startup. May 28, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. \$5, RSVP, space is limited. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View.

RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY

Bringing Spirituality into Everyday Life This class will help people experience work, daily activities and interpersonal relationships as dynamic expressions of their inner life. Nayaswami Asha is a minister, spiritual counselor and author. Her latest book is "Ask Asha: Heartfelt Answers to Everyday Dilemmas on the Spiritual Path." June 1, 7:30 p.m. Free, but call to reserve a seat. East West Book Store, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. eastwest.com/events_2017_June

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Adult Book Discussion All are invited to join the discussion of Nina George's novel "The Little Paris Bookshop." Copies of the book are available for checkout at Los Altos Library. May 30, 7-8 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos.

Knit & Crochet Club In this class, participants can learn something new, get answers to questions or just bring their project and enjoy the company of other knitters and crocheters. Supplies will be provided for beginners. This is open to all skill levels, ages 8 and up. Fridays, May 19-June 9, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View.

'The Essential Rumi' by Coleman Barks "The Essential Rumi" by Coleman Barks will be discussed for this meetup, but those who haven't finished the book are still encouraged to attend and come with their favorite poems from the book. May 31, 6 p.m. Shoreline Lake, 3160 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. meetup.com/Your-not-so-Average-Book-Club/events/

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File No.: FBN629347

The following person (persons) is (are)
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This business is owned by: A General
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763 Roslyn Cir.
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Registrant began transacting business
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OMEGA.AI CONSULTING SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN629374

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This business is owned by: An
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MIIN OUYANG
138 Montelena Ct.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN 630130

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341 Walker Dr.
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997 All Other Legals

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(CITACION JUDICIAL)

Case No.: MC026882

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