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At what point do you think technology becomes a threat versus an opportunity?



"I think the key is that (technology) can be used like any other tool, for good or for evil. ... It needs to be governed by a program of ethics, so people need to make that a priority when they're doing any kind of technological innovation or advancement, and if they don't, then it can become a problem."

Jennifer Grier, Maryland



"... As much as we think technology helps us, it hurts us a lot too When I babysit kids ... they cannot get off their phones I have trouble leaving my phone but these little kids are just growing up really sucked into this."

Azri Friedman, Los Altos



"It's replacing people. Some McDonalds have those automated things where you just touch whatever you want, so you don't need employees for that anymore. (Kids) don't get enough physical activity anymore. They're just going to sit and play on their phones."

Vera Sanchez, Los Altos



"Definitely we'll become not self-reliant anymore and (people will) focus on technology to get everything they need in life done... .There's an app for everything."

Ren Phon, San Jose



"... It depends on how you use it. For example, if you look at artificial intelligence taking up a lot of jobs these days, and it's happening with Amazon buying Whole Foods. ... But then it also makes it easier with self-driving cars because ... it helps disabled people ... it's a weird balance."

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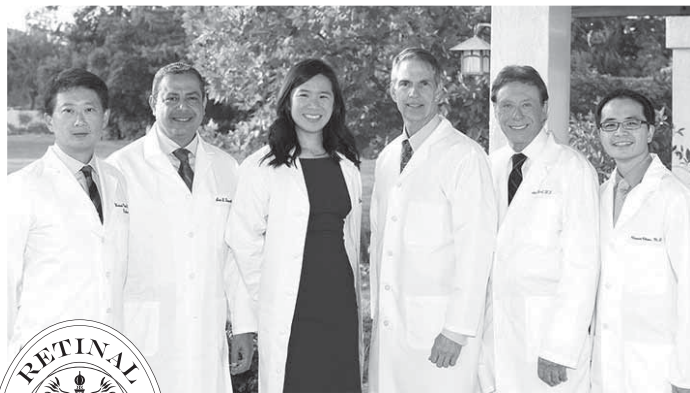
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CRIME BRIEFS

ARMED ROBBERY SUSPECTS SOUGHT

Mountain View police are asking for the public's help in finding two men who robbed a business with a handgun and made off with more than \$1,000.

The two men reportedly entered the Check Into Cash business at 805 E. El Camino Real on Thursday, July 13, at around 10:30 a.m. One man pulled out a handgun before both ran behind the counter to demand cash from the employee, according to police.

The men were last seen fleeing the business with the money, heading west on El Camino Real. One suspect is described as a black man with a red hoodie, black hat, blue jeans, black and blue shoes and black gloves. He was also wearing a mask "similar to a dust mask," according to police.

The second suspect is described as a black man wearing a white or gray hoodie with Nike printed on the front, blue jeans, blue shoes, black gloves, a black backpack and a white mask — also similar to a dust mask, police said.

Anyone with information on the suspects or the incident is asked to call the Mountain View Police Department at 650-903-6344, request a transfer to the "Crimes Against Persons Unit" and refer to case number 17-4474.

SUSPECTED MAIL THIEF ARRESTED

Police arrested a Santa Clara man last week after he was pulled over and allegedly found to be in possession of mail and packages that did not belong to him.

An officer stopped the man on Grant Road near El Camino Real around 8:20 p.m. on Friday, July 14, after he allegedly moved across several lanes of traffic without signaling. During the traffic stop, officers found that the man, identified as 35-year-old Bob Davidson, was driving with a suspended license, had an expired vehicle registration and had an outstanding warrant, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

A search of the vehicle reportedly turned up mail and packages that belonged to residents in neighboring cities. Officers also found shaved keys and other tools that are commonly used in burglaries, Nelson said.

Davidson was arrested for possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools, driving on a suspended license and the outstanding warrant.

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Steve Rasmussen, owner of the Milk Pail market in the San Antonio Shopping Center, says the project's approaching completion is like a "light at the end of the tunnel."

Tenant attorneys demand citywide rent refund

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AT STAKE IN DISPUTE OVER WHEN RENT-CONTROL LAW TOOK EFFECT

By Mark Noack

Could Mountain View's landlords soon be on the hook to pay back a small fortune in overcharged rents?

Tenants' attorneys are calling for Mountain View officials to formally recognize last December as the time the Measure V rent-control law went into effect. If granted, this demand would open the door for thousands of apartment tenants to press for a refund of about four months of excess rent payments, potentially forcing affected landlords to pay back \$12 million or more.

In a letter sent last week to the city, a coalition of attorneys who defended the rent-control program warned the group was prepared to seek a court order to force the city and its Rental Housing Committee to comply.

"We write to demand that the Rental Housing Committee publicize through all reasonable means the effective date required by the plain language of the (rent control law)," wrote Stanford Community Law Clinic professor Juliet Brodie on behalf of her colleagues. "It's our strong preference that you simply undertake this duty to avoid the expense and burden of litigation."

Measure V did indeed include "plain language" about its effective date — Dec. 23 — but complications cropped up after Mountain View voters approved it in November with about a 53.4 percent majority. A widely anticipated lawsuit was filed by the California Apartment Association on Dec. 21, derailing the planned implementation two days later.

At the time, city officials decided not to defend Measure V, and the new rent-control law was blocked from taking effect by a temporary restraining order.

The CAA lawsuit collapsed just a few months later. On April 5, the apartment group's request for an injunction was shot down by a Santa Clara County judge, signaling that the rent-control measure could immediately take effect. Not long afterward, the CAA and its partners announced they were dropping the case.

Aside from a pile of legal bills,

the lawsuit's only result was to delay Measure V's rollout, particularly its provision to reset rents on thousands of Mountain View apartments back to what tenants were paying in October 2015.

Since then, renter advocates have asserted that tenants are entitled to a refund of the excess amount of rent they were forced to pay from January to April, while the lawsuit was active. For the most part, city officials avoided the question because they were focused on the significant challenges of launching the Rental Housing Committee.

In recent weeks, Brodie and other attorneys who defended the rent-control measure have been ramping up pressure on the city to acknowledge Dec. 23 as the official date of effect. In May, they sent a letter asserting that the city's website was spreading misinformation by claiming Measure V took effect on April 5, the day of the judge's decision. City officials later removed any reference to the date on the site, but the CAA still instructs its members that April is when the law took effect.

Asked for comment, City Attorney Jannie Quinn indicated the city's Rental Housing Committee could take up the issue during its next scheduled meeting on July 24. That could be difficult since the meeting's agenda is already packed with a variety of complex issues that the committee had to postpone after its last meeting was overwhelmed by a deluge of public comment.

The idea of a refund for tenants is likely to be no less controversial, given the size of the financial hit landlords could be delivered. Since October 2015, the average rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Mountain View has increased by more than \$200 a month, according to the apartment market analytics site Rent Jungle. That figure suggests that more than \$12 million could be at stake, spread out among the 15,000 apartments affected by the new rent-control program.

CAA representatives dispute that landlords can be forced to

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San Antonio center near completion

OFFICE PARK SEARCHES FOR NEW CORPORATE TENANT

By Mark Noack

It took nearly half a decade, but a massive new office campus at the San Antonio Shopping Center is almost complete. The question is: Who's going to be moving in?

Located right at the junction of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Los Altos, the San Antonio Shopping Center Phase II project is now entering its final stages. But the developers could have a problem on their hands, as they apparently lack a major corporate tenant ready to

move in. Billboards advertising available office space are posted throughout the area.

Originally, the project's 400,000 square feet of office space hinged on a deal with LinkedIn, which planned to occupy all of it. But those plans fell apart following some big changes at the professional networking company headquartered in Mountain View.

Last year, LinkedIn signed a massive deal with Google to swap various office sites and development rights in the area. In general, Google received

land to build its dream headquarters in North Bayshore while LinkedIn gained various office buildings closer to the Sunnyvale border.

Among the buildings traded to LinkedIn was a 312,000-square-foot property at 700 E. Middlefield Road. That new office space alone made it unnecessary for the company to lease the San Antonio buildings, according to a company spokesperson.

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Still no solid plan for school bond money

EXHAUSTIVE REAL ESTATE SEARCH LEAVES FUTURE SCHOOL PROSPECTS UNCERTAIN

By Kevin Forestieri

The final day of July will mark the 1,000th day since the Los Altos School District's \$150 million Measure N bond squeaked by at the ballot box, granting the district the opportunity to build a new school, alleviate crowding and sort out a decade-long dispute with Bullis Charter School over permanent facilities.

But as the 2016-17 school year drew to a close, information on what progress was being made

to meet these goals slowed to a trickle. School board members and district staff said they are working hard to acquire new land for a tenth school site, but since November, the board has not met in closed session to discuss negotiating a deal on a property. Board updates on Measure N rarely go farther than assuring the public that the real estate search is still underway and that "all options" are being considered.

A number of circumstances can be blamed for the slow progress,

but a tough real estate market is chief among them. School board members have made it clear that a site north of El Camino Real in the San Antonio Shopping Center area would be an ideal location for a new school because of the high enrollment growth projected for the area. But land that's available for sale in that area — the district declined a past deal for a long-term lease — is hard to come by and would cost between \$10 million and

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Health care district board seeks new member

BOARD MEMBERS SAY APPOINTMENT BEATS A COSTLY SPECIAL ELECTION

By Kevin Forestieri

With a vacant seat on its board of directors since the end of last month, the El Camino Health-care District is accepting applications through Aug. 1 for a new member.

The five-member board oversees El Camino Hospital's operations and \$800 million annual budget. Board members are typically elected, but the board may choose to appoint a new member if a member resigns before his or her term expires.

Last month, district board member Dennis Chiu announced his resignation, effective June 30, citing a challenging job schedule that had him commuting between Mountain View and

Napa to attend meetings. The decision came just months after he was re-elected for another four-year term in an uncontested election in November.

The district has three options when a board seat is vacated. Board members can call for a special election, appoint a new member within 60 days, or make no decision and allow the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to fill the position.

While a special election gives voters the chance to decide on the best candidate, it would also be the most costly option: The county's Registrar of Voters estimates that it would cost the district between \$934,000 and \$1.3 million for a special election this November or next April, according to a district staff report.

Board members chose the cheaper option, voting 4-0 at their June 20 board meeting to appoint Chiu's replacement. The most vocal proponent of that decision was Chiu himself, who argued that an expensive election wasn't necessary, and that his colleagues were more than qualified to find a good replacement. Chiu had to recuse himself from voting on the matter.

"It would be a great pain to me that, because I had to leave, the health care district would have to spend anywhere from \$934,000 to \$1.3 million to replace me," he said.

District board members have broad control over the hospital's operations, and are responsible for approving the hospital's annual budget and any capital

projects over \$25 million. The board also oversees more than \$23 million in annual tax revenue, most of which pays for hospital construction costs and local community health care grants.

Although it's not a requirement, all health care district board members also serve on the hospital's board of directors as well, which puts them in a position of direct oversight of hospital.

At the June 28 district board meeting, Chiu said it was "bittersweet" attending his final meeting at the hospital, and that he is proud of the hospital's financial outlook and its quality of care. He pointed out that the hospital received a perfect score — 100 points out of 100 — by the Human Rights Campaign

Foundation earlier this year for its equitable and inclusive care for the LGBT community.

Competition for a seat on the health care district's board is usually not fierce. There have been only two contested elections since 2002; all three of the incumbents in last November's election retained their uncontested seats.

The district board is scheduled to interview applicants on Aug. 16 at 5:30 p.m. on the ground floor of the main hospital building. It's possible that the board will decide on the new member that night.

The appointee's term will expire in November 2018, and that person will have to stand for election if he or she wants to retain the seat. ▣

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Two arrested after hours-long standoff with police, SWAT team

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View police arrested two people involved in a domestic dispute early Sunday morning after both allegedly refused to come out of a Hope Street residence, prompting an hours-long standoff with police and forcing nearby residents to stay indoors.

Both suspects had been arrested in the same location in April on drug and weapons-related charges.

Police received reports of the dispute on the 700 block of Hope Street at around 4 a.m., and officers heard screaming inside the home when they arrived. The suspects, identified as 40-year-old Samuel Rowles and 33-year-old Elideth Rodriguez, refused to come out of the house or talk to officers, according to police.

The two had been prohibited



Samuel Rowles



Elideth Rodriguez

from being in the residence at the time of the incident, according to a police spokesperson. One of the two suspects is related to the homeowner, who evicted the pair following the April arrests, but they were allowed back in during "certain times" leading up to Sunday, the spokesperson said.

The Mountain View Police Department's Crisis Negotiation Team and SWAT team spent several hours persuading Rowles and Rodriguez to come out, and nearby residents were ordered to shelter in place. Police closed off Hope Street

from Church Street to Yosemite Avenue.

The duo agreed to come out around 9:30 a.m., and both were detained without incident, according to police.

Rodriguez and Rowles were arrested and booked into Santa Clara County jail on charges of resisting a police officer. Rodriguez was also charged with being in possession of narcotics. The street was reopened by 11 a.m.

In the April incident, Rowles and Rodriguez were arrested after police served a search warrant on the home and found methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, a pried-open ATM machine, a pistol and ammunition. The search came after multiple reports from residents in the Old Mountain View neighborhood regarding suspicious activity outside the home. ▣

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DRUG SALE AT CONCERT

A 20-year-old man was arrested at the Audiotistic Festival at Shoreline Amphitheatre over the weekend after he was allegedly caught giving away Ecstasy pills.

An officer patrolling the concert venue reportedly spotted the suspect, identified as Alhambra resident Christopher

Shin, take a pill from a bag and hand its contents to another man around 6:10 p.m. on Saturday, July 15. The officer stopped both men and determined that the pills inside the bag were Ecstasy, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Shin was arrested and booked into Santa Clara County jail on charges of distribution of narcotics. The man who received the pills, identified as 18-year-old Abel Kobayashi, also from Alhambra, was also arrested for possession of narcotics.

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Space science soars at Mountain View High School

TEACHERS FIT HIGH-POWERED ROCKETS, SATELLITES AND RADIO TELESCOPES INTO THE CLASSROOM

By Kevin Forestieri

After students cleared out of Mountain View High School for summer break, physics teacher Steve Widmark rolled up his sleeves and got to work building a giant radio telescope on the roof of his classroom. The 3-meter dish, which sits on top of room 616, is expected to be fully functional by the time the school year starts — provided he can soldier his way through poorly translated directions on how to assemble it.

The dish is just one part of a space science and astronomy curriculum that has grown at Mountain View High in recent years. Rather than launch a stand-alone astronomy course, teachers are wrapping ambitious projects — including rocketry, atmospheric balloons, radio astronomy and even earth-orbiting satellites — into existing science classes.

The science department is also preparing for the upcoming solar eclipse on Aug. 21 with a campus-wide presentation, giving all classes a chance to peer into the history and the science behind the astronomical phenomenon.

The school is home to four space-centric science projects, the planning of which began in the last two years. Then, starting in spring 2016, students began launching what are called “Stratolab” experiments, where a meteorological balloon is floated more than 90,000 feet into the atmosphere with a GoPro camera and an experiment on board. Biology students in that first year put a payload on the Stratolab — in this case plants — to see how they would react to the pressure, temperature and ultraviolet intensity high up in the atmosphere, said Sarah Hawthorne, the high school’s science department chair.

“We learned a lot from that first experiment; it was a success overall,” Hawthorne said. “The temperature froze all the plants, but they were freeze-dried and had a color and structure you wouldn’t expect if they wilted down here on Earth.”

During the 2016-17 school

year, Widmark kicked off a second science project in which students conduct experiments aboard a high-powered rocket that can pull off a brief period of zero-gravity about 2,500 feet in the air. Two electric engines mounted on the rocket can allow it to “coast” after its motor burns out, giving students 10 valuable seconds of a zero-gravity environment that they can use to see how, for example, solder would flow without the pull of gravity.

Widmark said science classes at the high school have small astronomy components, but there’s really no formal space course available to students. Rather than wait for one to be added to the school’s course catalog, he began finding ways to collaborate with teachers and inject these experiments into existing classes. But doing so is easier said than done, particularly when teachers have a tight timeline to teach advanced placement classes with little time to spare before the test in spring.

“You’ve got this merciless timeline to deal with,” Widmark said. “My goal is to make it as attractive and painless as possible.”

The latest addition to the space science program is the radio satellite, which was hauled up onto the roof by crane earlier this summer. Widmark said the parts were purchased from Sweden with assembly required, and the directions are not translated very well — leaving him plenty of work to do between now and the start of school. The satellite can be used to detect things like movement of hydrogen in the galaxy, giving students the ability to collect data that shows which direction large clouds of hydrogen are moving and at what speed.

Preparing for the eclipse

Over the summer, Widmark and Hawthorne have been building a curriculum for the Aug. 21 solar eclipse, when the moon will line up in front of the sun and partially blot out sunlight over the Bay Area. The region is within the “partial eclipse zone,” and the maximum eclipse point will

Howard, CAA vice president. “We have not identified any legal mandate that owners refund any amounts lawfully collected from residents while the effective date of Measure V was stayed by the court order.”

Brodie and her colleagues say city officials don’t have a choice in the matter since they’re legally compelled to recognize Dec. 23 as the official date. They point



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Above: Physics teacher Steve Widmark displays the Stratolab apparatus that accompanies a meteorological balloon high into the atmosphere with a GoPro camera and an class experiment.

Below: Steve Widmark has worked this summer on installing a radio telescope on the roof above his classroom at Mountain View High School.

be around 10:15 a.m., when the sun will be 76 percent covered.

Hawthorne said she wants every teacher to have access to resources and PowerPoint presentations on the eclipse so no student has to miss out on observing and learning about the astronomical event. She said a survey to third-period teachers showed huge interest in teaching about the eclipse across all subjects, including English, French and history classes.

Students will learn not only the science behind an eclipse, but also the history of the phenomenon and the way it’s seen from various cultures around the world.

A solar telescope will be available on campus for students to observe the eclipse, and the Mountain View-Los Altos High School Foundation is committed to buying safe eclipse-viewing glasses for every student in the district, Hawthorne said. The foundation is also responsible for funding the Stratolab project and



the rocket projects that Widmark helped launch in recent years.

Hawthorne said teachers often struggle to be able to give up class time — particularly advanced-placement teachers with a regimented schedule — which meant she was all the more thrilled to

see so many teachers on board to teach about the eclipse.

“I was pretty excited that they were willing to dedicate 15 minutes, or even 50 minutes,” she said. “It’s such a rare event (to have here), that people are very interested.”

RENT REFUND

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pay back any money. Based on the court order, the true effective date of the measure is April 5, wrote CAA vice president Joshua Howard in an email to the *Voice*. “Nothing in Measure V requires the refunding of rents lawfully collected prior to its effective date,” wrote Joshua

in an email to the *Voice*. Tenants could be advised to take the matter before the Rental Housing Committee and its hearing officers, and they could recover excess rent or block the landlord from future rent increases.

Nevertheless, the Measure V rent control law does allow the Rental Housing Committee to initiate certain actions on a tenant’s behalf, she pointed out. ■

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SCHOOL BOND

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\$15 million an acre, according to district estimates.

But when it comes to school construction, time is money. Other local school districts estimate that costs escalate by 8 to 10 percent each year because of the hot construction market in the Bay Area, meaning the delay in Measure N spending has already diminished the purchasing power of the bond money.

The clock is also ticking on the district's five-year facilities agreement with Bullis Charter School, an important deal brokered between the two parties to avoid facilities disputes and end a litigious, adversarial relationship that goes back more than 10 years. The agreement allows Bullis to grow to 900 students by the 2018-19 school year, and includes language that both parties would work in good faith to figure out a "longer-term solution" on the charter school's facilities. Bullis is now housed in portables on two district campuses.

Last month, a group of current and former Los Altos city officials as well as Bullis Charter School Board Chair John Phelps penned a guest opinion in the *Voice* calling for a change of pace. Instead of focusing on a land purchase, the writers suggested that the district also carefully consider whether a tenth school could be located on an existing campus, sharing the property with another school. Exploring both options, they wrote, is the "only responsible thing to do" and would ensure a prudent use of taxpayer funds.

"Instead of spending critical dollars on the purchase of a large new site, we can provide major community benefits at much lower cost by augmenting an existing site through strategic land swaps, modest purchases of adjacent land, or easements," they wrote.

Several of the column's co-signers, including Phelps, Los Altos Hills City Councilman John Radford, former Los Altos School District board member Ginny Lear and former Los Altos mayors Lou Becker and Jane Reed, have since created a website directly advocating for use of the district's existing land for its tenth school site. The group, called Creative Facilities Solutions, states that it is devoted to exploring ways to make "better use of the 116 acres that LASD already owns," and shows conceptual site maps for how Bullis Charter School could fit alongside Egan Junior High School and Covington Elementary.

Soon after the guest opinion was published, several district parents who play key roles on district advisory committees,

as well as Mountain View City Councilman Lenny Siegel, wrote their own guest opinion for the *Voice*, arguing against jumping on a quick and easy answer to the facilities problem. The district's enrollment task force and the Facilities Master Plan Committee came to the same conclusion — that the district needs to acquire land for a new school to keep up with projected enrollment growth — and that the community needs to have "trust and patience" in the search process.

Los Altos Hills resident John Swan, who serves on the Citizens Oversight Committee for the Measure N bond, told board members at their June 5 meeting that there is no real spending plan for Measure N, and that he's been disappointed with the situation. He suggested that the district's pursuit of land in Mountain View is misguided, and that it could purchase a larger site in Los Altos and Los Altos Hills for

a fraction of the price.

"I think looking at properties north of 15 million (dollars) an acre is not meeting your fiduciary responsibility as a board," Swan said.

Progress behind closed doors

Although it appears, from the public's perspective, that little progress has been made in the real estate search, district officials say that isn't the case. Board president Sangeeth Peruri told the *Voice* on Friday that the search is still in full swing, and that the district is working closely with the city of Mountain View to find a suitable location for a school north of El Camino.

Peruri himself is excluded from any of the relevant committees and site searches because he owns land in the San Antonio region, so he said he knows as much as anyone else. To him, though, no news is good news, and the recent

dearth of information coming from the district means things are "progressing" in the right direction, he said.

Once the board decides whether to buy land or use an existing site, several other major decisions can follow, including whether the new school will house Bullis Charter School or a district-run school, and whether the district should switch to a middle school model and move sixth grade to Egan and Blach intermediate schools.

A comprehensive plan to improve existing school sites using Measure N money has also been put on hold pending a final decision on buying land.

Peruri said he has some reservations about using the district's existing acreage for a new school. The site work and new facilities required for a two-school campus can be expensive, and even exceed the cost of buying land, he said.

Also, traffic could get much worse during pick-up and

drop-off times because so many students would be housed in the same location. Bullis Charter School's enrollment combined with that of a school like Covington would exceed 1,300 students, based on 2016-17 enrollment.

While Peruri said he understands the sense of urgency from the community and the frustration with the slow process, he said real estate transactions take time — particularly when you're working with government agencies with a lot of constituents — and that the board has an obligation to avoid rushing prematurely to a decision.

"There (are) a lot of families that have uncertainty; it's valid and it's certainly appropriate for them to push the district and to want a resolution quickly," he said. "But from a fiduciary perspective and a community perspective, we need to optimize not only for families today but for families 20 or 30 years from now." ■

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Private firms, public agencies put tech on display

by Nathalie Camens

Local technology companies and their newest products were among the features under the spotlight at the July 12 Technology Showcase that took place at the Civic Center Plaza in Mountain View.

But the curious attendees of the event, presented annually by the city and the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce, were also offered glimpses of public-sector development in the area of technology. Among those offerings were several displays of projects developed by NASA, including its air traffic management system for low-altitude drones.

The Mountain View Public Library showed off its latest technology being put in place to keep up with modern-day needs. The technology enables a “digital library” component to exist alongside traditional library services, “so we have online collections of eBooks and audiobooks that people can check out for free,” librarian Ellen Thayne explained.

“A lot of people use ‘Audible’ (audio book service) or buy stuff online. They can access a huge collection of digital books through us for free,” she said. “We still have our books and we love our books, but we have the technology of the current age.”

The library’s inclusive environment was exemplified by the free pins at the display table that declared: “Libraries

are for everyone.”

Also showcased was the Mountain View High School Spartan Robotics team, with members showing off their robot in a fenced-in area. The team demonstrated how the robot shoots a wiffle ball into a goal using a mounted camera that senses retro reflective tape strips on the goal.

Ryan Bahl, one of about 40 team members, explained that the team operates through an organization called FIRST — For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. FIRST sends out a challenge on the first week of January every year, and “we have six weeks to build a robot that does that challenge, and then we compete against other teams in our area,” he said.

Private-sector participants were plentiful. Google featured its virtual reality (VR) headsets, and those who waited in a considerable line were able to look around on Google Earth through the headsets at different locations in the Bay Area, including the Golden Gate Bridge, Chinatown, the Marin Headlands, and Sausalito. A hand-held clicker controlled the direction that users moved through virtual reality, allowing them to explore their surroundings.

Of great interest at the show was Folia Water, a start-up company that makes “the world’s cheapest water filter,” in the words of Theresa Dankovich, co-founder and chief technology officer.



MICHELLE LE

Above: Mark Robichek takes a VR tour using Google’s Daydream at the Technology Showcase.

Right: The Spartan Robotics team from Mountain View High School put their robot to work during the July 12 technology event.

The filter, Dankovich said, “removes protozoa, like giardia, and dirt ... We’ve designed it to fit in this specialized funnel, which is basically like a form of a coffee filter, so that you can put it onto soda bottles.” When the process is set in motion, she said, “you don’t need to do anything, you can just set it aside and you get clean water in 20, 30 minutes.”

The company’s goal is to provide access to clean water in developing countries,



according to Dankovich. “We’ve sold filters to over 30 countries,” she said, adding that Asian countries such as India, Bangladesh and China are big customers, as are some

African and Latin American countries. “There’s a lot of interest all over the world,” with retail distributors buying the filter to sell in local shops, she said. ▣

SAN ANTONIO

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development firm spearheading the San Antonio project, did not respond to requests for comment.

Along with the office component, Phase II of the San Antonio Shopping Center redevelopment project calls for a vast new wing of retail, restaurants and an eight-screen upscale movie theater. In addition, a 167-room Hyatt Centric hotel is expected to open sometime next year.

The market amid the mountains

The approaching completion of San Antonio’s new phase is like a “light at the end of the tunnel,” Milk Pail market owner Steve Rasmussen said. For about two years, his small neighborhood grocery has been caught



ANA SOFIA AMIEVA-WANG

A Milk Pail customer pushes a shopping cart full of groceries along a makeshift sidewalk in the San Antonio center.

in the center of a cacophony of construction.

In an interview earlier this month, Rasmussen was clearly

relieved the end was in sight, pointing out how construction had impeded his customers. That day, the sidewalks around

his store were ripped up as part of California Avenue street improvements, and vehicles were having trouble navigating his overwhelmed parking lots.

A banner posted outside the Milk Pail tried to reassure customers: “Open During Construction.” But Rasmussen estimated his total business has dropped 30 percent since the San Antonio project launched.

Nevertheless, Rasmussen remained optimistic that his little market would prosper. The Milk Pail will be testing out a new line of pre-made meals, sandwiches and other items tailored for tech workers and moviegoers, he said. The layout of the store could also see some changes, he said.

He was confident his customers wouldn’t mind seeing some transformation of the shop.

“If they haven’t gotten aggravated by this point, nothing is

going to aggravate them,” he joked.

Other projects on the horizon

While everyone is pleased to see the San Antonio construction winding down, it’s hardly the end of major construction for that area. In fact, plenty of other large projects are coming. Across California Street from the Milk Pail, a 642-home mixed-use project is being proposed by the firm Greystar.

Meanwhile, Federal Realty is expected to eventually redevelop the remaining 33 acres on the southern side of the shopping center. The firm had presented plans last year calling for 2.75 million square feet of new retail, residences and offices. But Federal Realty representatives pulled back these plans just before they came up for public review. ▣



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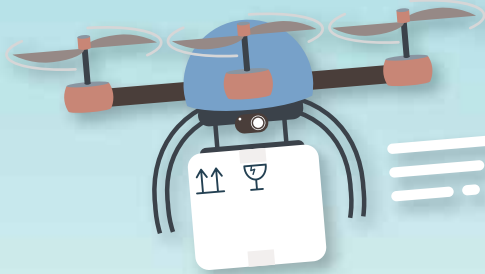


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The future may hold a city buzzing with delivery drones, but in 2017, Mountain View's eateries, attractions and businesses are still getting plenty of foot traffic. Our busy city holds an unbelievable array of options for everything from burritos to baklava, poke bowls to crispy papadum. Once your belly is full, Voice readers can tell you where to find the best shops, the hottest

happy hours and personalized services for everything from nutrition coaches to car repair.

Every year, we ask our readers to vote for their favorite places and offer this annual guide to the very best that Mountain View has to offer. Whether you're new in town or just wondering if you're missing out on something, we offer you our list of 2017's top vote-getters.



MEET THE 2017 WINNERS



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Red Rock Coffee Company
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La Fontaine
186 Castro Street

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Xanh Restaurant
110 Castro Street

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Amber India
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La Fontaine
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Mediterranean Grill House
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Taqueria Tres Hermanos
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BEST MIDDLE EASTERN RESTAURANT

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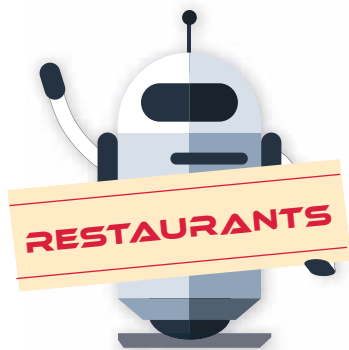
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Bajis' Cafe

Bajis' Cafe opened in 1980 and has great breakfast options such as its signature skillet and omelets. The most popular omelet is the Loma Verde, which has bacon, avocado, and jack cheese, and comes with red potatoes and toast.

2423 Old Middlefield Way, Suite A, Mountain View; 650-967-7477. bajis.com

Runner-up: La Fontaine

CHINESE RESTAURANT

Kirin Chinese Restaurant

Kirin Chinese Restaurant opened around 30 years ago, and won the hearts of our readers this year. This restaurant serves mostly traditional southern Chinese cuisine, but also some northern Chinese dishes. The most popular dishes are the crab,

lobster, and the Mongolian beef. 485 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-965-1059.

Runner-up: Chef Chu's

COFFEE HOUSE (INDEPENDENT)

Red Rock Coffee Company

A reader favorite for years, Red Rock Coffee Company serves up coffee while also supporting the community with donations to the Gunn High School Jazz program, Monte Loma and Stevenson elementary schools and Los Altos Parent Preschool. Red Rock is also a community hub, with open mic and comedy nights, and is one of the stops on the Mountain View Library's Summer Reading program. As the weather has gotten warmer, Red Rock has started serving its affogato again, made with Four Barrel espresso and premium Tin Pot Creamery ice cream. "Our cold brew is fantastic and made in-house," general manager Jean Boulanger said. Recently, it added a curated board game night, every second Tuesday of the month from 7 to 10 p.m., with sign-ups at bit.ly/rrboardgames.

201 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-967-4473. redrockcoffee.org

Runner-up: Dana Street Roasting Company



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A Pacific Catch Japanese Wasabi bowl with Hawaiian poke.

FINE DINING RESTAURANT, ITALIAN RESTAURANT, PATIO/OUTDOOR DINING, BEST PLACE FOR A BUSINESS LUNCH

La Fontaine

La Fontaine captured four awards this year, proving its popularity among our readers. This European fusion restaurant serves French and Italian cuisine and offers brunch on Sundays. Chef and owner Hasan Yildiz recently got a permit for live music at La Fontaine. Yildiz said that there will be jazz and cello music. "It's not going to be loud, it's going to be really mellow," he said.

186 Castro St., Mountain View;

650-968-2300.

lafountainrestaurant.com

Runners-up: Cascal (Best Fine Dining Restaurant, Best Place for a Business Lunch), Frankie Johnnie & Luigi Too! (Best Italian Restaurant), Bierhaus (Best Patio/Outdoor Dining)

FUSION RESTAURANT, VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT

Xanh Restaurant

Xanh Restaurant continues to impress guests with modern Vietnamese cuisine and signature cocktails such as the sparkling diamond, lychee kiss martini, dirty old man, and Xanhset mojito. (Xanh is pronounced "sun.")

This reader favorite also offers catering and a buffet-style lunch. 110 Castro St, Mountain View; 650-964-1888. xanhrestaurant.com

Runner-up: Hong Kong Bistro (Best Fusion Restaurant), Pho To Chau (Best Vietnamese Restaurant)

INDIAN RESTAURANT

Amber India

According to Amber India staff, the butter chicken and kadai paneer veg are the most popular dishes at this most popular restaurant. With five locations and plenty of vegetarian options, Amber India has clearly unlocked a winning recipe. 4926 El Camino Real, Los Altos; 650-968-7511. amber-india.com

Runner-up: Sakoon

MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT, MIDDLE EASTERN RESTAURANT

Mediterranean Grill House

Mediterranean Grill House is a family owned and operated restaurant and a two-time winner of the Best of Mountain View. As owner Hasan Ibrahim says on his website, "I serve the same food to my customers that I would gladly serve to my own family."

650 Castro St. #110, Mountain View; 650-625-9990. mediterraneangrillhouse.com

Runner-up: Cafe Baklava

MEXICAN RESTAURANT, BEST BURRITO

Taqueria Tres Hermanos

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Runner-up: Fiesta Del Mar Too (Best Mexican Restaurant), La Costena (Best Burrito)

NEW RESTAURANT

Everest Cuisine

Everest Cuisine opened earlier this year and is already a favorite among readers. This restaurant serves a variety of Indian and Nepalese dishes, such as the slow-cooked Himalayan lamb special, goat curry and tandoori dishes.

425 N Whisman Road,
Mountain View; 650-282-5958.
everestcuisinemountainview.com

Runner-up: Dong Lai Shun



Shiva Reddy, CEO and manager, and Muthu Marimuthu, head chef of Everest Cuisine.

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SEAFOOD

Pacific Catch

Pacific Catch opened three years ago and still reels in customers with its Hawaiian poke plates, especially the popular California-style and original poke plates. Serving a full menu of fish and seafood, it's open for lunch and dinner seven days a week.

545 San Antonio Road, Suite 34,
Mountain View; 650-941-1810.
pacificcatch.com

Runner-up: Fiesta Del Mar Too

SUSHI/JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Sushi Tomi

Sushi Tomi continues to be Mountain View's favorite Japanese restaurant, and this year is no different. Its commitment to traditional Japanese sushi is clear in the quality food they make. If you are unsure of what to pick, order the "omakase," which is the chef's choice of the day.

635 W Dana St., Mountain View;
650-968-3227. sushitomi.com

Runner-up: Niji Sushi

THAI RESTAURANT

Amarin Thai Cuisine

Once again, Amarin Thai Cuisine has won Best Thai Restaurant in Mountain View. Its drunken noodle dish and curries remain favorites among customers, along with the pad Thai.

174 Castro St.,
Mountain View; 650-988-9323.
amarinthaicuisine.com

Runner-up: Shana Thai Restaurant



MAGALI GAUTHIER

A profiterole from four-award-winner La Fontaine.

VEGETARIAN CUISINE

Garden Fresh

Don't be fooled by menu items listed as "chicken," "pork" or "beef" — Garden Fresh is a 100 percent Humane Planet-certified vegan restaurant and partners with the Palo Alto Humane Society. Its veggie meat dishes are made of soy-based meat

substitutes. "Chinese vegan cuisine... is a centuries-old tradition that we are pleased to offer," said owners Alice and Robert Liang on their website.

1245 W El Camino Real,
Mountain View; 650-254-1688.
gardenfresh.us

Runner-up: Amarin Thai

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Mountain View's Favorite Thai Restaurant Winner



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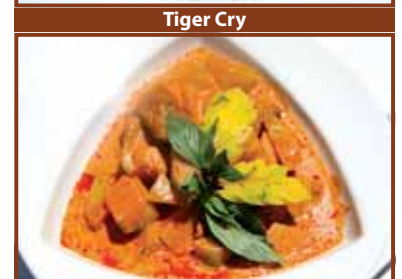
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Runner-up: The Car Doctor

AUTO REPAIR

Kevin's Auto Repair

Kevin's Auto Repair opened in 1997, and is known for its honest advice and efficient service. "Every person and friend I have recommended have all had a wonderful experience,"



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From left, Lazslo Szecsi, Mitch Chapin, Stanley Smittle, Osvaldo Colin, Roger Gradis, Mohammed S. Jalil, Kevin Smittle and Tony Gabbard from **Kevin's Auto Repair**. Not pictured but part of the team: Jaide Smittle and Sofia Arriaga.

according to one customer. 1968 Leghorn St., Mountain View; 650-965-7112. kevinsautorepairinc.com

Runner-up: Helming's Auto Repair

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The **Essence Salon** team includes, from left in front row, Tommy, Mike, Crystal, Melissa, TingTing, Jennifer, Laura, Monica, Tiffany and Jade; and in back row, Whitney and Brandon.

DENTIST

Dental Fabulous

This is **Dental Fabulous**' fourth time winning the Best of Mountain View. According to Dr. Huy Do, the owner and principal dentist, "My wonderful employees are the reasons that make Dental Fabulous great. They are highly skilled professionals and very passionate about their work. They love providing excellent

patient care and making our patients smile, and our patients see that," Dr. Do said. "Our care can range from helping to maintain good oral health, in most cases, to being truly life changing, for some patients." Dental Fabulous has been at its Mountain View location since 2012. 756 California St., Mountain View; 650-969-6077. dentalfabulous.com

Runner-up: Allure Dental Center

DRY CLEANERS

Holiday Cleaners

Holiday Cleaners has been open for close to 14 years, and our readers appreciate its dry cleaning services and affordable pricing. There is a 20 percent discount for students and faculty from Stanford University, San Jose State University, El Camino Hospital, and other local schools. 1350 Grant Road, #9, Mountain View; 650-965-0281

Runner-up: Green and Fresh Cleaner

FITNESS CLASSES

24 Hour Fitness

At **24 Hour Fitness**, the motto is "We believe there is an athlete in all of us." With over 20 fitness classes on offer, this motto can be put into action. Zumba, aqua fitness, pilates, and yoga are just a few of the many options available at 24 Hour Fitness. There are discount promos available daily, to help make fitness affordable. 550 Showers Drive, Mountain View; 650-941-2268. 24hourfitness.com

Runner-up: El Camino YMCA

GYM, PERSONAL TRAINER

24 Hour Fitness Super Sport

24 Hour Fitness Super Sport's Mountain View location has over 200 machines including treadmills and stair-steppers, and has 13 personal trainers available to help everyone meet a fitness goal. 2535 California St, Mountain View; 650-935-9064. 24hourfitness.com

Runner-up: El Camino YMCA (Best Gym), Overtime Fitness (Best Personal Trainer)



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Chiropractor/owner **Dr. Taylor Griffith** of Movement Chiropractic



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The **Dental Fabulous** team, from left: Jenny Ouk, Liz Flores, Dr. Huy Do and Sarorn Almguer.

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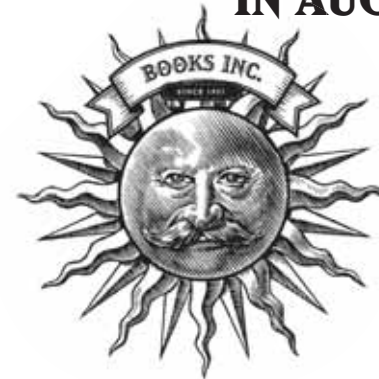


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A satisfied customer and friend at Adobe Animal Hospital.

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HAIR SALON

Essence Salon

Essence Salon has been open for 12 years, and for the second year in a row is the favorite salon among *Voice* readers. “We really love our guests ... It’s just a really friendly place,” said Don Johnson, the general manager. “Every single stylist or artist has Sassoon Academy training.” Many of the stylists also have trained at the TONI&GUY Hairdressing Academy, and all the stylists go through training when they start at the salon. Manager Ting Li said that the most popular service is balayage, a hair-dyeing technique. 826 W Dana St., Mountain View; 650-988-8822. essencesalon.com

Runner-up: JulieQ’s Hair and Nails

HOTEL

Hilton Garden Inn — Mountain View

The Hilton Garden Inn remains a favorite among readers. This esteemed hotel recently launched a new wine experience; manager Marris Ecdao described it as “bringing Napa Valley to Silicon Valley.” The restaurant features exclusively Napa and Sonoma wines and a California-style patio, adding to the relaxing atmosphere.

840 E El Camino Real, Mountain View; 650-964-1700. mountainview.hgi.com

Runner-up: Hampton Inn & Suites Mountain View

MANICURE/PEDICURE

La Monique’s Nail Salon
La Monique’s Nail Salon opened over 20 years ago. This

salon offers manicures and pedicures, along with gel nail services. The prices for manicures and pedicures are the same, and remain among its most popular services.

650 Castro St., # 175, Mountain View; 650-968-9901

Runner-up: Spoil Me Salon

MASSAGE

Happy Feet Foot Spa

Happy Feet Foot Spa offers affordable massages, and uses reflexology techniques to keep its patrons’ tootsies feeling good. It must work, because *Voice* readers have made it No. 1 this year.

858 Villa St., Mountain View; 650-969-7600.

happyfeetfootspa.com

Runner-up: Aruna Spa

NUTRITION/WEIGHT LOSS COUNSELOR

JumpstartMD

Dr. Sean Bourke of JumpstartMD grew up in Palo Alto and attended Palo Alto High School before opening JumpstartMD almost 10 years ago. “We’ve tried to create a program that is based on whole, real, fresh foods, individualized coaching, and based on proven science. So our ultimate goals are ... the promotion of health and well-being,” said Dr. Bourke.

sbourke@jumpstartmd.com
1503 Grant Road #150, Mountain View; 650-241-6514. jumpstartmd.com

Runner-up: Bay Area Fitness & Nutrition



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From left, Jonathan Escobedo, Nandita Weigel and Adrian Krutz at JumpstartMD.

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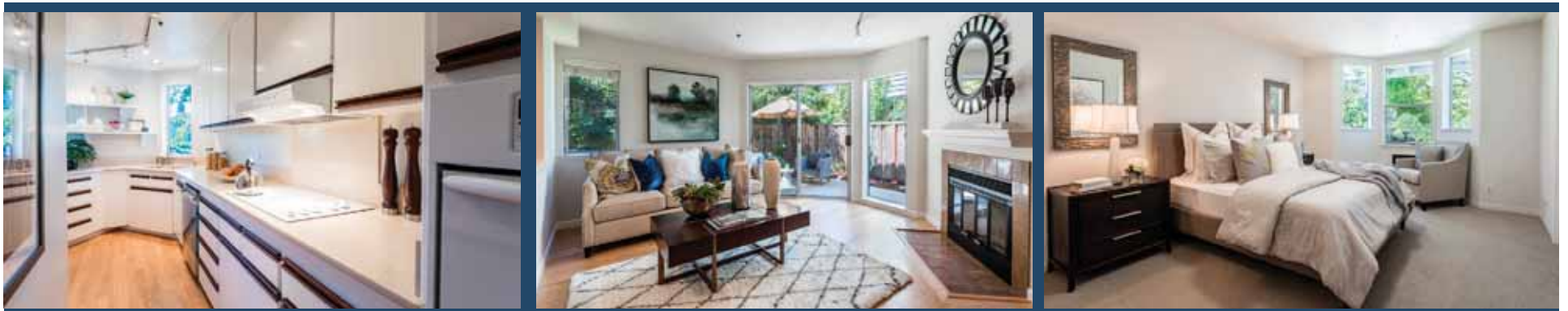
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The **Yoga Belly** team includes, from left in top row, Mark, Andrew, Summer, Aaron, Cindy, Sarah, Anfisa, Courtney and Leslie; middle row, from left, Jeff, Will, Loran and Chris; bottom row from left, Helen, Jared, Alyse, Keshia, Mel and Adam.

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OIL CHANGE

Jiffy Lube

Jiffy Lube's local locations, with two in Palo Alto and one in Mountain View, is the *Voice* voters' go-to place for a quick oil change. The expansive chain's

popularity comes from quality service and unbeatable prices and discounts, say company representatives.
1141 W El Camino Real, Mountain View; 650-965-2582.
jiffylube.com

Runner-up: Dean's Automotive

PET CARE

Adobe Animal Hospital

Adobe Animal Hospital opened in 1964 and now has multiple locations. The full service veterinary clinic is open Monday through Saturday, offering compassionate care to



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Customers relax during pedicures at **La Monique's**.

a full range of pets.
4470 El Camino Real, Los Altos
650-948-9661. adobe-animal.com

Runner-up: Miramonte Veterinary Hospital

SHOE REPAIR

Model Shoe Repair

Model Shoe Repair has been in business since 1999, providing helpful shoe repair services in Mountain View. Owner Sae Lim says the shop's specialty is high heels and other dress shoes.
621 W Dana St., Mountain View; 650-961-8389

Runner-up: California Cobbler

YOGA

Yoga Belly

If you can't stand the heat, you're not going to our readers' favorite yoga studio in Mountain View. Make sure to bring your own mat and towel — **Yoga Belly's** studio gets up to a 90-degree temperature, according to its website.
455 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-862-3976.
yogabellystudio.com

Runner-up: 24 hour Fitness

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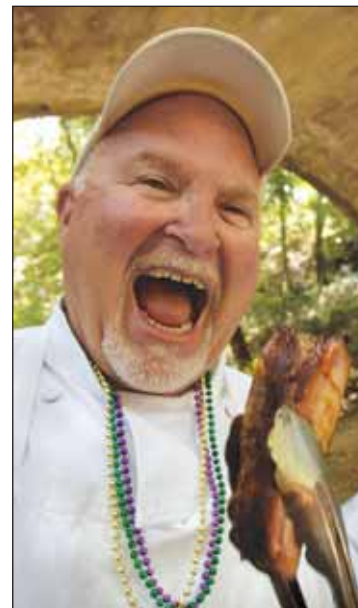
The natural, unprocessed ingredients used at **House of Bagels** has made its bagels the best in Mountain View since 2012. Its bakers prepare the bagels according to the old-fashioned New York method of boiling first and then baking them in a brick oven. House of Bagels' most popular offerings are plain, sesame, and asiago cheese.
1712 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View; 650-694-4888
houseofbagelsonline.com

Runner-up: Posh Bagel (Castro Street)

BAKERY

Alexander's Patisserie

Since its opening in October of 2014, **Alexander's Patisserie** has brought a variety of French pastries to Mountain View. The



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John Berwald, **Armadillo Willy's** founder and pitmaster.

best-selling sweets are the macarons and chocolate bonbons, perfected by executive pastry chefs Quentin Collignon and Dries Delanghe. Many of the pastries and sweets stay on the menu year-round, but there are some seasonal specialties that are featured as well. Alexander's Patisserie also has a location in Cupertino.
209 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-864-9999.
alexanderspatisserie.com

Runner-up: La Panotiq

BAR

Molly MaGees

Molly MaGees has countless unique drink options on its menu and features daily specials and beers of the month. This authentic Irish pub is open every day of the week and is a popular spot to watch soccer games with a crowd of fellow fans.
241 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-961-0108.
mollysmtview.com

Runner-up: Eureka!

BBQ

Armadillo Willy's

With eight locations, **Armadillo Willy's** is a well-known chain with local origins. Its most popular dish is the brisket, while the restaurant also has vegan and vegetarian options such as the soy Boka Burger. This Texas-inspired barbecue restaurant is a hit among readers and has been in business for over 30 years.
1031 N San Antonio Road, Los Altos; 650-941-2922.
armadillowilys.com

Runner-up: Clarke's Charcoal Broiler

BURGER

Eureka!

Looking for something beyond the basic burger? **Eureka!** — you've found it. The burgers offer



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An irresistible harvest from the **Mountain View Farmers Market**.

a unique take on an American staple. Some favorites include the bone marrow burger and the Fresno fig burger, which is topped with fig marmalade, bacon, goat cheese, spicy mustard, tomato and arugula. Eureka! currently has about 22 locations.

191 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-426-0582

eurekarestaurantgroup.com

Runner-up: Clarke's Charcoal Broiler

DELI/SANDWICH

Roger's Deli & Donuts

Roger's Deli & Donuts offers a variety of options, including the cream of potato soup, a veggie sandwich, and the chicken deluxe sandwich. Plus, there's a full range of donuts, from classic cake and old fashioned to custard-filled bars and apple fritters.

295 E Middlefield Road, Mountain View; 650-965-2204. rogers-deli.com

Runner-up: Dittmer's Gourmet Meats & Wurst-Haus



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Burgers go beyond the basics at **Eureka!**

ICE CREAM/FROZEN YOGURT

Gelato Classico

At **Gelato Classico**, customers can pick from a variety of delicious Italian-style ice cream flavors, and fruit sorbetto. It's easy to spot in hot weather, because there's usually a line out the door.

241 B Castro St., Mountain View; 650-969-2900.

Runner-up: Baskin Robbins

NOODLE PLACE

Maru Ichi

Maru Ichi serves an abundance of traditional Japanese noodles in rich broth, including soba and udon, but it's best known for its bowls of ramen. The prices are low and the service is quick, making this a great stop for noodle-lovers in a hurry.

368 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-564-9931.

Runner-up: Ramen House Ryowa

PEARL TEA

Tea Era

Tea Era's signature pearl milk teas are once again a favorite among readers. The most popular flavor is the roasted barley tea. Tea Era offers four levels of sweetness. Owner Cindy Lee says that the pearl milk tea trend caught on in Mountain View about four or five years ago, and the chilly drink is still in hot demand.

271 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-969-2899. menu.me/ca/mountain-view/tea-era/

Runner-up: Verde Tea Cafe

PIZZA

Amici's

Since 2001, **Amici's** has brought its unique New York-style thin-crust pizzas to Mountain View. Their most popular pizza is the Amici's combo, which has pepperoni, meatballs, bacon, sauteed mushrooms and black olives, a favorite among local meat-lovers.

790 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-961-6666. amicis.com

Runner-up: Blue Line Pizza

PRODUCE

Mountain View Farmers Market

The Sunday morning **Mountain View Farmers Market** will have your mouth watering as you graze through all the food samples. With what seems like countless vendors, and live music to serenade you, it's no wonder readers say this is their top choice for buying produce.

600 W Evelyn Ave., Mountain View; 800-806-3276.

Runner-up: The Milk Pail



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Austin Smith, Jim Graham, Leah Talyanski, Nicole Ellak, and Grace Gibbons at **Alexander's Patisserie**.

SMALL (NON-CHAIN) GROCERY STORE

Ava's Downtown Market & Deli

Castro Street's favorite little grocery store, **Ava's Downtown Market & Deli**, has been in business for six years. Owner Juan Origel describes it as "a family-owned, neighborhood store," and says that most of what he and his wife sell comes from local vendors and farmers, where the offerings vary with the seasons.

340 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-961-5652.

Runner-up: The Milk Pail

TAKE OUT

Poke Bar

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340 Castro St., Mountain View; 415-967-9728.

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Runner-up: La Costena

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BIKE SHOP

Cognition Cyclery

Cognition Cyclery opened in 2010 and offers bike sales, fittings, rentals and repairs. This bike shop offers a wide variety of bikes including commuter and mountain bikes.

903 Castro St., Mountain View;
650-386-1955.
cognitioncyclery.com

Runner-up: The Off Ramp

BOOKSTORE

Books Inc.

Books Inc. continues to be a readers' favorite and has been operating in Mountain View since 2001. Manager Glen Robbe thinks he knows why. "We curate our selection towards the community, (we have) knowledgeable staff, (and a) wonderful children's section," he said.

301 Castro St., Mountain View;
650-428-1234. booksinc.net

Runner-up: East West Bookshop of Palo Alto



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The **Cognition Cyclery** team includes, from left, Matt, Victor, Ryan, Nyk, Hollister, Vanessa and Kris, as well as Dan and Danny.

BOUTIQUE, BEST STORE FOR UNUSUAL GIFTS

Therapy

Unique toys, notebooks, and clothing can all be found at **Therapy**. Many of the items sold are made by local artists or vendors and are available only at Therapy. Unlike some boutiques, Therapy does not stick to one specific style but features a collection of eclectic pieces.

250 Castro St., Mountain View;
650-691-1186. shopattherapy.com

Runner-up: Boutique 4 (Best Boutique), Rocket Fizz (Best Store for Unusual Gifts)



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Books Inc. offers a wide selection of books for all ages.

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FLORIST

Fleur De Lis

Fleur De Lis is a family-owned business that has been open for 32 years. According to owner May Hsu, roses are the most popular flowers sold and many of the shop's flowers come from a local supplier in San Jose.

811 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-968-0220. fdlflowers.com

Runner-up: City of Flowers



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A corner of beauty and fragrance Fleur De Lis.

HARDWARE STORE

Blossom True Value Hardware

Open since 1973, Blossom True Value Hardware is a family-owned business run by husband and wife Michelle Bernal and Paul Zeitman. "We carry a

little bit of everything in here," truevalue.com Bernal says.

1297 W El Camino Real, Mountain View; 650-964-7871.

Runner-up: Bruce Bauer Lumber and Supply

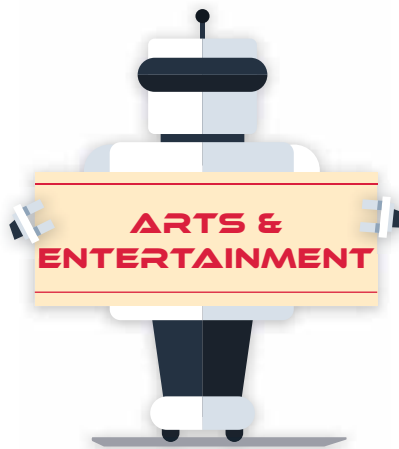
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BEST PLACE FOR A DATE

Shoreline Lake

Recreation Manager John Marchant says that Shoreline Lake is the best place for a date because it offers a great place to talk, with plenty of things to do, such as eat at one of the two restaurants, have a picnic, or rent a boat. Plus, there are lots of trails to stroll and benches where couples can relax.

3160 N Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View; shorelinelake.com

Runner-up: Century Cinemas 16

The Tantrums and James Arthur on Aug. 26, and Zac Brown Band on Oct. 27.

1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View; 650-967-4040. livenation.com/venues/14489/shoreline-amphitheatre

Runner-up: Red Rock Coffee Company

BEST PLACE TO TAKE A VISITOR

Shoreline Park

With Shoreline Park's great views of the Bay and the city, ample trails, restaurants and lake, it's no wonder Mountain View residents like to show it off to out-of-towners. Packed into the park is the historic Rengstorff House, a championship golf course and driving range, a kite-flying area, and quite a bit of wildlife, including the elusive burrowing owl.

3070 N Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View; mountainview.gov/shoreline

Runner-up: Computer History Museum

BEST PLACE FOR LIVE MUSIC

Shoreline Amphitheatre

There are plenty of shows left in this concert season at Shoreline Amphitheatre, which opened in the summer of 1986. Some of the highlights at the open-air venue include: John Mayer on July 29, Steve Miller Band with Peter Frampton & Night Ranger on Aug. 12, OneRepublic with Fitz &

HAPPY HOUR

Cascal

Cascal offers happy hour from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday with house cocktails at a reduced price and a few select menu items. Its signature drinks are the house-made sangria and minty mojitos.

400 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-940-9500. cascalrestaurant.com

Runner-up: Savvy Cellar Wine Bar & Wine Shop

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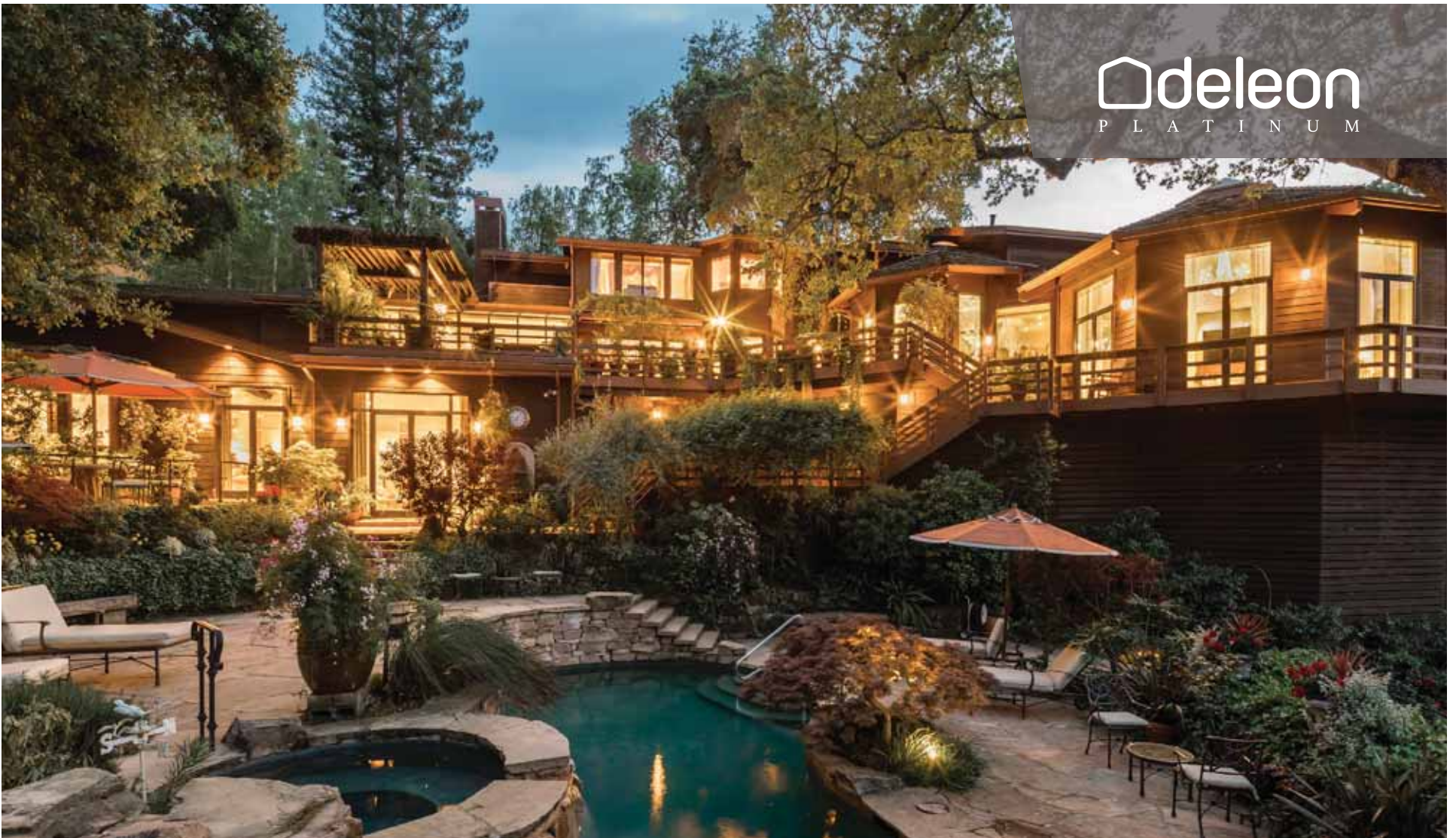
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Carpaccio di Manzo, topped with a scoop of Parmigiano-Reggiano "gelato," is on Vina Enoteca's antipasti menu.

Delizioso!

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DETAILS AT VINA ENOTECA

Story by Dale F. Bentson | Photos by Ben Hacker

Rocco Scordella is one of those high-energy guys who probably doesn't need much sleep. He is in perpetual motion with new ideas running through his noodle faster than a pasta machine can extrude spaghetti. Raised in Italy's Tuscany region, he enrolled in culinary school in Bologna at age 13. After earning a degree, he expanded his repertoire to other regions of

Italy, then England, Paris and New York City's acclaimed Del Posto restaurant — and eventually to the Stanford Barn in Palo Alto, where he and his wife, Shannon, opened Tootsie's in 2009.

Now, he's assembled a first-rate team for his newest restaurant at the barn, Vina Enoteca, which opened last October in the former space of California Cafe next to Tootsie's.

Executive Chef Eduardo Valle Lobo, born in Madrid, has an impressive resume including stints in London, New York and at Italy's Orsone — the first restaurant acclaimed restaurateurs Joe and Lidia Bastianich (who also own Del Posto) opened in Europe. Add to that, accomplished chef de cuisine Kelly Jeun, pastry chef Lauren Jellenberg, and master mixologist Massimo Stronati.

It's a formidable team, and the results show everywhere at this Italian restaurant — on the plate, in the ambiance, in the fine nuances that separate intelligent chef-driven restaurants from those who merely have cooks staffing their kitchens.

Scordella didn't just tweak the decor of the old California Cafe space; he stripped it. Gone are the cozy booths,

the soft wood elements, the linen-lined tables and the fireplace. Scordella had a different sensibility: Vina Enoteca is restrained, more rustic and streamlined, more focused on what's on the plate.

That's not to say it is inelegant. Quite the contrary — the dinnerware is handmade earthenware, the shapes

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matching the courses, dinner forks are Kate Spade because Scordella likes the way they sit on the table. French-made serrated Laguiole knives are used with certain dishes.

While tabletops are bare, chairs are padded for comfort. The walls are painted forest green and an oversized banquette divides the space. Scordella said it gives him added flexibility for private parties, which can also be accommodated in a separate room that seats 30.

It's summer, and the 200-seat restaurant is outward-oriented with its spacious patio and inviting umbrellas. Not quite under a Tuscan sun, but the atmosphere is as enticing and the warm evenings as seductive.

For starters, I liked the bruschette estate (\$12) — grilled homemade bread with just a

hint of garlic, fat ripe tomatoes, fresh-sliced plums and micro-greens. The plums and tomatoes were an unusual pairing that worked deliciously. Vina Enoteca makes all its own breads and pastries, with two bakers clocking in at 4 a.m. daily.

The delightful Chianti red wine, grilled baby octopus (\$21),

was served over Tuscan chickpeas topped with a guanciale (pork cheek) vinaigrette and chopped Italian parsley. The generous portion of cephalopod was tender and the mashed chickpeas did not overwhelm.

I was apprehensive about

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Paccheri Bolognese is a lunchtime pasta staple.



Panna Cotta all'Arancia, with orange peel, chocolate cream, espresso and candied orange.



Vina Enoteca has opted for a rustic look, but doesn't scrimp on comfort.

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BOTTOM LEFT: Erast Garin as Khlestakov and Vsevolod Meyerhold on the rehearsal of Revizor (1926). Photographer unknown. BOTTOM RIGHT: Portrait of theatre director V. E. Meyerhold (1917). Alexander Golovin.

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shaved raw baby artichokes (\$16), but they were tender and delectable with curls of 24-month aged Parmigiano-Reggiano, arugula, black pepper, and green olive oil. The artichokes, as many of the vegetables, came from the Deer Hollow educational farm in Mountain View.

The Amatriciana pizza (\$18) with San Marzano tomatoes, guanciale, red onion, pecorino cheese, and black pepper had just the right amount of char to the crust. It was slightly blistered yet pliant enough to hold the topping without getting soggy. The onions sweetened the deal and paired well with the slightly salty pork in the guanciale.

Anelli (\$23) was small rings of pasta, tossed with asparagus, English peas, snow peas, sundried tomato, pea tendrils, mint, and fava beans. The dish exuded freshness, with vivid colors and enough crunch to satisfy. Beautifully plated, too, on a rough-edged dolphin blue plate.

The seared cauliflower plank (\$23) was dotted with Castelvetro olives (those big green ones), Marcona almonds, and caper relish. It didn't sound like a filling dish but it was. There were edible flowers and leaves, microgreens, and flowerets. The caper relish was sharp enough to make itself known but not dominate more subtler flavors.

The thick seared halibut (\$36) was served with smoked fregola (a BB-shaped pasta) and sauteed baby spinach. The caper and sun-dried tomato butter sauce cast an elegant mosaic over the succulent fish.

The desserts were topnotch.



Daniel Garcia preps fresh cauliflower in the recently renovated kitchen.

The heavenly deconstructed cheesecake (\$12) was made from creamy goat cheese with caramelized white wine-poached pears, brown butter oat crumble, and lemon curd.

Strati (\$12) was a luscious blood orange mousse and olive oil cake with hazelnut butter, olive oil jam, and wedges of grapefruit.

The panna cotta (\$10) was ambrosial with orange peel, chocolate cream, espresso, and candied orange. The panna cotta was feather-light and melted on the tongue. The presentation was a delight. The chocolate cream formed an open cocoa bean; inside it were chocolate espresso nibs. The orange peel replicated stems the cocoa pod might have hung from.

For libations, sophisticated house cocktails and local beer. The thoughtful wine list was fairly priced and mostly Italian.

Sprezzatura is an Italian term roughly meaning making the difficult look easy. That's my impression of Vina Enoteca — simply Italian, and simply delicious. ▣

DINING NOTES

Vina Enoteca

700 Welch Road, Palo Alto
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Hours:

Monday-Saturday
Lunch: 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Dinner: 5 to 9 p.m.
Sunday brunch:
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Credit cards:

Reservations:

Takeout:

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Children:

Parking: Adjacent lots

Alcohol: Full bar

Happy hour: 4-6 p.m., M-F

Corkage: \$25

Noise level: Moderate

Bathroom cleanliness: Excellent



The dining room at Vina Enoteca has a view of the patio.

■ MOVIE OPENINGS

Land, sea, air

CHRISTOPHER NOLAN'S 'DUNKIRK'
RECALLS WWII RESCUE

★★★1/2 (Century 16 & 20)

With his WWII drama "Dunkirk," writer-director Christopher Nolan applies his trademark ingenuity and clockwork precision to an otherwise straightforward story. The director of "The Dark Knight" and "Interstellar" has been called a "maximalist" filmmaker, a reputation bolstered by his insistence on using film and practical effects over the prevalent digital technologies. And yet "Dunkirk" could be called minimalist in dramatic terms, in its clean plot lines and sparse dialogue.

"Dunkirk" takes a tightly focused look at a time (1940) and place (Dunkirk, France) that found Allied soldiers in retreat trapped and vulnerable on a coastline. The primarily British and French soldiers had only the English Channel between them and salvation, but the threat of German bombers and U-boats

severely limited the rescue effort. Down to one ship at a time, and that one ship a sitting duck, the soldiers' slim hope lies with a ragtag fleet of small civilian boats called up by Churchill.

Nolan cleverly structures that which is essentially a disaster story to unfold from three angles, each moving at a different pace. At "The Mole," a long jetty of stone and wood, Commander Bolton (Kenneth Branagh) presides over the lines of British soldiers hoping for safe passage home across the channel. On the water, one Mr. Dawson (Mark Rylance) pilots his small vessel into the fray with a stock of life vests. In the air above, RAF pilot Farrier (Tom Hardy) tries to ignore his busted fuel gauge while providing crucial air support. The respective timelines of one week, one day, and one hour converge at the climax, where



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Allied soldiers from Belgium, Britain and France fight for survival after the German army surrounds them on an isolated beach during World War II in the film "Dunkirk."

land, sea, and air meet.

The principal protagonist — British Army private Tommy — embodies youth, the survival instinct and, when push comes to shove, a flash of moral character. Primarily, Tommy (newcomer Fionn Whitehead) just wants to live, and while his prolonged success at doing so displays a bit more thoughtfulness than some, he's not a conventionally brave or conspicuously resourceful hero. Nolan here resists painting in those kinds of broad

strokes: Bolton can do little more than stand hapless watch, and Dawson doesn't know the half of his own bravery, while a shell-shocked soldier (Cillian Murphy) acts out destructively from a place of concussed terror.

Hans Zimmer's anxious strings and ticking percussion contribute to the steady stream of high-tension set pieces rigorously staged and artfully photographed on 65mm film with IMAX cameras (the occasional conversation must always yield to the sudden

fury of strafing and bombing). The Brits have taken to calling this precious history "the Miracle of Dunkirk," a phrase Nolan invokes, and there is swelling-score inspiration to be had in the end. But any victory is Pyrrhic in this immersive war drama, with the soul-searing chaos of battle written on the face that is the final image of "Dunkirk."

Rated PG-13 for intense war experience and some language. One hour, 46 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



■ MOVIE REVIEWS

WAR FOR THE PLANET OF THE APES ★★★

In the hands of co-writer/director Matt Reeves, "War for the Planet of the Apes" — the third film in Fox's rebooted "Apes" franchise — makes for smart entertainment credible both as a summer blockbuster and an artful piece of cinema. The advanced state of visual effects here, a combination of motion-capture and computer-generated imagery, dazzles (and winningly) in service of a serious-minded allegory. Once again, Caesar marks a collaboration between visual-effects artists and actor Andy Serkis as they breathe life into the super-intelligent ape general. When Caesar and his tribe of apes get violently roused from a deep-woods hideout, the conflict between apes and humans heats up again. Caesar finds himself locked in "this time, it's personal" combat with an off-the-reservation human "Colonel" (expertly conjured by Woody Harrelson). As always, the franchise maps the imaginary boundary between man and animal. The apes act more human than ever and the humans more monstrously in "man's inhumanity to man" fashion (prisoner-of-war brutality, killing that approaches genocide). *Rated PG-13 for sequences of sci-fi violence and action, thematic elements, and some disturbing images. Two hours, 20 minutes.* —P.C.

SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING ★★★

Director Jon Watts' "Spider-Man: Homecoming" lands close enough to the summer-movie sweet spot that any quibbles feel a bit churlish. Tom Holland's Peter Parker, first seen in "Captain America: Civil War," remains beholden to billionaire Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.), with whom

the 15-year-old is serving an "internship." The rubber meets the road when the economically needy salvage crew of Adrian Toomes (Michael Keaton) begin stealing Chitauri technology left over from the alien invasion in "The Avengers." Toomes keeps running afoul of Parker, a conflict that comes to a head on the night of the Homecoming Dance. "Homecoming" gets plenty right. Keaton makes a great Vulture, and the character's conception here as the working-class villain to Peter's "working-class hero" proves dramatically effective. *Rated PG-13 for sci-fi action violence, some language and brief suggestive comments. Two hours, 13 minutes.* —P.C.

THE BIG SICK ★★★

"The Big Sick" is a romantic comedy Kumail Nanjiani ("Silicon Valley") co-wrote with his wife, Emily V. Gordon. The film is essentially the true story of Nanjiani and Gordon's relationship, starring Nanjiani as himself. We see Nanjiani working the room at Chicago's comedy clubs, hanging with fellow comedians, struggling to please his Pakistani-American family, and wooing Emily (Zoe Kazan). All of this business works as engaging high-spirited slice-of-life material, with Kazan and Nanjiani charming with their comic banter. But the rub is in that title: "The Big Sick" refers to the unavoidable spoiler that Emily unexpectedly finds herself incapacitated by a health crisis. That crisis not only winds up ultimately bringing the lovers together for good (see the screenwriting credits) but sets the stage for Kumail to meet Emily's lovably loving parents, Beth and Terry, played by Holly Hunter and Ray Romano. Nanjiani and Gordon also do a nice job of laying out an arc of acceptance within Nanjiani's immediate family, despite his choices of a comedy career and a non-Pakistani woman (since more-or-less arranged marriage is the norm). This boilerplate romantic-comedy is consistently amusing and possessed with charming

leads, and also serves as a heartwarming drama. *Rated R for language including some sexual references. One hour, 59 minutes.* —P.C.

TRANSFORMERS: THE LAST KNIGHT 1/2

"Transformers: The Last Knight," Michael Bay's fifth movie about shape-shifting alien robots, tries to whip up tension by having some character or other remind us every five minutes that "The whole world's at stake," unless a few choice humans can ally with a few good Autobots and save the day. But Bay makes it very, very difficult to care. Rather than thinking or feeling anything, Transformers fans will be too focused on the ADHD spectacle — filmed with IMAX 3D cameras — while anyone else who stumbles onto this movie will gladly welcome the world's end if it also means this interminable movie's end. Mark Wahlberg returns as unlikable, thick hero Cade Yeager, Texan inventor on the skids and good buddy to the Autobot called Bumblebee (among other robot jocks). As the plot lumbers on about Yeager being the "last knight," on a quest to recover an ancient staff of power, Wahlberg's muscles and eyes appear to be in a competition to see which can bulge more. Despite the theme that "Magic does exist" ("It was found long ago. Inside a crashed alien ship"), "The Last Knight" is all mirthless jokes and thrill-less mayhem. *Rated PG-13 for violence and intense sequences of sci-fi action, language, and some innuendo. Two hours, 29 minutes.* —P.C.

WONDER WOMAN ★★★

Although the origin story of Wonder Woman shifts from World War II to "the war to end all wars" for the new film from Warner Bros. and DC Entertainment, the phrase "why we fight" leaps to mind to describe the hero's first solo cinematic outing. Wonder Woman's journey takes her

from sheltered idealism through hard-won hard truths about so-called "mankind" to a heroic purpose with promise of future adventures. When American spy Steve Trevor (Chris Pine) crashes his plane in the waters around the "paradise island" of Themyscira, he must answer for mankind to the Amazons who live there. Princess Diana (a.k.a. Wonder Woman) has trained for the contingency of invaders but couldn't fully prepare for the horror of war. Diana determines to accompany Trevor into the outside world, where he plans to put the

kibosh on the chemical weapons program while she intends to put an end to war with a swing of the "Godkiller" sword. The film has its failings — it falls into a few bland narrative stretches, fumbles over its cardboard villains, and ends with the usual dull clash of titans — but the very existence of "Wonder Woman" makes a much-needed feminist statement in the crowded superhero space. *Rated PG-13 for sequences of violence and action, and some suggestive content. Two hours, 21 minutes.* —P.C.

■ NOW SHOWING

A Ghost Story (R) Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Dunkirk (PG-13) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. **Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.

Girls Trip (R) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Kiki's Delivery Service (Not Rated)
Century 16: Sunday **Century 20:** Sunday

Lady Macbeth (R) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

The Little Hours (R) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets (PG-13)
Century 20: Sat. & Sun.

Note: Information on some theaters' schedules was not available at press time this week. For more information, go to mv-voice.com/movies.

Aquarius:
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(For recorded listings: 327-3241)
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Century Cinema 16:
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Century 20 Downtown:
825 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City
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Goings On

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HIGHLIGHT

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

The Thursday Night Live Series in Downtown Mountain View takes place on Castro Street between Mercy and Villa Streets, which will be closed to traffic so the public can walk the street to enjoy restaurant dining, shopping, children's activities, a farmers market, live music and a custom/classic car show. July 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Downtown Mountain View, Castro Street, Mountain View. mountainview.gov/thursdaynightlive

THEATER

Foothill Music Theatre: 'Shrek The Musical' Foothill Music Theatre presents "Shrek The Musical," a family-friendly production based on the Oscar-winning film that boasts a new score by recent Tony Award-winner Jeanine Tesori (Fun Home) and a comic book and lyrics by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Lindsay-Abaire. Thursday-Sunday, July 20-Aug. 6; times vary. \$12-\$32. Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, 1-280 & El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. foothill.edu/theatre/shrek/

"The Four Immigrants: An American Musical Manga" TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents the World Premiere of "The Four Immigrants: An American Musical Manga." Set to a ragtime and vaudeville score by Min Kahng, the comic musical follows four Japanese immigrants in turn-of-the-20th-century San Francisco. July 12-Aug. 5, times vary. Discounts for educators, seniors, and patrons 35 and under. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org/201718-season/201718-season/the-four-immigrants/

'Lord of the Flies' A Theatre Near U presents William Golding's raw and terrifying classic, "Lord of the Flies." The play follows a group of boys marooned on an idyllic island as they shed their cultured upbringings and descend into brutal savagery. July 28-Aug. 5, times vary. Students, seniors, \$20; adults, \$25. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida, Mountain View. atheatrenearu.org/home/

Theatre in the Park Peninsula Youth Theatre and the City of Mountain View present fairy tales and other children's stories in a different 45-minute production each week performed by the children from Peninsula Youth Theatre's "Theatre in the Park" summer camp program. Fridays, July 21-Aug. 11, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. ParkStage, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/

CONCERTS

Anat Cohen & Choro Aventura Clarinet virtuoso Anat Cohen and the Brazilian musicians of Choro Aventura perform July 22, 8-10 p.m. Inside Jazz pre-concert talk, 7 p.m. \$15-\$55. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. stanfordjazz.org/more-info/anat-cohen-choro-aventuroso/

Music@Menlo Concert Program IV: In Joachim's Orbit Joseph Joachim personified the German school of violin playing, influencing Schumann and Brahms in the creation of their greatest works for violin. This concert surrounds Joachim with signature works by legendary composers, culminating in Brahms' Horn Trio. July 23, 6 p.m. \$30/\$20, under age 30. The Center for Performing Arts at Menlo-Atherton, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. musicatmenlo.org/event/

Allison Miller Quartet featuring Anat Cohen Allison Miller has been named "Rising Star Drummer" and "Top 20 Jazz Drummers" in Downbeat Magazine's Critics Poll. July 26, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15-\$45. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. stanfordjazz.org/more-info/

Peter John Stoltzman and Friends: New Standards Pianist and composer Peter John Stoltzman, accompanied by a band of SJW faculty artists, will be playing all-new arrangements of songs that aren't traditionally considered to be jazz. July 23, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15-\$35. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. stanfordjazz.org/more-info/

Natalie Cressman & Secret Garden / Sandy Cressman's Homage to Brazil This double bill features Sandy Cressman singing Brazilian classics and originals backed by her ace rhythm section, while daughter Natalie Cressman brings her own songs to life with her voice and trombone skills, accompanied by bassist Noah Garbedian. Natalie's father, Jeff Cressman, will also be joining Sandy on

trombone this evening. July 24, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15-\$40. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lausen Mall, Stanford. stanfordjazz.org/more-info/

MUSIC

Open Mic Open Mic takes place every Monday on the 2nd floor of Red Rock Coffee in downtown Mountain View. It features free live music, comedy, poetry and a supportive atmosphere for experienced and new performers. Mondays, ongoing, 6:30 p.m., sign-ups; starts at 7 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org/calendar

Sing a Summer Song Kids and families can hear a concert with lunch for children ages 1 to 18 provided by the Mountain View Whisman School District Seamless Summer Meals program. July 18 and 25, 10:15-11 a.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. 650-903-6337/

Sing and Play Along Ukulele Beginners and ukulele enthusiasts are welcome to join in on the fourth Monday of every month to sing and play with others. Participants can bring their own uke, or use one there. Registration is appreciated but not required. Fourth Monday of every month, ongoing, 6:30-8 p.m. Free, registration appreciated but not required. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Sing-Along to Mozart and Faure with Schola Cantorum Vocalists are invited to sing along as Shulamit Hoffmann conducts Mozart's "Requiem," and Faure's "Requiem," at Schola Cantorum's Summer Sings program. Schola will provide the scores. July 24, 7:30 p.m. \$15, general; ages 25 and under free with student ID. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. scholacantorum.org

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

Family Arts Day The Community School of Music and Arts will host a free Family Arts Day featuring interactive music and art for the whole family: an instrument "petting zoo," preschool art and music, hands-on visual arts, digital art demos and live performances by CSMA music students. July 23, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events/csma-family-arts-day

Summer Youth Camps These one-week camps are for kids ages 7-12 and 10-14. They offer Intro to Video Production, Claymation and Field Production. Each camp is one week from 10 to 4 p.m. Summer, ongoing, June 12-Aug. 11. \$350-\$475. KMTV Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. kmtv15.org/learn/

TALKS & LECTURES

California Native Plant Society: Tejon Ranch Botanist Neal Kramer will discuss Tejon Ranch's botanical diversity, flora and special status plant species. July 21, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. scll.org/losaltos

Free Legal Advice with Lawyers in the Library Volunteer attorneys will be available for free, one-on-one consultations. The attorneys will be able to advise on cases in civil, family law, consumer law, landlord/tenant, probate, employment and more, but request no inquiries on evictions or criminal cases. Selected Tuesdays, July 11-Sept. 26, 6-8 p.m. Registration required. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. 650-903-6337/

Geocaching GPS: Great Personal Stories Author and blogger Karen Allendoerfer and her husband Gerhard will discuss the art of geocaching and offer participants a chance to find a cache at the library. Karen Allendoerfer is a neuroscientist, educator, geocacher, parent and author of the geocaching blog, A Thousand Finds (klallendoerfer.wordpress.com), as well as an

author. July 22, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. 650-903-6337/

Home Renovation Trends Have an interest in understanding the top 10 renovation ideas and trends happening in real estate today? Whether remodeling, selling or buying a home, all are invited to this interactive workshop led by Matt McCormick who will share innovative trends happening in California, the U.S. and other global markets. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. scll.org

Improving speaking skills Mandarin-English Toastmasters helps improve speaking, communication, and leadership skills. Tuesdays, July 11-Sept. 19, 7 p.m. Free. Kaiser-Permanente Psychiatry Conference Room B, 565 Castro St., Mountain View. Search meetup.com for more info.

Launch Party: Tal M. Klein Tal M. Klein joins Books Inc. for a launch party celebrating his sci-fi adventure novel, "The Punch Escrow." Tal's debut has been described as "an alt-futuristic hard-science thriller with twists and turns you'll never see coming" by Felicia Day, founder of Geek & Sundry. July 26, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event/

FAMILY

Saturday Stories: English/Spanish Storytime with books, music and movement for children ages 2 to 5 and their families to enjoy together. Saturdays through July 22, 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. 650-903-6337/

Summer Outdoor Movie Night The community is invited to celebrate how parks make life better with a movie under the stars. All movies begin at 8:30 p.m. or when dark outside. Attendants are advised to bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. July 28, 8:30-10 p.m. Free. Stevenson Park, 750 San Pierre Way, Mountain View. mountainview.gov/summermovies

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

'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/

Lora Webb and Danny Smith | Chapel Chapel is a video and sound installation by Lora Webb and Danny Smith. The installation is composed of footage of the Calera Chapel in Calera, Texas, taken over the course of a single day. July 11-Aug. 20, times vary. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

Our Community Through the Eyes of Children This exhibit showcases artistic responses to the statement: "Los Altos is a community of ...", by K-6 students participating in the Los Altos School District's 4-week summer school program at Almond School. July 7-Sept. 8, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org/

'Reflections on Water' "Reflections on Water," an exhibition of paintings by Katherine K. Allen will be on display at the Los Altos Hills Town Hall March 15 - September 2017. Monday-Friday, March -Sept., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. losaltoshills.ca.gov

Summer Garden Party Under the Oaks The special dinner event will honor community leaders who have helped the museum thrive

over the past 40 years including past Museum presidents, major donors, past Los Altos and Los Altos Hills mayors and long-time volunteers. July 23, 5-8 p.m. \$50. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org/events/

COMEDY

Comedy Night at O'Malley's All are invited to enjoy some laughs as comedians work out new material. The event is for ages 21 and over, and there is no cover charge. It's hosted by Wes Hofmann. Sundays, July 2-30, 8-10 p.m. Free. O'Malley's Sports Pub, 2135 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. facebook.com/comedynightatomalley/

FILM

Screening: 'After Spring' As part of the Stanford Global Studies Summer Film Festival, the WSD Handa Center for Human Rights and International Justice will host a screening of "After Spring," followed by a Q&A moderated by Anita Husen, associate dean and director of The Markaz: Resource Center. July 26, 7-10 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Summer Outdoor Movie Night The community is invited to celebrate how parks make life better with a movie under the stars. All movies begin at 8:30 p.m. or when dark outside. Guests should bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. July 21, 8:30-10 p.m. Free. Eagle Park, 652 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/summermovies

FOOD & DRINK

Off the Grid: Mountain View @ The Computer History Museum Off the Grid: Mountain View @ Computer History Museum returns in partnership with the Computer History Museum. There will be 10 food trucks, live music and additional amenities. This is a kid-friendly event. Fridays, ongoing, 5-9 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Search facebook.com for more info.

LESSONS & CLASSES

Adult Craft Night: Light It Up with LEDs Adult Craft Night is a space for grown-ups to relax, learn and create. This time is for ages 18 and older. Children cannot be accommodated. Registration is required. July 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. 650-903-6337/

ESL Conversation Club The ESL Conversation Club will help participants practice English through casual conversation with friendly company. All levels, everyone welcome. No registration required. Tuesdays, July 11-25, 5-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. 650-903-6337/

Health Care Programs Orientation The Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School will hold a workshop for those interested in health care careers, providing information on the Certified Nursing Assistant and Medical Assistant paths and the programs offered by the school. Online registration is requested. July 28, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. mvlvae.net/

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. July 9, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. 650-903-6337/

Learn Google G Suite: 3 Sessions The curriculum over the three sessions will include using spreadsheets to plan for an event, creating a logo and flyers, scheduling mock meetings and appointments via Calendar and making a Google Sites website. July 24 and 26, 4-6 p.m.; July 28, 4-5:30 p.m. Free, registration

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South Bay.NET: What's New in TypeScript TypeScript has seen enormous growth over the past year, and it is used to build several key frameworks like Angular and Ionic. In this talk, Dr. Doris Chen demonstrates how TypeScript enables you to leverage features from the current and future of JavaScript while increasing the productivity of JavaScript development. July 27, 6:30 p.m. German International School of Silicon Valley, 310 Easy St., Room 27, Mountain View. Search meetup.com for more info.

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