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COURTESY OF 129TH RESCUE WING

Guardsmen from the 129th Air Rescue Wing board a plane at Moffett Field on Monday, Aug. 28. A total of 90 team members headed to Texas to assist in search-and-rescue efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

Hurricane Harvey: local Rescue Wing heads to Texas

Rescuers from the Bay Area headed to Texas Monday to help with relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, officials with the Silicon Valley Air National Guard said.

California Air National Guardsmen from the 129th

Rescue Wing left Moffett Field with a team of about 90 members on Monday afternoon and will provide search and rescue support, spokesman Lt. Roderick Bersamina said.

Two other water rescue teams from the Bay Area left for

Texas to help with the federal response to the hurricane, which made landfall late last Friday in the Houston area as a Category 4 storm, fire officials said.

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Watchdog group finds neo-Nazi activity in MV

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER SAYS THE DAILY STORMER HELD MEETINGS IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View residents and elected officials gave a strong rebuke to white supremacist rallies in Charlottesville, Virginia, with two well-attended protests condemning hate groups, racism and prejudice. But with all the attention on hate group activity 2,800 miles away, what about extremist groups here in the Bay Area?

A map of hate group activity developed by the Southern Poverty Law Center shows that the neo-Nazi group the Daily Stormer has a presence in just one city in the nine-county Bay Area, and it's right here in Mountain View. The map itself labels the city with a symbol of a swastika, with the nearest one farther south in Santa Cruz.

The law center's "hate map" doesn't explain much about the methodology, but Mountain View's label hardly means that the Daily Stormer has some type of headquarters or membership stronghold in the city. A spokeswoman for the law center told the *Voice* that the map compiles information on hate groups and their whereabouts in 2016, including

"criminal acts, marches, rallies, speeches, meetings, leafleting or publishing."

The Daily Stormer made headlines in August when web service companies including GoDaddy and CloudFlare announced they were dumping the hate group's website. The neo-Nazi site was briefly hosted on Google's servers on Aug. 14, but was rejected by the company within hours. The Daily Stormer has since receded to the "dark web," available only through the anonymous Tor network.

Cached webpages of the group's now-defunct message board show that Daily Stormer members convened somewhere in Mountain View on Aug. 17 and Sept. 4 last year, with one member recalling the first of the meetings as a "great meetup" that shows the group has "critical mass for a strong book club" in the Bay Area.

"Great to see repeat attendees and a couple new brothers," said one user. "We've got representation from the East Bay, South Bay, Peninsula and Santa Cruz."

Subsequent posts from October detail that most of the

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Rental committee sets system for super-cheap housing

VEGA ADJUSTMENTS WOULD ADDRESS RARE CASES OF SEVERELY UNDERPRICED HOUSING

By Mark Noack

Mountain View's Rental Housing Committee on Monday approved a program for landlords to adjust rents on severely underpriced apartments, one of the final decisions needed to implement the city's new rent-control law.

Committee members tried to keep things simple by picking a

program based on federal housing data, similar to that of other California cities with rent-control programs. Even so, the Monday, Aug. 28, meeting was possibly the committee's most complicated session so far. Committee members as well as public speakers repeatedly expressed bafflement over a series of complex options and how each one would affect the local rental market.

The big topic of the night was setting a so-called "Vega Adjustment," a mandatory program for any city with rent control in California. The name derives from a 1990 state appellate case, *Vega v. City of West Hollywood*, that revolved around an elderly landlord who hadn't raised rents for about 20 years and was later blocked from increasing them by her city's rent-control law.

It was exactly the kind of cautionary tale that rent-control opponents in Mountain View have long been warning about — the considerate landlords who kept rents low would end up being hurt the most by the government's attempt to fiddle with the housing market.

But the silver lining for landlords is that, thanks to the Vega case, rent-control cities in

California now have to establish a system to resolve these rare situations.

For Mountain View, that meant the committee on Monday was tasked with defining what "disproportionately low" actually meant. To set this baseline, most other rent-control cities looked to a fair-market housing price index

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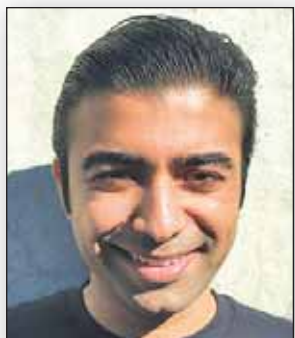
Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos by Stephanie Lee and interviews by Nathalie Camens and Lee

What's your favorite way to spend Labor Day weekend?



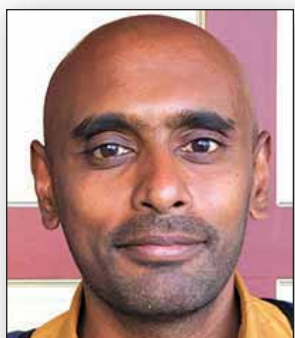
"Usually barbecuing and fun activities at the park with the family."

Nick Mendiola, Sunnyvale



"As someone who likes to take a stroll on a sunny afternoon, that's what I would do on a Labor Day weekend, with friends or girlfriend. I would just walk around in the sunny afternoon."

Jeet Shah, Sunnyvale



"Go on a long drive, probably. Watch a race somewhere ... I usually go to Sonoma, (to) the raceway."

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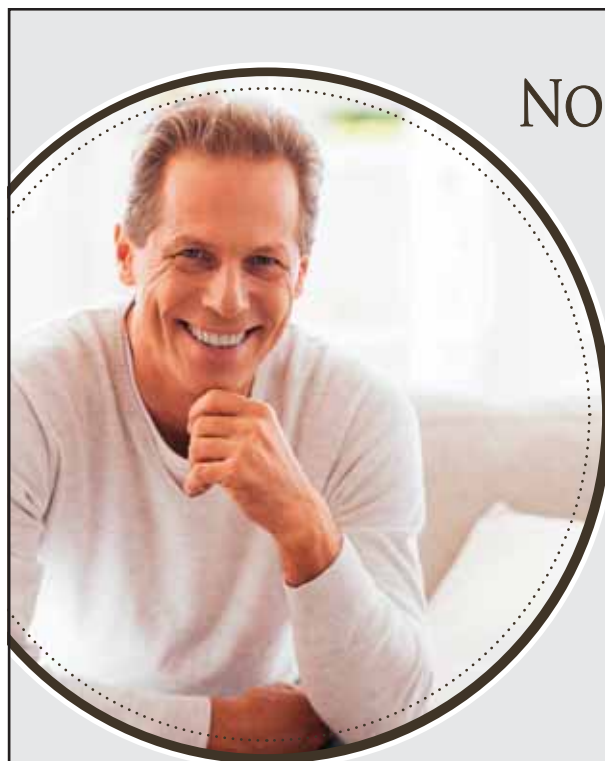
"With family and friends, and just a small family gathering."

Orquidia Moran, Richmond



"My family has a cabin up north, on the Russian River ... and so that's where I'll be this weekend. Sitting on a beach by the river."

Sarah Ingram, Mountain View



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■ CRIME BRIEFS

REPORTED CAR BURGLARIES SPIKE IN AUGUST

The number of reported auto burglaries in Mountain View has nearly doubled in the month of August, according to data from the Mountain View Police Department.

Between Aug. 1 and Aug. 28, a total of 62 auto burglaries had been reported in the city, with a vast majority of the cases occurring in popular commercial parking lots, according to the crime tracking website CrimeReports.

That number is up from 37 auto burglary cases during July, 34 cases in June and only 14 cases in May. The highest number of auto burglaries in August were reported in the small In-N-Out Burger parking lot on the northern end of Rengstorff Avenue next to Highway 101, where 15 burglaries were reported as of Aug. 28.

The In-N-Out Burger parking lot is infamous for car burglaries, and 16 percent of the city's total reported auto burglaries in 2016 took place within the small parking lot. In March, Mountain View police spotted and arrested two men who were allegedly scooping out vehicles in the parking lot with a flashlight.

Other hot spots in August include parking areas in and around El Camino Real (12 cases), downtown (seven cases) and the Century Cinema 16 parking lots off of Shoreline Boulevard (six cases). A total of eight auto burglaries were also reported in parking lots adjoining businesses bordering Charleston Road, including Costco, REI and PetSmart.

THREE INJURED IN THREE-CAR CRASH

Three people were hospitalized, including one woman with serious injuries, following a three-car collision on on El Camino Real in Mountain View on Thursday, Aug. 24. The crash led to a lengthy road closure on eastbound El Camino Real.

The crash occurred shortly after 1 p.m. when a Toyota Highlander and red, four-door sedan collided and sustained "significant damage" on eastbound El Camino Real between Highway 85 and The Americana, according to police. A third vehicle, a Toyota minivan, was also damaged in the crash.

All three people who were injured were transported to local hospitals, and the woman who was severely injured was still hospitalized as of this week, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The crash prompted police to close off all eastbound lanes on El Camino Real until 2:20 p.m., when one lane was reopened. Traffic quickly backed up on both El Camino Real as well as nearby Grant Road as the closure extended into the afternoon commute. All

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■ POLICE LOG

AUTO BURGLARY

- 1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 8/23
- 1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 8/23
- 500 block Showers Dr., 8/23
- 2100 block Leghorn St., 8/23
- 1000 block Rengstorff Av., 8/24
- 400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 8/24
- 1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 8/27
- 100 block E. El Camino Real, 8/28
- 500 block San Antonio Rd., 8/28

BATTERY

- 2500 block Grant Rd., 8/23
- 1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 8/24
- 700 block W. Dana St., 8/25

GRAND THEFT

- 2100 block Woodleaf Way, 8/28

POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS FOR SALE

- 600 block Showers Dr., 8/23

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

- 1200 block Dale Av., 8/24
- 2600 block W. El Camino Real, 8/24
- 900 block Wright Av., 8/27
- 100 block Waverly Pl., 8/27

ROBBERY

- N. Rengstorff Av., 8/23

STOLEN VEHICLE

- 400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 8/24
- 2500 block Hospital Dr., 8/25
- 500 block Villa St., 8/28

TRESPASSING

- 1 block End & Stevens Creek Trail, 8/24

VANDALISM

- 400 block Del Medio Av., 8/24
- Fairmont Av. & Hope St., 8/24
- 300 block Hope St., 8/25

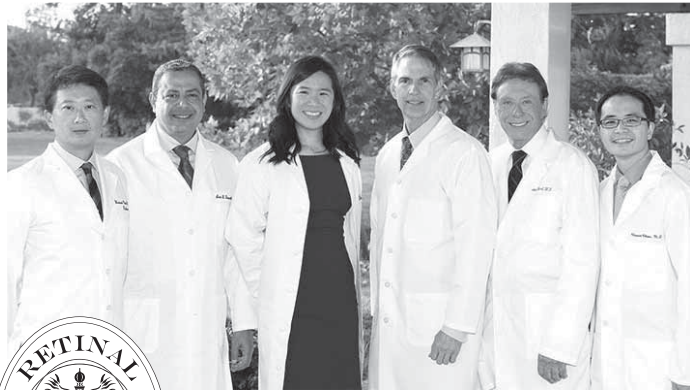
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Traffic around Graham Middle School is sparking complaints, as the combination of nearby construction, ongoing road safety projects and the start of the school year converged.

Daily traffic jam snarls Graham School drop-off

INCOMPLETE ROAD PROJECT, NEARBY CONSTRUCTION BLAMED

By Mark Noack

Back in 2012, a trio of students hit by vehicles near Graham Middle School spurred parents and school officials to push the city for safety improvements. Those road upgrades are now beginning to come online, but it isn't quite the safe route to school that everyone had envisioned.

One parent told the *Voice* that traffic around the campus has

been snarled to a near standstill every morning this school year. This is partly blamed on a "road diet" that reduced traffic along Castro Street from four lanes to two. This reduction was meant to provide space for protected bike lanes, but parents say the changes have made it so simply trying to drop off students has turned into a 20-minute slog.

Some Graham parents say the problem is also caused by the ongoing construction

in the area. The city's \$1.17 million road improvement package — dubbed Castro Complete Streets — is incomplete, and construction is underway while students try to get to class. But this has caused confusion for some parents because different lanes and sidewalks are reportedly cordoned off each morning. Making the traffic situation

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School board: 'optimistic' about new North Bayshore schools

HELP FROM CITY, GOOGLE AND SOBRATO NEEDED TO HANDLE HUGE INFLUX OF STUDENTS

By Kevin Forestieri

Calling it a big opportunity to design "creative" urban schools in dense new neighborhoods north of Highway 101, Mountain View Whisman School District board members signaled Tuesday night that they're ready and willing to work with the city on plans to accommodate thousands of new students expected from massive housing growth

in North Bayshore.

The special Aug. 29 board meeting served as an important step for trustees to plan ahead for the Mountain View's North Bayshore Precise Plan, which is near completion and would allow as many as 9,850 homes to be built in the city's northern tech park — all of them developed by Google and the Sobrato Organization. District officials say the development would cause enrollment to swell by 1,594 elementary school

students and 764 middle school students, requiring as many as four new schools.

There should be some room left at the district's northernmost schools for some of the new students from the new neighborhoods, but it still leaves a massive shortfall, Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph told board members. Crittenden Middle School could potentially house

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Parents call for Friday night lights

SUPERINTENDENT STILL IN "FACT-FINDING" MODE AS PETITION RACKS UP SUPPORTERS

By Kevin Forestieri

When it comes to football at Mountain View and Los Altos high schools, light is always in short supply. The window between when school lets out and when the sun goes down leaves little time for outdoor athletics, and teams are forced to pack up and head home by dusk. The reason? Neither school has field lights.

But that could change. Earlier this month, a group of high school parents launched an online petition urging Mountain View-Los Altos High School District officials to install field lights on the athletic fields at both high schools, extending the hours that students and community members can participate in outdoor sports and events. The petition picked up more than 1,000 supporters within the first few days, which has since risen to 1,689 as more students, parents and school alumni added their support to the effort.

The district's two high schools are among only a few in Santa Clara County with unlit fields, according to the petition, an anomaly among similar high school districts in the region, including Palo Alto Unified and Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District. By installing lights, the schools would have a larger window of time to host sporting events, and could finally open up enough time in the schedule for frosh-soph teams to practice and play games at the schools. Supporters say the evening hours also open the door for working parents and community members to participate in school events.

Adding field lights would be a big help in avoiding scheduling conflicts created by the state Legislature, the petition argues. Senate Bill 328, which

cleared the state Senate earlier this year, calls for middle and high schools to start first period no earlier than 8:30 a.m., effectively pushing the end of the school day out to 4 p.m. and leaving just one hour of day light for sports activities in the winter.

The petition has the support of both the Mountain View High School Sports Boosters Club and the Los Altos High School Athletic Boosters.

Los Altos High School parent Bob Crissman, who started the petition, said school field space is limited at both schools

'They're bumping into each other because they're practicing in the dark.'

PARENT BOB CRISSMAN

and hasn't grown to keep up with decades of enrollment increases. Extending the schedule into evening hours, he said, would open the door for more soccer teams, allow spring sports teams like lacrosse to start practice earlier in the year, and

would shed some much-needed light on the marching band rehearsals.

"Our marching band doesn't get a lot of time to practice," Crissman said. "They're bumping into each other because they're practicing in the dark."

School district officials are taking an unusually cautious approach to the petition, filtering all inquiries on field lights to Superintendent Jeff Harding, who in turn refers questions to the district's public information officer. The reason could be one of precedent: Back in 2012, the school district met with a firestorm of opposition when it considered using temporary lights for a single event — an evening homecoming game — at Mountain View High School.

At the time, angry residents raised a plethora of concerns that went beyond light spilling onto their properties, including worries about noise, traffic, vandalism and even increased alcohol and drug use. Some

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Prepping for Mars, NASA launches new biosciences center

NEW AMES FACILITY WOULD AID RESEARCH ON DEEP-SPACE HAZARDS

By Mark Noack

The goal to someday send a manned mission to Mars is expected to require a suite of new technologies, such as new rocketry, landing gear and operational equipment. But perhaps the most daunting challenge will be life support — figuring out how to keep astronauts alive and healthy for months in a hostile environment.

Solving that question is slated to be a top priority at the NASA Ames Research Center for years to come, and the campus just embarked on a big step toward that goal. Ames officials last week broke ground on a new \$40-million Biosciences Collaboration Facility that is expected to help lead the agency's research in life sciences in outer space.

Biological sciences have grown over the years into a hallmark of research at Ames, said science director Michael Bicy. The field is currently in a "renaissance" at NASA, he said, pointing out that the division's \$50 million budget is about five times greater than just a few years ago.

Before any mission to Mars

can happen, scientists need to figure out how to mitigate the hazards of deep space, especially for prolonged periods. Except for the Apollo lunar missions, all of NASA's manned space missions have been in low-Earth orbit, meaning that the planet's atmosphere has mostly shielded astronauts from space radiation. Any future missions venturing farther out in space will need to find ways to minimize the risk for its human crew.

"We've never sent a human into deep space, other than what it took to get to the moon and back, and that was a few days each way," Bicy said. "We need to learn how to survive in deep space for longer periods of time."

Any plans to send astronauts to Mars are still years away — the agency won't be ready until at least 2030 to attempt such a mission. Such a voyage would take nearly six months, and researchers would need to first study the prolonged effects of weightlessness and radiation on the human body.

The new facility will also be home to NASA's research into astrobiology, the study of how life



COURTESY OF NASA AMES RESEARCH CENTER

A new biosciences facility, as shown in this rendering, is under construction at NASA Ames Research Center, and is expected to be central to efforts to send a manned mission to Mars.

could exist beyond Earth. This field was pretty much pioneered at Ames about 20 years ago, and it has recently gained a surge of new interest as astronomers have discovered thousands of new planets, including some that have Earth-like characteristics.

It's too early to say what

specific research projects will be centered at the new biosciences facility, Bicy said. The biological research conducted by the new center will help make informed decisions at the other NASA campuses doing similar work, particularly the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

The new biosciences facility is expected to be complete by the summer of 2019. About half of the facility is planned for laboratories that will be reconfigurable and designed to encourage more interdisciplinary research. ▀

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County supervisors back net neutrality

Santa Clara County took a stance on defending the free internet under a resolution approved Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Joe Simitian introduced the resolution stating the county's goals of protecting net neutrality, which was met with a 4-0 vote at Tuesday's board meeting in San Jose. In a press release, Simitian called net neutrality "necessary



Supervisor
Joe Simitian

for the prosperity of the Santa Clara County local economy."

Internet service providers can control how slow or fast certain content online is delivered, which could give larger companies the opportunity to stay ahead of their competitors, according to the supervisor.

"Net neutrality isn't a new idea; it's the way the internet has always worked," Simitian said in a press release. "When you go online, you expect that you'll be able to see the information that you're looking for."

The resolution calls on the federal government, which is

proposing rollbacks for key protections, to defend and preserve the internet, according to Simitian's office.

"Especially here in Silicon Valley, the internet is a driving force behind our economy," Simitian said in a press release. "It creates jobs, fosters innovation, and connects us to each other, even across the globe. An open internet is key to the high-tech world we've built, and it's up to us to help protect it."

The resolution comes as the Federal Communications Commission is looking to roll back on 2015 protections that curb throttling, blocking and paid-prioritization of information online.

"ISPs have incentives to shape internet traffic and the FCC knows full well the instances where consumers have been harmed," said Mitch Stoltz, a senior staff attorney at the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

"AT&T blocked data sent by Apple's FaceTime software, Comcast has interfered with Internet traffic generated by certain applications, and ISPs have rerouted users' web searches to websites they didn't request or expect," Stoltz said. "These are just some examples of ISPs controlling our Internet experience. Users pay them to connect to the Internet, not decide for them what they can see and do there." ▀

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Lawsuit blocks Measure B funds

LOCAL TRANSIT PROJECTS DELAYED BY LEGAL CHALLENGE

By Mark Noack

Santa Clara County's new Measure B sales tax has already collected tens of millions of dollars for a multitude of transportation upgrades, but that money is now embargoed from being spent.

An appellate lawsuit filed by Mountain View attorney Gary Wesley on behalf of Saratoga resident Cheri Jensen is blocking the Valley Transportation Authority from spending any of the \$6.5 billion in revenues expected to come from the new tax. For local communities, this means a series of crucial projects — such as plan for Caltrain grade separation and new bikeways — could be on hold for up to two years before the suit is resolved.

The suit seeks to dismantle the sales tax by arguing that the language of Measure B was overly broad and lacked specifics as to how the money would be spent.

"\$6.5 billion is not pocket change. And we do intend to get the measure invalidated," Wesley wrote in an email to the *Voice*. "The VTA staff and board

did not comply with the law in writing and proposing this open invitation to bait-and-switch."

The Measure B sales tax was approved by nearly 72 percent of county voters in last November's election. The half-cent tax surcharge lasts for a 30-year span.

Prior to the election, the sales tax raised some political controversy, especially in the northern areas of the county. Elected officials from Palo Alto, Mountain View and other neighboring cities complained that San Jose officials held too much sway on the VTA board. A coalition of nine cities demanded restrictions on how the money would be spent, particularly on how much would be spent bringing a BART extension to San Jose.

The result of this was VTA officials agreed to an allocation plan to split up the money into nine spending categories. This included some vital projects for the North County, such as \$700 million for Caltrain grade separation and \$250 million for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Meanwhile BART spending was capped at around \$1.5 billion.

Despite this spending plan, the lawsuit argues that VTA officials sought latitude to spend the tax money however they desire. The suit alleges the money could still be shifted to any purpose deemed "prudent." For that reason, Wesley argues the measure falls short of the requirements under the state government code stipulating that voters deserve to know specifics for how revenue from a proposed tax would be spent.

VTA officials acknowledged the suit in a blog post published last week, but they expressed confidence that Measure B would ultimately prevail in court. VTA spokeswoman Lihn Hoang pointed out that her agency had successfully defended the measure against an earlier civil suit filed by Wesley in Santa Clara County Superior Court. Following that loss, Wesley filed an appeal earlier this month.

"We feel confident in our position moving forward," Hoang said. "We're continuing to move along and be ready so when the funds are ready, we can be ready to distribute them accordingly."



VOICE FILE PHOTO BY MICHELLE LE

Funding for **transportation improvement projects** like Caltrain grade crossings and improved bike routes, are tied up while a lawsuit challenges the Measure B sales tax.

VTA has already collected about \$40 million in tax revenues under Measure B. That money is currently being held in a "low-yield" escrow account, she said.

In general, Hoang said these cases can take one to two years to resolve. Attorneys for VTA would look for ways to speed up the process, she said.

In the meantime, the lawsuit leaves many cities stuck in a holding pattern, especially for some vital projects.

Mountain View and Palo Alto leaders were banking on receiving funding from Measure B for projects to separate city streets

from crossing the Caltrain rail line. These grade-separation projects are supposed to be finished by 2020, when Caltrain expects to upgrade to a faster electrified rail system.

"We are disappointed in the delay in the distribution of Measure B funding and encourage the VTA to resolve this issue as soon as possible," Mountain View Mayor Ken Rosenberg wrote in an email. "We continue to work with VTA as they develop guidelines and are cautiously optimistic that the lawsuit will not significantly delay any of the city's projects." ■

NORTH BAYSHORE

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264 more students, and there's some excess capacity at Monta Loma and Theuerkauf elementary schools. Add it all up and the schools could fit a grand total of 448 students, meaning it would still leave 1,910 kids without a place to go to school.

Financing new school construction falls into the same problem. The district would receive an estimated \$16 million in developer fees to build new campuses, which pales in comparison to the total \$165 million estimated to construct three elementary schools and a middle school.

The new housing's projected "student-generation" rates come directly from the district's hired demographic firm, Jack Schreder & Associates, which uses a ratio of approximately 1 student for every 10 market rate homes, and 4 students for every 10 Below-Market Rate (BMR) homes. The affordable housing generation rates are drawn from specific affordable housing developments in Mountain View, including the Franklin St. Family apartments and the Tyrella Gardens apartments.

The staggering scale of enrollment growth the district faces is cause for plenty of anxiety, but Rudolph said housing in North Bayshore also presents a "unique

opportunity" for the district to jump in early and work with the city and developers to fit school campuses in the area, even if it means multi-story campuses or shared-space facilities. He said the district could build a school alongside dedicated park space, or could consider a deal in which city services — like a public library — are housed on school campuses.

At a previous board meeting, school board members agreed to hire an architect who would draft a North Bayshore Master Facilities Plan, laying out urban school designs that fit the higher-density region. The plan likely won't be completed until at least next year, Rudolph said.

Board member Greg Coladonato said he wasn't too concerned about the housing plans in North Bayshore despite the projected 46 percent bump in student enrollment. He said he is confident that Mountain View City Council members won't forget something as important as public schools when approving massive residential growth in a region currently devoid of housing.

"I'm pretty confident that when we get all the facts together with the City Council they are going to make the responsible decision, and make sure that this is not somehow forgotten," Coladonato said. "I'm optimistic about the outcome."

Board member Ellen Wheeler voiced total support for the city's housing plans, focusing more on the prospect that nearly 2,000 new affordable homes could be available through the city's Below Market Rate (BMR) housing program, which gives priority to local teachers.

"From a community standpoint, I am very happy that the city of Mountain View and these companies are working to build affordable housing and building housing where people live," she said. "Those are the two drivers that are important for our society going forward."

'I'm optimistic about the outcome.'

GREG COLADONATO,
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Before launching into the meeting Tuesday night, board members held an hour-long closed session meeting to discuss real estate with both Sobrato and Google. Though the board took no action, the meeting marks the first in what will likely be a series of real estate negotiations between the school district and the major housing developers in North Bayshore.

The proposed changes to the

North Bayshore Precise Plan includes three planned neighborhood areas — Joaquin, Shorebird and Pear — and each one is expected to generate between 706 and 946 new students that will need to be educated by the Mountain View Whisman district. While the existing policy has been to create a central neighborhood school in each region of the city, that may not be necessary in such a compact area, said board member Laura Blakely. Walking from La Avenida Street in the southeast end of North Bayshore to the middle of Shorebird Way is less than a mile and a 15-minute walk. If real estate is hard to come by in the area, she said, it may make sense to consolidate schools into a larger campus with shared facilities, similar to Castro and Mistral elementary schools.

What doesn't seem like a good idea, Blakely said, is sending kids in North Bayshore south of Highway 101 to go to school, which she said would add to the traffic congestion on the city's most crowded thoroughfares, Shoreline Boulevard, Rengstorff Avenue and San Antonio Road.

"Anybody who commutes to 101 knows how hard it is to get over (the freeway) with the traffic today," she said. "It's really imperative that the neighborhoods are self-contained and have schools in them in order to

prevent further impact on our roads."

Mountain View has been planning for years to increase its housing production at a rapid rate, putting significant pressure on the local school districts to find ways to accommodate unprecedented enrollment growth over a short period of time. Looking at housing growth across the city, including recently approved projects, the North Bayshore Precise Plan and the East Whisman Precise Plan, Rudolph said the district is looking at a total enrollment increase of about 4,086 students — nearly doubling the district's current student population.

While Rudolph has made clear he supports the city's vision for growth and building housing where jobs are located, he said the district has to make clear that building homes is going to generate children, and there's not enough space or money without help from the city and housing developers.

"We embrace this change and we look at it as a very unique opportunity to do something creative and different," he said. "But at the same time we need funding to actually do it, we need space to do it, we need land. And we don't have the resources currently available to us." ■

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COURTESY OF 129TH RESCUE WING

Equipment is loaded onto a plane as members of the 129th Rescue Wing prepare for their mission to Texas on Monday, Aug. 28, at Moffett Field.

HURRICANE

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A team from the Menlo Park Fire Protection District left at 6 p.m. Sunday and as of Monday morning the convoy was about 1,000 miles from Austin, Texas, where members will get their assignments.

As of midday, rescuers in Texas had made 2,211 high-water rescues, according to the Harris County Sheriff's Office, which serves the Houston area.

Federal officials have activated all 28 federal task forces, which include the two Bay Area water rescue teams. Along with Menlo Park, the other Bay Area team is from Oakland.

"This is the most significant national response event since Hurricane Katrina and as such is generating a top shelf federal and state magnitude of water rescue response and supporting resources," Menlo Park Fire Protection District Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said in a statement.

The 129th Rescue Wing has gone to Texas before in response to Hurricanes Rita in 2005 and Ike and Gustav in 2008.

The wing is made up of Guardian Angel pararescuemen, HH-60G Pave Hawk rescue helicopters and an MC-130P Combat Shadow aircraft and will operate

out of Robert Gray Army Airfield in Texas.

Several team members from the Menlo Park Fire Protection District responded to Hurricane Katrina while others responded to other disasters such as flooding in the Central Valley.

As they left for Texas, the team took five vehicles, 10 boats and three drones with them.

The 129th Rescue Wing has been given credit for saving 1,017 lives since 1977.

A water rescue team from Oakland was briefed this weekend before it was to deploy to Texas, Oakland firefighters said.

The Silicon Valley Community Foundation has compiled a list of nonprofits responding to the Hurricane Harvey at www.siliconvalleycf.org/harvey.

Bay Area elected officials have issued statements of support for people affected by the storm and encouraged donations to the relief effort.

"Hurricane Harvey has devastated Houston and the worst is yet to come," Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors President Dave Cortese said in a statement.

"We may not be affected by this but we are part of this American family, and we will do what we can to support those who are in great need," Cortese said. "That is what we as Americans do for one another."

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worse, there is also a frenzy of construction activity just down the block for a planned 164-unit apartment complex.

Graham Principal Kim Thompson acknowledged on Wednesday that the traffic situation has been "a little tight" around the school, but she gave assurances that the situation would soon be improving. Road construction in the immediate

vicinity of the school should be finished by the end of September, she said. In the long-term, she said she was confident that the project will be a boon for the school.

"It's still a great project — we're going to get protected bike lanes and everything we want to keep kids safe," she said.

Mountain View city officials could not be immediately reached for comment. ▣

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County launches new immigrant support network

VOLUNTEERS TRAINED TO HELP UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS FACING DEPORTATION

By Kevin Forestieri

In the latest move to protect residents afraid of a federal immigration crackdown in the Bay Area, Santa Clara County officials announced the launch of a new network that provides legal services, information and support for undocumented families at the mercy of federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Elected officials and immigrant advocate groups gathered in Mountain View's Performing Arts Center on Wednesday to launch the new Santa Clara County Rapid Response Network, which introduces a 24/7 emergency hotline and support services for families who have a run-in with ICE, including information on constitutional rights, immigration and family law attorneys, and "emotional and practical support in a time of crisis," according to a statement by the county.

The Rapid Response Network

goes far beyond an information hotline. Several hundred volunteer county residents have been trained to be "rapid responders" and act as the eyes and ears of the community when ICE officials are spotted carrying out enforcement activities. These volunteers are trained to mobilize via text message alerts and get to the scene as soon as possible, find out who — if anyone — was detained, and keep an accurate record of what transpired in the event that ICE officials overstep.

Mountain View Mayor Ken Rosenberg called the Rapid Response Network a "necessary and vital" program that will assist people facing deportation, and an important tool in protecting residents from the federal government. He pointed out that the city of Mountain View's designation as a "human rights city" extends to everyone regardless of immigration status, and that the City Council has made it a priority to protect immigrant rights.

"The city of Mountain View

prides itself on being welcoming to all residents," he said.

The countywide Rapid Response Network is an expansion of San Jose's version of the program, which started earlier this year in response to a rapid increase in the number of families broken up by "indiscriminate immigration enforcement action," according to a county press release. In Santa Clara County alone, 4,852 people are in deportation proceedings, 32 percent of whom lack legal representation.

The press release goes on to describe those affected by immigration enforcement as integral parts of the community — mothers, fathers, aunts and uncles — and a significant part of the local economy. Mimi Hernandez, an advisor at the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Silicon Valley, said the reports of fear "sweeping across the land" has had a negative effect on business owners and their employees, with the restaurant industry taking the

hardest hit. She said it's tough to assess just how much damage has been done to the regional economy due to the immigration crackdown.

Mountain View residents trained to take part in the Rapid Response Network got to test drive the countywide system in the early morning hours on Aug. 3, when residents received a text message indicating ICE officials were present at the Park Vista apartment complex on Escuela Avenue. The group quickly mobilized, sending representatives to the apartments to find out who was taken and provide assistance the affected families.

Within a few hours, the network was able to confirm that a young man had been detained and taken to an immigration processing center. At the time, a representative from the Rapid Response Network told the *Voice* that legal assistance was en route by the afternoon to provide help to the man who was detained.

County Supervisor Joe Simitjan said the network's membership plays an important role in being in the right place at the right time in order to hold ICE accountable, and witnessing any overreach committed by federal officials. Having a broad network

of residents looking out for one another in the community, he said, amounts to lifting the weight off of the shoulders of neighbors who are anxious over their immigration status and what might happen if they are taken away from their families.

"Each of us needs to ask ourselves what it means to be a member of the community, what it means to be a neighbor," he said.

The network also received a blessing from local law enforcement. Mountain View Police Chief Max Bosel reiterated the department's pledge not to take part in enforcing federal immigration laws, and said local law enforcement has a vested interest in keeping a trusting, open relationship with the city's immigrant population. If someone is witness to a crime, he said, that person should be willing to talk to police without fear.

"We look forward to working with the Rapid Response Network to make sure that everyone's rights are protected and the public is kept safe."

Dave Cortese, president of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, said the Rapid Response Network is part of the

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CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

CALL FOR ARTISTS

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 2, 2017, by 11:00 PM (PST)

Submit online via CaFE at www.callforentry.org

The City of Mountain View's Visual Arts Committee is inviting artists and artist teams working in a variety of media to exhibit public art in the lobby of the Center for Performing Arts for the 2018 season.

This year the Visual Arts Committee (VAC) is requiring a theme of "Home" as it relates to the City of Mountain View's City Council 2-Year Major Goals Work Plan to improve the quantity, diversity, and affordability of housing. The VAC is interested in each artist's personal interpretation of what "Home" means to them. All artwork should have a subject matter that depicts the essence of "Home".

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

APPLICATION

Applications will be accepted from **Thursday, September 1, 2017, at 8:00 AM (PST) to Monday, October 2, 2017 by 11:00 PM (PST)**. **APPLY EARLY**, Applications will not be accepted after the 11pm, October 2nd deadline and only the first 120 applications will be accepted (whichever comes first).

ELIGIBILITY

The call is open to all professional artists/artist teams over the age of 18 residing in the local 11 San Francisco Bay Area Counties (Alameda, Contra

Costa, Marin, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano and Sonoma).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

All applications should include the following:

- **Artist Resume**
- **Five (5) to Ten (10) Images** of current work. All images must be of art that would be exhibited for the 2018 season.
- **Annotated Image descriptions**. Please include the following information: title, date of art piece, dimensions and type of media.

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

SELECTION

The Visual Arts Committee anticipates making artists selection by October 26, 2017. Artists will be notified by November 1, 2017. **The artist chosen to display their art in the first 6-8 week slot will be required to do so on December 5, 2017.**

NEO-NAZI

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membership that meets regularly consists of men in their 20s, 30s and 40s, using the Daily Stormer's message boards as a vehicle not only for racial epithets deriding Latinos, African Americans and Jews, but also for coordinating recruitment and fundraising efforts. Message board posts frequently refer to the meetings as clandestine, including both a vetting process and a special hand sign to be given by those who show up to prove who they are.

The Daily Stormer has not been on the Mountain View Police Department's radar. "As far as anyone associated with the publication living here or holding meetings in the city, we have never heard of that, nor has anyone ever notified us that they may be here," said police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, a nonprofit civil rights organization that has been tracking hate groups since 1971, confirmed that Mountain View's listing on its "hate map" was directly related to "at least two meetings" held in person by members of Mountain View's Daily Stormer "book club"; the group also has engaged in recruitment efforts in the city, the law center's research director Alex Amend told the *Voice* in an email Tuesday.

"The hate map indeed shows real world activity. We have enough evidence to base a Daily Stormer 'chapter' in Mountain View," Amend said.

White supremacy has a long history in California, but the hateful ideology has changed drastically in recent years, according to Joanna Mendelson, senior investigative researcher at the Anti-Defamation League. The racist credo used to be tangential to criminal enterprises such as drug running, street gangs and skinhead subculture — very different from white supremacist groups elsewhere in the country. But in the last few years, Mendelson said, the so-called alt-right



A "hate map" compiled by the Southern Poverty Law Center, tracked neo-Nazi groups active in 2016 and pinpointed Mountain View for meetings of the Daily Stormer group.

has grown in popularity, rejecting mainstream conservatism in favor of politics infused with racism and anti-Semitism.

"It's a repackaging of white supremacy," she said.

Although it's alarming to see a group like the Daily Stormer operating on such a local level, Mendelson said the fears may be misguided. Most of the people who carry a racist ideology don't belong to an overt neo-Nazi group.

"In some ways, focusing on groups and groups alone doesn't properly paint reality," she said. "Especially here in California, a majority of those who ascribe to the ideology aren't actually members of groups. I'm afraid a majority are unaffiliated."

Mountain View was home to a major demonstration celebrating diversity and opposing white nationalist and white supremacist groups on Aug. 19. Dubbed the "Stand Up for Equality and Diversity" rally, the event was originally

intended to be a counter-protest to the March on Google event at the company's headquarters on the same day, which was organized by alt-right provocateur Jack Posobiec; Posobiec failed to get a permit and later called the event off, saying it was because of alleged "alt-left" threats.

The city was also home to a vigil on Aug. 13, after an alleged member of an extremist right-wing group drove a vehicle into counter-protesters in Charlottesville, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer and injuring 19. The vigil, which drew hundreds, occurred shortly after President Donald Trump made an initial statement that decried violence "on many sides" in Charlottesville.

Mendelson said it's important to remember that the two rallies that took place in California last weekend — the Patriot Prayer rally in San Francisco and the No Marxism in America rally — were not alt-right or white supremacist

events, and are hardly examples of a West Coast version of what took place in Charlottesville in early August. The organizers of the Bay Area events openly rejected white supremacy, so while racists and anti-Semites may have taken part, it wasn't explicitly part of the rallies.

The neo-Nazi rally in Charlottesville, on the other hand, marked the largest public gathering of white supremacists in at least a decade, demonstrating "remarkable cohesion" among a broad cross-section of white supremacist groups, she said. Attendees flew Nazi flags, held signs that decried the "Jewish media," and gave the Nazi salute — a sort of "big tent" event for white supremacy.

"It would be remiss if we characterized the Bay Area protests in the same light," she said.

Council member Lenny Siegel said members of extremist groups such as neo-Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan ought to be

condemned for espousing hate speech, but he said he is less worried about groups like the Daily Stormer than he is about far-right politicians who wield real power. Neo-Nazi groups have reprehensible views, he said, but it doesn't amount to much when they have no major influence on public policy. If neo-Nazis met in Mountain View, it doesn't appear that anyone even noticed.

Siegel said his concerns are more squarely focused on Congress and the White House. President Trump and much of the Republican party won't use racial epithets directly, he said, but they are willing to break up families by deporting immigrants, take away medical care for the needy and make it harder to house the homeless.

"That, in fact, is more dangerous to society," Siegel said. "It's not that the extreme right isn't reprehensible, but right now they aren't the ones who are doing the damage." ■

HOUSING

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published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This is the same data used to calculate Section-8 housing vouchers.

A landlord seeking a Vega adjustment could instead use the HUD index price as a baseline, if the index price is higher than the rent that was charged in 2015. The committee agreed at an earlier meeting that 2015 would serve as the base year for comparisons in cases when landlords petition to raise rents higher than

the annual increase tied to the Consumer Price Index.

But many pointed out these HUD numbers seemed unrealistically low — for example: a Santa Clara County studio apartment was determined to cost \$1,213 per month, and a two-bedroom unit was listed as \$1,809. Any renter would be extremely lucky to find an apartment in Mountain View for that cost. Landlords hoping for a Vega adjustment would have to prove they were charging less than those amounts in 2015.

"These HUD numbers, on their face they don't seem accurate,"

said committee member Julian Pardo de Zela. "Why would we adopt one set of numbers that don't seem representative of Mountain View?"

For that reason, committee member Tom Means at the last meeting pitched his own alternate system that he promised would be more precise. Any apartment unit would be considered severely underpriced if it was two standard deviations lower than the average for the property, he proposed. The city's consultants credited this idea being better tailored to individual properties, but it also

required some college-level math to figure out. Means was absent from the Monday meeting.

Late in the evening, Chairwoman Vanessa Honey admitted that she didn't understand how Means' idea worked, and she suspected she wasn't the only one in the room who felt overwhelmed. She proposed a simpler system — just take the HUD index and add on an extra 20 percent.

"My conscience will not let me vote for the HUD formula," she said. "It's so low."

Her idea didn't win much support, and her detractors said that would be tantamount to a

giveaway to landlords. Committee member Emily Ramos pointed out that last month the committee had tweaked a pricing system to be extra generous for landlords. The HUD rents were based on survey data, meaning that these low rents actually did exist in Mountain View, she said.

In a 3-2 vote, with Means absent, the committee approved using HUD data for individual unit adjustments, which staff described as the simplest option. Honey and Pardo de Zela voted against it. ■

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■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS



COURTESY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police are asking the public's help in reuniting this photo album with its owner.



VOICE FILE PHOTO BY MICHELLE LE

The community shuttle launched in 2014, offering free rides around Mountain View.

PHOTO ALBUM'S OWNER SOUGHT

Mountain View police are asking for the public's help in tracking down the rightful owner of a World War II-era photo album that officers discovered along Stevens Creek Trail on Monday.

Officers located the album, which has a wood cover and contains black-and-white photos, while patrolling the trail near Highway 237 as part of the department's homeless outreach services. One of the officers from the Neighborhood and Event Services Unit

located the album in what appeared to be an encampment, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Police are doing a broad social media outreach to Bay Area residents in order to track down the owner of the album. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Mountain View Police Department at police@mountainview.gov.

—Kevin Forestieri

FREE SHUTTLES TO KEEP ROLLING

Mountain View's free community shuttles will continue navigating the

city's streets for a little while longer. In recent letter sent to the city, Google officials announced the company would fund the shuttle program through the end of 2018.

Launched in 2014, the shuttle program was provided by Google to help mitigate traffic congestion around town. The program was originally meant to last two years, but the company has continued to keep it running.

The shuttle service had a slow start in Mountain View, and early on it appeared that not many residents knew

about the free transit option. Word has apparently been getting out about the program more recently — just last year, total ridership reportedly increased by 60 percent.

The shuttles are equipped with free wi-fi and cushy seats. Nearly all riders (98 percent) say they would recommend the service to others, according to Google.

Google officials declined to say exactly how much the shuttle service costs. A map with more information, including live updates of shuttle locations can be found at mvcommunityshuttle.com.

—Mark Noack

LIGHTS

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accused the district of using the homecoming game as a deceptive tactic to install permanent lights without listening to neighborhood concerns.

Harding met with four field lights proponents shortly after the petition launched, and last week met with "several neighborhood opponents" of the idea, according to district spokeswoman Cynthia Greaves. She said the meetings are "conversations only" and that any future decision on field lights would come after a lengthy period of community involvement and transparency.

"Other than fact-finding and conversations, no action will be taken in the immediate future," she said.

Harding declined to comment for the story, citing a need to better inform the board before deciding how to best approach the issue, Greaves said. Mountain View High School Principal Dave Grissom also declined to comment, and said he is referring any media

inquiries on athletic field lights to the superintendent.

Controversy over field lights stems partly from the fact that both Mountain View and Los Altos high schools are surrounded on all sides by single-family homes, with football fields on the edge of both campuses abutting homes directly to the west and the south. St. Francis High School, by comparison, has its football field tucked squarely in the center of hospital facilities, medical offices and other school buildings, creating a sizable buffer zone.

Despite bordering a residential neighborhood, Crittenden Middle School in Mountain View has had evening lights on its field space for years, allowing athletic events to continue from sunset to 10 p.m. The Mountain View Whisman School District is in the middle of building a new athletic field on the campus, which will replace the existing incandescent lights with high-powered LED lamps mounted on four 70-foot poles.

Although an environmental

review of the project found that the new fixtures could result in significant glare for nearby residents, the lights can be adjusted to bring brightness down to less than 2,000 "candelas," a unit of measurement for light intensity emitted at an angle.

Greaves said she could not speak to why field lights weren't included in the original design of the schools, and while it has been a topic of discussion in the past, the board has not taken formal action for or against athletic field lighting. Lights are not included in the district's new facilities master plan, which is due for completion this fall, but preliminary cost estimates show installing lights would cost \$600,000 per school.

Crissman said the parents leading the charge on field lights want to maintain an "open dialogue" with the district as well as the neighbors who would be directly affected by extended hours on the athletic fields, and said any plan of action needs to come with plenty of community input. ■

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county's larger commitment to protecting residents from immigration policies under President Donald Trump's administration. Santa Clara County qualifies as a "sanctuary" community because it does not cooperate with ICE, Cortese said, and it's been a top priority, through litigation and the courts, to protect the constitutional rights of county residents by resisting edicts and policies in Washington.

"Trump has his own agenda, we have our agenda," Cortese said.

The hotline for the Rapid Response Network, which can be used to both report ICE activity and receive immediate assistance, is 408-290-1144. Anyone who wants to get involved as a volunteer may register at bit.ly/2wmQFrR for the next training session, which will be at the South Peninsula Hebrew Day School in Sunnyvale on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. ■

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lanes were reopened at approximately 9 p.m.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation, but preliminary results indicate the collision was DUI-related, police said. No

updates on the investigation were available prior to the *Voice's* press deadline on Wednesday.

Police are still seeking additional witnesses who saw the crash, and asking anyone with information to contact Officer Kevin Soloman at 650-903-6744.

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■ EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Hatred and bigotry not welcome here

As the volume of racist, anti-Semitic and violence-inciting rhetoric has risen around the country over the past months, local residents have come together to make a statement of their own: White supremacy, racial hatred and intolerance of others' religious and political beliefs do not represent the values of a good society. Of our society.

Hundreds of people from this and nearby communities gathered in Mountain View during two recent events to stand for equality and diversity, and against the violence and hatred exhibited by neo-Nazis and members of other alt-right groups who marched on Charlottesville, Virginia, in August.

In the wake of such strong displays of resistance to the rhetoric of hate, it was stunning to learn that Mountain View has been placed on a "hate map" by the nonprofit Southern Poverty Law Center because the city was identified as the site of at least two meetings of the neo-Nazi group, the Daily Stormer, in 2016.

A spokeswoman from the law center, a legal advocacy group that focuses on civil

rights, told the *Voice's* Kevin Forestieri that the map compiles information on hate groups, including "criminal acts, marches, rallies, speeches, meetings, leafleting or publishing." The center traced the Daily Stormer's local activities, ascertaining that members and possible recruits met in Mountain View in summer 2016 on at least two occasions. The law center also noted there were local recruitment efforts by the hate group.

The Daily Stormer has garnered such notoriety in recent months for its despicable messages of hatred and white supremacy that web service companies dumped its website. But according to news reports, the group has gone underground, moving its online presence to the "dark web."

Although it would have been naive to believe that Mountain View and its neighboring communities are immune from the influence of groups that peddle racial bigotry and white supremacy, the general level of tolerance and social progressiveness we've become comfortable with here may have made the law center's news more shocking than perhaps it should have

been. Some, including Joanna Mendelson of the Anti-Defamation League, caution against overreacting to the news. But the revelation should, at the very least, underscore the need for vigilance against letting the influence of racists and other hate-mongers poison the community around the edges, and create a hazard zone for the most impressionable members of society, our children.

It's tempting for some to view community demonstrations of support for tolerance and equality of all, such as those in this city on Aug. 13 and Aug. 19, as "feel good" gestures. As soft means of expressing goodwill toward those targeted by the radical alt-right, and of educating our kids in the art of compassion and tolerance. But what should be clear by now is that such demonstrations serve a more pointed purpose. Given recent events — and the steady flow of incendiary statements tweeted from the White House — a strong voice of resistance from the community sends the message to those who gather in Mountain View to spread hatred and divisiveness that they are not welcome here. ■

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

'I OBJECT!'

I have lived in Mountain View for nearly 20 years, and I truly like it here. Lately, there are two things I believe we need to reconsider, one for the good of the environment and the other for its peculiar discrimination.

I am an apartment dweller of many years. I am also an avid recycler and advocate for "zero waste." But because I live in an apartment I have a whole different protocol to follow. The list of articles I may recycle at my place of residence is different from that of those who live in single-family homes. It is only recently that I am allowed to recycle milk cartons, and several other things that single-family home people have recycled for many years. I must carry plastic bags away from my home to recycle centers.

Now, months or even years after composting programs have begun in many cities around the

Bay Area, we apartment dwellers are left out. I object! Even if it would mean a bit of extra collection effort, or some additional containers for us second-class citizens, if we are truly serious about cleaning up the environment and cutting waste, I believe that we are entitled to be included in all recycling programs, the same as single-family home residents.

Second, and I think extremely important, the *Voice* reported within the last few weeks that there would be a new shelter available for homeless people, I believe in a local church. This shelter would be available to "homeless families with children and single women." I am stunned and amazed! *Single men* don't deserve shelter?

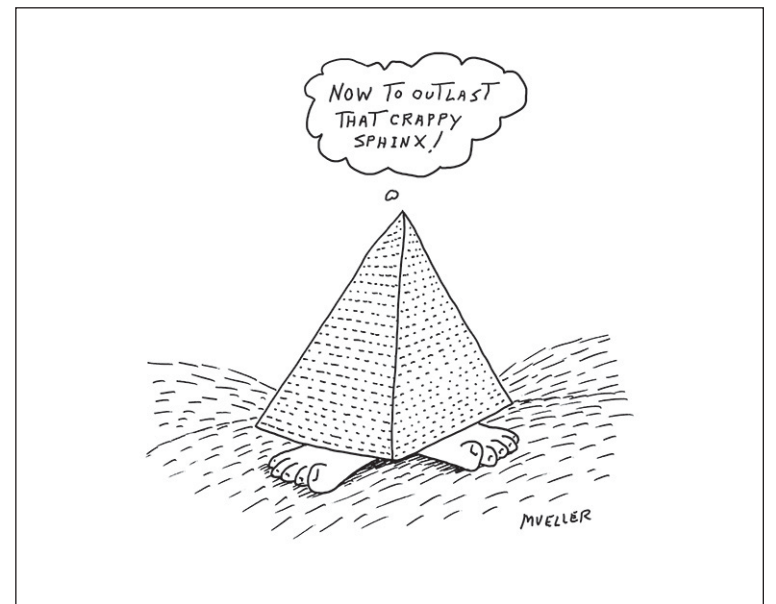
I am a feminist, and without diluting my position on the rights of women, I truly wonder about the role of men and the rights of men as well.

Why are single men excluded? Because they are not husbands or fathers? Single women aren't wives or mothers. Men are found wanting in many ways in this society. Should they be excluded from humanitarian

help? They need rest. They need showers. They need respect and acceptance.

Can you explain this exclusion?

*Carol Rognas
Wyandotte Street*



Arts & Events

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE



COURTESY OF KEVIN BERNE/THEATREWORKS

Cosmologist Marianne (**Carie Kawa**) and beekeeper Roland (**Robert Gilbert**) get acquainted in the romantic drama "Constellations" at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts.

Star-crossed lovers

'CONSTELLATIONS' EXPLORES A MULTITUDE OF ROMANTIC POSSIBILITIES AND PARALLEL WORLDS

By Karla Kane

Beekeeper Roland meets theoretical physicist Marianne at a backyard barbecue in England. It's sunny. Or, it's raining. They flirt, but he's unavailable. Or she is. Or they barely talk at all. Or, they continue to flirt but then the chemistry fizzles out. Or it doesn't, and they eventually embark on an important, long-term relationship, which leads to marriage. Or not.

In Nick Payne's "Constellations," receiving its regional premiere with TheatreWorks Silicon Valley, the world (or worlds) contains infinite timelines and multiverses, each with their own alternate realities and myriad possibilities. Payne's script allows just a few of these moments (and a few of their alternate versions) to play out over the course of the one-act show. With each rendition of each snippet of dialogue, we hear the lines repeated, often verbatim, but with the actors' delivery and director Robert Kelley's staging tweaked slightly,

in sometimes-subtle ways, which change the tone and probable ramifications dramatically.

In one scene, Marianne (Carie Kawa) and Roland's (Robert Gilbert) deliveries may be flirtatious and good-natured. In the next, they may bark out the lines bitterly, or be hesitant and shy. To make it all even more mind-bending, some scenes are placed out of chronological (well, what we in this limited reality think of as chronological) order, unraveling what limited plot elements we receive in a mixed-up fashion. After their first meeting, we see snapshots of their lives: Roland and Marianne on dates, on the verge of a break-up, confronting a terrible, devastating blow, reuniting cutely at a ballroom dance class, and considering marriage. Watching these fine actors play with nuance and tone is quite entertaining, as they shift from romantic comedy to tragedy and back again, although in some ways this gimmick seems more of a vehicle for showing off acting skills than fleshing out characters or plot. Regardless, it's fun.

The characters' vocations tie in nicely to their worldviews and conversations. Marianne, as a scientist and professor of cosmology, is in her element when pondering the cosmos and the mysteries of time, explaining elements of string theory, echoes of the Big Bang, gravity and non-linear concepts of chronology to an intrigued Roland. He, as an earthy, easygoing beekeeper, on the other hand, loves his work harvesting honey and, in one memorable section, ponders the short but intensely purpose-driven life of bees, wishing in some ways human life was more like hive society (or is it already?). The sometimes-couple discusses the idea of free will vs. fate, and the nature of reality. While Roland wonders if — time and the perception of one reality being an artifice — there is any point or meaning to anything they do, Marianne counters that the possibility of infinite realities in fact makes each choice they do or do not make (rather, both do and do not make) no less powerful. It's a comfort, in fact, that this timeline is not the only chance. "We have all the time we've always had," she tries to explain, as he laments that their time seems to be running out all too quickly. And even though

their lives take different twists and turns, there does seem to be an element of destiny at play as they connect with one another across the universes.

Though in some ways these are big issues, the play is at its best in the small, clever moments and interesting touches. In one scene, for example, Roland mentions his sister, Heather, while in its parallel counterpart, he mentions heather as a suitable plant for his bees. In another scene, the characters suddenly communicate in British Sign Language rather than speaking aloud. Gilbert has a mellow charm and a genuine British accent which, while pleasing, has the unfortunate side effect of making Kawa's not-altogether-convincing accent attempts suffer in comparison, but she gets along well enough. We don't get to know much about them as characters, on the whole, but what we are able to see is enough to get attached to them, and their possibly-star-crossed love affair.

Andrea Bechert's scenic design and Steven Mannshardt's lighting design provide a minimalist but effective and beautiful backdrop to the action. A large, jungle-gym-like matrix of twinkling, pulsing lights is reminiscent of the stars themselves, as

well as of neural network and, ever-so-slightly, even of hives and honeycomb. Well-crafted shifts in lighting (and music cues by Cliff Caruthers) help to indicate the numerous timeline changes.

Bees? Parallel universes? England? If you know me, you'll know these topics are right up my alley, so going into it, I was fairly sure I'd enjoy it. Indeed, I did. But even if you don't happen to share these particular interests, chances are that you'll find this engaging romance/thought experiment well worth your while. It could make a great outing for a date, although you may find yourself second-guessing everything you say to your partner after — and wondering how the date went in all its parallel versions, pondering all its infinite possibilities. ▣

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■ INFORMATION

What: "Constellations"
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When: Through Sept. 17
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FOOD FEATURE

Chef in the house

ANDREA POTISCHMAN DISHES
ON HER NEW BLOG, SIMMER + SAUCE

Story by Kate Bradshaw | Photos by Michelle Le

In a blogosphere saturated with mommy and cooking blogs, a blog launched several months ago by Menlo Park resident Andrea Potischman, called Simmer + Sauce, might look like just more beautiful foodie fodder for your Pinterest. But that's only because you haven't tried her coconut cake.

Prior to moving to Menlo Park in 2009, Potischman worked as a classically trained chef in New York City. Her route to the kitchens of world-class restaurants wasn't a traditional one, she said.

Initially, she planned to be a lawyer. She studied political science at the University of Madison-Wisconsin and, after college, worked for several years as a paralegal at a law firm. Following some prodding by her mother, she enrolled in a six-month culinary program at the French Culinary Institute instead.

She landed an internship at the prestigious Montrachet restaurant in New York City. Next, she got a position in the kitchen at the Century Association, a well-known private literary club in midtown New York City. The experience, she said, was a trial by fire — literally. She was placed in the role of saucier, cooking trays of meat and fish, and without guidance, often emerged with burns on her arms.

The kitchen was all-male, and many of her coworkers were men who had worked their way up from being dishwashers. Getting a job she wasn't prepared for just because she

had a culinary degree didn't earn her any favors among the kitchen staff. She was left to carry hefty equipment by herself and assigned to be the pastry chef on top of her other responsibilities because she was the only female in house.

But over time, she said, the men in the kitchen began to accept her as a member of the staff and she came to be considered part of the family.

"You have to really want it and pour your heart and soul into it," she said. "Eventually people see the grit and embrace you."

After spending four years working in a kitchen under three chefs, she transitioned into restaurant management. There, she logged long, odd hours, typically working from 4 p.m. to 5 a.m. After a year, she transitioned into other food-related enterprises: catering, testing recipes and moonlighting as a cooking instructor. She said she helped test recipes for the 75th anniversary edition of the cooking encyclopedia "The Joy of Cooking."

In 2009, she moved to Menlo Park with her husband and young son and decided to step away from the restaurant world. She now has another son — and three dogs — and, in recent months, started her food blog.

Potischman said her blog is geared toward the home cook — it has "reasonable" ingredient lists, offers recipes appealing to both young and old, with dishes kids would want to cook and eat, and a cocktail section for adults.

As a parent, she said she



Andrea Potischman aims to encourage home cooks with her blog Simmer + Sauce.



Dre's coconut cake is decorated with edible flowers. The recipe is on page 17.

hasn't shied away from introducing her children to a range of culinary opportunities. She's teaching them to cook and to appreciate good food. She also does not believe in tricking kids into eating their veggies. During a recent visit to see her cooking in action, one of her kids, Eli, 12, wolfed down gazpacho as an after-school snack.

Potischman said she knows her recipes work, and she's honest about them. Sometimes, she

noted, other chefs may alter details in recipes to keep their secrets.

"I hope it makes good food more approachable for all ages," she said. Recently posted recipes range from herb-crusted flank steak with tomato-olive relish to coconut chocolate chip granola bars for school lunches.

She said someday hopes to publish a cookbook of her recipes.

"Blog followers sometimes

stop me in the store or send me an email and tell me that their whole family is now eating one of my dishes. That is what it's about," Potischman said.

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COOKING ADVICE

The most common question Potischman is asked is: "How

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Andrea Potischman sets the table in her backyard in Menlo Park.



Brightly colored fava bean dip tops toasted bread for an appetizer of crostini.

CHEF

► Continued from page 15


do I tell when my chicken is done?”

Her answer: Test it with your hand to see if it is firm and springs back.

She offered other cooking suggestions:


- Be organized. “You can make anything if you prep in advance,” she said.
- When hosting, don’t use a new recipe for the first time. New, untested recipes have a high failure rate, and there are a lot of bad recipes out there, she said.
- Just try it. Cooking is pretty forgiving, and everybody has to eat. Food unites people, and it doesn’t have to be a hard or elaborate dish to pull off to impress people, she said. ▣

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RECIPES

Fava bean dip on crostini

Ingredients

- 1 pound fresh fava beans, removed from the outer pod, boiled and peeled
- 2 small garlic cloves
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil, plus more for bread
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 sourdough baguette, sliced into 24 pieces
- 24 thin shavings of Parmesan for garnish

Directions

1. Pre-heat the oven to 400 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
2. Using a food processor fitted with a metal blade, add the cooked, peeled fava beans, garlic, lemon juice and Parmesan cheese and pulse to blend.
3. Slowly add the olive oil and pulse to incorporate.
4. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside.
5. Using a pastry brush, lightly brush one side of the sliced bread. Place on the prepared baking sheet and lightly toast for about 8 to 10 minutes.
6. To serve, spoon a generous amount of the fava bean puree on the toasted bread and top with a shaving of Parmesan cheese, using a vegetable peeler to make thin shavings.



Andrea Potischman's crostini are topped with fava bean dip and garnished with Parmesan cheese shavings.

RECIPES

Dre's Coconut Cake

Ingredients

- 2 3/4 cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 3/4 cups sugar
- 1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 cup canned sweetened cream of coconut
- 4 large eggs, separated
- 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup buttermilk
- Pinch of salt
- 4 cups shredded sweetened coconut

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Butter and flour two 9-inch cake pans with 2-inch-high sides.
2. Whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and 1/4 teaspoon salt in a medium bowl to blend.
3. Using an electric mixer fitted with a whisk attachment, beat the butter, sugar and cream of coconut until fluffy. Beat in the egg yolks and vanilla extract.
4. On low speed, beat in the dry ingredients and then add buttermilk and beat until just blended.
5. Place this batter in a separate large mixing bowl. Clean your mixer bowl and whisk attachment.
6. Beat the egg whites with a pinch of salt until stiff, but not dry.

7. Using a spatula, gently fold the whipped egg whites into the batter.
8. Divide the cake batter between the two prepared pans. Bake the cakes on the middle oven shelf until a tester inserted comes out clean, about 40-45 minutes.
9. Cool the cakes in their pans on racks for 10 minutes.
10. Run a small knife around the pan sides to loosen cakes before turning them out onto the racks to cool completely.
11. Trim the cake layers before frosting and coating in coconut. Cake should be stored in the refrigerator.

Frosting

Ingredients

- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, room temperature
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 2 cups powdered sugar, sifted
- 1/2 cup canned sweetened cream of coconut
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Directions

1. Place the cream cheese in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a whisk attachment. Beat on medium speed until fluffy.
2. Add the butter and beat to blend, about 1 minute.
3. Add the powdered sugar, sweetened cream of coconut and vanilla extract and beat on medium until well blended and smooth.

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS



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Danielle Macdonald stars as an aspiring New Jersey rapper in the movie "Patti Cake\$."

Going like hot 'Cake\$'

BAD RAGS-TO-RAPPING TALE A CROWD PLEASER

★★ (Aquarius)

Writer-director Jeremy Jasper had an idea for a zany Jersey 'burbs story of an aspiring white rapper, banged it out in 19 days, and got it accepted to the Sundance Screenwriters Lab. Once his script had been through the Sundance mill, Jasper nabbed the project entry into the Sundance Institute Directors Lab. Once completed, Jasper's debut feature "Patti Cake\$" won a slot at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival. Funny how that works.

Now, Jasper's original script may well have been lousy, but one suspects it was considerably more distinctive than what emerged when a bunch of established filmmakers explained what the story needed. Apparently, what it needed was to fit a screenwriting template so familiar that audiences could practically write it themselves. "Patti Cake\$" has a hook: downtrodden, plus-sized, white Jersey Girl Patti Dumbrowski wants to be a rap star. As polished up by Sundance, her every up and down can easily be anticipated straight through to the send-you-out-on-a-high-note finale.

Sensibly, the hype around the movie has mostly attended to its star, Australian up-and-comer Danielle Macdonald, who had to learn how to rap, and in a Jersey accent, no less. Macdonald's performance confidently anchors the film, and her equally unknown supporting players provide colorful backup. The sole familiar face comes from Cathy Moriarty ("Raging Bull"), saddled in a wheelchair as the Nana who becomes part of Patti's rap crew. Oh golly! Who woulda think it? A Rappin' Granny.

At its best, "Patti Cake\$" suggests a watered-down version of a John Waters comedy in its cast of misfits and proximity to cliché. But Jasper's tongue isn't in his cheek. As Patti's pharmacist friend Jheri, real-life weekend rapper Siddharth Dhananjay has to be cheeky enough comic-relief for the whole movie (and he's nearly up to the task). But there's something queasy about the racial politics by which Patti's charismatic South Asian buddy — and the talented black artist (Mamoudou Athie as Basterd) they co-opt to complete an EP

and fill out their crew — devote themselves to helping Patti achieve her dreams when they could just as easily be working to achieve their own.

Waters would have seen the hilarity in this dynamic, but Jasper doesn't even seem to notice.

The actors keep brushing up against something authentic through the sheer will of their performances (see also Bridget Everett as Patti's bitter, selfish mom, herself a faded-dream singer), but the screenplay keeps sweeping them away toward formulaic situation drama and easily anticipated late-breaking obstacles and third-act payoffs. In the end, "Patti Cake\$" rises or falls on the skill of its audience manipulation; that's its thoughtless, mercenary art. If you're an easy touch for big-dreamer stories, enjoy, but if you're looking for something fresh, you won't find it here.

Rated R for language throughout, crude sexual references, some drug use and a brief nude image. One hour, 48 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

returns: We've seen it all before. That makes the third film best for die-hard fans of the talent (or the series), or for those who skipped both previous films. Anyone in between can take a pass. Director Michael Winterbottom wastes no time establishing the premise. In the first scene, Steve Coogan calls up Rob Brydon and asks if he'd like to go off again on a fine-dining tour, sponsored by newspapers; he would, and off they go. As usual, the men occasionally

get on Skype or the phone to deal with career travails and familial discomforts, but most of the running time finds the two friends entertaining or annoying each other. At their best, they run with each other's comic premises with a seemingly improvisational flair (an impromptu sketch on the Spanish Inquisition being a highlight); at their worst, they obnoxiously break into dueling impressions. *Not rated. One hour, 48 minutes.* — P.C.

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The Big Sick (R) ★★	Century 20: Fri. - Sun. Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.
Birth of the Dragon (PG-13)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Cars 3 (G) ★★	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Casablanca (1942) (Not Rated)	Stanford Theatre: Sat. & Sun.
Close Encounters of the Third Kind (40th anniversary) (PG)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
The Dark Tower (PG-13)	Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Dark Victory (1939) (Not Rated)	Stanford Theatre: Friday
Despicable Me 3 (PG)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Dunkirk (PG-13) ★★1/2	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
The Emoji Movie (PG)	Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Girls Trip (R)	Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
The Glass Castle (PG-13)	Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Good Time (R)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
Hazlo Como Hombre (R)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
The Hitman's Bodyguard (R)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Humoresque (1946) (Not Rated)	Stanford Theatre: Friday
Ingrid Goes West (R)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Leap (Not Rated)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Logan Lucky (PG-13) ★★	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
The Maltese Falcon (1941) (Not Rated)	Stanford Theatre: Sat. & Sun.
Menashe (PG)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature (PG)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Office Space (R)	Century 20: Sunday
Patti Cake\$ (R) ★★	Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13) ★★	Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
The Trip to Spain (Not Rated) ★★1/2	Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
Tulip Fever (R)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Wind River (R)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
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■ MOVIE REVIEWS

THE TRIP TO SPAIN ★★1/2

The recipe remains the same in "The Trip to Spain," the third in a series initiated by 2020's "The Trip" and continued in 2014's "The Trip to Italy." In most respects, "The Trip to Spain" demonstrates diminishing

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■ HIGHLIGHT

CONCERT ON THE PLAZA

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

THEATER

'The Crucible' Written as an allegory for the McCarthy "witch hunts" launched against alleged communists in the 1950s, Arthur Miller's timeless drama about the Salem witch trials remains as powerful a statement as ever about the American tendency towards mass hysteria. Wednesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 7-28, 8 p.m. \$20-\$30. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org

'In the Next Room, or, the Vibrator Play' Featuring onstage orgasms and clinical applications of electric vibrators, Sarah Ruhl's "In the Next Room, or, the Vibrator Play" is a glimpse into a slice of American history. It was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Play and a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize. Sept. 8-Oct. 1; Preview, Sept. 7, 8 p.m.; Sept. 8, Gala following show; Sept. 10, talkback following show; Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$10, previews, discounts for seniors and students. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida, Mountain View. thepear.org

TheatreWorks: 'Constellations' A time-bending romantic drama spun out of string theory, this unconventional Broadway and West End sensation explores the infinite possibilities of "boy meets girl" with intelligence, heart and humor. Aug. 23-Sept. 17, times vary. \$40-\$100. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

CONCERTS

Chris Stapleton with Anderson East and Lucie Silvas The previously postponed Chris Stapleton concert has been rescheduled to, and all tickets for the previous show will be honored at the new date. Tickets for the new date are on sale now at bit.ly/Stapleton2017. For those who cannot make the new date, refunds are available at point of purchase. Sept. 1, 7 p.m. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Classical on the Square: 'Bay Shore Lyric Opera' For anyone who appreciates great musical talent, Redwood City Classical Series winds up with Bay Shore Lyric Opera, bringing opera from singers in the Bay Area. These family-friendly concerts will be performed outdoors on Courthouse Square. Sept. 10, 5 p.m. Free. Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. redwoodcity.org/residents/redwood-city-events/music/classical-series

Nickelback Nickelback: Feed The Machine Tour will be playing at Shoreline. Sept. 3, 6 p.m. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

MUSIC

Bachata with Pantea "Wednesday Hot Latin Nights with Pantea" feature Bachata lessons. Bachata is a form of music and dance that originated in the Dominican Republic. The character of the dance is achieved through hip and body movements. No partner is necessary, and all levels are welcome. Wednesdays, ongoing, 8 p.m., class; 9 p.m., social dancing. \$7, student; \$10, general; \$15, band nights. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St, Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

Bone Bash XVII Bone Bash XVII: Foreigner, Cheap Trick and Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin Exp will play at the Shoreline. Sept. 2, 7 p.m. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Pkwy, Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Eat, Drink & Be Techie Friday Nights @ CHM offers a whole new way to experience the Computer History Museum this summer

in partnership with Off the Grid. Enjoy seven food trucks, CHM exhibits with new extended hours, and live music. Sept. 1, 5 p.m. Computer History Museum, 1401 N Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/

Florida Georgia Line, Nelly & Chris Lane Florida Georgia Line are heading out on tour again, and they'll be playing at the Shoreline. The "Cruise" singers are promoting their album "Dig Your Roots," and will be joined by opening acts and guests Nelly and Chris Lane. Sept. 6, 7-10 p.m. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

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

Piano Recital: M. Dimitry Auerbach M. Dimitry Auerbach will give a recital and all are invited to go dream by the fireplace with Max Reger, dance with Johann Sebastian Bach, reminisce with the colored leaves of Robert Schumann and sing to the heavens with Franz Liszt. Sept. 8, 7-9 p.m. Free. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto.

SF Opera Preview Lecture: Richard Strauss's 'Elektra' Dr. Derek Katz, this evening's speaker, will address the profound questions underlying the opera "Elektra" and illustrate his talk with musical and visual examples. A Q&A period follows, and the lecture is open to everyone. Sept. 5, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10. Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, 1140 Cowper Street (at Lincoln), Palo Alto. facebook.com/sfogpen

WE Vibe Block Party WE Vibe is an opportunity to meet the local women business leaders, learn about the resources they offer Los Altos and encourage future women entrepreneurship locally and beyond. All are invited to enjoy music, food, prizes and more. Sept. 9, 2-6 p.m. Free. Downtown Los Altos, 160 First St., Los Altos. welosaltos.com/we-vibe.html

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

46th Mountain View Art & Wine Festival The Mountain View Art & Wine Festival features live music, 500 professional artists, the "Comcast Pigskin Party Lounge," food and drinks, "Mountain View's Got Talent" Community Stage and lots of fun in the action-packed Kids' Park. Sept. 9 and 10, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Downtown Mountain View, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. bit.ly/mountain-view-art-and-wine-fest

TALKS & LECTURES

Big History: Introduction John Hostettler, retired professor of chemistry at San Jose State University, will lead this five-part talk based on the Teaching Company course taught by David Christian and on the Big History Project funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Tuesdays, Sept. 5-Oct. 3, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Search mountainview.gov/librarycalendar for more info.

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. Search mountainview.gov/librarycalendar for more info.

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. meetup.com/MET-MV/events

FAMILY

Cardinal Kids Club Kids get in free as the number one ranked Stanford Cardinal face off against fourteenth-ranked Creighton. The first 1,000 fans will also receive a t-shirt commemorating the team's back-to-back NCAA championships. Sept. 1, 7 p.m. 2 free kids tickets with the purchase of 1 adult ticket. Laird Q. Cagan Stadium, Nelson Road, Stanford. gostanford.eventue.net

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Art Show: 'From the Wild to the Sublime' "From the Wild to the Sublime," features photographs by Norma Fries and Bill Shupp. Shupp has a passion for the night sky and time-lapse photography. Fries' photography resonates with the mystical power among the horses who have survived roundups and sometimes brutal attempts to break them. Aug. 25- Sept. 16, Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Gallery House, 320 S. California Ave., Palo Alto. galleryhouse2.com/events/

'Contemporary Landscapes' by Kathleen Mitchell Kathleen Mitchell and Viewpoints Gallery present "Contemporary Landscapes" by Kathleen Mitchell featuring the artist's latest landscapes. Month of September, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos.

EcoCenter Open Hours The EcoCenter is a nature center open to the public in the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve. The EcoCenter offers touchscreen exhibits, hands-on activities, science and nature programs for all ages, green building tours, art exhibit, and a native plant garden. Fridays and Saturdays, Aug. 25-ongoing, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Fridays; open until 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Free. EcoCenter, 2560 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. evols.org/ecocenter

'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/

'Hope Gangloff Curates Portraiture' New York-based artist Hope Gangloff has been invited to mine the museum's permanent collection and select key works to hang alongside her own contemporary paintings. This exhibition will create a conversation between past and present. April 4-Sept. 24, Wednesday-Monday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Reception: /kän strekt/, Mixed Media Artwork by Heidi Lubin Community School of Music and Arts Presents /kän strekt/, Mixed Media Artwork by Heidi Lubin. A reception with the artist is on Friday, Sept. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m., featuring an interactive art activity and a cappella songs. The exhibit is on display in CSMA's Mohr Gallery Aug. 4-Oct. 1. Free.

Mohr Gallery, Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events/kan-strekt-mixed-media-artwork-by-heidi-lubin

Reinstallation of the Cantor's Rodin Galleries This fall the Cantor Arts Center will present a reinstallation of its exceptional collection of sculpture by Auguste Rodin (France, 1840-1917) to mark the centenary of this unparalleled artist's death. Ongoing, starting Sept. 6, Wednesday-Monday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

DANCE

Argentine Tango Alberto's NightClub presents Argentine Tango, modeled after a traditional milonga in the atmosphere of a Buenos Aires tango bar with bar snacks and a first-class wooden dance floor. Sundays, ongoing, 7 p.m. \$10. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

Salsa Thursdays with Pantea Alberto's salsa studio hosts salsa classes and dancing. All levels are welcome, and no partner is necessary. The event is for ages 21 and up and also features DJ Say No More. Thursdays, ongoing, 7:30 p.m., beginner; 8:30 p.m., intermediate; 10 p.m., social dancing. \$10, 2-hour lesson and dancing. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

COMEDY

Comedy Night at O'Malley's Some of the best comedians in the Bay Area will be working out their material. This event is for ages 21 and over. There is no cover charge, and it's hosted by Wes Hofmann. Sunday, Aug. 6-Sept. 3, 8 p.m. Free. O'Malley's Sports Pub, 2135 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. facebook.com/comedynightatomalley/

FILM

SGS Summer Film Festival: 'Welcome' SGS Summer Film Festival will show the film, "Welcome," directed by Philippe Lioret (France, 2009). A Q&A will follow with Nilgun Bayraktar, Assistant Professor of Film History, Theory & Criticism in the Visual Studies Program, California College of the Arts. Sept. 6, 7 p.m. Free. Stanford University, Geology Corner, Building 320, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

LESSONS & CLASSES

Creative Writing Course In this writing workshop, students will select from a myriad of formats to work on short or long pieces. Each week, they'll submit a work, read it in class and receive student and instructor feedback. Wednesday, Sept. 6-Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-noon. \$150. Cubberley Community Center, Suite I-2, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. avenidas.org

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Body Image and Eating Disorder Support Group This group is for those struggling with eating disorders and body image dissatisfaction. The group is open to all ages, genders and types of eating issues. It is not a structured group; rather it is open for sharing, asking questions, offering and receiving support or just listening. First Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Rd., Conference Room C, Mountain View. edrcsv.org

Food Safety During this presentation, some of the topics that will be covered

are safe food handling, high risk foods, foodborne pathogens, as well as many more helpful topics. Sept. 7, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, Mountain View Senior Center, Mountain View.

Yoga with Surfer Mike This class, led by Surfer Mike, teaches techniques of mindfulness meditation and yoga movement with awareness. Michael Kintz has been teaching meditation and yoga since 1997. No registration required, and attendants are asked to bring a mat. First Tuesday of the month, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org/news

SPORTS

4th Annual Ride to End Homelessness LifeMoves hosts a community ride to raise critically-needed funds to support the high-impact housing programs and services it provides. With the community's support, they can help neighbors experiencing homelessness in Silicon Valley. Sept. 9, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25. Packard Grove, 3000 Hanover St., Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Los Altos High School Pickup Soccer Game This is not professional soccer; it should be a high-quality game, but also fun. Hard-body checks are not allowed, and players should be respectful. Thursdays, ongoing, 5:30 p.m. Los Altos High School (park off Jardin, not Almond), 200 Jardin Drive, Los Altos. Search meetup.com/futbol/ events for more info.

Pickleball Pickleball is ideal for beginners or advanced players and is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. Two, three or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffle ball, over a net. Wednesday, ongoing, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Senior Center members, \$3, non-members. Los Altos Senior Center - Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos.

BUSINESS

Bootstrappers Breakfast Bootstrappers Breakfasts feature serious conversations about growing a business based on internal cashflow and organic profit: this is for founders who are actively bootstrapping a startup. It will be a chance to compare notes on operational, development and business issues with peers. First Friday of the month, 7:30 a.m. Cost of breakfast. Hobe's Restaurant, 4224 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. meetup.com/Bootstrappers-Breakfast-SV/events

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Repair Bicycles for Charity Volunteers are needed to help fix the oversupply of donated used bikes. Mentor mechanics will guide apprentices through their repair checklist and quality assurance process. This is an opportunity to learn new repair skills for those who are interested. Second Saturday of the month, August-November, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange, 2566 Leghorn St., Mountain View. bikex.org

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer at Arastradero Preserve This is an opportunity to support ongoing efforts to increase wildlife habitat at Arastradero Preserve by planting native plants, removing invasive plants, creating habitat structures and more. Second and fourth Saturdays of the month, July 8-Sept. 23, 9 a.m.-noon. Free. Pearson-Arastradero Preserve, 1530 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.



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The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
RICHARD DESANDRE
1537 Murre Lane
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on August 14, 2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 14, 2017. (MNV Aug. 18, 25; Sept. 1, 8, 2017)

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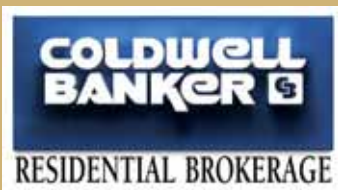
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