

Daredevils assist Breathe California

Some people will do anything for a good cause, and that includes rappelling down the 15-story Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara to raise money for Breathe California of the Bay Area.

The third Breathe Extreme Challenge attracted about 30 brave souls who strapped on harnesses and lowered themselves

down the side of the hotel Friday afternoon to raise money for the group's fight against lung disease and for cleaner air. Among them were Silicon Valley Community Foundation CEO **Emmett Carson**;



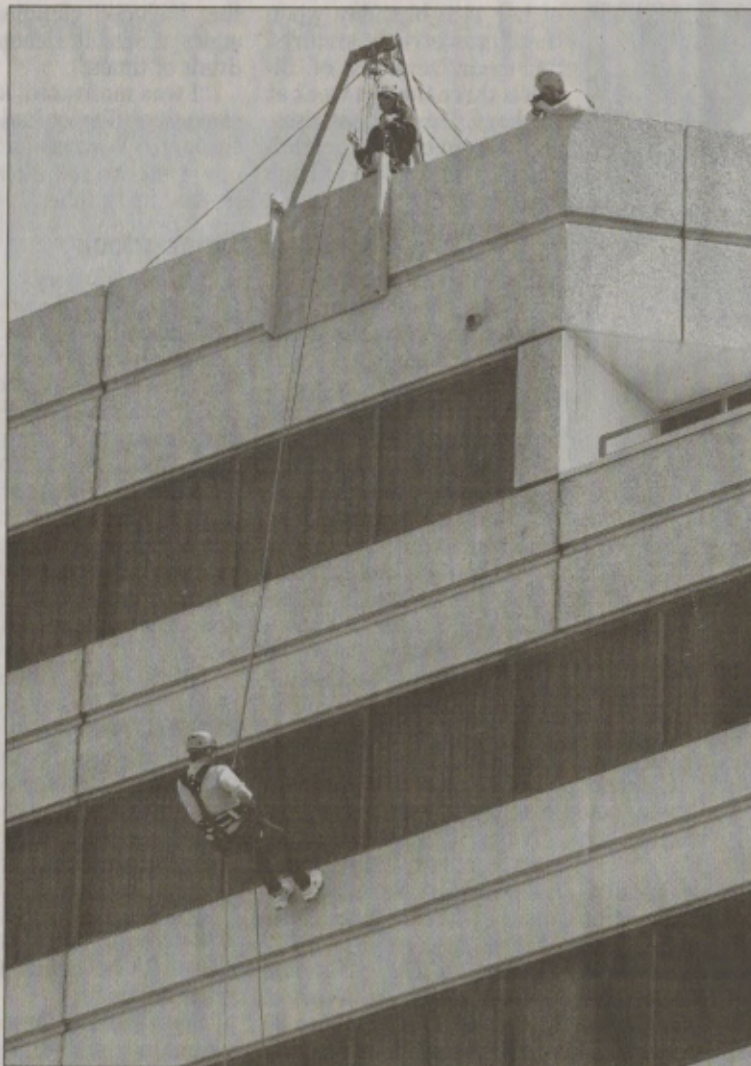
AROUND TOWN

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Development Director **Steve French**; Silicon Valley Business Journal Editor-in-Chief **Greg Baumann**; Dr. **Jyothi Lulla**, an allergy/asthma specialist at Kaiser Santa Clara; and KBAY-FM morning show co-host **Sam Van Zandt**.

George Bumb Jr., **George Bumb III** and **Brandon Bumb** — all members of the family that owns the San Jose Flea Market and Bay 101 — also took the plunge. And so did three mascots from South Bay sports teams — Gigante from the San Jose Giants; Sammy the Spartan from San Jose State; and Sourdough Sam from the 49ers. They all did it in costume, too.

"I think they're fabulous supporters of Breathe California, and we're certainly glad to have them risking their calm, ordinary day for us," said **Margo Sidener**,



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Sam Van Zandt, morning show host on San Jose radio station KBAY-FM (94.5), rappels Friday down the side of the 15-story Hyatt Regency hotel in Santa Clara as part of a fundraiser for Breathe California. About 30 people accepted the dare.

CEO at Breathe California (which used to be the local chapter of the American Lung Association). "Some of them have done it more

than once."

For the record, I was asked and declined. I'm willing to do a lot for nonprofits, but my palms got sweaty just writing about it.

QUAKE LENDS A HAND: San Jose Earthquakes player **Justin Morrow** was the guest of honor at a fundraiser Tuesday night to support Lincoln Law School's Peer Court Training Program. Peer Court is an early intervention and diversion program run by teens, who represent and judge other teens who have been charged with first-time misdemeanor offenses (all under the eyes of a real judge).

Morrow has actively supported the Peer Court program, and when **Don Gagliardi** and **Colin McCarthy** — colleagues at the Robinson & Wood law firm and leaders of the Soccer Silicon Valley Community Foundation — heard about it, they organized a meet-and-greet fundraiser with Morrow at the firm's downtown San Jose office.

WINED AND DINED: Child Advocates of Silicon Valley brought in \$300,000 with its third annual Star Chefs & the Wines They Love event April 28 at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View. The 430 attendees enjoyed small plates prepared by 13 of Silicon Valley's top chefs, led by **Ross Hanson** from Los Gatos' Restaurant James Randall.

KLA Tencor produced a video about Child Advocates, a nonprofit that matches trained volunteer advocates with abused and neglected children in the foster-care system.

CITY YEAR'S INSPIRED CHOICE: City Year San Jose/Silicon

Valley will be honoring Nvidia co-founders **Jen-Hsun Huang** and **Chris Malachowsky** at its Starry Starry Night gala on May 22. The pair aren't being honored for their graphics chips, but for Project Inspire, the annual event during which the Santa Clara company takes the money it would spend on a holiday party and pumps it into a community service project where employees volunteer side by side with their families.

And it'll be an even more high-powered event as Silicon Valley Leadership Group CEO **Carl Guardino**, a longtime City Year supporter, receives the organization's Lifetime of Service award.

Tickets to the dinner at the Fairmont San Jose hotel are \$150 each. For more information on the event, go to <http://cityyear.org/sanjose.aspx> or contact **Stephanie Kim** at 408-907-6543.

AL FRESCO FUNDRAISER: The Los Gatos Lions have put together a "Date Night" under the stars for Saturday. Actually, it'll be under a tent at Moore Buick GMC on Los Gatos Boulevard, but that's close enough.

The \$65 ticket includes wine and beer, along with small plates from area restaurants including Dio Deka, Forbes Mill Steakhouse, Los Gatos Brewing Co., Michi Japanese Restaurant, Palacio and Viva. The Summit Boys will provide live jazz, and the proceeds will benefit the club's youth programs. Go to www.lglions.org for more information or tickets.

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