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Hennessy believes there is a penalty for living in the technology center of the world. It comes in the form of a high cost of living and being subjected to the fickleness of the entrepreneurial spirit, demonstrated by the bursting of the bubble. Some sacrifices have to be made to stay, but ultimately, the Silicon Valley is too exciting a place to leave, he adds.



Transcript

We pay the penalty for living in the technology same with the world.. We absolutely pay that penalty.. You pay it in traffic, you pay it in housing prices, you pay it when irrational exuberance grips the entire industry and takes it to a height it should have never ever been taken too.. And then of course pops the balloon.. What happened into the last decade was bad; bad for entrepreneurship, bad for the Valley, bad for technology.. It took us up far higher than we ever should have been taken up and it created a situation which I think actually harm things and there are a lots of factors that drove that but I don't think it was a good thing in the long term.. I think those are all potential drawbacks but would I give it up? Would I turn this back into the Valley of heavenly delight with fruit orchards? I couldn't do it.. I couldn't do it; there are too many exciting things that occur here.. But it's true that there are sacrifices that have to get made in that and I think one has to understand and just try and think about how to make those sacrifices in a wise and intelligent way and have other compensating advantages...