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Tushar Moorti, a parent volunteer at Landels Elementary, offers advice to students using a trebuchet to launch small pumpkins into the air on Nov. 7.

A physics lesson with projectile pumpkins

LANDELS ELEMENTARY HARNESSSES THE POWER OF SPRINGS AND LEVERS TO LAUNCH GOURDS

By Kevin Forestieri

Tuesday afternoon was a sight to behold at Landels Elementary, as one by one, students launched grapefruit-sized pumpkins across the campus field, hoping to hear a satisfying splat when they hit the ground.

While pumpkin destruction sounds like a fun way to blow

off steam, the spectacular display hosted annually by the school has a purpose beyond seasonal produce smashing. The parent-led activity, now in its fourth year, gives young children a glimpse into the world of physics and ways to harness energy that can send fruit flying.

Landels parent Tushar Moorti began teaching the classes and

wheeling out the medieval-looking trebuchet — about the size of a golf cart — to show students scientific concepts in action. Dubbed the “Punkin Chunkin” class, the afternoon activity mimics the annual World Championship Punkin Chunkin event in Delaware, where contestants

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Stabbing victim attacked with bike, patio chair

ATTACK OUTSIDE CPA WAS MOUNTAIN VIEW'S FIRST HOMICIDE IN THREE YEARS

By Kevin Forestieri

Police revealed the weapons used in the violent stabbing attack that killed a 55-year-old man over the weekend: a bicycle, a patio chair and a table.

The victim died of his injuries at the hospital a day after being attacked in downtown Mountain View on Nov. 4, according to police. As of Wednesday, his name had not been released, pending notification of his relatives, according to the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner and Coroner's office.

The suspect, identified by police as Jan Neal of Marin County, is being held in Santa Clara County jail without bail.



Jan Neal

Although the victim was stabbed, he was not attacked with a knife, said police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. The suspect allegedly attacked the victim with a bike and one of the metal patio chairs in the courtyard, Nelson told the *Voice* on Wednesday.

The attack occurred around

6:30 p.m. in the courtyard in front of the the Center for Performing Arts at 500 Castro St., where a performance was in progress. Officers received reports of a fight, and said that the 43-year-old suspect was still attacking the victim when they arrived. The suspect refused to obey commands by police to stop, according to a statement by the Mountain View Police Department.

Witnesses told police they saw the suspect punch and kick the victim's head while he was unconscious on the ground, and that the suspect picked up a mountain bike over his head and slammed it against the victim's head and torso, according to a statement of facts released by the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office.

Witnesses, who later identified Neal as the aggressor, say he repeated this several times with a bicycle, a metal chair and a metal table, according to the documents.

When the first police officer arrived on the scene, a struggle ensued with the suspect, who

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Rental committee seeks \$1.2M handout from city

COMMITTEE DEFERS TOUGH DECISION ON RENTAL COSTS

By Mark Noack

It was a true dilemma for members of the city's Rental Housing Committee on Monday night. On one hand, they needed to devise a way to fund the \$2.4 million annual budget for the city's rent control

program. But they also faced fierce resistance from a seething crowd of property owners who complained that a proposed annual fee on apartments would be unfair.

So the committee landed on what appeared to be the only palatable solution — have the

city foot the bill.

In an odd decision that drew many confused stares, the committee voted 3-1 to formally request that the Mountain View city government fund at least \$1.2 million, or half the cost, of administering the city's new rent control program for its first 14 months.

“We should ask the city to reimburse us for half the potential fee based on the fact this is part of the city charter,” said

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Corrections to veterinary clinic story

A September 22, 2017 story published by the *Voice* reporting on complaints against the Alta View Animal Hospital and its owner, Dr. Paul Ghuman, contained two statements in need of clarification and another that the *Voice* wishes to retract.

In the case of a dog (“Boo-Boo”) treated by Dr. Ghuman and then taken by its

owner to another veterinarian for a second opinion and further treatment, the *Voice* wants to clarify that some medical records were provided to the second vet by Alta View on the day requested after repeated phone and email requests, according to the complaint made by the dog's owner to

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Palo Alto Players presents "Peter Pan" through Nov. 19.

'PETER PAN' MINI REVIEW

For more than a century, J.M. Barrie's story of "Peter Pan," the boy who never grows up, has stood with classics such as "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "The Wizard of Oz" in the pantheon of English-language children's fantasies that pass the test of time. "Peter Pan" has been thrilling audiences since 1904, and with its revival of the 1954 Broadway musical, Palo Alto Players maintains the old-fashioned, pantomime vibe, which works wonderfully, even as the production puts its own spin on things, such as giving Neverland a retro-futuristic steampunk look, and transforming the offensive "Indian" stereotypes into vaguely punk-rock "warriors" (it's still a bit cringeworthy, but the effort is appreciated).

The soundtrack includes memorable numbers such as "I've Gotta Crow," "I'm Flying" and "I Won't Grow Up" as well as the famous audience-participation "Do you believe in fairies?" sequence. And you're never too old to ooh and aah when characters suddenly take flight.

The affection Palo Alto Players has for the material shines through, with an impressively Pan-experienced cast and crew. I attended with my 4-year-old theater-reviewer-in-training and she gave it a rave review (Captain Hook was a favorite), as, judging by the enthusiastic cheers and applause surrounding me, did the many other children in the crowd. I was also honestly surprised by the emotional resonance I felt seeing it as an adult.

Charming and nostalgic, "Peter Pan" is a great choice for families seeking some good old-fashioned entertainment this season.

It runs at Lucie Stern Theater in Palo Alto through Nov. 19. Go to paloaltoplayers.org.

—Karla Kane

'SINGIN' IN THE RAIN' MINI REVIEW

Just in time for a much-needed rainy season on the Peninsula, Broadway by the Bay is concluding its 2017 program with a revival of the beloved musical "Singin' in the Rain."

This is the stage adaptation of the classic film starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds, which some consider the greatest movie musical ever made. "Singin' in the Rain" offers a light-hearted satirical look at a key time in the motion-picture industry: the shift from silent films to "talkies."

In 1927, Don Lockwood (the Gene Kelly character, played here by Ryan Blanning), is a debonair screen star with vaudeville song-and-dance-man roots. His on-screen partner and paramour is the glamorous Lina Lamont (Jen Brooks), a vain and conniving vamp whom he loathes in real life. The two are the toast of Hollywood, but when their studio decides it needs to keep up with the competition by delving into "talking pictures," the pair have a problem. Lina, it turns out, bears a most unpleasant voice and manner, can't sing or dance, and is seemingly incapable of elocution improvement, making her unsuitable for the new world of talkies. Enter Kathy Selden (Amanda Farbstein), the ingenue with a golden voice who harbors Broadway dreams, and Lockwood's new crush.

Don and his best pal and former dance partner Cosmo (Randy O'Hara), who works in the studio's music department, hatch a scheme to save their latest film from disaster. If Kathy can overdub Lina's lines and songs, they might just get away with transforming "The Dueling Cavalier" into a musical comedy, "The Dancing Cavalier," and save their careers.

Though it it was originally made as a self-referential movie celebrating and poking fun at its own Hollywood world, "Singin' in the Rain" lends itself quite well to the stage. Broadway by the Bay's home base, the beautiful Fox Theatre in downtown Redwood City is actually the perfect spot for it, as it was originally built in 1929 as a motion-picture house and still retains much of the look of a grand 1920s movie palace.

"Singin' in the Rain" runs through Nov. 19. Go to broadwaybythebay.org.

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CRIME BRIEF

ESCAPED INMATE FOUND IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

A man who walked out of a correctional facility in Southern California last month was found in Mountain View on Sunday, according to state prison officials.

The man, 36-year-old Jason Kohr, was arrested in Mountain View on Nov. 5, shortly after 11:35 a.m., after he was spotted driving a stolen vehicle, according to a statement by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.



Jason Kohr

Kohr allegedly tried to flee from state agents on foot, and struggled to break free once he was caught. Agents used a Taser on Kohr before subduing and arresting him, authorities said.

State agents tracked Kohr to the Bay Area after he walked out of a minimum-security facility at California State Prison-Los Angeles County, located north of Los Angeles in Lancaster, on Oct. 28. He was discovered missing at 9 p.m., and prison staff fanned out to search the area but couldn't find him.

Kohr was serving a six-year prison term for vehicle theft, attempting to evade a peace officer while driving recklessly and second-degree burglary. He was set to be released in July 2018, according to state officials.

Kohr was returned to state prison, and Mountain View police assisted in recovering the stolen vehicle. He is expected to face escape charges as well as a stolen vehicle charge.

—Kevin Forestieri

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

YMCA INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

YMCA is planning its second donation drive in January to deliver school supplies to a school in Guatemala, following the success of the first donation drive in September.

Glenda Paz, a member services associate at El Camino YMCA, connected the Mountain View nonprofit with the San Cristobal Verapaz YMCA in Guatemala by directly donating supplies. YMCA staff contributed supplies ranging from markers, coloring books, notebooks, glue sticks, pencils and Spanish books, according to Renee Zimmerman, executive director of the El Camino Real YMCA. Supplies went to the Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta Aldea Santa Marta Sumpango Sacatepequez.

Paz and her family personally delivered the supplies to the school at the end of October.

"We originally wanted to collect enough items to fill Glenda's allowable carry-on bags," Zimmerman said. "But the response was so great that she ended up taking extra bags and then shipping the rest."

The drive was successful and the staff is coordinating the second drive in January, Zimmerman said, when Paz and her family will be making a second trip to Guatemala.

"This was our first coordinated effort with the Y in Guatemala and we hope it will serve as a starting point for a more formal program in the future," Zimmerman said.

The goal of the exchange was beyond donating supplies: Zimmerman said the YMCA wanted to raise awareness about supporting other communities as well.

"Our goal was to raise global awareness among our members

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MICHELLE LE

Ava's Downtown Market is one of the latest small businesses to be hit with a lawsuit over ADA access.

Ava's faces lawsuit over ADA access

OTHER DOWNTOWN SHOPS FACED SIMILAR ACTION FROM SAME LAW FIRM

By Mark Noack

A linchpin of Castro Street, Ava's Downtown Market & Deli has weathered fierce competition, rising costs and parking troubles. Now the grocery store's latest threat has to do with the dimensions of its displays and chairs.

A new civil lawsuit is demanding payment from Ava's owners and their partners for alleged violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The complaint mirrors other ADA suits filed against small shops and cafes across California that have gained a reputation among business owners

for being tantamount to a shakedown.

The federal lawsuit was filed on behalf of Ronny-Marie Wilson, a frequent ADA plaintiff, against the owners of Ava's grocery store, the Omelette House and the 340 Castro Street building. The lawsuit complaint cites inadequate "knee and toe clearances" at tables near the Omelette House dining area and aisles in the grocery store that were wheelchair inaccessible due to the store's inventory displays. Each violation can result in up to \$4,000 in damages in court; however, the lawsuit leaves the possibility open for more violations to be identified.

Ava's co-owner Juan Origel confirmed the lawsuit, but declined to comment based on the advice of his attorney.

The lawyer and firm behind the lawsuit — Tanya Moore of the San Jose-based Mission Law Firm — has reportedly filed hundreds of similar suits across the state, including several in Mountain View. These cases are described by opponents as cookie-cutter lawsuits that seize on small technical infractions such as faded parking lines and sign heights to demand large settlements. Many defendants are inclined to quickly settle for a lesser sum rather than risk a

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Teacher arrested for lewd texts to student

By Kevin Forestieri

A Mountain View High School math teacher was arrested Tuesday morning after school officials say they discovered he sent inappropriate text messages to a student, according to a joint statement by police and the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District.

Police say the teacher, identified as Evan Smith, was arrested on one count of suspicion of sending harmful matter to a minor, after school officials

were notified of the inappropriate conduct between him and a student on Monday afternoon, Nov. 6.

Smith, a Mountain View resident, was put on paid administrative leave. He has been a teacher at Mountain View High School for the past 15 years, and was a cross-country and track coach from 2003 through 2010 as well as a



Evan Smith

varsity swimming coach in 2003, according to district spokeswoman Cynthia Greaves. He is also a Junior Class Advisor for the school, Greaves said.

The text message exchange began over the summer, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. The female student reported the lewd texts to an academic counselor on Monday afternoon, who then immediately contacted school administrators, Greaves said.

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Hotel project approved for Denny's site

HIGH LEVELS OF TOXIC TCE RAISE CONCERNS

By Mark Noack

Overruling complaints from a competing innkeeper, the Mountain View City Council on Tuesday approved a new 74-room Holiday Inn to replace a shuttered Denny's restaurant on Leong Drive.

City officials had already approved the three-story hotel in September during an Administrative Zoning meeting, but a neighboring hotel appealed that decision to the council days later.

C.K. Shah, who manages the nearby County Inn, asked that the city reject the proposed hotel, alleging it would bring numerous problems to the neighborhood. He cited increased traffic, parking demand and possible environmental concerns stemming from high levels of trichloroethylene (TCE) in the soil and groundwater.

Speaking before the council, Shah said he was also upset the city was willing to bend the rules for the new hotel. His project never received these perks, he said.

"The planning department has decided to change the ground rules that we were faced with," he said. "When we went through the planning commission, they

had rejected everything that they're doing right now."

The city did grant some exceptions to the proposed Holiday Inn, allowing it to be built taller and with less parking than city policies would normally require. Senior Planner Diane Pancholi said that those exceptions were given in exchange for public benefits, including allowing local government and nonprofit

Recent soil gas samples from the site were approximately 14,000 times greater than the EPA safety threshold.

groups to use the future hotel's meeting space free of charge. Pancholi said she was confident that all the issues raised by the appeal had already been addressed.

City Council members signaled they agreed with the staff assessment.

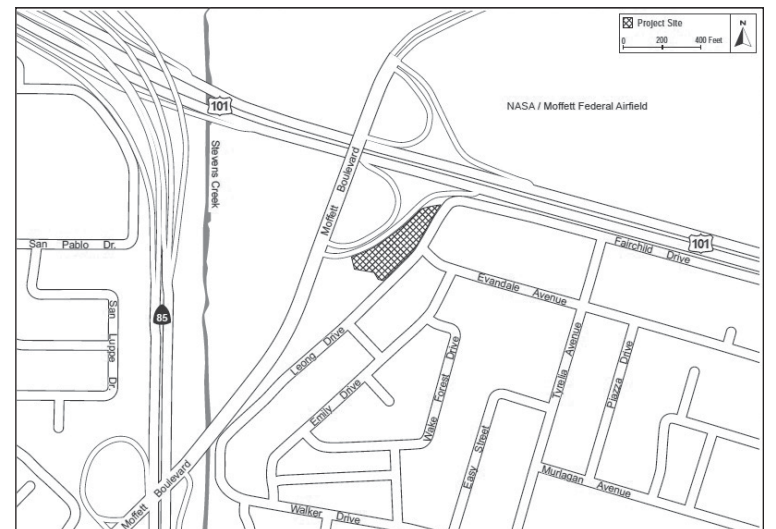
"As a small business owner, I'd also be concerned

about a competitor moving in next to me," said Councilman John McAlister, who owns a Baskin-Robbins shop. "But the items you wish to dispute, I just don't see merit in it."

The council rejected the appeal and approved the project in a 6-0 vote with Mayor Ken Rosenberg absent.

One concern that did prompt a lively discussion was the local Middlefield-Ellis-Whisman

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COURTESY OF CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

A long-closed Denny's site (the shaded area) was approved for a hotel development despite TCE contamination.

PUMPKINS

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use outrageously large devices, including pneumatic cannons, to launch full-sized pumpkins thousands of feet.

Moorti decided early on that having kids build their own trebuchets was going to be way too problematic, and opted for one large device that students can use to test what they just learned in the classroom. Attendance wasn't great at first, he said, but after making some improvements to the rig so the pumpkins would fly farther and adding new concepts to the class, Punkin Chunkin became a hit at Landels.

Because students are as young as kindergarten and first grade, he said it's important to stick to basic concepts like Hooke's Law — a simple equation that calculates force — and avoid complex topics like ignition and combustibles as much as possible.



MICHELLE LE

Landels students watch as classmates fling pumpkins into the sky from a wooden trebuchet during an after-school physics activity.

"We really try to minimize it to just understanding a simple concept," he said.

Older students who take the first class, which focuses solely on leverage using trebuchets, can move on to the "Double Chunk" class that took place on Nov. 7, where students learn

about springs and how slingshots can be used to launch pumpkins. There's a little more math involved in the second class, Moorti said, and he hopes that the early exposure to the concept of force means it won't feel too foreign when kids start to dig into advanced math and physics

in middle and high school.

"Once they learn the language it becomes less daunting," he said. "Hopefully the students will be able to learn more easily because they know in the backs of their minds, 'Oh, I know how this works.'"

Punkin Chunkin is one of dozens of classes in Landels Enrichment Activities Program (LEAP), a circuit of of extracurricular activities hosted by parents and volunteers at the school. The topics range from arts and crafts to science and engineering, and about one-third of all students at the school participate in at least one of the classes, Moorti said.

Kids who join in on the pumpkin-launching activity are excited to see how far they can get their pumpkins to fly, he said, but the real treat is seeing the pumpkins shatter when they hit the ground.

"When it explodes, you can hear the cheers," he said. ▣

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and to provide them with a way to directly support children and families in another country and to raise awareness of the extent and reach of the YMCA world wide," Zimmerman said.

—Stephanie Lee

HOPE'S CORNER SERVES MILESTONE MEAL

After six years of serving hot meals to the hungry, the local nonprofit Hope's Corner is marking a milestone. Last Saturday, the volunteer group served its 50,000th meal to someone in need.

The achievement would be a reason to celebrate, except that it is one more example of the community's increasingly urgent needs. When it launched in 2011, the Saturday meal program was serving about 28 people on average. These days, upward of 200 people regularly line up for a hot breakfast and sack lunch at the Trinity United Methodist Church at the corner of Hope and Mercy streets.

In recent days, the church and its circle of volunteers have gone even farther in trying to help the local needy. City officials last month approved plans for the church to serve as a cold-weather shelter for up to 50 people.

—Mark Noack

ARREST

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Principal Dave Grissom and district Superintendent Jeff Harding reviewed the texts and subsequently contacted Mountain View police, she said.

The victim was interviewed by police, who determined there were grounds for an arrest, Greaves said. Smith was arrested around 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Police and district officials say they were able to take swift action because the student victim was willing to come forward and notify school staff, according to the statement.

Mountain View police say there may be additional victims in the case, and are asking anyone with information or who might be a victim to contact Det. Frank Rivas at 650-903-6388 or Sgt. Dan Vicencio at 650-903-6386.

Student safety is a top priority for the school district, and students at Mountain View High School who have experienced harassment are being advised to contact a teacher, counselor or David Grissom, the statement said. ▣

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RENTAL COMMITTEE

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committee member Tom Means, who proposed the idea. "This is benefiting some of your tenants and voting residents, so we think you should throw in half the budget."

To call this idea a long shot would be an understatement. Nearly all City Council members firmly opposed the rent control initiative, which won voter approval last November. Some council members have aggressively demanded that the rental committee immediately pay back a \$430,000 start-up loan from the city.

Mayor Ken Rosenberg said there would be scant support for cutting the rental program another check.

"It seems unlikely that the city would provide funding to benefit landlords," he said in an email. "City Council has made clear that it expects to be paid back for the expenses it has fronted."

The Rental Housing Committee operates independently from the rest of Mountain View's city government, with its own staffing and budget. This was deliberate because the authors of the

rent control law didn't want the city's political leaders to exert control over the program.

But that structure also forces the rental program to be financially self-sufficient. Last month, the Rental Housing Committee reluctantly approved a \$2.4 million budget despite criticisms that the projected costs were excessive. To pay that sum, the committee's staff proposed a new \$155 fee on all apartments.

At the Monday night meeting, the rental committee wanted to see if landlords could legally pass through some portion of that fee onto tenants — raising their rent beyond normal limits, in other words. The committee's hired attorneys gave a clear answer: No.

"We don't believe the (rent control law) allows the pass-through of the rental housing fee to tenants," said Karen Tiedemann of the firm Goldfarb & Lipman. "The law limits rent increases and there's no provision for an additional rent increase due to a pass-through."

Landlords could factor in the fee as part of a petition process to raise rents higher, Tiedemann said. But that idea did little to alleviate the concerns of a crowd

of frustrated landlords in the room, who dismissed the petition process as too complex. Many speakers said it made sense for tenants to pay at least half the fee; others demanded that renters bear all the costs since they were the program's beneficiaries.

"That we should have to bear the costs for having our pockets picked is a travesty of justice," said Curtis Conroy, an apartment owner.

Those speakers found sympathetic ears. A man who identified himself as representing East Coast investors walked up to the dais to promote his firm's services in helping landlords "exit" their position.

Committee members Matthew Grunewald and Vanessa Honey echoed the landlords' concerns, saying it was only fair to split the cost between tenants and landlords. Despite the attorneys' advice, they signaled support for putting half the cost on tenants, possibly using a loophole in the law suggested by landlords.

"I feel empowered by the other people who found holes in the (rent control law)," Grunewald said. "A 50-50 split is fair, it's

symbolic ... and it's not an excessive rent increase."

On the other side, committee member Evan Ortiz warned his colleagues that they should have learned their lesson after previous episodes when they disregarded their own attorneys' advice, resulting in "significant legal fees." He was referring to the fight to establish when the rent control law took effect, which resulted in three separate lawsuits.

During this debate, Means pitched his idea of asking the city to foot the bill, which appeared to come as a surprise to everyone in the room. He acknowledged the idea was likely to be shot down, but he described it as better than moving forward with a plan that could invite more lawsuits. By asking for the city's support, he said, council members would have the opportunity to weigh for themselves the fairness of putting all the fees on landlords. He proposed having the committee's chair, Vanessa Honey, write a letter to formally make this request.

With the committee lacking consensus for any other option, Means' idea won the day. It was

approved in a 3-1 vote with Ortiz opposed. Committee member Emily Ramos abstained.

The committee also kicked the can down the road on the related issue of allowing an additional rent increase to compensate landlords for the four-month period not covered by Consumer Price Index adjustments after rents were rolled back to October 2015 rates. The extra rent adjustment would only cover the period between October 2015 and February 2016 when rents were effectively frozen, before raises tied to the CPI kicked in.

But the committee couldn't reach a decision because members disagreed over the length of time that needed to be counted. Grunewald and Honey insisted this increase should span a 10-month period, giving landlords an extra 3 percent. Other committee members, as well as the group's attorneys, said this period should be only four months, equaling 0.6 percent.

The committee voted 3-2, with Ortiz and Ramos opposed, to table the discussion in order for staff to explore more options. ■

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HOTEL PROJECT

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Superfund plume of contaminated groundwater. Recent soil gas samples taken from the Denny's site showed considerable TCE contamination, which reportedly stemmed from a leaking sewer line nearby. In some cases, recent soil gas samples from the site were approximately 14,000 times greater than the EPA safety threshold expected to be enforced for the future development.

TCE is a known carcinogen with any means of prolonged exposure, according to the EPA. In Mountain View, the primary risk from the toxic chemical, which was widely used in the semiconductor industry, is when vapors from contaminated groundwater seep through the soil and build up to hazardous levels inside structures.

Nevertheless, EPA officials at the meeting said the project could go forward as long as it included a rigorous cleanup and treatment program. Council members quizzed an EPA representative on the safety concerns at the site.

"In order to build on the property as part of the mitigation measures, we're requiring the reduction of TCE in the soil gas and groundwater contamination," said Alana Lee, the EPA's vapor intrusion

project manager. "The concern is the volatilization of TCE into the airspace of the workplace and living space of this new development."

As part of the approvals, the developer will be required to minimize dust and water runoff coming from the construction. In addition, the builder will be obligated to follow a long set of

safety protocols for its workers. The developers also must put together a vapor intrusion control plan to show how their building is preventing exposure to toxic vapors. EPA officials will reportedly be monitoring the site to ensure these safety goals are achieved. ■

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North Bayshore housing: new schools still needed

MICRO UNITS WON'T PRODUCE AS MANY NEW STUDENTS AS INITIALLY FEARED, STUDY SAYS

By Kevin Forestieri

Thousands of tiny studio and “micro” units proposed to be built in the North Bayshore area are unlikely to add many kids to local schools, easing worrisome projections that the city’s ambitious growth plans would require as many as five new schools to accommodate the influx, according to demographic estimates released last month.

But school district officials warn that the plans by Google and Sobrato to build 9,850 housing units in the city’s tech park remain a major concern, and that the lower estimates for enrollment growth only takes the edge off of a huge need for land and money to build new school facilities.

Previous projections showed that building out the residential development proposed in the North Bayshore Precise Plan could add 2,358 students in the Mountain View Whisman School District and 1,108 students in the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District.

Neither school district has the land nor the money to accommodate the flood of new students. But the projections didn’t account for the fact that about 40 percent of the new units are expected to be so-called micro units and studio apartments, averaging only about 450 square feet in size.

Very few families with children are expected to live in these smaller units, and revised projections show that the 3,940 micro units and studios will only bring a grand total of 64 new students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

The adjusted estimates by the firm Jack Schreder and Associates now show that school districts should expect a total of 2,345 more students — down from the original 3,466 — from North Bayshore housing, almost all of it coming from affordable housing units. The city is asking Google and Sobrato to make 20 percent of the new homes affordable, and those 1,970 subsidized units are expected to account for nearly 73 percent of the projected enrollment growth.

The smaller number of new students doesn’t really change much, said Mountain View Whisman Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph. The school district still faces a construction funding gap of about \$75 million to build school facilities for all the extra students, he said, and that doesn’t even account for the fact that the school district still needs land for the new campuses.

“It brought us down from needing three elementary schools to needing two elementary schools,” Rudolph said, adding that the district will likely need another middle school campus as well.

Housing growth puts a strain on school districts, particularly here in the Bay Area, because state funding and developer fees intended to offset the impact of growth on local schools are woefully inadequate and only pay for a fraction of the costs for new buildings. Mountain View Whisman, for example, only collects \$2.32 in fees per square foot of new housing, and all 9,850 units are expected to generate \$16.5 million — not

enough for one small school. Mountain View-Los Altos High School Districts receives even less: \$1.16 per square foot.

Acknowledging the tricky situation that local school districts are in, Mountain View City Council agreed in September to inject language into the precise plan requiring Google and Sobrato to submit a “local school district strategy” as part of any dense residential project showing precisely how the developers would assist in building neighborhood schools.

Staffers at both school districts say they were aware the original projections might be overblown. Mountain View-Los Altos Associate Superintendent Mike Mathiesen told the *Voice* that the downward adjustment on student generation rates were expected, and now gives the district a more accurate glimpse into how North Bayshore housing will affect the district’s future plans for growth. Like Mountain View Whisman, the high school district still faces a budget shortfall of about \$45 million.

Both school districts are

relying on Jack Schreder and Associates for the enrollment growth estimates, and Mathiesen said the firm has been meeting with Google’s own hired consultant in hopes of coming to an agreement on the numbers. The final numbers will determine how much money, land and other resources the company will have to put up to help accommodate all the new students.

Katherine Williams, a spokeswoman for Google, said the tech giant acknowledges that housing growth will have an effect on local schools, and is committed to working with the city, community and school districts to “ensure the increased demand residential projects may create can be managed.”

Rudolph said the precise plan suggests the district at least meet with Google to resolve any disputes about enrollment growth within 45 days of the City Council approving the plan, but he said he’s hoping to come to an agreement earlier than that.

“We hope to have it resolved, or at least be in the same ballpark, in the next couple of months,” he said. ▀

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LAWSUIT

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large court judgment.

Moore said that her legal actions are about providing equal access for the disabled. Businesses have had 27 years to comply with the ADA requirements, but many shop owners decide to perform mandated upgrades only when they're staring at a lawsuit, she wrote.

"As long as businesses can direct the narrative away from their illegal behavior and vilify the person with a disability, the promise of the ADA will remain unfulfilled," she wrote in an email. "The fact is businesses don't want to comply with the law."

An example of how the case against Ava's might proceed may be found in what happened to Blossom True Value Hardware on El Camino Real.

Owners Michele Bernal and her husband Paul Zeitman had thought they had gone above and beyond the rules by spending \$50,000 to upgrade their restroom to ensure it was wheelchair-accessible.

But in 2013, their store was hit by a lawsuit from Moore's firm. The lawsuit alleged violations including poorly marked parking lines, asphalt cracks and displays blocking the aisles. All of these problems allegedly made it difficult for Moore's wheelchair-bound client to move through the store.

In the end, Bernal and Zeitman decided to settle the case for \$20,000. Luckily, that sum was covered by their insurance, but they still had to pay about \$5,000 in hikes to their premium. Bernal remains bitter about the episode.

"It's legal graft; it's really amazing that they can do this," Bernal said. "It's easier for them to go after the little guys because we don't have attorneys on call. If they go after the big chains, they have the money and attorneys to fight this."

Around the same time, Moore's firm reportedly filed similar

lawsuits against many neighboring businesses, including the El Paso Cafe, Mountain View Surplus and a Baskin-Robbins franchise owned by City Councilman John McAlister.

Asked about the incident, McAlister said the actual fixes in his store were minor. He had to add a sidewalk ramp and move some tables and equipment for easier maneuverability, which altogether cost about \$400. But the legal squabble ended up costing him about \$18,000 between the ADA specialists and attorneys, he said.

"We want to make sure everyone has equal access and that things are fair, but when these guys come in they're not doing things for the good of the disabled," he said. "It's going after the small guys, and that's really troubling."

McAlister said he didn't have any great advice to give the Ava's owners. Fighting the case in court would likely fail, he said. The best recourse might be to

settle the case as quickly as possible, he said.

Political pressure is building to amend federal law to put new restrictions on ADA lawsuits. U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier (D-San Mateo) is co-sponsoring a bill that would give businesses a 120-day-notice period to correct ADA violations before a lawsuit could commence. Julie Griffiths, an advocate with the California Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, said the bill has bipartisan support and she expects it to pass.

By her count, Griffiths said, there have been nearly 3,000 questionable ADA lawsuits filed against small businesses just in California. Nearly all the suits have the same cluster of plaintiffs and law firms behind them.

"There's been some legitimate suits where people have been denied access, but you have to swim through 250 others before you find one of those," she said. ▣

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Co-teaching model to help middle school special ed students

DOUBLING UP ON TEACHERS COULD GIVE STUDENTS TIME FOR ELECTIVES

By Kevin Forestieri

Aiming to prevent students with disabilities from falling behind, the Mountain View Whisman School District is preparing to solve a complicated problem with a simple solution: Add another teacher to the classroom.

At the Nov. 2 school board meeting, Special Education Director Gary Johnson told trustees that the district plans to add a secondary teacher to serve the role of “education specialist” in mainstream classrooms at both Crittenden and Graham middle schools. The special education teacher would play a critical role in helping students who have special needs thrive in general education classrooms, and could open the door for teaching strategies and differentiation of instruction that a solo teacher simply can’t do alone.

Though co-teaching will likely be expensive, and many of the details have yet to be ironed out, the strategy is expected to go a long way towards helping dozens

of middle school students who have special needs outlined in their Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and who stand to benefit from the extra attention. These are students who are in mainstream classrooms — meaning they take classes alongside students without disabilities — and Johnson said there’s a growing body of evidence in recent years showing a boost in academic performance from co-teaching models.

Beyond test scores, Johnson said co-teaching helps to integrate children with disabilities with the rest of the school, allowing them to hone their social and communication skills with other students, develop friendships and have a more “realistic” school experience, according to a district staff report. Children without disabilities also have a greater opportunity to understand what it’s like to live with a disability, and see first-hand the hurdles that special education students have to overcome, Johnson said.

“You get greater social integration with the students being

in the same classroom together instead of segregated into separate classes,” he said.

The district’s Specific Learner Needs Task Force has been looking into co-teaching for a while, and parents say they’re optimistic. District parent Christine Case-Lo told the *Voice* that it would be “amazing” if the district could offer full inclusion for students with disabilities, where another teacher actively tailors general education curriculum to meet the needs of individual special education students.

There are currently 192 students with IEPs at the district’s two middle schools, a majority of whom are candidates for the co-teaching model next year, according to Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph. Once the district determines how many sections of co-teaching the district needs to support those students, there will be better estimates on how much the program will cost, he said.

Rudolph said he has personal experience with the model. He taught alongside a co-teacher at

Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia starting in the late 1990s, and said it was an elegant way to teach students with different needs and backgrounds. It was a strong partnership where he knew the curriculum content inside and out, and his co-teacher was a resource specialist who knew how to best present the information in a way that everyone in the class could understand, he said.

“There’s a lot of power and benefits to it, and I think our parents are really excited for the opportunity that their kids can say, ‘Hey, I learn a little bit differently but I contribute to the conversation as much as you do,’” Rudolph said.

Co-teaching models vary, but Rudolph emphasized the importance of adopting a format where both teachers are seen as equals, and neither teacher is perceived as an assistant who deals with just a break-out group of kids. The ideal situation is for both teachers to share the workload and design and develop lessons together.

During an event called the Inclusion Collaborative State Conference last month, Johnson said one teacher described exactly what the district wants to avoid: He showed up for his first day on the job with no idea that he was going to be sharing a classroom with another teacher, and was initially forced

into an ancillary role.

“It took him two years before they really started giving him the responsibility to start participating in the instruction,” Johnson said. “We don’t want to take two years to get started — we want to do better than that.”

District officials say the co-teaching model is an essential part of a larger plan to reconfigure middle school schedules, with a goal of allowing students with disabilities and students still learning English the opportunity to take an elective class. Currently, the six-period schedule forces these students to take a special support class — like English-language development or special education instructional support — in place of an elective such as music, robotics or art.

Graham teacher Edgar Gomez told school board members that the district has short-changed kids with special needs by depriving them of an elective, calling it a “disservice” to the students who miss out on activities outside of the core curriculum.

“There’s a large population within our community that is frustrated with the fact that we haven’t been able to provide their child with a creative outlet,” he said. ▣

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the California Veterinary Board in July, 2016. The complaint stated the full medical record, however, with doctors' notes, was not provided to the owner until a month later, after the dog had died. The *Voice* story could have left the incorrect impression that no records had been provided to the second vet.

In their complaint to the Veterinary Board, BooBoo's owners

also stated that they never were told by Dr. Ghumman what was wrong with the dog after multiple tests and five visits. On two separate occasions, however, the owners did not authorize Dr. Ghumman to do an ultrasound scan, which, after publication of the article, Ghumman stated would have confirmed a diagnosis of liver cancer. An ultrasound performed later by another vet showed a tumor in the liver.

The *Voice* was unable to independently verify a cat owner's

contention that a second vet told her that Dr. Ghumman had prescribed medication that was not appropriate to the cat's kidney condition, and that, in the owner's opinion, Ghumman had performed unnecessary tests. The *Voice* therefore retracts those statements. Since publication of the article, Dr. Ghumman has denied these contentions, stating that nothing other than a routine blood test was given and that it showed the cat suffered from renal (kidney) disease.

STABBING

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allegedly tried to grab the officer's holster and handgun in an attempt to disarm him, the document said.

During the altercation with police, officers used a wooden baton and eventually a Taser in an attempt to control the suspect, but they were ineffective, police said. The statement of facts reported that Neal, after being struck by a baton and while the Taser's current was still running, seemed unaffected and "appeared to bite at" the victim's neck.

The victim was severely injured and was given emergency first

aid treatment before being transported to Stanford Hospital, where he initially was listed as being in serious but stable condition.

The suspect was taken to El Camino Hospital for treatment before he was taken to Santa Clara County jail.

Neal received national news coverage in 1993 when he was struck by a drunken driver while competing in an international bicycle race in Mexico. Aged 18 at the time, Neal suffered a broken collarbone and serious bone fractures, according to news reports at the time.

Police are still investigating what caused the fight, and could not say whether the

suspect and the victim knew each other. Neal is facing charges including murder, obstructing or resisting a police officer and attempting to disarm a peace officer, according to the statement.

This is the first homicide reported in Mountain View since 2014, when someone shot and killed a 38-year-old man backstage at a Wiz Khalifa show at Shoreline Amphitheatre.

Anyone who may have witnessed the fight or who has information that would assist the homicide investigation is asked to contact Det. Dan Garcia at 650-903-6624. ▀

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Donald Trump, Tom Means, and local rent control

By Michael Kahan

One of the most unfortunate aspects of Donald Trump's presidency has been his habit of appointing officials such as Scott Pruitt at the Environmental Protection Agency, Betsy DeVos at the Department of Education, and Rick Perry at the Department of Energy. These officials share a common trait: They are publicly opposed to the mission of the agency they head. One (Perry) had even called for the agency's elimination, although he now says he no longer supports this idea. Placing such people in charge of public policies that they so clearly oppose erodes public trust, interferes with efficient and effective government, and ultimately undermines faith in democracy itself.

Regrettably, a version of this approach to governance is playing out in Mountain View, in the appointment of Tom Means to the Rental Housing Committee (RHC). Means' opposition to rent control in principle makes him singularly unfit for a committee entrusted with enacting the very policy he opposes. His actions since his appointment raise increasing questions about the wisdom of his appointment.

Since joining the committee, Means has frequently sought to frustrate the will of the majority of Mountain View voters who supported Measure V. He has obstructed reasonable recommendations made by city staff and contracted experts, and attempted to substitute his own untried, half-baked solutions. At the very least, his actions

waste taxpayer money and city staff time; at worst, they weaken and undermine voter-approved policies that are designed to protect members of our community from displacement.

The latest outrage is Means' intervention as an "expert" into a campaign for rent control on the ballot in Pacifica in this week's election. He has authored a report opposing the measure. While of course Means has the right to speak his mind, it is concerning that he is using his appointment on the Mountain View RHC as a platform to spread his anti-rent-control views in other cities. It is frankly inconceivable that he can bring the balance and judgment needed to his work on the RHC when he so publicly has associated himself with opposition to the very policy he is entrusted with implementing.

The substance of the report makes it clear how out of touch Means is with the realities of rental markets, a topic on which he claims academic expertise. He argues, for instance, that if rents are rising rapidly, it must be because renters have higher incomes: "When proponents argue that income is not rising as fast as rents, they are clearly wrong, since landlords would not be able to charge higher rents unless potential renters have higher incomes." He dismisses out of hand the possibility that renters might be forced to pay a higher percentage of their income on rent: "Given the turnover in this market," he writes, "it is highly unlikely that landlords are renting out to individuals who would have to spend over 50% of their income on rent."

But for many renters, spending more than 50 percent of income on rent is unfortunately very likely. An analysis by the National Low Income Housing Coalition of data for 2015 showed that 23 percent of low-income households, 57 percent of very low-income households, and 80 percent of extremely low-income households spent more than 50 percent of their incomes on rent. For Means to pretend that such severe rent burdening is "highly unlikely" is either extremely misinformed or unforgivably callous.

In the *Voice* article on this subject, Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga defended Means for bringing "balance" to the RHC. Certainly the RHC should include a diversity of views. Measure V was written with the expectation that both landlords and tenants would serve on the committee, and it was understood that they would not always agree on what the law means or how it should be enforced. This kind of disagreement is healthy in a democracy. But opposition to the existence of the law itself is beyond what the people of Mountain View want or need on this committee; it is counterproductive, inefficient, and unfair.

The City Council should investigate immediately whether it is possible to remove Means from his post on the RHC. If so, Means should be removed, and replaced with someone who is at least committed to the basic purpose of the agency he or she is entrusted to steer.

Michael Kahan is co-director of the Program on Urban Studies at Stanford University.

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

REQUIRE LASD SCHOOL TO SERVE NEIGHBORHOOD

Most parents with children in the Los Altos School District's seven K-6 neighborhood schools are lucky. These schools provide children with the opportunity to make friends living near them, engage in scout troops or athletic teams and other non-school activities with friends, and be able to walk or ride bikes to school when old enough. Parents can meet their neighbors and develop friendships as well. People appreciate these benefits afforded a community school in their neighborhood.

However, not all elementary school children in the LASD are that fortunate. Children living north of El Camino Real in the district — some 500 K-6 students — do not have a neighborhood school. Instead they are assigned to one of three schools that entail crossing El Camino

to reach. Most parents transport them, with trips of about 1.3 miles, 1.4 miles, or 2.7 miles.

With enough students now to fill an elementary school north of El Camino and even more residential housing being built there, it is time to site a neighborhood elementary school there. Over the years the LASD has received developers' fees to minimally help offset land purchase for a new school. Also, the city of Mountain View is offering parkland fees to offset the purchase cost if allowed to use the grounds for a much-needed public park in the area after school hours. That's a win-win for this community.

Therefore, I ask the Mountain View City Council to specify that the city's assistance of some \$100,000 to the LASD be conditioned on this new site being a neighborhood school with parkland for the area, and not

as a Bullis Charter School site. BCS currently houses its 900 students together at two LASD sites. No matter where a future BCS is located, it will not be a "neighborhood" school for its students and will require that most be driven to school, thus adding traffic in this busy area.

In all fairness to these LASD students who have no neighborhood school, it is time for wise and caring decision-makers of both the Mountain View City Council and the LASD board to finally provide that school for them. This will be a one-and-only chance to do that.

*Andi Sandstrom
Tulane Drive*

NO TEACHER HOUSING AT COOPER PARK

After reading your article on turning Cooper Park into housing for teachers, I feel I must

speak up. I realize that the need for affordable housing is great; however, turning our beautiful park into condos or townhouses is disgraceful. The fact is that our neighborhood is already over-crowded, and Grant Road is impassable in both directions morning, noon, mid-afternoon and evening. And, that is the only way in and out of this area.

The park is used by hundreds of people and youth sport organizations on a daily basis. Many of our neighbors have sold their houses and moved out of state. My husband and I have lived here for over 35 years, and have raised our family here. We feel we are being squeezed out of our own home. Mountain View Whisman School District, there is no room in the Cooper Park neighborhood. Build the housing somewhere else.

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

German immersion

AUTHENTIC BEER, GOOD CHEER STAND OUT AT GOURMET HAUS STAUDT IN REDWOOD CITY

Story by Monica Schreiber | Photos by Michelle Le

Gemütlich has always been one of my favorite German words. It doesn't have a precise English equivalent, but an establishment that is gemütlich is cozy and evokes a sense of belonging. It was a word I heard a lot growing up, usually when my German mother was reminiscing, misty-eyed, about life in Bavaria.

Even if you don't know the word, you feel the sentiment at Gourmet Haus Staudt. This delightfully original indoor-outdoor beer garden is tucked in the back of a 42-year-old German food and sundries shop in downtown Redwood City. It is the kind of place a middle-aged couple can walk into on a raucous Friday evening, squeeze into a long table occupied by a bunch of 20-something techies celebrating the end of another week of digital disruption and end up sharing some laughs — and maybe even a soft pretzel the size of a steering wheel.

Speaking of techies, it was here in 2010 that an Apple engineer, seemingly undone by the generous glasses of pilsner and lager, managed to leave behind a top-secret prototype of the iPhone 4 that he was field testing. "I underestimated how good German beer is," he reportedly posted on Facebook. Tech website Gizmodo eventually got its gleeful hands on it and now Apple probably has a "no partaking of German beer" clause in its hiring contract.

Proprietor Volker Staudt, whose immigrant parents Lucy and Lothar opened Haus Staudt as a flower shop in 1975, said the last thing he wanted was to profit from Apple's misfortune. Still, the publicity storm, which included an article in The New York Times, helped put his little beer garden on the map.

Happily, though, the

backroom beer hall still feels like a secret hideaway, almost like a speakeasy. Decorated with posters, deer antlers and various Germanic knick-knacks, with long tables designed for communal seating, it all feels cozy, quirky and welcoming.

A couple of years before the iPhone brouhaha, Staudt and his wife Maryann had somewhat reluctantly taken over his parents' Broadway Street shop. He appreciated the jars of imported goods, beer steins and advent calendars that had been the mainstay of his parents' business for decades, but running an old-timey imports store wasn't exactly what he'd imagined for himself. So, the one-time construction superintendent thought he might try serving some beer and food out of the back room. Things took off from there. (Family matriarch Lucy was initially dubious, but she has since come around and continues to work a few days a week in the store and bar.)

German beer is at the heart of Gourmet Haus Staudt.

"We are proud of our traditional German food, but we don't really consider ourselves a restaurant," Staudt said. "We are a beer hall that happens to serve food."

Three fantastic German beers take center stage here and are always among the dozen or so rotating libations on tap: the Weihenstephaner vitus, a light single-bock beer made with fine yeast and given to a creamy foam, made for almost 1,000 years by one of the oldest breweries in the world, the Weihenstephan Monastery Brewery. A comparative upstart, the Köstritzer Schwarzbier has only been on the scene since the 1800s. This is a deep, dark beer with chocolaty undertones, but surprisingly smooth, without



Beer is the star at Gourmet Haus Staudt in Redwood City, but its menu items, including huge fresh pretzels and sausage with sauerkraut and potato salad, all pair well with the imported brews.

any of the charred bitterness of so many dark beers. The Weltenburger Kloster Barock Dunkel, also a dark lager, is another standout example of German monks doing what they do best. A host of other German beers make regular rotations at the tap, as well as a few local craft beers such as Monterey's Alvarado Street Brewery.

The beers are served in

elegant, authentic glasses and are as delicious as the Apple engineer reportedly attested on Facebook. So make sure your phone is secured, toast your new friends at the table and enjoy some of the best and hardest-to-find tap beers this side of Munich. Prices range from \$6 for a small glass up to \$11.75 for an Oktoberfest-worthy mug.

Pork and sausage lovers will

be in hog heaven here. The food doesn't necessarily rise to the level of "gourmet," despite the name of the establishment, but the wurst, schnitzel and other such offerings are authentic, meaty and offer the ideal culinary counterpoint to beer. Almost everyone orders one of the giant, housemade soft pretzels (\$9). For an extra couple of dollars, you can get your pretzel with salami and cheese or with




Maryann and Volker Staudt, with son *Grant*, run an authentic German beer hall tucked in the back of the import shop founded by Volker's parents.

a plate of obatzda, a rich Bavarian Camembert cheese spread mixed with onions, paprika and garlic. Even with a Bavarian mother, I'd never had obatzda before and I'm not sure I will partake again, but the artery-clogging, pinkish lump of spreadable cheese did go strangely well with a glass of the vitus.

The housemade pickle plate (\$6) was delicious. Infused with habaneros and herbs, the crisp, spicy, ultra-fresh sliced pickles burned just enough and had us reaching happily for the cooling beers.

The bockwurst plate (\$12.50) comes with two pork and veal white sausages, a dab of sauerkraut and a mini fresh-baked pretzel. As with the other entrees we tried at lunch and dinner, it leaned a little to the paltry side in terms of serving size, but the pale sausages were as authentic as they come, flavored with salt, pepper and perhaps a dash of paprika. We also tried a bratwurst plate (\$12.50), two highly seasoned pork sausages served with sauerkraut and a

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CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

Water System Flushing

In November the City of Mountain View will begin its annual water system flushing program. System flushing is a process the City uses to maintain water quality by clearing water mains of sand and sediment that may have accumulated during the last year. The City's flushing program accounts for less than 1% of the overall water system use.

In the next several weeks, City staff will be flushing water mains from Cuesta Drive to the northern City limit. The City will post notices in affected neighborhoods several days in advance of the flushing. If you would like more information about the City's water system flushing or have questions or concerns while City personnel are in your neighborhood please contact the Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329.

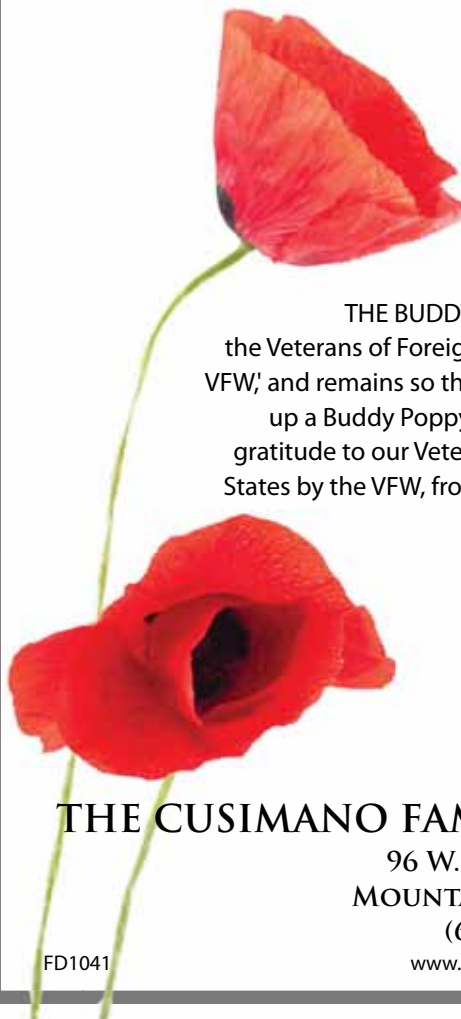


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Volker Staudt pours a beer at *Gourmet Haus Staudt* in downtown Redwood City. The beer hall made national news in 2010 when a prototype iPhone was accidentally left there by an Apple engineer.

GERMAN IMMERSION

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small mound of lightly dressed German potato salad. The potato salad was acceptable, but mom's eggy version is better. The schnitzel sandwich (\$14) — tenderized pork loin, breaded and fried, served on rye bread with a

small green salad — was meaty and hearty, but not particularly memorable.

Vegetarians will be relegated pretty much to the pretzel and the French fries (\$5 small; \$7 large). We opted for a large during one visit and got a huge cone of fresh, hot fries that needed just a bit more salt. The curry

ketchup was a nice change from the usual.

Service is friendly and relatively efficient, with full wait staff tag-teaming up to cover all the tables, so if you need another beer (and you will), just flag down the closest server.

One of the most appealing aspects of *Gourmet Haus Staudt* is the wide-ranging clientele it attracts. Friday nights skew young and hip, but you might find yourself at a table with a family or a group of seniors. During Saturday lunches, a prime spot is reserved for the stammtisch, or "regulars table," where a group of German speakers and friends have been meeting every week for years. Pull up a chair, raise your glass and feel the gemütlichkeit.

Email *Monica Schreiber* at monicahayde@yahoo.com

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Daddy issues

DOPEY 'DADDY'S HOME 2' LIMPS ALONG ON STAR POWER

★1/2 (Century 16 & 20)

"We're back! With more daddies!" This trailer-ready line gets spoken early in "Daddy's Home Two," a lazy family comedy sequel (and is there any other kind?). Along with co-writer/director Sean Anders, the cast of 2015's "Daddy's Home" returns, now enhanced by an elder generation of stars. Co-dads Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg must contend with their own fathers, played by John Lithgow and Mel Gibson, respectively.

The original movie, while hardly subversive, made hay from the chemistry of Ferrell and Wahlberg (first proven in 2010's "The Other Guys") and located some edge in its premise of a "dad vs. stepdad" competition for two children's love. The sequel finds that situation curdled into a passive-aggressive acceptance, mischievously exploited by an otherwise grumpy and insecure granddad (Gibson's Kurt) who can see the resentments bubbling under the surfaces of Dusty (Wahlberg) and Brad (Ferrell). Brad's dad (Lithgow) has buried his own problems yet deeper, promising his outsized, cheery demeanor will eventually yield to a manic emotional breakdown.

The four find themselves stuck together when Brad suggests a "Together Christmas," which turns into a wintry cabin getaway for Brad and Dusty's respective families, plus, y'know, more daddies. The early scenes consciously repeat the structure of "Daddy's Home," with daily family life interrupted by a phone call, then a trip to the airport (and, sure enough, the same Spanish-speaking driver hanging out in the same spot). Once at the cabin, the plot falls into a pattern of set pieces — bowling alley (a test of Owen Vaccaro's young Dylan), hunting (a test of Scarlett Estevez's young Megan), improv show, movie theater. Each piece is designed to hasten character dynamics and accommodate broad humor and slapstick.

Approached on that basic level, "Daddy's Home Two" isn't unbearable for adults, and it's likely to delight kids to no end as the adults act stupid and the kids get their triumphs. This is a big-budget four-quadrant comedy, cynically built to appeal to boys, girls, men and women (I guess there's a tiny subplot about tension between moms



Mel Gibson, Mark Wahlberg, Will Ferrell and John Lithgow star in "Daddy's Home 2."

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Linda Cardellini and Alessandra Ambrosio). It's comfort food for the trying Christmas-shopping season, and the ads reassure you'll get all of the above, plus a stunt sequence involving a Christmas-lights disaster.

Clearly, one of the most influential films of the modern era has been the twice sequel-ized "Meet the Parents," with its big-scale, cartoonish but ultimately non-threatening interfamilial clashes. These movies invariably suggest, after two hours of mockery, that those competing extremes of masculinity, sensitivity and toughness, find their match in each other. While men work all this out, the women mostly stand by the sidelines.

Only insurance premiums can say whether we're in for a "Daddy's Home 3" that adds Dick Van Dyke as Lithgow's dad and Clint Eastwood as Gibson's dad. But surely, the incontinence and flatulence

jokes it could bring are the twinkle in the eye of some executive. Rated PG-13 for suggestive material and some language. One hour, 40 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

NOW SHOWING

- A Bad Mom's Christmas (R)**
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- American Made (PG-13) ★★★**
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- Blade Runner 2049 (R) ★★★1/2**
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- Boo 2! A Madea Halloween (PG-13)**
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- Daddy's Home 2 (PG-13) ★1/2**
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- The Florida Project (R)** Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
- The Foreigner (R)**
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- Geostorm (PG-13)**
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- Only the Brave (PG-13) ★★★**
Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- Thank You for Your Service (R)**
Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- Thor: Ragnarok (PG-13) ★★★**
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- Victoria and Abdul (PG-13)**
Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.
- Wonderstruck (PG) ★★★**
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■ HIGHLIGHT

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THEATER

'The Further Adventures of Hedda Gabler' This comedy, directed by Dale Albright and written by Jeff Whitty (one of the creators of Avenue Q), follows Hedda Gabler's journey with Medea (from Greek mythology) and Mammy (from "Gone With the Wind") through fictional character purgatory to "The Furnace," where it is said all fictional characters are born. Thursday-Saturday, now through Nov. 18, 8-10 p.m. \$27-\$35; students and seniors get a discount. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net/box-office/2017season/furtheradventures.html

Oshman Family JCC: 'Vincent' Leonard Nimoy spent years researching 500 letters of Vincent Van Gogh's, using them as the basis for the play "Vincent." Actor Jim Jarrett assumed the role in 1994 and will perform in Palo Alto. Nov. 18, 7 p.m. \$20-\$55. Oshman Family JCC - Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/Events/vincent-1

Palo Alto Players: 'Peter Pan' Palo Alto Players presents the classic musical "Peter Pan," featuring pirates, adventures and songs such as "I Won't Grow Up" and "I Gotta Crow." Nov. 3-19, times vary. \$25-\$55. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paplayers.org/on-stage-now

Pear Theatre: 'An Enemy of the People' Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People" is the story of an altruistic man undermined by people concerned with profit, the moral dilemmas inherent in whistle-blowing and the nature of truth itself. \$32. Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida, Mountain View. thepear.org

'Singin' in the Rain' Broadway by the Bay presents the songs and dances of "Singin' in the Rain," set in the days just after the success of the first talkies. Nov. 3-19, times vary. \$44-\$66/ Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St., Redwood City. broadwaybythebay.org

CONCERTS

Fortnightly Music Club Chamber Music Concert Fortnightly Music Club will present a chamber music concert featuring the "Dolly Suite for Piano Four-hands" by Gabriel Faure, the "Sonata in A Major" by Johannes Brahms and works by Nancy Bloomer Deussen. Nov. 12, 7 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. fortnightlymusicclub.org/

Stanford Philharmonia Fall Concert The Stanford Philharmonia presents Anthony Burgess' "Petite Symphonie pour Strasbourg," Mozart's "Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat Major, K. 364," performed by the husband-wife duo of violinist Owen Dalby and violist Meena Bhasin, and Schubert's "Symphony No. 6 in C Major." \$15-\$25; \$5 discount with advance purchase. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search music.stanford.edu for more info.

Stanford Wind Symphony: Fall Concert Stanford Wind Symphony, directed by Giancarlo Aquilanti, will perform its fall concert. Nov. 10, 7:30-9 p.m. \$15-\$20; \$5 discount with advance purchase. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search music.stanford.edu for more info.

'Young At Heart' Concert "Young at Heart" is a youth-inspired program that will include "The Toy Symphony" by Joseph Haydn or Leopold Mozart; "The Concerto Grosso in G-minor, Op.6, No. 8," by Arcangelo Corelli; "Kinderszenen, Op. 15" ("Scenes from Childhood") by Robert Schumann and "Elegia e Tarantella" by Giovanni Bottesini. Nov. 12, 4-6 p.m. \$20, general; \$15, student/senior; free, children under 12. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. brownpapertickets.com/event/3084907

Z.E.D. Productions Live Album Release Fundraiser & Concert Z.E.D. Productions presents "Garrick Davis World Blues," a fundraising concert event to

complete "A House Full of Friends" live album and video documentary. Nov. 12, 5 p.m. Club Fox, 2209 Broadway, Redwood City. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

MUSIC

Open Mic Open Mic takes place every Monday on the second 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

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San Francisco Opera Preview: John Adams's 'Girls of the Golden West' In his 90-minute lecture (with musical and visual clips), Dr. Kip Cranna, San Francisco Opera's dramaturg, will discuss the historical events behind the opera and introduce the opera's words and music. Nov. 14, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10. Chapel, First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, California, 1140 Cowper St., Palo Alto. sfvc.org/node/70450/workflow

Tony Saunders Angelica's will host Tony Saunders, bass and synthesizer player in the genres of jazz, gospel, R&B, pop and world music. Nov. 10, 8:30 p.m. \$27-\$39. Tickets must be purchased online. Angelicas, 863 Main St., Redwood City. Search angelicaswm.tunestub.com for more info.

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

3rd i's International South Asian Film Festival 2017 3rd i's Film will host its 15th annual San Francisco South-Asian film festival, "Bollywood and Beyond," featuring cinema from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Canada, Australia and the USA in the form of political films, home movies and films showcasing marginal voices. Nov. 18, 1-9:30 p.m. \$11-\$13 each film. CineArts, 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. thirdi.org

Holiday Bazaar This holiday craft faire features handcrafted items by local seniors, raffle and live entertainment. Nov. 18, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

TALKS & LECTURES

Chris Matthews Chris Matthews, host of MSNBC's "Hardball with Chris Matthews," will discuss his new book, "Bobby Kennedy: A Ragging Spirit," with David M. Kennedy. Presented by the Commonwealth Club. Nov. 14, 7 p.m. \$20-\$57. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto. commonwealthclub.org/events/

Claire McMillan Claire McMillan shares her new novel, "The Necklace," the story of two generations of Quincy women bound by a mysterious Indian necklace. Nov. 14, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 74 Town & Country, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event/claire-mcmillan-books-inc-palo-alto

Condors Return to Pinnacles Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society Executive Director Ralph Schardt will talk about a photo-chronology covering the reintroduction of the California Condor to Pinnacles National Monument. Nov. 15, 8 p.m. Free. Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Room H1, Palo Alto. scvas.org/

Hadassah Sequoia: Local Author Series with Marty Brounstein This storytelling presentation with Marty Brounstein will explore "Two Among the Righteous Few: A Story of Courage in the Holocaust," the true story of how Frans and Mien Wijnakker, a Christian couple, saved the lives of at least two

dozen Jews in southern Holland during World War II. Nov. 16, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10, suggested donation to Hadassah Chapter. Congregation Kol Emeth, 4175 Manuela Ave., Palo Alto.

The History of the Austrian Viennese Clocks Museum of American Heritage presents a lecture and photo show of the history of the finest clocks in the world developed in Vienna Austria area of the Austro Hungarian Monarchy. Nov. 16, 7-8 p.m. \$10, nonmembers; free, members. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. moah.org

Journalist Ari Berman National Voter Corps and ACLU Northern California sponsor Ari Berman's livestream discussion "One Year Before Midterms: Conversation on Voting Rights with Ari Berman." Joe Simitian, Santa Clara County supervisor, will moderate the conversation. Nov. 11, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos United Methodist Church (Creekside Room), 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. nationalvoter corps.org

Noam Cohen with John Markoff Noam Cohen, former New York Times technology columnist, discusses his debut book, "The Know-It-Alls: The Rise of Silicon Valley as a Political Powerhouse and Social Wrecking Ball." Cohen will be in conversation with John Markoff, former technology reporter for The New York Times. Nov. 15, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 317 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event/noam-cohen-john-markoff-books-inc-mt-view

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

'About Face: Intimacy and Abstraction in Photographic Portraits' This exhibition considers the voyeuristic intimacy of the close-up portrait in 13 photographs by celebrated photographers Ansel Adams, Imogen Cunningham, Barbara Morgan and Edward Weston. Each photograph captures a likeness and the mood set by the subject's personality. Nov. 1-March 4, 2018, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Tuesdays; open Thursdays until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search museum.stanford.edu for more info.

'Earthy Hollows: Cave and Kiln Transformations' "Earthy Hollows: Cave and Kiln Transformations" examines the dynamic ways in which caves, be they mountain grottoes, kilns or tunnel-like chambers made of earth and clay, interface mundane and mystical realms. Oct. 18-March 18, 2018; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Tuesdays; Thursdays, open until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search museum.stanford.edu for more info.

'Mark Twain, the Chinese, and the Railroad' The "I Want the Wide American Earth" exhibition tells stories of Asian immigrants finding homes and participating in key moments in American history, from the California Gold Rush, to the Transcontinental Railroad to the orchards and nurseries in Los Altos. Speakers on Nov. 16 and Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

Rengstorff House Art of Gratitude The Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) will be a part of the 2017 Rengstorff House Art of Gratitude exhibit, featuring student artwork from CSMA's Art4Schools program in the Mountain View elementary schools. Nov. 1-30, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. Rengstorff House, 3070 North Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. arts4all.org/events/rengstorff-house-art-of-gratitude

Russia, Romanovs and Revolution at Cantor Arts Center Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University will host a gallery talk with Jodi Roberts, curator for modern and contemporary art, as an introduction to the gallery "The Crown under the Hammer: Russia, Romanovs, Revolution." Nov. 16, noon. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Dr., Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

GALLERIES

'Plein Air' by Veronica Gross Veronica Gross and Viewpoints Gallery will present "Plein Air" by Veronica Gross featuring watercolor plein air works from throughout the artist's career. Now through Nov. 26. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State Street, Los Altos. viewpointsgallery.com

DANCE

Mélange 2017 - Monsoon Dance Company Showcase Moonsoon Dance Company presents its "Fall 2017 Showcase," an evening of dance by students and instructors and some audience participation. Nov. 11, 5-6:30 p.m. Zohar Dance Studio, 4000 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

COMEDY

Comedians at Red Rock Bay Area comedian Kevin Wong will host his monthly comedy showcase at Red Rock Coffee. Nov. 18, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Free, donations welcome. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. kevinwongcomedy.com/shows/

FILM

Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival Closing Night: 'Ben-Gurion Epilogue' The closing night screening will feature "Ben-Gurion, Epilogue," with special guests Director Yariv Mozer and David Ben-Gurion's grandson, Alon Ben-Gurion. A discussion and reception will follow the documentary film. Nov. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$30, in advance online or phone; \$35, at the door. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. brownpapertickets.com/event/3080045

FOOD & DRINK

Fermentation 101 Workshop In this introductory fermentation class, hosted by Anne-Marie Bonneau, who writes the popular food blog The Zero-Waste Chef and teaches cooking workshops, participants will learn to make kimchi, kombucha starters and sourdough bread with wild yeast. Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to noon. Private address emailed upon registration, Mountain View. zerowastechef.com/register/

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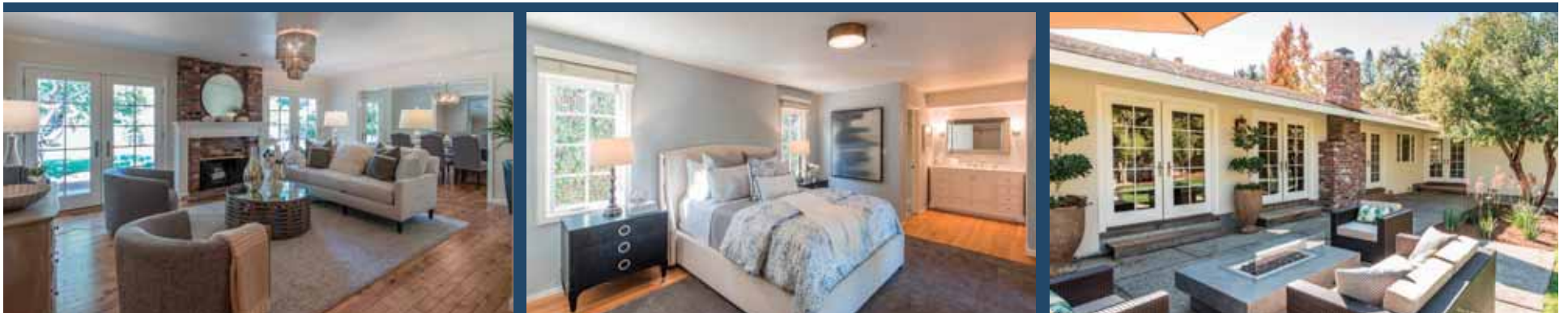


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