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Fireworks fill the sky above Shoreline Amphitheatre at the close of the San Francisco Symphony's annual Fourth of July concert.

Midpeninsula celebrates Independence Day

THE VOICE'S TOP PICKS FOR FUN AND FESTIVE FOURTH OF JULY EVENTS

By Maya Homan

Locals can explore numerous Fourth of July festivities next week, including a chili cook-off

in Palo Alto, an art festival in Redwood City, a concert in Mountain View and a rodeo in Woodside. And yes, there will be some fireworks. Parades? But of course. Check

out the *Voice's* guide to some of the most popular and patriotic local events for Independence Day.

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Police investigation: Trio of suspects burglarized 11 vehicles in two months

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View police arrested three men June 18 following an investigation into what detectives believe was a lengthy smash-and-grab operation. The men allegedly used multiple rental cars and false license plates to throw off police and are suspected of burglarizing 11 vehicles throughout Santa Clara County.

The primary suspect in the case, 39-year-old Oakland resident Marcus Anigilaje, allegedly worked with a team targeting vehicles in Mountain View, Sunnyvale and San Jose. In some cases, victims reported more than \$1,000 in personal belongings had been stolen.

Anigilaje, along with 25-year-old Troy Collins of Sacramento and 29-year-old Paul Edwards of Oakland, were intercepted by police while traveling on San Antonio Road and arrested on Tuesday, June 18. They remain in Santa Clara County jail.

The investigation launched in late April, when one of the victims captured video surveillance of his car being burglarized in a

downtown Mountain View parking lot. The external cameras on his Tesla were in what's called "Sentry Mode," and show two men driving into the lot, checking cars with a flashlight and smashing the driver's side window of the Tesla before fleeing.

After passing around the footage to surrounding law enforcement agencies, a detective from the Oakland Police Department identified the two men as Anigilaje and Collins. Oakland police were familiar with both men, and Anigilaje was on parole at the time, according to police reports.

Call records obtained by Mountain View police show Anigilaje's phone was used to make a phone call within a mile of the downtown parking lot around the time the Tesla was burglarized, which was used as corroborating evidence.

Among the valuable information from the Tesla's footage was the vehicle used in the crime — a white Jaguar suspected of being involved in "numerous" auto burglaries since March. Police later discovered that the

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City on track to approve East Whisman precise plan

ROAD MAP FOR 5,000 HOMES MOVES FORWARD AMID COST CONCERNS

By Mark Noack

After four years of steady planning, Mountain View leaders are finally nearing the finish line on plans to overhaul the East Whisman area. At the Tuesday, June 25, meeting, the Mountain View City Council took its next-to-last look at the development road map for the East Whisman area.

The area, which spans 368 acres along Mountain View's

eastern edge, would be transformed under the plan into the city's latest live-work neighborhood. But like the plan for the North Bayshore area, a big question hangs over the East Whisman plan: How much can the city demand before developers walk away?

The city's vision calls for 5,000 units of new housing that would be built near 2.3 million square feet of office space. To ensure both housing and offices get

built, city leaders are insisting that office construction must be linked to housing production. Specifically, developers will be required to dedicate land or provide subsidies for up to three housing units for every 1,000 square feet of office space. At least 20% of those homes must be affordable units.

But developers were quick to warn that might prove infeasible. Pointing to the city's various fees, John Hickey of SummerHill

Housing warned that the costs simply wouldn't pencil out to build housing.

"The combination of fees, land costs and building costs is turning into a one-two-three punch," he said. "It is counterproductive. This combination of fees is becoming more than projects can support."

Google, SummerHill and other developers warned that the city's effort to tie housing to jobs would backfire because it unrealistically

forces projects to move forward simultaneously.

To a degree, city staff agreed the financial calculations are daunting. New housing built in East Whisman could be feasible, but only if future apartments were rented at an "ambitious" rate, equivalent to downtown Mountain View, according to a city consultant. City officials acknowledged that office

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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Nisha Malley.

What is your favorite memory of Fourth of July?



"I grew up in New York state so we would go to Lake Ontario and have a bonfire and set off fireworks. We had sparklers as a kid."

Pamela Schwartz, Redwood City



"Every year my family watches fireworks from a parking lot."

Ryan Tabora, Redwood City



"In high school, I went kayaking on Shoreline Lake and watched the fireworks while being on the lake."

Anuk Burli, Redwood City



"I don't usually do much to celebrate the Fourth of July, but when I was really young my whole family went to my great-aunt's house. We went swimming in her pool and had a barbecue."

Jamie Minden, Mountain View



"As a kid, I lived in a cul-de-sac and ... neighbors would bring tables and all the families would come to the end of the cul-de-sac. Everyone would bring food and we'd party."

Sidney Natesan, Mountain View

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■ CRIME BRIEF

COUPLE ARRESTED IN STOLEN VEHICLE

Police arrested two people sleeping in a car after officers discovered the vehicle had been reported stolen. The vehicle also allegedly contained burglary tools, stolen license plates and a suspected meth pipe.

Nearby residents reported a suspicious occupied vehicle, a white Isuzu SUV, parked on the 1000 block of California Street around 7 a.m. on Monday, June 24. The occupants, a 29-year-old man and a 30-year-old woman, both transients, were asleep inside, and the man attempted to start up the car when the officer tapped him on the shoulder through the open window, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Officers searched the car and reported finding small bags of heroin, burglary tools, stolen license plates, drug paraphernalia and 40 gift cards that had not been activated, Nelson said.

The car had also been reported stolen out of a neighboring city. The man, who was in the driver's seat, was arrested on suspicion of possessing stolen property, burglary tools, drug paraphernalia and a controlled substance. He was also suspected of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

The woman was also arrested on suspicion of drug charges. She remained in Santa Clara County Jail as of Wednesday morning with a \$23,500 bail.

—Kevin Forestieri

■ POLICE LOG

- AUTO BURGLARY**
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2500 block W. El Camino Real, 6/17
2500 block W. El Camino Real, 6/17
400 block Hope St., 6/18
400 block Hope St., 6/18
W. El Camino Real & San Antonio Rd., 6/18
100 block E. El Camino Real, 6/19
700 block E. El Camino Real, 6/19
800 block E. El Camino Real, 6/19
2900 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 6/19
2900 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 6/19
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 6/19
700 block E. El Camino Real, 6/20
1300 block Grant Rd., 6/20
700 block E. EL Camino Real, 6/24
200 block Bryant St., 6/24

BATTERY
Castro St. & Villa St., 6/17
1900 block Grant Rd., 6/18
200 block S. Rengstorff Av., 6/21
2500 block W. El Camino Real, 6/21
Franklin St. & Villa St., 6/22
- COMMERCIAL BURGLARY**
2100 block W. El Camino Real, 6/17
400 block Moffett Blvd., 6/18

CRIMINAL THREATS
300 block Martens Av., 6/17
1200 block Terra Bella Av., 6/24

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE
Hwy 101 & N. Shoreline Blvd., 6/15

GRAND THEFT
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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY
300 block Bush St., 6/16
1300 block Montecito Av., 6/18
500 block Ortega Av., 6/23

ROBBERY
2200 block Latham St., 6/17
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1900 block Latham St., 6/23

STOLEN VEHICLE
1100 block Clark Av., 6/17

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2100 block W. Middlefield Rd., 6/15
2500 block Grant Rd., 6/17
100 block Castro St., 6/17

■ COMMUNITY BRIEF

COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE TO PROPOSE RENT
CONTROL CHANGES

At its June 25 meeting, the Mountain View City Council appointed a new subcommittee to study an unspecified package of changes to the city's rent control law, known as the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA). The three-person subcommittee will consist of City Council members Margaret Abe-Koga, Chris Clark and Lucas Ramirez.

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KICKING OFF THE SUMMER

School is out and the (friendly) competition is heating up at Cooper Park. Hundreds of elementary and middle school children from Sunnyvale and Mountain View are starting summer vacation with the soccer-focused day camp Kick, Lead and Dream (KLD). The program enrolls underserved students for a small fee, and is run under the umbrella of the Sunnyvale Police Activities League.

Rent control law may constrain city's earthquake safety program

MOUNTAIN VIEW'S RENTER PROTECTIONS COULD PREVENT LANDLORDS FROM RECOUPING COSTS OF RETROFITTING

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View's Rental Housing Committee took a wait-and-see approach Monday night on whether landlords could charge tenants higher rents in order to pay for expensive seismic retrofits for buildings vulnerable to earthquakes.

While Mountain View may eventually follow in the footsteps of other cities by allowing landlords to do a "pass through" rent increase in order to recoup the costs, the committee's legal counsel said it would be tricky to implement within the confines of the city's rent control regulations. The easiest solution, they said, would come in the form of a ballot measure amending the law in 2020.

Last year, the Mountain View City Council agreed to pursue a mandatory retrofit program for residential buildings with

a "soft story" design. Soft-story buildings, built between 1950 and 1980, have partially open and structurally weak ground floors — typically with carports under apartments — that puts them at a heightened risk of collapse in a strong earthquake.

A survey commissioned by the city last year found 488 buildings appear to have this problematic design, posing a risk to the tenants of 5,123 housing units. Council members rejected the idea of a voluntary retrofit program, in part because it was deemed a slow and ineffective way to protect people living in potentially dangerous buildings.

With cost estimates ranging between \$6,000 to \$20,000 per unit or \$25,000 to \$100,000 per building to retrofit the buildings, however, it's still an open question who will be stuck paying the bill. The cities of Berkeley and San Francisco allow

landlords to recoup 100% of the costs through pass-through rent increases, while property owners in Los Angeles and Santa Monica are allowed to pass through 50% of the costs.

How quickly those costs can be recouped also varies: Berkeley allows landlords to increase rents on tenants to recover the costs in eight years, while San Francisco sought a much longer 20-year period.

All soft-story buildings are subject to the city's Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA), which caps annual rent increases on tenants based on inflation. Landlords can go through a petition process to get a bigger bump in rent, but they must show that the increase is needed to make a fair rate of return on the property. Barring some kind of special, streamlined process for capital improvements, every

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El Camino Real to get protected bike lanes

FIRST SECTION PLANNED BETWEEN CASTRO, SYLVAN STREETS

By Mark Noack

A long discussed idea to bring protected bike lanes to El Camino Real could finally be coming in the not-too-distant future. Last week, Mountain View City Council members endorsed plans to build El Camino bike lanes, starting with a 1.5-mile stretch between Castro Street and Sylvan Avenue.

If all goes according to plan, city staff say the new bike route should be ready for construction — in 2022.

That might seem slow, but city officials say they have little control over that timeline. As a state highway, El Camino Real is administered by Caltrans, not the dozens of cities that it runs through. Mountain View city officials say any bike improvements they propose would be packaged as part of a resurfacing project Caltrans has scheduled for 2022.

To that end, council members met on June 18 to discuss any possible projects or safety improvements that they wanted included in the planned Caltrans upgrades. The one major benefit of having the state agency in charge is it will carry most of the costs, said Assistant Public Works Director Dawn Cameron.

"The beauty of a paving project is you have a blank slate," she said. "This is something they can pay for and we can work with them to get the (improvements) that we'd like to see."

For that reason, city officials say they began dusting off their old goals to build El Camino bike lanes. About 15 years ago, the Grand Boulevard Initiative proposed a continuous bike corridor along El Camino Real, but progress toward that goal has been sluggish. More recently, the city produced a precise plan and participated in a joint city

roundtable, with both stating the need for a Midpeninsula bike route.

Over that time, the safety hazards for cyclists along El Camino have been hard to miss. Several members of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition pointed out that most cyclists avoid the street due to the risks of negotiating space alongside fast-moving cars. Speaking to the council, Sunnyvale resident Fred Egley pointed out his brother is now living as a paraplegic after a hit-and-run biking accident.

"A protected bike lane would have protected him," he said. "This last year, one of my co-workers was hit and killed while biking to work and a protected bike lane would have saved her as well."

To make room for bike lanes along El Camino Real, Mountain View officials say they would remove on-street parking. El Camino wouldn't lose any of its six traffic lanes, and this would also free up enough space to add wider sidewalks to help encourage more walking, city staff noted.

Losing that on-street parking, a total of 556 spaces, would have little impact, according to city staff. Currently, not many people use the on-street parking, and approximately one in three spots are occupied on average, a city survey noted.

For now, city officials plan to build bike lanes only between Castro Street and Sylvan Avenue, but other segments could be added in the near future. City staff members say they hope to work with their counterparts in Los Altos to plan similar upgrades between San Antonio and Rengstorff avenues. Other sections could be timed in coordination with redevelopment projects.

Building out those bike lanes

'One of my co-workers was hit and killed while biking to work and a protected bike lane would have saved her.'

FRED EGLEY

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Skyline slaying suspect declines to enter plea

KNIFE FOUND NEXT TO SECOND VICTIM, WHO AUTHORITIES SAY FOUGHT BACK

By Rick Radin

Malik Dosouqi, the suspect in the Skyline Boulevard double homicide case, declined to enter a plea at his arraignment in San Mateo County Superior Court on Monday, June 24. The case was reset for entry of a plea on July 8 at 1:30 p.m., and Dosouqi will be held on no bail, according to San Mateo County District Attorney

Steve Wagstaffe.

Dosouqi shared a Yemeni ancestry with one of the victims in the case, Abdulmalick Nasher, although no evidence has been shown that they knew each other, Wagstaffe said.

In addition, a knife investigators believe was used in the killing of tow truck driver John Pekiaki was found next to him when investigators found him lying on the ground next

to Skyline Boulevard on the evening of June 18. Investigators believe that Pekiaki fought his attacker, Wagstaffe said.

Alta Vista High School Principal Bill Pierce said June 19 that a student named John Pekiaki attended the Mountain View continuation school in the early 2000s, and a Facebook page under the same name identified him as an Alta Vista student who graduated from Mountain View

High in 2005.

Dosouqi has been charged with two counts of murder and five other felony counts, including two counts each of assault with a deadly weapon and infliction of great bodily injury, and one count of special circumstances for multiple murders.

The suspect was wearing a cast on his arm when he was arraigned on June 24, although it's not clear whether the injury occurred during a struggle with Pekiaki.

"The knife was found near Pekiaki, but we're not sure if it was used in both killings," Wagstaffe said.

Wagstaffe also said that Dosouqi's mental health would almost certainly be a factor in the case.

A first-degree murder charge, which would make Dosouqi eligible for the death penalty or life in prison, requires premeditation. Likewise, a second-degree murder charge would drop to manslaughter if the prosecution can't prove an

intent to kill, he said.

San Mateo County sheriff's deputies found the body of Nasher, 32, a cab driver who had reportedly been called to the remote location on Skyline Boulevard near Reid's Roost Road to pick up a fare on the evening of June 17. He had been stabbed multiple times.

The next evening, deputies investigating Nasher's killing heard cries for help from Pekiaki, 31, who was also found with multiple stab wounds and died at the scene.

Dosouqi was arrested after he allegedly drove his car at deputies, who shot at him and then captured him after he drove into a ditch. He was taken to the hospital for an arm laceration before he was released late Thursday and booked into San Mateo County Jail.

Sheriff's Office investigators are still trying to determine a motive and whether the two slayings are linked. ■

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property owner in Mountain View seeking to recover the retrofitting costs will have go through the lengthy petition process.

Doing a wholesale adoption of another city's pass-through policies doesn't appear to be an option, either. Attorney Karen Tiedemann told committee members that other cities are free to allow pass-through rent increases because, unlike CSFRA, other rent-control laws don't explicitly require landlords to prove the increase is based on a fair rate of return.

An expedited process could be implemented specifically for rent increases needed to pay off retrofit work, but it's impossible to say for sure how much of those costs can be recovered, Tiedemann said.

"We are not 100 percent sure we can come up with a way that would absolutely ensure, if there were a 100% pass-through or a 50% pass-through, we could make that the standard," she said. "We have to fit it within the fair (rate of) return."

The preferred way to prepare for the retrofit program

is to simply edit the CSFRA, said committee chair Matt Grunewald. In April, the City Council agreed to consider a city-sponsored ballot measure amending the CSFRA to, among other things, add language explicitly empowering landlords to raise rent to pay for mandatory seismic retrofitting work. Whether a retrofit pass-through is included in the city's ballot measure — and whether it receives voter approval — is all still up in the air. Committee members largely agreed not to pursue an expedited petition process until the fate of CSFRA is clear.

The format of the future retrofit program means the Rental Housing Committee doesn't need to rush, said Associate City Planner Anky van Deursen. The first step is for the city to hire an engineering firm to formally assess the 488 suspected soft-story buildings, determining how many need seismic safety upgrades. That process is expected to take two years, meaning the committee effectively has until 2021 to create a streamlined petition process. ■

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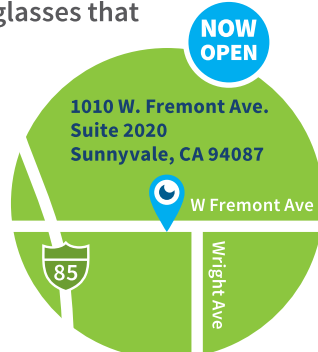
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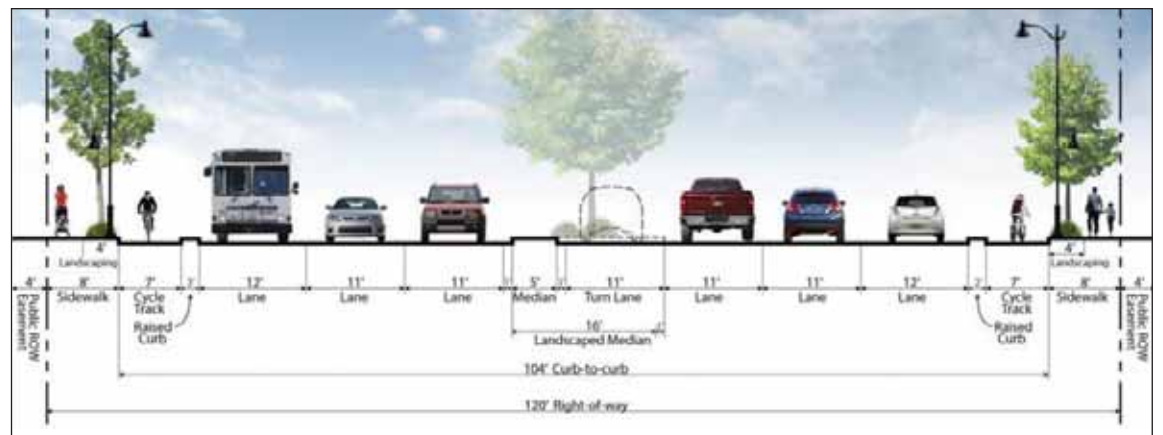
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COURTESY OF CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

A cut-away rendering shows El Camino Real in Mountain View with a protected bike lane and no street parking.

BIKE LANES

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will require more than just paint on the pavement, Cameron said. The road medians and curbs may need to be adjusted, and the entire road may need to be restriped in certain areas. The current

timeline is for Caltrans to do this work during its scheduled repaving of El Camino between Highway 237 and Palo Alto in 2022.

In related work, Mountain View public works officials plan to propose three new bike and pedestrian crossings along El Camino, located

at Crestview Drive, Bonita Avenue and Pettis Avenue. Some intersections along the roadway could also be altered to improve safety.

The proposed improvements were endorsed by the council in a 5-0 vote. Councilmen Chris Clark and John McAlister were both recused. ■

BURGLARIES

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car was one of four rental cars used by Anigilaje to allegedly conduct the burglaries between April and June. The rental cars were swapped out every few weeks, according to investigative reports.

The rentals were used by Anigilaje but were rented from Hertz by a third party, a Sacramento woman who exchanged frequent phone calls with Anigilaje, according to police. By the time a Mountain View police detective traveled to Sacramento to her home address, she had already traded in the white Jaguar for a red Cadillac CTS, which was rented between May 3 and May 24 and parked in front of the house.

A vehicle that appeared to be a red Cadillac was used in a smash-and-grab burglary in San Jose on May 6, when a man matching the description of Anigilaje broke into a Ford Fusion and stole a backpack containing a laptop and other belongings. On May 20, Anigilaje was arrested by the Roseville Police Department for DUI while driving the same vehicle, police said.

The Sacramento woman later swapped out the Cadillac for a white Lincoln MKC, which was spotted in front of her home on May 27. A vehicle matching that description was involved in at least two burglaries in the days that followed, one in Santa Clara and one in San Jose. The Santa Clara Police Department reported that the suspects were using a tactic known as "cold plating," where license plates

from another vehicle are used to throw off police.

During that time, Anigilaje allegedly broke into a Jeep and stole an iPad, a laptop, a Nintendo Switch, car keys, prescription glasses, a Bluetooth headset, a U.S. passport and a cellphone charging device from inside the vehicle.

In the final leg of the burglary operation, police believe Anigilaje used a fourth rental car, a black Infiniti Q50, in a burglary spree, allegedly breaking into six different vehicles on June 14. Officers from Mountain View, Sunnyvale and Los Altos began covert surveillance of the vehicle and monitored the three men as they traveled throughout Santa Clara County.

In the hours leading up to the arrest in Mountain View on June 18, the trio is suspected of breaking into a Chevy Cruze in San Jose before driving north toward Los Altos, police said.

During the arrest, officers reported locating two "glass breaking" tools, an HP laptop, and the two license plates belonging to the Infiniti inside the vehicle. Anigilaje was arrested on suspicion of numerous felonies including seven burglary charges, grand theft and knowingly receiving stolen property, which includes the purchase of the incorrect license plates.

Edwards was arrested on suspicion of burglary and receiving stolen property. He had previously been convicted of two felony burglaries in Santa Clara County, and was convicted in Alameda County Superior Court for assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury.

Collins was arrested on suspicion of felony burglary and receiving stolen property. He also has a criminal history for voluntary manslaughter and possession of a firearm as a felon. He had four warrants for his arrest from the Mountain View Police Department and the sheriff's offices of Solano, Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

In a statement shortly after the arrests, Lt. Frank St. Clair of the Mountain View Police Department praised the cross-agency cooperation to investigate and eventually apprehend men suspected of a string of burglaries in the region. More than six agencies were involved, according to the investigative report.

Throughout the police reports, officers note that Mountain View, Sunnyvale and other neighboring cities are dealing with an increase in auto burglaries in recent years. Detective Clyde Cheng of the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, who was integrally involved in the investigation, wrote in an incident report that Santa Clara County has "historically been victimized" by burglars working in crews that frequently operate out of the East Bay.

Mountain View police say there were 622 reported auto burglaries in Mountain View in 2018, the highest number in at least a decade. With more than 500 reported burglaries so far in 2019, the city is on pace for a staggering 60% increase this year. ■

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El Camino Hospital's budget beats expectations by \$142M

NURSES UNION COMPLAINS OF CUTBACKS AMIDST YEARS OF BIG PROFITS

By Kevin Forestieri

El Camino Hospital had another banner year, exceeding its expected earnings for the third time in a row. The latest budget reports Mountain View's hospital is likely to end the fiscal year with at least \$142 million in profit.

Hospital officials are planning to re-invest the windfall into El Camino's two hospital campuses and expanded network of clinics in Santa Clara County, with a \$293 million capital budget planned for the upcoming fiscal year.

The latest predictions show the nonprofit hospital will cap off the 2018-19 fiscal year with \$142 million in profits — what its balance sheets refer to “net operating

income” — which is 26% more than was budgeted for the year. It's good news all around, with higher-than-expected revenue, lower-than-expected costs and the hospital's \$933 million investment portfolio turning a tidy \$39 million profit as of the end of April — despite a volatile market that tanked in December.

The \$142 million figure is probably an undercount, too: Since 2014, hospital officials have wrapped up the budgeting process in June only to find out after the fiscal year officially ends that El Camino did even better than anticipated — anywhere from \$3.7 million to \$25.6 million higher than their projections.

When asked about the windfall, hospital board member John Zoglin told the *Voice* that financial

performance is tremendously difficult to predict, and that he credits the hospital's high-quality care and strong relationship with physicians for the years of strong earnings. He said he remains cautious about the unsustainable level of local economic growth, however, and that the eventual downturn in the economy will someday put a squeeze on the hospital's budget.

Budget documents show that El Camino pumped much of its extra money back into improvements to El Camino Hospital's Mountain View campus, with \$153 million spent on construction projects through April. Most of that money went toward a new seven-story medical office building in the center of the campus and a two-story behavioral health

services building, both expected to open later this year. Despite the constant presence of hard hats and buzz saws, the hospital is falling behind, and was originally planning to spend twice as much this year.

El Camino is expected to increase the price of its services by 5% for the third year in a row, which hospital officials say is a measured approach that keeps up with inflation. Insurance companies with contracts with the hospital negotiate for a lower amount, and individual patients are not anticipated to pay more out-of-pocket for services. Increasing fees is estimated to boost hospital earnings by \$23.6 million.

El Camino Hospital is also putting a big emphasis on its cancer services, and expects to have an extra 4,700 outpatient oncology visits in the 2019-20 year. A new infusion center will serve patients at the Los Gatos camps, while Mountain View's cancer center will ramp up staffing hours and physician recruitment.

Dan Woods, CEO of El Camino Health, told the *Voice* in an email that the cancer center has become a destination for patients who come in for a second opinion and decide to stay for outpatient services. The extra staffing is a response to the rise in demand, and the additional center in Los Gatos will provide a “convenient” location for patients currently traveling north to Mountain View.

The number of hospital visits for surgery is also forecast to grow, increasing by \$7.9 million in revenue for fiscal year 2019-20 forecast. Woods said more surgeons are joining the hospital's Los Gatos campus, and that the hospital has made big investments in robotic surgery equipment designed for precise knee and hip replacement operations.

On the expense side, El Camino is expected to spend \$51.1 million more on hospital services, fueled largely by employee salaries and wages (\$24 million) and escalating costs for supplies (\$9.1 million). The wage growth is assuming wages and benefits will increase by 3%.

The hospital's strong financial picture has been a recent target in stalled negotiations between El Camino and its nurses' union, with many of its members arguing that the hospital is making money hand-over-fist while short-changing its employees.

Union leaders with the Professional Resource for Nurses (PRN) announced they reached an impasse with hospital leaders

earlier this month over the terms of a new three-year agreement, rejecting an offer of 3% annual salary increases and cuts to compensation for night-shift nurses and per diem nurses.

Shortly after a budget discussion on June 12, PRN President Catherine Walke told hospital board members that nurses have made serious sacrifices to help bring down labor costs and maintain the hospital's healthy finances. The union's contract includes a section on so-called Hospital Convenience, allowing El Camino to cancel work days that are deemed unnecessary for the current number of patients. By effectively furloughing nurses on slow days saved an estimated \$6.7 million in 2018, Walke said.

‘We have seen hospitals across the state and country go under, be purchased or eliminate services.’

JOHN ZOGLIN,
EL CAMINO HOSPITAL BOARD

“Nurses every day contributed to hospital savings by being canceled in four-hour increments,” she said. “We are assisting in addressing productivity by not working, by not earning our expected salary.”

Nurses picketing outside the hospital last month also point to the hospital's enormous reserves of \$979 million as a clear sign that El Camino's leadership is unnecessarily short-changing its employees. The reserve fund is more than enough to keep the hospital operating for a full year.

Zoglin defended the reserves, and said that cash equal to one year of operation is “unremarkable” for a hospital of El Camino's size — particularly in a highly competitive health care market with massive competitors like Kaiser and Sutter. Having that money also steels the hospital for a dip in the economy and could provide a comfortable buffer for future, unforeseen budget troubles that would otherwise sink the hospital.

“We have seen hospitals across the state and country go under, be purchased or eliminate services at an increased rate over the past several years,” he said. “These changes have resulted in a reduction of some or all of access, affordability and quality for these hospitals' communities. The availability of financial reserves often plays a role in these scenarios.”

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Los Altos school board approves \$155 million land purchase

WHICH SCHOOL WILL OCCUPY THE NEW SAN ANTONIO SCHOOL IS UNDECIDED

By Kevin Forestieri

The Los Altos School District's board of trustees voted unanimously June 19 to spend \$155 million to buy land for a school in the San Antonio shopping center in Mountain View, calling it a bargain. The new campus will become an integral part of the neighborhood as it becomes densely developed with housing, trustees said.

What exactly to do with the land, though, is still up in the air. The next several months will be devoted to what trustees are calling a "community engagement process," originally described as a way to sell the community on the idea of relocating Egan Junior High School to the San Antonio site.

The district announced in June last year that it was seeking to purchase 11.65 acres of land owned by Federal Realty, located at the corner of Showers Drive and California Street. Through a complex partnership with developers and the city of Mountain View, the district is expected to defray most of the \$155 million in land costs and will only be out of pocket \$27.7 million — less than one-fifth of the sale price.

The district reserves the option to back out of the deal without any penalty until Oct. 25, at which point a \$1 million deposit becomes nonrefundable. Assuming all goes according to plan, the school campus will be open by 2024.

Trustees have long argued that a school is a must-have in the San Antonio area of Mountain View, which is part of the Los Altos School District and the focal point of the district's projected enrollment growth. Two projects in the area alone, the 632-unit Greystar project on California Street and the 583-unit complex under construction on San Antonio Road, are an order of magnitude above what's planned in Los Altos, according to a demographic report last year.

With much of the area being rebuilt at higher densities, now is the time to stake a claim and ensure schools and park space make it into the area, board member Bryan Johnson said at the June 19 meeting.

"This is one of the very few, maybe the only, example right now of a situation where public amenities are going to be built along with that housing on a scale that's commensurate with the neighborhoods that currently exist," Johnson said.

Cities like Mountain View are rapidly growing to address the Bay Area's regional housing

crisis, Johnson said, and proposed changes to state law are only going to accelerate the construction of new homes. But in the rush to build more housing, the worry is that park space and schools may be an afterthought.

He pointed to the neighboring Mountain View Whisman School District, which is pushing Google and the Mountain View City Council to set aside land for a new school, as proof that the Los Altos School District made the right move with San Antonio.

'We can't pass up this opportunity.'

BRYAN JOHNSON, LASD TRUSTEE

"If you look at North Bayshore, Mountain View Whisman is currently fighting to try to get 3 acres to have an elementary school over there, and it's not clear if they will be successful," he said. "We can't pass up this opportunity."

In order to defray the cost of the \$155 million land purchase, the district is planning to immediately resell 2 acres of the site to the city of Mountain View for \$20 million to develop as a public park. Mountain View also will be kicking in \$23 million in city park fees for joint use of the future school's fields and athletic facilities.

But the most lucrative and complicated part of the deal is the transfer of development rights, where the district agrees not to fully develop the land to the maximum of its high-density zoning, and instead sells to developers the remaining 610,000 square feet of density entitlements. The transfer of development rights (TDR) sale will generate \$79.3 million, which

the district will receive when the developers receive project approvals from the Mountain View City Council.

Who will attend?

With the land purchase all but set in stone, school board members are now focusing on what to do with the site, which currently has retail tenants that include a Kohl's department store.

The original proposal put forth by the school board in April was to relocate Egan Junior High to the yet-to-be-built school in Mountain View. This would satisfy the city's requirement that it be a campus that serves students living in the area, and would also free up Egan's large campus on Portola Avenue. The hope, according to trustees, was that Bullis Charter School could be moved to the old Egan site.

Bullis Charter School is currently housed in portable classrooms on the edge of both Egan and Blach Intermediate schools in Los Altos, long considered a short-term solution to the long-term problem of where to put an increasing number of charter school students. Bullis is expected to grow to 1,100 students in the coming school year, making it infeasible to relocate the entire school to the new Mountain View site. What's more, the Mountain View City Council barred the district from moving Bullis to Mountain View without giving neighborhood children preference, something the charter school, with its perennial waiting lists, has never considered.

But relocating Egan was met with an icy reception, with parents and community members packing school board meetings throughout April to protest the idea. Relocating a school is effectively a school closure, they

argued, and giving Bullis Charter School a cherished campus in exchange for a cap on charter school enrollment amounted to a concession offering little in return.

The proposal was also difficult to stomach because the other options for a long-term facilities agreement were discussed and rejected behind closed doors. Representatives from the school board and Bullis Charter School had hammered out the details of the agreement in mediated negotiations over the course of several months, and parents demanded that those considerations be made public.

The school board agreed to spend \$70,000 in consulting fees for an eight-month community engagement process starting this

month, which will include an arduous walk down memory lane to show no stone went unturned. In 2012, for example, the district considered several options for housing Bullis, including placing the charter school at Covington or Santa Rita elementary schools, closing one of the public schools in the process.

Several task forces and advisory committees grappled with the same question since then, and the goal is to bring together all reports in a "digestible" way over the course of the summer, so that participants in the community engagement process can be brought up to speed, said board president Jessica Speiser.

Although the community engagement process is expected to bleed into next year, the uncertainty over how to use the school site is not expected to cause any delays in the planning and construction of the school, according to district officials. ■

Lars Eric Ericsson

June 28, 1924 – June 2, 2019

Lars Eric Ericsson, born Lars-Erik Eriksson in Virå, Sweden, died at El Camino hospital of complications from aspiration pneumonia, congestive heart failure, and Alzheimer's dementia. Lars met his wife, Gunvor, folk dancing. They wed in Stockholm, Sweden, in January 1951 and immigrated to the United States in 1956. Lars and Gunvor enjoyed folk, square and round dancing with each other for decades. They shared a love of the outdoors and took trips all over the world and frequented the Sierra for high country adventures with family.

Lars earned his degrees in aeronautical engineering from the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) in Stockholm, Sweden in 1949 (M.S.) and 1972 (Ph.D.). He worked as an aeronautical engineer first for the Aeronautical Research Institute (FFA) and the Swedish Aircraft Company (SAAB) in Sweden and then for Lockheed Aircraft Corporation and Lockheed Missiles and Space in the United States until his retirement in 2003. After retiring from Lockheed he continued working for many years as a consultant affiliated with Nielsen Engineering and Research. He authored or coauthored over 300 journal articles during his long career. Lars, a leading authority on unsteady separated flows, was elected a fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in 1984, was a member of the American Helicopter Society, and helped review and edit professional journals for many years.

Lars is survived by brother Bo Ericsson and his family in England; nephews Mats, Jan, Henrik and niece Birgitta, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Eivor and Assar Blomquist and all their families in Sweden; daughters Marianne, Eva, Kerstin and Karin; grandchildren Eli, Ian, Alan, Alea, Odin, Daniel, Haukin, Antonio and Alana; and great grandchildren Hakan, Llian, Daileigh, Streeter, Bowyn, Orlando, Gordon, Ayabella, Brekken and Jedidiah. He was preceded in death by his wife Gunvor and brothers Paul and Åke.

Lars loved spending time with family, his work, trout fishing, dancing, music, skiing, hiking, backpacking, clam digging, rollerblading, trail running, soccer, sports, playing cards, games, coffee with cookies, Swedish pancakes with lingonberry jam, croquet, crayfishing and mushroom collecting. Friends and family are welcome to attend the celebration of life on Saturday, June 29 at 10:00 a.m. The funeral home will be Spangler Mortuaries Los Altos Chapel, 399 S. San Antonio, Los Altos, (650) 948-6619.



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Vehicle Residents throw party for public

By Mark Noack

It was a dialogue, it was a political rally and it was also a celebration.

A first-ever "meet thy neighbor" barbecue and picnic hosted by the Mountain View Vehicle Residents drew a sizable turnout to Rengstorff Park on Sunday afternoon. About 60 people attended the event, which was intended to foster a dialogue between people living out of vehicles on Mountain View streets and other community members and stakeholders.

The crowd was heavily tilted toward vehicle residents and their advocates, but there were still a few outsiders who dropped in for a visit, including Mountain View City Council members Lucas Ramirez and John McAlister.

"I went there to listen to the RV dwellers and each has a

unique story. They wanted to share their stories with people who are decision-makers — that's my takeaway," McAlister said. "I wanted to be fair and I wanted to listen to their side of the story."

Despite the festivities, local politics were hanging over the event. On June 11, the City Council approved tentative plans for an overnight ban on street parking for oversized vehicles like RVs, with a variety of other proposed restrictions. These rules were a mixed bag for the Vehicle Residents group. While the vehicle ban is still alive, it is now a less harsh plan than they had feared.

"Even though we're here to celebrate, our job isn't done," said Angel Santuario, a Vehicle Residents steering committee member. "We need to continue working together as a village and as a family." ■

EAST WHISMAN

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projects are the "currency" that make large housing projects possible.

"This is consistent with what we've found in North Bayshore: Construction costs, fees and land are really combining to make residential development a challenge," said City Planner Eric Anderson. "We're trying to find those points when a project meets a return on investment."

In North Bayshore, the sprawling office park that's between the Bay and Highway 101, a city analysis found that each new apartment would cost \$650,000 to build. Approximately one-fifth of that cost would stem from city fees that are largely tied to property values. On at least one project, the City Council later showed a willingness to lower the fees.

One project in East Whisman that will test this financial formula is a Google proposal for a new campus surrounding the VTA Middlefield station. This project, which was recently submitted as a draft to the city, calls for 660,000 square feet of offices, which would be linked with as many as 1,400 new homes. This project includes various amenities, including community event space and affordable housing.

The city also has a stack of so-called Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) projects that essentially shifted office development away from the San Antonio area and into East Whisman in order to help the Los Altos School

District build a 10th school site. In that compromise, the city agreed to allow six gatekeeper projects, totaling 389,000 additional square feet of offices, in the East Whisman neighborhood to move forward. As further incentive, the City Council on Tuesday agreed to grant a bonus floor-area ratio for TDR projects, allowing them to build denser offices and housing on their sites.

It remains to be seen exactly how new development in East Whisman would impact the Mountain View Whisman and Mountain View-Los Altos school districts. Officials from both districts have raised concerns that the city's push for rapid housing growth must be balanced with funding for school expansion. Mountain View officials are currently working on a "citywide school strategy" that will likely stipulate how much developers have to pay in school fees, according to the staff report. That school strategy will be discussed sometime in the fall.

For these future projects, the City Council said that some projects should be delegated to the city's Environmental Planning Commission or its zoning administrator for review. In their comments, council members proposed stronger incentives for bike and pedestrian infrastructure and public art.

The final version of the East Whisman precise plan is expected to come back before the City Council in the fall. ■

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By Ray Levy-Uyeda

For most Americans, July 4 is heralded as the day that the country established its independence from British rule, but for African Americans, June 19 is the day that celebrates when enslaved people established their independence from the American institution of slavery.

K'ronna Harmon, current president of the Umoja program, said she hoped that the Umoja Juneteenth celebration would set a precedent for future events, as well as to let others within the Foothill community that the holiday exists, as many aren't aware of the day's significance. Juneteenth is celebrated each year on June 19 to commemorate the day in 1865 that the last enslaved people in America were freed in Galveston, Texas, nearly two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

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The parade will end at Gardner Bullis School, where families



and friends can gather for cool drinks and watermelon slices.

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Fourth of July parade and celebration

11:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Burgess Park, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park; menlopark.org/1370/Fourth-of-July

Menlo Park's annual Fourth of July parade will begin at 11:45 a.m. at Santa Cruz Avenue and Chestnut Street. Attendees are invited to decorate bikes and wagons but no motor vehicles are allowed. The parade ends at a celebration that includes live music from the local band Hella Good, climbing walls, bouncy castles, arts and crafts stations, mini golf and more. The event is free but \$10 wristbands are required for some activities.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular

5-10 p.m. at Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View; mountainview.gov/depts/cs/events/july4thfireworks.asp

Local children's musician Andy Z will be partnering with the San Francisco Symphony to give a family-friendly performance at

the Shoreline Amphitheatre for the 33rd annual Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular. He will perform at 5 p.m., followed by the symphony's performance.

"I write and perform my own songs," the Redwood City native said. "I'm going to be mixing them into some traditional American songs like 'This Land is Your Land.'"

While this is Andy Z's first time performing for the Fourth of July at Shoreline, he has been performing at Foster City's annual Fourth of July celebration for the past decade. This year he is planning on doing both performances in the same day, with a set starting at noon in Foster City.

The San Francisco Symphony's performance will begin at 8 p.m. This year's theme is "To the moon and back," celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. The symphony will be led by conductor Edwin Outwater with performances from vocalists Capathia Jenkins and Constantine Maroulis. The genres range from classical to pop, and include chart-topping hits as well as songs from movie scores and soundtracks.

The fireworks show, set to live music, always closes the concert, starting around 9:50 p.m. Tickets to the concert are \$15-30, plus a \$20 parking fee. The rolling grassy hills of Shoreline Park are a popular free spot for picnicking and watching the fireworks over the amphitheater.

PALO ALTO

Chili Cook-off and Summer Festival

Noon to 5 p.m. at Mitchell Park, 600 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto; paloaltochilicookoff.com

The City of Palo Alto is hosting the 38th annual Chili Cook-off at Mitchell Park Community Center. The competition, which is sanctioned by the International Chili Society, will begin at noon on July 4. Tickets are \$5 and include five tastings and a ballot for the people's choice award. The chili-tasting will begin at 1:30 p.m., and ballots must be submitted by 3:15 p.m. Judges will present awards for first, second and third place, as well as for categories such as "best spirit" and "best decorated booth." There will be an array of food trucks and booths for those who are not fans of chili. Arts and crafts, bouncy houses and lawn games will provide added entertainment for kids.

REDWOOD CITY

Pancake Breakfast

7:30-10:30 a.m. at Redwood City Fire Department Station 9, 755 Marshall St., Redwood City

The Redwood City Fire Department is home to the annual

Fourth of July pancake breakfast at the main Marshall Street fire station. Breakfast is 7:30-10:30 a.m. and will benefit the Redwood City Firefighters Association.

Parade Run 5K

8-10 a.m., downtown Redwood City; paraderun.org

This family-friendly 5K race along the downtown Redwood City parade route raises money for the Redwood City Education Foundation and Redwood City School District. The race begins at 8 a.m. and is open to people of all ages and ability levels. Attendees will loop around the parade route three times. Adult tickets are \$45 and youth tickets are \$35. All children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult, and no pets are allowed. Participants can register for the race at sweattracker.com/Registration/ParadeRun.

Independence Day Parade and Festival

9 a.m. to 5 p.m., downtown Redwood City

Redwood City is home to the largest Independence Day parade in Northern California, attracting hundreds of entries and thousands of spectators each year. The parade will begin at the corner of Brewster Avenue and Winslow Street, and the 1.3-mile route circles through the historic downtown area. The parade will include about 200 groups sorted into different classes including categories for floats, bands, drum corps, military groups, drill teams, baton corps, vehicles and equestrian units. Past participants include Miss California, the Redwood City Girl Scouts and the Peninsula Roller Girls. The post-parade festival includes arts and crafts booths, a food court, beer and wine booths, and information booths from community groups, along with a battle of the bands performance between the marching bands of Stanford University and the University of California at Davis.

WOODSIDE

Junior Rodeo and Parade

7:30 a.m. at Mounted Patrol Grounds, 521 Kings Mountain Road; mpsmc.org/rodeo/

The Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County hosts this annual family-friendly tradition, where more than 100 people will participate in events including roping, women's barrel racing, and bull riding at the Mounted Patrol Grounds in Woodside. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for children ages 5 to 18 and free for children under the age of 5. ▀



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KFJC's Psychotronix festival celebrates the weird world of cinema

By Kevin Forestieri

Dubbed a celebration of the “vinyl of visuals,” Foothill College radio station KFJC will be hosting its Psychotronix Film Festival on Saturday, June 29.

The four-hour event is filled with a hodgepodge of shorts, old TV commercials, musical performances, educational films and trailers for movies you’ve probably never heard of, some so campy and bizarre that they venture into “so bad it’s good” territory.

Psychotronix has been a tradition for the station for more than 25 years, showing 16mm films of varying quality to a standing-room-only audience. Though it may seem like a cult-like following at first blush, about one-third of the viewers at each event are self-identified newcomers.

The films themselves range from exceptional to hilariously bad, but each one ends with



KEVIN FORESTIERI

Vintage movie posters line the walls during KFJC's Psychotronix Film Festival. Attendees have a shot at an assortment of raffle prizes following the film screenings.

a hearty applause as the tech staff load up the next relic.

KFJC DJ Robert Emmett, who hosts the event, said a group of volunteers — “Sci-Fi” Bob Ekman, Paul Etcheverry and Scott Moon — help collect and curate the films, almost all of which are sure to be lost in

the annals of history. Though many in the audience appreciate the oddities with a sort of reverence, they’re not exactly prized possessions.

“The Library of Congress is looking to preserve movies, but these are not the movies they’re looking to save,” Emmett said.

COMMUNITY BRIEF

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The new CSFRA subcommittee is expected to meet over the summer to figure out what aspects of the rent control law should be amended, and will reach out to various stakeholders including tenants, landlords and the city’s Rental Housing Committee. A list of proposed changes will eventually be brought back to the full City Council, which will decide whether to bring it to voters as a ballot measure sometime in 2020.

As an amendment to the city charter, CSFRA can’t be altered by the City Council. Instead, it requires approval by a majority of Mountain View voters.

The future ballot measure could have dramatic political

consequences, depending on what is proposed. A coalition of landlords has been seeking a way to torpedo the Mountain View rent control law ever since voters approved it in 2016. A landlord-backed measure that would essentially block rent control from being enforced, dubbed the “sneaky repeal” by opponents, has enough signatures to put it before voters in 2020.

A variety of other groups have been seeking milder changes. Mobile home residents have demanded coverage for space rent at mobile home parks under the law, but city officials say the only surefire way to grant this would be to rewrite the law’s provisions through a ballot measure.

Another possible change would be seismic retrofitting for older apartments. City officials

have flagged 5,123 apartments that may need costly upgrades to become earthquake-safe, and they say CSFRA has made it difficult for apartment owners to pass through these costs to tenants.

The push to consider changes to the rent control law was spearheaded by Abe-Koga, who proposed it during the city’s goal-setting process earlier this year. Speaking to the *Voice*, she blamed rent control for a string of redevelopment projects that displaced low-income tenants from older apartment buildings, but she has not proposed any specific changes so far.

It will be up to the City Council to decide whether to schedule the ballot initiatives for the March 2020 or the November 2020 election.

—Mark Noack

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VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

LET THEM EAT CAKE?

"Let them eat cake!" This phrase is attributed to Marie Antoinette, queen of France during the French Revolution. The story goes that the people of France were starving due to an enormous bread shortage. Upon hearing this news, Marie Antoinette is said to have replied, "Let them eat cake." Cake was too expensive for her subjects and therefore unattainable. It was questioned if the queen was just out of touch with her constituents, if she had no empathy, or if she was simply vindictive toward those struggling faceless people who were less fortunate than she.

Our current mayor stated that she has run out of patience with RV dwellers in our city and that she supports banning them from Mountain View. The vice mayor says she is terrified to shop at places where there are RVs in the parking lot. We have a housing crisis where working people, senior citizens, students and disabled people are living in RVs because they have been priced out of stable housing. "Let them go elsewhere, they have many options and many choices" sounds a lot to me like "Let them eat cake."

I hope that our elected officials choose to meet with the RV dwellers and hear their stories, therefore humanizing them. Providing safe, 24-hour off-street parking would keep RV residents in their homes and allow them to continue contributing to diversity in our city.

Palo Alto and Oakland are both local cities which Mountain View can use as models for safe parking; there are many other cities nationally that are choosing to provide humane and empathetic solutions.

Please don't let us be known as the city that tells our RV dwellers to just go elsewhere to eat their cake.

*Jane Horton
North Whisman Road*

GOOGLE CAN DO BETTER

Your June 21 article, "Google pledges \$1 billion for rapid new housing growth," says Google's CEO "promised his company will build a minimum of 20,000 new homes ..."

Google is not going to "build" anything. That \$1 billion got

plenty of positive PR because most reporters and editors were too dazzled to analyze the press release.

Google is "investing" in housing and presumably expects a return on investment. It's asking that \$750 million worth of Google's land be rezoned for housing. It would lease that land to housing developers — for how much?

The company says the land "will enable us to support the development of at least 15,000 new homes at all income levels ..." Why 15,000 and what do they mean by "all income levels"? Since they're not building the homes, what restrictions will they place on developers they "support" with leases?

Google also says it will "establish a \$250 million investment fund so that we can provide incentives to enable developers to build at least 5,000 affordable housing units ..."

What "incentives?" \$250 million for 5,000 units = \$50,000 per unit. That's a tiny percentage (6% to 11%) of the \$450,000 to \$800,000 required to build just one affordable unit. And how do they define "affordable?"

Before we give Google a medal — or any more ink — note that its parent company, Alphabet, earned \$30.7 billion on \$136.8 billion in revenue in 2018 and reported \$109.1 billion in cash and marketable securities.

Given its resources and unconstrained job growth, Google can, and should, make more meaningful housing commitments.

*Pat Marriott
Los Altos*

SUPERINTENDENT PAY

The Mountain View Whisman School District board has made the classic CEO pay mistake ("School board approves 14% pay raise for superintendent," June 21) — if they want their superintendent to be paid in the highest quartile (why were they so stingy?) and every other school district in the area has the same scheme, the result will be a steady and rapid increase in superintendent pay, far more than ordinary staff and teachers get, and far more than inflation.

They also want us to believe that the superintendent, all by himself, is solely responsible for any improvements in MVWSD performance — is he the only employee at MVWSD? Last, I am puzzled by the need to spend \$87K to train the new superintendent to do the job for which he was hired. When I was hired into a high-level position in the federal government, the assumption was that I was already capable of doing the job for which I was being hired. Did the MVWSD board hire an apprentice superintendent who needed expensive training for two years before he could actually do the job for which he had been hired?

*David Lewis
Oak Street*

BIKE CAR LAYOUT

It is disheartening that the Caltrain board approved a car layout that fails to incorporate critical input from the cycling community. The limited number of bike spaces and lack of seats in view of bikes is a tragic setback in the promotion of alternative modes of transportation, which is so valuable in the Bay Area.

Perhaps the most worrying part of the new electric train design is the lack of security for bikes. Just recently I witnessed someone experience bike theft on Caltrain. The theft occurred

on the last train of the night, sometime prior to entering the 4th & King station, which is where I witnessed a male individual react to the shock of his bike missing from the bike car when he walked in from the adjacent car. This is a prime example of the vulnerability we cyclists are faced with when we do not have the appropriate infrastructure on Caltrain. Many of us pour time, money and love into our bikes, and theft is truly a sad and tragic event.

I urge Caltrain to reconsider these plans. I know that Caltrain is trying to incorporate the needs of numerous parties; however, cyclists are a significant and valuable component of our Caltrain community, and who truly embody the effort to create a truly green commute.

*Chris Stivers
San Francisco*

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■ FOOD FEATURE



Going against the grain

The Midwife and the Baker finds unexpected ways to use whole-grain flours

Story by Elena Kadvany
Photos by Magali Gauthier

Flour is everywhere at The Midwife and the Baker in Mountain View.

It dusts the tiled floor and baker Mac McConnell's Birkenstock sandals. Pounds of fresh-milled whole-grain flour sit in bags and trash cans repurposed into storage bins, awaiting their next life phase: dough for the bakery's insanely popular sourdough breads and pastries.

Flour — specifically, fresh-milled whole-grain flour — is the heart and soul of The Midwife and the Baker, where McConnell is working to elevate grains like kamut, rye, wheat berry, spelt and Khorasan by proving they can taste just as good, if not better, than their white wheat flour counterparts. He sneaks

whole grains into everything he makes, from baguettes and ciabatta to even the croissant.

"We want our whole grains to eat like white bread — fluffier, lighter," McConnell said.

The Midwife and the Baker started with McConnell selling loaves out of his wife Jaime's midwife practice in San Francisco. A West Virginia native and former mechanical engineer, he "ended up out here because of bread" — namely, to attend the San Francisco Baking Institute. After graduating he worked at a Massachusetts bakery that specializes in whole-grain sourdough breads, he then returned to the West Coast to become a bread instructor at the San Francisco Baking Institute.

McConnell eventually left his teaching post to focus on

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Above: Loaves of bread and pastries are put out for sale at The Midwife and the Baker's commercial bakery in Mountain View. **Top:** Erica Ryan rolls a croissant on June 20.

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Weekend

GRAINS

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The Midwife and the Baker full time. They drew a loyal following at Bay Area farmers markets before moving in 2018 into the large Mountain View baking facility, which they took over from Acme Bread.

Shortly after, Blue Bottle Coffee started selling The Midwife and the Baker's pastries in all of its Bay Area cafes, a major coup for a mom-and-pop baking operation. Other cafes, restaurants and grocery stores steadily followed.

McConnell now employs a staff of 35 that mills 3,000 pounds of flour every week in Mountain View, delivering loaves and pastries throughout the Bay Area.

The bakery kicks into gear at 3 a.m., when McConnell arrives to fold dough around sheets of butter for croissant dough while William Van Dusen weighs out flours for that day's dough, following a color-coded spreadsheet detailed down to the gram for every single loaf they sell.

Nearby, a 40-inch stone mill the bakery acquired last fall processes fresh grains. Made by a baker in Vermont, the massive mill is more than twice the size of their old one. It's producing whole-grain flour as fine as pastry flour, making their breads loftier and lighter than ever before, McConnell said, sifting the almost ethereal flour through his palms.

The "whitest" bread they make is the baguette, whose dough is 25% kamut, an ancient grain grown in Montana. Their most popular breads are 100% whole wheat. Madera, a Michelin-starred restaurant in Menlo Park, recently changed



Flour dusts the floor of The Midwife and the Baker's Mountain View bakery.

its account with the bakery from both country white bread (which is still nearly half whole grain) and 100% whole wheat bread to solely the latter, McConnell said.

Other staff arrive around 5 a.m. and the facility becomes a flour-dusted hive of activity for several hours. Some staff prep hundreds of twice-baked almond croissants — slicing already baked croissants in half, adding a layer of frangipane inside, a dollop on top and a flurry of sliced almonds — while others roll refrigerated dough for plain croissants. They have to shape it quickly before the dough warms up too much but with careful finesse to preserve the "shoulders," or edges of the dough that give croissants their trademark layers. Beyond the classic viennoiserie, bakers get creative with pastries like cardamom snails, currant-orange scones and caramelized shallot danishes.

The bakers have been experimenting with a whole grain croissant, playing around with lamination, leavening and yeast to create an equivalent pastry. (A recent picture on Instagram

of its honeycomb-like interior elicited an enthusiastic "yaaaaa-ssssssssss" from none other than Josey Baker, who also mills his own grains at Josey Baker Bread in San Francisco.) The challenge, McConnell said, is that the whole-grain version can turn out tough, and whole-grain flour has less leeway than white flour.

"It's a tighter band for perfection," he said.

It's no secret that you can go into the Mountain View facility to buy fresh bread and pastries Monday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., but it would not be obvious to anyone passing by the industrial, warehouse-like building that has no signage or seating. (An employee once likened it to going to a speakeasy.) McConnell intends to open a full-fledged retail bakery there at some point, serving coffee and other items, but likely not until next year.

For a full list of where to find The Midwife and the Baker's goods, go to themidwifeandthebaker.com/where. ■

Email Elena Kadvanj at ekadvanj@pawebkly.com



Mac McConnell starts up one of the flour mills in the Mountain View bakery. The Midwife and the Baker mills about 3,000 pounds of flour each week, making whole-grain flour that's milled as fine as pastry flour.



Himesh Patel stars in "Yesterday."

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MOVIE OPENINGS

Not so fab

YOU WON'T BELIEVE IN BEATLES-FANTASY 'YESTERDAY'

★★ (Century 16 & 20, Icon)

In a time when brand recognition reigns supreme in the movie marketplace, the catalog of the world-famous band The Beatles certainly glitters like gold. But buyer beware: Writing a story to compete with wall-to-wall classic pop music hardly guarantees artistic success, which brings us

to the Beatles-themed romantic comedy "Yesterday."

Written by Richard Curtis ("Love Actually") and directed by Danny Boyle ("Slumdog Millionaire"), "Yesterday" proceeds from a cutesy what-if premise: Following a 12-second global blackout, the Beatles songbook spirits out of existence, except in the mind of one man — 27-year-old Jack Malik (Himesh Patel), a singer-songwriter languishing in obscurity. Before his windfall, Jack complains to his lifelong friend and faithful manager Ellie (Lily James), "You've got to stop pretending we're in a thrilling story with a big exciting end." Shortly after, Jack's on the short and winding road to viral international fame.

Before you know it, Jack's introducing the world to "Yesterday" (one of 15 Beatles tunes Patel covers in the film), living the artist's dream of "I wish I'd written that." There's situation comedy in the indignities that face an unknown musician, but it's not long before smirky songsmith Ed Sheeran (playing himself) turns up to hire Jack as an opening act. Sheeran's fictional manager Debra Hammer (Kate McKinnon, stealing the show again) swiftly poaches Jack from Ellie, who won't abandon her day job as a Suffolk schoolteacher. Just as fame pulls Jack and Ellie apart, they begin to reckon with the depth of their not-so-platonic love.

Though the musical angle

dominates, it's a red herring for an equally unbelievable romantic comedy. The obstacles facing the couple hardly seem insurmountable, and Curtis labors to cut short every conversation between the two before it gets to the "We Can Work It Out" stage. Missed opportunities abound for a meaningful examination of an artist's insecurities; instead, we get a moral dilemma (should I plagiarize songs that were never written?) that's impossible and therefore irrelevant, paired with a wan romance. All you need is love ... and a better script.

Boyle keeps the film's two hours breezy, and if one turns off one's brain, "Yesterday" can be enjoyed as an empty vessel loaded up with great tunes. A charismatic comic lead with a lovely tenor, Patel proves better than his star-making vehicle. Given even less to work with, James does her sunny best to invest a mannequin with character.

Make the mistake of considering this feature-length stunt's many logical fumbles and obvious but ignored questions, and you're likely to get angry. Magic realism can work when it makes one simple ask (a boy gets his wish to be "Big," for example), but "Yesterday" is lazy nonsense that only gets more dumb with each plot twist.

Rated PG-13 for suggestive content and language. One hour, 56 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

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Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Last Black Man in San Francisco (R)
Century 20: Fri. - Sun. **Palo Alto Square:** Fri. - Sun.

Late Night (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
Century 20: Fri. - Sun. **ShowPlace Icon:** Fri. - Sun.

The Man Who Shot Liberty Valence (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Men in Black: International (PG-13) ★★
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Pavarotti (PG-13) **Palo Alto Square:** Fri. - Sun.

Rocketman (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
Century 20: Fri. - Sun. **ShowPlace Icon:** Fri. - Sun.

The Secret Life of Pets 2 (PG) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
Century 20: Fri. - Sun. **ShowPlace Icon:** Fri. - Sun.

Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am (PG-13)
Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Toy Story 4 (G) ★★★1/2 Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
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Yesterday (PG-13) ★★ Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
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Aquarius: 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto (For recorded listings: 327-3241) tinyurl.com/Aquariuspa

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THEATER

'Archduke' TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents the Northern California premiere of "Archduke." Written by Pulitzer Prize finalist Rajiv Joseph, the story explores how one man, one moment, can derail an entire century. Through June 30; times vary. \$60; discounts for students, seniors. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

'One Man, Two Guvnors' This fast-paced farce follows Francis Henshall, who finds himself down on his luck, hungry and suddenly employed by two mob bosses. Through June 30; times vary. \$25-\$52; discounts for seniors, students. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paplayers.org

'Present Laughter' by Noel Coward A frothy comedy about show business, "Present Laughter" is replete with seductions, suspicions, adulteries and blackmail. Through June 30; times vary. \$15-\$35. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org

Children's Theatre in the Park Peninsula Youth Theatre and the city of Mountain View present free children's theater in the park all summer on the center's outdoor park stage. A different 45-minute production will be performed each week by the children from PYT's "Theatre in the Park" summer program. Fridays through Aug. 16, 3-6 p.m. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Steve Chaney & Corny Crow Ventriloquist Steve Chaney and his sidekick "Corny Crow" will perform a unique comedy puppet show. July 3, 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Suggested donation for admission is one new book per family, purchased at Linden Tree, to be donated to a local literacy program, Reading Partners. Linden Tree Children's Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

CONCERTS

Azure Family Concert with the St. Lawrence String Quartet Since many with autism or related challenges cannot attend traditional music performances due to uncontrollable vocalizations or physical movements, the St. Lawrence String Quartet and longtime collaborator pianist Stephen Prutsman present a concert where such behaviors are accepted. June 29, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lausen Mall, Stanford. brownpapertickets.com

'La Brise d'ete' (Breeze of Summer): Flute and Harp Recital Bay Area harpist Jieyin Wu will perform with flutist Jed Huang in a program by Debussy, Bizet, Mozart and Faure. This program will also feature newly commissioned works by Bay Area composer Phil Young. June 29, 7-8:30 p.m. \$20-\$50. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

'Music is Magic' Concert Series In partnership with the city of Palo Alto, the Magical Bridge Foundation presents a summer concert series, featuring local artists and musicians. All concerts are family-friendly and sensory-friendly. Every Friday through Aug. 30, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Magical Bridge Playground - Mitchell Park, 600 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto. Search facebook.com/ events for more info.

St. Lawrence String Quartet's Marathon Finale The St. Lawrence String Quartet performs various classical works as part of its residency at Stanford University. June 28, noon and June 29, 5 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu

Terry Riley and George Brooks Musicians Terry Riley and George Brooks weave jazz, classical, stride, rags, ragas and Riley's minimalism into a richly textured musical tapestry. June 30, 7:30-9 p.m. \$49; discount for students, Stanford Jazz Workshop members. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. stanfordjazz.org

MUSIC

'Hamiltunes' The Mountain View Library presents "Hamiltunes," a Hamilton sing-along. The Library provides the backup music and lyrics while participants provide the vocal talent at this karaoke event. June 29, 1-3:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

Open Mic @ Red Rock Coffee Performers sing in front of a supportive audience and meet fellow musicians and artists during Open Mic Mondays at Red Rock Coffee. Sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

2019 Chili Cook-Off Competition and Summer Festival The city of Palo Alto hosts its 38th Annual 4th of July Chili Cook-Off & Summer Festival. Attendees can enter to cook chili or buy a ticket for five chili tastings, complete with a ballot to cast for the People's Choice award. July 4, noon-5 p.m. Chili tasting tickets, \$5. Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paloaltochilicookoff.com/

Apricot STEM Fair This family event includes apricot tasting, hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities, and guided tours of the historic J. Gilbert Smith house and orchard. June 30, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

FAMILY

Python Ron's Reptile Kingdom This educational live animal presentation is for children of all ages. July 3, 3-3:45 p.m. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. sccl.evanced.info

TALKS & LECTURES

Steve Almond Short story writer and essayist Steve Almond discusses his new work of nonfiction, "William Stoner and the Battle for the Inner Life: Bookmarked." July 2, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Josiah McElheny: 'Island Universe' Josiah McElheny's "Island Universe" examines both cutting-edge art and physics. The monumental installation of five hanging chandeliers is a visual response to recent theories of the multiverse, an elaboration of the Big Bang theory. Through Aug. 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Kahlil Joseph: 'BLKNWS' Kahlil Joseph, a visiting artist in the new Presidential Residencies on the Future of the Arts program, presents his work "BLKNWS," a two-channel video projection that blurs the lines between art, journalism, entrepreneurship and cultural critique. Through Nov. 25, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

'The Medium Is the Message: Art since 1950' Using works created since 1950, this exhibition explores the relationship between subject, content and the materials that informed each object's production. Through Aug. 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

'Gadgets Galore! Transforming the American Household' Los Altos History Museum presents "Gadgets Galore! Transforming the American Household," an exhibit that explores the origins of gadgets, on display at the J. Gilbert Smith House. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

Summer Print Exhibition of the Palo Alto Camera Club Members of the Palo Alto Camera Club are exhibiting their best prints from various genres, including landscape, portraits, flora, fauna, monochrome and others. Through June 29, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Community School for Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. pacamera.com

FILM

2019 Windrider Film Forum The Windrider Film Forum includes three nights of independent film screenings and conversation. June 27-29, 7 p.m. \$15; discount for students. The Center for Performing Arts, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Kerry Tribe: 'The Elusive Word' The 2017 film "Afasia" pairs the verbal journey of Christopher Riley, a photographer and friend of the filmmaker who struggles to speak after experiencing a left-hemisphere stroke that left him aphasic, with Tribe's own narrated effort to relearn the Spanish language. Through Sept. 30, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Mountain View Woman's Club Mountain View Woman's Club is a charitable organization working on community projects. For more information call Lana at 650-282-5336. First Wednesday of each month, noon. Free. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. mtviewwomensclub.org

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Sunnyvale	107	83	\$599,000		\$4,188,000
Mountain View	57	66	\$475,000		\$6,000,000
Los Altos	49	44	\$799,000		\$6,600,000
Los Altos Hills	27	6	\$2,300,000		\$49,990,000
Palo Alto	68	23	\$1		\$39,988,000
East Palo Alto	30	12	\$569,000		\$1,598,000
Menlo Park	75	39	\$650,000		\$17,500,000

No, that is not a typo, there really is a home on the MLS for \$1 in Palo Alto, but don't get excited, it is not going to sell for \$1.

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Above information obtained on the MLS as of June 24, 2019

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