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FEDERICA ARMSTRONG

Gary Guiffre is a regular at the Mountain View Library's monthly Ukulele Play and Sing Along events, a gathering that brings together more experienced players and newbies.

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LIBRARY'S FREE DROP-IN UKULELE LESSONS DRAW DEVOTED FANS

By Nisha Malley

The sound of Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline," originating from 30 strumming ukuleles and singing voices, carried into the main halls of the Mountain View Public Library in the early evening Aug. 26, during the

monthly Ukulele Play and Sing Along event.

Roughly 15 regulars, along with eager first-timers and curious passersby, filled the room, grabbing instruments and guidebooks with sheet music and instructions for playing chords, which are funded by the Friends of the Mountain

View Library.

The program, which got its start five years ago, primarily caters to beginners of all ages, using simple lesson plans and offering over 400 songs from the 1950s to the 2000s.

However, librarian and

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Police report details how scheme to evict tenants backfired

MOUNTAIN VIEW LANDLORD ALLEGEDLY TEXTED:
'WE NEED TO GRAB THEIR CELL PHONES FIRST. THEY'LL CALL THE COPS.'

By Mark Noack

'You're allowed to touch their stuff."
"You're allowed to take their cell phones (and) grab their computer"
"Take anything you want out of

there. It's your place."

In text messages, police say Mountain View landlord Reenu Saini told her accomplices to do whatever it took to kick out tenants who she said were behind on rent. As detailed in the Mountain View police report, she wanted

at the very least to "scare" them into thinking they had just 30 minutes to pack up and leave the Rock Street apartment that she managed.

Lori Ann Waltson, who worked

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Teacher claims school district failed to prevent rape, assaults

LAWSUIT ALLEGES OFFICIALS RETALIATED AGAINST
VICTIMS OF THEUERKAUF TEACHER

By Kevin Forestieri

A former Theuerkauf Elementary School teacher filed a civil suit last month against the Mountain View Whisman School District, claiming that the principal and district administrators failed to stop a predatory teacher from assaulting and harassing her on and off campus.

The lawsuit claims that the teacher, referred to as Jane Doe, was subjected to offensive and suggestive comments by first grade teacher Bryan Rios — including in front of children. Rios allegedly groomed her and preyed upon her at the school, eventually luring her to his home in October 2017 where he "mentally and physically abused her, strangled her, tried to kill her, raped her and sodomized her," according to the suit.

Rios was arrested on suspicion of sexual assault following the alleged attack and put on administrative leave, but the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office dropped the criminal charges due to insufficient evidence. This is the second civil suit filed this year against the school district claiming that Rios' alleged harassment and assaults on coworkers at Theuerkauf were ignored, creating a hostile workplace environment in violation of California law.

Prior to the assault, former Theuerkauf Principal Ryan Santiago and Chief Human Relations Officer Carmen Ghysels knew that Rios had a history of sexual harassment, the suit alleges. Santiago "knew something was amiss" and asked Doe multiple times if she was okay

during her time at the school, which she thought was odd because she wasn't aware of Rios' history.

"MVWSD and Santiago callously ratified, authorized and allowed defendant Rios to prey on plaintiff knowing full well or should have known he would most likely sexually harass or assault plaintiff; they aided and abetted in his heinous acts," according to the suit.

The lawsuit alleges that Mountain View Whisman officials knew of teacher Brian Rios had a history of sexual harassment.

Mountain View Whisman officials, when asked by the *Voice* to respond to the numerous allegations, gave this statement via email: "In 2017, as soon as the district learned of the allegations against former employee Bryan Rios, the district immediately placed him on administrative leave and immediately commenced an investigation. While the allegations against Mr. Rios were unrelated to students, the district worked closely with its own employees and local law enforcement to address the situation and to take any and all appropriate corrective action."

Doe joined the school district in June 2017 to teach

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A R O U N D T O W N

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

What aspect of your work do you find meaningful?



"Innovation. I work for a company that right now is in stealth mode, but being in the heart of the Silicon Valley, it's really important to do something novel and innovative."

Manuel Mandelli, Mountain View



"I work in a hospital, and to be able to help patients even though I'm not a medical person is very rewarding."

Lynda Boll, England



"I'm a dentist, so the most gratifying part is being able to provide a great service for my patients and the gratitude that I get from them."

Huy Do, Mountain View



"Working on something that I feel like is making a positive difference in the world is the most meaningful aspect."

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■ CRIME BRIEF

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY ARRESTS

San Jose police this week arrested 10 San Jose residents in connection with commercial burglaries in more than a dozen Bay Area cities, including Palo Alto and Mountain View, since January.

Six suspects taken into custody on Thursday in San Jose and Sunnyvale.

The six were the first to be arrested as part of the crew that allegedly carried out burglaries in San Jose, Cupertino, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Santa Cruz, Burlingame, Los Altos, Morgan Hill, Walnut Creek, Fremont, Pleasanton, Oakland and Dublin, according to police.

The crew focused on bike shops, construction sites and school districts, police said.

The six were booked into Santa Clara County jail on suspicion of multiple felony charges, including commercial burglary.

By Friday, police had arrested another four suspects in the burglaries.

Police served multiple search warrants at a storage locker in Sunnyvale, at three recreational vehicles in San Jose, and another in the 1600 block of Willowgate Drive.

Police said officers recovered firearms, stolen driver's licenses, narcotics, ammunition, drug paraphernalia, stolen credit cards and stolen property.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Lt. Greg Lombardo of the San Jose Police Department's burglary prevention unit at 408-537-1200.

Tips can be provided using the tipline at sjpd.org/bputipline.

Persons wishing to remain anonymous may either call the Crime Stoppers Tip Line at 408-947-STOP (7867) or submit a tip online at svcrimestoppers.org.

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1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 8/29
1300 block Grant Rd., 8/29
1700 Crane Av., 8/31

BATTERY

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500 block Moorpark Way, 8/28
1100 block Castro St., 8/29
600 block Franklin St., 8/30
1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 8/30

BRANDISHING A WEAPON

W. El Camino Real & Showers Dr., 8/27

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

800 block E. El Camino Real, 8/26

2400 block Grant Rd., 9/1

CRIMINAL THREATS

3500 block Truman Av., 8/27

GRAND THEFT

3100 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 8/29
600 block N. Whisman Rd., 8/29
400 block Tyrella Av., 8/30
1500 block Begen Av., 8/30
1200 block Levin Av., 8/30
500 block Mountain View Av., 8/31

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

1700 block W. El Camino Real, 8/29

STOLEN VEHICLE

200 block Monroe Dr., 8/31

VANDALISM

3500 block Truman Av., 8/26
200 block Bryant St., 8/28
1 block W. El Camino Real, 8/29

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

For 15 years, **Jacqueline Cashen** has lived with her daughter at the 2310 Rock St. apartment complex that now slated for demolition. Despite the fact that both women have jobs, they haven't been able to find another apartment in Mountain View.

When a neighborhood's days are numbered

AS DEMOLITION LOOMS, ROCK STREET APARTMENTS EMPTY OUT

By Mark Noack

With each passing day, the apartments at 2310 Rock St. increasingly resemble a ghost town.

The signs are everywhere: overgrown weeds, rusted lawn furniture and an eerie absence of people. It's not just a lack of maintenance, it's an aura hanging over the entire community that knows the end is near.

Within three weeks, all 59

apartments at the complex must be vacated. Starting next month, the neighborhood is slated to be demolished to make way for new condominiums.

For now, the scattered residents who remain are taking stock, trying to secure new housing amid an unpleasant set of choices. Given the high cost of housing, many have decided their only option is to leave Mountain View.

For Leland Erickson, this

also means his family is being fractured. He plans to sleep on a friend's couch in Oregon while his partner of 20 years is moving out to North Carolina. It just didn't make sense to move to a new apartment in the Bay Area because all the options meant paying more and being substantially worse off.

In hindsight, Erickson said his life at the Rock Street

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An epic undertaking to restore Hangar One

TEAM LAYS OUT FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO CLEAN, RE-SKIN ICONIC STRUCTURE

By Mark Noack

Nearly 200 feet tall and the length of three football fields, Hangar One at Moffett Field is truly a gigantic structure. And true to its size, a plan to restore it faces some big challenges.

At a public meeting last week, representatives gave a walk-through of their plans to purge a variety of toxic contaminants from the hangar and eventually rehabilitate the structure for future use.

This first stage of the proposed cleanup plan is estimated to take at least three years and cost more than \$157 million, which is expected to be paid entirely by Google's subsidiary Planetary Ventures. The price is daunting, but it's likely accurate given the huge scale of the cleanup effort, which would require \$54 million just for temporary scaffolding, said John-Michael Phelps, Planetary Ventures project manager.

"As everything else is in the Bay Area, it's extremely expensive to do anything," he said. "Those are the most accurate numbers we had to go with. They're not padded."

The restoration project could be record-breaking in other ways. Speakers at the meeting opined that restoring Hangar One may be the largest cleanup effort of its kind ever attempted. The plan calls for a tight hazmat

containment around the hangar's 1.8 million square feet of surface area. This area would be fully enclosed in a plastic covering to create a negative pressure environment to prevent any toxic compounds from escaping. Workers will begin blasting all of the hangar's surface with a copper slag in an effort to remove toxic lead and PCBs from its framework, possibly going at certain areas with chemical stripping solvents or hand tools.

Planners for the project say some aspects of the restoration are still being figured out. They expect to phase the project to work on specific areas of the hangar in sections, but they haven't decided yet how to divide up the job. An architecture firm is still determining the right "skin" paneling to cover the vast exterior of the hangar. Those architects are reportedly working with the California Historic Preservation Office to make sure any new hangar covering complies with preservation guidelines.

One way or another, Hangar One will be fully rehabilitated by 2025, the team promised. A crowd of Moffett Field's history fans was absolutely thrilled to hear that news.

"I'm just delighted that we're not taking this down," said Cupertino resident Tom Trankle. "For me, this would be like tearing down the Golden Gate Bridge."

Los Altos dad, daughter among dead in dive boat fire

By Bay City News Service

A Mountain View High School graduate and her father, a teacher, are among those who died in a boat fire early on Labor Day off the coast of Santa Barbara County.

Los Altos resident Raymond (Scott) Chan, who was a physics teacher at American High School in Fremont according to Fremont Unified School District officials, and his daughter Kendra, both perished.

According to a classmate and friend, Kendra Chan had recently turned 26 and graduated from MVHS with the class of 2011.

Principal Dave Grissom told the *Voice* that he didn't know her personally, but added, "I understand that she was a terrific young lady. Those that knew her at MVHS are saddened by the news and are mourning the loss of a young life."

Many who died are from Santa Cruz, San Jose and the Bay Area, Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown said during a news conference Tuesday.

Fremont Unified School District officials said in their tweet Tuesday, "We send our condolences to Mr. Chan's family and the American High School community."

One of Chan's students was a

2019 U.S. Physics Olympiad qualifier. Students who make the U.S. team compete in an international physics competition.

The remains of 20 victims, including some from the Bay Area, were recovered during underwater searches around the wreckage of the commercial boat that caught fire on Labor Day, authorities said Tuesday.

Search teams with the U.S. Coast Guard, National Park Service and sheriff's offices from Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo counties aided in recovering the bodies of 11 females and nine males, Brown said.

The Coast Guard responded to the fire aboard the 75-foot boat named "Conception" based out of Santa Barbara while it was ablaze at about 3:30 a.m. Monday near Santa Cruz Island, according to Brown's office. The boat sank by about 7:20 a.m.

Five survivors were rescued from the boat, which had carried 39 people.

Efforts were scheduled for Tuesday to stabilize the boat so that divers could safely enter it, search it and recover additional victims.

Brown said, "There were several other victims that were seen by the divers, somewhere between four and six, that are still within

the wreckage, but due to the positioning of the boat they were unable to be recovered before nightfall (Monday)."

Coast Guard Capt. Monica Rochester said her office suspended its search and rescue efforts at about 9:40 a.m. Tuesday.

"We have suspended the search efforts due to no additional individuals having been witnessed entering the water," Rochester said. No additional signs of distress or debris were witnessed during a flight over the area Tuesday morning, she said.

Rochester said the Coast Guard

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Council swiftly approves drone policy for staff use

GUIDELINES SEEK TO PROTECT PRIVACY AND LIMIT AERIAL SURVEILLANCE

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View City Council was quick to embrace a new policy Tuesday allowing city employees to use drones, saying the technology could be used in tasks ranging from tracking down criminal suspects to inspecting gutters.

The 7-0 vote puts in place guidelines for using Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), better known as drones, to conduct city business. The Mountain View Police Department, which led the effort, has called the technology a valuable way to gain a better vantage point in numerous situations, whether searching for lost people, assisting in an investigation or responding to a suspected explosive device.

Drones equipped with thermal imaging and a high-resolution camera can also be useful in fighting fires, according to a city staff report, able to peer through smoky plumes to put out hot spots. The city's public works department is also seeking to use drones for building inspections and observing hard-to-reach spots like roofs and gutters.

The Mountain View City Council agreed in April to pursue a policy and clear the way for city staff to use drones, but not before conducting public outreach to address concerns from the public. Council members at the time had reservations about privacy and sought limits on when and where drones could be deployed.

Councilwoman Margaret Abekoga called the policy a "good start" for a new technology, and said that she was ready to pass it as is.

"I think we should go ahead and move forward with this," she said. "There's always room for

changes if needed."

The policy states that city staff must use drones in a way that doesn't run afoul of California's trespassing laws, which prohibit audio and video recording of people in private settings in a manner that is "offensive to a reasonable person." Drone pilots must also take "reasonable precautions" to avoid inadvertently recording images that violate someone's privacy, such as modifying the flight route or considering when to stop recording.

"Operators will avoid flying UAS over private property to the extent possible, unless necessary for the protection of life and property, with consent of the owner, or in compliance with lawful access," according to the policy.

Police Lt. Saul Jaeger told council members that the policy is aligned with guidelines established by the American Civil Liberties Union, and that privacy is an integral part of the drone program.

"The protection of individual civil rights and the reasonable expectation of privacy remain key components of any decision to deploy UAS," he said.

Despite the unanimous vote, some council members had misgivings about the new technology. Councilwoman Alison Hicks said members of the public have raised concerns that the privacy protections may not go far enough, and that there is a potential for "mission creep." She said she wanted to see a cap on the number of drones that would prevent the city from reaching a large number of them buzzing around the city.

Councilman Lucas Ramirez said he was comfortable with city employees using drones, but worried that the policy opens

the door for the city to enlist third-party contractors to pilot drones to conduct city business that may not be beholden to the city's restrictions. City Manager Dan Rich said that anyone doing work on behalf of the city would have to adhere to the policy.

The police department revealed it is planning to purchase two drones, one "general purpose" drone and a smaller one. The fire department is also planning to acquire a drone through a joint grant with the San Jose Fire Department.

Public Works Director Mike Fuller said at the Sept. 3 council meeting that his department is taking things slowly, and expects to initially borrow the police department's drone before requesting to buy one at a future date.

Police spokeswoman Katie Nelson told the *Voice* after the council meeting that there is no specific timeline for buying the drones, and that the department plans to be "meticulous" in deciding which model is best suited for the job. She said the department is also planning to build a team of personnel that can use the drones in accordance with the city's new policy, which will involve piloting licenses and hours of training.

Similar to police body camera footage, drone video recordings will generally be retained for two years, longer if it's needed as evidence in court. Redactions will be made to any recordings that are requested through the California Public Records Act, though specific decisions — like whether to blur the face of someone who appears in a video — will have to be made by the city attorney's office on a case-by-case basis, said City Attorney Krishan Chopra. ▀

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at Theuerkauf, where Rios worked. The lawsuit claims that district officials and Santiago were both already “on notice” of allegations that Rios had been sexually harassing and assaulting at least one female employee, and that he had previously been put on administrative leave for the conduct in the prior school year. Neither the district nor Santiago “warned, protected or shielded” her from Rios, even though he “had a propensity to prey upon and sexually harass/abuse vulnerable women.”

“Nothing was put in place to ensure a workplace free of sexual assault or harassment. Instead, defendants put plaintiff in harm’s way when she was assigned to work at Theuerkauf Elementary School,” according to the suit.

After Brian Rios allegedly raped and strangled her, the teacher suffered from a series of seizures, according to the lawsuit.

While she was at the school, Doe reported that Rios would frequently make sexually explicit comments and invade her personal space, sometimes in front of Santiago and district staff, according to the suit. Rios allegedly made sexually suggestive comments about how she looked, standing within an inch or two of her and speaking in a whispering voice. He also allegedly told her he had sexual fantasies about her as a school girl.

The teacher was a Response to Instruction (RTI) teacher at Theuerkauf, whose role was to provide academic enrichment to gifted students and remedial help to struggling students. She was required by the district to share a classroom with Rios. The suit describes how she initially tried to set boundaries with Rios, and that the district took no action to protect or shield her from him in the months leading up to the alleged assault.

After Rios allegedly raped and strangled her, the suit describes how Doe suffered from a series of seizures after the attack, from Oct. 22 through Oct. 26. Although the district’s nurse said she could teach on one of

the days that she had seizure-like activity, Santiago reportedly walked the nurse out before telling Doe she had to go home until she had medical clearance.

On Nov. 13, 2017, she filed a report of two sexual assaults — one in October and one in November — with the Santa Clara Police Department. Rios had already been placed on administrative leave the prior week, and was eventually arrested on Nov. 29 on suspicion of forced sodomy and forced oral copulation. He was released from custody and the charges were dropped in December, and he resigned from his position in the district.

Court records indicate Doe got a restraining order against Rios in December 2017, which she said she showed to then-Huff Principal Geoff Chang and the Mountain View Whisman District’s HR department.

The attorney representing Jane Doe, Mary Josephine Shea, did not respond to requests for comment. No attorney representing Rios was named in court documents.

Retaliation at Huff

In January 2018, Doe was reassigned to teach at Huff Elementary School, where she believes Chang retaliated against her for having reported the sexual harassment and sexual assault.

According to the lawsuit, she and other “known” victims of Rios worked at Huff Elementary School, including Rios’ ex-wife. While there, she said she was subjected to heightened scrutiny, micromanagement and demeaning comments, and that her requests for safety on the campus were disregarded and not taken seriously.

The suit claims that Chang “proceeded to harass, humiliate and retaliate aggressively against” Doe when she arrived, introducing her as a “long-term substitute” instead of an RTI teacher and subjecting her to premature evaluations. Chang allegedly told Doe she was a “different person” than when she was at Theuerkauf, and said she did not know how to teach and needed coaching.

The suit lists numerous specific incidents suggesting she faced excessive criticism from Chang. In one instance, she had difficulty with a special education student with behavioral problems who was acting unpredictably and inappropriately touching another student. While being observed by Chang, he told her that she was failing to meet the needs of

the child, stating “I’m not saying it’s your fault, but he never acted like this before you came here,” according to the lawsuit.

The complaint names Rios, Santiago, Chang and school district officials as defendants, with a long list of violations including assault and battery, sexual assault, gender violence and sex-based harassment. The suit claims that the district ran afoul of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act by failing to prevent gender-based harassment, discrimination and retaliation.

The suit said that she suffered severe emotional, physical and psychological distress as well as economic harm as a result.

Another former Theuerkauf teacher, Crysti Flowers-Haywood, filed a similar lawsuit in May, arguing that the district wrongfully terminated her employment in retaliation for reporting a hostile and abusive workplace environment created by Rios. That suit alleges that Flowers-Haywood, also an RTI teacher working at Theuerkauf, was sexually harassed by Rios and observed him act in a “hostile, erratic and aggressive manner” toward her and other female teachers.

After reporting the harassment, the suit claims that Santiago was overly critical of her job performance, and told her she was “not a good fit” for the school district. She was eventually determined not to meet the district’s standards at the end of her probation period, and her employment was terminated in June 2018.

Shortly after the lawsuit was filed, Hausman told the *Voice* that any suggestion that the district retaliated against Flowers-Haywood for speaking out about Rios was “entirely false and misleading.”

A case management hearing on Doe’s lawsuit is scheduled for Nov. 19 in San Jose. ■

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2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee REPORT TO THE PUBLIC Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018)

2000 Measure A Fiscal Year 2018

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2000 Measure A Citizens Watchdog Committee Finding

Santa Clara County voters entrusted the Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC), comprised of fellow community members, with overseeing Measure A expenditures to ensure sales tax dollars are spent as intended by the ballot. After thorough and careful consideration:

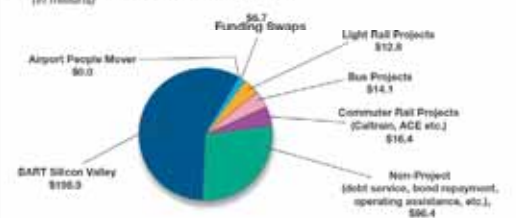
It is the conclusion of the CWC that, for the period of FY 2018, 2000 Measure A tax dollars were spent in accordance with the intent of the measure.

FY 2018 Key Accomplishments

- **Extending BART to the Silicon Valley cities of Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara.** Construction for the two stations and parking structures for BART Silicon Valley Phase I was completed and systems integration testing is underway. Revenue service is projected by the end of 2019. In FY 2018, the VTA Board of Directors certified Phase II’s Subsequent Environmental Impact Report, approved a single-bore tunneling methodology, and approved two station options: Downtown San Jose West and Diridon Station North. Phase II also received a Record of Decision from the Federal Transit Administration, the first required step to seek federal funding.
- **Improving Bus Service in Major Corridors.** The Alum Rock Santa Clara Bus Rapid Transit had its first complete year of operation in FY 2018. Curb side shelters will be installed to enhance customer experience.
- **Extending Light Rail from Downtown San Jose to the East Valley.** Final engineering was advanced for the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project (EBRC) in FY 2018. The supplemental environmental report incorporating aerial alignment and expressway geometry improvements was adopted in June 2019.

FY 2018 2000 Measure A Program Expenditures

FY 2018 Total Program Expenditures*



*Expenditures were grouped by category. Individual project details are available in the CWC Comprehensive Annual Report. Please see below for link.

Where to find additional information about the 2000 Measure A and the CWC

Additional 2000 Measure A information is available on the VTA website: CWC’s Measure A FY 2018 Benefits and Key Achievements (<http://bit.ly/cwc-achievements-fy18>) and Comprehensive Annual Report (<http://bit.ly/cwc-report-fy2018>). Printed copies of select Measure A and CWC reports are available at libraries and other public buildings throughout the county, and at the VTA Offices at 3331 N. First Street, San Jose, CA, Building B Lobby.

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City reconsiders Google land purchase

\$28M DEAL GOES BACK TO DRAWING BOARD

By Mark Noack

Mountain View leaders are considering renegotiating a \$28 million deal to purchase a North Bayshore office property from Google that is needed for traffic improvements. The reworked deal is one in a series of real estate proposals that the City Council considered in closed session at its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Under the original deal, the city would have acquired 1.75 acres of land that would be used to reroute Plymouth Way, curving the street slightly to the north so that it created a new four-way intersection across Shoreline Boulevard to Space Park Way. When finished, city traffic engineers believed the new intersection would greatly speed up traffic along the congested Shoreline corridor.

At the time, opponents derided the land purchase as the city essentially paying Google to fix the company's own traffic problems. Building that newly aligned roadway would require demolishing multiple offices that Google was loathe to give up, and city officials say they had to offer the company \$28 million as the fair market price for the property.

Since then, all parties have reportedly agreed to rework the deal. The new proposal calls for Mountain View to purchase a smaller right-of-way. Google would keep ownership of most of the land, which would reportedly help the company prepare its master plan for developing

the area. City officials say the revised plan would significantly reduce the purchase costs.

Mountain View City Attorney Krishan Chopra said there was no reportable action from the closed-session meeting.

In a separate closed-session item, city leaders considered the opposite action, selling a public right-of-way to a developer in the Shoreline West neighborhood. In that deal, Mountain View would sell a small cul-de-sac called Gamel Way to the Los Altos-based developer, the De Nardi Group. The developer plans to demolish 102 apartments along Gamel Way in order to build for-sale condominiums. If the city agreed to sell Gamel Way, the De Nardi Group would be able to combine it with the surrounding parcels to build a larger 118-unit housing project.

In a third agenda item regarding land, the City Council reviewed an offer from a downtown property owner to subdivide and sell a parcel to create a new pocket park. Under the proposal, the owners of 711 Calderon Ave. said they would split their property in half and move a historic house to one side of the site. When done, the site at the corner of Church Street and Calderon would have a vacant 18,000-square-foot space suitable for a small park.

At this time, city officials were being asked for general interest in the proposal, said Dennis Dremman, city real estate administrator. ■

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BOAT FIRE

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conducted seven missions with three helicopter crews to search a 160-mile area around the wreckage.

Another victim, Kristina Finstad, is from Santa Cruz, according to the city of Santa Cruz.

“The horrific incident is being felt deeply by our community,” Santa Cruz Mayor Martine Watkins said in a statement. “We are in disbelief at what has happened and our hearts go out to the families of all of those who are waiting for news on their loved ones.”

Finstad is a former Santa Cruz city employee who worked in its Water Department from 2005 to 2015.

Some victims on board were students and parents of Pacific Collegiate School, a charter school in Santa Cruz.

“While this was not a school sponsored trip, our hearts and thoughts are with the families of the victims and those yet missing, particularly those of our students and parents on board,” the school said in a statement on its website.

The school said it is working with the Santa Cruz County Office of Education and county mental health services to provide support and resources to students and staff.

Officials had contacted the families of 30 victims as of Tuesday, but were still waiting to hear from four families.

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ROCK STREET

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apartments seemed so stable and quaint. His family could pay rent on one income, and they were saving money and paying off their debts, he said.

"We were making our lives better, rebuilding ourselves. We had hope," he said. "Now we're in a Catch-22 situation, and it feels like we're being thrown right into a tree grinder."

Under the city's rules, each displaced tenant household is receiving a cash payment equal to three months of rent, plus extra for special needs residents. While the money is helpful, tenants across the board say it is insufficient to address the expenses of relocating. Erickson says his payment will likely only cover his moving costs, which are expected to run \$7,000 or more.

The 2310 Rock St. tenants are hardly alone. In the last three years, about 300 older, more affordable apartments in Mountain View have been taken off the market amid plans to redevelop the property into for-sale housing, according to city records. Of those being displaced, about 20 households are scheduled to move out of a 20-unit apartment complex at



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Jacqueline Cashen stands outside her apartment. With time running short before the complex is demolished to build condos, maintenance has fallen off and many of her neighbors have moved out.

2005 Rock St. Last month, 33 apartments at 1950 Montecito Ave. were also emptied.

The loss of these cheaper, older apartments has taken on a political dimension in the city's supercharged debate over housing. Landlords and some city officials have repeatedly taken aim at the city's rent control law, arguing that apartments are being torn down because property owners are seeing their revenues decline. In response, city officials have fast-tracked plans to draft a ballot measure to revise the city's rent control

law.

But tenant advocates say this is being used as a pretext to roll back renter protections. Redevelopments were taking place well before rent control was enacted, but the law provides a convenient scapegoat, said Nazanin Salehi, an attorney with the Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto (CLSEPA).

"Without rent control, these tenants would have just gotten a no-cause eviction," she said. "To say rent control is the cause is disingenuous. Without rental

protections, this issue would have never been brought to light."

Salehi and other CLSEPA attorneys advocated on behalf of the displaced tenants on Rock Street, urging city officials not to grant building permits for the projects. Instead, they proposed new policies, such as an ordinance to prohibit residential projects that reduce the total number of homes on a site. Another idea was for tenants or housing nonprofits to be given the first right of refusal to purchase an apartment property that goes on the market. Mountain View city staffers are currently drafting their own proposals.

CLSEPA attorneys say they are also considering a potential lawsuit against the city of Mountain View, arguing that city officials are violating fair housing rules by allowing affordable housing to be razed.

In any case, those potential reforms will come too late to save the Rock Street tenants.

Among the residents still scrambling to find a new home is Jacqueline Cashen, who has lived at the apartment complex with her daughter for more than 15 years. Both of them have jobs, but they haven't had any luck finding new housing in

Mountain View, in part because many landlords now screen out tenants who aren't earning more than three times the monthly rent. Cashen's last potential opportunity was an apartment in Fremont that would still cost \$1,000 more per month than her current home.

For more than a year, Cashen was trying to organize her neighbors to protest the planned demolition. She and her neighbors spoke at several public meetings, and they arranged in-person sessions with elected leaders. But it made little difference in the end: The project was unanimously approved with minimal changes.

Now it is getting hard to keep track of her neighbors since everyone must now look out for themselves, she said. Families are here one day, then they suddenly disappear with barely a goodbye. Butters, a neighborhood cat, came up to Cashen and nuzzled her leg as she spoke.

"I just don't want other people to have to endure what we went through," she said. "The only people who are going to be left in this town soon are the techies and property owners, because the serfs can no longer make it here." ▀

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POLICE REPORT

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for Saini as a house cleaner, later told police that it seemed fair game to kick out tenants who couldn't pay rent.

"We didn't come to be violent, we came to be convincing," she told police officers, according to the report.

The intimidation plan backfired. Saini and four others whom she recruited to act as hired muscle were arrested while still outside the apartment Monday, Aug. 26, on charges of conspiracy, attempted robbery and burglary among other charges. Mountain View police described it as an unprecedented level of criminal disregard toward the tenants.

The incident was terrorizing for the victims, a married couple and two children, according to the report. The family's father, whom the *Voice* is not identifying, told police they had been living in the unit for only two weeks after moving from North Carolina. But they were struggling to make ends meet and couldn't pay rent. They had been trying to resolve their dispute with Saini through a city-appointed mediator, but there were signs she was running out of patience.

Just a few days earlier, the family had caught a man snooping through their backyard taking pictures. When confronted, the man reportedly claimed to work for Saini, and ran off before police arrived at the scene.

The police report says that on Aug. 26, Saini texted Waltson, asking her to round up anyone she could find to make a show of force, "just like last time."

"I want to go in with 10 people. Who can you bring and when?" she texted. "The police have already said they will not interfere with that. I'm the legal lease holder."

Still, Saini told Waltson that they needed to grab the tenants' cellphones first, otherwise "they'll call the cops." The best plan, she suggested, was to turn off the power breaker, forcing the family to come outside.

Via text, Saini expressed disappointment when Waltson told her that she could only find three others to come along. But Waltson assured her they could do the job because they needed the money. Saini reportedly

promised they could stay at the apartment for free after ousting the family.

The family living at the apartment told police they first knew something was awry when the television and all the lights went out. Then the father said he glanced out the front-door peephole and saw a burly man striding toward the door "with intention."

The man, identified as Steven Carling of San Jose, began demanding they open the door to let him in. Carling, who has a lengthy criminal record, was later described to police as someone who was known for getting so angry that he would black out. At the doorstep, Carling started to shout that he would "kick the f---ing door down!" according to police reports.

Carling started attacking the door, splintering the wood. Then he began thrusting a knife through the cracks, nearly stabbing the father, who was trying to brace the door from the other side. He later told police that the blade came within inches of his head.

After being detained by police, Carling told them that he was using a butter knife to try and undo the hinges of the door.

By this time, the rest of the family had fled out the back door, and multiple 911 calls came into police dispatch of a burglary in progress. Their children later told police they were extremely scared; one said she felt like she was having a panic attack.

The first police officers to arrive on scene described seeing two women on the sidewalk, Waltson and Debra McNeil, Carling's girlfriend. Carling was in the doorway of the apartment, and a fourth man, Brian Ross, was standing on the walkway leading up to the home. When Carling saw the police, he immediately tossed the knife to the ground and threw his hands

up, according to the report.

Saini, who was also at the scene, told the police officers that the people inside the apartment had no right to the residence. She said she had already leased the apartment to Carling a few days earlier, but she recanted after being asked for proof, according to the police report. Then Saini said she had previously complained to police about the same family. She quickly invoked her right to an attorney, the police report noted.

When questioned, Waltson did not hesitate to show police the string of text messages from Saini laying out the forced-eviction plan.

Saini and the four accomplices were all arrested. Extra charges were given to Saini for illegally turning off the apartment power, and to Carling for attempted assault.

Three days later, Saini, wearing a striped jail uniform, was sitting in a courtroom jury box for her arraignment hearing at the Palo Alto courthouse on Aug. 29. She nodded in response to a judge's questions, hiding her face from a group of media cameras. Carling sat glumly next to her. No charges as of yet have been filed against the other three suspects.

Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Charles Wilson set Saini's bail at \$75,500. Her attorney protested that this would mean Saini would have to cancel her plans to travel abroad. For Carling, bail was set at \$110,000, in part due to his criminal history. Both defendants were prohibited from having any contact with the victims.

The police report noted that before arriving at the apartment, Saini sent one last text before she planned to evict her tenants: "I grabbed the numbers for some homeless shelters for them," she wrote. "See, I'm so nice." ■

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Reenu Saini (left, with head turned away) and Steve Carling (right) appeared in court on Thursday. They are facing multiple criminal charges for an Aug. 26 home invasion.



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Bill that would provide overnight parking for homeless community college students pushed to next legislative session

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ADOPTS NEW EXEMPTIONS FOR AB 302

By Elena Kadvany

Homeless community college students who were hoping for the passage of a state bill to allow them to sleep in their cars overnight on campus will have to wait at least another year.

Assemblyman Marc Berman, D-Palo Alto, who authored the legislation, has delayed the bill's vote in response to amendments he said watered down its purpose. As a result, he's making AB 302 a two-year bill, meaning it won't be voted on during this legislative session.

AB 302 has drawn much attention and anticipation throughout California as

community college students have emerged as the latest faces of the state's housing crisis. Statewide, nearly 1 in 5 community college students are either homeless or do not have a stable place to live, according to a recent survey conducted by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations decided on Friday to delay the implementation of the bill until July 1, 2021, and that the legislation would not apply to any community college within 250 feet of an elementary school. Also, community colleges that provide

one or more of three housing services to homeless students — emergency housing grants, hotel vouchers or rapid rehousing referral services — would be exempt.

"The recent amendments to dramatically weaken the opt-out provisions and delay implementation an additional 15 months weaken the bill to the point that it fails to address the reality that our students are facing today," Berman said in a statement.

Berman sharply criticized the exemption for community colleges within 250 feet of elementary schools, noting that he is not aware of any elementary students who attend school

between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. when safe lots programs typically operate.

"Homeless students are not pedophiles that need to be kept away from children. They are men and women — many of them barely adults themselves — who are trying to improve their lives by obtaining a better education," Berman said. "They should be celebrated, not stigmatized."

He said he decided to make AB 302 a two-year bill plan and will work this fall with the governor's office to "identify ways to more urgently alleviate the struggles that our community college students are facing every day, in a way that treats

them with the dignity and respect they deserve."

The California Faculty Association, California School Employees Association, the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges and Student Senate for California Community Colleges have formally supported AB 302.

Many community colleges and districts, as well as the Community College League of California and Association of California Community College Administrators, have formally come out against it, however. Opponents criticize the legislation as a one-size-fits-all, temporary fix that will take resources away from long-term solutions, and have raised questions about cost and liability.

An analysis from the Senate Appropriations Committee notes the potential fiscal impact of the bill for community colleges, including \$350,000 in one-time funds to conduct and release a student homelessness survey and \$68,000 to hire a person to comply with the bill's reporting requirements and manage the survey.

The bill could also carry "unknown but significant reimbursable state mandated costs, potentially in the tens of millions of dollars in Proposition 98 General Fund each year, for community college districts to grant overnight access to their parking facilities and comply with the bill's requirements."

Preliminarily, the Foothill-De Anza Community College District has estimated that implementation of the bill could cost its campuses about \$830,000 each per year for additional security, custodial support, fencing, signage and, if a parking lot is not available close to bathrooms, portable toilets.

A 2018 survey found that 11% of Foothill College students who responded are homeless and 41% are housing insecure. ▀

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A HEARING on the petition will be held on November 20, 2019 at 9:01 a.m. in Dept.: 13 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

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Anonymous no longer, Emily Doe reclaims her identity in new memoir

WOMAN AT CENTER OF HIGH-PROFILE STANFORD SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE TO GIVE FIRST INTERVIEW ON 60 MINUTES

By Elena Kadwany

The young woman who was sexually assaulted by former Stanford University student Brock Turner has remained anonymous for years, but no longer.

Long identified by the pseudonym Emily Doe, her real name is Chanel Miller. Miller will appear for her first public interview with 60 Minutes on Sept. 22, CBS News announced Wednesday, in advance of the release of her new memoir, aptly called “Know My Name.”

CBS News released photos of the 60 Minutes interview and

a short video of her reading a portion of her victim impact statement, which became a rallying cry for survivors of sexual violence before the start of the #MeToo movement.

The 12-page statement went viral across the globe was read in full by members of Congress on the House floor.

Turner was sentenced to six months in Santa Clara County jail after a jury in Palo Alto convicted him of sexually assaulting Miller outside a campus fraternity party at Stanford in 2015. He was released in 2016 after three months and later unsuccessfully tried to appeal his conviction.

The judge who sentenced Turner, Aaron Persky, was recalled after fierce condemnation of his ruling.

Miller is from Palo Alto and graduated from Gunn High School. Her memoir will be released on Sept. 24.

A literary agent for Miller did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

An online description of the book says it will detail her “struggles with isolation and shame during the aftermath and the trial,” which “reveal the oppression victims face in even the best-case scenarios. Her story illuminates a culture biased to protect

perpetrators, indicts a criminal justice system designed to fail the most vulnerable, and, ultimately, shines with the courage required to move through suffering and live a full and beautiful life.”

In a previous press release, Viking Books Editor-in-Chief Andrea Schulz said that “Emily Doe’s experience illuminates a culture built to protect perpetrators and a criminal justice system designed to fail the most vulnerable.”

In the book, Doe will “share her experience in emotional, honest and eloquent detail,” Schulz said. “Her story continues to be a testament to the power of words to

heal and effect change.”

According to The New York Times, the cover of “Know My Name,” a dark teal background with thin streaks of gold across its surface, takes inspiration from the Japanese art of kintsugi, or repairing broken pottery pieces — but not concealing their cracks — using lacquer and powdered gold.

An online summary for the book identifies Miller as a “writer and artist” who received a bachelor’s degree in literature from the College of Creative Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and currently lives in San Francisco. ■

UKULELES

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program coordinator Kyle Hval said he has seen a cohort of people return year after year, whether for the family bonding, community of musical enthusiasts or the opportunity to get out and relax on a weekday.

“People always leave with a smile on their face,” Hval said. “It’s rare to have an environment where you can bring together people from such different ages and backgrounds toward a common purpose.”

The first 90 minutes of the class are devoted to structured learning, during which teacher Chuck Monahan guides the group in song and shows them proper fingering techniques.

In the last half hour, attendees request their favorite songs.

Taylor Swift’s “Shake It Off,” the Eagles’ “Hotel California,” and Benny Bell’s “Shaving Cream” consistently make an appearance, Hval said.

Palo Alto resident Sabrina Johnson said she bought a ukulele after a trip to Hawaii, but despite good intentions, it sat in her closet for a year until she began attending the library’s program.

Johnson, who works as a lawyer, said the event has helped her to “shift gears and de-stress” and nurture her love of music.

For a little over a year, Gary Guiffre has brought his grandkids to the class, using his time to keep up his ukulele skills and meet new people. Guiffre said he has also learned to play the mandolin, guitar and bass in his spare time.

According to Monahan, the ukulele is an ideal starting instrument for those wishing to become

more musically capable, adding that the low learning curve allows students to pick up several songs in just an hour of instruction.

Monahan noted that the library program offers a welcoming and pressure-free environment to learn the instrument.

“The beauty of playing in a large group is you can play the wrong chords. You can sing in the wrong key,” Monahan said. “Some people will stress out (but) if you get a single chord, you’re doing great.”

The Ukulele Play and Sing Along program is free and open to the public. The class is usually held on the fourth Monday of every month, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the program room of the Mountain View Public Library. For more information visit the library’s event calendar mountainview.gov/depts/library/. ■



FEDERICA ARMSTRONG

Clockwise from left: Amy Zhou and Mark Rosenberg practice during their first ukulele class at the Mountain View Library; participants play and sing together on Aug. 26; instructor Chuck Monahan leads the free monthly classes.

Mountain View, Iwata foster diplomatic ties through exchange program

By Nisha Malley

A delegation of local students has begun preparing for its visit to Japan next year, where they will take in the sights of the Tokyo metropolis, visit historical world peace museums in Nagasaki, and exchange cultures with students at Iwata Minami High School.

Now in its 27th year, the program has become a longstanding tradition for the sister cities of Mountain View and Iwata, Japan. The exchange alternates each year: Students from Iwata stayed with Mountain View families in March, attended classes at Mountain View High and visited spots like California Academy of Sciences. This school year, 25 MVHS students will visit Japan in April.

The two countries, which share a long history of economic and diplomatic cooperation, have built unique relationships between Japan and California, with 105 sister cities.

On Aug. 26, officials conferred at Stanford University for a dialogue on the United States and Japan alliance, discussing topics of trade, education, health care and the current national political climate.

Heita Kawakatsu, Shizuoka prefecture governor, attended the symposium, representing Iwata and 35 other cities and towns.

Born in 1948 during Japan's economic and infrastructural devastation in the aftermath of World War II, Kawakatsu said he was lucky to have the opportunity to travel to England for his education and, later in life, to the United States on professorial visits.

Kawakatsu said that building



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students' global knowledge beyond their "textbook" education through travel has become increasingly important.

He emphasized the importance of individuals visiting other countries to understand their cultures, values and languages, especially during one's formative years, adding "the earlier, the better."

"To learn himself or herself is to go to the other side (and see) different nations," Kawakatsu said.

According to Kawakatsu, the program is an incredible experience for Japanese students, who gain insight into American lifestyle and education and stay in Mountain View.

"It is opening the new era of the 21st century," Kawakatsu said of the region.

Likewise, visiting Iwata, students explore a "beautiful and diverse" region that Kawakatsu described as a miniature California.

With a history dating back to 700 CE, Iwata has evolved into a manufacturing, production and

agricultural hub while offering a surrounding of Japanese alps, cherry blossoms and the Pacific coast.

Nicole Higley, Japanese teacher at Mountain View High School and coordinator for the exchange program, said her students are constantly in "awe" of Japan, including its beauty and stark differences to California.

According to Higley, everything from the kindness of the people and the cleanliness of its cities to Japan's societal norms and food leave an impression on her students.

Most importantly, she noted the "life-changing" experience that students have when they stay in the homes of Iwata families.

"People have left this program having a new family," Higley said. "Every time I've gone, at least one of the kids returns to Japan and sees their (host) family again."

The Mountain View delegates will visit Kyoto, Hiroshima and Tokyo before spending six days at Iwata Minami High School, according to Higley. Delegates will also prepare lessons about American culture to teach in classrooms at Iwata.

For Kawakatsu, the exposure to a different education system is just as crucial an element as the cultural exchange of the program.

At the symposium, two United States officials discussed American teaching methods, including the incorporation of STEAM into school programs and its more interactive style of teaching, through which students openly ask questions and converse in addition to lectures.

On Thursday, Sept. 5, Japanese officials including Kawakatsu

visited Mountain View High to observe classrooms and the campus.

As the sister cities look to the future of the relationship, Kawakatsu said he hopes that the exchanges taking place can transcend beyond cultural barriers, to include comparing the cities' education system and technologies.

Kawakatsu added that promoting friendship and acceptance between the two regions is especially important with the

rise of populism and "nationalistic, chauvinistic ways of thinking."

Higley, who has lived and taught in Japan, said the country has become a second home to her. She views the program as a critical step in bridging cultural gaps and building understanding and empathy.

"The more friends you have in different parts of the world, the less likely we are to engage in international conflicts," Higley said. ■

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY 2018 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER)

This Notice is to announce the availability for public review of the 2018 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) beginning on September 6, 2019 and concluding on September 23, 2019. Preparation of the CAPER is required by the federal government in order for the City to receive federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds. The CAPER provides a summary of the housing and community development activities carried out during Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (Program Year 2018) with the use of CDBG and/or HOME funds and the number of households assisted. The CAPER also evaluates the City's overall progress in implementing the strategies and objectives described in the City's Action Plan for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Natsuki Kominato, a Japanese exchange student from Iwata, guides Mountain View High School student William Korobkin through a traditional Japanese tea ceremony on March 22. Next spring, a group of Mountain View students will visit Iwata.



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FOOD FEATURE



GOING WHOLE HOG

Pizzeria Delfina's monthly al fresco pig roasts celebrate summer's bounty

Story by Elena Kadavy
Photos by Magali Gauthier

A group of children watched with utter glee as John Arcudi carved slices of meat from the slightly charred head of a whole roasted pig on the vine-covered patio at Pizzeria Delfina in downtown Palo Alto.

An older man hovering nearby laid claim to the pig's tongue. Others waited in line for the fatty cheeks while nursing cups of ice-cold Peroni beer.

Welcome to Pizzeria Delfina's all-you-can-eat pig roast, an indulgent celebration of, yes, food

and drink, but also — unexpectedly — community. The convivial feast on the Italian restaurant's picturesque patio brings people of all ages together in a way that feels rare in Silicon Valley of 2019.

At the dinners, held on the last Tuesday of the month from May through September, you'll see long tables lined with families, friends and couples lingering over bulging plates. No one's in a rush to do anything except enjoy a lazy summer evening al fresco.

Pizzeria Delfina started the pig roasts several years ago as a way to take advantage of the Peninsula's warm weather.



Above: Donna Ito and Joe Arck help themselves to sides at one of the monthly all-you-can-eat pig roast dinners at Pizzeria Delfina in Palo Alto. **Top:** A diner selects slices of pork while a chef starts breaking down the meat on the head.

"We were excited to be somewhere where they have summer," said owner Craig Stoll, who lives in San Francisco. "We wanted a way to celebrate and have a party. In thinking what would be our favorite way to have a party, this is it."

Preparation for the most recent roast started a week ahead of time with the arrival of two 100-pound pigs from Schmitz Ranch (raised humanely on a local, vegetarian diet). Cooks scored the hogs' skin with razor blades and marinated

them for three days with a mix of parsley, garlic, chili and salt. In years past, they've done a Mexican marinade reminiscent of cochinita pibil, Stoll said. The restaurant serves one pig at each two-hour seating (the "matinee" at 5:30 p.m. and "prime time" at 7:30 p.m.).

The pigs cook long and slow over six hours, enclosed in large Caja China roasting boxes topped with coals. Meat-laced smoke from the boxes, parked in the restaurant's back parking lot, wafts

into the patio enticingly.

Half an hour before the first seating, veteran pig-roasters and newcomers alike lined up in a designated area on the sidewalk alongside a retractable divider, like we were waiting to get into an exclusive nightclub (but one that serves all-you-can-eat pork). Two young children peered excitedly into the patio for a peek at the pig, wheeled in by two staffers just before 5:30 p.m.

Arcudi, chef de cuisine at Pizzeria Delfina Burlingame, and

Russel Rummer, culinary director for all Pizzeria Delfina locations, diligently broke down the pig as people returned for seconds, then thirds, waiting for the most sought-after cuts. The chefs start with the legs and then move forward, cutting the head off for the grand finale.

Rummer's favorite cut is the "underrated" neck.

"It's a really good ratio of meat to fat," he said. "Everyone's like, 'I want the belly or I want the cheek,' but the neck — it's a good spot."

An herby salsa verde, salsa roja, pickled red onions, flaky sea salt and pickled vegetables serve as accompaniment for the pork. Acme Bread rolls are on hand for anyone who wants to construct a D.I.Y. sandwich.

While the pig is the main attraction, Delfina doesn't skimp on the sides, which are always seasonal and Italian-esque. In late August, the heaping buffet celebrated peak summer produce: juicy heirloom

► See **WHOLE HOG**, page 20



Grilled corn slathered in Calabrian chili butter was one of the seasonal side dishes at the August pig roast dinner.



Thinly sliced eggplant wrapped around a ricotta filling was topped with tomato sauce.

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tomatoes in a panzanella salad, grilled corn slathered in Calabrian chili butter, charred Jimmy Nardello peppers, figs with ricotta on toast, a refreshing melon salad tossed with cucumbers, chili, mint and feta.

There was also fagioli all'uccelletto, silky butter beans cooked with onion, tomato paste, rosemary and sage and then baked. Plus, a platter of so-crunchy-they're-loud chicharrones.

For dessert, diners served

themselves spoonfuls of a warm Gravenstein apple crumble baked in enormous ceramic dishes, accompanied by scoops of vanilla gelato.

A ticket — \$60 for the first seating, \$70 for the second, \$30 for kids 12 years and under — gets you all you can eat for two hours and as much Peroni, lemonade and iced tea as you can drink. Wine and cocktails cost extra.

The scene at the patio was a breath of fresh air in Palo Alto. Instead of the automatic rush from work to home, headphones in and eyes buried in phones,

people of all ages paused to connect over pork and wine. Several attendees said they make a point to go to at least one pig roast, if not multiple ones, every summer.

There's only one event remaining this year, on Sept. 24. Even if you can't make it (or don't eat pork), we could all stand to channel some pig roast vibes — slowing down and connecting with loved ones and friends over good food — into our day-to-day lives.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to pizzeriadelfina.com/paloalto/. ■

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John Arcudi, chef de cuisine at Pizzeria Delfina Burlingame, and executive chef Russell Rummer busily slice roasted pork on the Palo Alto restaurant's patio on Aug. 27.

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Keira Knightley plays a whistleblower in "Official Secrets."

When the whistle blows

'OFFICIAL SECRETS' ACTS OUT TRUTH-BASED MORALITY PLAY

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Many high-powered companies require non-disclosure agreements that carry a threat of civil action should an employee or ex-employee spill sensitive information. But when the company is the government and the

information is state secrets, the consequence of talking goes beyond a lawsuit. If we're talking, we're talking treason. Gavin Hood's latest film "Official Secrets" looks at just such a case, a historic principled violation of the U.K.'s Official Secrets Act.

Keira Knightley plays Katherine Gun, a translator for British intelligence who finds herself in a world-shaking dilemma in 2003. During the march to the Iraq War, Gun's office receives an emailed memo from the U.S. National Security Agency directing the British Government Communications Headquarters

employees to aid in blackmailing UN officials ahead of the vote to authorize the war. Gun knows that the dirty-tricks scheme could mean tens of thousands of lost lives in a war justified by a house of cards: the U.S. insistence on Saddam Hussein's mythical cache of weapons of mass destruction.

Aghast at being asked to help in secretly rigging a war under the noses of the British people, Gun quickly begins to contemplate acting as a whistleblower. With the help of a journalist-activist go-between, Gun gets the story to The Observer, where reporter Martin Bright (Matt Smith) runs with it. Soon enough, an angry government begins beating the bushes to find the leaker, prompting another moral choice for Gun. The exploitable immigration status of her husband, Yasar (Adam Bakri), and the threat of prosecution prompt Gun to seek legal counsel, which she gets from human-rights barrister Ben Emmerson (Ralph Fiennes).

It's a story worth shining a light on: Gun is a hero deserving of a movie-star moment. And yet this docudrama struggles to give feature-length narrative shape to the story in a way that brings it to vibrant dramatic life. It's interesting enough, but one can feel Hood straining — along with his co-screenwriters

Gregory Bernstein and Sara Bernstein — to squeeze the story for every bit of drama. Mostly that means turning the screws on Gun, with Knightley convincingly interpreting her as equal parts strident and scared at the enormity of her situation. Centering the film around her moral imperative is the way to go, but it presents a storytelling challenge when it comes to not only sustaining interest but building it.

Hood works to thicken the intrigue of his whistleblower story with swaths of a wonky journalistic tale and a legal crusade. The seams begin to show as Hood, in an effort to create third-act tension, focuses on a race against time to save Yasar from deportation, when the real climax involves Gun standing in the dock of a British courtroom as others argue her fate.

"Official Secrets" depicts an important modern story of telling truth to power — by telling truth to the people. It's ironic that the story's sky-high global stakes somehow fall short: With historic hindsight, the fate of the world holds no suspense, so it's up to the personal story to generate meaty character drama. There, the admirable but somewhat stodgy "Official Secrets" feels spread thin.

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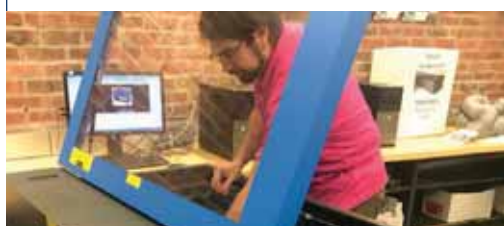


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The Community Services Department presents music by the Haopinaka Hawaiian Group as part of Concerts on the Plaza. In addition to the music, there will be a food truck, a “Pop Up Park” area for children and for adults, beer and wine. Sept. 6, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View City Hall, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

THEATER

‘Admissions’ The Los Altos Stage Company presents “Admissions,” a new satire that takes a no-holds-barred look at privilege and power in liberal white America. Sept. 5, 11, 18 and 25, 8 p.m. \$20-\$30. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org

‘An Ideal Husband’ In this play directed by Jenny Hollingsworth, an ideal husband explores political corruption, public persona versus private virtue and the inevitable disappointments that come with holding others to one’s own rigid ideals. Through Sept. 15; times vary. \$34; discount for students, seniors. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org

‘The 39 Steps’ TheatreWorks’ acclaimed comedy returns in a spoof of Alfred Hitchcock’s silver-screen classic, in which a London man fights to clear his name after stumbling upon a ring of spies. Through Sept. 15; times vary. \$25-\$60; discounts available; pricing subject to change. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatrworks.org

Kaleidoscope of Classical Indian Dances Music at Noon Performance This program will feature four classical dance forms, Bharatanatyam, Kathak, Odissi and Mohiniattam, presented as solo performances by Kavita Thirumalai, Gauri Bhatnagar and Bindu Pratap to pre-recorded music. Sept. 10, noon-1:30 p.m. \$25. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltochamber.com

CONCERTS

Dierks Bentley: Burning Man 2019 Country music star Dierks Bentley performs along with guests Jon Pardi, Caylee Hammack and Hot Country Knights. Sept. 7, 7 p.m. \$31-\$209. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. concerts1.livenation.com

KIDZ BOP World Tour 2019 Kidz Bop performs live at Shoreline Amphitheatre. Sept. 8, 4 p.m. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. kidzbop.com/tour/

MUSIC

C’est Bon Chamber Music C’est Bon Chamber Music Academy is celebrating 10 years of chamber music in concert, featuring faculty and alumni. Sept. 8, 3:30-6 p.m. \$20. 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

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/livemusic

Yefim Bronfman: Piano Recital The Oshman Family Jewish Community Center presents a performance by pianist Yefim Bronfman. Sept. 8, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$120; discounts available. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltochamber.com

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

48th Mountain View Art & Wine Festival The Mountain View Art & Wine Festival features live music, 500 professional artists, the Xfinity Pigskin Party Lounge, food and drink with premium wine and sangria, craft beer, cocktails, the “Mountain View’s Got Talent” Facebook Community Stage and an action-packed Kids’ Park. Sept. 7-8, 11 a.m. Free. Downtown Mountain View, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. bit.ly/mountain-view-art-and-wine-fest

Farmers Market The downtown Los Altos farmers market, where shoppers can find fresh vegetables and fine foods, continues every Thursday through Sept. 26, 4-8 p.m. Free. Located on State Street between 2nd and 4th streets, Los Altos Hills. losaltoschamber.org

TALKS & LECTURES

‘The Vaping Phenomenon: What it is, why it happened, and what we can do about it’ Dr. Halpern-Felsher presents her research on e-cigarettes, addiction and adolescent use of nicotine products. Sept. 11, noon-1 p.m. Free. Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford Auditorium, 725 Welch Road, Stanford. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Alice Smith: ‘Defending our Democracy from Voter Suppression’ This slide show and talk by Alice Smith will explore “Voting Rights and

Voter Suppression: how states increase or decrease access to voting,” with a look at the Supreme Court voting rights cases decided this term, including a ruling on gerrymandering. Sept. 10, 1-3 p.m. Free. Woman’s Club of Palo Alto, 475 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. womansclubofpaloalto.org

An Evening with Cookbook Author Adeena Sussman In her debut solo cookbook, Adeena Sussman — now a permanent resident of Tel Aviv — offers an intimate and transporting work, borne out of a deep love, natural curiosity and respect for the people and culinary traditions of her adopted home. Sept. 10, 7:30-9 p.m. \$30 ticket and book bundle. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltochamber.com

Author Talk: John Billheimer Author John Billheimer, who lives in Portola Valley, will discuss his works, including the Owen Allison mysteries set in Appalachia’s coalfields and “Hitchcock and the Censors,” which traces the rise of movie censorship and documents Hitchcock’s battles with bluenoses. Sept. 9, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos. sccl.org

Katy Rose Pool Author Katy Rose Pool discusses her book, “There Will Come a Darkness,” a fantasy trilogy that explores everything from ancient history to apocalyptic prophecies. Sept. 6, 7-9 p.m. Free. Kepler’s Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

Emma Donoghue Internationally acclaimed novelist Emma Donoghue debuts her new book “Akin,” about a retired New York professor who uncovers the details of his mother’s life during Nazi occupation. Sept. 11, 7:30-9 p.m. \$20; \$40 with book; discount for students. Kepler’s Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

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

‘Gadgets Galore! Transforming the American Household’ Los Altos History Museum presents “Gadgets Galore! Transforming the American Household,” an exhibit that looks at gadgets and where they originated, on display at the J. Gilbert Smith House. Thursday-Sunday through Nov. 10, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

‘Birds and a Bee’ by Floy Zittin Viewpoints Gallery presents September’s featured artist, Floy Zittin. Sept. 3-28, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. viewpointsgallery.com

DANCE

Los Altos Hills Hoedown This year’s Hoedown will feature Capelo’s BBQ food truck, a dance caller, live bluegrass music by Sidesaddle & Co., old-fashioned arts and crafts, a community farmers market and more. Sept. 7, 3-7 p.m. Free. Westwind Community Barn, 27210 Altamont Road, Los Altos Hills. losaltoshills.ca.gov

FILM

Tuolumne River Film Festival This year’s Tuolumne River Film Festival will feature short films from the Wild and Scenic Film Festival and the International Ocean Film Festival, live music and more. Sept. 7, 6:30-9 p.m. \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. tuolumne.org

FOOD & DRINK

Los Altos First Friday Los Altos First Fridays are community-building events held during the evenings of the first Friday of the month in downtown Los Altos. First Fridays are meant to be a fun, social evening for residents of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and neighboring communities. Sept. 6, 6-8 p.m. Free, downtown Los Altos. losaltoschamber.org

Summer Ice Cream Socials The Mountain View Senior Center hosts ice cream social events for ages 55 and older. Sept. 11, 1-2 p.m. City of Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Fun for Families: Second Saturdays at Gamble Garden Garden Director Richard Hayden and volunteer garden guides lead children on a nature hunt around the 3-acre garden. Other activities include nature-inspired arts and crafts and a guided tour of the first floor of the Gamble House. Every second Saturday through Dec. 14, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. gamblegarden.org

Welcoming Wildlife into Our Gardens In this class, students will learn how to create a habitat-friendly garden abuzz with life and color. Instructor and Gamble Garden Director Richard Hayden will lay out the steps to creating garden habitats where wildlife can find food, water and a place to raise their young. Sept. 7, 9:30-11 a.m. \$25 for Palo Alto residents; \$35 for nonresidents. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. gamblegarden.org

SPORTS

Palo Alto Senior Table Tennis: Free and Fun Exercise The Palo Alto Senior Table Tennis Club

invites seniors, ages 55 and older, to bring a racket and pair of tennis shoes to play table tennis. Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free; suggested \$1 donation. Cubberley Community Center, Gym B, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paloaltoonline.com/calendar

Semi-Annual Bicycle Sale Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange hosts a sale of bikes in good condition starting at \$150 as well as parts, including wheels, bags, shoes, clothes, trainers, pedals, forks, bars, lights, bells, bottle cages, pumps, bar ends, racks, baskets and car racks. The sale does not include kids’ bikes. Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange, 3961 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto. bikex.org

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Meeting with the Mayor Mayor Roger Spreen will meet with Los Altos Hills residents to listen to their concerns on an appointment-only basis. Call ahead to the city clerk, Deborah Padovan, at 650-941-7222 to check his availability and make an appointment. Through Sept. 17, 9-10 a.m. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. losaltoshills.ca.gov

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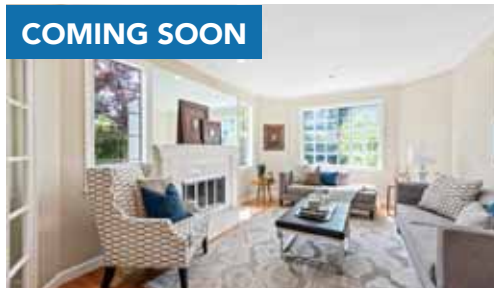
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