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Mira and Shlomo Fruchter, with year-old daughter **Aria**, check out **Ken Lee's** wind chime booth at the Mountain View Art & Wine Festival on Sept. 7.

Wine, wind chimes and song

ANNUAL STREET FAIR DRAWS CROWDS TO DOWNTOWN MOUNTAIN VIEW

By Nisha Malley

Across the street from Mountain View City Hall, with Castro Street bustling with live music and dancing, vendor Ken Lee pieced together a wooden wind

chime adorned with flying pigs for a customer touring the booths downtown during last weekend's Art and Wine Festival.

In its 48th year, the Mountain View Art and Wine Festival has grown into a

lively annual tradition featuring apparel, novelty items and artisan food that attracts both local residents and visitors from all over the Bay Area.

Lee, who said he inadvertently

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City fine-tunes plan for downtown housing

PARKING LOT 12 COULD BECOME CITY'S LARGEST AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

By Mark Noack

An untapped parking lot right in the heart of downtown may be the best opportunity Mountain View has ever had to build a large-scale affordable housing complex. But the housing project still faces a considerable set of hurdles, namely how the city will make up for the lost parking and find funding to build it.

City officials believe the site could fit a six-story complex with up to 120 apartments, which would be the largest affordable housing project ever attempted in Mountain View. The location for dense housing could hardly be more suitable, right across the street from the library and near transit, jobs and retail. City officials envision the future building could also host ground-floor retail, a community center or perhaps some kind of kitchen incubator.

But that location also presents some problems. The site, known as Lot 12, is currently the city's largest public parking lot by area. On a daily basis, all 160 spots are occupied, and city officials agreed that any future

development should replace that parking.

At its Sept. 10 meeting, the City Council reviewed initial proposals from six developers on how they would build the new Lot 12 housing and parking garage. The developers, which included several housing nonprofits, all informed the city they would need a hefty subsidy. Their requests ranged from \$11.5 million up to \$40.7 million.

At the meeting, city staff members sought further direction from the City Council as they prepared to send out a formal request for proposals to the developers. To fine-tune those bids, city staff urged elected leaders to clearly spell out all their requirements and preferences.

For the City Council, including ample parking in the project was not negotiable, even though it is considered one of the main drivers of cost. Building a new garage was calculated to cost about \$53,000 per parking space, according to past city reports.

From talking with business owners, Mayor Lisa Matichak said she was convinced that

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LASD accuses Bullis Charter School of discriminatory enrollment practices

By Kevin Forestieri

The Los Altos School District sent a strongly worded letter to the Santa Clara County Board of Education on Tuesday demanding that it prevent "longstanding discrimination" by Bullis Charter School, accusing it of seeking to enroll the wealthiest and least needy students in the district.

The letter, dated Sept. 10 and signed by all five Los Altos School

District trustees, calls on the county board of education to take formal action preventing Bullis from giving priority enrollment to students residing in the wealthiest enclave within the school district's boundaries. It also urges the county to develop a "comprehensive desegregation plan" to bring Bullis Charter School's demographics in line with the school district it serves.

The letter goes on to slam the county board of education for

'We need the county to do their job. They've never had any oversight in this matter.'

JESSICA SPEISER,
LASD BOARD PRESIDENT

failing to exercise its oversight powers over Bullis. That failure has enabled Bullis to have perpetually skewed demographics, according to the letter, which also demanded that the county board of education take a more active role in requiring Bullis to accept its fair share of low-income students, English language learners and other underrepresented student groups.

"The combination of BCS's discrimination and (Santa Clara

County Board of Education's) neglect has not only harmed students but produced ever increasing adverse financial impacts on LASD, and is tearing apart a community that has an exceptional commitment to the highest quality public education yet whose laudable aspirations are stymied by an unregulated, divisive and discriminatory charter school," the letter states.

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

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Eric Manriquez, East Palo Alto



"I would spend time with my family. Take the kids to school."

Kevin Nguyen, Milpitas



"I don't have a commute. I'm mostly a stay-at-home mom, and otherwise I bike everywhere, so my radius is 4 miles. That's why we live in Mountain View."

Jenn Bernat, Mountain View



"Go to the gym. My job is kind of a unique job. I work anywhere from Fresno to Chico, so (the) average time for me is two and a half to three hours."

Clarence Jefferson, Tracy



"I feel like I would be able to accomplish much more. (For) a lot of my work, a lot of my activities, I need to commute ... Maybe (get) more sleep, sleep early."

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■ **CRIME BRIEFS**

DOWNTOWN ROBBERY WITH A KNIFE

Police arrested a 35-year-old Mountain View man on Sept. 2 after he allegedly held a downtown restaurant employee at knifepoint and tried to rifle through his pockets, according to the Mountain View Police Department.

The victim told police he was headed to his car after work around 3 a.m. on the 900 block of Villa Street when the attacker approached him, pushed him down and pulled out what appeared to be a knife, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. The man then allegedly tried to go through the victim's pockets.

Security staff at a nearby business called police, who saw the assailant with a knife in his hand several feet away from the victim, Nelson said. The man complied with orders to drop the knife and was detained without incident.

Six officers responded to the incident, Nelson said.

The man was arrested on suspicion of attempted robbery, being under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of methamphetamine. He was booked into Santa Clara County's Elmwood Correctional Facility with a bail set at \$31,000.

The victim, 61, was not injured in the incident.

—Kevin Forestieri

■ **POLICE LOG**

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2600 block Terminal Blvd., 9/5

BATTERY

Bay St. & Oak Ln., 8/31
500 block Sylvan Av., 9/6
700 block E. El Camino Real, 9/6
700 block Castro St., 9/7

BRANDISHING A WEAPON

700 block Castro St., 9/5

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

2600 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 9/3
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500 block Bush St., 9/6
1000 block Williams Way, 9/7

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Castro St. & W. Dana St., 9/9

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300 block Anna Av., 9/9

■ **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

PYT FUNDRAISER THIS SATURDAY

Peninsula Youth Theatre (PYT) is holding its annual fundraising gala in Mountain View this Saturday, Sept. 14, to help support the nonprofit's performing arts programs for children.

Planned events at the "Au Cabaret" gala include theatrical music performances, desserts, wine and a silent auction. PYT relies heavily on fundraising events like Au Cabaret, with donations making up about 30% of its annual budget.

"It's a fabulous time where our community can come out and support arts education," said Karen Simpson, PYT executive director, in a statement.

PYT, located at 2500 Old Middlefield Road, has been a cornerstone of Mountain View's youth performing arts for decades,

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EPA Assistant Administrator Susan Bodine called Mountain View a success story for putting Superfund sites back to use at a press conference at Mountain View City Hall on Sept. 9.

EPA recruits private partners for Mountain View Superfund cleanup

By Mark Noack

As land values surpass \$10 million an acre in some areas of Mountain View, polluted sites that previously would have never been considered for development are looking quite enticing.

Federal regulators say they are finding ways to encourage private developers to swiftly clean up and restore land within the Middlefield-Ellis-Whisman (MEW) Superfund site. At a press conference on Monday morning, Sept. 9, officials with

the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency highlighted Mountain View as a success story for their ability to harness the regional demand for land to help clean up the area's long-standing groundwater contamination.

For nearly two years, the EPA under the Trump administration has made a concerted push to refocus the Superfund cleanup program on speedily bringing polluted sites back to productive use. A pillar of this strategy is encouraging private partners who can help pay for remediation of polluted sites,

said Susan Bodine, an EPA assistant administrator.

"Mountain View is one of the many places across the country where by working with local government and private sector partners we've successfully promoted redevelopment and community revitalization," Bodine said. "Leveraging private investment can offer a faster path to bring these sites to reuse."

As a poster child for this growing reliance on private partners, EPA officials pointed

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Local schools to get millions from new North Bayshore housing

By Kevin Forestieri

The city of Mountain View negotiated a landmark deal with two school districts to guarantee that tax revenue from future housing in North Bayshore will go to local schools rather than the city's coffers.

Under the deal, the Mountain View Whisman School District and the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District will both receive property tax money for new homes constructed north of Highway 101, which was recently

rezoned to allow up to 9,850 housing units.

Without the deal, all of that property tax money would have gone straight to the city, due to a 1969 state law that turned North Bayshore into a quasi redevelopment agency that still exists today. The law, called the Shoreline Regional Park Community Act, has diverted hundreds of millions of dollars away from other local agencies over the last two decades.

Even with a revenue-sharing agreement that began in 2006, the city siphons more than half the

money that would otherwise go to schools — roughly \$43 million over the last five years across the Mountain View Whisman and Mountain View-Los Altos High school districts.

Mountain View Whisman Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph said the deal, which was reached in June and reviewed by the school board Sept. 5, is a "great step" toward ensuring schools have enough money to teach children who will live in the dense

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NTSB: Caltrans too slow on repairs following fatal Tesla crash

EARLIER ACCIDENT DAMAGED CRASH ATTENUATOR ON HIGHWAY 85 CARPOOL FLYOVER LANE

By Kevin Forestieri

A new report has found that Caltrans failed to promptly fix damaged traffic safety equipment on Highway 101, including a barrier on Highway 101, including a barrier involved in a fatal Tesla crash in Mountain View last year.

The report by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) released Monday, Sept. 9, part of an ongoing investigation into the crash on March 23, 2018, found that Caltrans has "systemic problems" that prevented the swift repair of safety hardware on state roadways — particularly where the Highway 85 carpool flyover splits from Highway 101 in Mountain View. Safety repairs that are supposed to be done within a week can take as long as three months to complete, according to the report.

In the March 2018 crash, the driver of a Tesla Model X was traveling on southbound Highway 101 with the vehicle's "Autopilot" function on. The vehicle reportedly veered left and entered the paved divider between Highway 101 and the Highway 85 exit ramp, where it struck the median at about 71 miles per hour. The crash breached its high-voltage battery,

causing the vehicle to catch fire.

A bystander pulled out the driver shortly before the Tesla was engulfed in flames. The driver, later identified as 38-year-old San Mateo resident Wei Huang, was taken to a hospital and later died of his injuries.

The NTSB investigation found that the carpool flyover divider was supposed to have what's called a crash attenuator, a long device with a hydraulic cylinder and cable assembly designed to "telescope" and absorb impact when a vehicle hits it at high speeds. Attenuators are meant to slow down a vehicle and reduce injuries.

On the day of the crash, however, the attenuator was damaged to the point of being "nonoperational," the report found. It had been smashed in by a Prius in a solo-vehicle crash 11 days prior and had yet to be replaced. In that incident, the Prius struck the attenuator at 75 miles per hour, and the driver survived with injuries that included a fractured finger and a tear in the "intimal layer" of the aorta.

NTSB investigators found that the crash location on Highway 101 has a history of problems,

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COURTESY OF THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

Damaged traffic safety equipment on Highway 101 surrounded by wreckage following a Tesla Model X crash on Highway 101 on March 23, 2018. The crash attenuator, designed to protect drivers in a collision, was smashed in a prior collision and had not been replaced.

City seizes \$450,000 from drug bust

ASSETS COME FROM RAID OF COUPLE'S 2017 OPIUM OPERATION

By Mark Noack

The Mountain View Police Department is receiving \$450,000 for its part in a 2017 drug bust of an opium operation that was being run out of a San Antonio neighborhood home.

At the time, police officials described it as perhaps the largest takedown of an illegal opium operation in California history. The bust resulted in the arrest of a married couple, identified as Jasvir Singh and Donna Santo, who were later convicted of importing poppies from overseas and processing them into a powder that they were selling out of their house.

When police raided the couple's home in 2017, they found more than 4,000 pounds of

opium poppy pods and a large sum of cash. Singh was later convicted for seven felonies including drug possession and child endangerment for allegedly using their two children to help prepare the opium for sale. He was sentenced to four years in prison.

Santo was convicted of three felonies, including child endangerment and drug possession. She was sentenced to eight months in jail and three years of probation.

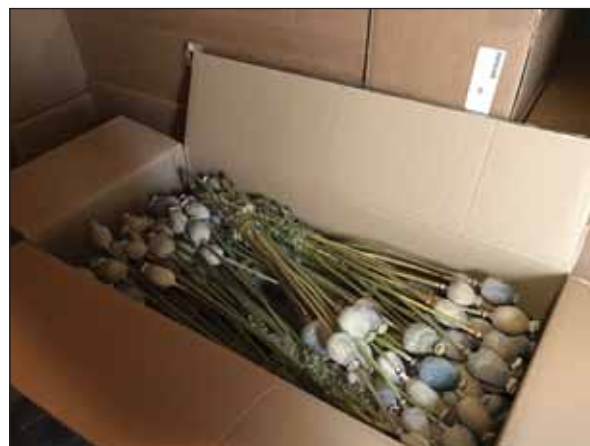
As the criminal trials proceeded, prosecutors also began a civil asset forfeiture process to seize the couple's property that was part of their criminal enterprise. In that process, law enforcement used the suspects' bank statements to track down their accounts and investments. In

total, law enforcement officials took possession of more than \$700,000 that was deposited in two bank accounts, according to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. An additional \$30,000 in cash had already been seized during the police raid.

About \$38,000 was left in one of Singh's accounts because law enforcement officials reportedly believed it came from legitimate work. The 2 tons of opium poppies found in the house were later destroyed, according to Mountain View police officials.

As part of the asset forfeiture process, law enforcement officials also sold Singh's 2014 Mercedes sedan through an auction, and the proceeds were added to the seized funds. The couple was allowed to keep their second vehicle, a Honda Accord, due to a statutory code that allows families with children to retain one car.

At the time of the 2017 raid,



COURTESY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

Opium poppy pods found by Mountain View police in a 2017 raid on a San Antonio neighborhood home.

Singh and Santo's two children were turned over to Child Protective Services. A spokesman for the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office could not provide information on the current status of the children.

In total, about \$750,000 was seized from the drug bust and divided between various state, county and local law enforcement agencies.

Under a formula set by state law, 10% of the seized funds was turned over to the District Attorney's Office. About 25% was set aside for state school

safety programs. Nearly all of the remainder, about \$452,000, went to the Mountain View Police Department as the lead agency that spearheaded the seizure. The city is required to use about 15% of the seized funding for local drug abuse programs, according to state law.



At its Tuesday, Sept. 10, meeting, the Mountain View City Council formally accepted the asset forfeiture funds through a unanimous vote on the consent agenda. ▣




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parking is absolutely vital to the economic success of downtown shops and restaurants.

"Every single business I spoke with said their top issue is parking, especially the restaurants who think they're losing business because their customers can't park," she said. "I hope that in the future we won't be as car dependent, but we don't know when that will be."

City staff warned that funding to pay for parking may have to come out of the city's general fund. Mountain View's parking in-lieu fees that the city draws from new developments could not be touched for this project because those funds were meant for new additional parking, not replacing existing spaces. City

Manager Dan Rich hinted there might be a way to use money from the downtown parking district. Meanwhile City Council members proposed mitigating the loss of parking at Lot 12 by building a larger garage on a different downtown parcel.

Over the course of the meeting, council members repeatedly emphasized that they want developers to find any and all sources of outside money to help finance the housing and parking. In the past, Mountain View's affordable housing projects have primarily relied on federal tax credits while the city has footed the bill for one-third or more of the cost. The last approved subsidized housing project, a 71-unit building at 950 W. El Camino Real, ended up costing the city about \$327,000 per apartment, or

about half the total cost.

This time around, city officials were insistent that finding other funding sources for Lot 12 is imperative. In particular, council members wanted to draw on Measure A, the 2016 Santa Clara County bond that provided \$950 million for affordable housing projects.

About one-quarter of Measure A's total funding has already been spent on 19 housing projects. Recent subsidized housing projects in Mountain View have been passed over for funding because they did not focus on addressing homeless individuals. Nonprofit housing providers speaking at the meeting gave assurances that the Lot 12 project could be designed to tap Measure A.

"We're here today because we think Lot 12 could be the spot where the nexus comes together," said Ray Bramson, chief impact officer with Destination Home. "We're anxious to see how we can bridge this gap."


To that end, council members emphasized that the Lot 12 project should target people in the low-income category because Measure A funding tends to be directed to the groups in greatest need. A majority of the City Council agreed that any future Lot 12 housing should be designated for households earning in the range of 30% to 80% of the median income, or about \$40,000 to \$105,000 for a family of four. ▣

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Joe Hurd, the board chair of Bullis, said the board hasn't had time to review the letter yet, but he was surprised at the inflammatory language and the timing, given the ongoing negotiations with LASD over a facilities agreement.

"Why are they picking this fight now? It makes no sense," he said.

Santa Clara County Office of Education spokeswoman Summer Reeves told the *Voice* that the agency is still reviewing the letter and analyzing the concerns regarding Bullis Charter School, and that the office and the county board of education take monitoring and oversight responsibilities very seriously.

Bullis Charter School previously had an enrollment preference for families residing in Los Altos Hills and portions of Los Altos, which was gradually phased out over the course of a five-year agreement with the school district that expires this year. To the surprise of some Los Altos School District trustees, the phase-out was not permanent.

In a June letter to the district, Bullis board member Francis La Poll told the board that the charter school only agreed to take away the so-called hills preference in exchange for a long-term facilities agreement granting space for Bullis' current and future enrollment growth.

"In return for reducing the preference, BCS received tangible benefits from the negotiated (facilities use agreement)," La Poll said in the letter. "Those benefits expire on June 30, 2019. It is only logical that the restriction on the preference expires as well."

Referencing the district's decision in 2003 to close Bullis-Purissima School, La Poll described the preference as a safeguard in the event that the district closes the only public school serving a large portion of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

Los Altos school board president Jessica Speiser told the *Voice* that the enrollment preference is not up for negotiation, and that Bullis Charter School must do its job as a public school by serving students from all backgrounds, just like Los Altos School District schools. She said the county Office of Education, which oversees the charter school, has taken a frustrating hands-off approach to Bullis' skewed demographics.

"We need the county to do their job," Speiser said. "They've never had any oversight in this matter."

The Santa Clara County Office of Education has raised concerns about Bullis' demographics in the past. During the charter school's renewal process in 2016, a staff report noted that Bullis made strides in increasing its English

learner population but still fell well short of enrolling a proportionate number of students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals — a standard measure for student family income.

Although Bullis reportedly ramped up "outreach efforts" to recruit more socio-economically disadvantaged students, county staff raised concerns that the number of economically disadvantaged students remained around 1% of the school's enrollment in the 2014-15 school year.

Among the recommendations, county staff recommended that Bullis Charter School adjust admission preferences to include low-income students who reside outside of the Los Altos School District, which would be necessary in order to successfully mirror the demographics of the district.

The district's 17-page letter to the county references state data showing that 1.6% of students at

Bullis Charter School are identified as socio-economically disadvantaged, compared to 6.2% in the district. The data also shows Bullis serves a disproportionately low number of English learners and students with disabilities, which Los Altos board members worry will only get worse with an enrollment preference.

"BCS's stated intention to invoke a preference for students residing within the Altos Hills — a zip code recognized as one of the wealthiest in the country — will only serve to exacerbate the now longstanding discriminatory impact upon these protected classes of students," the letter states.

Hurd called the letter, the timing and allegations "vindictive" and "weird," especially since LASD and Bullis are trying to win public support for a controversial facilities agreement that could turn over the Egan Intermediate School campus to the charter

school in exchange for limiting its enrollment growth.

Speiser said the board remains committed to resolving the district's long-standing feud with the charter school over enrollment growth and facilities, and that the

letter should be seen as an entirely separate effort to ensure the school district and the charter school are on even ground when it comes to enrollment practices. ▣

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with the attenuator needing to be repaired and replaced more frequently than any other left-exit crash attenuator in the region and more than twice as often as any other location. In the three years leading up to the March 2018 crash, drivers struck the attenuator at least five times, including one fatal accident. It was hit again on May 20, 2018, two months after the fatal Tesla crash.

Although Caltrans' official

policy requires the replacement of crash attenuators and other safety hardware within one week, the agency has a history of missing the mark, the NTSB report found. In a fatal crash at the same location in November 2015, Caltrans had not replaced a damaged attenuator in 45 days. In another location, an attenuator damaged in January 2017 was not repaired until April that year.

"Safety remains Caltrans' top priority, we are in the process of reviewing today's report in conjunction with the California State Transportation Agency to

determine the next steps," said Matt Rocco, Caltrans' spokesman, via email.

In the weeks leading up to the Tesla crash, NTSB investigators found that the CHP had responded to the solo-vehicle crash involving the Prius on March 12 but did not notify Caltrans that the attenuator had been damaged — a violation of policy and interagency operational agreements. Caltrans maintenance staffers discovered the attenuator was damaged on March 20, three days before the fatal collision, took pictures and

forwarded it to their supervisor, according to the report.

No date was scheduled to fix the attenuator in the lead up to the crash, due in part to staffing shortages and the challenges of finding a replacement attenuator. The safety hardware was finally replaced on March 26 — 14 days after the initial damage and three days after the fatality.

The 9-page report recommends that a "correction action plan" be put in place that guarantees the timely repair of traffic safety devices, including attenuators, and better tracking of compliance with required timelines of the roadway repairs.

The report released Monday is part of an ongoing investigation and is not the final report. It was released to give formal recommendations to Caltrans in order to hasten policy changes that could improve traffic safety.

"Rather than wait to complete all facets of this crash investigation, we have moved ahead with issuing this safety recommendation report in the interest of motorists' safety," Robert Mollo, director of NTSB's Office of Highway Safety, said in a statement Monday.

NTSB released an earlier preliminary report stating that the Tesla's Autopilot function was on in the moments leading up

to the crash, and that the vehicle increased to 70.8 miles per hour before striking the damaged attenuator. Huang's widow filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Tesla in May, arguing that the company's Autopilot function and emergency braking system were defective. The suit also accuses Caltrans of failing to maintain safe conditions at the location of the crash, arguing the attenuator was not replaced in a timely manner and that the state agency's actions were "negligent and careless."

Tesla was assisting in the NTSB investigation for one month, but was booted in April 2018. The agency accused Tesla of releasing incomplete information on the crash that speculated on the cause of the accident, strongly suggesting that Huang was at fault.

The Monday report does not reveal additional details on the Autopilot function and its potential involvement in the crash. ▣

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Left: John McMenamin dances by the concert stage at the Art & Wine Festival on Sept. 7. **Right:** Sabrina Neal, 10, smiles as she cavorts in an inflatable ball in the Kid Fun Zone on Castro Street.

ART & WINE

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entered the wind chime-making business with his wife Linjong after feeling inspired by the old idiom “when pigs fly,” has attended over 20 festivals and flea markets selling his “little zoo” of wind chimes, which has expanded to include an assortment of animals beyond winged pigs. This year is his 13th at the Mountain View festival.

“For me, it’s kind of like the novelty of it,” Lee said. “(It’s) very eclectic and unique.”

Over a hundred booths took over Castro Street, selling everything from art, clothing and jewelry to clocks, window screens and fried zucchini.

Tech companies such as Xfinity and Toyota promoted their products, and local groups like the Mountain View High School choir held a fundraiser selling shaved ice. Mountain View police and fire departments made a friendly appearance, too, as children tried on plastic firefighter hats or posed by a fire engine.

The “Kid Fun Zone” offered activities such as face painting, rock climbing, bungee jumping, and Water Ballerz, where kids floated and bounced on water while sealed inside a clear, inflatable ball.

Fifth grader Sabrina Neal, who said she had tried Water Ballerz twice before, had fun making flips and somersaults in the pool.

Young singers and dancers from local schools and a youth talent agency also took to the Kids Got Talent stage, performing guitar and vocal duets and hip-hop routines.

The festival is a major fundraiser for the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce and provides revenue for programs that benefit local schools, businesses and nonprofits. Presented by the Mountain View

Chamber of Commerce alongside several sponsors, the festival hosted a lineup of Bay Area bands including Blue House, The Fog City Swampers and

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neighborhoods planned in North Bayshore.

“We are glad to see there is movement from staff on all three entities to find ways to mitigate the growth that we’re expecting,” Rudolph said.

Redevelopment agencies, or RDAs, used to be commonplace throughout California, formed as a way to pool resources for fixing areas deemed blighted. A function of RDAs is that they divert property tax money that would have gone to other local government agencies — including school districts, hospital districts and water agencies — in order to finance those upgrades.

California dissolved more than 400 RDAs in 2012, but Shoreline Regional Park — not technically an RDA and enshrined in state law — remained.

Although North Bayshore is now a tech park largely occupied

by Google with an assessed value expected to exceed \$4.6 billion this year, the area looked vastly different in 1969 when the law was passed. Features included a 461-acre landfill and a large automobile wrecking storage site, inefficient roadways and buildings that were deteriorating, dilapidated and conducive to “ill health and transmission of disease,” according to the original act.

Making improvements to the area would have been difficult, in part, because it was partially unincorporated land, which was a key factor in creating special legislation for North Bayshore. The city of Mountain View is the steward of the Shoreline Regional Park funds and is responsible for numerous infrastructure projects that helped transform North Bayshore into one of the most desirable places to build on the Peninsula.

Assessed property values in the Shoreline area have steadily increased since the dot-com crash

from \$1.7 billion in 2004 to \$4.6 billion today. Shoreline now generates an estimated \$48 million in tax revenue for the 2019-20 year, according to the city budget.

The transformation of Shoreline has raised questions about whether it should continue to pull money away from other local agencies, particularly schools. In 2011 a group of parents led an effort called Share Shoreline, demanding that the city give school districts at least a portion of the money they would have received if the Shoreline Regional Park Community did not exist.

Assistant City Manager Audrey Seymour Ramberg told the *Voice* in an email that the amendment granting property tax revenue to school districts was developed in November last year and has now been formally adopted by the city and both school districts that make up the “Educational Enhancement Reserve” joint powers authority (JPA).

“The JPA is one of many examples of how the City and School Districts have worked together to effectively serve families and youth in Mountain View,” she said.

Although the effort led to a sharing agreement, school districts are arguably still missing out. County tax documents show Mountain View Whisman would

have received \$9.2 million in the 2018-19 school year if it received its share of the property taxes in North Bayshore — amounting to about 23.7% of the revenue. Instead, it received a little over \$4 million through the agreement with the city.

Mountain View-Los Altos, similarly, should be netting about 15.2% of the property taxes from Shoreline, or about \$5.9 million in the last school year; it received less than half of that with \$2.6 million.

Big changes for North Bayshore

While the JPA arrangement has helped claw back some of the property tax revenue diverted from local schools, the planned explosion in residential growth in North Bayshore is raising questions about how much of that money ought to flow to local schools that have to educate hundreds, if not thousands, of additional students in the coming decades.

In 2017, the Mountain View City Council passed what’s called the North Bayshore Precise Plan, rezoning large swaths of North Bayshore — and by extension the Shoreline Regional Park Community — for a more urban mix of offices and up to 9,850 homes. Part of that precise plan explicitly states that the city must figure out how to ensure

some of the property tax revenue reaped by the impending building boom makes it to schools.

The terms of the new agreement dictate that both the Mountain View Whisman and Mountain View-Los Altos High School District will receive property tax revenue from future residential development proportionate to what they would have received if the Shoreline Regional Park legislation didn’t exist. For Mountain View Whisman, that means 23.7% of the property taxes would go to district on top of the already negotiated \$4 million.

Existing residential development, like the Santiago Villa mobile home park, would not be subject to the new sharing formula, Rudolph told school board members at the Sept. 5 meeting. Future commercial development will still generate tax revenue that’s diverted to the city.

Rudolph said he sees the agreement as a recognition by city officials that major housing growth puts a burden on schools, and that sharing in the property taxes is a good way to offset the costs of teaching students generated by housing expected to be built by Google and Sobrato. Separate agreements are being negotiated with both companies to offset the cost of building a school in the area.

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to a residential development at 277 Fairchild Drive. The 26-unit housing project is located just south of Highway 101, right on the MEW toxic plume, where vast amounts of industrial solvents like TCE, a known carcinogen, were dumped decades ago by semiconductor factories. While the contaminated groundwater isn’t part of Mountain View’s drinking water supply, its toxic vapors can seep into buildings where they can concentrate to unsafe levels.

To move the project along without further delay, EPA officials signed an agreement known as a “Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser” deal to help provide legal cover for the developer, Warmington Fairchild Associates. In basic terms, so long as Warmington took a number of good-faith steps to clean and mitigate the toxic hazards, the company would be shielded from liability for building on the Superfund plume.

A similar Bona Fide agreement has reportedly been secured by Google’s subsidiary Planetary Ventures as the company begins a \$157 million effort to restore Hangar One at Moffett Field. EPA officials say they also expect to strike a similar deal with NASA Ames on its plans to build nearly



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Lenny Siegel, former Mountain View mayor and founder of the Center for Public Environmental Oversight, a watchdog group that monitors polluted sites, talks with the EPA’s Susan Bodine on Sept. 9.

2,000 new homes on Moffett Field’s southern side.

The EPA has sanctioned a number of steps to mitigate the TCE contamination. For years, the companies charged with cleaning up the mess have focused their efforts on pumping and treating the groundwater. More recently, the EPA has supported alternate tools, such as special microbes or bio-augmented trees that can filter out hazardous compounds.

The EPA has been highlighting its successful partnerships to clean up sites across the U.S. to mark the release this month of its final strategy plan for Superfund sites. The Mountain View press conference on Monday was reportedly one of 10 similar events

scheduled across the country.

Under the Trump administration, the EPA has promoted its ability to quickly “de-list” Superfund sites, essentially declaring that all the necessary cleanup is complete. In 2018, EPA administrator Andrew Wheeler touted that he was closing the books on 22 sites, the highest number in recent memory. EPA officials are forecasting they will de-list at least 22 more sites in 2019.

Nevertheless, the Trump administration has routinely targeted the EPA for the deepest cuts across federal agencies. For the upcoming fiscal year, the environmental watchdog is once again at risk of losing 31% of its funding.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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hosting productions, camps and classes for thousands of children and teens each year. Although PYT serves children throughout the region, it has deep roots in Mountain View with school-based play programs and partnerships with the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts.

The school recently faced a significant rent hike and had to cede part of its studio property to another tenant, losing storage space and its ancillary stage. Even with the lost space, PYT is still paying \$4,000 more per month under the new lease deal.

The gala is being held in the Redwood Room of the Mountain View Community Center, located at 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., from 6:30-10 p.m. Tickets are \$50, and sponsors who donate more money — ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 — are eligible for special prizes and commendations.

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—Kevin Forestieri

PRESCHOOL EXPANDS IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

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With the new building, the entire campus can house 180 children and 24 teachers and teaching assistants.

According to Executive Director Helen Szeinbaum, the expansion serves to meet the growing demands of its customer base

and Mountain View's changing population due to local development. Wonder Years operates two preschools in Mountain View, one in San Carlos and one in Palo Alto.

Over 700 existing and prospective students and alumni have been invited to the event, said Szeinbaum. Mayor Lisa Matchak will attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

Szeinbaum described the curriculum as play-based with an age-appropriate academic component, emphasizing its philosophical focus on a child's individualism. The school also offers Spanish and Mandarin immersion programs and enrichment programs, including music, dance, gymnastics and yoga.

The first day of school for students in the new building is set for Oct. 1.

While Szeinbaum said the school already has a lengthy waitlist for the upcoming school year, it is still accepting applications, primarily for toddlers ages 2 to 3.

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Commission: Too many rules could sink plans for safe parking lots

CITY STAFF URGES STRICT LIMITS ON LOTS FOR RVs, VEHICLE DWELLERS

By Mark Noack

Setting the stage for a dicey dilemma, the city's Environmental Planning Commission hashed out plans to regulate a series of new safe parking sites expected to come online soon. But a groundswell of critics warned that Mountain View's rules could backfire by being too restrictive.

In an update last Wednesday, the Environmental Planning Commission urged city staff not to load too many rules and requirements on the safe parking program, where people living out of their vehicles can temporarily stay in designated lots instead of parking on city streets.

In an optimistic scenario, city officials hope to open as many as 100 new spaces throughout Mountain View. These safe parking sites will include various public lots, such as parking areas at Shoreline Amphitheatre and a closed light-rail station on Evelyn Avenue. But reaching that goal will also require help from other do-gooders in the community, such as churches, commercial property owners or schools.

At the meeting, city staff presented a proposed set of regulations for safe parking lots, which will be brought later this month to the City Council for approval. Under those rules, the city would allow safe parking sites to open only in certain designated

neighborhoods or zoning areas. Any safe parking site must provide restrooms, water, and sewage and garbage service. RVs would need to be generously spaced, and all vehicles would have to leave each morning. No more than 30 vehicles could be located at any single lot, regardless of its size.

On top of these requirements, before any safe parking site could open, it would need to notify all nearby neighbors and win approval from police and planning officials. In emergencies, city officials say they could expedite this approval process, but this list of requirements led some to worry that potential partners would be scared away.

"This plan needs to include some kind of incentives for lot owners to participate. I know that's difficult, but we need to find it," warned Dave Arnone, a Move MV board member. "We're going forward with a ban on oversized vehicles without a plan for where they're going to go. It's a hole, and it needs to be addressed."



MAGALI GAUTHIER

Parked RVs and trailers line Shoreline Boulevard in November. Plans to create lots where people living in vehicles can park at night may be hampered by a long list of proposed requirements.

As of the city's latest count, there are over 200 inhabited vehicles on the streets of Mountain View. As a result, city officials have been under pressure to relocate the vehicle encampments somewhere other than residential neighborhoods.

As an alternative, city officials have embraced the idea of safe parking lots, albeit in a very cautious manner. Advocates for the city's homeless population have admonished the city for opening new safe parking sites too slowly.

At last week's meeting, many advocates also criticized the city's restrictions, such as a prohibition on all electrical generators

or other hookups. City staffers explained that they believe external power is unnecessary because RVs typically have their own on-board electricity.

In particular, critics seized on a proposed rule for all safe parking lots to operate only overnight, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. During the daytime, anyone living in a vehicle would have to relocate, and presumably they would wind up back on city streets.

"Are these restrictions really necessary?" asked former councilman Lenny Siegel. "Why limit people so they have to move out every day? We have to create a system where people want to be in this system."

City attorneys say Mountain View would risk legal liability if the city operated safe parking lots all hours of the day. Lots that operate around the clock could be construed to fall under the state's regulations for mobile homes or trailer parks, which could create zoning issues. For now, they say it is simpler to just keep safe parking to overnight only.

"Any changes to the proposed safe parking program, including operation of a 24/7 program, would require additional legal review," said former city attorney Jannie Quinn.

EPC members said they want to at least investigate more flexibility for safe parking lots, especially at any city-owned properties. They urged staff to look into allowing some all-hours parking within the city.

"We're not implying that a person could live there forever and ever," said EPC chairwoman Pamela Baird.

EPC members asked that the city look into loosening its rules, allowing larger safe parking programs in other areas of the city. Under current rules, nearly all lots would be in the North Bayshore and East Whisman areas due to their concentration of commercial and industrial properties.

Email Mark Noack at mnoack@mv-voice.com

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

DEA ALATA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN658096
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Dea Alata, located at 1354 Dale Ave. #9, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A General Partnership.
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(MVV Aug. 30; Sep. 6, 13, 20, 2019)

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Mountain View, CA 94043
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(MVV Sep. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2019)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
INGRID I. KOELBEL aka INGRID IDA KOELBEL
Case No.: 19PR186538
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who
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A Petition for Probate has been filed by: CHRISTOPHER A. KOELBEL in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that: CHRISTOPHER A. KOELBEL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
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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CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

COURTESY NOTICE – CITY COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS ITEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Mountain View City Council will hear a New Business item on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, Mountain View Civic Center, 500 Castro Street, at which time all interested parties may be heard regarding the following Council Item:

Potential 2020 Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act Amendments

The City Council will discuss potential amendments to the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA) as part of a City-sponsored initiative. This will not be a public hearing but public attendance and comments are welcome.

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2019, 7 pm

If you have comments or questions about this project, please contact, Tim Wong, Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager at (650) 903-6923 or at tim.wong@mountainview.gov

Draft recommendations and associated documents will be available for review the Friday before the meeting at https://www.mountainview.gov/council/agendas/current_council_agendas.asp

Verbal comments may be made at this meeting, or written comments may be submitted to the project planner prior to the meeting for consideration. Please note meeting dates are subject to change. You may check the final published agenda online at the web address listed above or view the posted agenda located outside the front door of City Hall at 500 Castro Street, Mountain View to verify the meeting date, location, and time. To arrange an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act for this meeting, please call (650) 903-6304.

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

In the driver's seat

NTSB REPORT SHOWS CALTRANS NEEDS TO ADDRESS ROADWAY SAFETY CONCERNS

On March 23, 2018, San Mateo resident Wei Huang was driving his Tesla Model X southbound on Highway 101 with the car's "Autopilot" function on when the vehicle reportedly veered left and hit the median between Highway 101 and the Highway 85 carpool flyover lane in Mountain View at about 71 miles per hour.

The crash breached the Tesla's high-voltage battery, causing the car to catch fire. A bystander pulled Huang out of the car before it was engulfed in flames and he was taken to the hospital, where he later died from his injuries.

Questions — and blame — followed quickly in the aftermath of the crash. Tesla released multiple blog posts defending its Autopilot system, including one less than a week after the incident in which company officials blamed the severity of the crash on a missing protective freeway barrier known as a crash attenuator. The device is meant to slow down a car and reduce injuries in the event of an accident.

Tesla officials said the attenuator had "either been removed or crushed" in a prior crash and had not been fully replaced, leaving little cushion between the tip of the barrier and the cement median.

"We have never seen this level of damage to a Model X in any other crash," according to the

company statement.

Caltrans said little at the time when asked about the attenuator, dodging direct questions from the *Voice* in favor of an emailed statement that said the agency was reviewing the facts of the incident and cooperating with the National Transportation Safety Board.

"Safety is our top priority and Caltrans will carefully evaluate the investigation's findings and take appropriate action," Caltrans District 4 spokesman Robert Haus said.

It's time for Caltrans to show that it means it.

On Monday, Sept. 9, the NTSB released a new report that found the attenuator in the Tesla crash had been damaged to the point of being "nonoperational" in an accident 11 days prior. The California Highway Patrol responded to that crash on March 12 but didn't notify Caltrans that the attenuator had been damaged, a violation of policy and agreements between the agencies. Caltrans maintenance workers discovered the damage on March 20 — three days before the Tesla crash — and notified their supervisor. No date was scheduled to fix the device, in part due to staffing shortages and trouble finding a new attenuator, and it wasn't replaced until three days after the fatal accident, according to the report.

Caltrans' inability to promptly fix a crucial safety device at

a major freeway interchange would be concerning enough as an isolated incident, but this wasn't its first failure, according to the NTSB, which found that Caltrans has "systematic problems" with quickly repairing safety devices on state roadways — particularly at the spot where Huang lost his life. The crash location on Highway 101 has a history of problems, with the attenuator needing to be repaired and replaced more frequently than any other left-exit crash attenuator in the region, the NTSB found. In three years leading up to the Tesla crash, drivers hit the attenuator at least five times, including one fatal accident. Although Caltrans' policy mandates the replacement of safety hardware within one week, the agency historically has not adhered to this requirement, according to the NTSB.

The NTSB report clearly outlines a breakdown in communication and policy between the CHP and Caltrans. The CHP neglected to tell Caltrans the attenuator had been damaged; Caltrans failed to fix it before the fatal crash. We don't know whether a working attenuator could have saved Huang's life, but we do know that the device, which is designed to lessen the impact of a crash, was inoperable, and that it was intact when a Prius driver hit it 11 days prior and survived. And thanks to the NTSB, we now know

Caltrans has habitually failed to follow its own policy of replacing safety hardware within a week after it's damaged, an alarming finding considering how many of us rely on state roadways on a daily basis.

The Sept. 9 report calls on Caltrans to implement a "correction action plan" that guarantees the timely repair of traffic safety devices, including attenuators, and improved tracking of compliance with roadway repair timelines. The need to quickly develop and carry out this plan is evident from the NTSB's findings, but Caltrans' initial response to the report lacks a sense of urgency — in fact, it echoes the statement the agency released to the *Voice* in the days after the Tesla crash.

"Safety remains Caltrans' top priority," spokesman Matt Rocco said in an email. "We are in the process of reviewing today's report in conjunction with the California State Transportation Agency to determine the next steps."

With more cars clogging already jammed roadways and more companies putting self-driving technology to the test, it's essential that Caltrans swiftly adopt the changes necessary to identify and fix safety deficiencies in a timely manner and show the millions of Californians that depend on state roadways that safety is in fact its top priority.

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

MVWSD TEACHER LAWSUIT

I agree that the recent lawsuit against Mountain View Whisman School District ("Teacher claims school district failed to prevent rape, assaults," Sept. 6) is a sign that the district needs to change the method and reach of their training if faculty saw things and did not report them — all the more so with the new SB 1343 law in place for 2020. Yet the reporting on the principals was completely one-sided. By law, principals cannot

speak about their employees, but the paper openly covers one person's perspective of these principals.

I have met many teachers and parents who have appreciated the work of these two principals. Who would want to work for a district and community that will so readily destroy the reputation of any educator? At the very least, the paper should have waited for court documents to present both sides.

Christopher Chiang
Former MVWSD trustee
Space Park Way



FOOD FEATURE



Comings and goings

THE PENINSULA RESTAURANTS THAT OPENED AND CLOSED OVER THE SUMMER

MAGALI GAUTHIER



VERONICA WEBER



COURTESY OF FAIRCHILDS PUBLIC HOUSE

Clockwise from top: Cocktail garnishes line the bar at the new Amandine Project in Los Altos; the avocado toast at Fairchilds Public House in Mountain View; Italian wine shop Biondivino in Palo Alto closed after four years.

By Elena Kadvany

Summer saw a flurry of closures and arrivals on the Peninsula. While local diners mourned the departure of Palo Alto bakery stalwart Prolific Oven, Portola Valley regained an institution

with the reopening of the historic Alpine Inn. Other local cities now have new, exciting options for sweets, coffee and cocktails, with more on their way this fall.

Read on to catch up on what opened and closed this summer.

Mountain View

Silicon Valley references abound at **Fairchilds Public House**, the Peninsula's newest hotel-restaurant inside the Hyatt at 409 San Antonio Road. The restaurant uses as decor interactive QR codes, old Atari game

cartridges and the periodic table symbol for silicon; cocktails have names like "the gigabit" and "encryption margarita."

Mountain View this summer also got its own **Ike's**, the Bay Area cult favorite sandwich shop, at 1020 N. Rengstorff Ave., Suite F. Exclusive to this location is a new, cheekily named roast

beef sandwich: "Larry Page & I Have The Same Birthday, So Basically I Invented Google Too."

Taiwanese shaved snow, milk tea and baked goods are on the menu at the newly opened **Oh! Honey Snow Ice** at 1030 Castro St. Suite A, next to Le's Alterations at the Elan building. Look

for several flavors of shaved snow, including strawberry, mango, banana-Oreo, dragon-fruit and taro, plus cream-filled choux pastries, madeleines and cookies shaped like ice cream scoops.

Los Altos

Australian-inspired cafe chain **Bluestone Lane** opened its first sit-down Bay Area location at 288 1st St., the historic train station that last housed Voyageur

du Temps. There's avocado toast, vegemite, flat whites, "wellness" spritzes and plenty of beachy Australian vibes.

After losing Honcho Bar, Los Altos gained a new watering hole this summer: **Amandine Project**, a Japanese-style cocktail bar at 235 1st St. Jean-Luc Kayigire, a Los Altos resident and former bar and restaurant owner, opened the bar to encourage Los Altans to spend more time in Los Altos proper rather than going to neighboring cities for

quality drinks.

Palo Alto

This year will go down as the year Palo Alto lost two of its longer-standing food businesses, **The Prolific Oven** and **Round Table Pizza**. The beloved Waverley Street bakery closed in August after 39 years due to a "severe" labor shortage and increasing cost of doing business in the Bay Area, the owner said (but not before

people overwhelmed the bakery with last-minute cake orders). Round Table, which one diner called "one of the last bastions for blue collar lunch" in downtown Palo Alto, also shuttered. Also in August, Italian wine shop **Biondivino** closed after four years at Town & Country Village.

Meanwhile, Palo Alto got several new food and drink options this summer. **Morsey's Creamery**, a spinoff concept from the owners of Morsey's Farmhouse

in Los Altos, is now scooping ultra-creamy gelato made from buffalo milk at 125 University Ave. Stanford Shopping Center got a new caffeine option in **Blue Bottle Coffee**, serving drip coffee and espresso drinks plus liège waffles, sandwiches and savory and sweet toasts. Anyone who can't decide between satisfying their cravings for pizza and Indian food no longer has to choose; **Curry Pizza House** is

► See **RESTAURANTS**, page 20



SADIE STINSON

The Alpine Inn in Portola Valley reopened after a major refurbishing by new owners.



NATALIA NAZAROVA

Morsey's Farmhouse opened a spinoff gelato shop called **Morsey's Creamery** in Palo Alto.



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The City Council will consider approving the Draft El Camino Real Streetscape Plan, including installing bikeways which would require removal of on-street parking, on:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019—6:30 P.M.

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Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the City Council regarding the Draft Plan. The City Council agenda packet will be available on September 27, 2019, after 4 p.m. at www.mountainview.gov, in Public Works Department and City Clerk's Office at City Hall at 500 Castro Street. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works at public.works@mountainview.gov, or (650) 903-6311.



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now slinging chili paneer pizzas, desi pesto bread sticks and other fusion food at 320 University Ave.

Menlo Park

San Francisco third-wave coffee shop **Saint Frank Coffee** is now pouring single-origin espressos from a 250-square-foot outdoor kiosk in Menlo Park. Saint Frank, which sources beans from small growers in lesser-known regions around the world, is located at 1018 Alma St., across the street from the Caltrain station.

A new kind of business for downtown Menlo Park: **Green Bubble Cafe** opened at 604 Santa Cruz Ave. in late August, serving Taiwanese milk tea as well as Hong Kong egg waffles, mochi waffles and savory rice bowls with teriyaki chicken, chicken curry, unagi and beef.

Portola Valley

August marked the much-anticipated return of Portola Valley's **Alpine Inn**, better known to locals as Zott's. New owners refurbished the 167-year-old institution, rebuilding the floor, removing asbestos, cleaning old license plates and beer bottles that decorated the walls and adding wood-fired pizza to the menu while still working to retain the treasured restaurant's spirit. Zott's is now open for lunch and dinner every day except Monday.



COURTESY OF BLUESTONE LANE

Bluestone Lane opened a cafe in Los Altos at the former site of *Voyageur du Temps*.

Redwood City

Coffeebar is enjoying enormous success after opening its first Peninsula location in Menlo Park in January 2018. The Truckee-based coffee company is set to open at 2020 Broadway St. in downtown Redwood City next week, followed by a third outpost in November on the Facebook campus (it will be a public cafe). The Redwood City Coffeebar will have the same core menu items as Menlo Park — coffee and espresso, avocado toast, baguette sandwiches — but will also serve fresh handmade pasta and tasca, or ciabatta stuffed with fillings like meatballs, chicken or tomato, basil and mozzarella.

More coffee for downtown: **Coupa Cafe** opened its 10th cafe in August at 695 Main St., in the ground floor of the new Marston

Building apartment complex. Beyond Coupa's popular Venezuelan coffee and espresso, tea and other drinks, the Redwood City location serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus beer and wine.

After nearly four decades of serving frozen yogurt and ice cream, **Yumi Yogurt** announced this week that the 947 El Camino Real shop will close on Sunday, Sept. 15. "Our ultimate goal was to provide a service, experience and product that was unique, memorable and unlike anything else," an announcement reads on Facebook. "It is through our great team here and loyal customers that we have had such a tremendous run." Disappointed Yumi Yogurt fans can still visit the San Mateo and Santa Clara locations. ■

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS

A brilliant career

'LINDA RONSTADT: THE SOUND OF HER VOICE'
PROFILES THE BELOVED SONGSTER

★★★1/2 (Aquarius)

The story of singer Linda Ronstadt cannot help but be the story of her voice. In literal terms, Ronstadt's powerful, pure singing voice launched her to prominence and then stardom before leaving her too soon. But as an accounting of the person behind the music and the fame, the appropriately named new documentary "Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice" affords Ronstadt the opportunity to tell much of her own story, including how she found her "voice" as an individual, an artist, a social-justice advocate and a treasured friend.

One of the great song stylists of the 20th century, Ronstadt broke through in the mid-1960s as the lead singing teenage ingenue of the Stone Poneys. She elevated the band's hit single "Different Drum" (penned by Mike Nesmith of The Monkees) to anthem-like status before moving on to an astonishing solo career marked by 38 Billboard Hot 100

singles (21 reaching the Top 40) and countless honors (including 10 Grammy Awards, Grammy and Latin Grammy Lifetime Achievement Awards, an Emmy, and induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame).

Oscar-winning filmmakers Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman ("The Times of Harvey Milk") move us through Ronstadt's career more or less chronologically, after a present-day glimpse of Ronstadt in retirement. Along with Ronstadt's narration (echoing her 2013 autobiography "Simple Dreams: A Musical Memoir"), Epstein and Friedman tell her story through a wealth of archival materials (including rare concert and interview footage) and new interviews with family members, former bandmates and music luminaries, such as Emmylou Harris, Dolly Parton, Don Henley, Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne, Cameron Crowe, David Geffen, Kevin Kline and Aaron Neville.

While acknowledging Ronstadt's

sometime struggles with self confidence and substance abuse, these witnesses testify to a woman devoted to family (a distinctly musical one with which she sang "canciones" as a child), one who knew what she wanted artistically and fought for it, and one who showed selfless generosity as a friend. Their descriptions of Ronstadt as a singer and as a person reflect an awe in her talent and career chutzpah and, in some cases, a deep and abiding love. The friendship of Ronstadt and Harris seems especially emblematic of Ronstadt's commitment to doing it her way; she recalls the turning point when she decided to befriend the people who others might view as competition.

"The Sound of My Voice" reaffirms Ronstadt's unerring instincts: against the advice of record labels, agents and producers, Ronstadt followed her musical muse and, by doing so, found commercial success wherever she went. When rock stardom with hits like "You're No Good" and "Blue Bayou" began to bore her, Ronstadt found new challenges on Broadway (with Kline



COURTESY OF GREENWICH ENTERTAINMENT

Linda Ronstadt shines in the documentary, "Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of Her Voice."

in "The Pirates of Penzance," later immortalized as a film), an album of traditional Mexican folk songs, and collaborations with jazz-standard orchestrator Nelson Riddle, Harris and Parton (the "Trio" recordings), and Neville.

The filmmakers tread lightly when it comes to Ronstadt's love life and her politics, although they cannot avoid a passage on her high-profile relationship with Jerry Brown, then both California's governor and a Democratic presidential candidate. By

the time we return to new footage of Ronstadt at film's end, her powerful voice cruelly compromised by Parkinson's disease in her twilight years, "The Sound of My Voice" has become a deeply moving story of a remarkable woman, its only real fault an arguable virtue: adhering to the old showbiz adage of leaving the audience wanting more.

Rated PG-13 for brief strong language and drug material. One hour, 35 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

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Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

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Double Indemnity (1944) (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: Saturday

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The Fast & Furious: Hobbs & Shaw (PG-13)
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice (PG-13)
Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

The Lion King (PG) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Official Secrets (R) ★★★1/2
Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood (R) ★★★

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

ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

The Peanut Butter Falcon (PG-13)
Century 20: Fri. - Sun. Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

Spider-Man: Far From Home (PG) ★★★
Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Stage Door (1937) (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: Friday

Tod@s Caen (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

True Confession (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: Saturday

Yesterday (PG-13) ★★ Century 20: Fri. Sun.

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'BRIGHT STAR'

"Bright Star" is a new musical that tells a tale of love and redemption set against the backdrop of the American South in the '20s and '40s. Sept. 13-29; times vary. \$27-\$57; discounts available. Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paplayers.org/

THEATER

'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. 22; times vary. \$25-\$60; discounts available; pricing subject to change. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatrworks.org

'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. 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

'Rapunzel' Palo Alto Children's Theatre performs "Rapunzel." With very simple sets and costumes, and lots of opportunities to get up and wiggle, this storyteller style theater is suitable for children ages 2 to 6. Performances are approximately 55 minutes long. Sept. 21-22; times vary. \$12-\$14. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org

CONCERTS

Bryan Adams: 'Shine A Light' World Tour Canadian singer-songwriter Bryan Adams brings his "Shine a Light" world tour to Mountain View. Sept. 21, 8 p.m. \$18-\$208+. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. concerts1.livenation.com

Concerts on the Plaza: Sandi Bell The Community Services Department presents "Concerts on the Plaza!" featuring a live performance by Sandi Bell. 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. 20, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View City Hall, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Zac Brown Band: 'The Owl Tour' Zac Brown Band, the multiplatinum, Grammy Award-winning group, is headlining its summer 2019 outing, "The

Owl Tour." Special guest Caroline Jones will also perform. Sept. 20, 7 p.m. \$40-\$118+. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. concerts1.livenation.com

MUSIC

John Steinbeck Award: Mumford & Sons Mumford & Sons, the 2019 recipient of the John Steinbeck Award, will be awarded during a special ceremony, featuring a conversation with the band as well as a performance. Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m. \$75-\$175; limit two. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. live.stanford.edu

Fall Dance The city of Mountain View Senior Center and city of Mountain View recreation division host an evening of dancing with a circus twist for ages 55 and up. DJ & light refreshments will be provided. Sept. 18, 4-6 p.m. Free. City of Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Musikiwest Chamber Music Concert This program will feature the works of the Spanish and Latin American Baroque performed by soprano Nell Snaidas, Daniel Swenberg on lute and theorbo, Rex Benincasa with all things percussive, violinists Francisco Fullana and Siwoo Kim and Michelle Djokic on cello-continuo. Sept. 19, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15; discount for seniors, under 18 free. Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. musikiwest.org

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

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

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

Symposium: Gardening for Biodiversity in a Climate Crisis The symposium will feature keynote speaker Douglas Tallamy, author of "Bringing Nature Home," and Bart O'Brien, director of the

Regional Parks Botanic Garden and the co-author of "Reimagining the California Lawn." Sept. 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. \$125; discount for students, CNPS members. Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. cnps-scv.org/symposium

TEDxPaloAltoSalon 2019 Attendees will hear from a lineup of individuals rethinking the general understanding of epigenetics, musical performance, neurotechnology, belief systems, origami, nuclear power and more. Sept. 21, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$70. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. tedxpaloalto.com/

Rebecca Kim Wells, Megan Whalen Turner and Elizabeth Fama Kepler's Books presents a panel discussion, featuring authors Rebecca Kim Wells, Megan Whalen Turner and Elizabeth Fama, who will moderate the discussion. Sept. 18, 7-8 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

Victoria Schwab No. 1 New York Times bestselling author Victoria Schwab discusses her new thriller "Tunnel of Bones," the sequel to her 2018 work, "City of Ghosts." Sept. 19, 6-8 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org

FAMILY

Family Fun Day: 'Over and Under the Pond' The Foster Museum hosts a reading of "Over and Under the Pond" by Kate Messner. Families will then have the chance to create their own artworks and to explore the pond-inspired sensory station. Sept. 21, 10:30 a.m.-noon. \$5. The Foster, 940 Commercial St., Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

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. Through Sept. 28, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. viewpointsgallery.com

FILM

Film Screening: 'Chinatown Rising' Landmark Guild Theatre presents a screening of the new documentary "Chinatown Rising," which documents youth activism in San Francisco's Chinatown during the '60s and '70s, and a Q&A with father-son director team, Harry Chuck and Josh Chuck. Sept. 19, 7-9 p.m.

\$12. Guild Theatre, 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. chinatownrisingsept19.brownpapertickets.com

NIGHTLIFE

SciFi September Trivia Night The Mountain View Library presents an evening of science and science fiction themed trivia. Teams of two to six people will compete in five rounds with 10 questions each. Team registration is required. Sept. 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

LESSONS & CLASSES

Mexican Tin Art Workshop Christie of Christie's Creative Cupboard leads a class in making Mexican tin art, using the garden as inspiration to create decorations for participants to take home. Sept. 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$50; discount for members. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. gamblegarden.org

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Audubon Bird Watching Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society invites the public to observe and learn about the hundreds of bird species that visit local wetlands every year. Sept. 21, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Free. Charleston Slough/Coast Casey Forebay, End of San Antonio Road, Mountain View. scvas.org/

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

Historic Bike Tour of Los Altos The Historic Bike Tour of Los Altos covers 8 miles around town to see sites and homes in Los Altos, hear some stories and finish back at the Los Altos History Museum for an optional lunch and a chance to visit the museum and see the current exhibition. Sept. 21, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

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

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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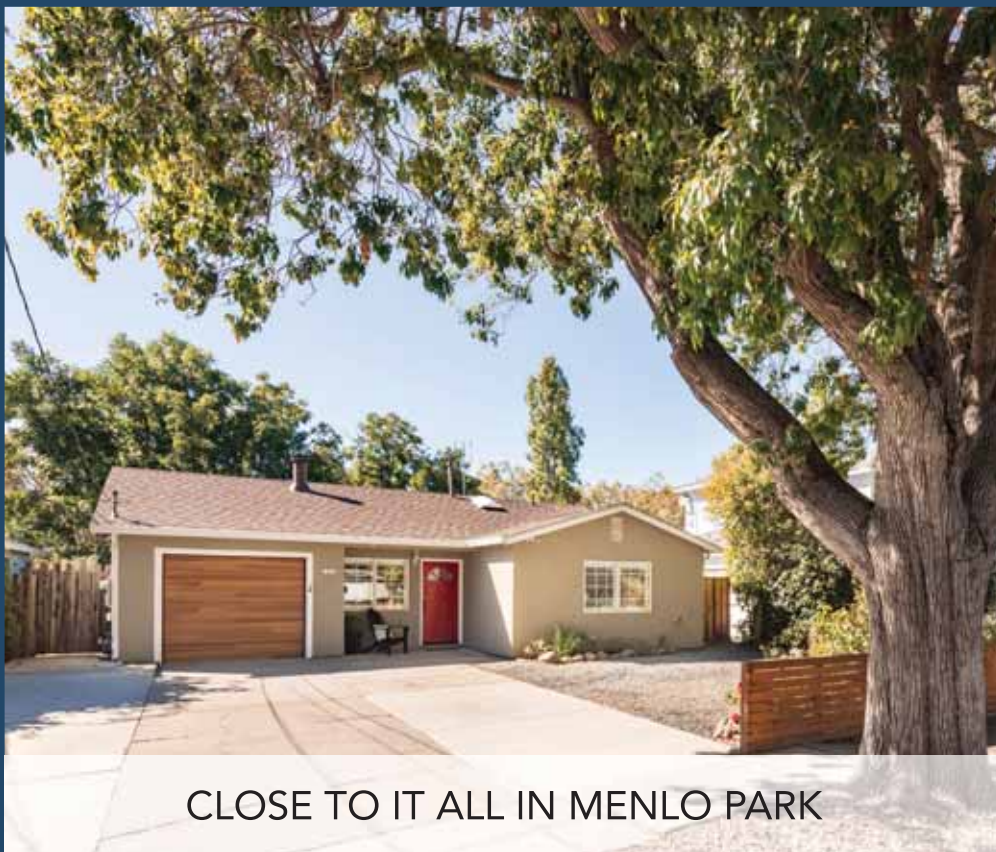
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