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Julian's attempt to score is blocked by goalie Jonathan at last month's Kick, Lead and Dream soccer camp in Mountain View. The virtually free summer camp aims to inspire and nurture low-income and at-risk children in Mountain View and Sunnyvale.

Fostering a winning team

KICK, LEAD AND DREAM SOCCER CAMP HELPS KIDS AIM FOR COLLEGE

By Anna Laman

A sea of yellow t-shirts is visible from afar. Walking closer, one can hear the blasting energy of 350 kids chattering away to their high school-aged coaches about their day. One child is asking for his coach's validation of the new trick he learned. However, this camp has aims well beyond the physical gains of most youth soccer camps to

create an environment where life-long friendships formed and role models are found, giving disadvantaged children in the Bay Area an opportunity to believe in themselves and strive towards a brighter future.

The 10th Annual Kick, Lead and Dream (KLD) summer soccer camp under the aegis of the Sunnyvale Police Activities League, was held in Cooper Park, Mountain View on June

13 to June 24. The nonprofit summer camp is created and managed by volunteers from the local community. What started with only 30 children and a few coaches has now expanded to serve about 350 low-income and at-risk students in second through seventh grades from public schools in Mountain View and Sunnyvale, and has about 90

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Oakland man arrested in arson, shooting at Google campus

MAN SUSPECTED OF BURNING GOOGLE VEHICLES, SHOOTING AT BUILDING

By Mark Noack

Federal and local law enforcement officials have arrested an Oakland man in connection with a string of recent arson attacks at Google's Mountain View campus, which damaged a building and two company vehicles.

The suspect, identified as

30-year-old Raul Murillo Diaz, is facing up to 20 years in prison on arson and firearms charges.

Starting about two months ago, Diaz allegedly began a pattern of driving out to Google's headquarters to start small fires and damage the company's property, according to court records. In his tes-

timony with detectives, Diaz reportedly said that he was angry because he believed the company was watching him.

The first reported arson incident occurred late in the night on May 19, when officials say Diaz allegedly threw two Molotov cocktails at a parked

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Crowded high schools could get squeezed

NEW STUDY PREDICTS MVLA ENROLLMENT WILL SWELL IN THE COMING YEARS

By Kevin Forestieri

Enrollment in Mountain View's local high schools has been increasing quickly in recent years, hitting an all-time high and showing no signs of slowing down. A new study commissioned by the Mountain View Los Altos High School District found that student enrollment is poised to grow by more than 500 students over the next five years, prompting big concerns about how to house the incoming teens.

Since the 2011-12 school year, the district has seen uneven but consistent increases in the number of incoming fresh-

men, with the biggest jumps in the last two years. Most of the growth has been lopsided in favor of Los Altos High School, which grew by 325 students over the last nine years, while Mountain View High grew by 94 students over the same period.

Forecasts by the demographic firm Jack Schreder and Associates estimate that 583 more students are expected to pour into the district by the 2021-22 school year, meaning the district is going to have to quickly add classrooms, teachers and new facilities to handle the expected influx. Jamie Iseman, a demographer with the firm, told school board members at a June 20 meeting that it might help to adopt more stringent intra-district transfer policies to cut down on the number of students crossing school attendance boundaries.

"Revisiting (intra-district) policies will likely be a short-term solution to a long-term problem — something to get you through the interim," Iseman said.

Superintendent Jeff Harding said it might be prudent to have two concurrent plans, one to address existing overcrowding at both Mountain View and Los

Altos high schools, and another to build facilities for the long-term goals of accommodating the expected surge of students. Harding said that after talking with Los Altos principal Wynne Satterwhite, he has concluded that there's virtually no room to grow on the campus.

"If she had an extra teacher, she would have no place to put that teacher," Harding said.

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SUPERINTENDENT JEFF HARDING

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The attendance boundaries for the district's two schools cut vertically through the cities of Mountain View and Los Altos, split roughly by

Shoreline Boulevard, Springer Road and Magdalena Avenue.

Board president Phil Faillace agreed that the district's two high schools were never built to accommodate the anticipated enrollment surge, and said that any plans to alter the district's transfer policies will have to be clearly stated to the community, with plenty of time for comments and feedback.

"I think we need to get a long pipeline out there," Faillace said. "People need to be aware of it sooner rather than later."

The demographic report also recommended seeking voter approval for a new bond measure to help finance new school facilities, though discussion on a future school bond remained largely absent from the board's discussion.

Some board members expressed skepticism about the enrollment forecast, questioning whether so-called "student generation rates" for different types of housing accurately reflect how many families in Mountain View and Los Altos are expected to have children. A multi-family residential development, such as rental apartments, are expected

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Iris Karen (Abraham) Moran

August 10, 1939 – June 14, 2016

Iris Moran, a longtime resident of Mountain View and passionate community volunteer, died on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, as a result of a fall at the visitors' center while visiting Hoover Dam in Nevada.

Iris Karen Abraham Moran was born Aug. 10, 1939, in Dickinson, ND, to Stanley and Ruth (Malone) Abraham. She spent her early childhood on a ranch in the North Dakota Badlands near Medora, and in other western North Dakota towns. Her family settled in New Salem (ND) where she attended public schools, graduating in from high school in 1957.

Iris attended Lakeland College near Sheboygan, WI, and graduated in 1961 with a degree in Medical Technology. She began her career as a medical technologist in Milwaukee, and later worked at the U. of Colorado Medical School in Denver, CO, where she met her future husband Tom Moran. They married in Denver on Aug. 25, 1967. After several moves across the country, Iris and Tom moved to Mountain View in 1974.

Iris was actively engaged in the community as board member and docent for Music for Minors, board member and major fundraiser for Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC), active member of Foothills Congregational UCC Church in Los Altos, and as Springer School Site Council chair. Iris grew up in a very musical family and loved music. She played clarinet in high school and sang in her high school and college choirs, Foothills Church choir, the Stanford Symphonic Chorus, and the Berkshire Music Festival in MA. A breast cancer survivor, she served on her church's Relay for Life committee (American Cancer Society), and was a contributor to numerous cancer support groups, the El Camino YMCA and other local and national groups. Iris's other interests included gourmet vegetarian cooking, quilting, biking, exercising at the Mountain View YMCA, camping, traveling, and appreciation of the fine arts, particularly the San Francisco Symphony, Ballet, and De Young Museum.

Iris lived life to the fullest. Her energy was legendary, her love was expansive, and her ebullience infectious. She gave selflessly to her family, friends, church and other organizations. No task was too great if it benefited her family and others.

Grieving her loss are her husband, Tom, Mountain View; their children, Jill Moran (Dennis Mullane) and grandson Stanley Moran-Mullane, Oakland, CA; Andrew Moran (Lisa) and their children, Madeleine, Miles and Lorraine Ruth, Salt Lake City; her siblings, Henrietta Foreman, Bismarck, ND; Daniel (Diane) Abraham, Centennial, CO; and Jordis (Marc) Conrad, Bismarck, ND; her brother-in-law, Pat (Judy) Moran in Wisconsin, and sister-in-law, Mickey (Ernie) Hopp in Ohio, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband's parents, Horace and Gladys Moran; a brother-in-law, Howard Foreman; and a grandnephew, Johnathan Nyberg.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on August 20, 2016, at Foothills Congregational UCC Church, Los Altos, CA.

Memorial gifts may be made to Lakeland College for the Professor Ellerbusch Music Scholarship fund, Lakeland College, PO Box 359, Sheboygan, WI 53082-0359, or to Foothills Congregational UCC Church, 461 Orange Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022.

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coaches.

At the cost of \$10 per child, the camp aims at fostering a safe and friendly environment for kids to be actively inspired, physically and mentally, by their high school volunteer coaches from elementary and middle schools in the Bay Area. Coaches become role models to the kids, encouraging them to brainstorm future goals and learn the importance of leadership and commitment.

Each of the 24 soccer camp teams represents a country with strong soccer tradition. Apart from the soccer tournaments that run on a daily basis, inspirational guest speakers come to the camp. "Past guest speakers have included players from the San Francisco 49ers, Cincinnati Bengals, San Jose Earthquakes, FC Gold Pride and Mountain View's mayor," said Joe Seither, the lead parent volunteer.

Albertin Montoya was the first guest speaker this year. Born in Cuba, he immigrated to the United States when he was a small boy. Montoya was raised in Mountain View, attended Los Altos High School and went to college at Santa Clara University. He went on to play for the San Jose Earthquakes (then called the Clash), and is now the director of coaching for Mountain View-Los Altos Soccer Club.

Kip Colvey, another guest speaker this year, was born in Hawaii and raised in New Zealand. He recruited to play for Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo and drafted by the San Jose Earthquakes.

It's not surprising that approximately 50 percent of the high

school volunteer coaches were campers themselves when they were in middle school. "The soccer camp becomes a metaphor for life," said Edgar Tapia, a KLD leader.

Tapia, who received a KLD college scholarship, is now a managerial economics major at the University of California at Davis, and credits to the soccer camp for fostering his determination to attend college. He was a camper for four years, a young boy without a father figure at home, he said. "I found my father figure in the older coaches at the camp."

In high school, Tapia became a volunteer coach and has come back for the past three years. "I want to help that kid who might be struggling at home, that was me back in the day. I see myself in them," he said.

Tapia recalled his love for one coach who talked about his college education. "I remember hearing about his love for school and it made me want to go to college one day, and here I am motivating kids in the same way ... I love it."

Enthusiastic soccer player Sakshan Karki, has been a camper for two years and expressed his love for the camp. His favorite part is the coaches, he said. "They're funny, supportive and motivating."

Another camper, 10-year-old Moise Garcia, said the camp is motivating. "It cheers me up because it's boring at home. My godfather and cousin do it too."

A big part of the camp day is focused on fostering a healthy and collaborative environment between neighboring communities in the Bay Area like Sunnyvale and Mountain View.

Campers are provided with

free food and drinks, camp t-shirts and the chance to win prizes. Free round-trip bus transportation is also included, from pick-up points in Mountain View and Sunnyvale.

Seither said one of his fondest memories at the camp was seeing how happy and appreciative one young child was about the fresh food. "When I asked him what his favorite part was, he said, 'The food, you have food here.' It astounded me how something so small could be such a positive force in their lives."

A newly formed Kick, Lead and Dream College Scholarship has just come into play, intended to recognize KLD campers who stay on the academic path and graduate from high school. "The camp has always reinforced the values of aiming high in life, working hard toward your goals, making good life choices and staying out of trouble," Seither said. "When an at-risk camper accomplishes these things and tackles a higher education goal, we want to publicly recognize their hard work and achievement."

The recipients of the first two KLD College Scholarships this year were Ivan Chavez and Edgar Tapia, both campers who grew into coaches, serving as adult interns and mentors to this year's youth leaders.

Seither said he is always hoping for more adult volunteers to help the summer camp move in the right direction. He has recently initiated an advisory board to add stability to the camp. "A challenge has been the turnover of new adult volunteers each year with a loss of institutional knowledge," he said.

More information about the camp is online at kldsoccer.com.

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to yield only a 0.006 student for every unit — or one child for every 167 apartments.

Board member Joe Mitchner questioned whether the student generation rates will prove accurate, considering that many Mountain View families are living in apartments due to the high cost of buying a home.

"I think what we've found, at least anecdotally, is that apartments might be generating more kids in our area than normal because while rents are high, it's still the cheap way to buy into our local district," Mitchner said. "It's cheaper than paying \$3 million for a house."

Iseman maintained that the student generation rates are likely within a 1 percent margin of error, and said student generation rates are going to be

low in areas with major developments that are not likely to attract families.

A similar back-and-forth transpired last year, when the Mountain View Whisman School District commissioned a demographic study by the same firm. Many families and school board members contested the results, citing anecdotal evidence and even door-to-door surveys to make the case that more families throughout Mountain View are having kids. The argument at the time was that the forecast by Jack Shreder and Associates downplayed an impending wave of new children who will need to attend public schools.

"They had anticipated wild growth because of all the developments that are coming online," Iseman told the high school district board at the June meeting. "And the types of

developments (Mountain View) is constructing are appealing to young professionals (who) don't have kids."

Despite Los Altos High growing much faster than Mountain View in recent years, the demographic study found that enrollment growth will be evening out between the two schools over the next five years, with 240 new students expected at Mountain View and 320 expected at Los Altos.

Mitchner said he was skeptical of the prediction, and said it could be a big problem if the district plans for roughly even growth only to find out that Los Altos continues to take the brunt of student growth.

"My concern is that if it's not 240 students to Mountain View and 320 to Los Altos, we've got a much bigger challenge ahead of us," he said. ▣

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