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Landlord Backs off Evicting Senior

Ekene Ikeme

An Alameda resident will retain access to his residence after the City Council passed new tenant protections for renters using government-aid vouchers to pay their rent.

Musiy Rishin, 87, was notified Monday, Sept. 15, that Margaret Tam, his landlord at the Dunes Apartments at 2445 Shoreline Dr., ended her effort to evict him from his residence of more than 17 years. She dropped the effort after the passage of an urgency ordinance that added Section 8 protections to the city's current rent ordinance at the Sept. 3 Council meeting.

Ordinance 3244, adopted in June, eliminated "no cause" evictions and required landlords pay relocation fees to tenants moved out on "no fault" evictions i.e. to accommodate a landlord's family member's move in or to make residential improvements. However, the ordinance did not extend to residents using Section 8 vouchers. Previously, landlords were able to evict Section 8 qualifiers without cause and would not be required to pay relocation fees. After learn-

ing landlords had this ability, the Council quickly passed the urgency ordinance. The ordinance will extend the same "no cause" protections and relocation fee requirements to Section 8 qualifiers.

The urgency ordinance went into effect after it was approved. After learning that she no longer could evict Rishin due to his Section 8 status, Tam dropped her effort at eviction.

Rishin, who grew up in the Ukraine before escaping during the Nazi occupation in 1941, had been in a year-long residential dispute with Tam. Tam raised Rishin's rent from \$2,520 to \$3,200 in August 2018. After he complained, she gave Rishin a 90-day notice to move out.

After receiving several evictions letters while caring for his terminally ill son, Rishin hired an attorney from the Oakland law firm Centro Legal de la Raza. Rishin's eviction story appeared in the London-based news publication *The Guardian* in August. A rally was held to protest Rishin's eviction last month ("Neighbors Rally to Help Renters," Aug. 29).

Exclusive Interview with New Superintendent of Schools

Jessica Mei

Pasquale Scuderi is the new Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) superintendent. Scuderi has served the Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) as the assistant superintendent from 2014 to 2017 and principal at Berkeley High School from 2010 to 2014. At its June 25 meeting, the AUSD Board of Education voted unanimously to approve Scuderi as the next superintendent. He came into office on July 8.

Sun: How do you like your new job so far?

Scuderi: I am honestly having a great time. The people I have met, the community and the school leadership have exceeded my expectations thus far. I am very happy to be here. It has been a welcome change for me professionally: new faces, new schools, and I feel completely re-energized by the newness of the job. That's not to say there aren't going to be significant challenges, but my early feelings like I said, I am very excited to be here.

Sun: How do you think working for AUSD will be different than working for BUSD?

Scuderi: That's a good question. School districts are systems made up of people, so obviously differences are driven by personalities and priorities. There's just as much that is similar here as there is different in terms of the way things are organized and the challenges that are out there.

My focus as an educator has always been and will always start with what's happening in the classroom. What's happening in the classroom for students? What's happening for the teachers teaching those students? Because I start from that very specific place, there aren't huge general differences, and actually lots of similarities in terms of the challenges.

As far as the long term, I think that's something that's yet to be seen. I'm sure over the course of the year or two years, how the local culture, plays out in terms of working with the school district. I think that's something I'm still in the process of discovering.

Sun: What do you see as Alameda schools' greatest challenge right now?

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Alameda Hospital nurses marched for fair labor practices last Friday, Sept. 20.

Alameda Hospital Nurses Walk Out

Eric J. Kos

Registered nurses at Alameda and two other East Bay hospitals held an Unfair Labor Practice strike that saw nurses at the hospitals walk out for 24 hours starting Sept. 20 in accordance with the California Nurses Association (CNA). CNA filed multiple charges with the California Public Employee Relations Board against the hospitals for violating state law by failing to bargain in good faith.

According to CNA, after many months of negotiations, the hospitals' management continues to violate the law. "They are proposing wholesale elimination of longtime contract provisions, some of which have been in place for more than 40 years," stated a CNA press release. "[They are] instituting unilateral changes without bargaining with the union, and changing the hiring practices of new hires, among other changes.

The association also asserts nurses have repeatedly expressed their concerns at the bargaining table and directly to the Alameda Health System (AHS) Board of Trustees about the approach AHS is taking, but management refuses to bargain in good faith.

The nurses' contract expired in December 2018.

"As nurses who work for a public hospital, we know too well the severe circumstances under which our patients come to the hospital to receive care," said Linda Strack, RN at Alameda Hospital. "The attacks being employed by AHS on nurses, patients and the community will forever have damaging impacts. AHS is being unfair to nurses and patients and that is why I believe it is important for us to take a stand as nurses and support the strike."

AHS has responded indicating negotiations are ongoing.

"Alameda Hospital and CNA are continuing negotiations to secure a new collective-bargaining agreement for the Alameda Hospital registered nurses, who are critical to delivering quality care and are the primary caregivers for those needing our services," stated AHS on its website. "We are committed to reaching an agreement that recognizes and rewards their con-

tribution and enables us to sustain essential services to the community we serve."

The website also explains that the management has made overtures in an effort to come to an agreement.

"Alameda Hospital has presented a number of proposals since bargaining began at the end of 2018," AHS stated. "While we have reached agreement on a few items, a critical mass of these proposals is still awaiting formal action from the union."

CNA represents nearly 400 nurses at the hospitals.

This walkout was not associated with a separate, similar walkout of 6,500 nurses in four states including California. That strike brought attention to declining patient care under current conditions that place too many patients under one nurse's care.

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APD Warns of Home Invasions

Sun Staff Reports

APD reported four home break-ins last week with all burglars entering the residences through unlocked doors.

Denis Cruz, a 23-year-old homeless man, broke into a home on Crolls Garden Court on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Cruz, according to reports, took a shower in the home while the homeowner was sleeping. The homeowner's roommate noticed the shower was running for more than an hour. After becoming suspicious, he entered the bathroom to discover Cruz. The roommate called the police. Cruz was arrested and charged with felony residential burglary.

A day earlier a man broke into a home on Grove Street. The uniden-

tified man stole cash from the homeowner's wallet.

APD is also seeking a man who burglarized a residence on the West End Friday, Sept. 20. He is described as a white male 35 to 45 years old, 5' 10", 170 lbs, wearing a white hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans.

Finally, APD said a man walked into a home on Lafayette Street while the homeowner was inside Saturday, Sept. 21. After talking to the intruder for a while, the homeowner ran from the house and screamed for help. The suspect was an Asian male in his late 20s, about 5' 8", with a crescent-shaped tattoo under his right eye.

APD is asking residents to lock their doors even when home. Call APD with information on any of the suspects at 337-8340.



Alameda's young people made their presence known at the march protesting the lack of action to address climate change in San Francisco last Friday.

Students March, Hold Die-in for Climate

Sindhu Ananthavel

Last Friday, Sept. 20, people hit the streets of San Francisco in a mass protest against world leaders' inaction to address the current climate crisis — a single branch of a larger, global, climate strike. Several other strikes occurred in the Bay Area (including: Berkeley, Walnut Creek and Livermore) but the San Francisco strike was the largest by far, with thousands of people in attendance. The majority of the participants marching? Students.

Students from Alameda High School (AHS), Encinal High School, Alameda Science and Technology Institute, Alameda Community Learning Center and St. Joseph Notre Dame High School all showed up. The level of turnout varied from school to school, from as few as 10 students to as many as 70.

"I'm striking from school because there's no point in preparing for a future that won't exist," said AHS student Isabella McCracken, 17. "That's the danger of climate change."

AHS students were aware that not everyone would be able to participate in the strike, and organized an 11-minute moment of recognition in the morning that all students were excused to attend. Students spoke out on the importance of climate action, acknowledged activist groups fighting for change and recited poems on the matter. Once the 11 minutes were over, students set off for San Francisco.

In the spirit of eco-friendliness and sparing the air, a large group of AHS students went by bus and BART to reach the starting point

of the strike. The San Francisco Federal Building. Energy was high from the start, as the students joined the masses in chanting "Climate justice now!" and proudly raising handmade signs into the air. Stops were made at the BlackRock, PG&E and Amazon Go buildings to protest the damaging contributions to climate change corporations have put forth. The marching itself was diligent and unified without interruption.

The march took around three hours to complete, over a three-mile route that would take one hour to walk through at a normal pace. The marching ceased at Embarcadero Plaza, the official end point.

Alameda students regrouped and reflected on the events of the

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City Council May Reconsider Carnegie Project

Dennis Evanosky

Late Tuesday afternoon, the city revised the agenda for the Tuesday, Oct. 1, City Council meeting. The revision added a closed-session item that concerns the Carnegie Library at 2264 Santa Clara Ave. and the adjoining Foster House at 1429 Oak St.

According to the founder and team leader of Carnegie Innovation Hall, Michael Sturtz, the City Council has decided to renegotiate the lease agreement with his group. "This is creating unforeseen delays that could cause the project to be infeasible," Sturtz said.

Items on the closed agenda are open to public comment. Anyone who wishes to address the Council on closed-session items may do so with a three-minute limit per speaker per item.

The Oct. 1 closed session will begin at a special time: 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Ave. The Council will also entertain public comment on

any matter during oral communications at the meeting scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Job Fair Taking Place Today

Sun Staff Reports

The City of Alameda is co-sponsoring its sixth annual Autumn Job Fair for permanent and temporary positions in Alameda and other nearby locations. The Job Fair will be held today, Thursday, Sept. 26, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the South Shore Shopping Center, across from Trabocco restaurant.

Representatives from regional and local employers will be looking to hire new employees. Currently, 21 businesses have registered with more than 270 open positions.

The businesses will be recruiting for various positions, including sales associates, cashiers, baristas, security officers, cooks, front office assistant and warehouse associates. Job seekers should come prepared with resumes and dressed in interview-appropriate attire.

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