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Police chief surprises community by announcing retirement

By **Kate Bradshaw**
Almanac Staff Writer

In the middle of a Menlo Park City Council discussion about police reform policies, police Chief Dave Bertini abruptly announced that he would retire at the end of July, saying he'd lost the council's trust.

An announcement from City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson later that evening confirmed that Bertini would retire, but continue as police chief after his announced retirement date at the end of July to ensure a smooth transition.

Bertini could not be reached for comment. Jerome-Robinson said he would be making a statement in the coming days.

During the council's discussion Thursday evening, June 18, Bertini said, "I've heard a lot from the community and from elected officials and the only thing I can really say is, 'I hear you.'"

He said he felt that the only

way for the conversation to move forward was a "fresh start."

"I think that it's time for that fresh start, and with that, I'm ... sorry to say I'll be announcing my retirement."

He added that he was planning to stay until the end of July to allow for an interim police chief to be identified.

"It's obvious I've lost the trust of the City Council and hopefully that will give this organization a fresh start."

The announcement came as a surprise to Mayor Cecilia Taylor, who called a 15-minute break in the meeting, saying the announcement was the first she'd heard of it.

After the recess, Taylor said she'd spoken with Jerome-Robinson, and planned to continue the meeting without Bertini.

Councilman Ray Mueller announced that he had spoken with Bertini and that the chief had agreed to continue to

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Magali Gauthier

Chief Dave Bertini addresses the crowd of protesters at Burgess Park in Menlo Park on June 1.

Longtime Almanac lifestyle editor Jane Knoerle dies at 95

Writing about the community for 40 years was 'the best job in the world'

By **Andrea Gemmet**
Almanac Editor

Jane Hazelton Knoerle, who worked as a staff writer and lifestyle section editor for The Almanac for four decades, died June 19 in Southern California at the age of 95.

From her perfectly uncluttered desk to her no-nonsense telephone interview style and her occasional sarcastic outbursts, Jane was a much-loved member of the newsroom, serving as a role model and mentor for several generations of journalists.

Mort and Elaine Levine, who bought The Almanac from its founders Hedy Boissevain and Betty Fry in 1980 and served as editor and publisher into the 1990s, said they quickly realized

they'd acquired a talented and dedicated news staff. "Jane Knoerle was one of these treasures," said Mort Levine. "She brought the paper an added measure of sophistication in the areas of style, fashion, and especially foods and restaurants."

Jane hadn't always been a lifestyle and features writer. She got her start while still a student at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, working during summer breaks for newspapers in her native Muncie, Indiana, during World War II. "They needed girl reporters because all the guys were drafted," she said in a 2015 interview. "I got to do the police beat and all the heavy news."

When the war ended and

men returned to work, she was assigned the "society stuff."

She was born Sept. 7, 1924, in Muncie to John and Irene Hazelton. Her only sibling, John Hazelton Jr., was born in 1927. She graduated from Northwestern with honors in 1946, having transferred from Skidmore College, then married Harold M. Knoerle of Cleveland on May 1, 1948.

The couple and their four children moved to Menlo Park's Sharon Heights neighborhood in 1961. She sold her beloved house in 2015 and relocated to Carlsbad in San Diego County to be near one of her daughters. Despite moving away at the age of 91, Jane continued to write as a freelancer for The Almanac, to

"keep me in touch with people I treasure and the paper I've been proud to represent," she said at the time.

Jane had largely stepped away from the news business to focus on raising her children, until she approached Almanac editor Boissevain in 1975. "I always hoped somehow I would get back to journalism," Jane said in 2015. Realizing that women had been running The Almanac since its founding in 1965 encouraged her to bring in some of her story clippings. She was given her first assignment on the spot, Jane said.

Richard Hine, the managing editor from 1988 to 2018, called

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Michelle Le

Jane Knoerle interviewed Martha Stewart, had drinks with Shirley Temple and traveled the world with food writers in her four decades with The Almanac.

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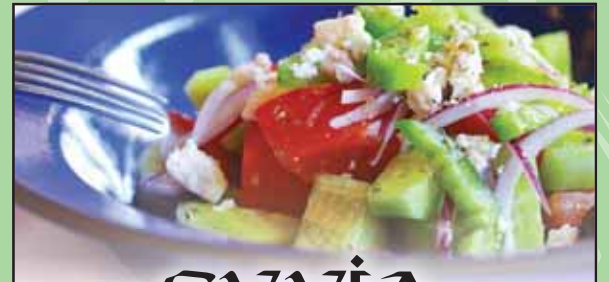


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Lloyd Lee

San Mateo County sheriff's deputies redirect protesters and drivers from West Bayshore Road to Donohoe Street outside of the Ikea during a protest in East Palo Alto on June 1.

County supervisors OK hundreds of new Tasers for Sheriff's Office, voice support for Black Lives Matter

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to both pass a resolution in support of the Black Lives Matter movement, and to approve a budget that sets aside nearly \$1 million to purchase 310 new Tasers for the county Sheriff's Office.

Before both decisions, the supervisors heard hours of public comments, during which numerous community leaders and supporters of the Black Lives Matter movement argued that to vote for both was to support conflicting goals.

The resolution states that "The Board of Supervisors acknowledges that over the course of the past few weeks,

we have been again reminded that police brutality and general disregard for Black people's lives is prevalent within the United States" and that "racial inequity remains prevalent in San Mateo County." The Board of Supervisors "declares its support of the Black Lives Matter movement and will work to continue to address the root

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Coronavirus central: State sees highest increase in cases since outbreak started

By Embarcadero Media staff

As the state ramps up testing and counties begin to reopen businesses, California is reporting an increase in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and intensive-care unit patients, according to Gov. Gavin Newsom.

In the past two weeks, 46,735 positive cases were confirmed, which account for 35.6% of all 178,054 cases in the state since the beginning of the pandemic, Newsom said at Monday's press conference.

The state confirmed 4,515

positive cases on Saturday and 4,230 cases on Sunday — the highest numbers reported since the beginning of the pandemic in March, according to data.

Newsom said the state was able to perform a record number of tests, around 92,000 on Sunday, approximately 85,000 on Saturday and more than 79,000 on June 19. He cautioned, however, that the increase in tests does not solely account for the higher numbers. The positivity rate — percentage of total tests that return positive — has increased from 4.5% to 4.8%

in the past week, he said. San Mateo County has reported a 5% positivity rate, and Santa Clara County has reported a 2.88% rate.

There also was an uptick of hospitalized and ICU patients during this time. Hospitalizations increased 16%, while the number of ICU patients increased 11%. Those numbers are "within a capacity that our system can handle," Newsom said.

These reported increases come

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Menlo Park's adopted budget cuts 'to the bone'

By Kate Bradshaw
Almanac Staff Writer

With a planned surplus of only \$1, the Menlo Park City Council voted Tuesday night, June 23, to finalize an unprecedentedly lean budget to start off the new fiscal year on July 1.

The budget, which the council deliberated over through the course of 10 meetings since April, will likely need more revisions in the months to come, said City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson.

With so much up in the air about what revenues the city may be taking in in the coming year, as well as what services the city will be permitted to provide and under what circumstances, there are still a lot of unknowns, she acknowledged. She said she anticipated regular check-ins with the council to make modifications to the budget as the 2020-21 fiscal year progresses.

In the budget adopted June 23, the city dipped into its reserves by \$390,000 and cut overall staffing by 15%, or the full-time equivalent of 43.5 workers. Overall, the budget cuts are resulting in a loss of 16 regular employees and more than 50 temporary staff members, according to Jerome-Robinson.

Across all city funds, the city plans to bring in \$137.92 million in revenue and spend \$126.12 million. The \$11.8 million surplus all resides in restricted funds that can't be spent for other purposes, said Assistant Administrative Services Director Dan Jacobson in a staff report. In its operating budget, staff projects that the city will bring in \$56.43 million in general fund and other revenue and will spend \$56.43 million.

The new budget cuts merged the Community Services and Library departments, which are now led by Sean Reinhart, who was promoted to lead Community Services in addition to being Library Services Director. Derek Schweigart, who until recently was Community Services director, was laid off immediately, according to city staff.

The budget also cuts \$2.46 million from the Police Department, resulting in the layoffs of six sworn police officers and

the elimination of the city's traffic unit, proactive gang and narcotics investigations and daytime parking enforcement. The number of full-time staff members in the department will fall from 76.5 to 61.5, according to the city's online budget.

In addition, the council voted to cancel an order for a mobile command center, set to cost about \$450,000, that it had approved back in November. It was partially grant-funded, but the city is expected to get about \$319,000 back for its general fund, according to Councilwoman Betsy Nash.

The council also opted to keep several programs that had been threatened in previous budget discussions. The city will treat the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center and Onetta Harris Community Center equally, with services being opened up on equal terms whenever the city can get the green light to do so safely. The city won't withdraw from the Peninsula Library System after all.

At a protest held in Belle Haven last week, however, it was clear that because of the overall staffing cuts, which hit temporary and part-time workers, the Menlo Park Senior Center and Onetta Harris facilities will be losing staff members. Both facilities remain closed for now for public health reasons. The new adopted budget cuts the city's Library and Community Services Department to 59 full-time employees, from 71.

The city will also keep and reopen its child care programs at the Menlo Children's Center at the Burgess Park campus and the Belle Haven Child Development Center as soon as possible, with a \$500 per month tuition increase at the Menlo Children's Center. The council voted unanimously Tuesday night to also send a letter to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors asking for support and consideration of an idea to use the city's child care centers as teaching centers for early childhood educators in the county.

In negotiations leading up to finalizing the budget, two of the city's labor bargaining units — the AFSCME and SEIU units representing municipal

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Anyone wishing to address the District Board concerning these matters may do so in writing at or before the date of the Public Hearing or may be heard at the time of the Board's meeting.

Dated: May 27, 2020

/s/ Phil Scott
Phil Scott
District Manager



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The City Council of the Town of Atherton, California, at its meeting of June 17, 2020, adopted Ordinance 645, an Ordinance of the City Council of the Town of Atherton, State of California, Adding a Health and Safety Ordinance Amendment to add Chapter 8.56 Regulating the Use of Single-Use Disposable Food Service Ware by Food Facilities to the Atherton Municipal Code.

The full text of the proposed Ordinance is available for review or purchase in the City Clerk's Office at 150 Watkins Avenue, Atherton, California 94027. For more information, you may contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 752-0529.

The Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days following adoption.

The Atherton City Council voted to adopt Ordinance 645 as follows:

AYES: Widmer, Wiest, Lempres, Lewis, DeGolia
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CRIME BRIEFS

Man dies in Woodside crash

A Freeway Service Patrol driver died Tuesday afternoon in a crash on southbound Interstate Highway 280 in Woodside, a spokesman for the California Highway Patrol said.

The San Mateo County Coroner's Office identified the driver on Wednesday as Mark Anthony Alarcon, a 61-year-old Dublin resident.

Someone called the CHP at 3:40 p.m. on June 23 to tell them about the crash between Farm Hill Boulevard and Edgewood Road, CHP spokesman Officer Art Montiel said.

A lumber truck was traveling south when it left the road and crashed into the FSP truck and the Alarcon. FSP drivers help motorists during commute hours by providing gas, for example, to motorists who run out. Services are paid for by the state of California.

The driver of the lumber truck stayed at the scene and cooperated with the crash investigation. Montiel said it does not appear that the driver of the lumber truck was impaired by a substance such as alcohol.

—Bay City News Service

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Clothing drive Sunday

Menlo Park's New Community Church is hosting a clothing drive on Sunday, June 28, from noon to 4 p.m. to collect specific clothing items, preferably new, on behalf of LifeMoves, a homelessness services provider based in Menlo Park that works in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

People can drop off donated items in a contact-free manner at the church, located at 1100 Middle Ave., either by staying in their vehicles at the drop-off location, or by requesting that items be picked up from their front porches via the church's website, anewcommunity.church.

Requested new items include bath towels, men's and women's underwear and walking shoes, socks, baby clothes, children's shirts and pants, and men's white crew neck T-shirts. More information can be found on the church's website.

New or gently used items being collected include pants for men and women, women's shirts and men's collared shirts.

The church, which started in August 2018, has raised more than \$220,000 for COVID-19 relief to support families, workers, restaurants, nonprofits, care facilities, hospitals and schools, according to a press statement.

COVID-19 scams warning

Scammers claiming to be contact tracers may seek to take advantage of pandemic-related fears to coax valuable private information out of people, according to a recent warning from San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe.

His office put forward an advisory telling people to be wary of anybody purporting to ask for sensitive private information. Real contact tracers, he reports, will never ask a person for his or her Social Security number, financial or health insurance information or ask to charge money or fees. They will only ask about one's medical symptoms and the people with which he or she has been in contact, and information provided to the public health department is considered confidential.

Another way to tell if the contact tracer is authentic: If someone's caller ID identifies the caller as "California COVID Team," then it is likely the San Mateo County Public Health Department trying to reach them, according to the statement from Wagstaffe.

People are encouraged to report COVID-19 related scams to the District Attorney's Office at (650) 363-4651, file a report using a form online at da.smcgov.org/consumer-and-environmental-protection or file one with their local police department.

Coronavirus-themed music video

A Portola Valley family went all-in on a project to make a music video called "Bye, Corona" — aptly set to the tune of "My Sharona" by The Knack.

Video creator Sangini Bedner of Portola Valley explained in a

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Woodside: Councilman Tom Livermore announces he won't seek reelection

Council approves budget, tackles COVID relief and granny unit ordinance updates

By Heather Zimmerman
Almanac Assistant Editor

At a busy but relatively brief meeting on Tuesday, June 23, the Woodside Town Council approved the 2020-21 town budget, laid the groundwork for further support of local businesses during the coronavirus crisis and took the first step in amending an ordinance that would make it easier to build granny units. Council member Tom Livermore (District 5), whose term ends this year, announced that he will not be seeking reelection in November. His seat is one of four that are up for election. The other council members up for reelection in 2020 are Daniel Yost (District 1), Chris Shaw (District 3) and Mayor Ned Fluet (District 7).

"It's a decision that I've thought about for quite some time. I think it's time. I've been involved with the town for a long time and I'd like to see someone new and capable take my place," Livermore said.

Livermore served as mayor in 2017 and was elected to the council in 2015. He previously served on the town's Architectural and Site Review Board.

The council meeting opened with a resident encouraging the council to take more concrete action for racial equality, such as making official comments or hosting a public forum or community meeting, as neighboring towns such as Portola Valley and Menlo Park have done.

Fluet said he has been urging concerned residents who have contacted him about racial equality to connect with a number of town committees, including the Volunteerism and Arts & Culture

committees, and the Circulation Committee, which works with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. He and other council members expressed openness to the idea of hosting a town hall.

The council voted unanimously to adopt the town's budget for 2020-21, which had been presented at the council's June 9 meeting. General fund revenues are expected to be about \$9.5 million, even taking into account expected drops in three key areas — permit fees, sales tax and property transfer tax — due largely to the coronavirus pandemic. According to Town Manager Kevin Bryant, the town is ending the current fiscal year with over \$7 million in the general fund, which represents more 77% of projected operating revenues and includes the town's decision to accelerate planned contributions of \$1.5 million to its pension obligation trust.

The council also unanimously voted to direct town staff to develop a \$70,000 program to provide grants of up to \$10,000 to local restaurants. The aim is to assist restaurants with providing outdoor seating and other accommodations that will allow them to operate more safely during the pandemic.

The program will use funds from the \$80,000 that the council had previously earmarked for a donation to the San Mateo County Strong Fund to provide COVID-19 relief to local businesses. That donation was approved with the stipulation that the money would go strictly to Woodside businesses, but since



Tom Livermore

only two local businesses were eligible according to the fund rules, \$70,000 of the funding remains available.

The council picked up where it left off in early March — before stay-at-home orders were issued — in introducing an amendment to the town ordinance governing granny units, or accessory dwelling units (ADUs), which will bring it into alignment with a state law that went into effect at the beginning of the year. The state regulations aim to streamline ADU requirements to help alleviate the statewide housing shortage and allow for broad exceptions to local development standards, including shorter timelines for approval and loosening of setback requirements.

Jackie Young, Woodside's planning director, said that Woodside's current ordinance allows a property owner to have one or two ADUs, depending on the property's size and zoning. According to a town staff report, the new state law mandates that "no local regulations preclude the development of at least one 800-square-foot ADU, a minimum of 4 feet from the side and rear property lines."

"However, all the non-zoning requirements of the town, including those related to fire safety and wastewater systems, etc. do remain in place," Young said at the meeting.

She noted that the delay in introducing the amendment, held over from March, was to ensure that residents had developed a level of comfort in attending town meetings via video conferencing. ■

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employees and service workers, respectively — agreed to defer their contractually promised cost of living adjustments and freeze the increase in the city's cost share rates for its pension contributions through the CalPERS system.

The city's police-related bargaining units, the Police Officers Association and the Police Sergeants Association, did not negotiate and kept their promised raises. Starting July 5, police recruits, officers and corporals will receive a raise of 3.5% and police sergeants a raise of 4.41%, according to a staff report.

One of the lengthy discussion points the council worked through Tuesday night was whether to set aside an additional \$1 million in reserve funding to help smooth over some of the deep cuts and acknowledge future needs, as proposed by Councilman Ray Mueller. "We've really cut to the bone on this budget," he said.

He said he envisioned those funds going toward things the city will need to tackle in the coming year: exploring whatever policy ideas come from expected discussions about race and social equity in the coming months, adopting to-be-determined changes to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic,

continuing the work of creating a new climate action plan and starting the work of updating the city's housing element, as it is required to do.

Councilwoman Catherine Carlton said she wanted to see that additional amount be smaller, because it felt "awkward" to set aside that amount now, after the council had been so unwilling to dip into its reserves throughout the budgeting process. A majority of council members voted the idea down, with Carlton, Nash and Mayor Cecilia Taylor opposed.

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Cañada College launches investigation into student's video mocking the death of George Floyd

By Tyler Callister
Almanac Staff Writer

Cañada College released a statement June 19 condemning a video filmed and posted online by one of its students that appears to mock the death of George Floyd, an unarmed Black man killed in May after a white Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck. "This week, a Cañada College student posted a video on

social media that depicts — in a callous, mocking way — the brutal murder of George Floyd," the college said in the statement. "The video was not filmed on the college's campus, but it has a painful impact on our college community. It is revolting and does not reflect the values of our students, staff or faculty."

Officials from the Redwood City community college said they intend to launch an

investigation as well as take disciplinary action, but did not provide further details. The statement cited the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which restricts public access to certain student information.

"The San Mateo County Community College District is committed to calling out acts of intolerance and injustice wherever we see them," the statement said. "We call on all

members of the community to do the same."

In a letter released Friday, Cañada Community College President Jamillah Moore strongly condemned the student video. "If you saw this video, I hope that you, like me, found it to be both disturbing and unacceptable. Bluntly — it is intolerable.

"The student who made and posted this deplorable act does not represent the values and

culture of Cañada College or the San Mateo County Community College District," Moore added. "We are committed to social justice and ensuring equity, diversity, opportunity and inclusion. As a college, we continue our conversations about the critical need for anti-racist practices, services, and teaching in our community." ■

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Atherton City Council greenlights new Menlo College student dormitory

By Tyler Callister
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The Atherton City Council unanimously approved the construction of a new three-story student dormitory building on the Menlo College campus at its June 17 meeting.

With the intention of increasing student housing on campus, Menlo College's new residence hall will be a T-shaped building with 147 units, and span 57,267 square feet. The

building will be located amidst other on-campus housing in the interior of the college campus at 1000 El Camino Real.

The proposal passed in a 4-0 vote, with Councilman Bill Widmer recused since he is a faculty member at the school.

Currently, there are approximately 875 students enrolled at the private college, and the new student dormitory will serve existing students, according to the city staff report. Nineteen of the proposed units in the building will be designated

low-income student housing, a designation that will last for 55 years after it's built.

Steven Weiner, Menlo College's president, said at the meeting that the new dorms will help meet the economic needs of students. "We have over 300 students living off campus, and I don't need to tell you what the cost of living is in Silicon Valley," he said. "By forcing over 300 students to find housing in Silicon Valley we are adding to the challenge they have of getting to

the commencement stage after four years."

"Our goal is to provide an opportunity for those students to come to campus, to enjoy the opportunities that a Menlo education offers, which for most of them means doors that will open here in Silicon Valley," he continued.

Weiner said that the cost to students to live in the dormitories will be below market value.

Town Planner Lisa Costa Sanders said that Menlo College sent a letter to 30 neighbors in the immediate area in October, informing them of the dormitory project. Two neighbors attended a meeting to discuss the project.

"We also conducted a traffic study, which was not required. And we found that there was no additional traffic associated with the on-site student housing," Sanders said.

Additionally, Sanders said that the study found that traffic would be reduced, not increased, because fewer students would be commuting to the campus.

Sanders said that some public comments to the council requested imposing an enrollment cap on Menlo College.

However, she said city staff determined it would be difficult to track and enforce.

Other public comments addressed concerns that the new dorm project would result in greater use of the college's sports facility, Cartan Field, which sits near some residences. But Sanders said that city staff do not expect increased usage of the field due to the fact that the new dormitory is meant to house Menlo College's current students.

The council's decision follows a 4-1 vote from the Planning Commission to approve the project at its meeting on May 27.

There are currently five residence halls on the college's campus, with rooms that accommodate one, two or three students each, according to Menlo College's website. The 93-year-old college offers bachelor's degrees in a wide range of business-focused majors. ■

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County funds evacuation planning and management online tool

Platform will let residents, first responders view evacuation zones, routes in real time

By Sue Dremann

San Mateo County residents will soon benefit from a new online management tool to help them evacuate in wildfires, tsunamis and other disasters.

The cloud-based, online management platform, which is being supplied by San Francisco-based Zonehaven, is designed to give first responders and the public immediate evacuation information. The new platform allows fire and law-enforcement agencies to create “intelligent” evacuation zones so each agency can make decisions regarding when to evacuate and which zones to evacuate while monitoring evacuation-route traffic in real time.

The online tool also allows the public to see if their zone is being evacuated and which routes they can safely use. The Zonehaven platform is scheduled to launch this summer.

Fire agencies fear that a large, wind-driven fire similar to ones in the northern part of the state could hit San Mateo County, Deputy Fire Chief Jonathan Cox of the California Department of

Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) San Mateo County, said in a video statement about the online platform. The Zonehaven tool is the first of its kind and the first of its kind to be deployed in the Bay Area, he added.

“During a wildfire we need to make quick decisions about evacuations. This new platform is a game-changer. It will empower us to get evacuation orders to the public quicker, and more importantly it will provide live evacuation information to the public we serve,” Cox said in a joint written statement with the county of San Mateo.

The platform creates a Google-type map on which it places colored zones that can expand and contract based on the disaster risk. In real-time mode, it runs rapid simulations providing one-, three- and five-hour recommended evacuation sequences.

It also has a sensor component for continuous fire detection and recommendations regarding fire spread based on wind direction and speed, moisture and other variables, according to the company website.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors approved the three-year contract for Zonehaven’s technology on May 19. Supervisors Don Horsley and David Canepa, local emergency response officials and the San Mateo County Office of Sustainability initiated the project. Horsley and Canepa committed \$294,000 in district-discretionary funds from Measure K, the voter-approved half-cent sales tax, according to the press release.

Horsley spearheaded developing a countywide solution after he recognized in 2019 that the county lacked standardized and comprehensive evacuation planning and management. Emergency response agencies throughout the county have since spent hundreds of hours developing strategic, standardized emergency evacuation zones.

“This new evacuation platform ensures all of our emergency responders throughout the county have the ability to quickly and efficiently call for evacuations. This is particularly crucial for our coasts residents, who have limited access points along



Magali Gauthier

Nicholas Gurr, a California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection firefighter one, aims fire at a pile of logs during a controlled burn at the entrance of Huddart Park in Woodside on Feb. 18.

Highway 1,” Horsley said in the statement.

Canepa noted that widespread wildfires, such as those in Northern California, have shown the need for such a plan.

“As we’ve seen in recent years, disasters know no jurisdictional boundaries, therefore planning and response is a team sport,” he added in part in the joint statement.

The San Mateo County Office of Sustainability will help with public outreach about Zonehaven and to raise awareness of fire and other climate risks in the county. A video about the Zonehaven evacuation platform is available on YouTube at tinyurl.com/zonehaven. ■

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RETIREMENT

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work with the city. He wanted to bring Bertini back into the discussion.

“The chief is ready to come back in and continue working with the city,” Mueller told the council. “I think it’s evident of how emotional this is. It’s real.”

At the suggestion of Councilwoman Betsy Nash, the council voted 4-0, with Catherine Carlton absent, to adjourn the public portion of the meeting and meet in closed session to discuss the matter further.

The meeting had begun with an hourlong telephone town hall meeting that invited community members to share their

input on changes when it comes to policing in the city, which included an accusation by a city commission member that Bertini had used a racial slur during a fall ethics training session (See story on page 12).

After that, the four City Council members talked for about an hour and a half about potential policy changes.

They talked about sentiments they’d heard, both privately and publicly, that some people, especially people of color, feel fear around the police.

Some people may not feel comfortable sharing their negative experiences with the police publicly, said Vice Mayor Drew Combs, who is Black.

“All of my interactions with police in Menlo Park have been positive, but I too am afraid of the police. ... I carry all those experiences and stories of specifically men in my family and some of my own experiences, not in this community but in others. These are real issues.”

The discussion yielded many suggestions for changes to the city’s police policies, including:

■ **Collecting data on the race of people who are stopped by the Menlo Park Police Department.** A petition by the Menlo Park nonprofit Menlo Together has collected more than 100 signatures calling for public data to be tracked and provided relating to police stops by race in the city.

■ **Reconsidering the city’s use of Facebook funds to indirectly pay for a police unit covering the city’s Bay side.** “There have been protests in this community about where the funding comes from,” said Combs, who works for Facebook.

■ **Considering canceling an order for a \$450,000 mobile command center.** The council subsequently voted to cancel the

purchase at its June 23 meeting.

■ **Evaluating how many officers the city needs and its beat system.**

■ **Considering sending non-police responders to deal with calls related to mental health, homelessness or domestic violence.**

■ **Reworking the police department’s more than 700-page police manual to be more accessible to the public.**

■ **Figuring out how to retain four police recruits of color.**





Because of budget cuts related to the pandemic, police union rules as well as added police costs, it’s expected that a number of new recruits to the Menlo Park Police Department, who are diverse, will be the first to be laid off.

In recent budget discussions, some City Council members have noted that the city’s Police Officers Association has declined to renegotiate its contracts or consider deferring 3.5% pay rate increases. Nash asked if the layoffs could be made with a priority to retain diversity on staff, and Jerome-Robinson said she would check with the city’s labor counsel. ■

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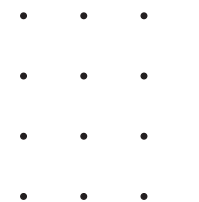
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Police chief was accused of using ‘racial slur’ in ethics training

By **Kate Bradshaw**
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During a telephone town hall meeting June 18 to discuss policing in Menlo Park, Housing Commissioner Karen Grove said publicly that she’d heard Menlo Park police Chief Dave Bertini use a racial slur during an ethics training she had attended.

She described the full incident

to The Almanac.

During an ethics training Bertini led for Menlo Park commissioners last fall, she said Bertini referred to Raymond “Shrimp Boy” Chow, a felon with ties to a San Francisco Chinatown street gang and organized crime syndicate, as “having a name that sounds like something on a Chinese menu.”

Grove said she brought up concerns about the remark during

the training, and Bertini had told to her that his comments were not racially based but related to the man’s nickname “Shrimp Boy.”

She later discussed it with City Manager Starla Jerome-Robinson, and then requested a meeting with Bertini to discuss it. During the meeting with Bertini, she said Bertini insisted that the remark was not a racial slur.

In a Sept. 3, 2019, email to

Bertini after their meeting that Grove shared with The Almanac, she said she disagreed and said she still believed the remark to be racially disparaging.

She said that she was not the only commissioner to have felt uncomfortable with Bertini’s language and asked Bertini to remove that piece from his training. In addition, she sent an email to Jerome-Robinson and then-Mayor Ray Mueller reporting the

outcome of the meeting, saying, “We were unable to reach a place of common understanding.”

She also urged Bertini, Mueller and Jerome-Robinson to consider attending a conference by the “Government Alliance on Racial Equity” later that month.

Later that day, she thanked Jerome-Robinson and Mueller for following up on the matter.

Bertini could not be reached for comment. ■

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causes of racial inequity in our community.”

Policy priorities of the Black Lives Matter movement, according to the movement’s website, are to reduce funding for law enforcement, reinvest those funds into Black communities and curb the use of violence by law enforcement officials against Black people.

Ever Rodriguez, chairman of the North Fair Oaks Community Council, said that the community expects the supervisors’ resolution to be supported by actions, including limiting the purchase of weapons like Tasers. “Police brutality doesn’t have a

place in our society,” he said.

San Mateo County, community members pointed out in public comments, has a troubled history with the “nonlethal” electrical weapons — in 2018, three people died after Tasers were used on them within county limits: Chinedu Okobi in Millbrae, Ramzi Saad in Redwood City and Warren Ragudo in Daly City.

County Sheriff Carlos Bolanos responded to the public concerns by arguing that systemic racism exists in all of the community’s institutions, not just law enforcement, and said calls to defund the police were “a knee-jerk reaction.”

The Sheriff’s Office has adopted six of the “8 Can’t Wait” policing policies that have gained momentum in the aftermath of George

Floyd’s killing by a Minneapolis police officer last month. The office also provides implicit bias training, and has recently developed a new use of force policy, he said. Tasers, he argued, are one of a number of tools that officers use instead of deadly force.

The supervisors did not discuss Taser funding publicly before approving the county’s preliminary \$3.2 billion budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The board previously voted to approve the measure to spend \$922,000 to buy 310 new Tasers at its May 5 meeting.

Adopting the Black Lives Matter resolution symbolized the supervisors’ commitment to antiracist policies, board president Warren Slocum said.

“It’s not possible to have equity for all until Black lives matter,” he said.

He presented an idea to start a new Office of Equity and Social Justice within the county, and asked the County Manager’s Office to develop a plan to fund and staff it. That plan is intended to be discussed when the budget is up for scheduled revisions in September.

The county’s two-year budget doesn’t take into account many of the changes that have happened since the COVID-19 pandemic began, according to a statement from the county.

The county has already spent about \$169 million on its response to the pandemic, according to County Manager Mike Callagy.

That includes about \$2 million per month being spent on putting up unhoused individuals in hotels, \$10 million for testing and \$58 million on its emergency operations center.

Some of those expenses are expected to be reimbursed by state and federal agencies. The county is also grappling with a shortfall of about \$109 million in reduced revenue due to the pandemic’s economic impacts, including reductions in property taxes and sales taxes.

The board will hold a series of discussions to talk about how to balance the budget moving forward. ■

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Portola Valley holds Father's Day Black Lives Matter protest

By Manikya Veena
Special to The Almanac

In what seems to be a moment of reckoning in our country, people from Woodside and Portola Valley gathered at 11 a.m. on Father's Day June 21, at the intersection of Portola and Alpine roads in Portola Valley, to protest. The protest was organized by JoAnn Loulan from Portola Valley.

Protesters held placards with phrases including "BLM. Black Lives Matter," "I don't understand, but I stand," "I am sorry — I am listening — I am committing," to name a few.

Some of them stood with their signs under the shade provided by the grand old trees on this

hot day, as if even nature was willing to provide relief for those who endure. Others walked with signs from one corner to another, chanting "Black lives matter," and "What do we want? Justice! When do we want it? Now!"

The protesters included families who came with their children, perhaps with a desire to inculcate a certain moral standard for what is acceptable and what is not in our society, or perhaps to teach basic civic duty — participation to fight for a higher cause.

Most of the commuters passing by honked and cheered on. Some of them even displayed placards from their cars, supporting the cause. Except for one man who gave the

protesters his middle finger from the driver's seat of his car and another couple that was visibly upset, it was a peaceful protest. Even the sheriffs who drove by in their SUVs seemed to take in the situation with a quiet reverence.

Toward the end, many participants knelt for nine minutes to pay respects to George Floyd, and then formed a walking square, interrupting traffic, albeit for a few minutes. They promised to meet up again for the next protest to keep the movement strong.

I found it heartening to see these predominantly white and small communities coming together as one force for equality and justice. While we may



Vikram Valluri

Protesters gathered in Portola Valley to support the Black Lives Matter movement on Father's Day.

not be able to fathom the injustice and inequality endured by the Black community over the past 400-plus years, one can at least hope that willing participation in every small

community around the country to protest the inhumanity of this injustice is a small step toward the hope that there will be a change on a fundamental level. ■

High schools athletes start conditioning, with restrictions

By Tyler Callister
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As Menlo-Atherton and Woodside high schools consider whether to reopen this fall amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, many student athletes have begun their summer conditioning exercises.

Both schools are following strict Sequoia Union High School District safety guidelines to prevent the spread of the virus as student athletes begin their

physical training. The district's guidelines gave the green light for sports conditioning as of June 16, but include significant rules such as a minimum of 6 feet distance between athletes, workouts broken into groups of 12, and no balls or equipment allowed during the sessions.

Additionally, athletes must complete health screenings and temperature checks prior to the workout and bring their own water bottles, and hand sanitizing stations must be available on site. Students and

coaches should wear face coverings, the guidelines say, unless masks impede breathing while exercising.

Woodside High School currently has athletes attending workouts in football, basketball, water polo and cheerleading, according to Athletic Director Tim Faulkner.

At Menlo-Atherton High School, only football and water polo have begun conditioning, while cross country and golf athletes are encouraged to work out on their own, according to

Athletic Director Steven Kryger. Football coaches are breaking the school's football field into four quadrants of 12 athletes each, and workouts have no equipment or physical contact, Kryger said. Meanwhile, water polo sessions have athletes doing swimming exercises with 6 feet of distance between each other.

Faulkner and Kryger each said that they could not confirm whether formal practices or games would begin for their schools this fall. Kryger said that the decision will depend on how

the pandemic goes in the coming months. "The science and numbers are going to dictate what we do," he said.

Despite uncertainty about the prospect of playing real games in the fall, Kryger said that student athletes participating in Menlo-Atherton's sports conditioning workouts have been in high spirits. "They're excited," he said. "It's a big part of who they are. Physically, emotionally, and socially — it's healthy." ■

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as counties statewide slowly begin to reopen businesses and public spaces.

Santa Clara County reopened in-store retail services and houses of worship, but with restrictions, on June 5. On Monday, San Francisco Mayor London Breed announced that the city and San Francisco County are set to reopen hair and nail salons, museums, tattoo parlors and outdoor bars by June 29, which will be among the biggest rollbacks of restrictions for Bay Area counties to date.

To mitigate the further spread of the coronavirus during more reopenings, the state mandated on June 18 that residents wear face masks for all outdoor travel and in all indoor spaces, besides their homes.

"We're still in the first wave of the pandemic," Newsom said.

The governor also announced that the state Legislature has come to an agreement on the 2020-21 state budget.

"We have agreed on a budget that is balanced, responsible and protects core services — education, health care, social safety net and emergency preparedness and response," Newsom said in a press release. "This budget also invests in California small businesses harmed by the pandemic."

Newsom did not divulge any specific details of the budget during the press conference, but said more information will be announced in the coming days and week.

Latest COVID-19 statistics

San Mateo County on Tuesday reported 45 new cases of COVID-19, raising its total to 2,961, and no new deaths, keeping the death toll at 104. Twenty-three people are hospitalized as of Monday.

The county also saw its test positivity rate go down over the past week. The rate was cut by 0.3% since June 14 and currently stands at 5%. A total of 58,104 tests were performed in the county as of Sunday, June

20, 55,174 of which returned negative and 39 of which are pending results.

Santa Clara County reported 125 new cases of the coronavirus on Wednesday, bringing its total to 3,832. There was no change to the county's death toll, which has stayed at 154 since Monday. Sixty-four people are hospitalized.

State requires face coverings in public spaces

The California Department of Public Health issued new public health guidelines last week, requiring Californians to wear face coverings when in public spaces that have a high risk of spreading the coronavirus.

People are required to wear masks when inside an indoor public space, receiving health care services, waiting for or riding on public transit or in a taxi or ride-booking service vehicle, and working at a facility where other people are present.

Masks and face coverings will also be required for people

working anywhere food is prepared or packaged, people driving public transit vehicles and people who are outside in a public space when maintaining at least 6 feet of physical distance is not possible.

"Simply put, we are seeing too many people with faces uncovered — putting at risk the real progress we have made in fighting the disease," Newsom said. "California's strategy to restart the economy and get people back to work will only be successful if people act safely and follow health recommendations."

The state carved out exemptions for several groups of people, including children ages 2 and under, people who are hearing impaired, people at a restaurant or other location offering food and beverage service and people recreating outdoors.

Various counties, including those in the Bay Area, have already implemented a requirement to wear a face covering in public in recent months due to the pandemic. However,

statewide guidance had only suggested the use of a mask rather than mandating it.

"Combined with physical distancing and frequent hand washing, wearing cloth face coverings when we are with others outside of our household will reduce the spread of COVID-19, which is still a very real threat across our state," California State Public Health Officer and CDPH Director Dr. Sonia Angell said.

The full public health guidance can be found at cdph.ca.gov.

Comprehensive COVID-19 coverage

View interactive charts tracking the spread of the coronavirus in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties online at paloaltoonline.atavist.com/tracking-the-coronavirus. Find a comprehensive collection of coverage on the Midpeninsula's response to the new coronavirus by The Almanac and its sister publications, Palo Alto Online, and the Mountain View Voice, at tinyurl.com/c19-Almanac. ■



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Supreme Court blocks Trump administration's termination of DACA

By Bay City News Service

The U.S. Supreme Court last Thursday by a 5-4 vote blocked President Donald Trump's administration from ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, also known as DACA, protecting undocumented young immigrants from deportation.

In a ruling written by Chief Justice John Roberts, the court said the administration violated a federal administrative law by failing to give a "reasoned explanation" when it announced a decision to wind down the program in 2017.

Roberts said in the majority ruling that the court wasn't deciding whether terminating DACA was a sound policy. Rather, "We address only whether the agency complied with the procedural requirement that it provide a reasoned explanation for its action," the chief justice wrote.

Santa Clara County officials said during a press conference on Thursday morning, June 18, that the decision is a significant victory. In 2017, the county sued to challenge the Trump administration's repeal of DACA, a decision that the Board of Supervisors supported unanimously.

Nearly 14,000 people were immediately eligible for DACA in 2016 in Santa Clara County and an estimated 50,000 are in the age category that would make them eligible if other criteria are met — being under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012, and if they came to the United States before reaching their 16th birthday, according to the Migration Policy Institute.

"Today's Supreme Court decision is a victory for all Americans and a repudiation of the Trump administration's heartless, anti-immigrant policies," county Counsel James R. Williams said in a statement. "We challenged the DACA repeal to



Michelle Le

A crowd gathers at Mountain View's Civic Center Plaza for a candlelight vigil to support the DACA program in downtown Mountain View on Sept. 5, 2017. Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court blocked the Trump administration's effort to end the program, which offers protections to immigrants brought into the country illegally as children.

vindicate the rights of hardworking young immigrants to pursue their dreams and contribute to the only country they have ever called home — including, now, in critical roles as frontline workers in the fight against COVID-19. Under today's decision, these hardworking young immigrants, including thousands of Santa Clara County residents, can continue to live, study, and work without fear."

County officials noted that DACA recipients have been particularly vital during the COVID-19 pandemic. Nationwide, an estimated 200,000 DACA recipients are working in essential roles during the coronavirus crisis. An estimated 30,000 are health care workers who are working on the front lines during the pandemic, Supervisor

Susan Ellenberg noted during the press conference.

Cindy Chavez, president of the county's Board of Supervisors, said during the press conference that there is much more work to be done.

"It's sometimes unbelievable what our country is doing to children in our society. And it includes the Trump administration willingly separating children from their parents and targeting young people and making them political pawns," she said.

"What is so powerful to me about each of these DACA recipients is they came out of the shadows when it was a scary time to do it and they not only stood up for their right to petition the government but they stood up for their families, they

stood up for other young people and they stood up for our nation. They inspired us."

Supervisor Dave Cortese said he has a DACA recipient in his office who prepared and analyzed the Supreme Court ruling for him.

"It's easy to forget sometimes that our nation has a dark history, having become a land of prosperity sometimes at the cost of diminishing others. What DACA has symbolically done is stand on the right side of history by uplifting those who would otherwise be oppressed," he said.

David Campos, deputy county executive who oversees the Division of Equity and Social Justice, said during the press conference that the Supreme Court's decision was personally emotional. He arrived in the United States as

a child and was undocumented.

"I know what it's like to live in the shadows," he said.

Although the Supreme Court found the Trump administration's reasons for rescinding DACA are "arbitrary and capricious," the movement to secure the program's future can't rely on protections of "temporary relief from a slim majority at court," county Chief Operating Officer Miguel Marquez said.

Santa Clara County currently has 15 DACA recipients working in a variety of positions, including as social workers and as legal analysts. Five DACA recipients spoke during the press conference.

Eva Martinez, a San Jose State University graduate student who is studying to be a social worker, said that she and her mother were filled with anxiety and worry and "a little bit of fear" as they awaited the Supreme Court decision.

"There's still a lot of work to be done for the immigrant community, for the Hispanic community. There's still a lot of hope and a lot more ground to cover. ... We want to provide good for the community that watched us grow up," she said.

In a statement issued June 18, Rep. Anna Eshoo called the decision "a source of hope for the approximately 650,000 Dreamers and all Americans who still believe in the promise of the American dream."

"This is the only home the Dreamers have ever known and loved and they should be able to live up to their full potential, contribute to our country, and, in the words of *The New Colossus* etched into the Statue of Liberty, 'to breathe free,'" said the congresswoman who represents the Midpeninsula.

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message included with the YouTube video that she was struck by the idea to make a music video with coronavirus-specific lyrics, and to use the shelter-in-place orders as a time to be creative and take on what she called a "silly family project."

She took on the task of learning the video program iMovie and nine weeks later, posted the video in mid-May.

The video starts with a statement: "To Coronavirus," she writes. "You have infected and hurt too many. You have canceled milestones too many. But

in case you think you've won, not so fast."

It then opens to a family of four, dressed in black, dancing in unison in their kitchen to the voiced-over lines of the song: "Ooh potential deadly one, d-deadly one, you think you're going to take us on corona, but we're going to beat you, hon, b-beat you hon, then you're going to poof and disappear, corona."

The video is interspersed with news clips, photos and a frantic interlude of spritzing hand sanitizer. Other props include face masks and toilet paper.

Bedner, who is a professional actress, dancer and

choreographer said in an email that the Portola Valley town historian also planned to put the video into its archives as a reflection of the town's spirit.

Watch the video at tinyurl.com/coronavirusPV.

Menlo Park's Thursday reopenings

The city of Menlo Park was set to reopen a number of public facilities starting Thursday, June 25, after *The Almanac* went to press.

Tennis courts, the city's skate park, and parking areas at Bedwell Bayfront Park that have been restricted to public

use were set to reopen. In addition, June 25 was the city's target start date for its trial closure of three blocks of Santa Cruz Avenue in downtown Menlo Park to allow businesses to expand onto the street to offer socially distanced outdoor seating opportunities.

—Kate Bradshaw

Transit survey

Caltrain and SamTrans launched customer surveys Monday to try to find out rider preferences and priorities amid the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

People who fill out the surveys at caltrain.com/covid19survey

and samtrans.com/covid19survey will be eligible for a drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card, with five gift card giveaways from each agency.

The results from the surveys will help inform plans for the rail and bus agencies as local and state restrictions ease after being implemented earlier this year to limit the spread of the virus.

The San Mateo County Transit District is the administrative body overseeing SamTrans bus service, Caltrain rail service and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority.

—Bay City News Service

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Jane “a pillar of The Almanac.” She wrote thousands of stories about interesting people, new businesses, obituaries, food and local events, focusing on the home and community lives of residents, he said.

“Her writing style was personal and engaging, with a relaxed economy that said much in a few words,” he said.

Jane was well-known for her knack at headline writing, which can be one of the more frustrating newsroom tasks. Former staff writer Rebecca Wallace said that while everyone else struggled, Jane would come up with the perfect pithy headline, often without looking up from her desk. For a story about teens competing in the sport of vaulting, “Jane glanced at the cover photo of a towering pyramid of girls on one horse’s back, said, ‘Over the top,’ and went back to her work,” Wallace recalled.

Jane was the epitome of grace in an office setting, according to former staff writer Dave Boyce, who said she was measured in her critiques as well as in her appreciation of absurdity and her dispensing of advice. Her clunky office computer was the brunt of many jokes, but for someone in her 80s, Jane weathered the transition to “high technology” with humility and a willingness to learn. “I’m glad to have known her and shared the same newsroom for a good long time,” he said.

Jane also had great comic timing. Facing a trying task at deadline, she’d cry out in



Courtesy Jane Knoerle

Jane Knoerle started working as a journalist as college student during World War II, and spent over 40 years writing for The Almanac.

mock torment, “How long, o Lord, how long?” causing everyone to laugh. While she was invariably considered the best-dressed and most refined person on staff, she was known for using what many thought of as “Muncie-isms,” referring to fancy events as “hoo-hahs” or sniffing, “Well, whoop-de-doo” after hearing a story pitch from someone taking themselves, or an upcoming social event, just a little too seriously.

In her 40 years at The Almanac, Jane formed strong

friendships with a number of colleagues, especially reporters Marjorie Mader and Marion Softky, receptionist Jeanne Hueffed and photographer Carol Ivie. Ivie was a frequent travel companion, and was once heard to marvel that Jane managed to avoid carrying her own luggage for an entire trip by charming people into doing it for her.

Carol Blitzer, who started at The Almanac around the same time as Jane, said she was smart, but Jane’s real claim

to fame was her ability to get people to talk, eliciting interesting stories from sometimes reluctant sources through her empathy.

“Jane was an early role model: I was convinced she aimed to die at her desk, and I would follow a few years later,” Blitzer said. “I was especially impressed when she came back to work after being hit by a silent Prius and breaking her hip! Nothing could keep her down for long.”

Among Jane’s favorite assignments were covering local designers participating in the annual Decorators Showcase in San Francisco, and travel junkets with the American Association of Food Journalists, which allowed her to indulge in her two passions: European travel and dining out, eating everything from Tijuana street tacos to pheasant under glass, said her son John Knoerle. Other career highlights included interviewing Martha Stewart, having a drink with Shirley Temple and being quoted in the New York Times.

“Friends told me, ‘You’ve got the best job in the world.’ I agree,” Jane wrote in a story recalling her 40 years at The Almanac.

After Jane moved to the Carlsbad Retirement Community, she enjoyed weekly lunches with daughter Nancy Peterson at the sunny beach town’s many restaurants, though she disapproved of the “slovenly” dress standards in Carlsbad, her son said. She attended her grandson Matt Peterson’s wedding in February, the last big event for a woman who loved events,

Nancy Peterson said. Jane’s health declined soon after and coincided with the COVID-19 lockdown, preventing in-person visits from friends or family with the exception of a last visit from Nancy a few days before her death.

Hine recalled that in his last conversation with Jane, he passed along a message from the current editor of The Almanac, who worked with Jane for 14 years and was one of the many young reporters who considered her an inspiration and a role model: “Tell her that I want to be just like her when I grow up.”

Jane is survived by her children, John Knoerle, Nancy Peterson and Diane Brown; and two grandchildren, Matt Peterson and Nicholas Brown. She was preceded in death by her son Harold Knoerle the 3rd in 2016.

A memorial service is planned in her native Muncie in the fall. ■

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OBITUARIES

Samuel Joseph Traina Jr., 90, a Palo Alto native and longtime resident of Menlo Park, died on June 5. **Robert Stevens Elliott**, 91, a Menlo Park resident of five decades, died on June 20.

To read full obituaries, leave remembrances and post photos, go to Lasting Memories at almanacnews.com/obituaries.

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was struck down as illegal, but today’s ruling does not prevent the Administration from trying again. Only Congress can provide permanent protections and a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers. The House has done its part by passing the Dream Act, which I proudly voted for and have supported since it was originally introduced. The Senate must do the same and make these critical protections the law of the land.”

The court sent the case to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to reconsider the dispute. It said the agency does have the authority to terminate the program if it gives an adequate explanation.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra represented the state of California in one of the lawsuits challenging the termination of the program which was established by the

administration of President Barack Obama in 2012.

University of California President Janet Napolitano, who filed another of the lawsuits, called the ruling “a victory for hundreds of thousands of young people who are making vital contributions to

their families, schools, employers, and the nation.”

The high court ruled on preliminary injunctions issued by federal judges in San Francisco, New York and Washington, D.C., in a total of about nine lawsuits.

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BY ELENA KADVANY

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Samuel Joseph Traina Jr.

August 27, 1929 – June 5, 2020

On Friday, June 5th, 2020, Samuel Joseph Traina, Jr., loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully at the age of 90.

Sam (known to friends as Buddy) was born on August 27, 1929 in Palo Alto, California. He attended San Jose State University, where he was a star running back on the football team. On November 11, 1950, he married high school sweetheart Betty Jo Miller. They raised their daughter Paulette in Menlo Park, where they lived for 65 years before moving to El Dorado County in 2018.

Buddy was a passionate outdoorsman, hunter and taxidermist. He went on his last duck hunting trip just a few months before his death. His boundless energy and outgoing nature ensured a steady stream of life-long friends.

Buddy was preceded in death by his father Samuel Sr., and his mother Alice. He is survived by his wife Betty, his daughter Paulette, and his grandchildren Nicolette and Sam.

A memorial service was held on June 13th at Green Valley Mortuary in Rescue, and the burial was held on June 16th at Alta Mesa Cemetery in Palo Alto.

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Tara de la Garza

Monument to Plastocene IV is currently installed in the Art Kiosk in downtown Redwood City.

Menlo Park's Tara de la Garza makes public art for the 'Plastocene' era

Art Kiosk's latest installation considers the devastating impact of consumer plastic waste

By **Karla Kane**
Arts & Entertainment Editor

When Tara de la Garza was flipping through a book about the northern islands of Hawaii, she came across a horrifying image: a decomposing albatross, its stomach completely full of plastic.

"It really set something off in me," the Menlo Park artist said. "Even in the farthest corners of the Earth, our human impact has been so detrimental, especially the impact of plastics and the lie we've been told that plastics are being recycled."

While she's long been interested in waste management, conservation and using recycled and scavenged materials in her artistic practice, de la Garza found a particular passion for raising community awareness of plastic consumption through her Plastocene series (the title is wordplay on how she imagines future archaeologists might view our current plastic-plagued epoch).

The latest in the series, *Monument to Plastocene IV*, is installed in downtown Redwood City's

Art Kiosk through July 5.

It's part sculpture, part archaeology and part ecology lesson. The current installation boasts lamps, light tubes, cylindrical stools and pillars made out of consumer plastic waste. It's best seen at night, when the illuminated work is especially striking.

"Her minimalist forms contain a maximalist aesthetic of excess," as the press release for the exhibition states.

For the Plastocene project, de la Garza solicited donations of plastic packaging and waste via word of mouth and by posts on Nextdoor.

"I had a box in front of my house and asked people to put their single-use plastic in. Trader Joe's is my favorite. I don't shop there because of the plastic waste, but their packaging is beautiful," she said. "I encourage neighbors and friends to use less by them giving it to me and realizing the amount they're consuming. It's a very grassroots intervention."

De la Garza, who grew up in Australia and lived in New York before moving to the Peninsula, is also a member of Palo Alto's

city-sponsored Cubberley Artist Studio Program, with studio space in Cubberley Community Center.

"There's no way I'd be making any of the sculptures I'm making without Cubberley. It's so great to have a space where I can really get messy and big and make some more substantial three-dimensional work," she said, adding that she and her husband have spent the spring mostly at home, along with their 9-year-old daughter, so being able to finish and install *Monument to Plastocene IV* has provided her with a welcome bit of creative time.

She's an active member of the Redwood City arts community, where she hopes to help bring a "world-class art center" someday. She spoke enthusiastically about finding her place in the local scene thanks to both the Cubberley program and Redwood City's recent arts awakening.

"It's really positioned itself as this kind of creative hub and I think that it's so fantastic," she said. "It took me a while to find an art community, to see how I

could fit in and make it a more vibrant place. I really feel like that is part of my mandate, to make art accessible."

The Art Kiosk installation, which is curated by Fung Collaboratives and supported by the city and the Redwood City Improvement Association, was delayed due to the COVID-19 outbreak that has shuttered or moved online most cultural events for the past months.

But because of its outdoor, glass-enclosed setting, the space seems to be a fairly safe way to view art while strolling in the increasingly busy downtown area. Visitors are asked to maintain social distance, wear masks and avoid touching the glass while viewing the piece.

De la Garza was also hesitant to install her work in the midst of social unrest over racial injustice, not wanting to appear tone deaf with an exhibition that doesn't address that issue.

"A couple of weeks ago I was there at the protest and the space was empty. It felt strange to me to be showing my work there at this time," she said. "I kept postponing it because my message is about environmental justice but it doesn't really speak to the moment. I wanted to be sensitive to that, so it was kind of with a heavy heart that I installed the show."

She also wanted to keep the focus of this work on environmental issues rather than try to shoe-horn in a tie to recent protests over police brutality.

"I wanted to be careful that I wasn't pivoting as a way of exploiting that, in a way. I didn't want to just get on the bandwagon for the sake of it," she explained. "Since George Floyd's death and the whole (Black Lives Matter) movement really getting strong,

I've spent a lot of time doing some personal soul-searching and reading books, educating myself as best I can on my white privilege."

She's admired the nearby pop-up murals adorning the boarded-up business of downtown speaking out for racial justice alongside her environmental message.

"I'm really glad that Redwood City is talking about what's going on right now," she said. "It's a nice juxtaposition that they're both talking about important issues. Both are relevant in the long term as well as the short term."

In addition to participating in the upcoming Silicon Valley Sculpture Fair, to take place on the Menlo College campus, de la Garza said she's interested in taking on the issue of the discriminatory practice of redlining in a new, yet-to-be determined project.

"We almost didn't move into this house, because when we originally got the document that outlines the history of the property, there was a line that said 'You can only sell your house to a Caucasian,'" she recalled. "It was very confronting to me and my husband, who is Hispanic. It was very painful."

"My next project I'm going to work on trying to get my community involved to get all of that racist rhetoric removed from all of our deeds, essentially," she said. "I haven't worked out how that's going to manifest as an artwork but it's something that's really important to me."

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Diners eat lunch outside Bistro Vida in downtown Menlo Park on June 9. San Mateo County is now allowing indoor dining, but with restrictions to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Indoor dining has returned to San Mateo County, but restaurant owners are split on reopening

By Elena Kadvany

Within hours of last week's announcement that indoor dining could resume in San Mateo County, Bistro Vida was serving diners inside the Menlo Park French restaurant for the first time in three months.

Owner Ali Elsafy said about 20 people dined inside on June 17, some of whom explicitly asked to eat indoors. He said it was awkward at first, as waiters and customers navigated social distancing requirements, but he was eager to reopen the Parisian bistro-style dining room. For him, takeout and eating outside just isn't the same experience.

"The whole ambiance of the

restaurant is inside," Elsafy said. "Our bread and butter is the inside."

San Mateo County issued a new health order June 17 that gave the green light for many businesses to reopen under certain restrictions, including dine-in restaurants, hair salons and gyms. The announcement came less than two weeks after the county allowed outdoor dining to resume.

"We are moving away from opening businesses according to certain categories and instead focusing on behaviors and practices," San Mateo County Health Officer Scott Morrow said in a press release. "As we ease restrictions, the power to control the spread of the virus lies with individuals and communities. Collective behavior will determine our destiny. If enough people, businesses, or organizations in the community do not follow the protective recommendations, the virus may spread with abandon."

The ease in dining restrictions was met with a mix of excitement and apprehension

by San Mateo County restaurant owners. Some were eager to reopen after months of temporary closures, including the Dutch Goose in Menlo Park, which announced excitedly on social media that it was "throwing open our doors" for indoor dining June 18.

Manuel Martinez, chef-owner of La Viga and LV Mar in Redwood City, said he plans to gradually reopen both restaurants' dining rooms, starting first with tables by windows.

"This is what we've been waiting for (for a) long time!" he wrote in an email.

Other owners, however, said they are in no rush to start serving customers indoors.

Many are still getting their arms around outdoor dining.

"Absolutely not," said Jesse Cool, owner of the Flea St. Cafe in Menlo Park, when asked if she's ready to open the long-time restaurant's dining room. "We don't quite trust that this is over."

Flea St. is taking a hyper-conservative approach to outdoor dining. There are no plates, silverware, paper menus or traditional wait service. Instead, when diners sit down outside they get a bag with placemats, napkins, glass mason jars for water and compostable plates. Servers bring out the food (which has already been paid for online)



Courtesy Jesse Cool

At Flea St. Cafe, waiters deliver food to a table-side tray in order to stay distanced from diners.

and put it on stands next to tables. Customers then put it on their tables themselves. The water jars are sanitized outside before going into the kitchen to be washed.

When customers go inside to use the restroom, they must wear a mask and a staff member will also check their temperature. Cool said her primary concern is keeping her staff safe and healthy.

Flea St., which before the pandemic had never offered takeout in its 40-year history, now relies on a thriving to-go business. Cool urged diners to continue to order takeout

Bacchus Management Group is “slowly and carefully opening” its San Mateo County restaurants for indoor dining over the next two weeks: The Village Pub and The Village Bakery in Woodside on June 26 and Selby’s in Redwood City on July 7. They will have QR code menus as well as disposable menus or ones that are laminated and sanitized between every use. Employees will wear masks at all times, among other health precautions.

“We’re not racing to reopen, as we are taking all the necessary steps to ensure the safety of our staff and guests,” said

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ALI ELSAFY, OWNER, BISTRO VIDA

from restaurants even as dining restrictions loosen. With four socially distanced tables outside, Flea St. can only offer one seating in a single night.

“I would say to everybody: Enjoy dining out if you’re comfortable but all the restaurants need the to-go business to ensure survival,” Cool said. “It is what’s keeping us alive. It’s not the table service.”

Greg Kuzia-Carmel, chef-partner at Camper in Menlo Park, also said they’re taking their time to figure out indoor dining, including rehiring and training staff. They only recently opened Camper’s outdoor patio on Santa Cruz Avenue. They’re logging employees’ temperatures, installing new physical barriers and deep cleaning the restaurant every night.

“We are going to take it slow,” Kuzia-Carmel said of indoor dining. “We subscribe to the notion of just because you can do something doesn’t mean you should.”

Karey Walker, Bacchus’ director of public relations. “Diners can expect to see our restaurants reimagined.”

Wursthall’s popular beer-garden style dining room in downtown San Mateo, which pre-pandemic was usually full of people sitting at communal tables, also won’t be reopening any time soon.

“We don’t see it being a major revenue stream for now and we don’t want to offer it until we are sure we can do it safely,” chef-partner Kenji Lopez-Alt wrote in an email. “We are instead focusing on other efforts such as outdoor dining, retail, and takeout.”

During the shutdown, Wursthall started and then stopped offering takeout. The German restaurant is setting up large tables and benches outside in the style of an open-air beer garden and expects to reopen for outdoor dining by this weekend, Lopez-Alt said.

At Bistro Vida, Elsafy has instructed his masked wait



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Bicyclists ride past Camper in downtown Menlo Park in May.

staff to spend as little time as possible interacting with diners at the indoor tables, which are spaced 6 feet apart. There are no more hugs or handshakes when regulars come in.

“There’s no more chatting,” he said. “It’s kind of short and dry.”

Elsafy is doing his best to retain Bistro Vida’s ambiance and hospitality while adhering to ever-shifting public health requirements. He’s seen local restaurants install plain Plexiglas sneeze guards between tables, which to him feels like “you’re having dinner at Wells Fargo bank.”

He’s instead talking to a company in New York about creating custom Plexiglas dividers etched with images of the Eiffel Tower and Sacré-Coeur and attached to wooden stands stained to match the restaurant’s decor.

“I’m glad that we got to open,” Elsafy said. “It’s been a tough time for everybody. Hats off for everybody in this business for trying to hold on. It’s our livelihood.”

San Mateo County’s new health order does not include specific guidance for restaurants. All businesses are required to continue to adhere to face coverings and social distancing requirements and put together written health and safety plans. Masks are still required in public locally (and as of June 18, mandated by the state).

Businesses, including restaurants, must limit the number of people who come inside to ensure that they can stay 6 feet away from each other at all times. People who go inside businesses must wear masks unless “as necessarily required

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GREG KUZIA-CARMEL,
CHEF-PARTNER AT CAMPER

this pandemic, this is the best news imaginable,” San Mateo County Supervisor David Canepa said of the new health order. “It will be a balancing act between preserving public health and kickstarting our local economy. There are risks with every step we take and it will take all of us to take personal responsibility to stop the spread of the virus.”

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by the businesses operation (e.g., while eating),” the health order reads. Employees must wear face coverings, including when they’re working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution.

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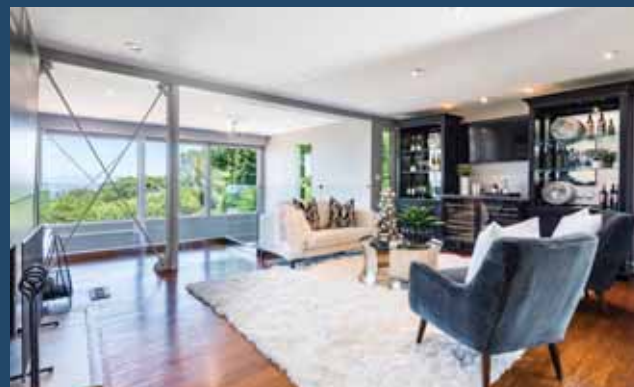
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