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Strength and service: Retiring fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman reflects on his 40-year career in the community

By Kate Bradshaw

Harold Schapelhouman almost didn't become a Menlo Park firefighter.

The chief of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, who retired last week after a 40-year career, was a student when his fellow firefighters in training at the Los Altos Fire Department woke him in the middle of the night and asked him to join them in taking the test for Menlo Park Fire.

Schapelhouman, then 20, needed some convincing. He had been passed over in his first effort to join the Los Altos firefighting staff and had recommitted himself to his college coursework. Sleepily, he went with his friends to stand in line at the station near St. Patrick's Seminary to take the test. The district had agreed to let in 100 people, first come, first served, and while in line, the friends were alarmed to see their positions grow farther and farther

back as people arrived and cut in with friends who'd been saving them spots. At one point, a fight broke out, after which Menlo Park firefighters insisted that nobody could save spots in line.

Schapelhouman made his way in the door for that written test and passed it easily. But the physical test was another story. It had five grueling challenges, and to be considered for the district, each candidate had to complete all five. Fail one, and you were out.

The hardest was a timed test that required carrying more than 120 pounds of equipment up a training tower, and many strong-looking candidates were failing. Schapelhouman said he dropped the bag twice on his way up and was sure he would fail, until, finding an inner well of strength, he threw the bag up the last few stairs and jumped on top of it, with two seconds to spare.

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Michelle Le

Chief Harold Schapelhouman retired June 30 after 40 years serving the Menlo Park Fire Protection District. He's shown in his office on Jan. 9, 2014, three days after returning to work following a crippling spinal injury.

As outdoor entertainment ramps up this summer, indoor venues slower to reopen

By Karla Kane, Gennady Sheyner, Heather Zimmerman and Jocelyn Dong

Last Friday afternoon at the Century Cinema 16 in Mountain View, fewer than 30 seats in one of the nearly 200-seat theaters were filled, but for moviegoers watching "The Boss Baby: Family Business," it was a slice of pre-pandemic normalcy — with no masking, proof of vaccination or physical distancing required. In the dark, children giggled; greasy fingers dipped into buckets of popcorn.

The cinema complex looked pretty much as it always has, though the water fountains were

turned off, stickers on restroom floors still urged patrons to "Play your part; Stand apart" and workers wore face coverings.

Three weeks after the state's official reopening and the elimination of many shutdown regulations, large venues along the Midpeninsula are taking their time coming back online. Some, like Century 16, have resumed business mostly as normal, leaving decisions about masking and physical distancing entirely to the customers themselves.

Others, like the Shoreline Amphitheatre, have yet to welcome back the public. The parking lot famous for post-concert gridlock stands almost deserted.

Inside the metal entrance gates, yellow "caution" tape remains strung between trees and poles. Above the box office windows, the marquee sports not the names of upcoming attractions but, instead, "Wish you were here."

On the event venue's website, the first show listed this summer is on Aug. 21: country singer-songwriter Dierks Bentley's "Beers on Me" tour. Health and safety rules posted on the website cite the CDC's recommendation that non-vaccinated persons wear face coverings. But there's no guideline that attendees at the 22,500-capacity venue will have to verify their

full vaccination status or show a negative COVID-19 test, despite the California Department of Public Health's "strong recommendation" that people going to outdoor events with more than 10,000 people do so.

Live Nation, which operates the amphitheater, did not agree to an interview for this article but stated in an email: "As each event approaches, any updates will be shared on our website and directly with ticket holders with information needed to plan their concert experience at Shoreline Amphitheatre — including the latest policies and procedures to know before entering the venue

in accordance with guidelines from local health and public safety officials."

Elsewhere on the Midpeninsula, other venues are phasing in events this summer using their outdoor spaces, with clear plans for resuming indoor performances soon.

The Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts (MVCPA) at 500 Castro St. has reopened, with live shows having recently resumed in its outdoor ParkStage space, which can accommodate up to 300 with lawn seating, and its small, indoor SecondStage

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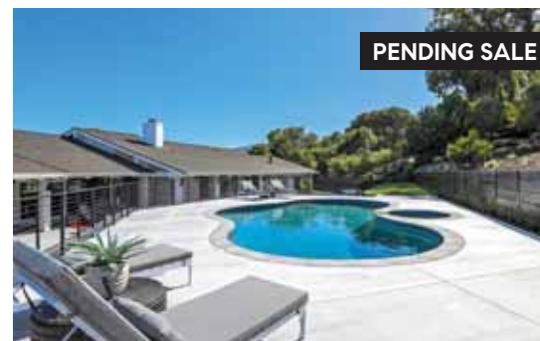
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Magali Gauthier

Jeremy Peng, a Palo Alto High School student and member of allcove's Youth Advisory Group, describes the design of the counseling room at allcove Palo Alto on June 30.

Youth clinics offer new approach to mental health care

At Palo Alto allcove, anyone ages 12 to 25 can walk in and get help

By **Kevin Forestieri**

For teens and young adults, access to mental health care can be nearly impossible. Costs are exorbitant, insurance companies are reluctant to pay for it, and few professionals in the shrinking field of child psychiatry are able to take on new patients.

Santa Clara County is looking to change that starting this

year, launching two clinics with an ambitious approach that's never been tried in the United States. A one-stop shop in which anyone aged 12 to 25 can walk in, find out what they need and get help. No prior diagnosis or referral is required, and there are no barriers based on insurance or ability to pay.

The network of clinics, called allcove, have been in the works

for nearly a decade and finally opened at the end of June. One is located in the heart of Palo Alto at 2741 Middlefield Road, the other in San Jose, each staffed by a broad team of clinicians, psychiatrists, psychologists and nurses. Anyone who walks in will have access to mental health support, primary care, substance-use

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Huge branch crushes parked car after neighbors worried about tree's safety

By **Kate Bradshaw**

A large tree branch recently fell in Sharon Heights, crushing the Mini Cooper parked beneath it.

The branch fell about a week after the Menlo Park city arborist denied a request to remove the tree, according to Sharon Heights resident Felicity Barringer.

Her husband had alerted the Sharon Heights Homeowners Association about the branch,

located on Brent Court, and the risk it posed shortly after moving to the neighborhood earlier this year, she said in an email to The Almanac.

Barringer said she was told that the homeowners association was aware of the risk and had requested permission to remove the tree in March 2020. The city was said to have denied the association's request in the week before the branch fell, she said.

The Almanac requested information and documents

related to the tree removal request from the city but had not received a response as of The Almanac's Wednesday press deadline.

The tree had one very large limb on one side but not the other — in other words, the threat of a falling branch wasn't one you had to be a structural engineer to understand, Barringer said in a phone interview. "If there's a really heavy weight on one

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West Menlo resident announces run for San Mateo County supervisor seat

By **Kate Bradshaw**

Virginia Chang Kiraly, who currently serves on two publicly elected boards on the Midpeninsula, has announced her plans to run for San Mateo County's District 3 supervisor seat.

The other candidates running for the seat, which Supervisor Don Horsley is leaving due to term limits, are City Council member Ray Mueller of Menlo Park, Laura Parmer-Lohan, the mayor of San Carlos, and Steven Booker of Half Moon Bay. The district covers much of the San Mateo County coastside, a number of unincorporated areas, and jurisdictions including Atherton, southeast Belmont, Half Moon Bay, the section of Menlo Park west of El Camino Real, Pacifica, Portola Valley, San Carlos and Woodside.

Chang Kiraly currently serves as an elected board member for both the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and the San Mateo County Harbor District, of which she is currently president. She lives in unincorporated West Menlo Park.

In an interview with The Almanac, she said she is running on a platform focused on public safety and fiscal responsibility.

Chang Kiraly says she has a professional background in financial planning and points to her achievements on boards governing both fire and water

safety and operations in multiple jurisdictions throughout the county as evidence of her strong candidacy for the position.

"As California opens up for recovery, we in San Mateo County must work together to find commonsense solutions, and common ground, from the lessons we have learned from the pandemic and the wildfires that have hit close to home in our county," she said in a press release announcing her campaign.

When it comes to the harbor district, one area she's been involved in and hopes to push further via policymaking as a supervisor is in the realm of water rescue.



Virginia Chang Kiraly

Currently, the harbor district has a harbor patrol team, but there are no other Coast Guard resources between the Golden Gate area and Monterey County. "Our entire coastline is exposed to no water rescue safety, except out of Pillar Point Harbor," she said. "Ideally, I'd like to have a full-time water rescue staff."

A great first step would be to implement a communication system that alerts public safety agencies simultaneously when incidents occur, she said.

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Magali Gauthier

The cracked windshield of a Mini Cooper car after a large branch fell on it on Brent Court in Menlo Park on July 1.

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CRIME BRIEFS

Man charged with murder

A 42-year-old man made his initial appearance in court Tuesday to face a murder charge for allegedly beating a woman with a baseball bat and strangling her at a home in East Palo Alto last week, San Mateo County prosecutors said.

Jason Dixon is accused of killing 48-year-old Marielos Martinez, who officers found after responding around 3:15 p.m. July 2 to the 200 block of Verbena Drive, where a neighbor heard glass breaking and a woman screaming, according to the District Attorney's Office.

The officers ordered anyone inside to come out, and Dixon came out with blood on his clothing and said there had been an argument. Police then went in and found Martinez beaten and bloodied on the floor of the garage. She was pronounced dead about 30 minutes later, prosecutors said.

Investigators determined Martinez had been beaten with a baseball bat and strangled with a pair of pants. Prosecutors have not released a possible motive for the killing.

Dixon did not enter a plea at his initial court appearance Tuesday and will return to court later this week. He remains in custody with bail set at \$10 million, prosecutors said.

—Bay City News Service

Burglaries in Atherton, Portola Valley

Three more burglaries have been reported in Atherton since the end of May, according to a police news bulletin issued after the Fourth of July holiday weekend. Residents have lost about \$119,514 in goods so far this year, said Cmdr. Daniel Larsen in a Tuesday email.

The most recent incident, which took place around 9:36 p.m. on Monday, is the 31st so far this year. Someone broke a glass window to enter a home on the 300 block of Atherton Avenue. The burglar(s) rummaged through two bedrooms and took miscellaneous items, police said.

In two other cases, one between May 18 and 28 on the unit block of Serrano Drive and another around noon on June 29 in the 300 block of Selby Lane, burglars broke into garages. In the first burglary, someone took two electric skateboards worth

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Local Realtors make good showings in annual rankings of top sellers

Five teams of local real estate agents and 13 individual local salespeople were among the top-selling 250 teams and 250 agents nationwide this past year, according to RealTrends, a private communications company that publishes "The Thousand" list each year.

Brent and Mary Gullixson of Compass Menlo Park were No. 5 among small teams for volume, with annual sales of \$380,136,000.

The Troyer Group of Intero - A Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate in Los Altos were No. 12 among large teams for volume, with sales of \$344,950,813.

At No. 21, Judy Citron of Compass Menlo Park was the top local individual seller by volume with sales of \$308,103,679.

Other Midpeninsula small teams that made the rankings for highest sales by volume were: at No. 30, the Dreyfus Group with Golden Gate Sotheby's International Realty in Palo Alto with \$225,974,125; at No. 32, Billy McNair and McNair Group of Compass in Menlo Park with sales of \$217,688,322; and at No. 58, LeMieux Associates, also of Compass in Menlo Park, with \$164,719,000.

Other individual local agents who made the top 250 sellers by volume included: at No. 29, Keri Nicholas of Parc Agency in Menlo Park with \$275,314,280; at No. 61, Courtney Charney, also of Parc Agency in Menlo Park with \$177,725,750; at No. 77, Erika Demma of Compass in Woodside with \$156,250,232; and at No. 79, Hugh Cornish of Coldwell Banker Realty in Menlo Park with \$155,709,997.

A complete listing of all the rankings can be found at real-trends.com/the-thousand.

—Heather Zimmerman

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East Palo Alto man arrested in drive-by shooting of two Mountain View teens

By Lloyd Lee

A 23-year-old East Palo Alto man was arrested in connection with the shooting of two teenagers in Mountain View in April, according to a press release from the Mountain View Police Department on July 1.

Police said Dasein Lauese was arrested without incident at a Valero gas station at 334 San Antonio Road on June 30 around 7 p.m. after police detectives received a warrant. A gun was found in Lauese's car, police said, and investigators are in the process of determining if it's the same weapon used in the April shooting, the press release said.

Police conducted a search warrant at a home near the 2500 block of Baylor Street in East Palo Alto believed to be connected to Lauese. During the search, police said they found three guns, including an AR-15 and a loaded

ghost gun, which is put together by the owner and untraceable. Another man, believed to be in possession of the ghost gun, was also arrested.

Lauese's arrest was the result of a monthslong investigation, following the shooting that put two teenage Mountain View residents in the hospital.

On April 9 around 8:30 p.m., officers received reports of shots being fired on El Camino Real near Castro Street. Mountain View police said they believed someone was driving eastbound on El Camino Real, approached the victim's vehicle and fired several rounds before driving away.

One of the victims was hit several times around the upper part of his body, while the other victim suffered one gunshot wound to his upper body, police said. Both were hospitalized and have since made a full recovery, according to police.

Lauese was arrested on three

counts of attempted murder, two counts of shooting into an occupied vehicle, possession of a loaded firearm and possession of a concealed firearm, the statement said. A 19-year-old East Palo Alto resident suspected of possessing the ghost gun was arrested on suspicion of possession of a concealed firearm, possession of a loaded firearm, possession of an unserialized firearm and resisting arrest, according to the statement.

Police are working to conclude the investigation, which involved multiple county and city agencies were involved, including the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, East Palo Alto Police Department, Union City Police Department, Los Altos Police Department and San Mateo County Gang task force members. ■

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Coronavirus central: Health officials urge the unvaccinated to get shots

Facebook transitions mass vaccination site to a mobile program

By Embarcadero Media staff

Facebook transitions mass vaccination site to a mobile program

Facebook is replacing its mass vaccination clinic at its Menlo Park headquarters with a mobile vaccine truck, according to a recent announcement.

The truck will park and administer vaccines at local schools where the company will also be giving out free meals and grocery boxes.

Everyone who receives a vaccine will receive a weekend supply of freshly cooked meals and a week's worth of fresh grocery essentials.

The company is also working with local nonprofits like Belle Haven Action in Menlo Park to reach out to community members about the program.

Facebook will also be expanding its vaccination program in California on a national scale by partnering with other organizations and foundations to support pop-up clinics to vaccinate underserved communities in places where Facebook has offices, including Seattle, New York, Austin, Chicago, Boston and Washington, D.C.

Delta variant believed to more transmissible

While Bay Area health officials

don't plan to reimplement COVID-19 guidelines for masking and social distancing for now, their concern about the virus' delta variant is increasing for unvaccinated people.

The variant, first detected in India and now in more than 80 countries, currently represents about 36% of California's new coronavirus cases and is likely to become the country's dominant strain as the year progresses. As of July 1, Santa Clara County reported 65 cases of the delta variant.

The main concern, according to health experts, is that the delta variant is believed to be roughly 60% more transmissible than the alpha variant, also known as the UK or B.1.1.7 variant, which is currently the most common source of new infections in the U.S.

While state public health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have both stood by their current guidance allowing fully vaccinated people to forego a face covering in most settings, the rise of the delta variant is giving some officials pause.

That pause includes the World Health Organization and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, both of which have advised but stopped short of mandating that fully vaccinated people should once again don

their masks indoors, particularly in places where the vaccination status of others is not readily apparent.

"This is something we've been closely following since April," Marin County Deputy Public Health Officer Dr. Lisa Santora said of the variant.

Marin County has the highest vaccination rate in the 11-county greater Bay Area; 91% of residents age 12 and up have received at least one dose and 83.5% have completed their vaccination series.

The proportion of delta variant cases to Marin County's total number of new cases is one of the highest in the state, which Santora said is somewhat misleading since the county currently analyzes each new confirmed case of the virus to determine which variant caused the infection.

"There's probably a lot more delta activity in counties the size of Los Angeles County, where they have higher absolute numbers of unvaccinated persons compared to Marin County," she said.

Marin County's population as of 2019 was just shy of 260,000 while Los Angeles County was estimated at roughly 10.04 million, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

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Sports roundup

Little League

When you have depth on the bench, you don't hesitate to use it when the situation calls for it.

Alpine 8-10 all-star little league manager Ryan Sweeney knew Amit Garg was the guy for the moment, and Garg delivered a pinch-hit double with the bases loaded in the fourth inning, snapping a scoreless tie.

Alpine rode that key hit to a 4-0 victory over Hillsborough in the championship game of the District 52 All-Star Tournament at Ford Field in Portola Valley on Sunday.

Alpine advances to the sectional tournament, which begins on July 17 and is hosted by Hillsborough at Majors Field, located at the Hillsborough City School District, 300 El Cerrito Ave.

"A team effort all the way," Sweeney said. "We got good pitching and good defense all around. The guys hit well and the pitching was consistent."

Alpine outscored its opponents 52-2 in the tournament (Hillsborough scored twice against them in the opening round), and it's no fluke. These kids don't wait; if they see a pitch they like, watch out.

"Hillsborough is a good team and we needed to play small ball against them," Sweeney said. "We used a couple of bunts to load the bases. Sometimes you have to manufacture runs."

Starting pitcher Brandon Sweeney set the tone, striking out nine and allowing one hit in his 4 2/3 innings. Jake Scott

recorded the final four outs, three by strikeout.

The team ERA? 0.48. Anders Cahill started twice during the tournament, contributing a few of those scoreless innings.

Meanwhile, the District 52 12-U All-Stars tournament is down to two teams after San Mateo American defeated **Menlo-Atherton 16-4** Tuesday to earn the right to play unbeaten Alpine on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., after The Almanac's press deadline.

"They steamrolled us," M-A manager Mike Haven said. "We ran into a bit of a buzz saw. San Mateo American is a very good team. But I'm proud of the boys to finish in third place in this tournament."

M-A's pitching had been very good in the double-elimination tournament prior to Tuesday. The team's only previous loss was 2-1 to Alpine.

"We had another really good arm out there," Haven said. "They just hit the ball, inside-out swings hitting the ball to right field. And they got big hits when they needed them, two home runs, one a grand slam. But the boys never gave up, they scored two runs in their last at-bat."

Luca Keighery knocked in M-A's first two runs with a base hit in the fourth inning.

This was one of the top finishes for M-A, which has been among the top four teams in four of the past five district tournaments.

—Rick Eymer and Glenn Reeves



Photo by Rick Eymer

District 52 8-10 Little League all-star champions at Ford Field on July 4.

Football

Davante Adams remembers where he came from.

Adams, now a superstar NFL receiver with the Green Bay Packers, grew up in East Palo Alto and starred at **Palo Alto High School**.

On June 29 he was on hand at the Lewis and Joan Platt East Palo Alto YMCA for a community fitness event in collaboration with the sports nutrition company Optimum Nutrition as part of the company's Building Better Lives program to raise awareness of disparities in access to fitness, and to establish a permanent public fitness resource for his home community.

"It's why I'm here today, a big part of what I am today was from growing up in this community," Adams said. "I want to give back and it's a

no-brainer for me to try to help the youth all I can. Now that I have a platform it provides an opportunity to give back to the underserved community where I grew up."

Stressing fitness is a project Adams takes to heart.

"I still remember as a 10-year-old kid, even younger than that, there weren't many resources but I still found a way," he said. "This will benefit kids down the road. Now they have better resources than I did, they do better in school than I did. We had to do it the old-school way, working out at Jack Farrell Park, which wasn't always the friendliest place."

Adams is coming off his best season as an NFL receiver, catching 115 passes for 1,374 yards and 18 touchdowns in 14 games. He totaled an incredible 233 receptions in his two years of college at Fresno State. He began his string of prolific receiving years as a senior at Paly in 2010, when he caught 64 passes for 1,094 yards and 12 touchdowns and helped the Vikings win a state championship.

Now he's away in Wisconsin for half the year, even though he said he leaves to come back

home about two days after the season's over.

"I can follow my old high school and when one of my cousins, (Eric Washington), was coaching at M-A," Adams said. "He's really the one who got me playing football again. He told me to try out and see if playing receiver was fun. I caught a few balls over some guys' heads and thought, 'Hey, this feels pretty natural.' I played quarterback in Pop Warner before that for a couple of years before I broke my arm and thought, 'I never got hurt like that playing basketball.'"

Adams was also a bit of a legend for his basketball talent at Paly. Former football coach Earl Hansen recalled how Adams could dunk a basketball from a standstill.

"I could do that for quite some time, ever since I hit my growth spurt in eighth grade, it was easy for me," Adams said. "The first time I did it I was in seventh grade when I was 5-8."

Adams also stopped by his old school recently to donate shoes for the Palo Alto High football team.

"It was awesome," Palo Alto coach Nelson Gifford said. "He met with the team and signed autographs. It was supposed to be a secret but the kids found out somehow and showed up with Packers jerseys for him to sign."

Adams is proud of hailing from East Palo Alto, a city of just under 30,000 in population with an incredible per capita rate of producing college football players.

On June 28, the day before Adams appeared at the program at the YMCA, **M-A defensive back Skyler Thomas** became the latest player from the community to accept a Division I offer when he committed to Oregon State. He's joining a program where two other defensive backs from East Palo Alto, Rejzohn Wright and

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Davante Adams, left, talks to Jackson Bundy during a visit to Palo Alto High on March 25.

CORONAVIRUS

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Marin County health officials investigated a cluster of delta variant cases in late April and early May, but Santora said the cluster was almost immediately extinguished as it simply ran out of unvaccinated hosts to infect.

“Eventually, in Marin County, it doesn’t take long for (unvaccinated) people to interact with many more vaccinated people,” Santora said. “When you’re working in a county the size of Los Angeles County, they don’t have that luxury.”

Initial studies have found that the two available vaccines that use messenger RNA to prime the body’s immune system — those manufactured by Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech — are upwards of 80% effective against the delta variant once a vaccinated person is two weeks past their second of two shots.

On July 2, Johnson & Johnson said the one-dose vaccine developed by its pharmaceutical subsidiary, Janssen, is also effective against the variant.

The effectiveness of the two-dose vaccines plummets, however, when a person has only received their first of two shots, according to health experts.

Even so, Bay Area health officials have used the delta variant to underscore the importance of getting vaccinated, not just to avoid transmitting the virus but to significantly reduce the chance of becoming seriously ill or dying.

“While we are not changing our (guidance) at this time, we are concerned about ongoing transmission in our county, especially amongst the unvaccinated population,” Contra Costa Health Services said in a statement.

Some 72% of Contra Costa County residents age 12 and up are fully vaccinated as of July 1, with 78.2% having received at least one dose.

Meanwhile, the divide

between the county’s average number of new cases per day per 100,000 residents over the last seven days was stark as of June 29: 0.5 for vaccinated residents, 8.2 for unvaccinated residents.

On July 2, state health officials added to that chorus, urging the state’s residents to get vaccinated if they’ve yet to do so and noting that they expect the state’s proportion of delta variant cases to continue rising.

“COVID-19 has not gone away. If you are not vaccinated, you are still at risk,” California Department of Public Health Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Tomas Aragon said in a statement.

Breakthrough cases among vaccinated residents across the

state have also been far and few between since vaccinations began in mid-December.

According to state data, only 584 of the more than 20 million vaccinated people in California have contracted the virus and required hospitalization, a rate of just 0.003%.

Marin County has identified 76 breakthrough cases to date, Santora said, but none of them have become so ill as to need to be hospitalized.

“A vaccine does not provide a forcefield,” she said. “If you’re exposed to someone who’s coughing with COVID-19, that virus is going to get into your system and start replicating. Your body is ready to respond ... but if you’re vaccinated, that’s

going to happen much more quickly.”

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CalMatters and Bay City News Service contributed to this report.

TREE BRANCH

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side, and nothing on the other side, that’s going to be unstable,” she said.

Most people in the neighborhood chose not to park their vehicles under the tree, she noted.

The owner of the crushed vehicle was out of town, and nobody was hurt.

“We’re very happy nobody was injured or worse,” the car

owner’s father, Tom Parker, said in a phone interview. “Cars can be replaced. People can’t.”

He said he hadn’t alerted his daughter about what had happened because he didn’t want to wreck her vacation.

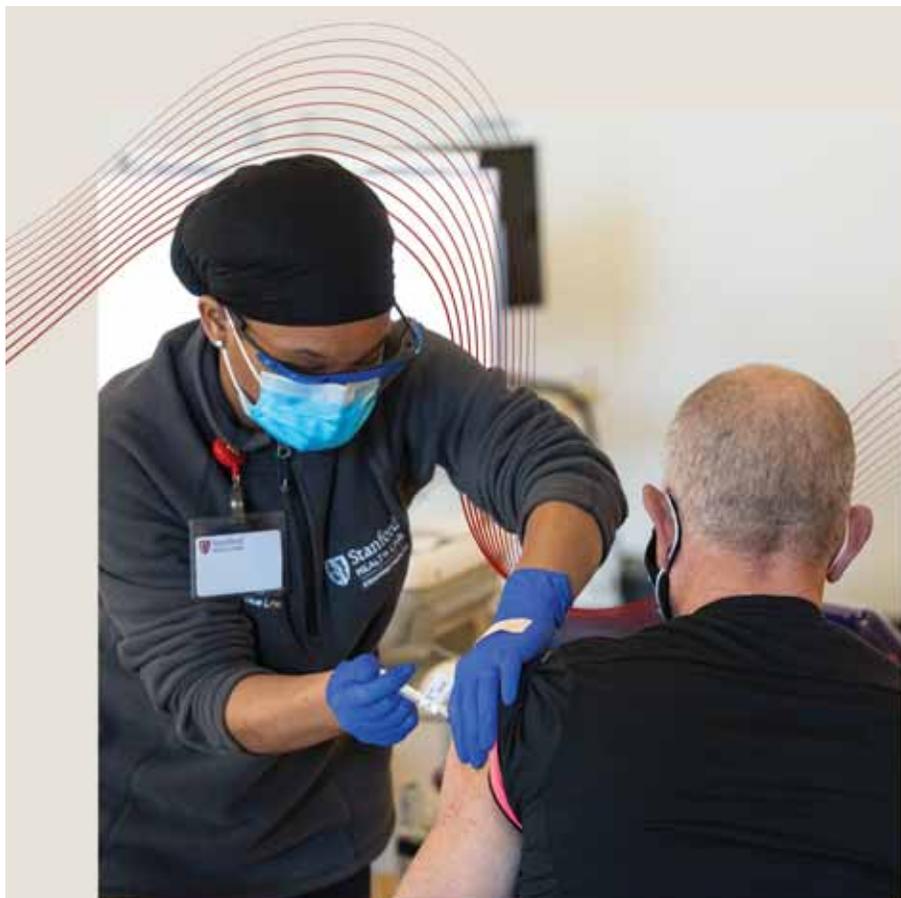
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Through Avenidas Village, seniors find support while aging in place

By Chris Kenrick

Even as the coronavirus lockdown kept most people apart during 2020, one group of local seniors found ways to stay connected through a grassroots support network launched a decade earlier to help those aging at home combat isolation.

Called Avenidas Village because of its affiliation with the local senior services agency Avenidas, the organization operates much like a mutual aid society for seniors growing old in their own homes.

About 300 Midpeninsula seniors belong to the local network.

"Avenidas Village has become my community," said Menlo Park resident Alice Kozar, a retired physician who joined several years ago after her husband developed health problems, including dementia and Alzheimer's disease. "I am now home but not alone. Even though my son suffered a surprise stroke and died at 45, and my husband is in assisted living

... I don't feel isolated."

In exchange for annual membership dues, the network helps members coordinate daily living, social and recreational activities: home maintenance, health, transportation, social engagement, caregiving, end-of-life concerns and other challenges that often confront seniors who live in their own homes.

Membership dues support two-and-a-half staff positions and a host of ongoing resources and activities, including lists of vetted service providers, social events, walking groups, excursions, lectures and discussions.

Village members can arrange to receive check-in phone calls on a daily, weekly or monthly basis, and an email list provides quick feedback when a member poses a question to the group.

Most of the current Village members range in age from their early 70s to late 90s, said Dawn Greenblat, member services manager. The oldest is 108 and still living in her own home. Most members are retired, though some are still working.

Annually, the dues are \$1,040 for an individual and \$1,490 for a couple, with reduced rates for seniors who have incomes below \$60,000 a year.

"We're one of the best-kept secrets around," said Palo Alto resident Chuck Sieloff, a retired technology manager who first joined the Village when his wife developed early symptoms of dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

"I thought it would be a good, supportive environment for her," Sieloff said. She participated in "various exercise classes, a knitting group and activities to keep her engaged and active where at the same time people could sort of look out for her and make sure she was okay."

After his wife died in 2018, Sieloff said his Village connections influenced his decision to remain in the family home, where he'd lived for 45 years, rather than move to a retirement community.

"Partly because of the strength of the Village ties, that decision was relatively easy for me," he said. "I think the Village does



Magali Gauthier

Alice Kozar, a retired physician, said that belonging to Avenidas Village keeps her from feeling isolated, despite the death of her son and her husband, who suffers from dementia, being in an assisted living facility.

make that path to stay in your own home a lot easier."

Enjoying good health, Sieloff said he now uses the Village "primarily for social engagement, activities and things I wouldn't otherwise do," including lectures, museum tours and lunches.

Dick Smallwood of Palo Alto, a retired management consultant, said the Village is constantly evolving and is completely different from what it was when he and his wife joined eight years ago.

"We're always trying to make it better — it's really a dynamic organization," he said. Recently a member suggested setting up Zoom events around Thanksgiving and Christmas for people who are alone for the holidays.

"That turned out to be a very popular idea so we'll probably continue something like that, and that's just an example of the Village as a living, breathing organism," said Smallwood,

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Alton Julian, are already on the roster and a third East Palo Alto native, Nahshon Wright, was taken in the third round of the 2021 NFL Draft.

"I saw that on my cousin's Instagram," Adams said. "Taking over up there. Hopefully they'll be in the league when I'm older and not playing anymore and they can do what I'm doing now, passing it along, the East Palo Alto way."

—Glenn Reeves

Track and field

Stanford grad Malindi Elmore and former Menlo School standout Madeline Price are among the 57 track and field athletes nominated to compete for Canada at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, which begin later this month.

Elmore, the oldest member of the Canadian team at age 41, is also one of more than 50 Stanford athletes, covering five different countries, who will compete in Tokyo. She'll compete in the marathon.

Price, who raced in the NCAA championships for Duke, is part of the women's 4x400 relay team.

Menlo Park native Jillian

Weir will compete in the hammer throw. Her father, three-time Olympian Robert Weir for team England, is a former Stanford head track and field coach.

Stanford alum Stephanie Grauer competes for the Canadian Olympic rowing team, and Taylor Ruck is a Canadian Olympic swimmer.

Stanford grads Grant Fisher, Elise Cranny, Jacob Riley and Valarie Allman will compete for the United States Olympic track and field team.

Former Stanford All-American Katerina Stefanidi will attempt to defend her Olympic gold medal in the pole vault.

Stanford alum Mackenzie Little makes her Olympic debut for Australia in the javelin throw, and Stanford grad Steven Solomon represents Australia for the second time in the 400 meters.

Stanford's Andre Minakov is on the Russian Olympic swimming team.

—Rick Eymer

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YOUTH CLINICS

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addiction services and peer support.

Those with more pressing needs that can't be addressed at allcove, like housing, intensive treatment and care for early psychosis, will be directly referred for help elsewhere.

Inside, it's hard to tell allcove is a mental health clinic at all. Brightly colored furniture and large open spaces greet those who arrive at the Palo Alto clinic, with more art slated to fill the reception area in the coming months. More than a dozen young people who make up the center's Youth Advisory Group made nearly all of the major design choices, pushing for an approach that's inviting to all.

So deeply involved were members of the advisory group that every hire — from clinical staff to the receptionist — were all vetted by youth, said Ana Lilia Soto, youth development manager for allcove. Doing so ensured that those who worked at the clinic would be compatible with the teenagers and young adults coming in to seek help, she said.

"We have this thought of infantilizing youth instead of looking at their complexities, so we want to make sure that youth voices were expressed in the hiring," Soto said.

Though less flashy and filled with cubicles, the staff room inside allcove is a special place at the clinic and something that's hard to come by anywhere else, Soto said. It's rare to have a group of medical and mental health professionals all working in the same room together and able to freely communicate about the mutual patients they're serving, she said.

Stanford psychiatrist Steven Adelsheim, who spearheaded the effort to create allcove since its inception, said the "integrated care" model is important and should include things like

physical health as well. Oftentimes medical ailments can be the reason for young people to walk through the door, but it ends up being symptoms for an underlying mental health condition that can be rooted out early.

"Lots of times a young person would come in with their headache or their stomachache and by the second or third visit you get to the underlying mental health issue," Adelsheim said. "Then you can do the warm handoff to the counselor next door and help make those connections."

The success of allcove hinges on teens and young adults showing up when they need help, prompting the Youth Advisory Group to work to spread the word. Jeremy Peng, a Palo Alto High School student and member of the group for the last year, said he recently spoke at Gunn High School to let students know allcove is available to them

'The fact that allcove is coming online as we're through the worst of the pandemic is fortuitous timing.'

SUPERVISOR JOE SIMITIAN,
SANTA CLARA COUNTY

and encouraged them to visit after school in the fall.

The hope, he said, is to attract people to allcove before they're in a state of crisis, and that it will spring to mind as a place to go. So far, he's found that sincere enthusiasm is the best way to lure his peers.

"That's the most important marketing to youth, you have to be passionate yourself to let people know that it is a community resource," Peng said.

County health officials have been pushing to create what would become allcove since 2016, responding to an alarming local mental health crisis. Suicide has long been the second

leading cause of death among young people, and for more than a decade the city of Palo Alto had the highest suicide rate among young people in Santa Clara County. The worries prompted an epidemiological study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2017, which looked into the root causes.

Among the findings, the CDC found many young people in Palo Alto who died by suicide had "severe" mental health problems including schizophrenia, psychosis and chronic and severe depression. Circumstances leading up to their deaths included a recent crisis, an ongoing mental health problem, a history of treatment for mental illness or a history of suicidal thoughts or ideation.

Federal data shows that half of all cases of mental illness begin by age 14, and that an estimated 20% of teens ages 13 to 18 are living with a mental health condition. The vast majority do not receive treatment for years, if ever, and the average delay between symptoms and intervention is eight to 10 years.

County Supervisor Joe Simitian, who strongly supported the effort to create allcove, said the common thread is that teens are not reaching services early on before it becomes a crisis. He said the new approach — in which youth can simply walk in and get care with no preconditions — is exactly what's needed for those who need help.

"If you can find a way to literally just let a teenager or young adult walk in the door and assure them they are in the right place, whatever brought them there, that's a gift," Simitian said.

Allcove mirrors a similar network of mental health clinics launched in Australia in 2006 called headspace, which was the basis for spinoff programs like the Foundry Program in British Columbia and Jigsaw in Ireland. But getting it to work in the



Magali Gauthier

Ana Lilia Soto, the youth development manager at the Stanford Center for Youth Mental Health & Wellbeing, stands in an examination room at allcove Palo Alto on June 30.

United States, with its myriad complexities related to costs, medical billing and the private insurance market, made it difficult to emulate locally.

County health officials, partnering with Stanford's Center for Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing, pitched the idea to the state in 2018, receiving the green light to spend \$15 million in state funding on the project.

The funding comes from California's Mental Health Services Act, which provides millions of dollars to counties each year to bolster existing services and dabble in new ideas. Since the law's passing in 2004, Santa Clara County has largely failed to spend down the money and came close to losing the funds. The allcove program is a major milestone in finally spending that funding.

The original plan describes a "ramp up" period ending in June 2018, suggesting there's been a significant delay in opening allcove. Among the reasons, according to Simitian, was difficulty pooling together all of the partners and resources for a clinic that can provide everything from physical and mental health care to education and

employment services. The pandemic also pushed back the start date to June 25, but that could be a good thing, he said.

"The fact that allcove is coming online as we're through the worst of the pandemic is fortuitous timing," Simitian said. "The emotional and mental health of a lot of young people have really taken a beating."

From the outset, state health officials from the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission are closely watching how well allcove works. If it is a breakthrough model that can overcome the many hurdles preventing youth from accessing mental health care, the two allcove clinics could very well be the beginning of a new nationwide approach.

"My hope is that one day we look back on that Friday as not just the opening day for those two centers ... but as the beginnings of a statewide and national movement to improve the kind of integrated care and mental health services we provide to folks across the country," Simitian said. ■

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CHANG KIRALY

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"There needs to be a more concerted communication effort so that all of these agencies get the same call at the same time," she said.

Another way to improve public safety is to focus on digital connectivity, she said.

"I've been a fiscal watchdog for pretty much my entire public service life," Chang Kiraly said.

One area she said she'd apply her fiscal watchdog perspective is to how Measure K money is spent in San Mateo County.

Measure K is a countywide half-cent sales tax aimed at

meeting critical community needs. She said she'd favor using the funds to support public safety initiatives, and expressed disapproval toward the current practice of providing \$1.4 million of those funds for each supervisor's district to "fill unanticipated needs and service gaps."

"It's public money," she said. "I think sometimes that is abused."

Chang Kiraly is also on the board of NAMI San Mateo County, the local branch of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, an organization that started in San Mateo County.

"How do we help those so they're not at risk to themselves

and to the public?" she asked. "Sometimes people forget that public safety is a big piece of public health."

Chang Kiraly said she also brings to the table "courageous leadership" when, as board president, she helped to lead a reorganization of the harbor district's board.

In the last quarter and into 2020, the board selected a new general manager, new general counsel and finalized its strategic plan, she said.

"I think it's turned around," she said.

Chang Kiraly added that, if elected, she would be the first Asian American supervisor, and

feels she is the most qualified candidate.

She's dealt with labor negotiations and said she understands the "tug and pull" between public employees and tax dollars.

During her tenure on the fire district board, the district has managed to rebuild two fire stations and is working on a third. The district has also created an ad hoc search committee to find a new fire chief after hiring an interim chief. She added that she's been involved in working with the North Fair Oaks community on emergency preparedness matters.

She's also well-acquainted with board dynamics and

negotiating contracts. "I have no problems with conflict," she said. "Not every party gets 100% of what it wants."

At the same time, she added, "To get all of these things done, you have to work together and be collaborative. That's what I've done over the last 10 years on the fire board and six years on the harbor board, (and) it's what I'll continue to do."

More information about her campaign is available at virgin-iachangkiraly.com. ■

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PEACEFUL WOODSIDE HILLS RETREAT ON 1.4+ ACRES

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Nestled on an expansive lot of nearly an acre in perfect harmony with its peaceful surroundings, this West Atherton estate showcases spectacular Japanese design aesthetics and offers supreme privacy. Sharing the same architect as Larry Ellison's Atherton compound, this estate is introduced by a gated motor court, and inside, over 5,400 square feet of combined interior space enjoys beautiful hardwood floors, paneled, beamed ceilings, and expansive spaces that embrace the simplicity of Japanese design while offering fantastic venues for both entertaining and everyday living. Both the living room and office are centered by a fireplace, with the living room also enjoying a concealed wet bar. The bright, expansive dining room is catered from the kitchen, which includes granite countertops with full height backsplash, plus appliances from Viking, Thermador, Sub-Zero, and Bosch. Accommodations in the main home consist of 4 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms, highlighted by the palatial master suite with two en suite bathrooms, while the detached pool house includes a fantastic lap swimming pool, sauna, and an additional bedroom and bathroom. Plus, multiple rooms in both buildings open to the incredible grounds that evoke the feel of a Japanese garden, with multiple decks, seating, and vibrant, colorful plantings. Just moments to downtown Menlo Park and the Menlo Circus Club, this estate is also convenient to downtown Palo Alto and Stanford University, with top private schools close at hand.

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Anne Marie Quinn Kirkbride

June 7, 1930 – June 27, 2021

Anne Marie Quinn Kirkbride, June 7, 1930 – June 27, 2021, died peacefully in Santa Barbara, CA. Anne's great sense of humor, warmth, even-temperament, loving kindness and optimistic view of life were inspiring and admired by all. She was so proud to be both Irish and Roman Catholic. She lived her faith and values daily and was



devoted to helping others in her own community and beyond. She loved being a native San Franciscan, growing up in the fog of the Richmond District, attending Star of the Sea High School (1947) and San Francisco College for Women (Lone Mountain-1952). She then moved to sunny Greenbrae and even sunnier Menlo Park, CA for 50 years. She was a substitute teacher for the Menlo Park School District, and later a Kindergarten teacher at St. Raymond School where she was beloved by both students and parents alike. She enjoyed playing tennis, reading great books with her St. Raymond's Women's Book Club, in which she participated with dear friends for over 30 years. Anne was a Lector and volunteer at St. Raymond and Saint Denis churches, as well as a tireless volunteer at her children's schools and St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room where she served food to those in need. Anne also relished her time as a docent at the Cantor Art Center at Stanford University for several decades.

Anne was a devoted wife to Tom until he passed away in 2014. In a letter to his parents before they were married he wrote: "This gal Anne Quinn I've been taking out recently is, I think, the finest all-around gal I've ever known. She has the best sense of humor and sharpest wit of any girl I've ever known. A really fine, exceptional type." They met in Kaiserslautern, Germany where she taught dependents of U.S. Army personnel stationed in Germany after the war. Tom was in the U.S. Air Force based in Germany. They were married July 13, 1957 and enjoyed a love affair that spanned 57 years.

As grandparents they enjoyed traveling to see their children and grandchildren just as much as traveling the world. Family and friends have so many fond memories of visits to their beautiful backyard to enjoy the pool — always some jazz music playing. Anne and Tom ended most days sitting under the redwood trees in their backyard enjoying a glass of wine and watching the sunset.

Anne was the most wonderful, loving and supportive mother to Ellen Kaidanow (Joseph), Peter Kirkbride (Karen) and Christopher Kirkbride (Liza). "Granne" was also a fun grandmother to Danielle, Sarah, and Joshua Kaidanow, Evan Kirkbride, Lauren Olson (Matthew), Katie and Molly Kirkbride. She is also survived by her nephew, Michael Quinn (Katie) and her nieces Marianne Thodas (Randy) and Monica Quinn. Preceded in death by her parents James and Mary (Connor) Quinn, brother James Quinn (Joyce) and sister, Sister Mary Dorothea Quinn, a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

All are invited to attend a celebration of Anne's life on Friday, July 9th at St. Denis Church, 2250 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park. The service will be preceded by a rosary in the church at 9:30 am. Interment will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery, Menlo Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Anne's name to St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room: paduadiningroom.com or mail donation to St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room, 3500 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025 or St. Denis Church 2250 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

PAID OBITUARY



Veronica Weber

Menlo Park Fire Protection District Chief Harold Schapelhouman speaks to the media during the investigation of a plane that crashed onto Beech Street in East Palo Alto on February 17, 2010.

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"Can you do that?" he recalled asking.

"Heck yeah, that was awesome!" he was told.

He passed the other physical assessments and joined the district in June 1981, beginning his long career with the district that culminated with his retirement June 30 after 40 years of service, the last 15 of which he spent as the district's chief.

The Almanac sat down with him on his last day to hear his reflections on a career spent dedicated to protecting and rescuing community members in their times of gravest need.

Schapelhouman was born in Canada, and his family moved to Barron Park in Palo Alto when he was about 3 years old. His family lived in Mountain View and Los Altos, and as an adult, he lived in Sunnyvale and Fremont before settling in San Jose's Willow Glen neighborhood, he said.

As a youth, he thought he'd

pursue law enforcement work, joining a police explorer program. He eventually joined the fire class in Sunnyvale because it paid the best among local agencies, and it was there he fell in love with the art of fighting fire, he said.

He spent time after high school working in commercial construction, and he credits that work for not just helping him to build fitness, but to develop an instinctual understanding of buildings, a skill that would set him apart later in a field dedicated to saving structures and their inhabitants during disasters.

When he first found his way to the Menlo Park Fire Protection District, which serves the communities of Menlo Park, Atherton, East Palo Alto and unincorporated areas including North Fair Oaks, it had what he described as a paramilitary culture.

It wasn't an easy job, and there were plenty of dangers and lots of internal pressures within the department. The district was known for firing people regularly and often, he said.

The traumas of his job early on almost deterred him from the field, he said. He still remembers graphic details from the first death he witnessed on the job, of a man involved in a motorcycle accident on Constitution Drive.

"They gave it the best college try they could give it, but he didn't make it," he said. "I took that real hard."

He recalled ruminating on whether there was anything else he could have done to save the man.

"It messed me up for a while," he said. "I almost quit about six months in."

Over his years as a firefighter

and first responder within the fire district, there were plenty of harrowing and traumatic calls, he remembers. There were fires in which children perished. Suicides witnessed and responded to. A call intended to blow up firefighters with propane bombs, in which the bombs miraculously did not explode. Hostage situations.

And, in the 1980s, there were many difficult calls due to the heroin epidemic and high crime rates, yielding a grim and repeating rhythm of "shooting, stabbing, assault, overdose," Schapelhouman said.

There were also challenging calls that came from scientific laboratory sites like Raychem and SRI, he said. He recalled responding to a call at an SRI building that wasn't marked from the outside, but inside had signage indicating the presence of radioactive materials. Experiences like that were especially scary because the responders didn't know what hazardous chemicals they might have been exposed to.

And then there were the regular house fires with their own complexities, like when two overlapping roofs at a house on Altschul Avenue created a hidden fire, causing the roof to collapse immediately after a new fire chief had commanded him to step away. "We almost died that night," he recalled.

But there were victories too. He and his colleagues found and rescued an abandoned newborn from a dryer near Whiskey Gulch and named him Walter Millschap, a portmanteau of their names.

They succeeded in safely evacuating every child from a 1997 fire at Green Oaks Academy in East Palo Alto despite extremely

OBITUARIES

Local residents who died recently include **Barbara Smith**, 89, a Menlo Park resident, on April 7; **Tom Dodd**, 83, a Menlo Park resident, on June 4; **Anne Marie Kirkbride**, 91, a longtime Menlo Park resident and former substitute teacher for the Menlo Park City School District, on June 27; and **Margaret Hinman**, 81, an Atherton resident, on July 4.

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hazardous conditions, including a faulty fire alarm and no sprinkler system.

“We got as close to 60 kids getting incinerated that day as you can get,” he said.

It was even through the fire district that he met the woman who would later become his wife. She had come to see one of the district’s exhibitions with one of the district’s administrators. Schapelhouman was introduced later that night at the Oasis (a beloved Menlo Park watering hole that shuttered in 2018), and the two stayed in touch while she attended college in Santa Barbara. After she returned, single, they began dating and later married.

Over the years, Schapelhouman said he found ways to see a little irony where he could, like the wordplay when the Menlo Park French restaurant Le Pot au Feu experienced its own fire — the restaurant’s name means “pot on fire.”

“It does take on a rhythm,” he said. “Sometimes people don’t say thanks or are not nice, or are going through their own stuff you may not know about ... we have to be professional to them. ... You can’t take it personally or you’re going to be a basket case.”

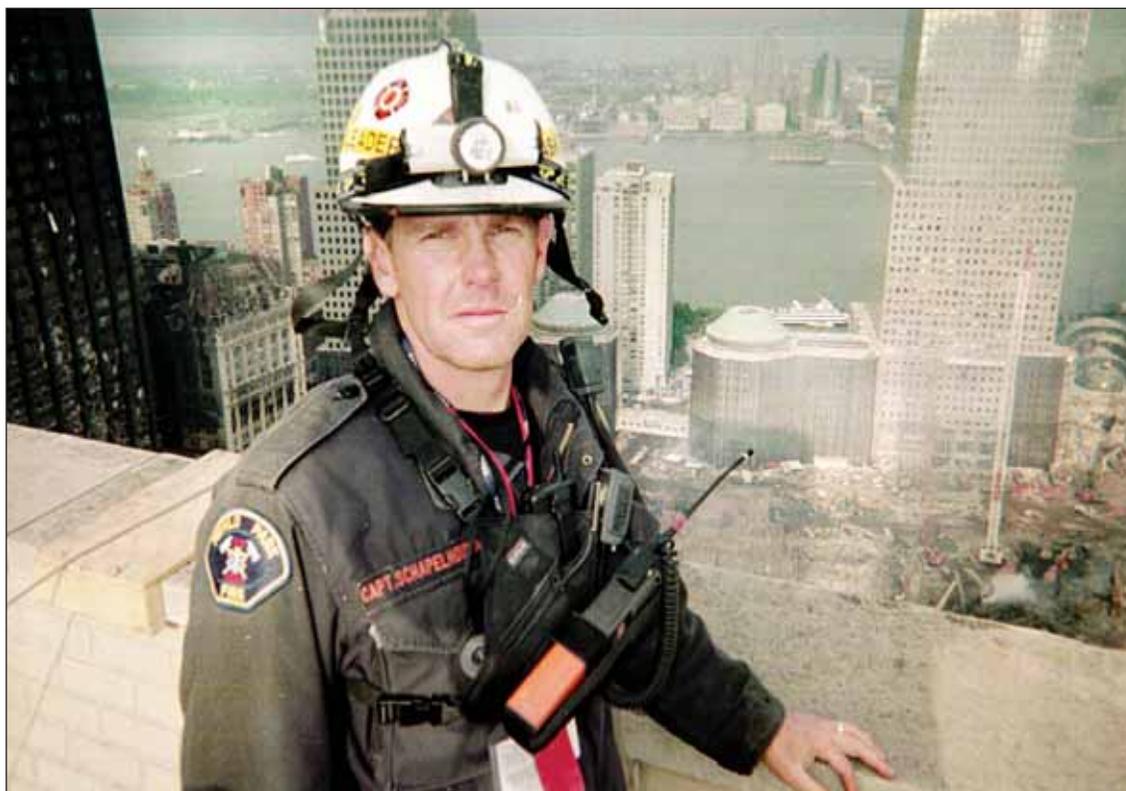
He became part of the district’s first group of emergency medical technicians, and has seen the way first responders’ skills have transformed from providing basic first aid to the more comprehensive responses that paramedics offer now. That transition, he said, “has been a huge evolution in patient care. We can save people I would have said in the past we would have lost.”

Meanwhile, those risks Schapelhouman was taking also had an impact on his home life, he said.

At one point, he said, he and his wife had a serious conversation. With the extremely risky work Schapelhouman took on, they worried about how a family would fit into the picture. Plus, Schapelhouman admits to having a workaholic streak. It was around that time that he stepped back from medic training to focus on search and rescue work and work toward more management-focused roles.

Over the years, Schapelhouman kept working in his chosen field, developing a specialty in urban search and rescue operations. He played a pivotal role in creating Menlo Park’s urban search and rescue team, and was called upon to respond to some of the worst national and international disasters of the past decades.

He and his team responded to the Oklahoma City bombings in 1995, 9/11 in New York in 2001 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005, among other disasters.



Courtesy California Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 3

Harold Schapelhouman, the California Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 3 leader, overlooks the World Trade Center site from an observation post on a high-rise building across the street in 2001.

Schapelhouman’s daughter, now 21, was born just months after he returned from a trip abroad to provide search and rescue aid during the Chi Chi earthquake in Taiwan in 1999.

Over time, Schapelhouman began to work more in the realm of fire prevention and advocacy. In the aftermath of the Green Oaks Academy fire, he pushed legislators to mandate that automatic sprinkler systems and fire alarms be installed on school

‘It’s a job where you can find the better part of yourself, if you’re looking.’

HAROLD SCHAPELHOUMAN

campuses. The Green Oaks Family Academy Elementary School Fire Protection Act became law in 2002, but Schapelhouman expressed disappointment that the legislation didn’t cover existing school campuses, just new ones.

He pushed for other common-sense measures from local agencies — like for the district’s emergency response vehicles to be exempted from FasTrak fees and fines when crossing the Dumbarton Bridge during emergency responses.

Through it all, he worked at mastering the art of staying professional through the trauma by seeking to do justice to the grand calling of firefighting, many people’s last line of defense in the face of grave danger.

“The job essentially is bigger than any of us — the responsibility to protect the community and serve the community,” he

said. “If you can’t do that with compassion and forgiveness in your heart and the ability to move past people who aren’t nice to you, then this isn’t the job for you. I’m not saying you get there overnight, but in the end, it’s the reason the fire service is the most trusted profession.”

“It’s a job where you can find the better part of yourself, if you’re looking,” he said.

Leadership

Things were going well with his search and rescue work and legislative advocacy when he was tapped to become the next fire chief. Schapelhouman said that he said no to the offer twice because he loved the work he was doing so much, traveling and pushing for policies and innovations that would help firefighters work more safely and effectively.

There had been turnover in the chief position and in the previous 21 years, nobody from within the department had been selected as chief, he said. He was cognizant that he only had a few years left until he could be fully vested in the district’s pension system and didn’t want to get fired or become a “casualty” of the district’s board.

He finally took on the role March 31, 2006, after he was told that if he didn’t, the next chief would come from outside of the district. He said he ran right into labor disputes and contract disagreements. At one point he received a vote of no confidence, which he said was “breathtakingly disappointing.”

He channeled lessons about detail orientation he’d picked up from his father and his accountant brother as a youth, and kept working at it, he said.

body’s cooperating or not cooperating. I was able to do that. I worked extremely hard.”

After he returned, he said he helped to come up with a five-year agreement with the district’s union that provided stability to the organization among other initiatives he’s led since returning to the department after his injury.

Looking ahead

After 40 years in the field, Schapelhouman said he’s proud of the financial direction the district as well, over the course of his career seeing a transition from firefighters being equipped with substandard gear to top-of-the-line technology, including an ambitious drone program, earthquake warning systems, and thermal imaging equipment.

“Fire seasons aren’t getting smaller. They’re getting bigger, and I worry about firefighter safety,” he said.

Another 40 years from now, he said, he’s hoping the district will continue to adapt by gaining knowledge, technology, and convenience through automation.

But there still will be fires, and there will continue to be firefighters. “Somebody has to do the dirty work,” he said. “Somebody has to go out and do the patient care.”

Fittingly, Schapelhouman’s last day was dedicated to a ceremony to promote staff members of the fire district. He credits the community and the staff of the district for shaping his life in a profound way.

“What made me what I am is the people here and the calls here,” he said.

The district board also had its own concrete step to commemorate Schapelhouman’s legacy in the community. The fire truck museum at the district’s newly rebuilt Oak Grove Avenue site will bear his name. ■

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space, which has a capacity of 200.

As of June 25, the city of Mountain View venue was not yet offering tickets to any productions on its 600-capacity MainStage, where arts companies like TheatreWorks perform, but Marketing and Public Relations Manager Shonda Ranson said she hopes MainStage events will resume in August. She directed the public to check online for updates at the center's website.

As of June 25, all staff and volunteers at MVCPA are wearing masks and maintaining physical distance where possible. No masks or distancing are required for fully vaccinated attendees, the website states, while unvaccinated attendees are required to mask and distance.

At Stanford University, outdoor concert venue Frost Amphitheater reopened at less than 5% capacity, 400 attendees per event, on April 29 to show movies. As of last week, Stanford Live has added concert and ballet performances to its lineup at Frost and increased audience capacity to 20%, or 1,660 people, for July, with larger audiences



Jocelyn Dong

Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View remains closed. The 22,500-person capacity venue is planning to reopen with a concert by country singer-songwriter Dierks Bentley on Aug. 21.

allowed in August.

Citing the latest state, county and university guidance as of July 2, audiences at the Frost Amphitheater will not need to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test or of full vaccination. Masks are optional for vaccinated patrons and required for those unvaccinated.

Stanford Live has also scheduled its first indoor performance of the year at Bing Concert Hall for Aug. 25-29: the premiere of "The No One's Rose," a coproduction from Stanford Live,

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra (PBO) and the American Modern Opera Company.

The show combines music, dance, and theater incorporating the work of Paul Celan, a poet and Holocaust survivor. Leading up to the premiere, the artists will participate in a two-week residency at Stanford Live.

Masks will be required for all patrons at indoor shows, according to the Stanford Live website.

One indoor venue that's already back and with 100% capacity: Stanford's Cantor

Arts Center, which can accommodate 2,000 visitors per day between Wednesday and Sunday. It began its gradual reopening in April, when it invited students and museum members to be its first visitors and then launched a "Welcome Back" ad campaign. The museum operated at 25% capacity at that time and required visitors to follow a timed-reservation system.

Since the June 15 reopening, Cantor has switched from a timed-reservation system to all-day reservations, which are free. The museum still requires all visitors to wear masks, consistent with the recommendations from the university. Its website continues to urge people to maintain social distance from others inside the museum.

"It was important to the Cantor staff to open at limited capacity when it was deemed safe in April because we know that the museum is place for community connection, even at a distance," Elizabeth Kathleen Mitchell, interim co-director and the Burton and Deede McMurtry curator at the Cantor Arts Center, said in a statement. "We have since increased capacity to 100% and look forward to welcoming even more visitors in

the galleries and on the museum grounds throughout the summer and into fall when we will be opening Paper Chase: Ten Years of Collecting Prints, Drawings, and Photographs at the Cantor."

For sports fans, cheering on the Cardinal this fall should feel familiar: Stanford Athletics is planning to welcome fans to its indoor and outdoor competition venues with no capacity limitations, and football tailgating is also expected to be permitted, the university announced last week.

The first football home game will be against UCLA on Sept. 25.

"We are excited to be back at Stanford Stadium this season and playing in front of our students, fans and alumni," David Shaw, Bradford M. Freeman director of football, stated in a press release. "We have one of the toughest and most exciting schedules in the nation."

All home athletic events will operate in compliance with state public health guidelines, as well as county and campus directives, the university stated. Specific protocols will be announced closer to the start of the season. More information is posted at gostanford.com. ■

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who estimates he spends about 20 hours a week volunteering with the program, managing special interest groups such as those on current events, video discussions and hearing issues.

While caring for his wife, who died last year, Smallwood said he drew on Village partnerships for services like hospice and palliative care.

"At the same time that I was helping my wife, I still had some of these activities going on with the Village, which gave me a life outside of caregiving," he said.

When the pandemic struck, Village activities switched to Zoom,

with tutorials for those who needed help accessing the platform. Village members received calls to make sure they were okay, and the staff began making grocery runs for members who needed help.

'Avenidas Village has become my community. I am now home but not alone.'

ALICE KOZAR

And now that the country is emerging from the pandemic, the organization plans to permanently shift some of its services to a hybrid model.

"We'll actually go back to getting together at restaurants for our monthly 'lunch bunch,'" Smallwood said. But some activities, such as bi-weekly social hours, some lectures and committee meetings, might continue on Zoom.

Avenidas Village also organizes members into "neighborhood clusters," holding some activities within those groups as a way for members to get to know others who live nearby.

Post-pandemic, Kozar said, "We'd like to invite others to meet with us and learn about our activities, to expand to include people who are living in their homes not so happily. We know they'd really enjoy having good friends that are trustworthy, not demanding of a lot of time and attention but just fun to be with."

Participation by members varies widely. Some relatively inactive members tend to stay at home and enjoy the remote services but not come out for activities like the walking groups or lunch gatherings, Kozar said.

"They just enjoy the services, stay in their homes and go to meetings as they wish," she said.

In spite of the built-in support, Village membership has its limits.

"Some people become ill and need around-the-clock care and other situations beyond the Village, so they choose not to rejoin," Kozar said. "It's often health issues."

Others leave when they move out of their own homes into a retirement community, Sieloff and Smallwood said, though reduced-priced memberships also are available to that group.

Founded in 2007, Avenidas Village is part of a national movement of about 300 similar "Villages" modeled after Boston's Beacon Hill Village, which pioneered the concept in 1999 after a group of neighbors formed an association. Avenidas Village was the first program in California, where there are now about 60, including about 15 in the Bay Area.

Though 90% of Americans over 65 say they want to stay in their current residence as long as possible and 80% believe they'll

always live there, there are many barriers to making that plan a reality, Sieloff said.

He maintains that senior Villages can help. When it comes to planning for old age, he said, "denial is not a strategy."

To sign up for a July 13 webinar by Sieloff on "The Growing Challenges of Aging in Place," or to learn more about Avenidas Village, go to avenidasvillage.org.

For information about other California Villages go to villagemovementcalifornia.org. The national Village network can be accessed at vtvnetwork.org. ■

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Magali Gauthier

Dick Smallwood, left, and **Chuck Sieloff** walk with Avenidas Village members through Rinconada Park in Palo Alto on June 30.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Mid-Pen High names interim head of school

Karen E. Eshoo joined Mid-Pen High School in Menlo Park on July 1 as its interim head of school for the 2021-22 school year.

Eshoo, daughter of Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Palo Alto, replaces Phil Gutierrez. Gutierrez decided to step down from the school's top leadership role in March. He said in a blog post that his departure was spurred by his desire to work at a school in his "immediate community," along with other "family-related factors."



Karen E. Eshoo

Eshoo has served as a head of school for the last 10 years, according to a blog post she wrote. She most recently headed King School in Stamford, Connecticut, and before that, Vistamar School in El Segundo, California.

"Mid-Pen has a long history of truly putting its students' needs at the center," Eshoo said in a statement. "I look forward so much to being part of this small and mighty community of committed trustees, colleagues, families, and friends of the school who faithfully and joyfully continue to bring that mission to life."

The school, which launched its search for a permanent head of school in June, is preparing for its full return to in-person learning this fall. Eshoo is setting up meetings with community members — often in small groups — to hear their perspectives on the school's strengths

and areas for future growth.

Eshoo has been in the education profession for 30 years, first in the classroom as a teacher and later in school leadership roles.

Locally, she previously served as the assistant head of school at Lick-Wilmerding High School in San Francisco, and held various leadership positions at Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton, including as principal of the middle school at St. Joseph's School, according to The Almanac's archives.

Eshoo, a Sacred Heart Prep alumna, said she is excited to join a school she has known since she was a teenager.

"I have friends who attended Mid-Pen in the 1980s — most importantly my partner, Campbell Barbee," she said.

She received her bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of San Diego, a master's degree in education and history from Stanford University, and her doctorate in education from University of California at Berkeley.

Application open for Congressional App Challenge

Rep. Anna Eshoo has announced the launch of the seventh annual Congressional App Challenge for the 18th Congressional District.

The House of Representatives began the contest in 2013 to promote innovation and engagement in STEM education fields.

"Since its creation in 2013, the Congressional App Challenge has been an extraordinary opportunity for students to think creatively and create innovative solutions to problems in our community. Last year we had many creative entries addressing needs during the

pandemic and the pressing matters in our community, and I look forward to seeing what students will design this year. I encourage all students, regardless of their level of coding expertise, to use technology to build creative solutions to address the myriad of challenges we face today," Eshoo said.

Science, technology, engineering, and math are foundational for innovation, and the Congressional App Challenge encourages students bolsters interest in STEM, and motivates students to pursue higher education and jobs in those fields, she said.

The challenge is open to all middle school and high school students who live in or are eligible to attend a public school located in the district. Students entering the competition must create a video explaining their app and what they learned through the competition process.

An appointed panel of academics, entrepreneurs, technology executives and other experts will judge the submitted apps. Winning apps will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol.

Apply at tinyurl.com/appchallenge2021 by Nov. 1.

Sequoia High Alumni Association annual picnic

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association is hosting its 14th annual picnic on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Sequoia High School campus located at 1201 Brewster Ave. in Redwood City. This year's theme is "Celebrate Sequoia: Remember the Past ... Look to the Future."

Alumni, their family and friends, past and current teachers, staff and

administrators, students and their parents, school-affiliated groups and the general public are invited. San Carlos High School alumni are also welcome to attend. Funds raised benefit the Sequoia High School Alumni Association, which in turn helps support the students and the school with grants, scholarships and funding for programs and projects benefiting the school.

This year there will be barbecue catered by Bianchini's Catering, tours of the campus and the renovated library/media center, a performance by Sequoia cheerleaders, and more. "Golden Grads" — those celebrating their 50th anniversary of graduating from Sequoia — will be honored.

Reservations are required. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$25 for children under 12. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door for \$45. Tickets are on sale until Aug. 18.

Go to sequoiaalumni.org to buy tickets or make a check payable to SHSAA and mail to: "Celebrate Sequoia," c/o Marian Wydo, 833 Clinton St., Redwood City, CA 94061. If an alumnus, note your graduation year and spouse's name, and, if an alumna, note your maiden name. For more information, call 650-592-5822 or e-mail SHSAA@SequoiaAlumni.org.

Woodland School hiring preschool teacher

Woodland School in Portola Valley is hiring a preschool teacher, according to the private school's LinkedIn page. The position pays between \$22 to \$25 an hour.

Apply online at edjoin.org.

—Angela Swartz

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\$2,800. In the second, someone tried to steal a car. When they were unsuccessful, they took five pairs of sunglasses, worth \$2,250 combined, from the car instead.

Police Chief Steve McCulley called the rise in burglaries in town "alarming" at a community meeting last week.

Over the weekend, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office also reported a residential burglary took place on July 1 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the 200 block of Golden Oak Drive in Portola Valley. Someone broke in by smashing a rear glass door, then ransacked the home and took several items. There are no suspect leads or information at this time, the Sheriff's Office said.

Anyone with information on the Atherton burglaries is asked to call the police department at 650-688-6500. Anyone who has information regarding the Portola Valley incident can call the Sheriff's Office anonymous tip line at 800-547-2700.

—Angela Swartz

Illegal fireworks arrest

San Mateo County Sheriff's Office deputies were alerted by a gunshot detection system late Saturday to what turned out to be a man setting off illegal fireworks in an unincorporated area of Menlo Park.

Deputies responded at 9:57 p.m. to the 100 block of Arrowhead Lane in the South

Fair Oaks neighborhood. Upon arrival they saw a man put a canister into his pocket and pick up several others before walking quickly away from them.

The deputies caught up to the man, identified as a 30-year-old resident of unincorporated Menlo Park, and arrested him for suspicion of three offenses: possession of illegal fireworks, possession of spent firework containers and providing false identification to deputies.

North Fair Oaks arrest

A man was arrested July 1 by deputies in North Fair Oaks in connection with several crimes after he reportedly set off fireworks.

The man, a 49-year-old Menlo Park resident, was arrested on suspicion of possession of narcotics paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, being a felon in possession of tear gas and possession/discharge of fireworks, according to the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office.

On July 1 at 3 a.m., deputies observed fireworks being set off in the area of Devonshire and Dumbarton avenues.

As the deputies responded to the scene, they saw the man walking away.

Deputies stopped him, learned he was on parole, and when they searched him, they located narcotics, narcotics paraphernalia and a discharged Roman candle style firework in his possession.

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PEOPLE AND PERFORMANCES IN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

With ‘The Black Index,’ Palo Alto Art Center explores representation

‘We resist confinement and will be part of the future,’ says curator Bridget Cooks

By Sheryl Nonnenberg

When printed photographs became available to the public in the mid-19th century, the phrase “the camera never lies” was coined, largely because the photograph was considered a faithful representation; a precise and infallible record of persons or events. We now know that the medium of photography is open to any number of manipulations and distortions. The current exhibition at the Palo Alto Art Center, “The Black Index,” seeks to, according to a press release, “question our reliance on photography as a privileged source for documentary objectivity and understanding,” especially as it pertains to Black subjects.

The show, guest-curated by Bridget Cooks, an associate professor of African American studies and art history at the University of California at Irvine, consists of the work of six Black artists working in a variety

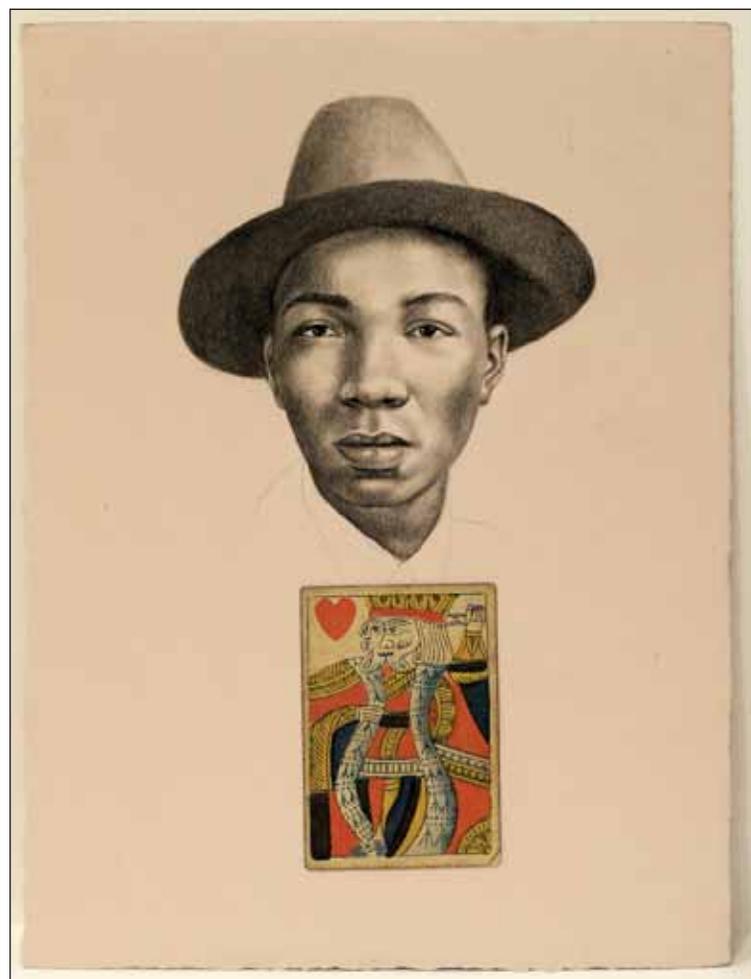
of media. The exhibition could not be more timely, but it was actually planned several years ago. Palo Alto Art Center Director Karen Kienzle and Cooks were former colleagues at Santa Clara University. When Kienzle heard about the exhibition, and the fact that it would be available to travel, she immediately sought to have it shown in Palo Alto.

“We knew this show would be important, but the reckoning around race and equity that took place over the past year made it more important than ever,” Kienzle said. “The presentation of the exhibition coincided with the release of the city of Palo Alto Human Relations Commission’s report on the experiences of Black and brown people in Palo Alto and their subsequent focus on facilitating 100 conversations on race in the community.”

Cooks said the inspiration for the exhibition came in 2017 when she first saw a work by artist Whitfield Lovell. Here, he is represented by “The Card

Pieces,” executed in charcoal pencil on paper. These 24 portraits of ordinary, working-class men and women are beautifully rendered and very expressive. At the bottom of the portrait an actual playing card has been affixed, perhaps to make a statement about how our lives are often impacted by the luck of the draw. In the accompanying wall label, Lovell stated that he wanted to portray Black Americans like everyone else because, “They have lives, hopes and dreams. They have families.”

Also included in the main gallery is the work of Bay Area artist Lava Thomas. In 2018, she did a series of 12 portraits entitled “Mugshots: Women of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.” Three of these large-scale drawings, made with graphite and Conté crayon on paper, are included here. Thomas was taken by the fact that women were, in large part, responsible for the organization behind the famous boycott. Although Rosa Parks is well known for the stance she took, Thomas wanted to celebrate the other women who worked quietly and effectively behind the scenes. Many of them, she said, had long histories of activism and, when they were arrested, wanted to “take control of their representation” by formally dressing for their mugshots. These carefully drawn portraits, which took more than three years to complete, portray the women with proud and defiant expressions. Thomas explained that the choice to use pencil on paper (a very laborious process) was deliberate because, “The act of drawing is accessible; everyone has used a pencil and paper. My drawing technique is detailed and precise — each pencil stroke is visible — which draws the viewer in and invites them to look closely.” The decision to make the drawings slightly larger than life-size was also a conscious one because, “hung at eye level, it allows the viewer to have a one-to-one engagement with them.” There is a feeling of connection made with these three women that would not have been the same with a black-and-white photograph. Thomas added, “My objective was also to take the



Courtesy Whitfield Lovell and DC Moore Gallery

Card XI from “The Card Pieces” by Whitfield Lovell.



Courtesy Collection of Doree Friedman

Alberta J. James from “Mugshot Portraits: Women of the Montgomery Bus Boycott” by Lava Thomas is on display at the Palo Alto Art Center through Aug. 14.

mugshot, a photograph designed to depict criminality, and transform it into a commemorative portrait, lovingly created, to honor the labor and leadership of these women.”

Thomas’ work can also be seen in the adjacent Glass Gallery, where her “Looking Back 1” portraits are installed. This is an ongoing project for the artist, inspired by an archive of family photographs. These depictions of women, some in formal attire, are framed within cameos, which the artist explained was a common device for early 20th-century portraits. In these works, Thomas said that she wanted to honor “the resilience of my ancestors and women in the South.” Their direct gaze and quiet, calm dignity mask the often difficult and troubling conditions that hallmarked the time in which they lived. As she became more aware of their life stories, Thomas was compelled to pay tribute to “what these women witnessed, what they had seen and what they had to endure.”

Another Bay Area artist in the show is Kenyatta A.C. Hinkle who, in 2016, read a statistic that roughly 64,000 Black women were reported as missing by the Black & Missing Foundation. She decided to bring attention to this through a series of “unportraits.” Executed in India ink and watercolor, these small drawings are ethereal abstractions rather than realistic renderings. Hinkle explained that “each figure has been channeled and stands in a representation of unfathomable loss.” Since the fate of the women is unknown, Hinkle refers to their status as

“evanesced” because there may never be documentation of their presence, similar to enslaved individuals from The Middle Passage. The way she chose to execute these unportraits is unique: She made handmade brushes from branches, plant fibers and other material she found in the woods. “I make handmade brushes to honor the inventiveness of my ancestors who used their intuition to fashion tools for survival even under the most brutal circumstances,” Hinkle said.

Cooks hopes that by presenting the exhibition in a largely white, wealthy demographic like Palo Alto, viewers will see that, “Black people have value. We are not disposable. We are more than something to be feared. We are beautiful and complex. We live, we feel joy and sorrow. We resist confinement and will be part of the future. This may be news for mainly white viewers. For Black people, the exhibition will be a validation.”

“The Black Index” also includes work by Dennis Delgado, Alicia Henry and Titus Kaphar.

Kaphar and San Jose artist Diana Pumpelly Bates will join Cooks for an online conversation on Black creativity and the importance of mentorship on July 16 at noon.

The exhibition is on view through Aug. 14 at the Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information is available at tinyurl.com/PAarts-bi. ■

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Stanford Live adds more shows, updates safety policies

San Francisco Ballet, Yo-Yo Ma and The American Modern Opera Company are on the calendar, plus the return of indoor performances

By Karla Kane

As the summer rolls on, Stanford Live has added more performances to its lineup at Frost Amphitheater, plus the first scheduled indoor performance of the year at Bing Concert Hall, the arts organization announced June 30.

In addition to its previously planned series of outdoor concerts, Stanford Live will present Leonard Slatkin conducting the Taipei Music Academy and Festival Orchestra (TMAF) on July 30; San Francisco Ballet, marking its live performance return and first show at Frost, with “Starry Nights” on Aug. 13-14; and “Not Our First Goat Rodeo,” featuring Yo-Yo Ma, Stuart Duncan, Edgar Meyer, Chris Thile and Aoife

O’Donovan on Aug. 20.

“We are thrilled to perform at Frost Amphitheater after many months of on-screen dance,” San Francisco Ballet Artistic Director and Principal Choreographer Helgi Tomasson said in a press release. “Starry Nights’ is a celebration of our dancers’ resilience and a symbol of gratitude to the community that has ushered us through this remarkable time. It is time for us to be back on stage, under the stars, doing what we do best.”

“The No One’s Rose,” a coproduction from Stanford Live, Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra (PBO) and the American Modern Opera Company, will premiere at Bing Concert Hall Aug. 25-29. The show combines music, dance, and theater

incorporating the work of Paul Celan, a poet and Holocaust survivor. Leading up to the premiere, the artists will participate in a two-week residency at Stanford Live.

Citing the latest state, county and university guidance, as of June 30, Frost Amphitheater audiences will not need to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test or vaccination. Masks at outdoor events are optional for vaccinated patrons and required for those unvaccinated. Masks will be required for all patrons at indoor shows. Guidance is, of course, subject to change.

More information is available at live.stanford.edu. ■

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Courtesy Erik Tomasson

San Francisco Ballet will be performing at Stanford’s Frost Amphitheatre for the first time in August.

Redwood City mural represents Selby students’ vision for ‘Connection, Community, and Hope’

By Karla Kane

Downtown Redwood City’s latest mural — “Connection, Community, and Hope” — is a labor of love by the fourth grade class of Atherton’s Adelante Selby Spanish Immersion School (part of the Redwood City School District), in partnership with local nonprofit Art in Action.

Located at the Bradford Street pump station, across from the Redwood City School District office and next to Redwood Creek, the mural depicts silhouettes of children enjoying balloons, kites, ice cream, games, flowers and more, set against a sunrise backdrop.

Led by muralist Lisa Miller, the mural’s themes and designs were generated by months of conversations with the fourth graders, and represent their hopes and dreams for the future — as well as what they’ve missed over the past year (one side features a child kicking away a stylized coronavirus like a soccer ball).

In addition to Art in Action, the Bradford Street project was approved and created in partnership with the city of Redwood City, the Redwood City Arts Commission and individual and corporate donors. The mural is expected to stay up for seven years.

The endeavor exemplifies Art in Action’s goal of boosting

students’ mental and emotional health, in addition to their artistic knowledge and skills, as children have been especially impacted by long periods of isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Adelante Selby teacher Yesenia Bravo helped bring together the more than 100 fourth-grade students in Zoom meetings to plan the project, begun while the school was still in full distance-learning mode.

“When I got them all together it was like a spark of life came to them, because they were really feeling that isolation of not playing with other kids, not being able to see their friends,” she said on June 11 as the painting was underway.



Courtesy Art in Action

“Connection, Community, and Hope” is a new mural in downtown Redwood City.

“I feel that this project came at a time when kids really needed that community feeling. They said ‘We want togetherness. Let’s paint something that shows togetherness,’” she said. “It’s been a journey. They’re doing

such an amazing job.”

More information is available at artinaction.org. ■

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Windrider Bay Area Film Forum holds virtual festival that aims to inspire

By Karla Kane

Windrider Bay Area Film Forum will present a virtual series of film screenings and discussions with a “Lens of Hope” theme July 8-10 and 15-16.

On the July 8-10 screening

docket are films including “Carterland,” about President Jimmy Carter’s role in environmental protection and social justice; “River City Drumbeat,” about a Kentucky couple who start a drum corps to inspire youth creativity, discipline, and pride in their African

heritage; and a trio of short films (“Knocking Down the Fences,” “Tree #3” and “Red Horizon”). On July 15-16, audiences with Netflix subscriptions can view “Rising Phoenix” and “Giving Voice.” Q&A sessions accompany all the films.

“Windrider’s ‘Lens of Hope’

filter invites its audience to engage and listen as filmmakers tell their stories, showing constructive responses to important issues,” according to a press release from the organization.

For schedule, tickets and more information, go to windriderbayarea.org. ■

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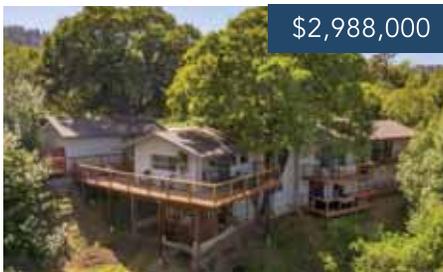
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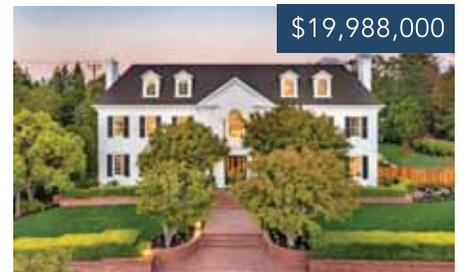
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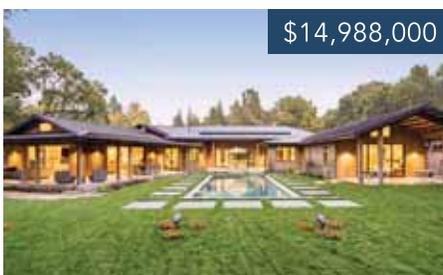
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Food & Drink

Heartfelt flavors

At The Mandarin and Roost & Roast, two local restaurant veterans bring a personal touch to menus

By Sara Hayden

Two new restaurants in downtown Menlo Park and Town and Country Village are bringing a personal touch to their menus. Nee Lau cultivated his love of Asian fusion cuisine and emphasis on quality over speed through his travels in China and long experience working at local restaurants, giving them a home at The Mandarin. Thai-style fried chicken is the headliner at Roost & Roast, but there's also a strong emphasis on traditional dishes developed by owner Brandon Poon's mother and inspired by a family trip back to her old hometown in Thailand.

The Mandarin

The pandemic may have expedited owner Nee Lau's plans to pursue his retirement dream of opening a restaurant, but when it comes to executing his vision at The Mandarin in Menlo Park, it's all about slowing down.

"I'd rather have a customer wait than rush a dish that's not perfectly done yet," Lau says.

One example of The Mandarin's slow approach is in the preparation of the eight treasure duck. That, Lau says, must be ordered at least two days in advance. Preparation includes the delicate business of deboning a duck and stuffing it with glutinous sticky rice, peanuts, black mushroom, dried shrimp, scallops and salted egg yolks — all while ensuring the skin stays intact.

The tea-smoked duck needs to be brined for 72 hours, stewed and simmered, and finally dried and smoked.

Lau gives a heads-up to those who order the whole fish in spicy bean sauce too. The rock cod requires 30 minutes to simmer so that the flavor can permeate to the bone.

"People say location, location, location, but for me it's quality, quality, quality," Lau says.

The restaurant recently had a soft opening at 1029 El Camino Real, the former home of Black Pepper that had been at the space since 2017. It closed amid

the pandemic.

At The Mandarin, specialties like tea-smoked duck and golden crab appear alongside comfort foods like General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef and crab Rangoon.

In the future, Lau hopes to expand the menu to offer Japanese and more Cantonese items. They'll reflect the dishes he was exposed to while growing up, working in restaurants and traveling across China working in high tech.

"In a word, it's fusion," Lau says. "Some people ask, 'Why are you doing fortune cookies?' You know what? People like it. And fortune cookies (are) something I like," Lau said. "I want to do pan-Asian."

Lau's enlisted the help of chef Rui Young, who trained in China and specialized in Szechuan cuisine at Sichuan Home and Z&Y Restaurant. There are plans to bring on board chef Ming Li of Koi Palace and Mayflower Restaurant.

Lau himself started in the restaurant industry as a dishwasher in Redwood City at the age of 14, just after his family immigrated from Guangdong. By the time he was 18, he was managing the nearby Juban Yakiniku House on Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park, which recently closed, but Lau remembers the restaurant was serving up some of the first

A5 wagyu beef in the area.

Along the way, Lau tried different dishes at local restaurants with his bosses, and has since come to appreciate all sorts of food.

"Trust me," says Lau, "I eat a lot."

He wants customers to also be able to try things that are new to them.

"If people want to eat dishes they haven't eaten before and they can't get it, come talk to me," Lau says.

This month, Lau is aiming for a beer and wine license and grand opening to celebrate The Mandarin's different dishes.

"There's tradition, and there's a new generation. And they can work together very well. With food, there's no boundaries," Lau says.

The Mandarin, 1029 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 650-391-9811. Open Tuesday to Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Roost & Roast

The Peninsula has a new Thai-inspired chicken destination with Roost & Roast.

"I figured in the Bay Area, you have your hot chicken, you have your Korean fried chicken, your Japanese fried chicken — but there was no Thai fried chicken," owner Brandon Poon says.

Roost & Roast aims to change that. It opened in Palo Alto last



Courtesy of The Mandarin

Get your order in two days in advance for The Mandarin's eight treasure duck, which is made from a deboned duck stuffed with sticky rice, peanuts, black mushroom, dried shrimp, scallops and salted egg yolks.

month, featuring hat yai fried chicken. Available as a meal with sides or à la carte, the batter is made with potato starch, resulting in a texture that's airy and crispy. BBQ and popcorn chicken are also on the menu.

While chicken is the claim to fame, Roost & Roast also serves up egg-topped pad krapow, stir-frying basil with chicken, pork or tofu, as well as pad thai, fried rice, salads and roti.

"Here we try to do things traditional," Poon says. "We still use a mortar and pestle, palm sugar and coriander. We do a lot of things by hand."

Inspiration for the menu was planted while trying street food during a family trip a couple of years ago. Poon's family went to Thailand to visit the town Poon's mother had immigrated to from Cambodia.

"The recipes are developed by my mom, to showcase her cooking," Poon says. "She's cooking for the family, versus us (now) cooking for the masses."

Ramping up is not without its challenges. Poon says it's "back to square one," even as seasoned restaurateurs who've been in the Peninsula hospitality industry for decades.

"We built a successful business in the past. It's a new set of challenges, but it's doable."

In Mountain View, Poon previously had Buffalo, a burger bar. His parents ran Express 7, a "ma-and-pa Chinese restaurant" that Poon later rebranded as Srasa Kitchen, a fast-casual Asian eatery.

They were at that location for 17 years before the COVID-19 pandemic prompted them to refocus their business model.

Sales they counted on from tech

companies dropped precipitously. They received a small amount of funding from government relief in the early days, but "it wasn't quite enough for us — we still had to walk away. But I think that's a given. I really don't know what they can do to help," Poon says.

Rather than serving 700 customers a day as they did pre-pandemic, the family business now serves about 100. Starting out new, that's to be expected, Poon says.

"It's just learning to start over again that's the biggest challenge ... This is our attempt to come back," he said.

They're finding a flow. Some days the food sells out, and others there's a minimal number of customers. Hiring is especially difficult as the restaurant industry faces a labor shortage.

"Right now it's just hard to find staff. It is a true family business. I'm working, my father's working, my mom's working," Poon says. "It's a true small business going on right now while we try to figure everything out."

They're doing so close to home. Roost & Roast's arrival in Palo Alto marks a homecoming for the Gunn High School grad and his family.

"We grew up in Palo Alto," Poon says. "It's nice to finally have a business in the area where we grew up."

Roost & Roast at Town & Country Village, 855 El Camino Real Suite 161, Palo Alto; 650-485-2395. Open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. ▣

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Courtesy of Roost & Roast

Roost & Roast's pad krapow with tofu, stir-fried with basil and topped with an egg. It's also available with chicken or pork. Owner Brandon Poon says the new family-run restaurant is an "attempt to come back" after they had to close their long-standing business in Mountain View due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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PORTOLA VALLEY | \$2,700,000

Spacious Ladera updated 6 bedroom, 3 bath home. Formal entry opens to living room with fireplace & sunroom. Kitchen has new quartz counters & appliances, built-in desk & garden window. 3 baths updated & hardwood floors refinished. Separate wing has 2 bedrooms with new carpet, sitting area & shared bath. Fenced garden with mature landscaping. Located near Ladera Rec with pool, tennis & playground.

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SAN JOSE | \$2,599,000

Spectacular Glencrest luxury home with quality finishes! 4 bedrooms + a bonus room and 3 baths. Over 1/2 acre terraced yard. 44 owned PV panels. This dream home located close to Almaden's highest rated schools, Williams ES, Bret Harte MS and Leland HS. This elegant Almaden Estate home is a dream come true and is waiting for you.

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PALO ALTO | \$2,498,000

3br/2.5ba home in Barron Park a rural, warm community with parks and schools, sold with multiple offers! Virtual Tour at: www.766LaParaAvenue.com

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PALO ALTO | \$2,298,000

3br/2ba home in Midtown neighborhood! Natural light from large windows & private backyard w/patio! Cozy fireplace in LR & fresh paint throughout.

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