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Peninsula residents, tech giants rally to support Ukraine

Amid Russian invasion, local Ukrainians find allies in their communities

By Gennady Sheyner

Bomb shelters and air raid sirens have become a part of everyday life for the family of Andrii Anpilogov, a Palo Alto resident who grew up in Kyiv and whose mother, sister and other family members still live there.

"The day is quieter than the night," Anpilogov, 36, said in an interview Monday when asked about his relatives' day-to-day life while under attack by the Russian military. "Closer to night, you hear sirens and alarms, you go to the bomb shelter and you sleep if you can. Then you wait until morning and go back to the apartment."

A software engineer, Anpilogov is one of more than 10,000 Ukraine natives who now live in the Bay Area. He also has extended family in Sumy, a city in northeast Ukraine that experienced a fierce battle in the first days of the Russian invasion.

Like many others, he has spent recent days checking in with loved ones, attending rallies and lobbying Silicon Valley giants to take a more active stance in the conflict, which has upended the geopolitical order.

"The actions today for everyone who stays abroad are pretty simple. It's to donate, spread the word and ask people around you not to be silent," Anpilogov said.

With their native land in crisis, the Ukrainian population in Palo Alto, Mountain View and other Peninsula cities has become increasingly active over the past week. They have been lobbying lawmakers to impose a no-fly zone over Ukraine and encouraging Meta, Alphabet, Apple and other Silicon Valley giants to proactively aid Ukraine's resistance against Russia's massive invading force.

According to the American Community Survey of the U.S.

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Magali Gauthier

Annette Ross lights Bishop Tyler Johnson's candle at a vigil supporting Ukraine at Werry Park in Palo Alto on March 1. Russia's invasion has caused an outpouring of emotion and action locally, especially among residents with ties to Ukraine.

Portola Valley School District set to drop its mask mandate March 14

Other local districts are still deciding if they'll follow the state's lead and make masks optional

By Angela Swartz and Zoe Morgan

The Portola Valley School District will no longer require students and teachers to mask up indoors starting Monday, March 14, but many other Peninsula school officials are undecided if they'll align with new state guidelines that make masks indoors optional, even as the San Mateo County Health Department said it plans to follow state guidance.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced on Monday, Feb. 28, that the requirement to wear a mask inside schools will

be lifted at the end of the day on Friday, March 11, for the first time during the pandemic. The decision comes as COVID-19 case rates have fallen sharply in recent weeks and other states have announced an end to school mask mandates.

As of The Almanac's Wednesday afternoon press deadline, the Sequoia Union High, Ravenswood, Menlo Park City, Las Lomas and Woodside school districts were still mulling whether they'll follow the state guidance.

Both the Ravenswood, Menlo Park and Woodside districts have said they'll leave it up to

their school boards to make a decision. In contrast, nearby Palo Alto Unified and Mountain View Los Altos Union High school districts plan to follow the state's lead and drop indoor mask requirements on March 12, although masks will continue to be recommended in local classrooms.

The Portola Valley School District (PVSD) is an exception. Officials plan to strongly recommend wearing masks, but will not require it of students and staff starting March 14, according to a district email to families sent Monday.

"PVSD continues to move

toward a true endemic state and is looking forward to classrooms and interpersonal interactions that help all students feel better connected and engaged," said Superintendent Roberta Zarea in the email. "We will continue to take every step to preserve the health of our students and staff while keeping our community as safe and healthy as possible."

The Menlo Park City School District (MPCSD) governing board plans to discuss the district's mask mandate, based on county guidance, at a March 8 meeting, Superintendent Erik Burmeister told staff and families in a message on Feb. 27.

Earlier this month, the district lifted its outdoor mask mandate and officials noticed that about 40-50% of students are still choosing to mask up outside. We respect and appreciate their desire to do so, Burmeister said.

Sequoia district Superintendent Darnise Williams said that the administration and board of trustees have worked closely together on all decisions this school year, but didn't go so far as to say she will leave the decision on indoor masking up to the board.

"We remain cautiously optimistic about the governor's latest

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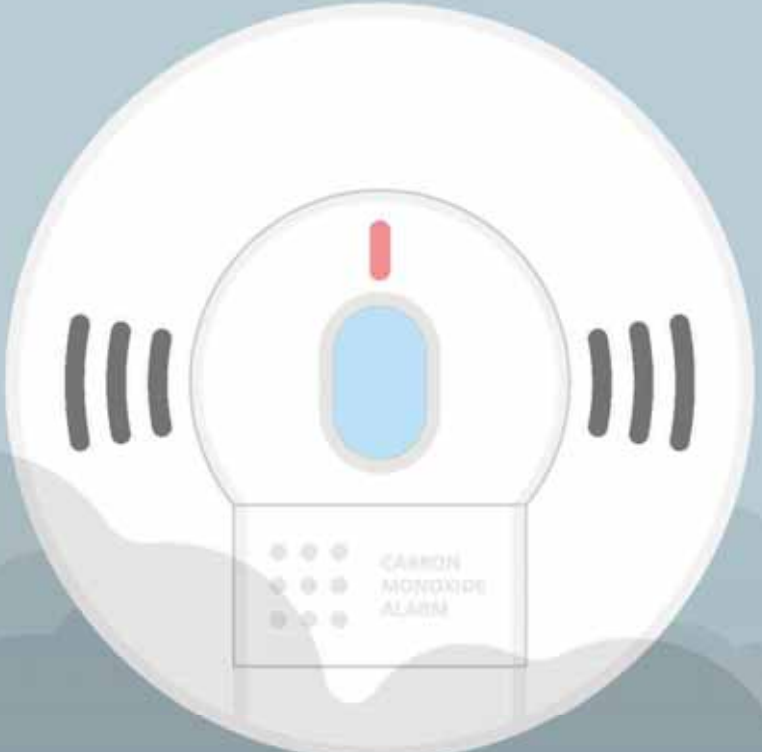
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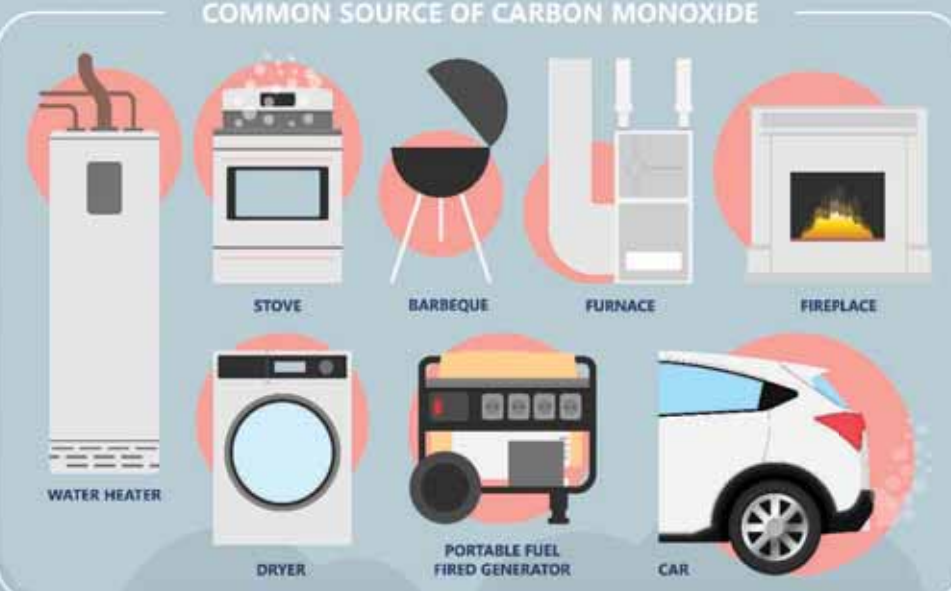


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APPLICATION 21-05-002

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This Public Forum is part of a formal proceeding that will be documented and placed into the formal record so the CPUC can make a decision about Cal Water's request. You can make comments and raise concerns to the CPUC Administrative Law Judge overseeing this application. You can also provide written public comments at any time during the proceeding at apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2105002.

Where and when will this Public Forum be held?

Location: Virtual	Via Webcast: www.adminmonitor.com/cal/cpuc
Date: March 16, 2022	Via Phone: (800) 857-1917
Time: 6 p.m.	Passcode: 1673482#

The Public Forum can be viewed via internet, or listened to via phone, with the information above. If you wish to make a public comment, please participate by phone using the phone number and pass code above and **pressing *1**. Your participation by providing your thoughts on Cal Water's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

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On May 3, 2021, Cal Water filed its triennial Cost of Capital (A.21-05-002) application with the CPUC. The application is requesting a total of \$4,408,650, or a 0.6% change. If the CPUC approves this application, Cal Water will recover forecasted costs in rates over a 3-year period covering January 1, 2022-2024. This will impact your bill.

Why is Cal Water requesting this rate increase?

- Cal Water is required to file a Cost of Capital application every three years.
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- This application includes the funds needed to obtain equity and secure long-term debt (loans and financial obligations longer than one year).

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This application has been assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt Cal Water's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding will review Cal Water's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information, please call (415) 703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

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Please reference **Application 21-05-002** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

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Magali Gauthier

Lori Hunter, left, a co-owner of the Alpine Inn, chats with longtime customers Juan Carlos Cancino and Arden Bucklin at Monday night's event marking the historic watering hole's 170th anniversary.

Alpine Inn celebrates 170 years with a party

Portola Valley's oldest roadside attraction draws a crowd Monday night

By Angela Swartz

Juan Carlos Cancino still remembers playing by Los Trancos Creek behind Alpine Inn as a kid. In the three decades he's been coming to the roadside restaurant, he's shared drinks with Stanford

classmates, etched girlfriends' names into benches and felt like he's stepped back in time seeing people hitch their horses to the posts out front.

Nostalgia, company and good food are among the draws for Cancino and the close to 470 others who came

out to celebrate the Alpine Inn's 170th anniversary on Monday night, Feb. 28. Cars lined Arastradero Road as far as the eye could see.

"I've been coming here since I could barely walk," said

See **ALPINE INN**, page 18

Atherton has a month without burglaries

\$86K in goods stolen in January

By Angela Swartz

About 150 people gathered on Zoom on Feb. 17 to hear updates on home burglaries in Atherton in the last two months, some of which are tied to Chilean gang members.

There haven't been any burglaries in town in February, but thieves took about \$86,000 worth of goods during eight burglaries in January, according to the Atherton Police Department.

"They want nothing to do with electronics; they're a dime a dozen these days and too easy to track," said police Chief Steve McCulley during the meeting. "They're only after jewels, precious metals, high-end purses, shoes."

Burglars are steering clear of pawn shops since they feed in their goods into police software systems, McCulley said. Instead, they'll resell items to jewelers.

Police believe that home burglaries over the last year in Atherton — including the theft of \$800,000 worth of jewelry reported stolen from a home on Dec. 8, 2020 — are linked to a crime spree in town in 2018 by members of a Chilean gang operating out of Southern California. McCulley said Atherton police were the first in the Bay Area to "connect the dots" and

link the group to home burglaries in the area.

During the meeting, McCulley said gang members are entering the country in Miami using travel visas. He said the group seems to also be targeting wealthy communities in the Washington, D.C., area.

Atherton police are arresting about two to three burglary suspects a year, McCulley said. It is tricky because if the criminals return to Chile, police can't prosecute them, he said.

Recently, burglars are traveling in groups of about three or four and driving newer model SUVs, which help them blend into the community, said Cmdr. Dan Larsen. They're committing the crimes between 5 and 8 p.m. typically, he noted. They're not targeting any particular areas of town, but they do tend to gravitate toward homes on the corners of intersections, according to police.

McCulley said these thieves have the abilities of "ninjas or gymnasts," as they'll scale the wall of a home to break into a second story glass door or window.

He noted that the burglaries are likely not tied to recent thefts at high-end stores in the Bay Area, including recent incidents at stores in Palo Alto. He said Bay Area-based

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A new crosswalk on El Camino Real becomes a head-scratcher for Menlo Park City Council

Middle Plaza project could trigger removal of street parking, to dismay of business owners

By Lloyd Lee

Menlo Park is holding off from removing parking spaces near Stanford University's new Middle Plaza project on El Camino Real, after City Council members tried for an hour to eke out potential alternatives from staff.

The hesitancy from council, which voted 3-2 on the matter at Tuesday's meeting, stems from a clashing combination of wants and needs.

Ahead of the opening of Middle Plaza this year, Stanford wants to add another

crosswalk at the Middle Avenue and El Camino Real intersection to provide a pathway to the development.

Along with this, the city aims to build a raised, concrete median from Middle Avenue to College Avenue, giving better separation between the opposing traffic and a "small refuge" for the crossing pedestrians, according to a staff report. Currently, this small stretch of El Camino Real is one of the few that relies on flexible posts for separation.

At 2-feet wide, the proposed median is already narrow, said

Hugh Louch, the city's public works assistant director, and will provide "modest" safety benefits for pedestrians. But to carve space for even a small separation, something from El Camino Real's finite width has to go.

City staff and the Complete Streets Commission members ultimately determined that the most feasible solution would be to remove eight parking spots mostly between 441 and 401 El Camino Real, where several small businesses stand, including Namesake Cheesecake, Menlo Velo Bicycles and

the new Level Lux Salon that opened during the pandemic. And to make up for lost parking near the businesses, staff recommended placing one-hour time limits on about seven unrestricted parking spaces on College Avenue.

Business owners pleaded to the city on Tuesday to reconsider.

"You take our spots away and it literally will crush our businesses," said Cherith Spicer, owner of Namesake Cheesecake.

City staffers had determined in their study that the eight parking spaces were not heavily used based on observations of

parking behavior on two days, during the morning and afternoon, and a review of Google Maps' street view history, which shows a snapshot of a street at a single point in time.

But two business owners argued that it's partly due to the nature of their services. Spicer said the spots allow her clients, some of them senior citizens, to park for a couple of minutes while they quickly pick up their cake.

Alexis Treacy, owner of Level Lux Salon, said that many of her

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chance to win Warriors tickets at blood drive in Menlo Park

Stanford Blood Center is hosting a community blood drive in the Suburban Park neighborhood on Friday, March 11, from 2 to 6 p.m. The bloodmobile will be located at 207 Oakhurst Place.

Anyone who donates will be entered to win a pair of tickets to the Golden State Warriors game against the Los Angeles Lakers on April 7.

All blood types will be accepted. First-time donors or those without a donor ID card should bring a valid state-issued photo ID. Donors are encouraged to make an appointment and will be required to wear a mask. To make an appointment go to stanford.io/3v9Xc9N.

Emmy Award-winning cinematographer to talk at the Riekes Center

Ben Mullin, a five-time Emmy Award-winning cinematographer, will be the guest for a live Q&A event at the Riekes Center in Menlo Park from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 5.

A Riekes alum, Mullin will discuss his work as the director of photography for National Geographic and BBC International's "Life Before Zero," a series that documents life off grid in the Alaskan wilderness.

The event is part of the Riekes Center's new speaker series, Riekes Inspirations, which will feature alumni members with expertise in the fields of arts, athletics or nature.

To register for the free event, visit bit.ly/3MDnsWW.

Concrete trucks to pour foundation for Menlo Park Community Campus

The concrete foundation for the Menlo Park Community Campus will be poured on Saturday, March 5, according to a press release from the city.

The work will take place from 3 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Kelly Park will remain open throughout the process. The city recommends parking on nearby streets, since on-site parking will be limited.

Level 10 Construction, a general contractor company, will set up concrete pumps at 3 a.m., ahead of the first concrete truck that will arrive around 4 a.m. The city estimates that the work will take 2,900 yards of concrete. A street sweeper will also be operating during the pour to keep the streets clean, the release said.

Meta, formerly known as Facebook, first submitted a proposal for a multi-generational community center at 100 Terminal Avenue in 2019, replacing existing facilities that include the Onetta Harris Community Center and the Menlo Park Senior Center. The new facility is expected to open next year.

For more information, visit bit.ly/3C33pG5.

— Lloyd Lee

Free bus rides for disadvantaged youth

SamTrans and the San Mateo County Office of Education launched a Youth Unlimited six-month pilot program in January, to provide free SamTrans bus rides to socioeconomically disadvantaged students.

The program runs through the end of June and is open to students that are eligible for the free and reduced-price meal program, students experiencing homelessness, foster youth, migrant students, and students whose parents did not graduate from high school.

The overall goals of the program are to reduce transportation costs for low-income families, attract new and more frequent riders, and understand the potential operational impacts of providing free fares to some or all youth riders.

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CORRECTION

In last week's issue of The Almanac, the story "High school district reports zero COVID-19 cases" cited information from the Sequoia Union High School District stating there were zero cases of COVID-19 reported during the week of Feb. 14. That information changed when the district updated its data dashboard on Feb. 28, revising its case counts from zero to 20.

Neighbors Abroad steps up to raise money for Ukrainian refugees

Palo Alto organization launches Ukrainian Emergency Children's Relief Fund to solicit donations

Gennady Sheyner

For Palo Alto resident Jean-net Kiessling, the crisis in Ukraine that has upended world order in less than a week feels personal.

Kiessling is from Heidelberg, Germany, a sister city of Palo Alto, and for the past decade she has been working with an Austrian organization "kleine Herzen" (German for "small hearts"), which builds homes for Ukrainian orphans.

Over the weekend, with Russia's full-scale invasions of Ukraine triggering a wave of refugees, Kiessling and her colleagues at the Neighbors Abroad sprang into action to raise money to buy food, clothing and basic supplies for people fleeing the war. In a little over two days, the group's Ukrainian Emergency Children's Relief Fund has

raised more than \$15,000 from local donations.

Kiessling, who moved to Palo Alto in 2016, began working on assisting Ukraine orphans more than a decade ago, when she was living in Vienna. She had just quit her job and was looking for a way to devote some of the severance pay she received to support Ukrainian charities. Over the course of her research, she ran across a woman from kleine Herzen and they decided to join forces.

Kiessling said the group has held numerous fundraisers to build orphanages. They had published a cookbook with recipes from eastern European cuisines, which netted about \$40,000, and a gala that brought in more than \$100,000. One donor offered to donate a prefabricated house, which the organization accepted and put

up in Fastiv, a city southwest of Kyiv. The house now provides shelter for homeless Ukrainian children.

Kleine Herzen has been active in Ukraine, Russia and Cambodia. In western Ukraine, the organization had opened a summer home for children from the Chernobyl area. It had built summer camps in cities within the Carpathian Mountains, which stretch from Romania to southwestern Ukraine. These are currently being converted into refugee shelters, Kiessling said.

In 2014, after Russia annexed Crimea and invaded the eastern regions of Donetsk and Luhansk — known as Donbas — the organization created shelters for people fleeing the conflicts in those areas.

Now, kleine Herzen is focusing on the crisis that was triggered

by Russia's full-scale assault on Ukraine last week. It is raising money to buy supplies to help the hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians making their way west to the city Lviv and across the Polish border.

Kiessling said in an interview on Saturday that the organization has been extremely heartened by the response that Neighbors Abroad has received immediately after the relief fund was set up. In just over a day, nearly \$10,000 in donations came in (the number has gone up to over \$15,000 since then).

"Everyone I've spoken to said to me, 'Give me a link and I'll donate.' This is apparently very close to people's hearts."

Bob Wenzlau, president of Neighbors Abroad, said the effort created an unique opportunity for the local organization to step up and work with

Heidelberg, which has a branch of kleine Herzen. He said the organization is planning to adapt as the situation in Europe evolves and is looking for ways to get money to Poland to support children as they arrive there.

The effort, he said, has made the Ukraine conflict less abstract and more personal for those working on the effort.

"It's amazing, because normally we don't provide humanitarian support with our first-world sister cities," Wenzlau said of the Heidelberg partnership. "This opportunity came up and I believe we're going to be supporting them indefinitely now."

To donate to the Ukrainian Emergency Children's Relief Fund, go to <https://bit.ly/35mKFW2>. ■

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Santa Clara County lifts mask mandate this week

Public health leaders still strongly recommend wearing face coverings indoors

By Sue Dremann

Face masks are no longer required indoors in Santa Clara County in most settings starting Wednesday, March 2, county health officer Dr. Sara Cody said on Tuesday.

The mask requirement, which county officials decided to lift after a vast improvement in metrics related to COVID-19 infections, has now changed to a "strong recommendation," Cody said. The transition from mandate to recommendation applies to all people regardless of their vaccination status, she said.

The California Department of Public Health continues to require masking in higher-risk settings such as public transit, health care facilities, shelters, jails, and long-term care facilities, and the county will follow those requirements.

"We are very encouraged by the progress we have made. We have much less COVID spreading in our community as compared to two weeks ago or even a week ago," Cody said in a statement March 1. "While indoor masking in public spaces will no longer be required, it still makes sense to do so. Wearing a mask is part of working together to protect others, especially the most vulnerable among us."

The county discontinued

local rules for schools and child care settings in mid-2020 and has followed state guidance and rules since that time. On Monday, the state announced that universal masking requirements for those settings will be lifted after March 11, but strongly recommends mask use indoors in these places. Cody noted that businesses still can require patrons and employees to wear masks indoors.

County health officials had delayed lifting the mask requirement when other counties and the state rolled back the universal mask mandate in mid-February because the county hadn't met its final public health metric to lift the requirement: a seven-day rolling average of new cases at 550 or below for seven consecutive days. The county already met its two other metrics of 80% of the population being vaccinated and low and stable COVID-19 hospitalizations.

Cody said on Tuesday the county had now reached sustained and encouraging numbers. Nearly 85% of residents have been vaccinated and nearly 70% have received boosters. The seven-day rolling average of cases has dropped to 350 per day and continues to decrease. Hospitalizations are also stable, with more identified cases being found while patients are being treated for other conditions and

are not there primarily due to a severe COVID-19 infection.

But Cody also warned that the virus is still causing severe illness and deaths. It's still an airborne respiratory virus that has the potential to mutate to another variant and it can still cause large numbers of long COVID-19 cases, where symptoms and ailments can continue for months.

"Masks are still a very important layer of protection," she said at a press conference on Tuesday morning. "Along with providing additional protection for the most vulnerable individuals and groups, indoor masking, along with vaccines and other layered protections, provides the best defense against long COVID."

Whether the masks will stay off in the long run is an open

question, she said. "It's a balance. At some point we do need to transition in our county (to unmasking)," but "we will have peaks and valleys. We probably will have another peak," as no one knows what variant will emerge or if it will be more contagious or severe, she said.

County leaders advise anyone

showing COVID-19 symptoms to get tested right away. Under a local order, health care systems are required to provide a COVID-19 test to patients if they have symptoms or were exposed to someone with COVID-19. ■

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REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman

Will There Be A Spring Market?



Dear Monica:

I have been waiting for more homes to come on the market but so far, there are very few new properties. Is this an unusual year?

— Marty C.

Dear Marty:

The spring market is late this year and it's not clear whether it is just late or if something else is occurring. In January it was Omicron that caused buyers and sellers to wait while they watched what the new variant would do. The stock market too has been very volatile with two straight months of losses. There have also been interest rate increases, rising inflation, and Russia's aggressive actions against Ukraine. Many sellers are pausing to see what will happen while others are rushing to sell their homes before they feel it's too late. If inventory doesn't improve soon, we may be seeing a change in the market. Stay tuned.

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OBITUARIES

Local residents who died recently include **Joan Davey McGraw**, 89, a former Menlo Park and Atherton resident, on Feb. 4; and **Douglass Edward Walsh Jr.**, 89, a public accountant and Menlo Park resident, on Feb. 14.

To read the full obituaries, leave remembrances and post photos, go to LastingMemories.at-almanacnews.com/obituaries.

Cal Fire cites PG&E for using Heli-Saw at Wunderlich Park without permits

A helicopter trimmed tree limbs without warning county parks or fire officials; PG&E disputes need for permits

By Sue Dremann

Pacific Gas and Electric is accused of using a massive saw with eight rotating blades in Wunderlich County Park this winter, without getting permits or notifying state and county agencies, according to county officials.

The Heli-Saw, which is suspended from a helicopter and used to remove tree branches near the energy company's power lines, was spotted by San Mateo County Parks Department staff in early December. The county wasn't aware that PG&E had planned to use the saw so it hadn't limited public access to the location, a county spokeswoman said.

The incident, and a notice of violation from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire), was first reported by NBC Bay Area on Feb. 27. Fire officials alleged that PG&E's contractor used the helicopter-saw on Dec. 9 in Wunderlich County Park in Woodside, near Skyline Boulevard. PG&E said it did the work safely and disputed the need for permits.

The Heli-Saw contains multiple buzz saws on a girder that is suspended vertically by a cable attached to a helicopter. PG&E says in a video on its website that the device can reach multiple branches in difficult-to-reach locations and can quickly clear areas that would take hand crews weeks to do. The device is used along PG&E's high-voltage power lines to help clear



Screenshot via PG&E video

Pacific Gas & Electric's Heli-Saw is suspended from a helicopter by a cable and used to cut tree limbs near power lines. Cal Fire cited the energy company for using the device in Wunderlich Park without permits or advanced notice.

overgrown branches that could spark wildfires.

Carla Schoof, spokeswoman for San Mateo County Parks, said staffers discovered PG&E was using the Heli-Saw but they weren't notified. The county parks department and other land-management agencies coordinate with PG&E for vegetation management in these rural settings, using an established procedure, she said.

"Late in 2021, we didn't have a request from PG&E and its contractor to do work. There was nothing for us to review or approve," Schoof said.

Obtaining such reviews is routine. "This is something that happens all of the time," she said, so the county doesn't understand how this slipped by. PG&E left the branches on the ground and

trails, although they are clearing away the debris, she said.

State Assemblyman Marc Berman, who represents Woodside, expressed concern.

"While vegetation management is critically important to reduce forest fires, we absolutely cannot substitute safety for speed," he said in an email on Tuesday night. "I was very troubled to learn that PG&E recently received numerous notices of violation from Cal Fire, including for the unpermitted use of a Heli-Saw and for the use of heavy duty equipment on unpaved roads right after heavy rains, severely damaging roads in Wunderlich Park in my district. We must be able to clear tree limbs near high voltage wires without endangering members of the public who are taking

advantage of our beautiful public open spaces."

Mayra Tostado, principal corporate communications representative for PG&E, said in an email statement that PG&E is aware that Cal Fire and San Mateo County Parks raised issues related to vegetation maintenance work on what it refers to as the Monte Vista-Jefferson transmission-line corridor within Huddart and Wunderlich Parks in San Mateo County.

"Making sure that trees don't touch transmission lines is year-round work for PG&E and is essential to maintaining safe, reliable electric service," she said, adding that PG&E is drafting a response to both agencies.

"We have had ongoing discussions with San Mateo County and San Mateo County Parks, including verbally sharing that, as our contractor used the vertical-area tree saw on private property, which we had permission to do, they mistakenly extended the saw's use several hundred feet into Wunderlich Park. The vegetation work conducted in the park and on adjacent land included only pruning limbs with the aerial saw, and no trees were cut down," Tostado said.

As the work progressed, ground crews preceded and followed the route, and were in constant communication with the pilot of the aerial saw, she said. There were no safety issues related to the pruning within the park property, nor was the public in danger at any time, according to Tostado.

PG&E has a difference of

opinion with Cal Fire regarding permits, however.

"As we've expressed to Cal Fire, PG&E's primary concern is that, in many cases, the permits that Cal Fire wants PG&E to obtain would actually prohibit or delay PG&E's ability to perform its important wildfire mitigation work," Tostado said, saying that the utility company is having conversations with Cal Fire and other state authorities to address conflicts between PG&E's state and federal obligations to perform wildfire safety work and Cal Fire's belief that it needs to obtain a harvest document or utility right-of-way exemption permit first.

'(A contractor) mistakenly extended the saw's use several hundred feet into Wunderlich Park.'

MAYRA TOSTADO,
PG&E SPOKESPERSON

PG&E said it also worked with San Mateo County Parks immediately following concerns about road damage done during the operation.

"PG&E rapidly responded and installed erosion mitigation measures to mitigate additional impacts. PG&E continues to work with the County Parks to develop and implement a longer-term roads restoration plan," she said.

Cal Fire did not provide The Almanac with requested documentation of its notice of violation to PG&E, nor did its representatives answer any questions or provide comment for this story. ■

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Menlo Park City Council briefs

Expanded eligibility for affordable housing program

New guidelines that aim to expand access to Menlo Park's affordable housing program were adopted at the March 1 City Council meeting.

Rather than a list of "eligibility requirements," the program guidelines were updated to outline a criteria for "preferences." Part of this language change, according to the staff report, is to emphasize that someone who may not meet any of the preferences, but would still qualify for the program based on income level, is encouraged to apply.

The city is eliminating the preference for residents who have been living in Menlo Park since

2008. Instead, the preference will now include anyone who has lived in the city for at least three years, "regardless of the exact date they resided in the city."

"The reason for expanding this preference is to more universally allow long-term community members, defined as three or more years, in need of affordable housing an opportunity to return to Menlo Park," the report states.

The city is also tweaking the program's work preference. The guidelines now specify that the work preference applies to anyone who works in the city 20 hours a week, regardless of pay, meaning this can include volunteer service.

People with any form of mobility challenges now also get preference. Before, the

"accessible unit preference" only applied to wheelchair users, but was expanded to minimize "unintentional discrimination to persons with other types of mobility challenges," according to the report.

Read more about the new guidelines at bit.ly/3MhcJuq.

Council renews utilities tax for residents

Residents will continue to pay a one-percent tax on their utilities after a unanimous City Council vote.

Some residents were under the impression that the Tuesday vote was a decision to raise the utilities tax and excoriated the City Council for doing so while

residents are dealing with the pandemic and after the city purchased Teslas for the police department in 2021.

City Council member Ray Mueller clarified that Tuesday's vote was to maintain the tax at the same rate for the remainder of the fiscal year. He also challenged the notion that the city doesn't need the revenue from the tax.

"How could you make the argument that, during the pandemic when we laid off so many staff, when we worked so hard just to have police services and roads and sewer and everything that we had to do as a city, that we didn't need that money at that time," Mueller asked, adding that he couldn't think of a time

during his tenure on the City Council when the money was needed more.

During the 2020-21 fiscal year, the city received \$1.44 million in revenue from the utilities tax. The city anticipates \$1.74 million in revenue for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

The council's decision was based on the determination that the tax was essential to the city's financial health for the fiscal year of 2021-22. According to Interim Finance Director Marvin Davis, a healthy city means it can continue funding safety services such as the police and fire departments and that the community believes there are adequate city services.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Atherton City Council will hold a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to repeal and replace Chapter 8.14 "Historical Artifacts" of the Atherton Municipal Code (AMC) with Chapter 8.14 "Historical Preservation".

This meeting will be held via teleconference only pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e) to provide the safest environment for staff and the public while allowing for public participation. The public may participate in the City Council Meeting via Zoom Meeting.

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Description: The City Council is considering adoption of an Ordinance to repeal and replace AMC Chapter 8.14 "Historical Artifacts" to be retitled "Historical Preservation". The purpose of such draft Ordinance is to create a comprehensive Town "historical preservation" approach that is tailored specifically for Historical Artifacts, as well as Historical Buildings, relative to its findings and purpose, definitions, procedures and processes, and other regulatory provisions. The draft Ordinance amendments propose to combine existing AMC regulations pertaining to historical artifacts with proposed new regulations relative to historical buildings. **A copy of the meeting agenda, staff report and draft Ordinance can be found online by Thursday, March 10, 2022 here:**

<https://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/Archive.aspx?AMID=41&Type=Recent>

The proposal has been determined to be exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to CEQA Section 15308, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for protection of the Environment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said Ordinance is set for hearing by the City Council at its meeting on **March 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM** via teleconference accessible through the above-described information, at which time and place all persons interested may participate and show cause, if they have any, why the Ordinance should or should not be recommended for approval.

IF YOU CHALLENGE any actions taken to adopt the Historical Preservation Ordinance in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

City Council decisions are final on the date of decision and may not be further appealed.

If you have any questions on the item, please contact Anthony Suber, Deputy City Manager, at asuber@ci.atherton.ca.us or 650-752-0529. Any attendee who wishes accommodation for a disability should contact the Building Division at (650) 752-0542 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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ATHERTON CITY COUNCIL

/s/ Anthony Suber

Anthony Suber, City Clerk

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clients use the parking space to come in for a 30-minute haircut.

"El Camino is always full pretty much Monday through Saturday," she said.

Another public commenter said that delivery trucks tend to take up some of the existing spots — there's a UPS location on that small strip — and didn't agree with moving customers to the side of College Avenue, where spaces these days are frequently taken up by construction workers, he said.

While staff isn't proposing creating more parking spots, the logic behind the new one-hour time limits at College Avenue is to ensure that nobody will park in those spaces all day.

Vice Mayor Jen Wolosin sympathized with the business owners and hoped that the new Middle Plaza development, which includes retails and restaurants, offices and 215 residential units, will bring in more customers across the street.

"This isn't gonna be painless," she said.

During the hour-long discussion, it was clear that there were little alternative solutions that could avoid cascading impacts.

The driving lanes on El Camino Real are narrow and the parking space by the small strip is currently about 7-foot wide — the minimum width a vehicle should have, Louch said — already leaving little room for the 2-foot median.

Council member Ray Mueller entertained the idea of shaving off a part of the sidewalk by the Middle Plaza project. But based on preliminary information provided during the council meeting, Louch said that that would require the removal of several street trees and the consideration of a major pipeline underground.

Moving the location of the median, say, further away from the side of the small businesses and closer to the Middle Plaza side, would pose another challenge, as it would move the alignment between the driving lanes further down El Camino Real. In other words, shifting a median in one spot may mean shifting a median elsewhere.

Staff is also proposing parking restrictions across the road along the Middle Plaza project, down to the Menlo Park-Palo Alto city limit, in order to create a future buffered bike lane.

While parking removal isn't an issue in this case, since the new development has on-site parking, it was another pain

point for Mueller, who said he preferred a protected bike lane with barricades to clearly separate cars from cyclists.

"I'm not convinced that what we're doing here is safe enough, candidly," Mueller said. "Because what we're going to end up with is a 5-foot lane on one side of El Camino ... which won't be a protected bike lane. And then we're gonna end up with a little 2-foot median that I don't want my kid hanging off in the middle of El Camino, especially if there's no parking on either side, where people are racing up and down."

Council members Mueller, Combs and Cecilia Taylor voted against the staff proposals.

The City Council didn't provide further direction for staff on Tuesday, but Mueller hoped that staff members will conduct a "good faith investigation" into a design that would allow for a protected bike lane and a wider median.

With this delay in the crosswalk decision, staff said the council must factor in Stanford's timeline for the project, which is expected to open later this year.

Interim City Manager Justin Murphy said that while the exact implications of delaying the crosswalk installment are unknown, the city does risk having to take on the burden of any infrastructure improvement that the developers were initially slated to handle.

"The worst case would be that it becomes the city's full responsibility," Murphy said.

In other parking-related news, the City Council moved ahead with removing six parking spaces on University Drive, near Millie Avenue and Rose Avenue.

The concern was that drivers have an obstructed view of oncoming traffic when they're about to turn left or right onto University Drive, due to the parked cars blocking their line of sight.

Derek Pecson, a resident on the corner of Rose Avenue and University Drive, said that while working from home during the pandemic, he has witnessed several near misses at the intersection.

"I've also witnessed a child on a bicycle being hit by a car due to a car encroaching onto University to see past the parked cars," he said, noting that Rose Avenue becomes busy during school hours since Menlo School is nearby.

The City Council's vote to remove the parking spaces was unanimous. **A**

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directive but are also quite aware of the fact that we have been here before," she said.

Las Lomitas School District Superintendent Beth Polito said she anticipates the district will make an announcement either prior to, or during, its next regularly scheduled board meeting on March 9.

The Ravenswood City School District is working out whether it will drop the indoor mask mandate, according to a Tuesday, March 1, email to families.

Some hesitancy among teachers

John Davenport, president of Portola Valley Teachers Association and a teacher at Corte Madera School, said dropping the mandate "seems logical at this point in the pandemic."

Jacqui Cebrian, a reading teacher at Oak Knoll School in Menlo Park and M-A parent, said she will likely err on the side of caution and see how things unfold before deciding to peel off her mask inside classrooms.

"I still wear it outside if I'm in spaces with lots of kids or going

from classroom to classroom," she said in an email, adding that she thinks it helps the kids who want or need to keep wearing a mask to see her wearing one sometimes.

"With testing so widespread every week, I also get to see if cases tick up and make a different choice then," Cebrian said. "I started wearing my mask indoors this summer a little before we were told to because it just seemed like it was going to be necessary. I've trusted in the health guidance so far and I feel pretty good about continuing to do that."

Others still have concerns. Sequoia District Teachers Association President Edith Salvatore said her district hasn't shared student vaccination rates, so she doesn't know the kind of risk teachers may face if indoor mask mandates are dropped.

During the fall semester, the district promised to collect data on student vaccination rates by September, but those survey results have not been reported. Staff vaccination rates, on the other hand, are known. For example, at Menlo-Atherton High School in Atherton, 92.5% of staff are fully vaccinated.

"I have not heard anything yet from the district about their plans, beyond their statement before our mid-winter break that

they would follow county guidelines and 'follow the science,'" she said in an email. The union met with the district on Monday afternoon, Feb. 28, and had discussion of the indoor mask mandate on the meeting agenda.

Why the mandate is dropping now

The state decided to drop the mask mandate in schools based on decreasing hospitalization and transmission rates, state Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. Mark Ghaly said during a Monday press conference. Cases are down 66% statewide over the last two weeks, he said.

"We said we would look at the data and we're seeing really encouraging trends," Ghaly said.

The same is true locally. The seven-day rolling average of daily new cases in Santa Clara County has dropped to 351, down from over 5,000 at the height of the omicron surge in early January. Santa Clara County's population is roughly 2 million.

In San Mateo County, cases have fallen 60% over the last two weeks, with an average of 163 cases per day as of Feb. 28, according to county data. Hospitalizations were also down 37% over the last two weeks. The county has roughly 760,000 residents.

Meyer said that she is happy conditions are improving and optimistic about the future, while adding that her district has been cautious throughout the pandemic.

"I'm pleased that this is signaling a shift to a transition away from many of the restrictions that we had previously," Meyer said. "I also appreciate the county public health and state public health departments are using the data to drive that decision."

At the same time that cases are dropping, Ghaly said vaccination rates among school-aged children in the state are still "too low." In Santa Clara County, 72.7% of kids ages 5-17 have completed their initial vaccine series, compared to 93.9% of adults.

Rates among children in San Mateo County are lagging too. Some 63.5% of those ages 5 to 11 had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, as of Feb. 27, according to county data, lower than rates in other groups. This is still ahead of other parts of the state, such as Los Angeles County, which only has a 34.4% vaccine rate amongst 5- to 11-year-olds, as of Feb. 24. ■

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Marjorie Lilienthal

August 19, 1932 – December 12, 2021

Marjorie Huguet Lilienthal, mother, wife, sister, friend, died in mid-December. She was 89.

Marge grew up in Martinez, spending summers at her grandparent's hop ranch in Ukiah, unhurried days that involved family, a few chores, and playing outdoors. Or hiding away with a book, dreaming. Those memories, and a sense for charmed possibilities nurtured across hop-scented afternoons, shaped her life decisions always.

Marge graduated Cal in 1954, majoring in history, and earned her teaching credential from Stanford the following year. She lived briefly in Los Angeles then returned to San Francisco, sharing a Russian Hill apartment with a variety of sorority-sister roommates, dating Republicans despite her left-leaning politics for their good looks; tea dancing at the Mark Hopkins Hotel, teaching high school English and history in Mill Valley. When her mother passed away in 1957, Marge saved her money and set off to explore Europe, turning a three-month trip into a year, learning to ski in Austria as a chalet girl and bumping over Alpine tracks in her Volkswagen Beetle, affectionately named Schroder. Undeterred by mountain goats.

Returning to San Francisco, Marge met her husband Phil on a blind date that became a Pan Am flight to Hawaii that same night. They bought a house in Atherton for its broad, leafy trees. Over the ensuing years, Marge laid their home's brick walkways herself, made friends that became family, appeared in Sunset Magazine for her garden and in the San Francisco Chronicle when her gown caught fire opening night of the opera. Undeterred by flames.

As her kids moved to college, Marge's eye turned back to the countryside further north and Phil and she moved to Healdsburg. They built a house with beds for their grandchildren, a new garden and a new community while never forgetting the old. She embraced fly fishing and golf, served on the board of the Healdsburg Hospital and tutored students at the Alexander Valley School. In 2010, Phil died and in 2019, Marge lost her house in the Kincaid Fire. Her response to finding herself house-less at age 86: "Honey, I've always loved change." Undeterred by loss.

Marge lived a big and wonderful life. Her humor was quick, keen and appropriately irreverent. She was an eternal optimist. She read voraciously, adventured fearlessly and believed heartily in the healing properties of a lusty cocktail and good chat. And if all else failed, there was always tending her flowerpots, looking over the golden hills that she loved.

We miss you, Mom.

Marge is survived by her children, John Lilienthal, Maggie MacNab, Kate Lilienthal (Inkster), Victoria Lilienthal (Dreyer); step children Marjorie Ornelas and Judy Leask; brother Maury Huguet and seven grandchildren.

Saturday, April 2, 11 a.m.; St Paul's Episcopal Church, 209 Matheson Street, Healdsburg. Reception in the Parish Hall to follow. All are welcome.

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San Mateo County Libraries expanding hours

San Mateo County Libraries are extending hours beginning Sunday, March 6. This marks a return to seven-day-a-week service for most locations, according to a press release.

The Woodside, North Fair Oaks and East Palo Alto libraries will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Atherton will follow the same schedule when the new library opens this spring.

The Portola Valley Library will be open Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Expanded evening and weekend hours provide more in-person opportunities for people to seek resources and support with job hunting, schoolwork, literacy, STEAM programs, access to the internet and technology.

"We know how much extended hours mean to someone in need

of access to resources after the school and workday and how excited our families are to return to their routine of a Sunday visit to the library," said San Mateo County Libraries Director Anne-Marie Despain in a statement. "We are thrilled to welcome even more of our community back and respond to the need for greater access to our libraries."

Get vaccinated at sites in East Palo Alto

There are COVID-19 clinics for those 12 and over at the following locations in East Palo Alto:

■ Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. at the YMCA, 2180 Euclid Ave.

■ Thursdays, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Ravenswood Family Health Clinic, 1885 Bay Road

COVID-19 clinics for ages 5 and over are at the following locations in East Palo Alto:

■ Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon at the Ravenswood Family Health Clinic

■ Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Woodland Park Apartments, 45 Newell Road.

Talk on boosting kids' well-being and resilience

Phyllis Fagell, licensed clinical counselor, will host a talk on

tools and strategies that parents can use to show patience, empathy and understanding toward their children as they adjust to a return to normal during the pandemic at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 7.

The webinar will include information on how to support children's resilience and well-being. She notes that students have lost a lot during the pandemic, including significant rites of passage like birthdays, quinceañeras and graduations.

The event is free and being hosted online through the Parent Education Series. Simultaneous Spanish interpretation will be available.

For more information, go to parentventure.org/events.

Portola Valley to return to in-person meetings

The town of Portola Valley expects to install hardware to support hybrid meetings in the Historic Schoolhouse in mid-March, town staff said during a Feb. 23 City Council meeting.

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Census, there are about 114,146 residents in Santa Clara County who report having Ukrainian ancestry. The prominent role of the Peninsula's Ukrainian population was on full display on Sunday afternoon, when hundreds gathered in front of San Francisco City Hall to chant, pray and make an urgent plea to the United States and the international community: Close the skies over Ukraine. Cut off Russian oil. Block information technology in Russia.

Among them was Yulia Bezvershenko, a participant in the Emerging Leaders Program at Stanford University's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. Bezvershenko, who serves as director general of Directorate for Science and Innovation at the Ministry of Education and Science, stressed the importance of Ukrainians abroad doing their part to support the nation.

"We know that every minute now we have to do something," Bezvershenko told the crowd. "Here, we sometimes think that we're a bit guilty that we're not there: We're not fighting; we're not killing the enemies of our country."

"But what we know after the Revolution of Dignity is that every person matters," she said, referring to the February 2014 citizen uprising that led to the ouster of the pro-Russia president Viktor Yanukovich. "We are drops in the ocean."

She noted that allies of Ukraine here can lobby their politicians, manage collections of money and speak to people about the



Magali Gauthier

Attendees at a pro-Ukraine vigil in Palo Alto on March 1 read a poem.

events in Ukraine.

"There are many people here and everywhere in the world who are standing with Ukraine and doing every minute something to help Ukrainians to fight," Bezvershenko said.

As the violent assault quickly unfolded, the past week has been a time of tension, anxiety and uncertainty for Ukrainians here and abroad, with Russia shelling civilian targets in Kyiv and Kharkiv, the nation's second biggest city, and surrounding the city of Mariupol near the Sea of Azov in east Ukraine.

But Pavel Buynitsky and Iryna

Buynytska, who immigrated to the Bay Area from west Ukraine, say they detect no panic when they speak to their parents in Ukraine.

When the war was just starting in the early morning hours of Feb. 24, the Sunnyvale couple called Iryna's parents, who live close to a military base in the city of Ludsk, to make sure they knew what was coming. At that time, there was a sense of disbelief that a full-scale invasion was imminent.

Then came the sounds of explosions and orders for seeking shelter, Iryna said.

"They immediately told us they needed to go down into the basement because there were Russians attacking a military base and trying to destroy airfields and infrastructure," she said.

Since then, both sets of parents have adapted to the new normal, Pavel said. While about 500,000 people had already fled Ukraine, neither his parents nor Iryna's are planning to leave.

"The panic is gone. We're hearing it firsthand from the people we called: There's no panic," he said. "You will not

find people standing in lines in front of ATMs."

The couple attended the rally on Sunday, which included speakers from Nova Ukraine, a Palo Alto nonprofit that works to provide aid for Ukraine, as well as Ukrainian activists, academics and members of the clergy.

Hundreds of people held up signs with the words "Stop the War" and "Stand with Ukraine" and chanted "Slava Ukraine/Heroyam Slava" (Glory to Ukraine/Glory to the heroes).

Nariman Ustaiev, director at the non-governmental organization Gasprinski Institute for Geostrategy and a participant in Stanford University's Emerging Leaders Program, addressed the crowd and reminded them that 16 children in Ukraine were killed by Russian invaders in four days. (The number has since risen dramatically as Russia began to shell civilian targets in Kharkiv and elsewhere with artillery. As of Wednesday morning, March 2, Ukrainian officials estimated that about 2,000 civilians have been killed).

Ustaiev led the crowd in a chant of "No Fly Zone" and called for increasing supplies of weapons to the Ukrainian army.

"Ukraine needs Barakhtars. Ukraine needs Stingers," he said, referring to unmanned aerial vehicles and portable air-defense systems that the Ukrainian army has been deploying against the attacking Russian army.

While Ukraine has received significant military supplies and financing from its American and European allies, as of Wednesday a no-fly zone appeared to be off the table. The United States and its 29 partners in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization have expressed no interest in blocking Russian planes from the Ukrainian sky, a move they say is tantamount to declaring a war against a nuclear power.

U.S. President Joe Biden has repeatedly asserted that he will not get the American military directly involved in the war, a

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position that he reiterated on Feb. 24, when Russia began its full-scale attack. Though he agreed to move American soldiers east to support NATO allies, they will not engage in the conflict in Ukraine, he said.

“Let me be clear: These are totally defensive moves on our part. We have no intention of fighting Russia,” Biden said.

On Monday, as a giant convoy of Russian troops advanced toward Kyiv, Biden Press Secretary Jen Psaki said establishing a no-fly zone is a step that the U.S. is not willing to take.

“The president has been very clear that he is not intending to send U.S. troops to fight a war with Russia,” Psaki said at a Monday news briefing. “What’s important to note here is that that is essentially what this would be a step toward. Because a no-fly zone would require implementation; it would require deploying US military to enforce, which would potentially be a direct conflict and potentially a war with Russia, which is something we’re not planning to be a part of.”

Big Tech steps up

Ukrainian activists in the Bay Area have seen greater success on the technology front, with local tech giants taking actions to support Ukraine. Since the Russian invasion began, Meta implemented new privacy tools for Facebook users in Ukraine to make it easier for them to quickly lock their profiles. The Menlo Park-based company had also restricted access to Russia’s state-run propaganda networks, RT and Sputnik.

Alphabet, which is based in Mountain View, disabled features of Google Maps in Ukraine that provide live traffic information and show how busy locations are, according to a Feb. 27 report by Reuters. And both Google and Youtube moved to demonetize Russian state media by blocking their abilities to run ads.

Apple followed suit on Tuesday, when it stopped selling iPhones and other products in Russia. The move by the Cupertino-based company followed active pressure on the company by Ukrainian political leaders. On Feb. 25, Mykhailo Fedorov sent a letter to Apple CEO Tim Cook asking him to “stop supplying Apple services and products to the Russian Federation, including blocking

access to App Store.

“The armed forces and citizens are defending Ukraine till the end! The whole world is repelling the aggressor through the imposition of sanctions — the enemy must suffer significant losses. But we need your support — in 2022 modern technology is perhaps the best answer to the tanks, multiple rocket launchers (hrad) and missiles,” Fedorov wrote in the letter, which he published on Twitter.

In addition to limiting use of Apple Pay and other services, Apple announced that RT News and Sputnik are no longer available for downloading from the App Store outside Russia. The company also disabled traffic and live incidents in Apple Maps, a move that it took “as a safety and precautionary measure for Ukrainian citizens,” the company said in a statement.

‘He’s literally dealing with life and death on his doorstep.’

SOHAN PANNU,
WHO HAS A 13-YEAR-OLD FRIEND IN UKRAINE

Anpilogov said pressuring tech companies to undertake such policies is a critical task for local Ukrainians, many of whom work in these companies. Some employees have been circulating an online petition under the #SaveUkraine banner urging companies to — at a minimum — display blue-and-yellow logos (the colors of the Ukraine flag), issue statements against the war and inform their customers about the crisis unfolding in Ukraine.

“We want all the companies — from Apple and Google to the smallest coffee shop in your town — to show solidarity with Ukraine and the free world. It can be done with a simple gesture, just as we use the red ribbon for AIDS awareness sign, or show solidarity with LGBTQ+ community using a rainbow flag,” the petition states,

Anpilogov said that Bay Area companies like Facebook and Youtube have been playing an important role in amplifying Russian propaganda since 2014, when Russia took over the Crimea and began to crack down on popular bloggers and dissenting voices. Customers who submitted requests in Russian or Ukrainian requesting that their accounts

be restored found that their requests typically went nowhere — in sharp contrast to requests made in English, he said.

Even with the recent moves, he believes there is more that companies can do.

“They can revoke licenses and demand that companies not be affiliated with the government and military,” he said, “They can spread awareness with users in Russia and around the world.”

Locals rally behind the cause

It’s not just those with ties to Ukraine who are trying to make a difference and demonstrate their opposition to the war. Vladimir Yakunin, who moved to Mountain View from Russia in 2014, said he felt simultaneously angry and horrified when he saw footage of Russians bombing Ukraine on Wednesday night (it was Thursday morning in Ukraine).

On Thursday, Yakunin organized a rally in front of Mountain View City Hall, where he was joined by about 10 other people in voicing their opposition to the war.

“We knew (Russian President Vladimir) Putin was crazy, but I didn’t think he was that crazy,” Yakunin, 35, said in an interview. “After this, there’s no sanity left that I can believe in.”

Sohan Pannu also felt a personal connection to the horrors unfolding half a world away. A 15-year-old sophomore at Foothill High School in Pleasanton, Pannu has been volunteering at ENgin, a nonprofit that pairs American and Ukrainian youths for online English lessons. His partner for the past five months, Kostya Dukhno, is 13 and lives in Sumy.

When the war began, Pannu texted Kostya to see if he was safe. Kostya responded that everything is quiet and normal, though his family had earlier heard shots and explosions and there were tanks moving through their city.

When Pannu checked in with Kostya later, he was at his grandfather’s house, ready to retreat to the basement if warfare resumes near his home. But on Friday, he reported that the city was under attack by Russia and that his house shook from the explosions of bombs and missiles.

“He said a missile hit close to his house and there was a lot of shaking — stuff fell upstairs and in his family room.”

The Ukrainian army ultimately retook Sumy, but Kostya’s world has changed

profoundly, Pannu said.

“He just noticed how different things looked outside. There was smoke and everything seemed so different to him,” Pannu said. “It’s crazy how we think we have a lot of internal issues, but he’s literally dealing with life and death on his doorstep.”

In Palo Alto, residents with and without ties to Ukraine expressed horror, sadness and deep concern at the events unfolding in Kharkiv, Kyiv and other Ukrainian cities. City staff displayed yellow and blue lights on the top floors of City Hall and dozens of residents attended a candlelight vigil on Tuesday night to show support and say prayers for Ukrainian people, an event that was spearheaded by the College Terrace Residents Association.

Mary Bartholomay, who organized the event, recalled prior movements in support of nonviolence and former President Barack Obama’s speech in accepting the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009. She acknowledged, however, that the message can only go so far when a nation is besieged by an invading force and said that she is not feeling particularly nonviolent as she watches Russian troops advance on Ukraine.

“I know the principles of nonviolence are not going to stop a 17-mile convoy of Russian trucks,” Bartholomay said. “And there are realities that have to be faced.”

James Cook, president of the College Terrace Residents Association, said it’s important during a time of trauma for people to come together and “show each other that we still believe in peace and still believe in love.”

“There are things in today’s world, especially in today’s pandemic, where you can feel alone and helpless,” Cook said. “Imagine what it would be like to have that life upturned by someone invading your country, killing your friends and family.”

Irina Cross, a native of St. Petersburg, Russia, said she was deeply ashamed by the war being caused by Putin, for whom she said she has nothing but hatred. She also said she was ashamed of politicians who have yet to stop all payments of Russian oil and gas.

“That’s where Putin gets his money. That’s what I’m ashamed of,” Cross said. ■

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groups are likely committing those smash-and-grabs.

In neighboring Portola Valley there have been three burglaries reported this year, according to the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office, and two in Woodside.

No-pursuit policy and COVID arrest restrictions

For the last five years, the Atherton Police Department has had a policy not to chase suspects unless it’s a violent crime, like a shooting.

“We have a no-pursuit policy for good reason,” McCulley said. “You start chasing down the freeway, you hit another

car or a pedestrian, and there’s no way I can justify that.”

Nearby Redwood City and Menlo Park police are allowed to pursue suspects, McCulley said.

There have also been restrictions about who police can book, because of COVID-19, he said.

Limitations, benefits of license plate readers

The town has 47 automated license plate readers installed.

The cameras are not always perfect at catching suspects though, McCulley said. Burglars are smart and pay attention to police technology.

One group of burglars, for example, stole a license plate from a Safeway lot

in Menlo Park and mounted it to their car so they wouldn’t be connected to the crime, he said. However, the license plate readers have been able to help find a missing elderly person and solve an attempted murder case in the Lloyd Park neighborhood.

Patrol groups

Some 12 residents signed up for a new resident volunteer patrol. Residents who participate take a four-hour training that teaches how to look out for suspicious activity. Participants do not carry weapons, but get a vest to wear while on patrol, McCulley said previously, and they must commit eight hours a month to patrolling.

McCulley is hesitant to support a

private patrol like some gated communities have.

“I’m not sure how effective it would be in addition to three or four officers going about town,” he said.

TV, radio and newspaper journalists, including from a newspaper in Chile, have interviewed McCulley on the burglaries. The gang activity is garnering widespread attention.

“It’s really important that word gets back to the suspects that Atherton is not a good place to come,” he said.

Watch a video of the meeting and find burglary prevention tips at ci.atherton.ca.us/622/Prevention-Tips. ■

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Magali Gauthier

Above: An Alpine Inn history lesson is stenciled on its front window. Casa de Tableta was its original name when it opened in 1852. **Left:** Alpine Inn co-owner Deke Hunter chats with customers at the restaurant's 170th anniversary celebration in Portola Valley on Feb. 28.

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Cancino. He made the drive down from San Francisco earlier this week for the occasion. “You feel like you step out of time (when you come here). They didn’t mess anything up.”

Usually closed Mondays, the 250-seat beer garden opened up for the special occasion from 4 to 8 p.m. Another draw was the highly sought Pliny the Younger beer. Eric Nelson III and Brian Wachhorst of The Fake Shamen, a Portola Valley-based

band, performed.

Portola Valley resident Dene Orwell has also been coming to the Alpine Inn, known to locals as Rossotti’s or Zott’s, for decades. Her family eats there about once a week and said they’d get its takeout about twice a week during the COVID-19 lockdown. She said her aunt and uncle, students at the rival University of California at Berkeley and Stanford University, met at the Alpine Inn during Big Game festivities.

Her husband, Christopher Badger, said he’s pleased with

the food, which improved after three Portola Valley families — Deke and Lori Hunter, Fred and Stephanie Harman, and Jim Kohlberg — bought Zott’s in 2018 to update and restore it after its owner died. Updates were complete in 2019. Badger called the alcohol selection “off the charts.”

History of the site

Felix Buelna, a former San Jose mayor, opened what was then known as Casa de Tableta in 1852, according to the Alpine

Inn’s website.

After a number of owners, around 1904, Charles Schenkel became the primary owner and renamed the roadhouse to The Wunder.

The Wunder sign was painted over during Prohibition. Non-alcoholic beverages were sold, but more potent beverages were reputedly available to those in the know.

When Prohibition ended in 1933, Stanford students — especially during football season — returned and the lease was passed on to Enrico Rossotti.

Rossotti eventually purchased the property and ran it until 1956.

In 1969, the Alpine Inn location was registered as a historical landmark.

After an extensive and expensive remodel in 2019, management came up with a solution for keeping the indoor-outdoor tavern in operation year-round: a tent over the outdoor seating area. ■

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Pace Gallery revisits the work of Louise Nevelson with rarely seen collages, wall sculptures

By Sheryl Nonnenberg

Since its opening six years ago, Pace Gallery's Palo Alto location has presented exhibitions by blue-chip artists that would usually require a trip to New York City to see. The current display continues in this vein by revisiting the work of Louise Nevelson, whose sculptured columns were shown at Pace New York in 2016 — the same year that Pace opened in Palo Alto.

"Louise Nevelson: Mirage" consists of 15 collages and three wall sculptures that have been rarely exhibited because, according to the gallery release, they were an "intensely personal and private mode of expression for the artist." These pieces, on display until April 9, certainly reveal a different side of the famously flamboyant artist and are well worth a visit.

Why the gallery is featuring Nevelson again was explained by Elizabeth Sullivan, president of Pace Palo Alto. "Exhibition scheduling is a collaborative effort between the global headquarters in New York and our team in Palo Alto. This is the first solo exhibition of her work in the area since 2016 and, before that, her

most recent solo show was in 2007 at the de Young Museum, so it's great to be able to spotlight her work."

The works shown in "Mirage" date from the 1950s through the 1980s. Nevelson died in 1988.

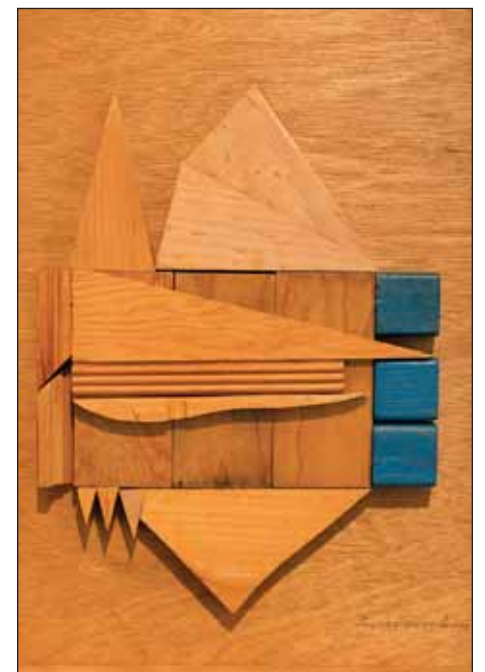
The show opens with two untitled collages composed of cardboard, paper and sandpaper. As with her large sculptures, Nevelson used the most prosaic of materials, many of which she found in or near her studio. While these may have been study pieces, done mainly for her own explorations, they present as very deliberate and carefully executed. The dates range from 1956 to 1985, so clearly the artist found the collage media to be valuable and worth pursuing. Some of the cardboard is carefully cut, some of it is torn but all the pieces are applied with care and thought. Depth is achieved through the layering of the materials and the placement of the cardboard forces the eye to look in and around the composition.

Nevelson loved black (she once said it is the only "aristocratic" color) and here she uses it with flair and drama. It serves as a dominant color in many of the collages, along with the brown of the wood board,

so that when she does insert a fragment of silver paper or a bit of paint, the effect is like a fun surprise.

Untitled (1971) is a wood collage on board and is a delightful meeting of cubism, minimalism and Nevelson's own love of materials. Small pieces of wood, in the form of triangles and rectangles, have been joined together much like a tangram puzzle. Everything is the right size, shape and fit, and the result is an aesthetically pleasing assemblage. By adding the small blue blocks to the right side of the form, there is an added sense of balance and symmetry. Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque may have initiated the practice of combining disparate objects on a two-dimensional canvas, but Nevelson added her own unique spin.

Nevelson's large-scale sculptures were known for including objects that the artist found on the street near her New York studio. She salvaged materials like architectural moldings, spindles and balusters from old buildings that were then joined to create her wonderful "sky cathedrals." Although her choice of materials was mainly due to economic necessity, she



Top: Louise Nevelson's sculpture "Gold Music II" (1985) hangs in Pace Gallery in Palo Alto on Feb. 28. The piece is made of wood painted black on a mat board and some parts can open and close. **Above:** A close-up of Louise Nevelson's wood collage "Untitled" (1971). Photos by Magali Gauthier.

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seemed to be saying that even the humblest object can become art.

The collages here reinforce her magpie tendencies, with everything from fabric, leather, foil, cardboard, paper and wood collected and arranged to create a new entity. In some cases, we can see the former life of the material, as with the cardboard box fragment with a postage stamp still visible (Untitled 1956), or the staircase baluster, painted black, that juts into the foreground in Untitled (1980). Nevelson reveled in elevating these quotidian materials to the stature of fine art, and she did it without leaving home. As she was quoted in the Whitney Museum catalog, “I have the world, right here, in my own backyard. And I truly don’t need anything else. There is so much to be done that I can move an inch and circle the world.”

Interspersed with the collages are three large-scale sculptural wall reliefs. These pieces, which definitely have a close affinity with her columns, are dark, dramatic and have to be seen in person. Like the well-known cathedrals, they are matte black — the blackest of black — and consist of painted pieces of wood on board. Gold Music II (1985)

has pride of place on the gallery’s entry wall and rightly so. This piece jumps out at the viewer and demands close inspection to reveal how discarded bits of wood, fashioned in geometric shapes, were joined together to create this amazing form that is at once abstract and incredibly organic. Nevelson even added a twist, with two of the elements hinged so that, when opened, they reveal yet more recycled objects inside.

Northern Shores I and III (1966) again reflect the artist’s ability to take simple elements but somehow arrange them so artfully. There is a delightful play of geometry, size and form here that creates a sense of movement and energy. The title might lead us toward a sense of recognition — yes, she must be trying to depict the currents and waves in the ocean — but finding something recognizable in the masterfully placed triangles, circles and squares is really not necessary. This amalgamation of elements is pleasing and thought-provoking as is.

This installation is elegant and spare, with each piece given enough space to be appreciated, yet arranged with other works so as to reflect the arc of the artist’s thinking. Just getting these artworks from New York to California is no small feat,



especially given the pandemic. “We have worked on giving all our teams more time to put exhibitions together and schedule transportation of works,” noted Sullivan. This show has still more travel ahead, as it will appear in the main exhibition of the Venice Biennale, the prestigious international contemporary art event that is set to open its 59th edition later this year.

While showing an established artist like Nevelson may be a safe choice for a gallery, Pace has, over the years, also introduced many cutting-edge,

contemporary artists like team-Lab, Damian Loeb and Kohei Nawa. This approach has been successful, with Sullivan saying that, after the mega-gallery’s New York space, the gallery here is one of the most profitable in the franchise. “Pace Palo Alto has had strong sales over the last six years,” she said, “and we appreciate those in our community who have helped support our location directly, both by bringing awareness to our gallery and through sales.”

What may have started as an experiment for the East Coast art conglomerate — a small outpost in the middle of Silicon Valley — has proven to have true staying power.

“Louise Nevelson: Mirage’ is on view through April 9 at Pace Gallery, 229 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. For more information, visit pacegallery.com. ■

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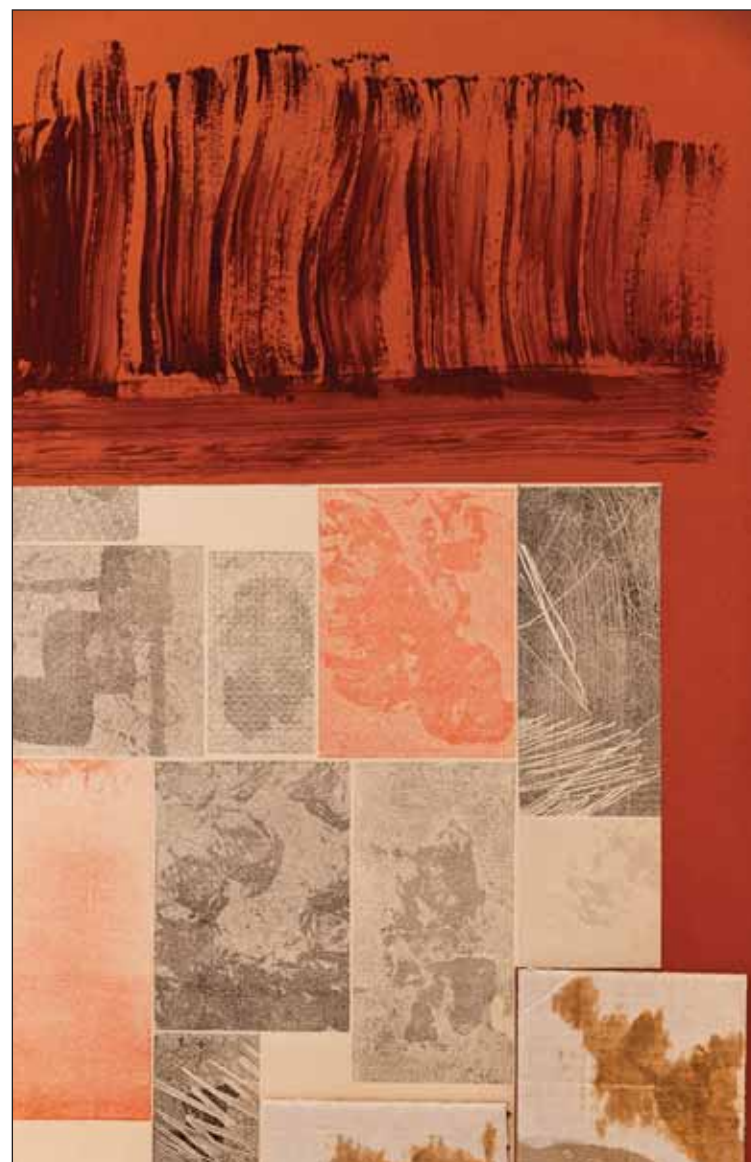
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Top: A close-up of Louise Nevelson’s paint, paper and wood collage “Untitled” (1960) in Pace Gallery on Palo Alto on Feb. 28.

Above: A close-up of an untitled 1979 piece made of cardboard, paint and printed paper. Photos by Magali Gauthier.

Food & Drink

Dinner and a show

12 must-visit destinations for dining and entertainment on the Peninsula

By Anthony Shu

The tuning of electric guitars and the heart-stopping bass of DJ sets are once again filling up concert halls. In addition to the area's biggest music venues, there are plenty of smaller spots where you can enjoy dinner and a drink while being serenaded by local musicians. From pubs and coffee shops to Coastside distilleries and cocktail bars, here are 12 nearby destinations for dining and entertainment.

Know about other restaurants offering live music? Email peninsulafoodist@embarcaderopublishing.com. Schedules and events change frequently, so please check websites and social media for up-to-date information.

Midpeninsula

Moods. Wine Bar

Enjoy music in an intimate outdoor environment on California Avenue. There's a selection of international wines, and diverse food offerings include pizzas and small bites.

Moods. Wine Bar, 320 South California Ave. (Outside Printers Cafe), Palo Alto; 650-323-3347. Instagram: @moods_wine_bar.

Cafe Zoë

Priding itself on being a community coffee shop that partners with a number of local businesses, the live music schedule at Cafe Zoë includes open mic nights every third Friday of the month. It also hosts local musicians for Friday shows that span genres ranging from acoustic tunes to rock and organize other events including pop-up pizza, jewelry shopping and more.

Cafe Zoë, 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park; 650-322-1926. Instagram: @cafezoemenlopark.

Red Rock Coffee

Spanning two stories in downtown Mountain View, Red Rock Coffee hosts a weekly open mic night on Mondays and is looking to restart the rest of its programming soon. In the past, the shop has hosted coffee tastings, knitting nights and board games. In 2020, a GoFundMe inspired a new buyer who saved the popular coffee house from financial troubles. Pastries and snacks come from The Midwife and the Baker.

Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View; 650-967-4473. Instagram: @redrockcoffee.

Freewheel Brewing Company

Pub-style dishes such as burg-

ers, chicken sandwiches and fish and chips accompany the Redwood City brewery's beverage offerings, which include some of the Bay Area's only cask-conditioned ales. Carbonated through natural fermentation as opposed to injected CO₂, these beers are smoother than kegged ones. Check its social media for a rotating schedule of performances.

Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City; 650-365-2337. Instagram: @freewheelbrew.

Cafe Borrone

Another local establishment that nearly closed during the pandemic before community members rushed in to save it, Cafe Borrone will restart its band nights soon. Local jazz musician Clint Baker and his band have performed with a rotating cast of artists at the cafe for decades. The Italian-inspired menu features a number of specials and offers seasonal salads, sandwiches and pastas.

Cafe Borrone, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park; 650-327-0830. Instagram: @cafeborrone.

LV Mar Tapas & Cocktails

The Latin American tapas and cocktail bar offers late night live



Magali Gauthier

Red Rock Coffee hosts a weekly open mic night and plans to restart the rest of its programming soon.

music (10 p.m. to 1 a.m.) during its lounge nights on Fridays and Saturdays. There's usually a DJ and visiting artists who span a variety of musical traditions from Latin America. The seafood-focused menu includes a ceviche of octopus, scallops and halibut and a full assortment of tacos ranging from the classic Pescado Frito made with beer-battered fried fish to the Pancita de Puerco, which pairs pork belly with caviar.

LV Mar Tapas & Cocktails, 2042 Broadway, Redwood City; 650-241-3111. Instagram: @lvmarrrwc.

On the coast

The Swell Lounge

Housed at Jettywave Distillery, The Swell Lounge offers live music outdoors for visitors to enjoy after a day on the beach or paddleboarding. A Mediterranean-inspired menu accompanies cocktails and pours of the distillery's first product, Half

Moon Shine, produced with corn and barley open-fermented in the fog.

The Swell Lounge, 155 Broadway, Half Moon Bay; 650-291-8835. Instagram: @the_swell_lounge.

Nick's

On Fridays and Saturdays, Nick's offers dancing and a house band in an old-fashioned cocktail lounge with plenty of wood paneling. This historic establishment first opened in 1927 and is known for seafood classics such as its Dungeness crab sandwich.

Nick's, 100 Rockaway Beach Ave., Pacifica; 650-359-3900.

Peninsula

The Swingin' Door

Dueling pianos on Fridays and Saturdays headline the entertainment at this long-standing pub, which also hosts live bands

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Natalia Nazarova

Zoe Sharkey runs Cafe Zoë in Menlo Park with her mother Kathleen Daly, where they host local musicians for Friday shows.



Magali Gauthier

Audience members at Red Rock Coffee's open mic night listen to Mia Suszko perform an original song.

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File No.: 290155
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Registered owner(s):
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555 Bryant St. #451
Palo Alto, CA 94301
This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/10/2022.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 4, 2022.
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File No.: 290190
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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Registered owner(s):
ROTARY CLUB OF MENLO PARK FOUNDATION
75 Arbor Road
Menlo Park, California 94025
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County on February 9, 2022.
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Registered owner(s):
MENLO DESIGN DISTRICT, INC.
800 Santa Cruz Ave.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
California
This business is conducted by: A Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on February 1, 2022.
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JMFinley Properties, located at 1172 La Rochelle Terrace E, Sunnyvale, CA 94089, Santa Clara County.
Registered owner(s):
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1172 La Rochelle Terrace E
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This business is conducted by: An Individual.
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TruShields Advisory, located at 50 Escuela Dr. Apt. 22, Daly City, CA 94015, San Mateo County; Mailing address: 447 Sutter St Ste 405 PMB 70, San Francisco, CA 94108.
Registered owner(s):
SHERYLL CAGASCA
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This business is conducted by: An Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1/5/2022.
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File No.: 290325
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Registered owner(s):
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597 Morse Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94085
California Article Reg. #201310710175
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
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(ALM Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022)

997 All Other Legals

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disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The following statements; NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS and NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER are statutory notices for all one to four single family residences and a courtesy notice for all other types of properties. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Website <http://www.nationwideposting.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case 201-019263. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (916) 939-0772, or visit this internet website <http://www.nationwideposting.com/>, using the file number assigned to this case 201-019263 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 2/7/2022 PLM LOAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., as Trustee Phone: 408-370-4030 5446 Thornwood Drive, Second Floor San Jose, California 95123 Elizabeth Godbey, Vice President NPP0399040 To: COUNTRY ALMANAC 02/18/2022, 02/25/2022, 03/04/2022

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Michelle Le

Freewheel Brewing has a wide-ranging beer selection and regularly hosts shows.

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and four nights of karaoke each week. The menu of bar classics, fish and chips, burgers and chicken sandwiches includes a milder version of the Habanero Burger XXX that once inspired a lawsuit.

The Swingin' Door, 106 E. 25th Ave., San Mateo; 650-522-9800. Instagram: @theswingingdoor.

Devil's Canyon Brewing Company

The San Carlos brewery hosts musical acts on Beer Fridays to share its values of community, sustainability and good beer. There's a rotating schedule of food trucks, and outdoor seating is available in the beer garden.

Devil's Canyon Brewing Company, 935 Washington St., San Carlos; 650-592-2739. Instagram: @devilscanyon.

St. James Gate

This pub hosts events almost each night of the week, including cover bands that will please fans of any decade's top hits. Enjoy classic bar food and drinks in this relaxed neighborhood watering hole.

St. James Gate, 1410 Old County Road, Belmont; 650-592-5923. Instagram: @thegatebelmont.

Pinstripes

Local artists perform every Wednesday and Thursday alongside bowling and bocce at Hillsdale Mall. The Italian American menu at this national chain is centered on pizzas, pastas and shareable bar bites like chicken wings in balsamic barbecue sauce and pigs in a blanket served with spicy brown mustard.

Pinstripes, 36 Hillsdale Mall, San Mateo; 650-781-4720. Instagram: @pinstripesbbb. 📍

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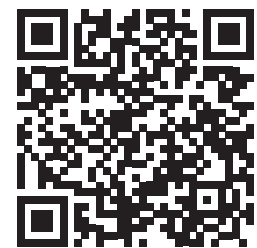
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