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Woodside graduates look to the future

By Angela Swartz

For the first time since 2019, Woodside High School held a typical graduation ceremony, with the commencement open to all who wished to attend.

The roughly 480 graduates in the Class of 2022, the school's 63rd class, walked across the stage and received their diplomas on June 3, during a morning ceremony on Bradley Field, the school's football field.

The normalcy stands in contrast to recent graduations. In 2021, the school held a more abbreviated ceremony per San Mateo County's public health guidelines, with fewer speeches than in years past due to the COVID-19 pandemic. And in 2020, Woodside held a car parade graduation ceremony and livestreamed graduation speeches.

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Principal Karen van Putten described the last four years as possibly the most unusual and challenging years of educators' careers.

"We were safe and some of us were a little bit reticent, but we were happy to be back on this campus," she said of students returning to fully in-person learning this school year.

Van Putten, who has led the school since last year, didn't hold back recalling some of the more colorful moments she witnessed at the school. She described arriving

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Magali Gauthier

Graduates toss their caps at the end of commencement at Woodside High School on June 3.

Corpus takes the lead over incumbent in race for San Mateo County Sheriff

By Leah Worthington and Michelle Iracheta

The mood was buoyant as supporters trickled out of Christina Corpus's election night watch party.

In one of the county's most contentious races, Corpus has taken the lead over incumbent Sheriff Carlos Bolanos, according to unofficial election results. As of the results Wednesday, June 8, Corpus was leading with roughly 54% of the vote.

If the results hold, San Mateo County may soon see its first female, and first Latina, sheriff. But even as her supporters shared hugs, high-fives and congratulations, Corpus remained calm and quietly cheerful.

"The numbers are still looking



Christina Corpus



Carlos Bolanos

really good ... I'm optimistic. And I am hopeful," she said. "I'm not calling it but I am very, very excited."

Around 10:30 p.m., with a steady 9-point lead over her opponent, Corpus addressed the crowd gathered inside.

"I am overwhelmed right now," she said. Thanking each of her campaign volunteers, family members and supporters individually, she added, "We stood

up to an establishment, and it's been amazing."

Anticipating a win, several team members joined Corpus to present her with a large, custom-designed bottle of Mailly Champagne. Emblazoned in glitter were her name, the year, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office logo and the words: "A sheriff we can trust."

Corpus described the watch party as a "surreal" experience, after nearly a year of campaigning. Regardless of the final result, she said was proud of herself for having the courage to challenge her boss and incumbent sheriff.

"Everyone discounted me in the beginning," she said. "Whatever the outcome is tonight, I feel like I've won."

A passionate crowd of more than 50 supporters, family members and local officials turned out to watch the results from a rooftop in San Mateo.

California State Senator Josh Becker, D-Menlo Park, was among those in attendance. After meeting Corpus a few months ago, he said he was impressed by her energy and message and called her a "breath of fresh air."

Describing concerns he's heard from his constituents about crime rates, Becker said he appreciated Corpus's interest in seeking innovative solutions while recognizing the limits of law enforcement.

"I think she's got the ability to be an important figure in the Peninsula for many years to

come," he said.

Former Sheriff's Captain Paul Kunkel referred to Corpus as "Sheriff" and spoke passionately about her vision for the role.

"I love the county of San Mateo, and I love our Sheriff's Office," he said. "But we desperately need change."

Confident in her odds against the incumbent, he added, "If I didn't believe in her 100%, I wouldn't be here."

As the first results came in just after 8 p.m., a hush took over the rooftop, followed by scattered cheers. Marketing manager Terry Downing announced Corpus's 9-point lead over Bolanos.

"Let's f---ing go!" she yelled to laughter and applause.

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Veronica Weber

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Ravenswood's \$110 million school bond measure leading

By Angela Swartz

Early election night results show the Ravenswood City School District's \$110 million school bond measure to bring classrooms into the 21st century is receiving the votes needed to pass.

Semi-official election results on Tuesday, June 7, show Measure I is leading

with about 68% of voters in support (554 votes) and around 32% of voters against (260 votes), according to the San Mateo County Elections Office. The measure requires 55% approval to pass.

"We know there are many more ballots to be counted, and we will continue to follow updates from the elections department," said district Trustee Jenny Varghese

Bloom in a statement. "We are guardedly optimistic and deeply thankful to our community for their continued trust in our vision for our schools."

The funds would also go toward replacing aging portables, upgrading classroom technology, school security and accessibility for disabled

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Early election results put Mueller ahead in race for District 3 supervisor

By Cameron Rebosio

Early election results Wednesday, June 8, show Ray Mueller and Laura Parmer-Lohan pulling ahead in the race for District 3 of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. If the results hold, both will face off in an election this November.

Candidates Virginia Chang Kiraly and Steven Booker are in third and fourth, respectively.

As of noon on Wednesday, Mueller received 5,341 votes, or 35.8% of the vote, followed by Parmer-Lohan at 4,555 (30.5%). Chang Kiraly trails at 2,238 votes (18.6%), followed by Booker at 2,048 votes (15%).

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors has five seats and oversees the operations and budget of San Mateo County. District 3 covers the coastline from Pacifica to Santa Cruz County and inland to Menlo Park. The district encompasses seven cities and 20 unincorporated areas, serving over 150,000 residents.

Mueller is a council member in Menlo Park who served a term as mayor. He also served as chief of staff for Santa Clara County District 5 Supervisor Joe Simitian. One of Mueller's priorities is on coastside infrastructure, hoping to create a supervisor's office on the coast so residents can raise their concerns locally.

Mueller said he also hopes to



Ray Mueller



Laura Parmer-Lohan

develop housing for farmworkers on the coast to sustain the communities amid labor shortages. His other priorities include COVID-19 response and environmental protections.

"I'm just incredibly grateful to the voters and incredibly grateful to our supporters," Mueller said. "I'm really excited about the prospect of moving onto the next phase of the general (election) if these results hold and continuing to bring our message to voters."

Parmer-Lohan has served on San Carlos' City Council and single-family housing advisory committee, including a term as mayor. She has made environmental protection policy the cornerstone of her campaign, creating plans to encourage residents to utilize recycled water in irrigation, farming and landscaping. She has also pushed developers to use recycled water for commercial development. Her campaign has had a focus on affordable housing as a climate issue, making it another cornerstone.

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Almanac publisher announces retirement

Bill Johnson will be succeeded by Palo Alto native Adam Dawes

By Almanac staff

Embarcadero Media President and CEO Bill Johnson, who started a small weekly newspaper in 1979 and grew it into a digital and print publishing company known for its integrity, innovation and community involvement, will retire later this year, he announced to his employees last week. The plan, he said, has been in the works for more than two years in order to ensure a smooth transition.

Johnson, who started the Palo Alto Weekly in 1979 when he



Bill Johnson



Adam Dawes

was 26 and went on to acquire the Almanac in 1993, said he will remain in his role as chairman of Embarcadero Media's board of directors and president of the Embarcadero Media Foundation, as well as stay involved with some of the company's big-picture initiatives.

His successor as president and CEO will be Adam Dawes, a native of Palo Alto who has lived on the Peninsula his entire life. Dawes has had a lifelong interest in the media and the value of quality information and joins Embarcadero after a 20+ year career in the technology industry, the last 14 developing products for Google. In his final role, he led a series of local news projects for the Google News Initiative, a \$300 million program that works with media organizations large and small across the globe, to help them adapt their business models and strategies to

journalism's digital future.

Johnson recruited Dawes to join Embarcadero Media's board of directors almost 10 years ago and said Dawes has worked during that time with him and the company's senior management team to develop strategies for expanding the company's digital publishing activities.

"Adam is about as perfect a fit for the company and communities we serve as one could imagine," Johnson said. "He is thoroughly familiar with the Peninsula, our business, the unique culture of our organization, and embraces our mission

of service to the community through accurate, insightful and thoughtful news coverage. He also brings a wealth of experience building successful digital products, which are at the center of our strategy for future sustainability."

"This is a unique region in the world," Dawes said, "with such a rich diversity of people, businesses and cultural institutions, all situated amidst tremendous natural beauty. Quality news and information are essential for healthy communities and I'm

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Two Democrats take the lead in race to replace veteran Congresswoman Jackie Speier

Kevin Mullin and David Canepa ended Election Day with 41% and 23% of the vote, respectively

By Leah Worthington

With the first round of votes tallied, two Democrats are likely to face-off in November to replace U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier in Congress.

State Assembly member Kevin Mullin and San Mateo County Supervisor Dan Canepa, who were ahead in early polling, are leading the pack in the race to represent California's newly redrawn Congressional District 15. If the results hold, Mullin and Canepa — who currently have 41% and 23.4% of the vote, respectively — will face each other in a runoff election on Nov. 8.



Kevin Mullin



David Canepa

Republican candidate Gus Mattammal and Democrat Emily Beach trailed with 17.9% and 13.5%, respectively.

"I'm thrilled with the results," Mullin said in an interview. "We suspected that we would finish in first place, but this is a larger margin than we had expected."

Close to 100 supporters gathered inside the spacious central

hall of the Plumbers' & Steamfitters' Union Local 467 building in Burlingame to watch the results over catered food and drinks. Mullin has been viewed by many as the race's front-runner, having earned endorsements from some of the biggest names in the Peninsula's Democratic establishment, including Speier and U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo.

Around 9:30 p.m., as Mullin's lead solidified with roughly 40% of the vote, he took to the podium to thank his supporters and Speier, who endorsed him as her successor.

"I am forever grateful for her support and endorsement," he said. "And we all are deeply indebted to her for her service to the Peninsula, which continues for the remainder of 2022 and beyond."

Speier has represented California's 14th district in Congress since 2008 and announced in November that she would not seek re-election.

Several local politicians stopped by the Mullin watch party, including California State Assembly member Marc Berman, D-Menlo Park, who lauded the front-runner's bipartisan approval. Describing him as a personal mentor and "the gold standard" for leadership, Berman said he was not surprised but "pleasantly relieved" to see Mullin leading in the preliminary results.

"Kevin is, across the aisle, one of the most respected legislators in Sacramento," Berman said. "And it's because even if people disagree with him on specific issues, they still respect his morals, his character and where he's coming from on issues."

Pacifica Mayor Pro Tempore Tygarjas Twyrlys Bigstycck also came out to show support. He praised Mullin for showing up to local events and making himself approachable to the community.

"He's always been there. Very kind, very generous," Bigstycck said. "He's been serving our community really well the entire time he's been here. And on top of that, he is unique of anybody he's running against, in that he has the experience."

Meanwhile, 10 minutes up the road in San Bruno, Canepa was joined by more than 100 supporters in celebrating an anticipated victory with pizza, beer and disco lights. Constituents, friends and family members danced to the likes of Fleetwood

Mac in the back room of Atlas Pizza Parlor.

"I'm feeling incredible," Canepa said. "At the end of the day, for a candidate like myself that doesn't take corporate PAC money, it's rather amazing that we're at where we're at."

As a Daly City local and the child of working-class parents, Canepa has positioned himself as a challenge to the political establishment.

"This is not a coronation. This is not about endorsements," Canepa said of his likely second-place finish. "What our win shows tonight ... we can stand up to the hierarchy of San Mateo County."

San Francisco resident and campaign supporter Martin Kirkwood said that he admired Canepa's positions on environmental protections, lower prescription drug prices and Medicare for All.

"I had to pick horses in a race, and this is the guy I wanted to run with," he said outside the pizza parlor. "He's the guy on the block that I want to go to if there's a natural disaster."

Shortly before 10 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, Canepa's team sent out a press release announcing his second-place rank and progression to the November election. He tweeted just after midnight saying simply, "We made it to the November election. Thank you for all you have done."

Of the seven candidates vying for the seat, only the top two-vote getters in Tuesday's primary will advance to the November election.

Whoever wins in the fall will serve Congressional District 15, which encompasses Brisbane, San Mateo, Foster City, Millbrae, Belmont, Daly City, San Bruno, Burlingame, San Carlos, South San Francisco, Colma, Hillsborough, Redwood City, as well as portions of Menlo Park and Atherton.

Among Mullin's and Canepa's competitors are Beach, a Burlingame City Council member; Mattammal, a private tutor and lone Republican; attorney and software developer Andrew Watters; former police officer Jim Garrity; and Ferenc Pataki, an independent running on the single issue of monetary reform.

Mattammal, who, according to unofficial election results, was in the third spot with just under 18% of the vote, spent

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Community College district chancellor to retire in June 2023

By Angela Swartz

San Mateo County Community College District Chancellor Mike Claire will retire in June 2023, he informed the Board of Trustees two weeks ago, according to a June 2 email to district staff. He plans to spend more time with family and “pursue other interests.”

Claire, who joined the district 37 years ago, replaced disgraced former Chancellor Ron Galatolo, who faces 21 felony charges for misuse of funds in this role with the district. Claire became interim chancellor in September 2019, according to the district website.



Mike Claire

“As chancellor I have focused on steadying the district, maintaining forward progress on important initiatives and building a new team, all while steering the district through a major pandemic,” Claire said in the

email. “My priority has been to manage the many unforeseen changes that have come our way, while working to establish a solid foundation for our district and colleges.

“Although there is more to do in the coming year, I feel that this work is nearing completion,” he said.

Claire attended Cañada College before graduating from California State University, East Bay, with a bachelor’s degree in business administration, according to his LinkedIn page. He then earned his MBA at CSU East Bay.

Before becoming an administrator, he joined College of San Mateo (CSM) as an accounting professor in 1988. He served as a dean, a vice president of instruction, then president of CSM in 2007. He has taught at all three of the district’s colleges, and wrote that the schools have been important for him and his family.

“The impact of the SMCCCD on my family spans three generations starting with my parents and my aunts and uncles;

continuing with my siblings and me, and ending with my children,” he said. “It’s not lost on me that over the years I have dropped off each of my daughters as toddlers at CSM’s Child Development Center, picked them up as middle schoolers from the summer College for Kids program, handed each of them their diplomas at the CSM graduation, and said goodbye to them when they transferred to their first-choice universities.”

Claire said he announced his retirement 13 months in advance so that he can set his goals with the Board of Trustees for the upcoming school year. He said he also knows there will be many openings for chancellor positions both locally and throughout the state in the coming year, and that he wants to give the board a head start on recruiting and hiring his successor, according to the email. ■

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tremendously excited to join Embarcadero and to help connect and serve this community through our publications.”

Over Johnson’s four decades at the helm of Embarcadero Media, he’s led the company through sea changes that have upended the media industry and have caused thousands of news organizations across the U.S. to fold: the advent of the internet, changing revenue trends as advertising shifted from print to digital, recessions, the rise of social media and the ubiquitous adoption of mobile technology.

Those challenges notwithstanding, the company has grown to include multiple publications and websites on both the Peninsula and in the East Bay’s Tri-Valley, including two local news websites launched last October, the Redwood City Pulse and Livermore Vine. In addition to The Almanac, the company produces Palo Alto Online, the online Mountain View Voice, the Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com. It also publishes The Six Fifty, an online magazine and newsletter that covers life, food and culture on the Peninsula and Silicon Valley.

Johnson founded Embarcadero Media by putting together a group of 15 local families who

shared his belief that the community needed and would support an independent, thoughtful newspaper that covered local issues in-depth, kept readers informed about local government, the schools and the interesting people living here and served as a place for community discussion and debate. Today, many of these original shareholders have passed their stock on to children or grandchildren, increasing the number of shareholders to 30, including Johnson.

Johnson said there would be no change in the ownership of the company and that shareholders have a deep commitment to the importance of local journalism and local ownership, a belief that Dawes strongly shares.

Dawes, 52, has lived in San Carlos since 2005 with his wife and their two children (ages 11 and 13). His desire to serve the community was inspired by his parents. They moved to Palo Alto in 1963 and fell in love with the region. His father, Dexter, became an early shareholder in Embarcadero Media and served on the board of directors for 13 years. He also served on numerous local nonprofit and government boards including Channing House, Foothill College and City of Palo Alto Utilities. His mother, Jean, served a long tenure on the board of the Palo

Alto Housing Corporation and helped start Pursuit of Excellence, a nonprofit group that provides financial assistance and other support to underserved students who want to go to college. Both parents were recipients, at different times, of the Lifetimes of Achievement Award given out annually by Avenidas.

Dawes got his first exposure to journalism as one of the editors-in-chief of the Palo Alto High School newspaper, the Campanile. He earned his bachelor’s degree in Visual and Environmental Studies from Harvard and worked briefly making documentary films.

Dawes was also drawn to ways that the just-emerging internet and World Wide Web could be used to bring people together and strengthen communities and democracy. He joined the newly formed Smart Valley, a nonprofit organization that was part of Joint Venture: Silicon Valley, with a mission to harness the power of the Internet to improve education, government and other public-serving initiatives.

Next, Dawes earned his MBA from Stanford Business School in the late ‘90s and then worked with several early stage startups before joining Google in 2008.

Johnson said Dawes will start in September and that he expects to complete the transition by the end of the year. ■

REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman



A Pause in the Market

Dear Monica:

We have been looking to buy a house and wonder if the market is slowing at all. Do you think it has?

James T.

Dear James:

Yes, overall the market has softened depending on the price range. There have been several price reductions in the past weeks which has often ended in a sale that is above the reduced price. There are many buyers still in the market and they are very price sensitive, but willing to overbid if needed.

The market will likely fluctuate for the next period but it is far from dead. Buyers want a property that doesn’t need any or much work, and if it is priced well, they will step up.

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Meet four grads from the Class of 2022

By Angela Swartz

Graduating members of the Class of 2022 have been through triumphs and struggles alike throughout high school, blindsided by the coronavirus pandemic and remote learning starting in their sophomore year.

Each have their own stories to share on where they've been and where they're going, each coming of age during unusual years of lockdown and isolation.

Gigi Pistilli

Gigi Pistilli's time at Woodside High School could best be described as a roller coaster. She starred in school plays, struggled with an eating disorder and experienced life as a high schooler during a pandemic, facing her obstacles head on along the way.

The 18-year-old Portola Valley resident, who graduated on June 2, is one of her class valedictorians and will attend Caltech in Pasadena this fall, where she plans to study physics or astrophysics and run cross country. Her dream is to be a physics professor and researcher.

"I'm terrified," she said. "My drama teacher pulled together all the people who've done all four years and it's starting to get super emotional."

There's also the upcoming separation from her twin, Lola, who will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, in the fall.

"That's going to be really weird to not have her around," she said. "Caltech is a pretty academically rigorous college. I'm scared about how that transition is going to be. ... I'm not itching to be the most independent or itching to leave my parents, but ready for that next stage."

Gigi Pistilli suffered a stress fracture in her ankle a week before her first track race her freshman year. During the break from running, she started cross training excessively and not eating enough. By the end of the year, she was hospitalized because her heart rate was too low. She received inpatient treatment for anorexia and took about a month off of school to recover.

"A lot of my identity was around being an athlete," she said, adding how difficult it was for her to rest and take a break from exercise. She also received

counseling on campus when she returned to school. "I took pride in my athleticism."

Pistilli recommends that teens who are struggling with their mental health seek help, even if it seems like those with similar problems aren't receiving services.

"I can work on myself even if people around me aren't able to," she said. "I could go on and on about how health care is only available to the privileged and you can't be like 'everyone get therapy,' but try to do what you can for yourself. You can get better even if you can't access therapy."

She has volunteered with SafeSpace in Menlo Park, a youth-led group that helps young people struggling with mental health challenges.

By the end of her junior year, which was fully remote because of the COVID-19 pandemic, she remembers she had a "headache all the time from the screen and the stress of COVID."

"There was so much unknown," she said, noting that as an extrovert it was hard to be alone and still during lockdown. "I did get a lot better at learning to be alone."

During her sophomore year, Pistilli said she overloaded herself with work, getting home at 10 p.m. after theater practice for "The Addams Family" production. The forced downtime from the lockdown helped her step back and put less pressure on herself.

One of her greatest points of pride during high school was playing the lead in the three-act play "Stage Door."

"It's the most work I've put into anything," she said. "I had 300 lines. It's the most stressed I've been in my life. I'm proud of all the work I put into my show."

If you or someone you know is struggling with an eating disorder, call the National Eating Disorders Association Helpline for support, resources, and treatment options at 800-931-2237. Their text line is 800-931-2237. If you are in a crisis and need help immediately, text "NEDA" to 741741. Helpline volunteers are trained to help you find the support and information you need.

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Christian Sbragia

Christian Sbragia was just 9 years old when he noticed a dire need in his East Palo Alto neighborhood: there weren't safe places for kids to play outside of school.

Sbragia, 18, who graduated from East Palo Alto Academy (EPAA) last week, said his nonprofit, The Cooline Organization, has served over 600 kids in his city since its inception, all free of charge. Staff teach children foundational leadership skills like empathy, creativity, problem-solving and collaboration through play and the arts.

"At the time, I opened my backyard and did little events and parties out of my backyard; it is one of the safer areas of the neighborhood," he said. He noted he doesn't come from a wealthy background, but he's been able to host programs free of charge through sponsorships from restaurants, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, San Mateo County and others. "I had seen a lot of the kids in the community roaming around the streets," Sbragia said.

"We still struggle with that today," he said, referring to the recent violence in Jack Farrell Park. One person died and three were injured in a shooting, which took place while families and children were playing nearby on May 17. "After school and on weekends, there are not a lot of places for children to go in the community; our parks aren't always safe."

Sbragia, who is also the school programs assistant and after school support aide at The Primary School in East Palo Alto, is proud that his organization connected kids struggling with isolation during remote learning.

At the start of 2020, he was serving about 15 students, but by the end of the year over 500 had either received a kit (i.e. summer camp activities in a box) or participated in online Zoom hangouts. He offers CoolineKids after-school programs at elementary schools in the area and summer camps. High school interns learn how to create curricula for his programs and are trained in communication skills.

It was clear to him how one elementary school student, Cynthia, grew through Cooline during distance learning.

"She learned to connect during a time when she didn't have a lot of connection," he said. "At the beginning, she didn't want to talk at all and kept her camera off."



Christian Sbragia

By March 2021, Cynthia was able to thoughtfully participate in a discussion about racism with local author and EPAA Vice Principal Joanna Ho.

"It was beautiful to see how she went from being shy and uncomfortable to being a really confident communicator," he said.

Sbragia is also proud of himself for thriving during remote learning.

"I was really worried COVID was going to throw me off of my track of going to college and it didn't," he said. "I used distance learning to take up personal development opportunities. I took different classes to learn more about nonprofits and leadership to help me grow."

He has been active not only in his nonprofit during high school, but has also served as education chair on the San Mateo County Youth Commission. He was a lead intern at a neurodiverse school and worked on training for police to better respond to those experiencing mental health crises.

Sbragia plans to attend California State University, East Bay, this fall. He plans to study ethnic studies and child development and is planning to live in the dorms.

"I'm feeling excited, a little nervous, or a lot bit nervous," he said about graduating.

More information on Cooline can be found at ctepayouth.org.

Josh Nickings

When Josh Nickings had to decide where to go to high school, he ultimately chose Eastside College Preparatory School, in part, because it would give him a chance to live on campus.

The nonprofit, tuition-free East Palo Alto school, which aims to open new doors for students historically underrepresented in higher education, is one of the few in the area with dorms. Nickings, 18, a Palo Alto native who graduated from Eastside last week, wanted to gain independence and also liked the school's diversity and tight-knit feel.

He fondly remembers meeting his best friend David at a barbecue during his sophomore year.

"I was so shy sitting by myself and he reached out and asked if I wanted to play Frisbee," he said. "It got me out of my shell for the first time. ... It's cool to compare myself as a ninth grader to now. I'm more confident and

outspoken while still shy and reserved, but can more easily open up to people."

By spring of his sophomore year, Nickings switched to distance learning along with other students and moved back home. Like most, he thought the COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020 would just last a couple of weeks, not knowing it would extend for another school year.

"It was rocky throughout," he said. He did find community through a Discord group he joined through a friend. He missed the structure of his life in the dorms and was hopeful he'd be back on campus soon, and was finally able to return to the dorms during his senior year.

Nickings said graduating from Eastside feels bittersweet. He enjoyed being part of the school's computer refurbishing club, playing volleyball, tutoring students in calculus and doing graphic design work (stickers and gear) for the school.

He plans to attend Northwestern University outside of Chicago in the fall where he will major in mechanical engineering and graphic design. He's excited for a change in weather and to experience life in a city.

"I'm also really nervous," he said. "It won't be a space quite like Eastside — how diverse and tight knit (it is). I overall feel prepared to move."

Bridget Gray

When she was little, Menlo-Atherton High School graduate Bridget Gray would play classroom with her stuffed animals. Now she's ready to put that play into practice when she heads off to college this fall.

Gray, 18, who graduated from M-A on June 2, plans to study early elementary education at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. The school offers a teaching credential as part of its four-year undergraduate program, meaning she won't have to get a graduate degree in teaching like most aspiring teachers.

"I'm going to miss my friends and relationship with teachers," said Gray, who is from Menlo Park.

"I've grown up with the same people since kindergarten (at Encinal School). It's strange and scary to know I'll be leaving them at the end of summer."

She comes from a family of teachers and helped create



Bridget Gray



Menlo-Atherton High School graduates 71st class

By Angela Swartz

After their first school year back in the classroom full-time since 2019, Menlo-Atherton High School seniors walked the stage to accept their diplomas on June 3, at Coach Parks Field.

This was the first typical graduation ceremony since pre-pandemic days. Per San Mateo County public health regulations, the Atherton school's 2021 commencement was kept shorter, with fewer speeches than in years past. The school hosted graduation in 2020 amid the early days of the pandemic.

Principal Karl Losekoot opened his speech to the class of 533 students with a moment of silence for the victims of the massacre at an

elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, last week, followed by a reflection on how the pandemic has affected the Class of 2022.

"You have done more than just graduate high school," said Losekoot, speaking at his first graduation as the school's leader. "You have experienced distance learning, the loss of social connections, contact with teachers, the loss of sports and school activities. You learned how to do school from your bedroom. We all know that while we did the best we could, distance learning did not work."

He noted that the class, which he called as "super graduates" for their challenges and triumphs, is also living through social change. He apologized

graduates live in a world that experiences so much gun violence and "routinely manifests racist ideas."

Student speeches came from Alejandra Lombera on "Todo A Su Tiempo." Devin Leslie gave a speech called "Little Did I Know." Douglas Adams spoke on "Lessons From Struggle."

Seniors gathered for a picnic on Tuesday, May 31, and celebrated grad night on Friday. Per usual, the grad night location was a surprise to graduates.

The ceremony was also livestreamed on YouTube this year.

View the full list of graduates at bit.ly/3NWwwPZ. ■

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Right: Graduate Alejandra Lombera gives a speech during commencement at Menlo-Atherton High School in Atherton on June 3. Above: Graduate Lillian Cheatham receives her diploma.



Natalia Nazarova

COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Sammy Dallal

Members of the Indygo Rhythm Section are seen at a March 2020 performance. The jazz group is one of 12 bands slated to perform at PV Palooza on June 11.

PV Palooza brings 12 bands, two stages of music to Town Center

The hills will be alive all day Saturday with the sounds of local music, when a new summer music festival launches in Portola Valley. The first PV Palooza, organized by the Portola Valley Cultural Arts Committee, takes place June 11, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Portola Valley Town Center, with stages on the soccer field and the lawn next to the library.

The festival is funded by local businesses and private donors, according to the event's website.

PV Palooza highlights the abundance of local talent, with bands featuring musicians from Portola Valley and neighboring towns such as Woodside performing a wide variety of music, including bluegrass, rock, jazz, Americana and alternative. The lineup features Windy Hill, Krim Band, Bundy Browne Band, Ginger + Bandits, Indygo Rhythm Section, Pathetic Honey, Whiskey Hill Billies, The Bubbles, Up and to the Right, Salty Licks and Christopher Normann.

PV Palooza will also showcase young musicians and student ensembles, with kids' performances following each band in the main lineup.

The Portola Valley Town Center is located at 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley. For more information, visit pvpalooza.com.

Read more about the festival at almanacnews.com.

—Heather Zimmerman

New electric bus fleet comes to Menlo Park school district

The Menlo Park City School District has received grant funding for three electric school buses and charging stations, which district Transportation Supervisor Wilfin Morales applied for and won.†

"He (Morales) is an eco-champion to me, and these buses will serve as a daily reminder to our children that our team is acting to preserve their environmental future," said Trustee Francesca Segre in her newsletter.

The \$1.2 million grant comes from the Carl Moyer Funding/Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Process. The PG&E EV Fleet Program also provided grant funding for the charging stations.

The district presented one of the new buses during a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 2 to mark the district's commitment to sustainable transportation. The Board of Trustees also recognized the district's transportation team for securing the buses.

All Five preschool expansion complete

The long-awaited new buildings at All Five, a preschool and infant/toddler program in the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park, are finished, according to a June 2 newsletter. The preschool will celebrate a grand opening of the new construction on Friday, Aug. 26, from 3 to 6 p.m. to mark the start of the school year.

The construction included a new playground and retrofitting of buildings to classrooms to ensure they meet fire code

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221 Highland Terrace

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Presentation and consideration of a proposal, requiring Formal Design Review (ASRB2022-0006), to construct a new main residence with an attached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), garage, and other site improvements on a vacant lot. The project requires a Variance for encroachment into slopes exceeding 35%, a Glens Ministerial Setback Exception, and a Second Driveway Exception.

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Candidate for San Mateo County Board of Supervisors arrested on suspicion of DUI

Belmont police arrested Steven Booker following a non-injury car crash

By Cameron Rebosio

Steven Booker, a candidate for the District 3 seat on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, was arrested in Belmont on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol on May 28, following a car accident.

The incident occurred on the 200 block of Harbor Boulevard and was called in at 1:32 a.m. No injuries were reported. Booker allegedly had a blood alcohol level over the legal limit of 0.08 at the time of the arrest, according to Belmont police records.

Booker was arrested and given a citation a half an hour later for suspected driving while intoxicated and driving over the legal limit of 0.08% blood alcohol content, both misdemeanors.

Before running for the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, Booker was an electrician and political director and community affairs liaison for a local chapter of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). His campaign has a focus on affordable housing and mending the relationship between the community and law enforcement.

Booker did not respond to multiple requests for comment. ■

Email Staff Writer Cameron Rebosio at crebosio@almanacnews.com.



Steven Booker

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students, providing sports fields and recreation space for after-school programs, creating preschool classrooms, and replacing aging water pipes and drinking fountains.

The district's 2015 facilities master plan identified \$300 million in facilities needs.

The school board has yet to determine which elementary school it would begin upgrading if the measure is approved.

Results include vote-by-mail ballots received in the mail or returned to Vote Centers on or before June 2 and Vote Center ballots, according to the Elections Office. Results do not include vote-by-mail ballots received or dropped off at Vote Centers and drop boxes after June 2 and conditional voter registration or provisional ballots.

The next results will be released at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, after The Almanac's Wednesday afternoon press deadline. The Elections Office plans to certify the results on July 7. ■

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Kumar tops field of challengers for Eshoo's seat

With Eshoo poised to advance to general election, Saratoga City Council member leads behind incumbent

By Gennady Sheyner

Democrat Rishi Kumar is poised for a November rematch with Rep. Anna Eshoo, with Tuesday, June 7 election results showing him ahead of six other candidates vying for her congressional seat.

Early results showed Eshoo with an overwhelming lead over the seven candidates who are vying to replace her in the 16th Congressional District, which stretches along the coast from Pacifica to north San Jose. With all precincts reporting by Wednesday morning, Eshoo received support from 49% of voters in Santa Clara County and from 58% of voters in San Mateo County.

While Eshoo, who was first elected in 1992, is poised to advance to the November election with little trouble, Kumar faced a tough challenge for the second spot from former Menlo Park Mayor Peter Ohtaki.

The unofficial results, which



Anna Eshoo



Rishi Kumar



Peter Ohtaki

don't include some vote-by-mail and provisional ballots, showed Kumar leading the field of challengers by 2,166 votes, with Ohtaki, a Republican, in third place.

In Santa Clara County, which has the vast majority of the District 16 population, Kumar had received 11,177 votes, or 16.5% of the total votes cast in the county, while Ohtaki trailed him with 8,615 votes, or 12.7%, according to results released just after 10 p.m. Tuesday. Republican Richard Fox and Democrats Greg Tanaka and Ajwang Rading were trailing them with 8.7%, 6.4% and 5.6%, respectively.

In San Mateo County, 396 votes separated the top two

challengers to Eshoo as of Wednesday, June 8. Ohtaki was in second place with 12% of the votes, or 1,570 total votes, while

Kumar was in third with 9%, having received 1,174 votes. Fox, Rading and Tanaka were trailing them in the polls with 8.3%, 5.1% and 4.4% of the votes, respectively.

Republican Benjamin Solomon and John Karl Fredrich, who is not affiliated with any party, had each picked up less than 2% of the vote.

If the results hold up after the final tally, the November runoff will be a rematch from the 2020 general election, when Eshoo faced off against Kumar. She prevailed after picking up 63% of the vote. ■

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Magali Gauthier

Graduates hug after commencement at Woodside High School on June 3.

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on campus one day to see a car on fire in the parking lot and students destroying a porcelain sink as part of a TikTok challenge.

She also praised students for their abilities to come together to protest the Supreme Court's threat to Roe v. Wade and using their voices to demand leaders create tougher gun laws.

Senior Class President Emma Hague welcomed families and guests to the ceremony. She and Student Body President

Elise Evans then spoke about the "Impact of Tomorrow."

Valedictorian Diana McGrogy spoke on the "Rules of the Road."

The class graduated more than 73 valedictorians, which includes students with a cumulative, weighted grade-point average of 4.1 or greater.

The ceremony was also livestreamed this year.

View the list of graduates at bit.ly/3mlk1R9. ■

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In town hall, local Congress members talk about gun violence prevention

Discussion comes after recent tragedies in Texas, New York, Oklahoma

Olivia Green/
Bay City News Service

In honor of National Gun Violence Awareness Day, Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Palo Alto, held a virtual town hall June 3, with Rep. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, to address constituent frustrations about gun violence prevention.

Eshoo and Thompson both expressed dissatisfaction with the state of gun laws on the heels of the recent tragedies in Uvalde, Texas; Buffalo, New York; and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Citing the over 200 mass shooting in 2022 so far, Eshoo mirrored the concerns of her constituents with the seeming lack of action from lawmakers, especially those in the U.S. Senate, she said.

To reduce the reported 110 daily gun deaths in the country, Eshoo and Thompson look forward to the upcoming House vote on the Protecting Our Kids Act, co-sponsored

by Thompson.

The bill would raise the age for purchasing semiautomatic weapons, criminalize importing, selling, and manufacturing large-capacity magazines, and regulate firearms storage.

Current federal firearms regulations would apply to so-called ghost guns, unregistered and untraceable firearms. They are optimistic for bipartisan support in the House; Thompson says it may be difficult to get in the Senate.

When constituents inquired about possible school changes to lessen threats of violence, the representatives spoke in support of background checks, which may be a more sustainable solution.

"After all the schools are fixed, do we harden all the music venues? All the grocery stores? All the post offices? All the churches?" said Thompson. "There's no way that you can make every place immune to any type of attack."

Teacher and Moms Demand

Action representative Rudy Espinoza shared a testimony emphasizing the importance of responsible gun ownership. He was in Orlando, Florida, on June 12, 2016, and could have been a victim in the nightclub shooting at Pulse. Instead, he decided to stay in with friends.

"When we woke up that morning, we found out that 49 people had been killed at Pulse nightclub in Orlando," said Espinoza. "And it was in that moment that I knew that I was the target there."

The House will vote on the Protecting Our Kids Act sometime next week, according to a letter from Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-San Francisco. The Senate may take a different approach by compromising on legislation in the hopes of gaining enough GOP approval to become law, Thompson said.

The video is available on Rep. Anna Eshoo's Facebook page at facebook.com/RepAnnaEshoo. ■

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requirements. Construction also added bathrooms, running water and configured rooms to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The new classes come through a lease agreement with the Ravenswood City School District — adjacent to its campus at 1391 Chilco St.

Founded in 2015, All Five was open to 2- to 5-year-olds but, with the extra space, will now be able to expand and serve infants (six weeks and older) and toddlers.

"The new structures are a model facility for all early childhood education programs," All

Five Executive Director Carol Thomsen said in the newsletter. "Expanding enrollment has been a long and tumultuous endeavor and everyday we observe the new children we serve growing, learning, and thriving. There is no question high-quality early childhood education improves an individual's lifetime academic, economic, and health outcomes. We could not be more grateful for your partnership in providing this transformative experience for more children and families wanting a better future."

Learn more about All Five at allfive.org. ■

—Angela Swartz



Courtesy All Five teachers

Children sit down to eat at All Five, a preschool and infant/toddler program in Menlo Park, in 2022.

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election night with his family and supporters at Noelani's in San Carlos.

"We're within striking distance of second place and a lot depends on how in-person turnout was over the last couple of days," Mattammal said, smiling. "We won't know what the results of that will be until pretty late or maybe even tomorrow, so we just have to hang out and be patient."

Mattammal said he went into this election with a platform of "constructive conservatism," an idea, he said, that would appeal across the entire political spectrum.

"San Mateo County is obviously a very blue district, but I think we have appeal not just to Republican voters but also to Independents and to Democrats," Mattammal said.

Earlier this spring, four of the candidates participated in a fast-paced, two-hour forum on environmental issues. Each with a unique strategy, they competed to present themselves as the state's best choice for action on climate change.

Mullin, former mayor of South San Francisco and current state assembly member representing the 22nd district, emphasized on the campaign trail his experience both in state politics and in working directly with Speier as her former district director.

"I believe qualifications still matter," he said. "I have been preparing for this role my whole life."

Beach, a U.S. Army veteran and former mayor of Burlingame, called herself an "avid cyclist and pub transportation nut" whose top campaign priority is climate action and justice. Her talking points included protecting open space and biodiversity, imposing a carbon tax and building sustainable infrastructure to prepare for rising sea levels and wildfire.

Canepa, a member of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and lifelong county resident, touted his commitment to "systemic change." Describing himself as the only candidate not accepting any corporate PAC money, he added, "let's take out the dirty money in politics."

Mattammal, a businessman and educator, and the only Republican in the race, presented his political affiliations as advantageous in what he said "will almost certainly be a Republican congress." Promoting an economy-focused campaign, Mattammal said he wants to reduce carbon by creating jobs, "without demonizing entire industries that employ thousands of Americans."

Canepa, who has been critical of his opponent for accepting corporate contributions, made a

pledge Tuesday night not to take any independent expenditure money in his campaign for the November election.

"I don't work for the corporations. I work for the people," he said. "I'm making a commitment right now not to take any super PAC money, if (Mullin) commits to do the same."

Canepa raised more than \$670,000, the second most of any candidate in the race. His major contributors include political committees such as ACT Blue, the National Union of Healthcare Workers Federal Committee on Political Education and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers PAC, as well as individual donors.

Most of Mullin's more than \$800,000 campaign chest came from individual donations, including a \$65,000 contribution he made. He also received sizable checks from political and labor groups, including GenenPAC, the political action committee

associated with the biotech giant Genentech, Plumbers & Steamfitters Local #467 and Vision For America, a political action committee run by Speier.

Mullin said that he doesn't intend to take Canepa's pledge.

"I'm not wealthy. I can't self-finance a campaign," he said. "I'm not going to tie a hand behind my back when it comes to raising the necessary resources."

But, he added: "The overwhelming majority of our donors are local donors. And the majority of our contributions are small contributions."

He emphasized that his goal leading up to the November election is to consolidate Democratic support.

"We're mindful that this is just the first step of a two-step process," he said. "There's no hiding the fact that we're going to be considered the front-runner, but you always run the underdog team. So we're going to run a very aggressive grassroots campaign

all the way from now on."

Canepa, who originally planned to take a week off, said he was eager to get back to campaigning as soon as Wednesday.

"It's time to grind," he said. "I'm hitting the street corner

and thanking voters for getting me top-two. That's the thing I'm doing tomorrow. And then I'm going to find a way to kick his ass." ■

Michelle Iracheta contributed to this report.

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Puz Nelson

(1930 - 2022)

Puz Nelson, loving wife, mother and sister, passed away on May 31, 2022, at the age of 91.

Puz was born in North Dakota in 1930 to Harvey and Adele Marsh and moved to Menlo Park in 1946.

She was the first of 4 girls, Doris Hitchcock (deceased) of Sunnyvale, Saramae Koering of Los Altos Hills, and Adele Gibson of Roswell Georgia.

Puz leaves behind Harold, her husband of 73 years. They had 5 amazing children: Peggy de Beaumont (deceased) of Redding, Husband Jim (deceased) grandchildren Eric de Beaumont, Nicole Weaver and great-grandson Hunter Weaver. Hal Nelson of Los Altos, wife Laurie, ex-wife Betty, grandchildren Michael and Brian, wife Tess and great grandchildren Parker and Remy, Patty Nelson (deceased), Paul Nelson of Los Angeles/Menlo Park, Peter Nelson of Los Altos, wife Marie-France Nelson and grandchildren Alexander and Christine.

When Puz and Harold were first married, they lived on the Flood Estate in Woodside — living in the caretaker's cottage for many years before moving to Menlo Park where they lived for the next 68 years.

For over 65 years, Puz found great joy in her faith and service in the St. Raymond Parish (Menlo Park) including their programs such as Legion of Mary as well as volunteering for rummage sales and school field trips. She worked closely with Msgr. Kennedy for many years.

Giving service, volunteering her time and resources were important to Puz. She was a faithful and dedicated volunteer at The St. Francis Center (Redwood City) where she volunteered for Sister Christina for over 20 years — helping her community with their food services and clothing drive. She was very active with the school children--sponsoring an amazing Halloween party for the children every year which they loved and looked forward to every year. According to the children, this annual Halloween Party has given them many precious memories that they will treasure for their lifetimes.

Puz was also a volunteer for many Special Needs organizations throughout the Bay Area including the Special Olympics and Hope De Anza.

Family and Friends are invited to a memorial mass on Friday June 10th at 9:00am at St. Raymond Church 1100 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park followed by a 11:30 reception at The Sheraton Hotel, 625 El Camino Real, Palo Alto.

Donations can be made to the St. Francis Center 151 Buckingham Ave., Redwood City, CA 94063



PAID OBITUARY

Shirley Stewart

December 15, 1925 – May 18, 2022

Shirley Stewart passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones. She was born Shirley Carolyn Cooter to Paul and Jewell Cooter in Oklahoma City. They moved to Kenilworth, Illinois where she was raised before attending Northwestern University. On a cruise to Hawaii with her parents, she met her future husband George Stewart on the S.S.Lurline. At the end of the cruise they knew it was love at first sight and were married nine months later in Kenilworth. They moved to Atherton where they raised their three children, Todd, Carol, Bill and at least a dozen dogs before moving to Menlo Park.



She had a long career of community service and sat on the boards of all her children's schools.

Because of her love of gardening and flower arranging, she became very active in the Woodside Atherton Garden Club. She was a gourmet cook and loved to entertain using new recipes that had never been tried before which made for very festive conversation.

Shirley was a voracious reader and was well known at the Menlo Park Library as she visited every week. She swam every morning at 6:00 am and played golf at least twice a week followed by a bridge game. She never ran out of energy and taught Tai Chi to help balance her busy schedule.

Her love of travel took her to over 25 countries and as a member of the Commonwealth Club, she lead many trips including to China in 1973 when it first opened it's door to the western world.

Shirley had a wonderful sense of humor, a sharp wit and true grace. She was the matriarch of a loving family for 70 years and imparted her wisdom and humor to all of her children and grandchildren. She is preceded in death by husband George and sons Todd and Bill. Shirley is survived by her daughter, Carol, her seven grandchildren, Stewart Silverberg, Wilton Stewart, Elizabeth Stewart, Abigail and Ian Dunckel, Madeline and Ryan Johnson, Kevin and Jordan Bohannon, Ryan Bohannon and two great grandchildren, Carson and Rosalie.

Shirley had a long and fulfilling life that brought happiness to all that knew her. She will truly be missed but our memories are so vivid that she will always put a smile on our faces.

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Doris S. Barnes

July 17, 1933 – May 18, 2022

Our beloved mother, Doris S. Barnes, passed away on May 18, 2022 at the Porter Hospice Residence in Littleton, CO. She was 88 years old. Dorie was born in New York on July 17, 1933 and grew up in Highland Park, IL with parents Harold and Helen Sherbano. After meeting her future husband, William H. Barnes, at Duke University, the couple married and moved to Menlo Park, CA, where



Dorie was actively involved in the Presbyterian Church and in Allied Arts, while also raising three children: Patty, Jeff, and Liz. Dorie and Bill were married for 55 years. After Bill died in 2007, Dorie settled in Highlands Ranch, CO, where she made close friends living at the Vi retirement center and reigned as matriarch extraordinaire to her kids, her daughter-in-law, Lorie, her grandchildren, Josh, Danny, and Jasmin, and her great-grandchild, Briella. Even in the face of a sudden diagnosis of late stage, metastatic cancer, our mom was both gracious and positive, charming hospital and hospice staff alike with her infectious smile and good humor. Dorie loved horses, classical music, movies, and, as she discovered after our dad's death, opera. But what she loved more than anything else was family. We are grateful that we each got to see her and share memories with her before she left us. She will be missed by family, by friends at the Vi, in Menlo Park, and all the other places she touched people's hearts. A family memorial service has been held, and at Dorie's request, no public service will take place. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Porter Hospice Residence in our mother's name.

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curriculum for students in East Palo Alto through the science nonprofit Curieus, which was founded in 2018 by M-A graduate Rachel Park. Much of the curriculum this year focused on technology and teaching kids how to code, she said.

Gray is proud of being on the CCS Championship winning volleyball team last fall. She was a middle blocker for the team.

"It feels like a family," Gray, a volleyball team captain, told Palo Alto Weekly in November 2021. "We see each other every day for at least two hours. We need to stay confident and bring this same energy."

She also helped head distribution day for M-A leadership's 2021 canned food drive. This school year's drive was a particular success, with over 360,000 pounds of food collected for about 400 families, according to the M-A Chronicle.

"Coming out of this pandemic, people were just more willing to give than they have been in the past," she said.

Gray found it harder to succeed in her classes while learning remotely her junior year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. But she said it did lead to additional free time and that she felt less stressed.

If Gray could give her freshman self advice, she would tell herself that "everything will work out."

"I was a very stressed freshman," she said. "I would freak out if my grades would drop. I needed to learn to relax a little bit. Everything did work out in the end and I ended up where I think I was supposed to." Though she originally expected to attend a college in California, she was shocked to open her acceptance letter to Vanderbilt and find the university offered her a generous scholarship. ■

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OBITUARIES

Local residents who died recently include **Shirley Stewart**, 96, a longtime Menlo Park resident, on May 18; **Doris S. Barnes**, 88, who lived in Menlo Park for 55 years, on May 18; and **Donald Hanly Sweet**, 98, a Portola Valley resident, on May 12.

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

Donald Hanly Sweet

February 2, 1924 – May 12, 2022

Donald Hanly Sweet passed away peacefully at age 98 on May 12, 2022 after suffering a stroke, less than three months after the passing of Beth Sweet, his beloved wife of 73 years.

Don will be remembered for his kindness, integrity, and intellect, and for being a loving husband and father. He will also be remembered for his warm smile, for organizing memorable family trips, for beautifully playing Gershwin pieces on the piano, and for the annual summer bounty of produce from his vegetable gardens.

Don was the last of the five children of William John Sweet and Teresa Emily Sweet (nee Hanly) to pass away. In addition, he was the last of the twenty-two grandchildren of John Benoni Sweet and Susan Anne Sweet (nee Gormley) to pass away. His passing represents the end of a significant chapter in the history of the Sweet family.

Don was born in Bandon, Oregon. His family lived in a house overlooking Bandon Beach until September 26, 1936 when the entire town burned down in a fire. Even in his final years, Don never forgot this date. After the fire, his family moved to their ranch south of Bandon.

In the spring of 1942, Don graduated from Port Orford High School. There were nine students in his graduating class. In the fall, he enrolled at Stanford. A big change in his life!

World War II disrupted his college years. At the end of his freshman year at Stanford, Don enrolled in the Navy V-12 program and was sent to Cal Tech along with several other Stanford classmates. He completed his undergraduate education on an accelerated basis, earning a degree in Electrical Engineering within two years. He was then sent to Midshipman's School at Cornell. Don was there when the war ended on V-J Day. After Midshipman's School, he was assigned to the Naval Repair Base in New Orleans.

There he met Beth Greenwald at a Naval Officers' ball, where she was serving as a hostess, and shortly thereafter they started dating. When he was sent to the Navy's radar school in Georgia, Don continued to court Beth by letter and long-distance phone calls. After radar school he was assigned to serve in Pearl Harbor for the remainder of his time in the Navy. While there, he applied for admission to Stanford Business School. He returned to Stanford in the fall of 1946 and earned his MBA in June of 1948. Don and Beth were married in New Orleans on June 26, 1948.

After their wedding, they moved to Coos Bay, Oregon – to live near Don's family. For the next decade they lived in Coos Bay and Bandon where Don worked in several family businesses in timber and banking. During these years, they made many lifelong friends as a young couple. There was no television, and their lives were full with picnics, potluck dinners, dances at the Elks Club, and bridge games with their friends.

Their first son, Richard (Dick), was born in 1949. David was born in 1951. Tragically, Dick passed away from childhood leukemia when he was almost four. During this difficult time, their friends and family surrounded them with love. Scott was born in 1955, and Stuart was born in 1957.

In 1958, Don and his three siblings started a timber company in Point Reyes. Don and Beth moved to Marin

County so Don could run the business. Tom, their youngest son, was born there in 1960.

The family timber business was closed in 1961 as part of the Federal government's program to acquire land that is now part of the Point Reyes National Seashore. Following closure of the business, Don, Beth, and their four sons moved to Atherton later that year.

Don and Beth loved life on the Mid-Peninsula where they spent the rest of their lives. They made many new friends and re-established friendships made during Don's years at Stanford.

Soon after moving to Atherton, Don reconnected with his business school friend and Kappa Alpha fraternity brother, Ray Hemming. Ray was a CPA who was operating as a sole practitioner in San Mateo after spending time with Price Waterhouse. He convinced Don to try a new career as a tax accountant because he thought Don might enjoy it. Ray was right. Don's new career lasted 28 years. He loved his work and the accounting business thrived, becoming Hemming Morse & Co., and employing over 100 people in three Bay Area locations. Don was in charge of the tax department.

Don was active at Holy Trinity Church and later St. Bede's Church, where he was Treasurer.

He also became involved in fundraising activities at Stanford Business School and helped establish a Planned Giving Advisory Council there.

Don and Beth's boys grew up in a post-World War II ranch house on Alejandra Avenue. Having grown up in a rural environment, Don loved having two acres to manage. As he wrote a while ago, "It was a great place to raise four sons. There were always plenty of chores to be done and lawn to be mowed, plenty of room for playing ball and trees for building tree houses."

Don and Beth lived in Atherton for 25 years.

In 1986, with their sons grown and out of the house, Beth and Don moved to Sharon Heights in Menlo Park, where they enjoyed creating a new garden on a smaller scale and having neighbors closer by. They also began to travel more extensively, often a relaxing trip to a favorite spot such as Hawaii or Carmel, or an adventure through a Stanford trip to another part of the world.

In 2003, Beth and Don moved to the Sequoias in Portola Valley where they enjoyed socializing with longstanding friends and making new friends.

Don will be missed by his four surviving sons and daughters-in-law: David (Robin), Scott (Meghan), Stuart (Jacqueline) and Tom (Qi). Also by his grandchildren: Emily Witkop (Adam), Teddy (Erin Kobashigawa), Jeff, Cassandra, and Justin. And his great-granddaughters: Juliet, Grace, and Sophia (Witkop).

There will be a memorial service for Don on Sunday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m. at Christ Church, 815 Portola Road, Portola Valley (<https://www.ccpvw.org/contact.html>). The family asks that all guests be fully vaccinated.

In lieu of flowers, donations honoring Don Sweet may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (<https://www.lls.org/>) or the Stanford Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (<https://med.stanford.edu/adrc.html>).

The family would like to acknowledge the loving care provided to Don by the Sequoias Health Center staff and the private caregivers from Canopy Home Care, especially Ana, Raschell, Christine, and Maria.



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California's fire season 'well underway,' state and federal officials warn

Eli Walsh/ Bay City News Service

State firefighters have responded to nearly 2,300 wildfires so far in 2022, burning nearly 11,000 acres, state and federal officials said on June 1.

This year's fire season is "well underway," said Fire Chief Daniel Berlant, Cal Fire's deputy director of community wildfire preparedness and mitigation, during a virtual discussion.

Berlant noted that the state has seen fire weather mostly year-round in recent years due to rising seasonal temperatures and the West Coast's ongoing drought. As a result, 18 of the 20 most destructive fires in state history have occurred in the last 22 years.

"We've been preparing all winter long on fire prevention activities like fuel breaks and prescribed burns," he said. "We are ready, but we really need the public to do the same."

Berlant was one of a handful of speakers participating in the discussion of the state's wildfire prevention and preparedness efforts, which also included U.S. Sen. Alex Padilla, California Office of Emergency Services Director Mark Ghilarducci, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 Administrator Martha Guzman and California Air Resources Board Deputy Executive Officer Chanell Fletcher.

According to Berlant and Ghilarducci, the state is allocating hundreds of millions of dollars toward fire prevention

projects and support for local governments in parts of the state that are most at risk of wildfires.

Cal Fire announced it would direct some \$118 million toward 144 local wildfire prevention projects. Cal Fire also funded 105 similar projects in September 2021.

"That's been a critical component for us to really be successful," Berlant said. "In order to build the capacity that's needed to do this work, we have to rely on our local partners to get work done in their communities."

Padilla said federal legislators are also taking steps to prepare for future wildfires.

His FEMA Improvement, Reform and Efficiency (FIRE) Act would update the legislation governing the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency to include wildfires alongside disasters the agency has always focused on like hurricanes, tornadoes and floods.

The bill would also allow FEMA to pre-deploy resources in areas that are under red flag warnings.

"When it's hot, when it's dry, when it's windy, we know that the potential for a devastating fire is way up," Padilla said. "And we want to be ready ... I'm determined to continue to use all the tools in our belt to prevent wildfires."

According to Padilla, the U.S. Senate is currently considering the bill, which the chamber's Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee approved in February. ■

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"I'm really excited about how the vote is trending," Parmer-Lohan said as election results rolled in. "The results show voters want someone who is willing to address the devastating impacts of climate change."

Chang Kiraly served as a board member of the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and has a background in finance, having served seven years on the California Commission for Economic Development. She has served as the San Mateo County Harbor District's board president, and her campaign focused heavily on public safety, including fire and coastal safety.

Chang Kiraly does not believe the race is decided yet with so many votes still left to count.

"Obviously I'm disappointed

in where my placement is right now," Chang Kiraly said. "I don't think the election's over ... I'm very proud of the campaign we ran, it was very clean, we had a lot of grassroots support, so I'm very proud of that."

Booker, a worker's rights advocate, has served as political director and community affairs liaison for a local chapter of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) labor union. During the campaign he said he wanted to create infrastructure on the coast and help fill a gap he sees in digital access in District 3. He also hoped to bridge a division he sees between residents and law enforcement.

Booker did not respond to requests for comment. ■

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SHERIFF

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Corpus looked tentatively excited.

“It’s a good start!” she said over the phone.

“I really think that it’s time for a change in the Sheriff’s Department,” said Redwood City resident Johanna Rasmussen. “And we haven’t had what I would consider a viable candidate to date. So when Christina came along, I thought, ‘she can do this.’”

Rasmussen’s husband, former Redwood City Police Officer Chris Rasmussen, shared her desire for new leadership in the sheriff’s office.

“Law enforcement’s changed, especially in the last two years,” he said. “We need people with the vision to move law enforcement to the next century.”

Broadmoor Chief of Police, and 2018 Bolanos challenger, Mark Melville was also in attendance. Though he said he considered running again this year, he ultimately decided to back Corpus, who he said had both the endorsements and the experience for the job.

“Having worked all these different assignments makes her ideal to take over to just the sheriff’s office,” he said.

Melville, who served as a deputy sheriff for 10 years, said it was frustrations with the leadership that led him to retire from his position in 2019.

“I want a change. I want Carlos out of office,” he said. “Let’s just put it this way: His time has come.”

At the Bolanos watch party, more than a hundred

supporters packed into a San Carlos brewery to watch as election results trickled in. The enthusiasm in the air was almost palpable and optimism high. As the clock drew closer to 8:10 p.m. — the moment when the first results were expected to go live on the county website — excited supporters, including those who had been outside, inched closer to a projector screen at the front of the bar crowding around it.

But as the county website screen populated with race results, the mood in the room dampened. Those who seemed fired up before grew dim. Animated chatter turned to hushed whispers. On the projector and on many tiny, brightly lit screens across the room were the race results for the San Mateo County sheriff that showed Corpus leading by nearly 10 points.

Not 20 minutes later, Bolanos took the stage to thank his supporters and assuage any concerns they might’ve had.

“If the worst thing that happens is that I lose, I won’t take it the wrong way,” Bolanos told the crowd. “I will always pull my head up and I will always be proud of the work that I do.

“I’m going to be fine. We’re all going to be fine. The world will go on,” he added.

In an interview shortly after his speech, Bolanos said he was disappointed by the early returns but was optimistic to see how the rest of the night might play out.

“But, I think there is still a lot of votes to be counted,” he said. “And let’s see what happens.”

Asked what he thought about Corpus possibly coming out ahead at the end of the night, Bolanos said, “Well, I mean, I think if the numbers don’t go my way, Corpus will win and I’ll finish out my term. But between now and then, I’ll figure out what are my next steps.

“I think I’d have to see what alternatives are out there for me. I’ve had a great career. If retirement is my next step, I’m okay with that. So, yeah, I’m gonna be fine no matter what,” Bolanos added.

District Attorney Stephen Wagstaffe, who ran unopposed Tuesday night and had publicly endorsed Bolanos, was at Bolanos’ watch party in San Carlos. He was optimistic about Bolanos’ chances despite early returns showing Corpus’ nine-point lead.

“It’s early and I hope things turn around,” Wagstaffe said. “If they don’t, I will work with Capt. Corpus. I’ve known her ever since she was a rookie. I’ve known her since she’s worked in my office ... I will work with whoever the people of this county says is the sheriff ... (They) will be my colleague and partner.”

Pierre Buljan, a Bolanos supporter and Tuesday night watch party attendee, said he was in shock after seeing the early returns come in at 8 p.m.

“I’ve personally watched (Bolanos) turn this county around in a good way,” Buljan said. “Not just for policing our county, the safety record, but also reforming people in jail, trying to take care of the homelessness and doing all the right things.”

Buljan said he didn’t see the appeal in Corpus and wondered whether those who voted for her were simply swayed by hearing her story about growing up in a poor Latino family.

“He did, too,” Buljan said, referring to Bolanos. “He didn’t speak English until he went to kindergarten. His parents immigrated here the same as her. So their records are the same.”

By 9:30 p.m., the crowd at the Bolanos watch party had cleared out and the campaign staff was removing balloons from the tables. It was too early for the race to be called and too early for Bolanos to concede.

Bolanos was appointed sheriff in 2016 after then-sheriff Greg Munks announced his early retirement. He ran a successful campaign in 2018 and won with just over 60% of the vote. Pointing to more than 40 years in law enforcement, Bolanos said he’s built a campaign on his experience and commitment to “public safety for all.”

A sheriff’s captain and chief of police for the City of Millbrae, Corpus ran on a platform of wanting to change the culture of law enforcement through community-based policing and transparency.

The race between candidates has been a particularly contentious one. Early last month, Bolanos unexpectedly backed out of a scheduled Thrive Alliance debate citing biased comments made by one of the sponsors. He instead referred voters to watch a previous recorded debate. Corpus took the opportunity as a chance to boost her campaign while carefully

showing public disapproval.

At a forum hosted by the Redwood City Woman’s Club, the two candidates answered tough questions in front of a packed crowd and often disagreed on issues related to immigration, law enforcement transparency, use of force and staffing.

Election results are still unofficial and will continue to trickle in throughout the week. So far voter turnout has been low during this primary election, with only 14.6% of eligible voters casting their ballots.

Despite a steady lead, Corpus refrained from calling the election in her favor and said she wasn’t expecting Bolanos to concede anytime soon.

“Nor will my feelings be hurt if he doesn’t call me,” she said.

In the meantime, Corpus said she’s eager to spend some time with her family and take a break for the first time since she launched her campaign in July 2021.

“I’m looking forward to maybe getting a good night’s rest,” she said, laughing. ■

Bay City News contributed to this report.

LEHUA GREENMAN



“What we must do now is enact change because that is what we do to things that fail: We change them.”

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CRIME BRIEFS

Man strikes woman with stick, steals her cellphone

A woman was walking her dog along the edge of Stanford University’s campus near Town & Country Village on Monday night, June 6, when a man hit her multiple times with a wooden stick and took her cellphone, according to Stanford’s Department of Public Safety.

The woman reported the battery incident around 11:40 p.m. on Monday. She was walking between Palm Drive and Galvez Street on the sidewalk that is north of the fence that runs parallel to El Camino Real, where a man tried to speak to her. The woman asked to be left alone and kept walking, according to a Stanford public safety alert.

The man then struck her with a wooden stick multiple times and she dropped her cellphone during the course of the assault. The man then took the phone and fled, last seen running east on El Camino Real, the alert stated.

The woman was transported to Stanford Hospital for her injuries.

She described the suspect as a bald man of Asian descent in his late 20s to early 30s, who is about 5 feet, 7 inches tall and was wearing a black T-shirt with black basketball shorts. The woman and man have interacted previously, but investigators don’t know the man’s identity, the release said. He remains at large as of Tuesday morning.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Stanford Department of Public Safety at 650-329-2413.

—Zoe Morgan



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Atherton’s Draft Housing Element for the 2023-31 cycle is now available for public review and comment. To view the Draft Housing Element and submit a comment, please visit the Town’s webpage at:

<https://www.ci.atherton.ca.us/627/Housing-Element-Update>

All California cities and counties are required to prepare a Housing Element of their General Plan for approval by the State of California that shows how the jurisdiction will meet its share of regional housing need. The regional housing need (RHNA) for the Town of Atherton over the eight-year period is 348 new housing units. The Town’s Housing Element is required to be certified by the State by January 1, 2023.

Comments may be submitted online, via email or phone by 5:00 p.m. on **July 11, 2022**. During the public review and comment period, the Planning Commission will hold a virtual meeting on **June 23, 2022 at 1:00 pm**.

This meeting will be held via teleconference 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 Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom Meeting using the details provided below.

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Email: sbertollo-davis@ci.atherton.ca.us

The City Council will review the Draft Housing Element and submitted comments at its **July 20, 2022** meeting. More information on public meetings can be found on the Town’s Housing Element webpage.

Comments or questions on the Housing Element may be submitted to:

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/s/ Anthony Suber
Anthony Suber, Deputy City Manager

Summer Class Guide

Business & Tech

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CareerGenerations currently offers group workshops and one-on-one help via Zoom to meet the career needs of a variety of individuals, including college students looking for internships, and graduates and professionals exploring career options or looking for employment.

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Ballet-All-Day
bonjour3807.wixsite.com/balletallday, bonjour@balletallday.org
Ballet-All-Day is an online ballet organization that made its debut on Zoom during the pandemic to provide at-home classes to children. Classes are available to children of all levels and ages and are tailored to engage students at home while improving their physical and mental health with minimal engagement from parents. Founder Sonia Dwivedi is a Palo Alto High School student who has been studying ballet for more than 12 years.

Music, Arts & Crafts

The Midpen Media Center

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Music Together Menlo Park

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Summer classes offer something for everyone

This summer promises to have lots of fun in store with classes available for all ages and interests. Children can see their friends in summer camp and get their wiggles out with dance lessons. Students — young and old — can enjoy the pleasure of learning a new language, or countless other skills, in campus classrooms. And for those still cautious because of COVID-19, many classes are still available online. Check the listings and details below to find out what's available.

The Class Guide is published quarterly by the Palo Alto Weekly and The Almanac.

Music Together holds classes exploring music and movement for children from birth up to age 5 and their guardians at the Allied Arts Guild. See website for class schedule.

New Mozart School of Music

2100 El Camino Real Suite C, Palo Alto, 650-324-2373, info@newmozartschool.com, newmozartschool.com
New Mozart School of Music offers music lessons year-round to students of all ages and abilities. Piano, violin, viola, cello, voice, guitar, flute and early childhood music classes are available. In-person and online lessons are available.

Old World Designs

727 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, 650-321-3494, info@oldworlddesigns.com, oldworlddesigns.com
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Pacific Art League

668 Ramona St., Palo Alto, 650-321-3891, info@pacificartleague.org, pacificartleague.org
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Silicon Valley Boychoir

600 Homer Ave., Palo Alto svboychoir.org

info@svboychoir.org
Silicon Valley Boychoir (SVB) offers rehearsals, musicianship classes and performance opportunities to boys ages 7 and up. Auditions by appointment are available.

Sports & Fitness

One Heart Yoga

Little House Activity Center, Fitness Room, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park, 415-494-7021, oneheartyyoga.com
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Nealon Park Tennis Courts, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park, 650-814-6734, menloparktennis.com
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Spring Down Equestrian Center

725 Portola Road, Portola Valley, 650-851-1114, sdecenter@aol.com, springdown.com
Spring Down Equestrian Center educates children (beginning at age 3) and adults on horses and horseback riding. Instruction in basic riding, jumping, dressage, western riding and horsemanship is



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Webb Ranch Riding School

2720 Alpine Road, Portola Valley, 650-854-7755, webbranchinc.com, lessons@webbranchinc.com
Instruction for beginning and intermediate riders in both group and private settings. Specialties include Western riding, dressage and hunt-seat riding. In addition, there are a number of week-long camp sessions for children ages 7 to 18.

Culture clubs

Joy Culture Foundation

934 Santa Cruz Ave., Suite #A, Menlo Park, Thejoyculturefoundation.org, info@thejoyculturefoundation.org
The nonprofit Joy Culture Foundation opened in January to provide families a place to immerse in Chinese culture and language. The center has children's books in Mandarin and English available for check out, as well as bilingual language and culture classes. Upcoming events include a dragon boat festival and a summer book fair. Children's summer camps sessions start on June 13.



Special needs

Bay Area Friendship Circle

3921 Fabian Way, Suite A023, Palo Alto, 650-858-6990, bayareaafc.org, office@bayareaafc.org
The Bay Area Friendship Circle offers programs for children, teens and young adults with

special needs ages 2 to 22 year-round as well as a summer camp program. Trained teen volunteers provide one-on-one friendship and support. Summer camp sessions will be held July 25-29 and Aug. 1-5.



Career Prep

JobTrain

1200 O' Brien Drive, Menlo Park, 650-330-6429, info@jobtrainworks.org, jobtrainworks.org
JobTrain has a variety of training programs for adults — providing instruction in the culinary arts, business administration, health care, web technology, construction and other fields — as well as programs specifically for youth, to help with GED preparation, job placement and vocational training. View available workshops online.

Seniors

Little House, Roslyn G. Morris Activity Center

800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park, 650-272-5000, penvol.org/littlehouse
Little House Activity Center offers classes for adults of all ages on various topics and activities, including health and wellness for seniors; fitness exercises like line dancing and Pilates; ceramics, drawing and other arts; languages; history and culture; and computer skills. Check website for calendar of classes.

The Class Guide is published quarterly in the Almanac. Descriptions of classes offered in Menlo Park, Atherton, Portola Valley and Woodside are free, subject to editing and given priority.

To inquire about submitting a listing for the next Class Guide, email Editorial Assistant John Bricker at jbricker@pawebly.com or call 650-223-6517. To place a paid advertisement in the Class Guide, call the display advertising department at 650-326-8210.





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A man of many

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Pace Gallery features new photographs, sculpture and paintings by Kohei Nawa

By Sheryl Nonnenberg

Kohei Nawa, internationally known sculptor, described his current exhibition at Pace Gallery in Palo Alto in a very succinct way: “My idea is to make a connection/relationship between photography and sculpture.”

Sounds simple, but the 16 works of art in the show reference things as varied and complex as the Information Age, DNA technology, Steve Jobs and the impact of the iMac, ancient Japanese symbols and the science of optics. He manages to address all of these subjects in the black-and-white photographs, sculptures and paintings that comprise “PixCell_Moment,” on view through July 1.

Nawa clearly has an affinity with Palo Alto and Silicon Valley. His work was well-received in the Bay Area when he showed four years ago at Pace in Palo Alto and at the Fog + Art Fair in San Francisco, where his life-sized PixCell deer was the hit of the show. “He did so well last time,” said Pace Director Elizabeth Sullivan, “the community loved his work and I felt it was time to show him again.” She pointed out that the pieces in this exhibition were created specifically for this show and that the artist had a direct hand in the gallery installation.

Nawa, who lives in his native Japan, described how the pandemic curtailed his international travels to the United States and Europe, where he frequently exhibits his work. He has continued to teach as a professor at Kyoto University of the Arts and maintain Sandwich, Inc., his studio — both of which required



Courtesy Pace Gallery

Above: An overall view of Pace Gallery's main room shows artist Kohei Nawa's Moment photographs displayed with five pieces from his PixCell sculpture series. Below: One of Nawa's PixCell sculptures, a vintage micro TV covered in Lucite spheres, is seen alongside two photos from his Moment series.

regular travel to Kyoto. During the over two-hour ride on the Shinkansen (high-speed bullet train) he was inspired to return to a medium he had used early in his career: photography. “In these two years, the train was quite empty because of COVID, so it was a perfect time to do this,” he said. Using a digital camera, Nawa created this series of Lambda C-type prints, a type of digital print, that captured fleeting views outside the windows as the train rushed by. The results are stretched-out, dizzying streaks of black lines that, although indiscernible, clearly reflect the passing landscape. These photographs should come with a disclaimer for those of us who experience

motion sickness; they are quite disorienting.

Sullivan commented on how the artist was very “hands-on” with this series, actually working in the darkroom himself. “They are all original in that there is only one print,” she said, “like monoprints. They are really beautiful because they riff off his paintings.”

The three large-scale paintings, installed in the gallery's front room, are entitled “Moment” and were created using a pouring process that was employed on paintings in his previous Pace show. The artist used a constructed device that pours ink under consistent pressure from one point on the canvas, which is angled, to another. The results are very precise and measured, but Nawa decided to introduce an element of chance into the otherwise rigid process by placing pins at random places on the canvas. The ink would skip over and beyond these barriers, creating tiny but perceptible gaps in the lines. “He was having fun with it, and it was a way to give a feeling of movement,” Sullivan said.

In this same space visitors can see two examples of Nawa's PixCell series. By now a trademark style of the artist, these pieces

begin with common objects that he transforms by covering them with transparent spheres of various sizes. Here, a tiny toy car and a 35 mm camera represent dated objects that have become magnified and distorted in such a way that we question our notions about optical perception.

Nawa has been working in this vein for some time, and said he was inspired after watching Steve Jobs introduce the iMac in 1998. He was in London as an exchange student and said “This memory is quite important to me.” Upon his return to Tokyo, he bought an iMac and made his first PixCell. Nawa realized that he did not want to pursue what he called high-tech media art. “I wanted to be more original, mixing traditional objects with modern technology,” he said.

The main gallery is a study in black-and-white contrasts with a symmetrical placement of five PixCell objects on stands in the center of the gallery. They have been placed in between the large Moment photographs, installed around the gallery walls. Objects here include a digital camera (used to take the Moment photographs), a rotary telephone, countertop television, and two

pieces of taxidermy — a baby goat and a crow — all of which are adorned with a layer of Lucite spheres. Nawa said that he would obtain the objects online and that the goat had a very specific inspiration. He recalled that he was fascinated when reading about Dolly, the cloned sheep. “Humanity tried to treat an animal as information,” he said, “What they learned from DNA made everyone realize we are all based on that information.”

The camera, television and telephone were chosen as the artist reflected on “Palo Alto history and technology. I wanted to choose ‘old technology’ for the PixCell works.” Younger viewers may be amused, or confused, by the dial on the telephone and the antenna on the tiny TV. The other two objects, the goat and the crow, carry more serious connotations with special meanings in Japanese culture. “Both the crow and the goat are historically symbolic, but I don't want to talk about that because I want people to bring their own knowledge and experience to the pieces,” Nawa said.

It is in these objects that the artist achieves his goal of applying the digital photography process of pixelation onto three-dimensional objects, causing us to view them in a totally new way.

Rife with both literal and metaphorical associations, Nawa's work embraces more than just the formal qualities of the media he uses. As the gallery's press release states, “Nawa focuses on the ways humans perceive and understand objects and images in the fast-paced age of social media, where information and disinformation spread rapidly.” Given that Silicon Valley is the birthplace of technology and home to information innovators like Facebook, Google and Apple, this exhibition is perfectly placed.

PixCell_Moment is on view through July 1 at Pace Gallery, 229 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto

For more information, visit pacegallery.com/galleries/palo-alto/. ■

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Food & Drink



Anthony Shu

The Old Pro, a longtime sports bar in Palo Alto, announced June 1 that it plans to close its doors later this month.

Last call at The Old Pro

Palo Alto's long-standing sports bar to close June 19

By Anthony Shu

Originally opening in 1964, The Old Pro has long served as Palo Alto's classic sports bar, even as Silicon Valley sprung up around it. The walls are covered by vintage pennants showcasing now-defunct teams like the World Football League's Philadelphia Bell and framed Sports Illustrated covers from an era when printing color photography required weeks of planning.

Later on, the bar also attracted crowds for late-night staples including its mechanical bull Bucky, beer towers and shotskis. Open until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, The Old Pro has been one of the sleepy Midpeninsula's few spots for a late-night drink. But on June 1, the business announced its permanent closure after its last day on June 19.

The (old) Old Pro opened in a Quonset hut under another name on El Camino Real near Page Mill Road and Oregon Expressway nearly 60 years ago, and Steve Sinchek purchased the business in 1994. He opened the second location of The Old Pro in downtown Palo Alto about a decade later, and the El Camino bar was shuttered in 2007 with one last blowout where its televisions were sold to patrons for \$20.

The Old Pro's current spot meant relocating its dive bar environment to the trendier location of downtown Palo Alto in a space with floor-to-ceiling windows. Still, The Old Pro retained its classic sports memorabilia decor and continued hosting everyone from

Little Leaguers to college students and venture capitalists. During major sporting events, the bar would come alive and transform into a space packed with hordes of fans decked out in the red, white and blue of U.S. soccer and the red and gold of the 49ers.

Sinchek pointed to the pandemic keeping away customers now working remotely — along with rising food, rent and labor costs — as the main factors in the bar's closure in interviews with the Mercury News and the San Francisco Chronicle, though he still operates the nearby Local Union 271. A statement on social media thanks community members and asks customers to share pictures and stories. (Sinchek could not be reached for comment before The Almanac's publication deadline.)

Hundreds of commenters have responded and left memories. One patron recounted meeting her husband at the bar, and others pleaded for someone to come

in and save the local institution. One follower joked and asked if she could get her fake ID back that was confiscated over a decade ago.

Palo Alto's other beloved longtime dive bar, Antonio's Nut House, closed in August 2020 after 50 years in business. The property owner recently submitted a new plan for reinventing the space. British Pub The Rose & Crown, which opened in 1990 (though the building had a long history as a local tavern), still serves drinks on Emerson Street.

If the series goes seven games, fans will be able to watch the last game of the NBA Finals at The Old Pro on its last day, Father's Day on June 19.

The Old Pro, 541 Ramona St., Palo Alto; 650-326-1446, oldpro.com. Instagram: @oldpro_sportsbar. ■

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Sammy Dallal

The Old Pro for decades has been a hangout for sports fans on game days, filled with sports-related decor.

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on Wednesday evening, July 13, 2022 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. at the meeting room located at the District's offices, located at 500 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA or by Zoom or telephone

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Dated: May 25, 2022

/s/ Sergio Ramirez
Sergio Ramirez
District Manager

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