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## Getting chronically absent students back to class is no easy feat

Missing too much school can have lifelong impacts on children



Illustration by Douglas Young

By Angela Swartz

Forty minutes. That's how long it took Laura\* to walk from her home to her high school two blocks away one sunny April morning.

Getting to the classroom has been a struggle for students like Laura, 15, who just finished her freshman year at East Palo Alto Academy (EPAA). She has had heart palpitations and difficulty sleeping since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Her anxiety is worse on days when her best friend won't be at school. She was absent from one class 28 days during the 2022-23 school year. The

Almanac agreed not to publish Laura's real name, to protect her privacy.

In the past, Laura's mother Yadira Mederos De Cardenas, a preschool teacher at All Five in Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood, would have called in Laura's absence to the high school. But having already missed so many work days this past school year — about a week per month of work to care for her children — she put her foot down.

"I said, 'Sorry your friend is not here; I'm going to drop you off, and I can call the counselors and let them know what happened, and you can do classes

in the office,'" said Mederos De Cardenas.

For a long time, test scores have slumped at schools in the area, which lies in the shadow of Stanford University and neighboring wealthy Silicon Valley school districts on the other side of Highway 101. But last school year, something else concerning happened: there was a huge jump in the number of students who weren't coming to school at all.

Laura is among the skyrocketing number of students in the East Palo Alto area over the last two years who have been chronically absent, which the state defines as missing 10% or

more of the school year. The state began collecting and publishing chronic absenteeism data from schools during the 2016-17 school year.

East Palo Alto Academy, a small charter high school, saw a chronic absenteeism rate of 199 out of 355 students (56%) during the 2021-22 school year, according to state data. Numbers improved this school year, with 111 of 290 (38%) students chronically absent as of mid-May, according to Sequoia Union High School District data.

The Ravenswood City School District, which has about 1,600 students in its elementary and middle schools (excluding

charters) in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park, saw chronic absenteeism spike from just 471 out of 2,549 (18.5%) during the 2018-19 school year to 846 out of 1,637 students (51.7%) in 2021-22.

Absences, whether excused or not, count toward chronic absenteeism figures. Transitional kindergarteners aren't included in state statistics.

It's not just a problem in the Ravenswood district. Chronic absenteeism has ballooned statewide since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, with 30% of California students counted as chronically absent during the

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Sinead Chang

Stanford President Marc Tessier-Lavigne enters the stadium during Stanford's Convocation in 2019.

## Stanford president resigns after review found flaws in his research papers

Marc Tessier-Lavigne to step down on Aug. 31 following scrutiny of publications

By Gennady Sheyner

Stanford University President Marc Tessier-Lavigne announced on Wednesday, July 19, that he will be stepping down after a panel of experts found significant flaws in various studies that he had supervised more than a decade ago. While the panel cleared him of personally

committing scientific fraud, Tessier-Lavigne was criticized for allowing work to be published that contained errors and "manipulation of research data."

In a letter to the community, Tessier-Lavigne indicated that ongoing discussions about the panel's report would hamper his leadership of the university, at least in the near term, and

that the university would be better off with his resignation as of Aug. 31.

Tessier-Lavigne, a neuroscientist who was appointed Stanford president in 2016, has been under increased scrutiny in recent months after stories reported by the campus newspaper, The Stanford

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## NASA launches satellite 'swarm' into space with tech developed at Ames Research Center

Starling mission will operate with minimal oversight from ground control

By Emily Margaretten

About the size of two stacked cereal boxes and weighing 12 kilograms each, four spacecraft launched into low Earth orbit Monday evening from Rocket Lab's Launch Complex 1 in New Zealand, marking a significant milestone in "swarm" technology by NASA's Ames Research Center.

Aptly named the Starling mission, the operation will test the spacecraft's capacity to communicate and coordinate activities on their own, a technology that evokes the image of starlings flying together in a murmuration.

"What we mean by a swarm is that it's a group of spacecraft that are working together, cooperating in order to achieve an objective," said Howard Cannon, project manager for the Starling mission at Ames Research Center.

Cannon differentiated the swarm from other satellite groupings, sometimes referred to as constellations, by its relative autonomy; the swarm will operate with minimal direction from ground control. "So, you might have a dozen spacecraft up there and you can say,

'Swarm go do this, swarm, go do that,' versus having to command and control each spacecraft individually," Cannon said.

The Starling mission will demonstrate four key technologies, broadly related to how the spacecraft respond to their environment and work as a team. The first will test the spacecraft's capacity for autonomous maneuvering, or how well they stay together without direct input from an operator. The second will test the adaptability of the communication network, and the third will test the spacecraft's ability to keep track of each other's positions.

The fourth technology, referred to as "distributed spacecraft autonomy," is a particularly novel feature that allows the spacecraft to respond to new information and execute activities with little oversight from ground control.

For instance, the Starling mission will investigate the Earth's ionosphere (or upper atmosphere), and if a spacecraft detects something new, it will communicate this with the rest of the swarm, allowing for data collection and analysis to occur

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## Menlo Park blood donation center temporarily closes after vehicle runs into building

By Malea Martin

The Stanford Blood Center's Menlo Park branch had to cease operations for a couple days last week after a driver accidentally rammed into an exterior wall of the building.

No one was injured in the accident and the donation center is back to normal operations now, though the damage hasn't

been fixed just yet.

In the morning on July 10, a 63-year-old Palo Alto driver was turning into a parking spot located at the front of the blood donation center at 445 Burgess Drive, when she accidentally pressed the gas pedal instead of the brake, Menlo Park Police Department spokesperson Nicole Acker told The Almanac. The driver went over the curb and collided with the building.

"There was some damage to the window and the panel below the window," according to Stanford Blood Center's Marketing and Communications Director Jenn Bennett. "It was an empty space in front of that window at the time, and there were no injuries inside the building to staff, volunteers or to donors, including the driver."

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Andrea Gemmet

Plywood covers the front of the Stanford Blood Center building on Burgess Drive in Menlo Park on July 17.



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### CRIME BRIEFS

#### Luxury store's guard thwarts gang of would-be thieves

An attempted theft at a Louis Vuitton store at the Stanford Shopping Center by a mob of would-be robbers was stopped by an armed security guard on July 12, Palo Alto police said.

An estimated 10 to 12 people wearing hooded jackets, face masks and gloves arrived in five cars parked near the Pacific Catch restaurant and ran into the mall at about 1:24 p.m., police Sgt. Nicolas Martinez said.

Employees saw the crowd coming, and an armed security guard inside Louis Vuitton prevented the first two, who were females, from entering the luxury goods store by holding his arms out and

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### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Holbrook-Palmer Park path upgrades

The path along Watkins Ave in Atherton's Holbrook-Palmer Park, 150 Watkins Ave., will be closed on weekdays from July 17 to early August.

The town is converting the pathway to decomposed granite. If you enter from the pedestrian bridge, you'll be directed straight toward the baseball field. This project won't impact weekend trail use.

#### New town clerk hired in Portola Valley

Portola Valley has hired Jennifer Torres as its town clerk.

Torres worked over seven years with the city of Rio Vista before joining Portola Valley. She served as a public safety support services manager and deputy city clerk in Rio Vista, according to the city's Instagram page.

Portola Valley's last town clerk, Melissa Thurman, left her role in March and has been the city clerk in Los Altos since April.

—Angela Swartz

#### Menlo Park welcomes two new Eagle Scouts

On July 15, Menlo Park's Troop 222 held a ceremony in honor of Boy Scouts Ron Freeman and Jayna Chua achieving the Eagle Scout rank. Menlo Park Mayor Jen Wolosin and Council member Drew Combs attended the ceremony, which was held at Menlo Church.

In order to become Eagle Scouts, both had to complete a community service project. Chua built a trellis planter at the Menlo Park library that will be used in educational programs, while Freeman worked with the Menlo Park Fire Protection District to train residents on disaster preparedness. Chua joined the Boy Scouts Association in 2019, the first year that girls were allowed to join.

Both Chua and Freeman graduated from Menlo-Atherton High School last month.

#### Atherton teen nominee for ESPN Sports Humanitarian Awards

Rishan Patel, an Atherton resident and a student at Junipero Serra High School, has been nominated by ESPN for the Billie Jean King Youth Leadership Award and will be featured in the 2023 Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly award ceremony.

Patel was nominated for founding the nonprofit AlleyOop Kids and running a program called Lending Lockers, which provides underprivileged schools with lockers filled with sports equipment. The program has since expanded to assisted living facilities for neurodiverse young adults and collaborated with EmpowerHER in India to provide the lockers to dozens of all-girls schools.

—Michaela Seah

### CORRECTION

The story "Big spending in town budgets for storm damage, housing and wildfire mitigation," which ran in the July 14 issue, incorrectly stated that Portola Valley had a \$1.6 million budget deficit. That information was based on an outdated town memo. The town's projected deficit is actually about \$800,000. The budget for the current fiscal year includes \$8 million general fund revenue and expenditures of \$8.8 million.

# Local teen's Eagle Scout project helps firefighters check on seniors — without knocking down the door

Planters hiding a lockbox allows first responders to conduct wellness checks on people who can't get to the door

By Malea Martin

A local teen's Eagle Scout project will benefit seniors in the community who require frequent wellness checks, allowing people to receive help without the fire department needing to knock down their front doors.

JP Killmond, 18, is a recent graduate of Sacred Heart Preparatory in Atherton and a longtime member of Boy Scout Troop 222 in Menlo Park. As he began to ponder last year what Eagle Scout project he should pursue — a requirement to reach the Eagle Scout rank — Killmond heard that the Menlo Park Fire Protection District needed more Knox Box planters for local seniors, and decided to jump on it.

The Knox Box is a type of lockbox designed specifically for fire departments and other emergency personnel to gain access to buildings. Emergency personnel have a master key that opens the box, which contains keys to enter the building the box is attached to.

But installing the Knox Box onto a home can be expensive, and they're not easy to move around once installed. About five years ago, the Fire District came up with an idea to instead put Knox Boxes onto wooden planters.

"That way, it can be a decorative



Courtesy Jon Johnston

Knox Box planters are designed to help local seniors more easily receive wellness checks in their homes.

piece in front of a property, and then it gives us access to their home without causing any damage," District Fire Marshal Jon Johnston explained. "When the resident is done using it, we can move it to another location."

For Killmond's Eagle Scout project, he decided to create eight new Knox Box planters that will be distributed at no cost to seniors within the Menlo Park Fire District's boundaries, which includes East Palo Alto, Atherton, Menlo Park and part of southern San Mateo County.

"The fire department actually contacted the troop with this idea, and I volunteered to take

the lead on it," Killmond said. "It's been a service that the fire department has provided for some years now, and they wanted some more planters made, so I went ahead and helped them out with that."

Killmond said there are residents in the community who receive frequent wellness checks from local emergency personnel, but aren't always able to get up to answer the door. Ordinarily, this would mean that firefighters have to remove that person's door in order to assist them.

"But with these planters, (firefighters) can let themselves into the house if the resident is



Courtesy Jon Johnston

JP Killmond stands with his completed Eagle Scout project, a set of eight Knox Box planters designed to help local seniors receive wellness checks in their homes.

unable to do so, and with that, they're able to avoid having to knock the door down just to complete a regular wellness check on a resident," Killmond said.

To decide who will receive the new Knox Box planters, Johnston said the district will internally consult with each of the local fire stations to find out which properties receive frequent visits and who could most benefit.

"It's an easy way for us to have their permission to be able to enter their home and provide whatever care is needed," Johnston said.

If at some point a senior no longer needs their Knox Box, the mobile planter design allows the fire district to rotate the boxes around based on need.

Killmond said he was grateful for the help and support of his mentors and fellow Boy Scouts to get the job done.

"It's a very popular service," Killmond said of the Knox Box planters, "so I'm sure these eight will be flying off the shelves." ■

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## To help cops cope, local police departments team up to hire wellness coordinator

Anonymous donor is providing nearly \$200K to pay for the program

By Angela Swartz

An anonymous donor has given \$195,000 to fund a police wellness coordinator to be shared between the Atherton, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park police departments.

The funds are being handled by the town of Atherton, which approved the role during a June 21 City Council meeting. The money pays for the position through the company Wellness Solutions for one year on a full-time basis.

An Atherton town staff report notes that first responders' work protecting life and property, and enforcing laws are substantial responsibilities. Police officers may struggle with cardiovascular incidents, obesity and sleep disorders as well as negative

mental health outcomes such as addiction, depression and post-traumatic stress.

"Officers complete these duties despite exposure to numerous and varied traumatic incidents and growing skepticism and negativity in their various communities," the report notes. "The combination of work stressors and the repercussions of traumatic events on officers emphasizes the need to better care for those who work within the law enforcement community."

Services the wellness coordinator provide include: onsite health screenings and fitness assessments; personalized fitness programs and work/life balance strategies; and yearly review of health screening findings to track improvements or potential risks.

According to the report, a regionally supported wellness initiative gives employees the confidence that their department cares for their well-being and helps the department retain employees.

Other departments that have promoted employee wellness have been shown to have decreased sick leave and injuries as well as an increased rate of department morale, the report states.

The anonymous donor agreed to fund the program on an annual basis after an analysis of the program's success and effectiveness at the end of the first program year. ■

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## REAL ESTATE Q&A

by Monica Corman

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# Atherton police among the first in Bay Area to start using a drone

By Angela Swartz

Atherton is one of the first Bay Area cities to add a drone to its police force, which can fly out and gather real-time information during burglaries, and be used when people are missing, for disaster response, traffic accidents, active shooter situations and more.

The 21-officer department signed a three-year lease to use the small, remotely operated Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) from the Houston-based startup Paladin, which works with police and fire departments. Atherton began using the drone in March, training staffers not to fly the drones but to monitor the

flights and equipment.

Atherton found out about the drones from Flock, its automated license plate reader provider, said Police Chief Steve McCulley.

“What’s unique about it is, especially for an agency of our size, we don’t have the ability to have drone pilots,” McCulley said. “It provides critical intelligence. Is someone fleeing across the street? It’s a deterrent to crime and for the safety of officers and residents.”

The Menlo Park Fire Protection District has used drones for a number of years, to capture footage of wildfire damage or to check how a fire is spreading.

Paladin is working with the Alameda County Sheriff’s

Office in Dublin on a trial basis. Atherton is the first city in the area to become a client, according to Paladin CEO Divy Shrivastava. The mix of clients and cities testing the drones on a trial-basis will be announced soon, he said.

Shrivastava said Atherton’s police force is the first that didn’t have an established drone program to adapt a Paladin drone.

“Atherton was fresh and trusted us to take them from zero to one,” he said.

## How the drones work

Atherton’s drone uses a cellular LTE connection, which allows it to reach a 3-mile radius limit.

The 3-mile radius covers all areas within the town limits of Atherton when the drone is deployed from the Town Center at 80 Fair Oaks Lane.



Courtesy Atherton Police Department

The remotely operated drone is being used by Atherton Police Department.

The drone has a 55-minute battery life, which the department said is ample time to gather video footage for most incidents and emergency situations.

To protect the privacy of individuals, operators are prohibited from intentionally recording or transmitting images of any location where a person would reasonably expect privacy, like

a home or a yard.

For questions about the drone program, contact Cmdr. Dan Larsen at dlarsen@ci.atherton.ca.us.

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blocking their entry. One of the females ran into his arms, but there was no other physical confrontation, Martinez said.

The security guard saw the other people coming behind the first two and closed and locked the door. The thwarted group immediately ran back to their cars and fled. No weapons were seen and no one was injured. Police think they intended to commit organized retail theft, a felony, Martinez said. Louis Vuitton sells high-end handbags, leather goods and fashion accessories.

“We have no information at this time indicating that this group committed any other crimes in Palo Alto or any other cities, for that matter” on July 12, he said.

The people were both male and female, and witnesses reported they were “teens or young adults.” Their vehicles were described as a red Infiniti, white Infiniti, gray Infiniti, gray Dodge Charger, and a black Porsche Cayenne. Police did not locate any of the five vehicles, which were last seen traveling east on Sand Hill Road toward El Camino Real. The investigation is continuing, Martinez said.

## Teen runaways arrested following car chase

Palo Alto police arrested four youths who fled police in a stolen car on July 13. The juveniles ran away from a group home in Las Vegas, Nevada on July

8, and the car they were in had been reported stolen from Nye County, Nevada, police said.

A patrol officer attempted to conduct a stop on a silver 2017 Kia Rio sedan for a moving violation at about 2:06 a.m. The driver pulled into the cul-de-sac near the intersection of Ross Road and Nathan Way and initially stopped. But as the officer pulled the patrol car behind the Kia, the driver attempted to make a U-turn to escape and collided with the front of the patrol car.

The officer pursued the car as it fled down Ross Road to East Meadow Drive and turned west. The driver attempted to make a right turn to head north on Alma Street but struck a signal pole and a raised curb near the intersection. The collision disabled the car and set off the airbags, police said. Officers took the four occupants into custody without incident.

The female driver and one of the three male passengers were treated by the Palo Alto Fire Department and taken to a local hospital for minor injuries. The Kia sustained major damage as a result of the collision on Alma. The patrol car struck by the Kia had minor damage to its front end. No officers were injured, police said.

Officers arrested the 15-year-old female driver for felony assault with a deadly weapon for striking the officer’s car, felony evading, and felony possession of stolen property. The three male passengers — two 13-year-olds and one 14-year-old — were

arrested for felony possession of stolen property for being in the stolen car.

Police transported all four youths to the Santa Clara County Juvenile Hall. No additional information is available since they are minors, police said.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Palo Alto Police Department’s 24-hour dispatch center at 650-329-2413. Anonymous tips can be emailed to paloalto@tipnow.org or sent by text message or voicemail to 650-383-8984.

—Sue Dremann

## Thief hurls cash register, takes \$300 at Home Depot

A 46-year-old man was arrested Saturday, July 15, in connection with the robbery of a Home Depot in East Palo Alto, the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office said.

A man broke open a register by throwing it to the floor and made off with about \$300, the Sheriff’s Office said.

The East Palo Alto Police Department sent other agencies a description of the suspect and his vehicle, the Sheriff’s Office said.

Automated license-plate readers alerted deputies that the vehicle was in Millbrae, and deputies stopped a car on El Camino Real about 4:30 p.m., the Sheriff’s Office said.

A man in the car, a Nevada resident, was taken into custody, the Sheriff’s Office said. A woman in the car with him was released.

—Bay City News Service

# San Mateo County to give foster youth \$1K a month in pilot project

The county's first guaranteed income program hopes to combat poverty in foster youth

By Michaela Seah

San Mateo county is rolling out its first guaranteed income program to combat poverty in foster youth.

"Foster youth face so many challenges that most of us cannot imagine," said county Supervisor David J. Canepa about the new proposal that will provide both current and former foster youth from ages 18 to 22 with \$1,000 a month.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors passed the program on July 11, which sponsored by Canepa and Supervisor Noelia Corzo. The "San Mateo

County Guaranteed Income Pilot Program for Transitional Age Foster Youth" identified about 70 eligible youth that will be receiving direct deposit for up to 18 months in the county's first-ever use of a guaranteed income program.

The vote was 4-0, with District 3 Supervisor Ray Mueller absent. In a statement to The Almanac, Mueller expressed his support for the program.

"We have a duty, especially in high-cost-of-living San Mateo County, to ensure our foster youth avoid homelessness and have the tools to become financially and emotionally

independent as they age out of the system," he said.

The goal of the program is to aid foster youth, who have higher rates of homelessness and poverty. According to the National Foster Youth Institute, about 50% of homeless individuals nationwide have spent time in foster care.

"We as a community want to help these young adults finish high school and go on to college or trades programs without so much of the crushing burden of making ends meet in a county with such a high cost of living," Canepa said.

The money has no spending

restrictions giving eligible young adults the freedom to decide where they spend it, whether it be on housing, transportation, education or other needs.

The first direct deposit payments are set to be made around the first of the new year. The program is designed as a pilot to test the benefits of a guaranteed income program.

Results of the program will be compared to local, state and national outcomes for foster youth, particularly in terms of high school graduation rates, higher education, employment rates and housing stability.

Santa Clara County previously enacted a similar program in 2020 that would provide \$1,000 a month for former foster youth aged 24 or older.

Supervisors voted to allocate \$732,000 in local Measure K funds toward the \$2 million pilot project. The rest is funds from the Human Services Agency reserved for youth programs and \$100,000 from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. ■

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Bennett said the driver was a regular donor and was arriving at the center that day to donate.

"It was purely an accident and we're very glad that they're alright," Bennett said.

After the incident occurred, the center closed down for the rest of day and stayed closed through the following day, July 11. Bennett said they were able to quickly reroute any other donors who had appointments during the closure to other donation locations or reschedule

them for another day.

The donation center did see a temporary dip in its type O blood supply as a result of the two-day closure.

"We were a bit low for a couple of days afterwards, but we put out an immediate appeal on social media and email to our donors, and folks were very gracious and rallied and helped us recoup the supply that we needed at the time," Bennett said.

For now, the damage to the wall is temporarily boarded over until the center can arrange for a permanent fix. Bennett did not know the

estimated cost of damages.

"We have to pull permits with the city and we have a contractor who's working on that currently," Bennett said of fixing the building. "We expect that there probably will be a day or two of impacts when the permanent fix goes into place, but we will at that time consider the possibility of opening up for longer hours at another one of our centers."

The community is encouraged to come out and donate to help Stanford Blood Center maintain their supply.

"All blood types are needed, and we continue to have a critical need for type O blood right now," Bennett said. ■

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Exterior damage to the Menlo Park Stanford Blood Center following an accidental vehicle collision on July 10.

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# San Francisco Airport leans on new navigation system to address noise complaints

Airport officials suggest new routes made possible by GBAS system could help divert planes from Palo Alto's residential neighborhoods

By Gennady Sheyner

Faced with a chorus of complaints from Palo Alto about airplane noise, San Francisco Airport is drafting new routes that would allow aircrafts to fly higher and veer closer to the Bay as they pass the city.

The airport is in the early stages of implementing its new Ground-Based Augmentation System (GBAS), navigation technology that relies on the airport's broadcast station to transmit GPS signals that are more precise than those coming from a satellite. The FAA approved GBAS last year and SFO is now in the process of designing new flight procedures that take advantage of its new-found precision.

According to the airport's website, GBAS uses its broadcasting capabilities to correct the "inherent errors" in satellite-based data that result from factors like changing atmospheric conditions and satellite positions.

"Uncorrected, GPS is accurate to about 40 meters. With GBAS, the accuracy improves to within 2-3 centimeters," the website states.

Now residents and airport officials hope the new system will help them address a topic of common frustration: airplane noise. For years, Palo Alto residents have



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San Francisco International Airport.

complained about the airplane superhighways that formed over their homes after the Federal Aviation Administration consolidated flight paths as part of its NextGen initiative in 2014. Now, SFO administrators hope the new system will clear the way for new flight procedures — ones that increase the distance between residential neighborhoods and airplane paths.

"Our goal with the innovative procedures is to increase altitude, drop the speed restrictions and ... allow the aircraft to accelerate over the Bay where, if it needs to deploy a deceleration device, it

will deploy it over the water and not over the residential areas," Paul Hannah, a consultant with SFO who is helping to implement GBAS, said at the Monday meeting.

Specifically, SFO is considering a new flight procedure in which planes traveling north from EDDYY waypoint, which is over Los Altos Hills, remain higher as they pass the SIDBY waypoint and other Midpeninsula communities and veer further into the Bay than they do today as they approach the airport. With the GBAS system, planes would be able to fly at an altitude of

5,400 or 5,500 feet, well above the current altitude of 4,000 in the SIDBY area under the current procedures.

While the change could help, Hannah cautioned that the scope of the current exercise is limited. His team is only evaluating approach procedures at the moment and not arrivals and departures. Some of the ideas that residents from Palo Alto and other communities have been proposing in recent meetings could still be explored, he said, but it won't be until the later phases of FAA approval.

For some Palo Alto residents, the latest efforts by SFO to address the noise issue continue to fall short. While airport officials had pledged to carefully gauge noise and compare measurements from the current system to measurements from GBAS, local advocates pushed for more precise data. Local plane advocates urged the airport to provide measurements for specific flights rather than aggregate data that averages out the impact of many GBAS and non-GBAS flights. SFO officials countered that releasing measurements for specific plans could lead to an imprecise picture because of fluctuations in weather and other factors that may skew the results.

"I hear all this scientific data but I don't see any relief in sight," Palo

Alto resident Tom Shannon, who lives under SIDBY, told airport officials.

Shannon said that on Saturday and Sunday afternoons he typically sees seven to 12 flights per hour go over his yard, most of which are at altitude below 4,000 feet. The frequency dips and then increases again between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. The cargo planes follow at 4 a.m., he said at the hearing.

"We have windows open in summer time with weather like today and it wakes you up," Shannon said.

Why, he asked, can't the area have three SIDBY-like corridors so that the planes don't continuously hit the same vector?

Jennifer Landesman, a longtime plane noise activist, criticized SFO for its "piecemeal" approach at solving the airplane noise issue and urged staff to measure the cumulative impacts of its policy changes.

"I appreciate everybody's effort, but the only way we'll be able to really help anyone is by actually getting to something that appears to be fair," Landesman said. "Right now, I'm just not feeling that yet." ■

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in real time that minimizes the potential delays of ground control communication.

"The spacecraft will automatically on their own look for interesting features," Cannon said. "And if they see something, they'll decide between themselves, without any ground input, which ones they're going to pay attention to ... and which ones they're going to explore for new phenomena out there."

Each spacecraft is made up of 6-unit "CubeSats," a class of nanosatellites pioneered at Ames Research Center. Originally developed as a cost-effective measure to test technologies and run experiments in space, CubeSats have been used since 2006, with the first swarm coordination occurring in 2016 when NASA launched two, 1.5-unit CubeSats as part of its Nodes mission, according to NASA's website.

The Starling mission



Courtesy NASA Ames

Four Starling "technology demonstration" spacecraft will be launched into low Earth orbit on July 17.

spacecraft will fly in two formations, first in-train before moving out into a set of stable relative orbits spaced about 40 miles apart and 355 miles above Earth. The mission will run for six months with a follow-up mission, Starling 1.5, that will run for nine months, Cannon said.

This follow-up will focus on space traffic management issues. There are approximately 4,000 satellites in low Earth orbit right now, causing some overcrowding, Cannon said. As a result, Starling 1.5 will examine conflict de-escalation, observing how spacecraft move out of each other's way.



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Watson Attai, Starling integration and testing lead, right, Jeff Blair, lead mechanical engineer, center, and Nick Gentz, Rocket Lab payload integration engineer, left, load a Starling spacecraft into a Rocket Lab 6U dispenser.

The Starling mission lays the groundwork for future missions with swarm technology that go well beyond Earth's orbit.

"With the development of these technologies, we perceive future additional science missions, not only in low Earth orbit

but also in deep space," Cannon said, referring to HelioSwarm, which will investigate solar wind turbulence across large distances and will launch in 2028. ■

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# Menlo Park to add pedestrian safety measures at Willow Road's intersection with Alma Street

By Cameron Rebosio

Menlo Park staff is moving forward with a quick-build project at the intersection of Willow Road and Alma Street, as a part of the city's recent efforts to protect pedestrians, which they presented at a July 12 Complete Streets Commission meeting.

City staff compared the intersection to the Menlo Avenue and University Drive intersection, which is one of the city's

most dangerous, accounting for nearly a quarter of Menlo Park's pedestrian-involved vehicle collisions in the city in 2022.

The intersection of Willow and Alma has seen one collision between a cyclist and a vehicle in the past five years, but many near misses were reported to the city. According to city staff, drivers making left turns onto Willow Road often do not see pedestrians crossing the road.

"This used to be my route

home every day on my bike," Commissioner Katie Behroozi said. "It was always really terrifying because you didn't know whether the driver that you saw was actually going to turn or not."

The project will combine the turn lanes on Willow Road and use the extra space to create an island between lanes, with the nose of the island surrounded by bollards to prevent cars from cutting the corner and force slower turns. The island will

also create a pedestrian refuge midway through the crosswalk, shortening the area where they are exposed and vulnerable to cars.

The intersection is a block away from where Alma Street dead ends at East Creek Drive and the pedestrian path and bridge over the San Francisquito Creek.

While city staff isn't currently considering adding a stop sign on Alma Street at Willow Road, it will evaluate the spot.

However, the low volume of traffic through the intersection means it might not meet the criteria for a stop sign. City staff said the intersection was dangerous mostly due to a disproportionate number of left turns. Staff is also considering adding bollards along the center of Alma Street to force drivers not to cut the angle of the turn. ■

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# Why single-payer advocates are split on how to overhaul health care in California

By Ana B. Ibarra

For many Californians, the proposal of a state-run single-payer health system remains a 'pie-in-the-sky' idea, and odds are it could remain that way, especially if leading advocates can't agree on how to get there.

Democratic leaders and advocates who are looking to

transform the current complex health care system are divided on their approach. On one side, a coalition of health, labor and civil rights advocacy groups is standing behind Senate Bill 770, which seeks an incremental path toward "unified financing," where a statewide system would pay for health care for all residents. This could be single payer or a similar model. The

bill would task a workgroup of experts and consumers to come up with next steps in advancing toward this goal and deliver a report to the Legislature by next June.

SB 770 also calls for the Newsom administration to engage the federal government, which would need to approve such a system in California, on this issue. The bill, authored

by San Francisco's Sen. Scott Wiener, is currently making its way through the Legislature — two weeks ago it received the green light from the Assembly Health Committee and is headed to a fiscal committee next.

On the other side, the California nurses union, a longtime driving force behind the single-payer movement, opposes Wiener's bill, arguing it

could derail its own legislation, Assembly Bill 1690. That two-year bill authored by Assemblyman Ash Kalra, a San Jose Democrat, would establish a single-payer system dubbed CalCare. The bill was introduced earlier this year, but won't come up for a hearing until the next legislative session.

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Daily, alleged in November that numerous papers that were published under his supervision had falsified data and other flaws. The Daily had asked several science misconduct investigators to review Tessier-Lavigne's papers.

The series of stories prompted Stanford to appoint an independent scientific panel last December to review his work. The panel, led by former federal judge Mark Filip, released its report on Wednesday morning.

The panel collected more than 50,000 documents in its review of 12 papers that involved Tessier-Lavigne, including five in which he was the principal author. The review stopped short of accusing Tessier-Lavigne of personally falsifying data in the five studies that he led. It also concluded that he did not know about the manipulation of research data that occurred in his lab and was not reckless in failing to identify such manipulation prior to publication.

"Nonetheless, based on the available research record and other factors, each of the papers has serious flaws in the presentation of research data; in at least four of the five papers,

there was apparent manipulation of research data by others," the review concluded.

The panel, which included five scientists who were assisted by three technical consultants, found that a group of three papers published between 1999 and 2001 — one in Cell and the other two in Science — re-used a single blot image and represented it as a product of three different experiments.

A fourth paper, which was published in Nature in 2004, contained images that "indicate manipulation of research data." A fifth paper, published in Nature in 2009, included "multiple errors in the work underlying the paper and the presentation of research data and methodology that, at a minimum, fall below customary standards of scientific rigor and process."

The panel also found that the 2009 paper in Nature, which was published while Tessier-Lavigne was working for Genentech, had multiple problems and that the process through which its science was developed in Tessier-Lavigne's lab "lacked the rigor expected for a paper of such potential consequence." The panel found that it had contained "various errors and shortcomings."

"In that regard, the Panel has

identified issues in the paper's underlying calculation of data and presentation of scientific images, along with inadequate disclosures regarding various aspects of the paper's experimental methodologies," the report states.

However, the Scientific Panel disputed a finding reported by the Daily that the 2009 paper in Nature was investigated by Genentech, which had uncovered fraud; the biotech company publicly stated it did not make that finding. The panel also stopped short of concluding that Tessier-Lavigne personally manipulated the data.

The panel "did not find evidence to conclude that Dr. Tessier-Lavigne engaged in, directed, or knew of the misconduct when it occurred, and the misconduct was of such a nature that a scientist exercising reasonable care could not have been expected to have detected it at the time."

That said, the panel confirmed that several of the 12 papers it had reviewed "exhibit manipulation of research data." The panel also found that Tessier-Lavigne had "failed to decisively and forthrightly correct mistakes in the scientific record."

In a cover letter accompanying the report, Filip noted that

Tessier-Lavigne will retract at least three of the five papers in which he was the lead author and, "at minimum, pursue robust corrections as to the other two."

"The Scientific Panel agrees that significant action is appropriate to correct the scientific record," Filip wrote.

In his letter to the community, Tessier-Lavigne asserted that he had "never submitted a scientific paper without firmly believing that the data were correct and accurately presented" and said he was "gratified that the Panel concluded I did not engage in any fraud or falsification of scientific data."

He also acknowledged the panel's conclusions about areas where he "should have done better."

"I agree that in some instances I should have been more diligent when seeking corrections, and I regret that I was not," Tessier-Lavigne wrote. "The Panel's review also identified instances of manipulation of research data by others in my lab. Although I was unaware of these issues, I want to be clear that I take responsibility for the work of my lab members."

"I expect there may be ongoing discussion about the report and its conclusions, at least in the near term, which could lead to debate about my ability to lead the University into the new academic year."

Tessier-Lavigne confirmed in his letter that he will retract three papers and correct two others.

These findings have also caused him to "further reassess the processes and controls I have in place."

"While I continually maintain a critical eye on all the science in my lab, I have also always operated my lab on trust — trust in my students and postdocs, and trust that the data they were presenting to me was real and accurate," Tessier-Lavigne wrote. "Going forward, I will be further tightening controls, including, for example, more systematically matching processed images to original raw data, both in the course of each scientific study and especially when bringing a study to publication."

"I will vigorously apply this and other best practices to ensure that these kinds of problems do not recur."

With the resignation, the University's Board of Trustees is preparing to begin its search for Tessier-Lavigne's replacement. Jerry Yang, president of the university's Board of Trustees, said the Board has appointed Richard Saller, a European studies professor, to serve as president of Stanford

University on an interim basis. His appointment will begin on Sept. 1 and will continue until the next president of the university is in place.

Saller, who was the dean of the School of Humanities and Sciences after joining Stanford in 2007, is the Kelinheinz Family Professor of European Studies. Before coming to Stanford he served as the provost and dean of social sciences at the University of Chicago, where he spent 22 years, according to an article about him in Stanford Magazine.

His history with Stanford dates back to when he was a fellow at Stanford's Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences in 1986-1987. In 2001, he was part of a team of specialists in ancient history who reviewed the academic standing of Stanford's classics department.

Saller is a Roman historian with interests in social, economic and cultural history. He received bachelor's degrees in Greek and history from the University of Illinois and a doctorate from Cambridge University, according to his Stanford bio. He was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences as a fellow in 2005.

He has taught at Swarthmore College and held visiting professorships and fellowships at the University of California at Berkeley and Jesus College, Cambridge.

Yang outlined the plans for hiring Tessier-Lavigne's successor in a statement: "In the coming weeks, the Board will appoint a search committee and will share more information about the process for selecting the University's next president."

Yang lauded Tessier-Lavigne for his seven years of service and "outstanding accomplishments" which included the creation of Stanford's first new school in 70 years, the Doerr School of Sustainability, and his work in ensuring that "Stanford retained its standing as a world-class institution through the unique challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic."

But in light of the report, Yang said that the board has decided to accept Tessier-Lavigne's resignation and "agrees with him that it is in the University's best interests." Yang noted that Tessier-Lavigne will continue in his position as a tenured professor in the Department of Biology. ■

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# How California's housing crisis could weaken its coastal protections

By Ben Christopher

California lawmakers have been busy over the last decade trying to make it easier to build homes across a housing-strapped state. But there's an 840-mile-long exception.

In an undulating band that generally runs 1,000 yards from the shoreline, the 12 members of the California Coastal Commission have the final say over what gets built, where and how.

Voters empowered the commission to protect the state's iconic beaches in 1972, responding to a crisis of despoiled seas and the prospect of the Miami-fication of the California coast.

But five decades later, the state faces a different crisis as millions of Californians struggle to find an affordable place to call home. Now, a growing number of legislators and housing advocates are trying to wrest away some of the commission's power.

Legislation by San Francisco Democratic Sen. Scott Wiener would fast-track apartment development in parts of the state that haven't met their state-set housing goals, exempting them from lengthy public hearings and environmental legal challenges. The coast is no exception, effectively cutting the Coastal Commission out of the process.

Commission members, staff and environmental advocates say the bill may be the most direct assault yet at the agency's voter-backed mandate.

"Once you start exempting classes of development from the Coastal Act there will be no shutting that barn door," said Sarah Christie, a lobbyist for the commission. "You're going to lose some of the best things about California."

And as rising seas threaten to bring down bluffs and flood beachfront neighborhoods, coastal advocates argue that carefully considered development is more important than ever.

Wiener and his allies reject the argument that the commission is the only thing standing in the way of a development free-for-all, since current zoning rules and environmental protection laws would still apply. Ending what has become the regular practice of exempting the coast from California's most aggressive pro-housing development laws is also fair, they argue. California's beachfront happens to be home to some of the state's richest residents.

"The coastal zone is much whiter and wealthier than the

rest of the state," Wiener noted at a recent Assembly committee hearing. "The idea we would be applying state housing law inland...while we literally exempt whiter, wealthier coastal communities is offensive to me."

Wiener said he plans to introduce tweaks to the bill before its next hearing on July 10 in an effort to "compromise" with the commission. But the two sides remain far apart.

The tension between the state's aggressive housing goals and its longstanding commitment to coastal preservation is particularly acute in Southern California, where the latest round of state housing goals shifted the bulk of the region's planned growth from inland communities — the traditional, sprawling outlets for pent up housing demand — to coastal ones. That includes cities like Santa Monica, Malibu, Los Angeles, Encinitas and San Diego, all of which fall at least in part, if not entirely, within the coastal zone.

"If you have the Coastal Commission, with their 'less is more' mindset saying, 'no, you can't build here'...how are cities even supposed to attempt to achieve meeting that (housing)

goal?" said Elizabeth Hansburg, executive director of People For Housing, a pro-housing advocacy group in Orange County.

Christopher Pederson, who served as chief counsel for the commission before retiring in 2018, said it's possible for the state to build up the coast while maintaining "really strong protections" in undeveloped coastal land and for delicate ecosystems. In fact, he said, if the alternative to building in dense coastal cities is encouraging car-oriented sprawl in the exurbs, the two goals may necessarily go hand in hand.

"From an environmental perspective, from a climate policy perspective, from a housing perspective and from a transportation perspective, I think it makes a lot of sense to encourage more multifamily housing in the coastal zone," said Pederson.

## Will the Coastal Commission hold the line?

This isn't the first time the Legislature has taken a crack at the Coastal Commission's authority. It's not even the first time this year.

San Diego Assemblymember

David Alvarez, a Democrat, introduced a bill in February that would encourage developers to set aside units for lower income residents by allowing them to build higher and denser projects. The bill builds on past "density bonus" policies that have made their way through the Legislature. But unlike its predecessors — and unlike some of the most significant housing bills in recent years, including one that allows the construction of duplexes in areas zoned for single family homes across the state — Alvarez's bill explicitly went out of its way to include the coastal zone.

Then, in April, the bill reached the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and a coastal exception was added back in.

Chair Luz Rivas of Arleta, and other Democrats including Gail Pellerin of Santa Cruz and

Dawn Addis of San Luis Obispo, made clear at the hearing that overriding the commission was a no-go.

Alvarez accepted the change rather than see his bill die. But he was visibly frustrated.

"I heard a statement that coastal access is important and that people should have the opportunity to visit the coast," he said, referring to one of the commission's key mandates to keep California beaches open to the public. "People should also have the opportunity to live on the coast, not just visit the coast."

## 'The ocean is coming'

So far Wiener's bill has not met the same fate, though it goes before the same committee later this month. His bill also, arguably,

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### ARTFUL WALLS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: M-294773  
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1.) Artful Walls, located at 3 Grove Court, Portola Valley, CA 94028, San Mateo County.

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Registered owner(s):  
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Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/15/2013

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1.) Hypatia's Cuisine, located at 2561 El Camino Real Redwood City, CA 94063.

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File No.: M-294657  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) LRFA, LLC, 2.) NosTerra Investments, LLC, 3.) 4-Good Ventures, LLC, located at 217 Camino Al Lago, Atherton, CA 94027, San Mateo County

Registered owner(s):  
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Registered owner(s):  
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represents a bigger challenge to the commission's authority.

In most of the state's cities and counties, proposed multiplexes and apartment projects are allowed to skirt lengthy public approval processes. Instead they get automatic approval as long as they check the right boxes — among them, offering a certain share of units at below-market rents or prices and abiding by stricter labor standards.

But the Coastal Commission doesn't do box checking.

Along much of the coast, the commission has to approve city growth and zoning plans. In neighborhoods especially close to the water, foes of proposed developments can appeal directly to the commission.

And in cities that haven't come up with their own coastal protection plans, which includes about a quarter of coastal

cities including Los Angeles, the Coastal Commission enforces the law alone, armed only with the Coastal Act. And the act itself is fairly light on specifics.

That's for good reason, said Christie, the commission lobbyist.

Ensuring that a proposed development is built "far enough away from an eroding bluff that it's not going to fall into the ocean in 20 years, there is no objective standard that can speak to that complexity," she said.

Climate change and rising sea levels add yet another level of complexity and another reason not to rush development, she added.

"The last thing that California should be doing is concentrating more new development in these hazardous flood-prone areas," she said. "It's going to be a managed retreat or an unmanaged retreat because the ocean is coming and nature bats last."

That view is shared by all 12 members of the commission, who are appointed by the governor or the Legislature.

"We take a lot of time and effort in evaluating each and every project that comes before us," said Commissioner Dayna Bochco during a June 7 hearing. "You can't just make a mathematical formula as to what works in any given project on the coast."

The commission voted unanimously to oppose Wiener's bill.

**Must fit plans for California coast**

The bill does include its own set of checks on which projects get the red-carpet treatment and which get closer review.

In order to receive the fast-tracked approval process, the land in question already has to be zoned by local governments for housing. A proposed building has to have pre-existing "urban" development on at least three of its four sides.

According to estimates put together by California YIMBY, a pro-housing development organization that supports the bill, of the nearly 1.5 million acres within the coastal zone, the bill would allow for streamlined development on just 277,160 acres. The vast majority of the land — wetlands, floodplains, beaches and river channels — either are explicitly exempted from the bill or aren't zoned for housing by locals.

"Approximately 85 percent of the Coastal Zone is already excluded from the bill. The remaining 15 percent are existing urbanized, developed communities," Wiener said in a written statement. He added that the state "can't afford to continue excluding these areas if we are

to meet our climate goals — the lack of housing in coastal zones these exclusions produce already means coastal workers have to drive 10 percent more on average than their inland counterparts."

Wiener and his allies also reject the idea that proper planning for rising oceans requires detailed, site-by-site analysis. The senator's office pointed to voluntary planning guidelines produced by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission and San Mateo County Flood Control District. The San Mateo County planning document builds on nationwide flood risk mapping from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Though his office has yet to provide details, Wiener said his proposed compromise language to the Coastal Commission includes preserving the current discretionary review process for the most at-risk slivers of the coast and adding specific "objective development standards" around rising sea levels.

Not that anyone can say with certainty how much shore the sea is likely to swallow across the entire coast in the coming decades.

"Everybody admits that it's not a hard science, it's probabilities," said Joseph Smith, a land-use consultant for California Coastal Works who advises developers and governments navigating the Coastal Act. "But if it is absolutely important to get housing into the coastal zone, then yes, you could pick a number."

**Building a California coast for all**

The commission and its defenders say pro-housing advocates and legislators are picking on the wrong enemy.

For the first decade of its life, the Coastal Commission was empowered to make the construction of affordable housing a condition of its approval of residential projects. In 1981, the Legislature took that power away over the commission's objections.

Revoking that power will "make sure that the ability to live near the coast is reserved for the wealthy," then-Chairman Lenard Grote warned at a legislative hearing at the time.

Susan Jordan, founder of the nonprofit California Coastal Protection Network, is a familiar face at the state's public hearings, where she regularly challenges oceanside projects for violations of the Coastal Act. A recent win: the Poseidon Water desalination project in Huntington Beach, which the Coastal Commission rejected last year.

"The Legislature 'broke' it and now it needs to 'fix' it," Jordan said in a statement.

The commission's supporters regularly stress that it has never rejected a proposed affordable housing project.

But for many developers — including those who build deed-restricted units for lower-income residents — the possibility of years of delay with no certain outcome has created a "chilling effect," said Jeannette Temple, a San Diego land use consultant.

"If you're an affordable housing developer, you're already operating on the margins, so most of the time my clients, and people my clients know, don't even look in the coastal zone," she said. "In my opinion it's just another kind of redlining. ■"

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**Coleen Caren Duncan**

September 7, 1965 – July 5, 2023

The family of Coleen Duncan are saddened to share the news of her passing on July 5, 2023. She was 57 years old and died of colon cancer. She was peacefully at home surrounded by her family. She is locally known for directing and choreographing the Dancer's Repertoire Theater production of "Twas the Night Before Christmas". During those 15 years, she instilled a love of dance and theater into countless children and brought joy to every audience. Her spirit touched everyone who knew her.

Coleen grew up in Atherton where she attended local schools and graduated from Menlo Atherton High School. She had the honor of dancing at the graduation Baccalaureate ceremony. She was also a cheerleader and active in the theater. She attended De Anza College and CA State Northridge where she choreographed a new musical for the school.

After college, she worked for the Hyatt Corp. in both Los Angeles and San Francisco. Following that she spent 7 years as the suite manager at the San Jose Sharks.

Coleen's love of dance began at age 4 and she studied all genres under RoseAnn Saylor at the Menlo Park Academy of Dance. She began dancing in "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at the age of 8 with Jeannde Herst and remained in the cast until she was 18. Her favorite role was that of the Russian Ribbon Doll. The show brought her immense joy. She revived the show in 2005 after a 10 year hiatus and continued its beloved tradition until 2019.

During that time, she continually inspired dancers, parents and audiences due to the fact that she did it all from a wheelchair, as she had battled serious diseases since the age of 12. Her relationship with children was a thing to behold. They never saw her as handicapped. They only saw her as kind, creative, loving and exceptionally talented.

She was the CA State Junior Rhythmic Gymnastic champion at age 12. She was crowned Miss Redwood City, Miss San Mateo Country and competed in the Miss California pageant.

She is survived by her mother, Sylvia Duncan and her siblings Andrew Duncan, Constance Littlefield and Cynthia Collins. In addition, she is survived by her beloved service dog "Cookie", life-long friend Bobbette Washburn and former husband James Zogzas.

On Coleen's new journey, she would like you to remember her favorite saying, "...and to all a good night".

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## OBITUARIES

Local residents who died recently include:

**Relly Davidson**, 87, a resident of Davis, Calif. who was born in Bulgaria and worked for many years as the graduate secretary for the Knight Fellowship at Stanford University as well as in the university's news and publications office, on July 9.

**W.J. McCroskey**, 86, A Palo Alto resident, an accomplished engineer in the field of rotorcraft aerodynamics who conducted research at Moffett Field as part of a joint collaboration between NASA and the U.S. Army, and spent time in his personal life backpacking, hiking and attending Sierra Club service trips, on May 26.

**Robert Mueller**, 94, a well-traveled Woodside resident

who worked as a dentist who participated in numerous theater productions, was a part of the Woodside Players, and was known for his cooking, singing and piano playing, on July 2.

**Coleen Duncan**, 57, who grew up and lived in Atherton and directed and choreographed local theater productions of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and whose passion for dance began at age 4 and continued through the decades, on July 5.

**Jayne Booker**, 71, a Redwood City resident who spent years with the Peace Corps serving in West Africa, later lived and worked in Johannesburg, and eventually moved to the Bay Area in the late '90s to join the David and Lucille Packard

Foundation to support grant-making to reproductive health organizations in Africa, on March 15.

**David Altman**, 103, a Menlo Park man who did pioneering work developing solid fuel for rocket propulsion into orbit, contributing to the Apollo space program including the moon landing, worked on the Manhattan Project with Robert Oppenheimer and was tasked with investigating the cause behind the Challenger Shuttle explosion, and who was known by others for having sly humor and a love for music, on July 10.

To read full obituaries, leave remembrances and post photos, go to Lasting Memories at [AlmanacNews.com/obituaries](http://AlmanacNews.com/obituaries).

## HEALTH CARE

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There are currently no details in the CalCare bill, but union leaders said they are using their previous attempt at single payer, Assembly Bill 1400, as a starting point. AB 1400 died last year after its author, Kalra, opted not to take it up on the Assembly floor because he was short on votes.

Last week, Kalra joined the nurses union in publicly opposing Wiener's bill, calling it a "detraction" from his and the nurses' ongoing efforts.

Single payer has been politically dicey even in blue California because of pushback from the health industry, including health insurers and some physician groups, but also powerful business interests, such as the Chamber of Commerce, citing the tax hikes that would be needed to fund such a system. Still, the status quo costs too much and leaves too many people behind, experts and health advocates say.

Carmen Comsti, lead regulatory policy specialist with the California Nurses Association, said the two bills are conflicting because legislators can use Wiener's bill as an excuse to vote down the bill backed by the nurses union next year.

"We do not believe the Legislature would pick up and pass single payer if they just authorized another work group to consider the program," Comsti told CalMatters. Instead, it opens the door for legislators to say: "It's too soon to talk about CalCare and single payer because we're studying it," she said.

But Wiener and those supporting his proposal see the two bills as complementary, not conflicting. For example, to carry out a single-payer system, California would need to eventually seek a waiver, or permission from the federal government, to skirt current rules that dictate how the state can spend federal health dollars. Wiener's bill would start those conversations, the author said.

"If CalCare passes, then at that point California will go to the federal government and make waiver applications. The work here, having those discussions with the federal government will be helpful; it dovetails," Wiener said during last week's hearing.

Some Democrats who sit on the Assembly Health Committee noted they see Wiener's bill as a way to get the ball rolling on single payer while they wait for wider support from their colleagues.

Kevin McCarty, a Sacramento Democrat, noted the nurses' single-payer bill last year was "dramatically short" on votes.

"It's nowhere close," McCarty said. "In the meantime, are we going to be purists or try to get more? That's what I think (SB 770) is trying to do. I don't think they're mutually exclusive."

Michael Lighty, president of the coalition sponsoring Wiener's bill, said the point is to follow up on the findings from the Healthy California for All Commission, a group assembled by Gov. Gavin Newsom. The group's work culminated last year in a 105-page report, but no action.

Lighty is a veteran in the single-payer movement and at one point worked as the director

of public policy for the nurses union. The California Nurses Association is actually part of the health coalition he leads, but on this particular piece of legislation, they haven't seen eye to eye.

Another main concern for the nurses union is the language used in the commission's report and Wiener's bill. "Unified financing does not equal single payer," Comsti said. She argued that if "unified financing" includes programs that leave room for health insurers or any middlemen to profit, then that essentially goes against the single-payer system they're seeking.

Lighty sees the language argument as an issue of nomenclature; ultimately both sides want the same outcome, he said. And after multiple failed attempts to get to single payer, perhaps it's time for a new way in, he said.

"To get the Legislature to adopt a full blown single-payer program in one fell swoop has not proven to be viable politically," Lighty told CalMatters.

By 2031 health care spending in California is projected to increase by \$158 billion; a "unified finance" system can help slow down that growth, according to the Healthy California for

All Commission report. Most importantly, extending coverage to all Californians could save about 4,000 lives a year, the report said.

"Folks on both sides of this bill have historically worked very closely together on expanding health care access," Wiener said. "There is this disagreement now and I hope in the future that rift heals, but we all want the same result. We want everyone to have true universal access to health care." ■

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## David Altman

February 13, 1920 – July 10, 2023

Dr. David Altman passed away on July 10, 2023 at the age of 103. He died peacefully of natural causes in his home of 61 years in Menlo Park, California.

Dave will be remembered as both an extraordinarily smart yet inordinately humble man who was kind and gentle with a sly humor and love for music. His easygoing and curious nature contributed to his longevity as he embraced life with warmth, wit and wonder. His philosophical approach led to lasting personal relationships and lofty contributions to science that would permanently alter the direction of aerospace and rocketry.

Dave was born to Hyman and Frieda Altman on February 13, 1920 in Paterson, New Jersey. By age 23, he had earned two chemistry degrees: a B.S. from Cornell University and a Ph.D. from U.C. Berkeley. It was at Berkeley where he met his beloved wife Beverly (Adlis) Altman, who passed away in 2015 after 68 years of marriage. Dave is also preceded in death by his two older sisters, Rose Patick and Beatrice Rubin. He is survived by his three children – Jody, Jan and Rick Altman; daughter-in-law Becky Altman; grandchildren Erica and Jamie Altman, and seven nieces and nephews.

Professionally, Dave is best known for his pioneering work in the development of solid fuel to propel rockets into orbit. This became instrumental to the U.S. Air Force and NASA, and contributed to the Apollo space program across multiple decades, including the moon landing. This work earned him NASA's Apollo Achievement Award in 1969. In addition to his advancements with rocket propulsion, Dave worked with Robert Oppenheimer on the Manhattan Project and helped investigate the cause of the Challenger Shuttle explosion. In 2020, Dave was inducted into the Schriever Wall of Honor, which recognizes early innovators who made tremendous contributions to the U.S. space program.

Sports were a significant part of Dave's life as he played both tennis and golf into his 90s – he turned down a promotion that would have taken him to the East Coast so he could continue playing tennis year-round. Dave also had a strong Jewish identity and was an active member of Congregation Beth Jacob in Redwood City for 60 years.

Dave's final years — especially after Beverly passed — were bolstered by his devoted care staff led by Nancy Huie, who with the help of her family has supported the Altmans since 2011. Dave was spirited, joyful and healthy until the end, filling his days with books, music, sun-basking, regular visits with friends and family, and daily cocktails during happy hour.

Dave was buried at Hills of Eternity Memorial Park in Colma, California, next to Beverly.

Memorial donations may be made to Population Connection ([populationconnection.org](http://populationconnection.org)) or Congregation Beth Jacob ([bethjacobrwc.org/payment.php](http://bethjacobrwc.org/payment.php)).



## Jayne McGuire Booker

December 17, 1951 – March 15, 2023

Jayne McGuire Booker, 71, of Redwood City, CA, died peacefully on March 15, 2023. She was a proud ovarian cancer survivor and had only recently learned that she had a rare, untreatable sarcoma as a result of her radiation treatment.

Jayne was born December 17, 1951 to Marjorie and James F. Booker in Wilmington, DE. Jayne attended Duke University, earning her Bachelor of Arts in History and Education. She joined the Peace Corps and served in Dahomey, now Benin, West Africa from 1973-1975, beginning her lifelong love affair with developing countries, especially in Africa. After working for the International Management and Development Institute in Washington, DC, she entered the MBA program at the University of North Carolina and was a Morehead Fellow. Jayne then joined the consulting area of Coopers & Lybrand in Washington, DC, Antigua, and Barbados, followed by Deloitte in DC. In 1994, she became a Managing Partner with Deloitte, working in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Returning to the States in 1999, Jayne moved to the Bay Area and added her force of nature to the David and Lucille Packard Foundation and the Council on Foundations. She co-authored *Making a Difference in Africa: Advice From Experienced Grantmakers* with Rob Buchanan and former President Jimmy Carter. From 2002-2008, Jayne was Executive Director of Design Response, a nonprofit providing interior design and facility enhancement services to other nonprofits. From 2009-2010, she was Project Manager for Stanford University Libraries, managing a planning grant to develop an African Leadership Institute for academic librarians in Africa. She became the California Coordinator for MorePeaceCorps, a nationwide advocacy effort aimed at doubling the Peace Corps budget.

Jayne had an unquenchable love of learning. In her 60s, she returned to school at The Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, CA, receiving her Master of Theological Studies in May 2022. The spiritual practice that impacted her the most was the Ignatian Exercises – the prayers and meditations of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Jayne was also a dedicated Enneagram student and enjoyed three book clubs.

Jayne had a brilliant mind which she used for service to others throughout her lifetime. She maintained deep ties with the Palo Alto Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma, including President and Province Director of Alumnae. She also served as a Board Member for the National Peace Corps Association and Trustee for TheatreWorks Silicon Valley, each for many years. She was an active member of the Palo Alto Rotary Club and a much-loved volunteer at the Mercy Center Burlingame. At the Stanford Women's Cancer Center, she served as an ambassador to other patients needing a kind welcome.

The family asks that donations be made to TheatreWorks Silicon Valley; the National Peace Corps Association; or St. Patrick's Seminary & University, Menlo Park.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 12 at 10:00 am in the Redwood Grove on the west side of Portola Valley Community Hall in Portola Valley Town Center, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.



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2021-22 school year, up from 10.1% during 2018-19. Still, East Palo Alto-area numbers are well above the state average.

Chronic absenteeism numbers in Ravenswood have slightly improved to 40% this school year, according to a June 22 district staff report.

The schools serve an especially diverse, low-income area of the Bay Area. Some 86% of students in the Ravenswood district during the 2021-22 school year met the definition of socioeconomically disadvantaged, which means that they are eligible for free or reduced priced meals or have parents or guardians who did not receive a high school diploma. Nearly 47% of district children have experienced homelessness. At EPAA, 81% are from low-income households.

**How missing school impacts students**

Students miss out on foundation skills that impact them forever when they miss school, including learning to socialize with their peers, said Sara Stone, Ravenswood's assistant superintendent of teaching and learning. "When students are chronically absent, no matter what

the issue is, you're missing out on learning," she said. "School is about giving kids the keys to the locks that are going to be in front of them in their lives."

Children who are chronically absent in preschool, kindergarten and first grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the third grade, according to U.S. Department of Education data. Students who cannot read at grade level by the end of third grade are four times more likely than proficient readers to drop out of high school, according to the Department of Education.

Alex said that students who are chronically absent "very easily fall behind."

"Considering in the district that a lot of students are behind in reading level or math level, it's very easy for them to fall behind even more. A lot of students are behind by multiple grade levels."

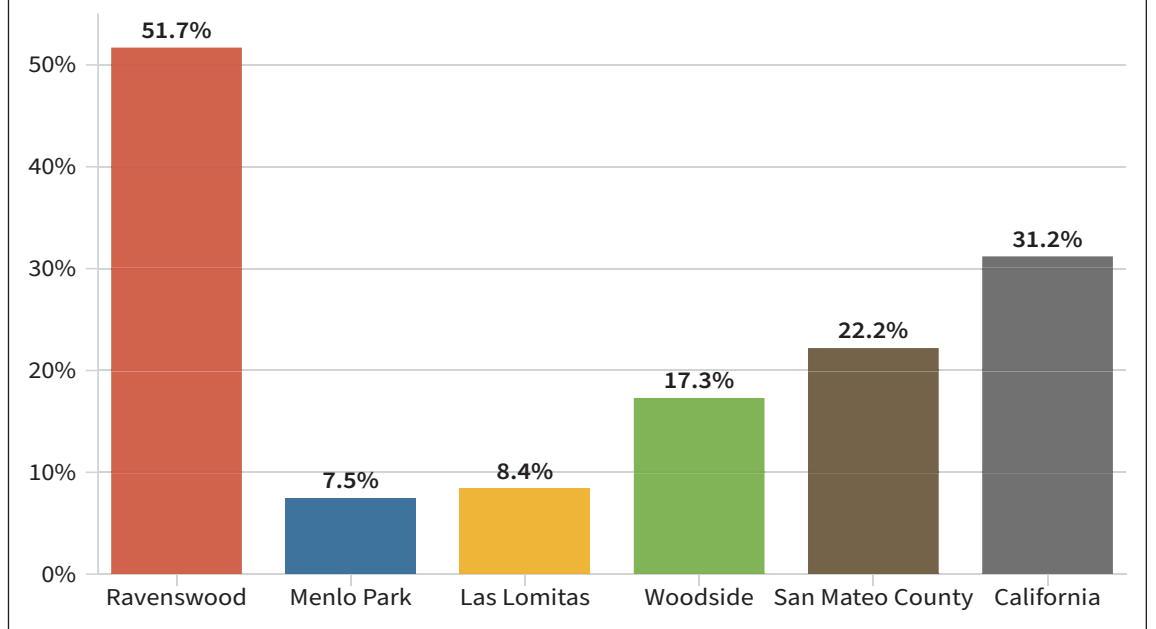
Just 6% of students met or exceeded the math standards in 2022. Only around 12% met or exceeded the English language arts (ELA) standards.

Students performed better in 2019, with 18% meeting state standards for ELA and just under 12% meeting standards for math. In 2018, scores were higher still, with 24% of students meeting ELA standards and 15% meeting math standards.



Lizzy Myers

Yadira Mederos De Cardenas, a teacher at the early learning center All Five, in the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park, May 26.

**Chronic absenteeism among K-8 students in local, county and state school districts in 2021-22**

Source: California Department of Education; Graphic by Zoe Morgan

Note: All figures exclude charter schools.

Ravenswood board Trustee Bronwyn Alexander told the board in June that when absenteeism rates are this high, it is going to directly reflect in test scores.

**Why kids are missing class**

The Ravenswood district does not keep a detailed database on the causes of students' absences, which is similar to other districts in the area contacted by The Almanac. Instead, missed days are recorded and marked as excused or unexcused. Notes on absences are kept within individual student records, but the districts do not keep such notes consistently.

The Almanac requested absence notes, but Ravenswood officials declined, saying it would put undue burden on its staff and would violate student privacy, despite The Almanac requesting that any identifying information be redacted.

Ravenswood district officials attributed the increase in

absences this past fall and winter to the so-called "tridemic" of RSV, flu and COVID-19, especially among young children. School officials have encouraged students to not come to school when they feel sick so they don't expose other students.

"Obviously our target is that every student comes to school regularly and no students are chronically absent, but in this world in which we're living, we want our students to feel safe, healthy and secure," Jennifer Gravem, executive director of Educational Services with Ravenswood City School District, said this past winter.

Pre-pandemic, illness was always the top reason for student absences, said Emily Bailard, CEO of EveryDay Labs, a Redwood City-based startup that helps schools nationwide reduce student absences and has worked with the Ravenswood district. Sickness still only accounts for about half of absences at schools her

organization worked with this past school year.

"Portraying absences simply as illness-related is missing half of the picture," she said. "Particularly this year, as school policies around COVID or illness are a lot less strict."

Ravenswood Superintendent Gina Sudaria concurs that there are many reasons for student absences.

Sudaria said the district plans to spend this summer finding the root cause of why students have been chronically absent from classes.

"We are always constantly trying to build a stronger school culture," she said. "In reality, we also don't want kids coming to school sick because of COVID. We don't want perfect attendance anymore. We do want to be mindful of their mental health issues."

Students are feeling more socially anxious than before lockdown, according to Stone. School officials are working to help them, including allowing students to go to quiet spaces for breaks, and to be a "tiny bit" late to school, rather than punishing them for not being on time. They are also working with families to designate a trusted adult for students to talk to during the school day.

"We as a society got scared to be in public together because of our health," Stone said. "It's a valid thing. We potentially instilled more fear in them (children) than was necessary."

Bailard said mental health challenges are manifesting into higher rates of anxiety, which leads to school refusal — defined by the Children's Health Council as repeatedly



Embarcadero Media file photo

Interstate Highway 101 separates Palo Alto from East Palo Alto, as seen from the pedestrian overpass in 2018.



Magali Gauthier

Ravenswood City School District Superintendent Gina Sudaria in 2019.



Lizzy Myers

Yadira Mederos De Cardenas, center, plays games with her son, Nicolas, right, and fellow student, in her classroom at All Five in Menlo Park on June 8.

balking at attending school or staying there.

There are also affluent families who feel more willing to pull their child out of school for a vacation, or trips to visit family to make up for what kids missed out on during the pandemic, she said.

“The norms around going to school and acceptable reasons to miss school have just fundamentally shifted,” Bailard said.

EPPA Principal Amika Guillaume said students at her school who perpetually miss classes are struggling with their mental health or family challenges. There are also students juggling school with 30 hours or more of work per week to help their families pay rent.

Aside from illness, adults who are struggling with their own mental health or other illnesses have trouble bringing their kids to school, said Alex\*, who works in the Ravenswood district but asked to not be named to protect her job.

“Some (students) are disappointed and acknowledge the fact they are falling behind,” Alex said. “It’s tough to see from the perspective of, I’m there to support them and they don’t really have a lot of control over (missing school).”

San Mateo County Health clinics report an increase in clients being referred for anxiety and depression since the pandemic hit, according to Douglas Fong, a clinical services manager for San

Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services who oversees the East Palo Alto Community Counseling Center.

Unreliable transportation can also be an obstacle for getting to the classroom. Gravem recounted a case in which the days a student was missing were the ones when they weren’t at home and were staying with an uncle.

**Effects of the pandemic and other challenges**

The East Palo Alto-area was hit particularly hard by the pandemic. According to Sequoia Dignity Health Hospital in Redwood City, with 2,019 confirmed cases per 10,000 by January 2022, East Palo Alto had the highest rate of COVID-19 infections by far in the hospital’s service area, which ranges from Burlingame south to East Palo Alto.

Experts say school officials are facing a complicated problem that doesn’t come with simple solutions.

Gravem of Ravenswood said the state needs to reevaluate its definition of what it means to be chronically absent. It’s hard to send the message of “stay home if you have COVID” while also saying “you have a chronic absenteeism problem,” she said.

The district can’t measure the trauma students experienced from losing family members, seeing their parents lose jobs or worrying about risks undertaken by family considered essential workers during the pandemic, said Ravenswood school board President Jenny Varghese Bloom in September 2022.

“We can not quantify how many of these kids were taking care of siblings or watching TV all day because no one was there to take care of them,” she said.

But it’s more than just the pandemic. East Palo Alto faces other challenges that contributed to absenteeism.

In February, prolonged power outages affected some residents of East Palo Alto, who

were left in the dark for 48 hours during a winter storm that brought freezing temperatures and rare snow to nearby higher elevations. Two schools in the city were forced to cancel classes because they were without power.

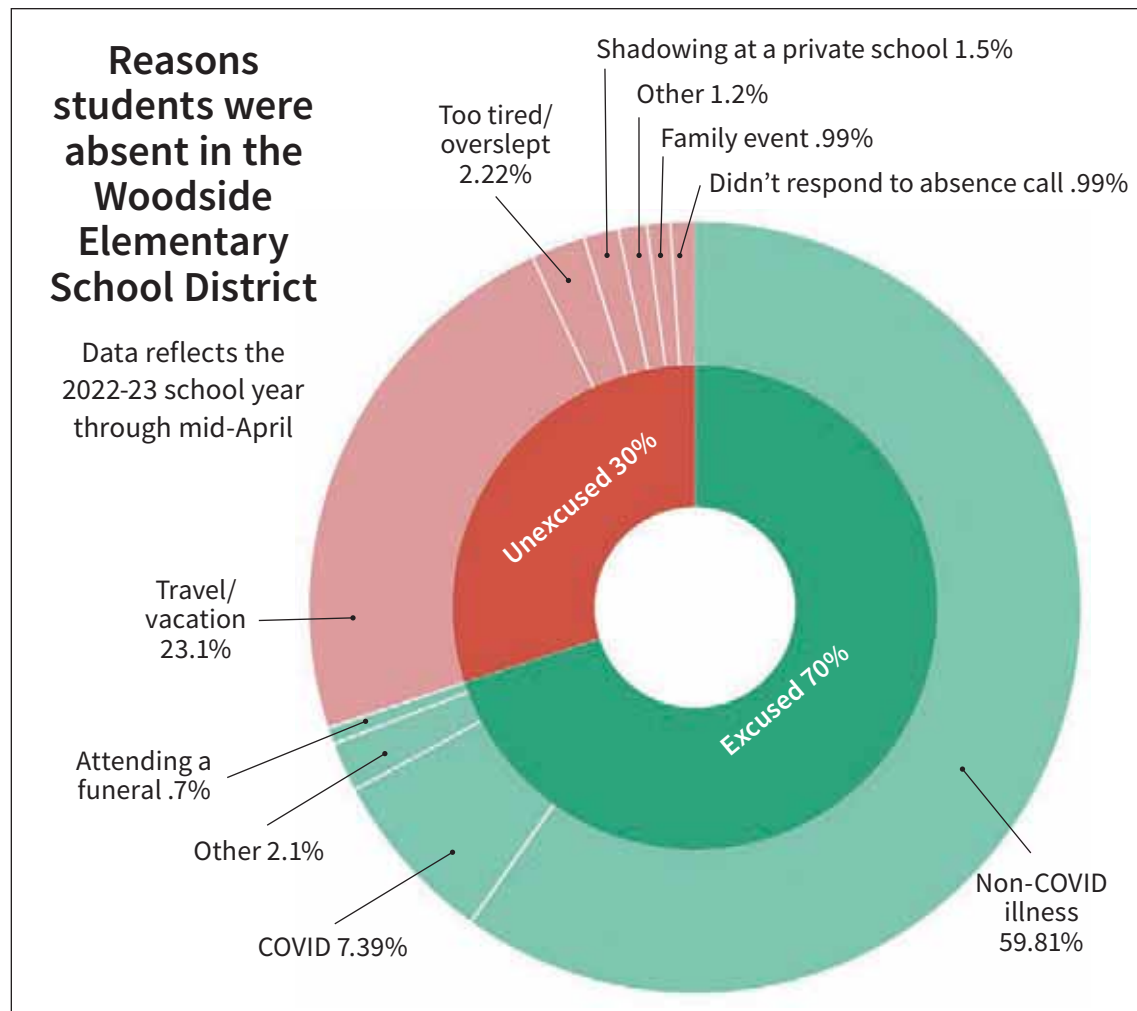
**‘I want to be a role model. The situation (absences) is impacting my two children at school — I regret it and being home with them. ... There’s just this trauma from the pandemic.’**

YADIRA MEDEROS DE CARDENAS, ALL FIVE TEACHER

Despite the challenges, there’s also a palpable sense of pride in those who come from the tight-knit community. A school board member went door-to-door to hand out gift cards, blankets and power packs to the elderly and most vulnerable during the outage.

In many ways, this attendance crisis is coming at a moment of transformation for the Ravenswood district. Some schools, without central air conditioning, air filtration systems, and lacking ADA compliance, are getting their first updates since the 1960s thanks to bond financing. Yet students are still not coming to class.

See **EMPTY DESKS**, page 20



Source: Woodside Elementary School District; Graphic by Zoe Morgan

Officials from the around 370-student Woodside Elementary School District were able to compile a breakdown of reasons why, as of April, students had missed classes during the 2022-23 school year.

**EMPTY DESKS**

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**Inequality exacerbates absenteeism**

Ravenswood and EPAA's chronic absences exceed state and local averages.

Menlo-Atherton High School in Atherton has a mix of low-income and wealthy students and its chronic absenteeism rates were lower during the 2021-22 school at 23.4%.

These disparities may be explained by the different demographics. Socio-economic status is one major factor that experts say impacts school attendance. The Ravenswood district hosts the most low income students in Silicon Valley.

Rates of chronic absenteeism were much lower in nearby districts with lower poverty rates. In Las Lomitas Elementary School District, just 6.6% of students are low income; 9.6% of Menlo Park City School District students are low income, and 10.1% are low income in the Woodside Elementary School District.

The road to improving attendance is long for low-income students, said Bailard.

"For (chronic absenteeism rates of) 30% to go to 25%, to go to 15%, it took years pre-pandemic," Bailard said. "At a district (level), it's hard to move more than two to three percentage points in a year."

She noted that a typical student who is chronically absent is facing an average of five or more barriers to attendance, including unreliable transportation, illness, unstable housing, and



Lizzy Myers

Yadira Mederos De Cardenas helps son Nicolas pick out a book at All Five early learning center on June 8.

lack of sleep or access to food. If you address one barrier, like transportation, most students are still facing four other barriers, she said.

Students who are more affluent face fewer overall barriers to attendance and their attendance rate has bounced back more quickly, Bailard explained. They are less likely to grapple with access to food, housing, transportation or medical care.

"We can't close the achievement gap if we don't close the attendance gap," Bailard said. "Students are behind from the pandemic. We're going to have a really hard time accelerating their learning if the same

students who are behind are missing (school) 10 to 20 to 30% of the time. You can provide all the tutoring, but it's not going to be effective."

On-campus tutors through Ravenswood Classroom Partners provide mentorship to students, but if children are missing a large chunk of the school year, like 100 days, it's going to be really hard to make up for lost classroom learning, Sudaria acknowledged.

**Need for more mental health resources**

Nearly a third of Silicon Valley's middle and high school students reported experiencing chronic

sadness, and one in eight report having considered suicide, which is alarmingly high, according to the 2023 Silicon Valley Index, which measures the region's economy and community health.

In 2020, at 16.2%, East Palo Alto had the highest rate in the county of residents who said they struggled with poor mental health for two weeks or more over the last month, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Mederos De Cardenas said EPAA offers few mental health supports to her daughter and her family can't afford to pay for therapy.

She herself has always struggled with anxiety and panic attacks, but it's gotten worse since the pandemic, she said. She contacted three different therapists but couldn't afford them so she has a monthly therapy session with her psychiatrist instead.

EPAA Principal Guillaume acknowledged the shortage of therapy services.

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EMILY BAILARD, CEO, EVERYDAY LABS

Still, the charter high school is better resourced than others. There are two psychiatry fellows and three therapy interns from Stanford who work part time on campus. The school also has a full-time social services manager.

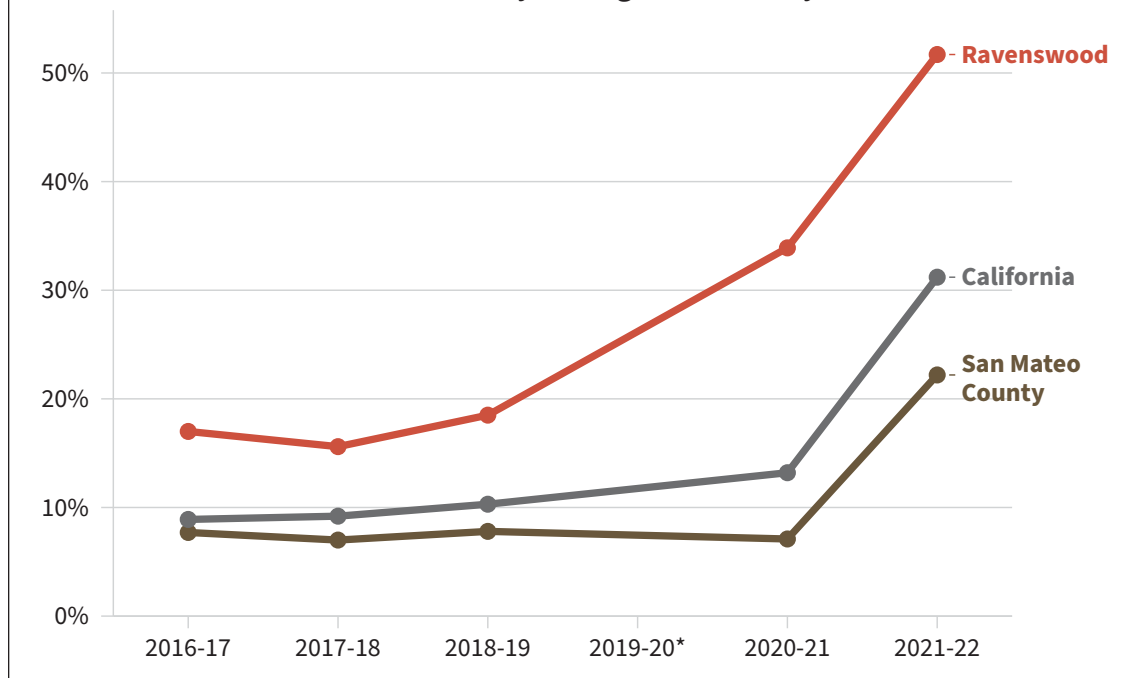
All Five Executive Director Carol Thomsen said her early childhood learning center, which is next to Ravenswood's Belle Haven Elementary School, is unique in that it has a counselor available to staff and families onsite on Mondays through One Life Counseling Center.

"It lessens the stigma," said Thomsen. "It's the best we can do for now. Unfortunately, they (the counselor) don't speak Spanish."

The state itself is facing a shortage of behavioral health workers. A 2018 report by the University of California at San Francisco predicted — even before the pandemic increased need for such services — that by 2028, demand for mental health providers would be 40% higher than supply.

**Comparison of chronic absenteeism over time**

A student is considered chronically absent if they miss 10% or more days in a given school year



Source: California Department of Education; Graphic by Zoe Morgan

Note: All figures exclude charter schools and are for students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

\*Data reporting was interrupted by the pandemic in the 2019-20 school year.



Angela Swartz

The names of colleges East Palo Alto Academy students will attend are marked on administrative office windows on May 5.



Lizzy Myers

Students file out of the bus to start their school day at Belle Haven Elementary School in Menlo Park on June 9.

**Cultural barriers to mental health care**

Stigma around talking about or seeking treatment for mental health struggles is an ongoing barrier for care in the Ravenswood community, said Fong of San Mateo County Health.

Alex, who works in Ravenswood district classrooms, said she works with a lot of students who come from families of color where mental health is not discussed.

Ethnic minorities tend to access mental health services at a much lower rate than their white peers, according to 2009 research. Latinos have been found to be about half as likely as white men and women to access these services when they need them, according to a 2018 national survey.

Vigilant behaviors learned during the pandemic are also contributing to absences. Mederos De Cardenas said she continues to follow quarantine policies put in place during the pandemic. Even if her 4-year-old Nicolas isn't feeling sick, she keeps him home if one of his siblings is ill, to protect his classmates in case he's contagious but isn't showing symptoms yet.

"It's something I'm working on, thinking about in the future if I should send him," she said. "My feelings were different before the pandemic." As a teacher, she said she calls parents to find out about a student's illness and would not say, "Don't bring them in" if their siblings were sick and they weren't.

She said in Mexican culture it's the mother's responsibility to take care of children.

"I'm more informed about my

**ABOUT THIS STORY**

This is the first of three stories in a series exploring why chronic absenteeism has spiked in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park's Belle Haven neighborhood. The series was produced as a project for the USC Annenberg Center for Health Journalism's 2023 California Health Equity Fellowship with the support of EdSource editor Dympna Ugwu-Oju. Read the Spanish translation of this series on [AlmanacNews.com](http://AlmanacNews.com) or at [tinyurl.com/ausente-spanish](http://tinyurl.com/ausente-spanish).

culture and working on the way I was raised," Mederos De Cardenas said. "I have this job that I tremendously love and I don't want to lose it."

She said she's also pulled her children out of classes during the school year to travel to Mexico to see family, especially since her father died four years ago. She now only plans to travel to Mexico during the school year for emergencies.

"I want to be a role model," she said. "The situation (absences) is impacting my two children at school — I regret it and being home with them. ... There's just this trauma from the pandemic."

*Next week, in the second story of this three-part series, we take a closer look into how mental health struggles for both students and their parents and guardians can impact attendance.* ■

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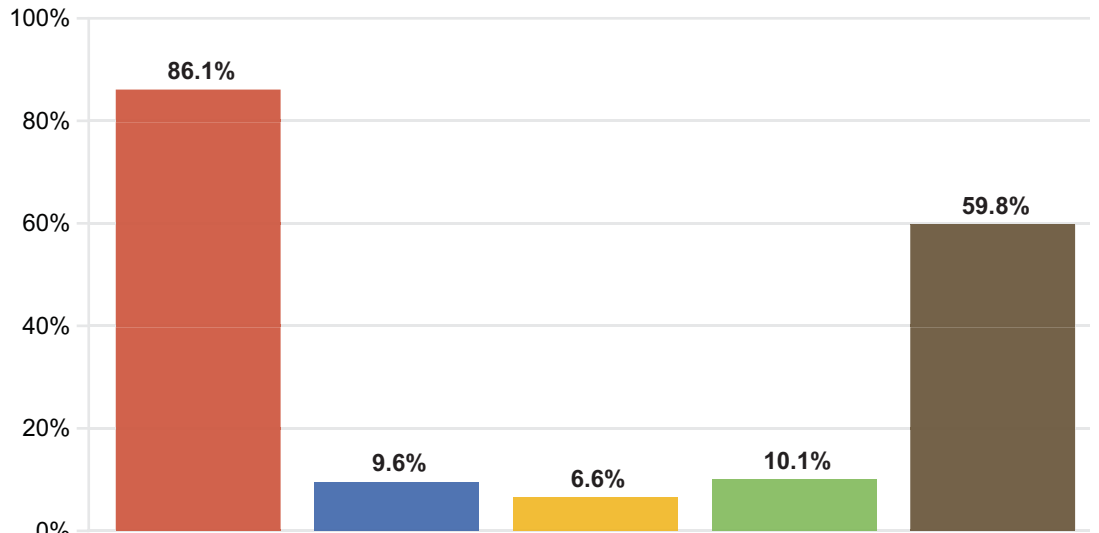
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Norma Lazcano places potatoes in a bag for a client at a food pick-up site at the Los Robles-Ronald McNair Academy in East Palo Alto in 2021.

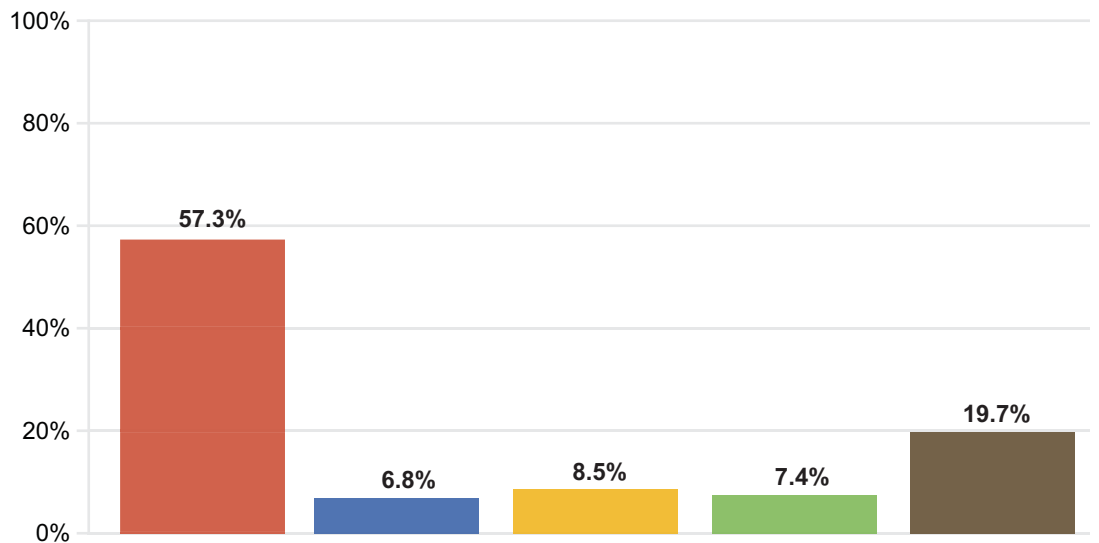
**Ravenswood student demographics compared to neighboring K-8 school districts**

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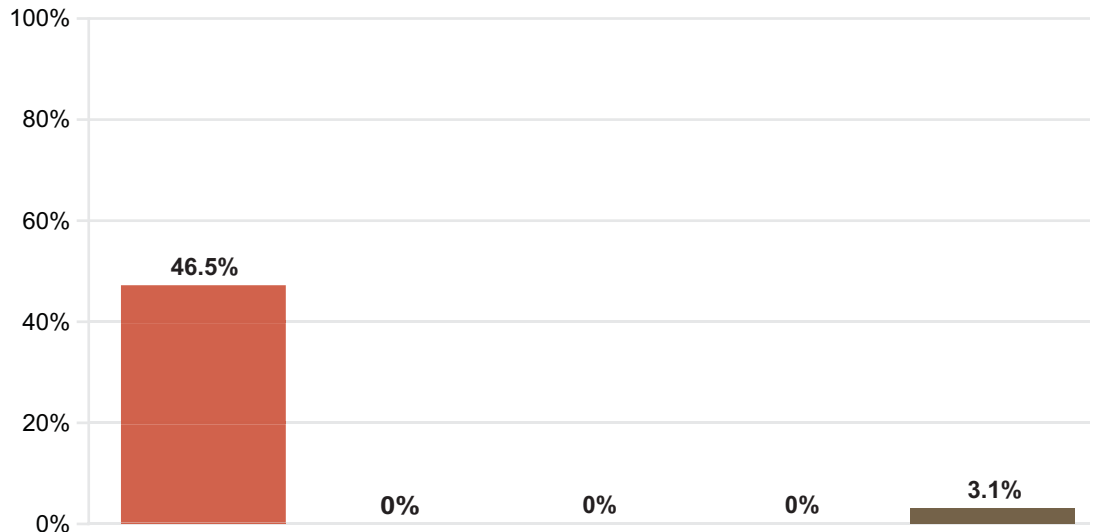
**Socioeconomically disadvantaged**



**English learners**



**Homeless**



Source: California Department of Education; Graphic by Zoe Morgan

Note: Data is from the 2021-22 school year. All figures exclude charter schools. The state considers a student homeless if they lack a stable place to sleep. This includes those staying in shelters, motels and cars.

# Viewpoint

IDEAS, THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES

## LETTERS

Our readers write

### Menlo Park council should not make speed limits artificially low

The Almanac just published an article about reducing speed limits on arterial streets in Menlo Park ("Slow down: Menlo Park plans to lower speed limits on key streets," July 15). This would be a violation of the California Vehicle code section 40802(a)(2).

California state vehicle code does not permit enforcement of artificially low speed limits, since they are legally considered speed traps. Regardless of the posted speed limit sign, on most non-local streets (such as Santa Cruz Avenue and Bay Road), the posted speed limit cannot be enforced unless it is supported by a properly-administered speed survey. A legally acceptable survey measures the speed at which cars flow when

there are no other cars impeding them. The enforceable speed limit is the speed at which 85% of the cars are traveling below that speed.

Example: Santa Cruz Avenue has a posted speed limit of 25 mph, but 85% or more of the unimpeded cars travel at 36 mph, so the enforceable speed limit is 36 mph.

During the COVID lockdown when there was almost zero traffic, I measured the speed of unimpeded cars on Santa Cruz Avenue. Almost everyone was going 35-40 mph, with an 85% speed of 37 mph. Posting such a street at 25 mph would be creating a speed trap, and would be unenforceable. The speed surveys that the city has performed do not meet state requirements of only using the speed of unimpeded vehicles.

Section 40802 (a)(2) of the California Vehicle Code defines a speed trap. You can read it at [tinyurl.com/ca-vc-speed](http://tinyurl.com/ca-vc-speed).

I hope that our City Council does not decide to spend taxpayer money studying, and posting,

artificially low, unenforceable speed limits.

*Sue Kayton  
Doris Drive, Menlo Park*

### Governor should go about gun control the right way

While I am definitely in favor of gun control, I am horrified that Gov. Gavin Newsom would suggest an Article V Constitutional Convention as a solution.

Once such a convention convenes, its agenda is wide open. An Article V Constitutional Convention is certain to cause extraordinary damage to our nation from the radical right which is trying to do the same thing in order to embed Libertarian principles into the U.S. Constitution and weaken the ability of Congress to represent the citizens. The Koch network is spending millions of dollars to obtain just such an Article V convention in order to rewrite the Constitution to include their anti-democracy business-biased ideology.

The correct way to accomplish such a constitutional amendment is by way of a specific gun control amendment in Congress. I understand that is difficult with today's Republican control of the House of Representatives, but the harm to our nation that would result from a wide-open Article V convention far, far outweighs any good that might, but is not guaranteed to, result from gun control accomplished by that route.

Gov. Newsom, stop your Article V effort now lest you magnify our problems. Let's accomplish gun control but do it the right way, even if it takes longer.

*Don Barnby  
Spruce Avenue, Menlo Park*

### How to combat sea level rise

Even without man's CO2 emissions, the ocean is projected to rise 12.8 feet by the year 2100, according to the EPA. Man's emissions would increase it 19.2 feet. It comes down to

whether we build a 13-foot or 19-foot high wall in the next 80 years or move back to higher ground. Even if the world went all green tomorrow, we'd still have the natural warmings that have caused the planet to warm every 1,000 years going back to the Medieval, Roman, Minoan and other warmings.

The only way to reduce man's emissions is to develop inexpensive green energy that will drive out fossil fuel use. We can do this inexpensively today by making hydrogen with solar and wind for energy even when there is no sun or wind. It would tide us over to affordable batteries, fuel cells, and eventually fusion power, which is the power of the sun.

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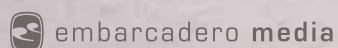
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# Artscene

PEOPLE AND PERFORMANCES IN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## *The right 'time'*

Menlo Park artist Mitchell Johnson's latest exhibit revitalizes former Pace Gallery in Palo Alto

By Stephanie Gerson

Menlo Park artist Mitchell Johnson worked on the paintings in his latest exhibit, "It Takes Time," over a span of four years from 2019 to 2023. But when Johnson's planned gallery show in his hometown of New York City was unexpectedly canceled two weeks ago, he was left scrambling for another space to showcase his work.

"I couldn't sleep that night because I was very distressed that nobody was going to see some of these large paintings anytime soon," Johnson said.

But Johnson realized there was one local gallery space that could serve as the perfect venue for his show: 229 Hamilton Avenue, home to the former Pace Gallery from 2016 until last summer, when Pace consolidated its West Coast operations to a Los Angeles gallery space. Since then, the space has remained vacant.

Johnson reached out to Pace Palo Alto and Los Angeles vice president Elizabeth Sullivan, who pointed him in the direction of Stephanie Wansek, general manager of The Cardinal Hotel, which owns the gallery space.

The Cardinal Hotel hopes to lease the former Pace Gallery space to a new gallery tenant. In the interim, Wansek said that The Cardinal is "happy to have the space used" by Johnson for

this exhibition.

Within a few days of connecting with Wansek, Johnson signed a monthlong lease for the three-room, 3,000-square-foot gallery space and began installing the 30 paintings for his show "It Takes Time," which opened July 14 and runs through Aug. 3. In little time, everything fell into place.

While the bulk of the paintings in "It Takes Time" reference scenes in Maine, France, Monaco and elsewhere, Johnson's work carries both a local and international sensibility with the hope that gallery visitors can connect with his paintings by appreciating the painter's technique and place within larger art history rather than identifying the specific locales in his paintings.

In 1990, Johnson moved to California, working for San Mateo-born abstract expressionist artist Sam Francis, who is best known for introducing explosions of color and paint drippings to his canvases. Interest in color and shape also guide Johnson's practice. A synthesis of many sources — reference photos of his own or from others, sketches or even previous paintings — serve as the inspiration for his paintings awash with vibrant hues.

"Ed's Iceberg," one of the exhibited paintings, features a sunshine yellow cabin and a billowing clothesline of white linens set in front of a towering ice-

berg. It was inspired by a photo Johnson took of a mountainous landscape in Newfoundland. He referenced additional photos of buildings he saw elsewhere, combining all of these elements and painting everything in his signature brushy style.

Johnson sees his paintings as a "collage of different moments, different sources, all in the interest of getting to a place where the color is doing something really unexpected."

He sometimes starts the painting process by visiting his location of interest and sketching out the defining shapes of the painting before finishing the piece in his Menlo Park studio. "It Takes Time" exhibits two of Johnson's paintings that were sketched outdoors in San Francisco, a practice Johnson has adopted since he moved to Palo Alto in 1990 and painted en plein air at the Stanford Dish.

Tufts of low-hanging fog float among the iconic red beams of the Golden Gate Bridge in "Presidio #4," which Johnson sketched on an early morning in San Francisco's Presidio neighborhood. The second nod to San Francisco in the show, "From 1750 Taylor," is a colorful cityscape that Johnson prepared on the balcony of the towering 1750 Taylor St. apartment complex in North Beach with views of the Transamerica Pyramid



Courtesy Mitchell Johnson

The bulk of paintings in "It Takes Time" reference scenes in Maine, France, Monaco as well as some local scenes, but Johnson aims for gallery visitors to connect with his pieces through his technique rather than identifying specific locales.

and Salesforce Tower.

"It Takes Time" alludes to Johnson's drawn-out artistic process — most of the large-scale paintings in the exhibit took him three to four years to complete. He paints works concurrently; he finds that while working on one piece, he might develop a color he wishes to use in another work. Some might consider this practice to be chaotic, but it's not uncommon. Johnson notes that 19th-century cubist painter Georges Braque often had six easels up at a time, never working on just one singular painting but rather devoting equal time to all canvases.

Johnson's process is slow, and he hopes that visitors also take their time when viewing his paintings in the gallery.

"These paintings didn't happen quickly, and you won't understand them quickly if you don't look at them for more than a minute and pick up on what is going on," Johnson said, emphasizing that each painting is "full of decisions," including visible brushstrokes, layers of vibrant oil paint and other textures that illustrate the artist's touch.

One of the most rewarding aspects of Johnson's practice is

witnessing the response from those who have seen or purchased his paintings. With "It Takes Time," Johnson aims to inspire others to "look at their surroundings with more patience" and pay attention to "color relationships" in nature, especially in an area as rich in natural beauty and sublime landscapes as the Peninsula.

Exhibiting his works at the downtown Palo Alto gallery has an added personal significance for Johnson: 229 Hamilton Avenue faces Mexican restaurant Reposado, which used to be Cafe Verona, the restaurant where Johnson met his wife 30 years ago. It felt like a full-circle moment for the artist whose career first blossomed in this area.

"I'm grateful. The Silicon Valley community has supported me for over 30 years and really empowered me," Johnson said. ■

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"It Takes Time" is on view at 229 Hamilton Avenue, 229 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, through Aug. 3. The gallery is open daily from noon to 6 p.m.



Courtesy Mitchell Johnson

Johnson took inspiration for "Ed's Iceberg" from a photo he captured of a mountainous landscape in Newfoundland.



Courtesy Mitchell Johnson

Artist Mitchell Johnson has temporarily leased 229 Hamilton Ave. in downtown Palo Alto for an exhibition of his works. The space is the former home of Pace Gallery, which closed in summer 2022.

# Worth a Look



Courtesy Goldenvoice

Indie pop singer-songwriter Cavetown headlines the Bittersweet Daze tour at Frost Amphitheater with mxmtoon, Ricky Montgomery and GrentPerez.

## Cavetown

In the mood for some alternative tunes? Indie artist Cavetown headlines a concert at Frost Amphitheater this Sunday. The English singer and songwriter rose to teen stardom on YouTube with his soulful renditions of both covers and original music. Since then, he has released multiple albums and refined his signature dreamy, rock-influenced sound. Enjoy the July sun and soak up some laid-back summery sounds at this concert, a part of the amphitheater's summer season, presented by Stanford Live. Grentperez, Ricky Montgomery and mxmtoon open.

July 23, 5:30 p.m. at Frost Amphitheater, 351 Lasuen St., Stanford. Tickets start at \$50. [live.stanford.edu](http://live.stanford.edu).

## Earthwise welcomes Matt The Electrician, Sony Holland

Local presenter Earthwise hosts an evening of music at Palo Alto's Johnson Park on July 21, featuring a diverse cast of artists with local roots. Pacific Grove-reared and now-Texas-based singer and songwriter Matt the Electrician will present a plethora of his folk-influenced original compositions. Jazz singer Sony Holland is set to perform a set focused on the music of Dusty Springfield, as well as a sprinkling of original compositions. Local indie-rock star Megan Slankard opens.

July 21, 5:30 - 8 p.m. at Johnson Park, 268 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Attendance is free and not ticketed. [tinyurl.com/Earthwise-July21](http://tinyurl.com/Earthwise-July21)

## Lolah at Filoli

Singer-songwriter Lolah will bring her unique, groovy indie-pop sound to Filoli's Summer Stage series. Enjoy a drink from the Bluebird Bar, lounge in Filoli's Meadow and take in the beautiful scenery of the gardens as you listen to the lush, emotionally rich music of the night's headliner. Food will also be available for purchase in advance of the concert.

July 23, 6-7:30 p.m. at Filoli Historic House & Garden, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside. Tickets are \$65. [filoli.org](http://filoli.org).

## Sound Decision Band: Summer on the Square

Local cover band Sound Decision plays the latest concert in the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center's Summer on the Square series. This outdoor concert will offer a nostalgic evening of classic rock tunes from the 1960s to today. The center's series features live music, bites and a pop-up bar every other week at the JCC's Town Square. Bring your little ones along, and they can enjoy the Oasis Playground while you sip on a glass of beer or wine and enjoy the live music.

July 23, 4-5:30 p.m. at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Admission is pay-what-you-wish. [paloaltojcc.org](http://paloaltojcc.org).

— Briefs by Akhil Joondeph.

# A note-worthy event

Music@Menlo offers an all-encompassing musical festival

By Heather Zimmerman

On a hot afternoon, the sound of a lone violinist rehearsing drifts from an open door in the still air. The campus of Menlo School is otherwise quiet at the moment, but it's just a temporary lull.

Not long before, two small ensembles of young musicians performed a program of dramatic compositions by Beethoven and Hungarian composer Ernő Dohnányi, filling Menlo School's Spieker Center with fiery music.

As the unseen violinist continues to rehearse, the nearby parking lot begins filling up for at least the second time that day, with audiences slowly filtering onto the campus for a late matinee concert.

This was a Sunday afternoon during the opening weekend of Music@Menlo, a chamber music festival now in its 21st year. The afternoon offers a glimpse of a unique creative space that will be bustling with young artists and musicians at the top of their field for three weeks, appearing in an array of concerts, master classes, workshops and conversations.

This year's festival, which runs through Aug. 5, features the theme "Beethoven Unfolding," which takes a deep dive into the venerated composer's works, but also explores the music of the composers who had an influence on him, as well as those he influenced. The performances highlight the range of the composer's music and showcase the festival's broad roster of talent.

"The Music@Menlo experience is an all-encompassing experience of learning. On campus with us every year, we have three generations of musicians: we have senior artists, who perform the mainstage events. We also have international program artists who are college-aged students coming from all over the world — they're an elite group. And of course, we are surrounded by the young performers, who are age 11 through 19," said Dmitri Atapine, who with pianist Hyeeyeon Park, is co-director of the festival's Young Performers Program for advanced string players and pianists as part of Music@Menlo's Chamber Music Institute.

"The experience of being all together, of learning together the great art of chamber music, the exchange of ideas between the different generations — how the young ones learn from the older ones and also how much the older ones are learning from the young ones' enthusiasm, their passion for the music and their dedication, is something truly awe-inspiring," Atapine said.

Learning is a key component of Music@Menlo, but not just for the up-and-coming talents who



Courtesy Lauren Desberg

Violinist Kristin Lee is a Music@Menlo festival artist.

have come for an intensive musical summer: the festival's emphasis on education includes master classes in which audiences can watch young performers learn from experienced musicians, as well as artist talks that offer audiences insights into the music they'll be hearing. The festival program even features a substantial glossary of musical terms.

"Music@Menlo has been a part of my life for quite a while and I keep coming back because this is one of the most spectacular festivals where you can be living and breathing all within music, and chamber music in particular. It's so unique that you learn so much and you get to perform, you get to teach. Really the most all-encompassing experience that you could have at any festival you attend," said violinist Kristin Lee.

Performances and events coming up this week include a master class with violinist Paul Huang and a concert pairing International Program artists and mainstage performers in a program of Mozart, Brahms and Fauré, both on July 21. Festival-goers on July 22 can catch a young performers' concert and an "Inside the Quartets" talk by Finckel. The day also includes mainstage performances by the Calidore String Quartet, which will play through Beethoven's entire quartet cycle. The entire series of in-person concerts has already sold out, but are still available to watch via livestream. ■

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Music@Menlo runs through Aug. 5 at Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. Some programs are already sold out. For ticket availability and more information, visit [musicatmenlo.org](http://musicatmenlo.org).

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# Food & Drink

## Made with *Luv*

From mail deliveries to food truck pickups, Luv's Brownies has evolved alongside Silicon Valley

By Kate Bradshaw

Luv's Brownies was an online-based food business in the internet's early days, offering brownies for mail deliveries to some of Silicon Valley's early online companies. Founder Andrea Lacy has since reinvented her brownie business with a dessert truck that highlights her Hispanic heritage.

As a college student at San Jose State University decades ago, Lacy had just landed a dream job at Hewlett Packard and decided to bake some brownies to say thank you to her friend for helping her. She had grown up in San Francisco and San Bruno, attending Mills High School in Millbrae before moving to San Jose to attend college there.

The batter was a bit weird, she recalled in a recent interview, but the brownies were a hit.

As she continued to work her way through college, Lacy faced difficulties. She failed one math class five times. Eventually, a college counselor advised her to get tested for dyslexia, and test results confirmed she had it. But it didn't keep her from finishing college, and over time, she decided to build up her brownie

business, naming it after a doll she'd had as a child.

One key feature of her business was offering her products for sale online to be delivered via shipping, which in 1996 was a relatively new business approach. She moved forward with the plan even after a small business counselor told her that it wouldn't work.

Today, it's a message she's eager to pass on to the student entrepreneurs she speaks to at San Jose State.

"Be careful who you listen to," she says. "There are a lot of dream crushers out there. Protect your dream. Not everyone has the best intentions for you."

Over the years, Lacy's online bakery business began to thrive. She later realized that she had accidentally transposed some of the ingredients from her initial batch of brownies due to her dyslexia, but the altered recipe continued to be the foundational recipe for her products — and she expanded her offerings to include brownie cakes, wedding favors, corporate gifts and more.

In her 30s, Lacy received another piece of information that shaped her identity: She



Courtesy Andrea Lacy

Above: Andrea Lacy and the team at Luv's Brownies offer desserts from their truck throughout Santa Clara County. Top: Lacy began her dessert business by offering heart-shaped brownies for sale online, to be delivered by mail, in Silicon Valley.



Courtesy Andrea Lacy

Brownie ice cream sandwiches are among the menu items at the Luv's Brownies dessert truck in Santa Clara County.

learned that she had been adopted and had Hispanic roots on her biological side.

"It took some years to understand and digest that," she explained. "Once I connected with my biological family, I felt more comfortable with who I was."

Today, she's incorporated that piece of her identity into the offerings from her new dessert truck. The menu includes the original heart-shaped brownies, brownies on a stick, brownie s'mores, whipped cafe Cubano espresso over ice cream, brownie sundaes, brownie milkshakes and cold drinks, including strawberry lemonade, a lemon-lime spritz and a mocktail mojito.

Just before COVID hit, Lacy started making plans to launch the dessert truck. But the pandemic resulted in long delays and added costs to getting her

food truck outfitted and permitted, she said.

After the truck was ready and her team began to pivot to direct sales from the truck, there were growing pains, she explained. Operating out of a dessert truck instead of an online-delivery business model meant having to figure out how much stock to prepare and when, along with things like when to fill the generator between events to make sure they had power.

"All of that was hard to figure out the first year," she said.

Today, the truck is a regular fixture at local farmers markets in Cupertino and San Jose. It travels to events throughout Santa Clara County and can be booked for private events. And it comes prepared to set a festive atmosphere, announcing its arrival with the song "La Vida Es Un Carnaval" by Celia Cruz.

To support local high school students who are pursuing higher education or vocational training, Lacy has created a "Grit Award" scholarship program. A portion of every purchase goes toward the scholarship fund.

"No challenge can stop you from making your dreams a reality," she said. "The universe will make way for your dream, but you can't stand and wish for things. You have to work for them."

Catch the Luv's Brownies dessert truck at the weekly farmers markets at De Anza College in Cupertino Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. People can also order brownies for by-mail delivery.

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