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Faith communities turn to livestreaming, acts of kindness as virus spreads

by Sue Dremann

Last Sunday, the leadership at First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, like many local faith communities, discussed how to respond to the coronavirus epidemic in light of the U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) recommendations against large public gatherings.

The very next day, that decision on what to do was all but made for them when they heard from a group that rents space at the Cowboy Street church.

“We were informed by a tenant that less than two weeks ago a member of their group, who tested positive for COVID-19, attended a meeting on the FPCPA campus. We were also informed that a relative, who had yet to be tested but had been in close proximity, was present just three days ago. As far as we understand both individuals were only in one classroom,” the church wrote in an online message to the congregation.

“With this news, late into the night on Monday, the Session (church governing body) decided that, in addition to a deep clean of the facilities, with an abundance of caution and care, we would close down the FPCPA campus and that all FPCPA gatherings and meetings would take place online through the end of April.”

The decision to suspend face-to-face worship is particularly difficult because of the impending Holy Week and Easter, among the most important times of Christian worship when many people come together. Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow told the Weekly by phone on Wednesday.

But more than 60% of First Presbyterian’s congregation is over age 60, a demographic the CDC says is at higher risk of complications and death from COVID-19. While it was difficult

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Following accident, local family takes action

Parents, friends of boy who died create posters to emphasize road safety

by Elena Kadvany

The family and friends of an 11-year-old Greene Middle School student who died in a collision in Palo Alto on the evening of March 6 are coming together in the midst of tragedy to raise awareness about road safety.

The Santa Clara County Medical Examiner-Coroner’s Office identified the boy on Wednesday as Paul Lafargue. He was riding a bicycle when he was struck and killed by a flatbed truck at El Camino Real and California Avenue.

In a statement provided to the Weekly, his parents urged others to slow down — not only on the roads, but also in life.

“Paul’s family would like to express their deep gratitude for the overwhelming show of support they have received from everyone,” they said. “Through this tragedy they would like to encourage everyone to slow down for kids. Be more mindful. Be more aware of your surroundings.”

His mother, Veronique Lafargue, reached out to a friend this week for help designing posters to promote what they’re calling the “Slow Down for Kids” initiative. Nick Wiesner, a designer, jumped into action. He spent Tuesday night creating several posters, using Paul’s favorite colors — orange and purple — to illustrate the message, intertwined with hearts

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to make the decision to close his church campus, “once we realized this is not about us, this is a public health issue, it became very easy to make that decision,” he said.

Faith communities across the country are wrestling with how best to serve their members while also keeping them safe from the coronavirus, which is now designated a pandemic by the World Health Organization.

In-person worship is giving way to livestreamed services; meetings; and classes that formerly met at churches that are continuing to meet, many are foregoing the tradition of shaking a pew neighbor’s hand with a greeting of “Peace be with you”; donations are no longer being collected in baskets handed from parishioner to parishioner. And communion, a most revered sacrament of wine and bread, is now coming in sanitary, prepackaged containers.

The social and structural changes necessitated by COVID-19 pose a challenge to faith communities’ basic identities as places to congregate, some faith leaders said.

Faith communities are places “where people want to go. ... When they are going through a hard crisis, we want to tell them, ‘Come here,’” said Ellen Bob, executive director of Congregation Etz Chayim in Palo Alto. But now these same places of solace and community are telling people to stay away.

The coronavirus outbreak has even forced one congregation out of its place of worship. James Baillon, director of operations for Grace Presbyterian Church of Silicon Valley, said his church rents space at Palo Alto High School. The school has ended all of its rentals at Palo Alto High School. The school has ended all of its rentals at the end of the school year, he said.

With 150 to 250 members, his church has been holding two services at Paly, and the small staff is looking at all alternatives, including pre-recording and broadcast Sunday services. They are also looking for another site to rent, he said.

Plenty of other faith communities are also turning to tech. First Presbyterian’s Reyes-Chow led a Zoom conference with 70 other pastors and staff from various faith communities to discuss how they can best transition to technology. As a church, First Presbyterian has been using social media for a long time and is currently planning to make its whole religious service accessible via Zoom. Smaller groups that formerly met at the church will use the Zoom platform, he said.

The transition might be harder for some in his congregation, however — especially the many members who live in retirement communities. The church is sending out “tech deacons” to help people access services and communicate with the church, he said. The church is also stepping up its outreach strategy.

“One pastor’s job is making sure we don’t forget anyone,” he said.

Rev. Kaloma Smith, pastor of University AME Zion Church in Palo Alto, said his church has also suspended in-person face-to-face meetings. AME Zion has offered livestreaming of its Sunday services for the past two years and now is doing the same with all of its small-group meetings.

“Faith is absolutely critical at this time,” he said, noting the importance of creating virtual spaces.

His staff is focusing on digital efforts that give the community “a safe haven in a strong” such as through the community-based Faithlife Equip, an online and social media tool for managing congregations.

Staff is also reaching out to seniors and those who are most vulnerable, who may be isolating themselves away from the coronavirus, to see if they need help with shopping or errands, he said.

Other religious congregations are taking precautions but trying to keep a semblance of normalcy. Rabbi David Booth of Congregation Kol Emeth in Palo Alto said so far his synagogue is continuing its services, but it has canceled activities geared toward older members of the congregation.

The synagogue did livestream its Purim services so that congregants had an option if they didn’t want to attend in person. There are also virtual options for classes.

“We do have a lunch and we’re having volunteers serve rather than have an open-buffet line. We’re paying attention to Santa Clara County’s guidelines,” he said.

Kol Emeth also has a volunteer squad to check on elderly members, and Booth has also urged parents through social media to talk to their children to help dispel fear about the virus.

Kol Emeth is also using its ongoing kindness program, which helps to build a more positive and connected community. Booth has asked the congregation to engage in one small act to help people feel they can be proactive and positive even at a time when they might feel fear.

“Think of something kind that someone did for you and something kind you can do for someone between now and the next time you wash your hands,” he said.

Bob said her church congregation isn’t canceling its services or meetings yet — Etz Chayim’s classes have five to 15 students — but is currently planning to make its whole religious service accessible via Zoom. Smaller groups that formerly met at the church will use the Zoom platform, he said.

The congregation still had its Purim celebration on Monday, with a Purim hand sanitizer station at the front of the line. Staff watched closely to make sure people used it before grabbing a pizza slice, she said.

“We’re trying to balance prudence and living,” she added.
Police audit report refutes claims of Palo Alto leaders

New audit states OIR Group was asked to investigate several internal complaints against officers and then publish its findings

by Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto’s police auditor said in a report released last week that the Police Department has failed to complete its own investigation of a complaint involving a city official.

The new report from OIR Group, the firm that reviewed the city’s use of force cases, went to the council in December. It was completed report in spring 2019 so that city staff would have time to devise a policy that shields cases from the public that involve internal personnel complaints, including a case in which a police supervisor allegedly used a racial slur in reference to another officer, a new report indicates.

According to the report from the auditors, OIR Group, the firm issued in April 2019 a report that considered four different cases that were subject to investigations by the city’s Human Resources Department. While the report’s doesn’t mention any names, it describes an incident that occurred a few years prior and that had come to light again in 2017.

That investigation, according to the report, involved an “allegation of racially inappropriate language by a supervisor with reference to an incident from 2014 in which Capt. Zach Perron allegedly used a racial slur in discussing an incident in which another officer, Marcus Barbour (who has since left the department), jumped into a creek and rescued a suspect. The Daily Post first reported on the Perron incident in 2017, and Barbour had confirmed to the Weekly the accuracy of that account.

The new report from auditors Michael Gennaco and Stephen Connolly of OIR Group states that the city didn’t complete the incident in September 2018 from an “outside source.” When OIR inquired with the city about the case, city staff informed the auditor that the matter had been treated as a Human Resources Department issue, it was viewed as “14 years outside of our parameters of our auditing responsibilities.” As a result, the auditor was not alerted about the case or provided an opportunity to review it, the report states.

The firm was then asked by the police chief to investigate that incident, according to the report. The new human resources-initiated investigations that had been completed in 2017. In April 2019, the firm prepared a “draft semi-annual report” that incorporated its relevant findings and recommendations from those cases as well as the department’s own investigations, the new OIR report states.

Once they received the April report, city officials revisited the question of whether personnel issues that were investigated through Human Resources were (and should be) included as part of the auditor’s standard review protocols. They also reportedly asked the auditor not to publicize their report, to which OIR agreed.

“Following a discussion of the findings, we held our draft report in abeyance pending further direction on this matter and received no additional direction in the months preceding the October 2019 expiration of our current contract,” the report states.

Then, last December, the council approved a three-year extension with OIR Group that explicitly states that complaints and investigations of internal personnel or Human Resources matters are no longer within the auditors’ scope. This includes investigations of officers relating to “assignments, evaluations, promotions, demotions and similar issues, and allegations of harassment, discrimination and retaliation.”

Because of the new policy, neither the Perron incident nor the other cases that involved Human Resources were published by OIR Group in the new audit. These cases were only mentioned in passing as an explanation for why the firm, which typically releases a report every six months, had not issued any since October 2018.

The question of why there hadn’t been more reports came up during the council’s Dec. 16 discussion of the police auditor contract. When Councilman Tom DuBois asked about the delay, Police Chief Robert Jonsen and City Attorney Molly Stump both attributed the hold-up to the regular back-and-forth that takes place between the auditor and City Hall.

Jonsen noted at that meeting that the police auditor typically bundles the cases in six-month increments and then analyzes these incidents in a report. In this case, the city submitted additional cases to them for review and had to wait longer.

“How long it takes to get through those — it’s up to them,” Jonsen said, when asked about the delay.

Stump noted that her office also reviews the reports to make sure they don’t disclose details that may identify the people being investigated.

City Manager Ed Shikada also claimed at that meeting that the new scope does not substantively change the nature of police audits. He also argued that accountability in the Police Department is best served by having Human Resources investigate internal personnel issues, the same way the city handles such issues in other departments.

Jonsen said the council’s recommended contract makes no changes to the types of reports under the contract that has taken place for years, “Shikada and I met with the council back on Dec. 16, just before the council voted to change the scope.”

The new report from OIR Group belies that claim and suggests that the report would in fact have been significantly different without the Dec. 16 policy changes. The audit report that the city eventually released, which relies on the new policy, does not discuss the Perron or other HR cases or weigh in on whether the department had appropriately investigated them.

Consistent with the Dec. 16 policy, the city also released the city manager’s “supplemental report” listing matters that had been investigated by Human Resources in the first half of 2018. The list includes two cases: an allegation of “discrimination, harassment and retaliation” that was deemed “unsupported,” and an allegation that an officer used “inappropriate language with a colleague.” That allegation was “supported,” which means the investigation disclosed evidence “sufficient to prove the allegation by a preponderance of evidence.”

The supplemental report does not offer any further details about these incidents.

When asked last week whether the delay in the police report and the new auditor’s policy is tied to the 2014 incident, Jonsen told the Weekly that the focus was to close an existing loophole and to clarify the process. He also stressed that he believes incidents that have “nexus to the public” should go to the OIR Group for review. By contrast, those that have to do with employee conflicts over a promotion or an evaluation should not go through that kind of process, he said.

The Perron incident was investigated in 2014 and 2015, long before Jonsen joined the city. The incident, he said, had already been investigated and handled properly.

“A comment like that made today, under my command, would not be tolerated. Period,” Jonsen said.

For more about the Palo Alto Police Department, read the Q&A with Chief Robert Jonsen, which starts on page 15. To read more about the audit report, including OIR Group’s review of Taser cases, go to PaloAltoOnline.com.

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and a “children at play” yield sign. He used large, all-capitalized text and high-contrast colors.

The posters are meant to be “big, bold, hard to ignore,” Wiesner told the Weekly. “It feels big, bold, hard to ignore,” Wiesner said. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Wiesner described Paul as a special child who made an impression on “everyone he came into contact with.”

He said he’s talked with Verbique about how distracted people are right now, both by the current news cycle and in general in their lives. They hope the posters will prevent future accidents and remind the community to “be more present in general for your loved ones and for others,” the family said in their statement.

“Life is busy,” Wiesner said, “and it’s easy to forget how valuable it is and how short it can be.”

An online donations page for the Slow Down for Kids initiative had raised just over $12,000 as of Saturday, March 14, at 10 a.m. at the Stanford Dish. It is “open to all families and community members as a small way for us to show our love and support for the Lafargues.”

They’re asking people to wear orange (as a symbolic ‘warning’ that more tragedies like this will continue to occur if changes aren’t made to improve our city’s street safety.”

The parents are also urging anyone who wants to advocate for “more traffic education, better street signage and effective speed limit enforcement” to email the City Council or speak at public meetings “so that something positive can come out of this devastating loss.”

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Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to meet in a closed session to discuss existing litigation, Miriam Green v. City of Palo Alto, and threatened litigation from Crown Castle pertaining to conditional approvals and denials of its applications for proposed cell nodes. The council will then hear an update about the city’s planning process for grade separations; consider amending various sections of the zoning code, including ones pertaining to residential parking programs and purchasing procedures, and consider increasing the city’s contract with GreenWaste by $850,000 to allow the company to process mixed paper within the United States. The closed session will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 16. The rest of the meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. or as soon as possible after the closed session in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

COUNCIL APPOINTED OFFICERS COMMITTEE ... The City Council’s Council-appointed Officers Committee plans to discuss the development of a request for proposals for an external firm to perform auditing services. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

COUNCIL POLICY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to discuss status updates on the code enforcement audit and the audit of parking funds. The committee will also discuss the council’s travel policy. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ... The school board will see the appointment of new principals for the two high schools on its consent calendar; take action on the district’s second interim budget report and new science materials for the middle schools; and discuss budget assumptions as well as a professional development plan and budget, among other items. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, at the district office, 25 Churchill Ave.

CITY/SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to meet at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave. Agenda was not available by press time.

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Designer Nick Wiesner created posters promoting road safety following the March 6 fatal collision between a truck and young bicyclist, Paul Lafargue, in Palo Alto. Posters are available for download at bit.ly/3aOwxBY.
PUBLIC HEALTH

Here’s the latest on the coronavirus

For more reporting, go to PaloAltoOnline.com.
by Palo Alto Weekly staff

With the number coronavirus cases in the country steadily climbing, the city of Palo Alto on Thursday declared a state of emergency, joining a growing number of jurisdictions preparing for the impacts of the spreading pandemic.

The proclamation of the emergency by City Manager Ed Shikada comes days after the city canceled more than 30 events, including town halls and civic ceremonies, to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus. The city has already canceled most of its public meetings and planned ceremonies, consistent with Santa Clara County’s recommendations to encourage “social distancing.”

The Thursday declaration is intended to provide Palo Alto with “flexibility in how we can respond to this changing crisis,” Mayor Adrian Fine announced Thursday. The declaration, he said, will help Emergency Services personnel “secure vital supplies, funding and assistance.” Emergency declarations allow local jurisdictions to activate their emergency plans and become eligible for reimbursements from federal and state governments.

Palo Alto is one of many jurisdictions declaring a state of emergency, which comes the same day that Mountain View made a similar move and a day after the city of Santa Clara made its declaration.

More state governments, including New York, California and Washington, had also announced a state of emergency to combat coronavirus.

Palo Alto also announced on Thursday a series of service changes that will take effect on March 16. Rinconada Pool was closed as of Thursday, the temporary Junior Museum and Zoo was set to close on March 1, and all Child Development Center programs were postponed until June. Local libraries are disabling some computers to ensure “social distancing,” and the Child Development Center will only be accessible by appointment.

Other services that are typically provided over the counter, including revenue collections and Residential Parking Permit programs, will also be offered by appointment, as well as by phone, email and online.

And residents looking to attend Monday’s meeting of the City Council are encouraged to instead submit their comments via email and to watch the live broadcast of the meetings.

To read the full message from Palo Alto Mayor Adrian Fine, go to our Spectrum section on page 14.

Palo Alto Unified to allow ‘flexible learning’ for some students

The Palo Alto school district is foregoing large events, including all school dances, open houses, parent-education events and field trips. But officials indicated Thursday that they are not planning to close down schools at this time. Rather, staff is preparing “flexible learning options” to accommodate those who prefer to learn remotely.

A memo that the district was preparing to send to parents, guardians and staff states that “broadly closing schools is a decision that is not taken lightly and is a last resort as it causes significant community disruptions.”

“Many families also rely on schools and staff for basic needs for their children, including regular meals, healthcare and child-care,” states the memo, which was signed by Superintendent Don Austin and which the board was discussing at an emergency meeting Thursday (the meeting was continuing past the Weekly’s press deadline).

“At present time, the Public Health Department is not recommending closing schools in an effort to slow COVID-19 transmission,” Austin wrote.

The memo states that options for “flexible learning” will be implemented on March 16 and reassessed on April 3. All students will be expected to return to school on April 13, after the April 6-10 spring break.

The memo notes that flexible learning resources “are not intended to replicate the in-class learning experience, but simply provide a small degree of continuity during the current public health crisis. Our goal is to wish- ing to keep their children out of school will be required to provide notice to the schools, indicating that start date of the intended absence and the date of expected return. If the absence is longer than 10 days, the parents must renew their notification.

“If you choose to exercise a flexible learning option, for public health purposes, the expectation is that your child(ren) will be engaged and not gathering for social or community activities,” the memo states.

High school athletic activities and performances will also be limited to 100 people. But a decision about prom at the two high schools, which Superintendent Don Austin initially announced would be canceled, is pending. He expects to have a decision by the end of this week.

“If there’s a way to save prom, I’m all in,” Austin said.

Parents and visitors will no longer be allowed on campuses during the school day. Parents with questions about participating in activities at their childrens schools should contact their principals.

Senior week events, graduations and summer school will proceed as planned. Outside rentals of district facilities will also be can- celled until the end of the school year, with a few exceptions.

First county death from COVID-19

On Monday, March 9, a Santa Clara County woman in her 60s who had been under treatment at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View for several weeks succumbed to COVID-19, according to the Public Health Department.

Her name has not been released to the public.

She was the first case in the county to contract COVID-19 without having recently traveled out of the country or having knowingly been in close contact with an infected person. Dr. Sara Cody, the county’s health officer, said the woman had underlying health conditions, but Cody did not specify the nature of those conditions.

Latest number of cases

As of Thursday, March 12, there were 66 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Santa Clara County, at least 16 of those were community-transmitted. The total is more than double the number one week ago, on March 13.

Santa Clara County has reported the most cases of any county in California, which has 231.

Palo Alto Unified to allow ‘flexible learning’ for some students

On March 11, Stanford University Athletics announced it is closing upcoming competitions to the public through May 15.

New norm: Working from home

Leading Silicon Valley-based tech companies including Google and Facebook are giving their employees the same message: work from home. Tech campuses have emptied out over the past week as firms attempt to follow public health guidelines to slow the spread of the new coronavirus. Essential job responsibilities, including security and maintenance, have kept some employees at tech offices out of necessity, however. One bright spot: Commute times for those still driving in to work have plummeted — for some, by half.

Nonprofits scramble to protect clients, staff

Local nonprofits are seeing drop offs in the numbers of volunteers and clients coming in for services. In particular, organizations with cadres of older volunteers are being hard hit as those volunteers stay home to protect themselves against the new coronavirus. At the same time, clients, fearful of becoming sick, are also staying away, prompting nonprofit staffs to adjust programs to increase safety.

Senior lunch services, for example, are packaging meals so seniors can take them home. Staff of the senior nutrition program at the Mountain View Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center report that instead of serving the typical 150-200 seniors a day, the program on Wednesday saw just 50 clients show up. Nonprofit leaders have also canceled major fundraisers, and fears are mounting that the organizations will be unable to pay their workers as programs shut down and employees are furloughed.

Train, bus agencies unfazed, though ridership drops

Commuters are being hit as those volunteers are shifting to off-peak trains to avoid crowded spaces. But, he said, “It’s very likely many people are staying at home and working from home.”

The VTA underscored on its website that transmission of the virus by contact with surfaces is “not a significant focus at this time.” Nonetheless, VTA buses and light-rail vehicles are cleaned daily, with service workers disinfecting frequently touched surfaces using a bleach-based cleaning solution, its web page states.
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“Toward would have to buy another plane ticket to go back home,” he said, explaining that he’d booked his flight to Georgia for next week, after finals. “Do I really have the finances to do that right now? Probably not.”

Although the university is putting faith in digital substitutions for classes, Williamson said he’s struggling to take advantage of online resources since in-person classes were canceled.

“That face-to-face interaction — like going and asking questions, interacting with TAs and professors — is much better learning experience than online,” he said.

Other students say that online learning poses its own challenges. Williamson’s dorm mate Emily Yuan said her roommate, who is from Hong Kong, is finding the logistics of continuing her coursework to be formidable.

“My roommate was saying she has her CS final, but it’s at 3 a.m. for her,” Yuan said. “You have to log on at 3 p.m. our time, and it cuts off at like 6.”

Since the spring quarter is slotted to rely on online classes for at least the first few weeks, the time difference for international students could become problematic.

“If she’s in Hong Kong) doing online classes,” Yuan said of her roommate, “she has to become nocturnal because all the classes are between midnight and like 6 a.m. for her.”

Freshman Haile Michael has decided to continue living in his campus dorm indefinitely, despite the threat of coronavirus. In addition to cost of travel, he said that — like Yuan’s roommate — time is a factor for him.

“There’s like 11 hours difference between my home and here,” said Michael, who is from Ethiopia.

Stanford said that undergraduate students who want to remain on campus through spring break and spring quarter can, though “university programming will be quite limited.”

Key card access to undergraduate residences will be changed to allow access only to students approved to stay on campus.

“We know the steps we are now taking represent a major change for our community, and we know not everyone may feel that a given action by the university is needed in their own situation,” Tesser-Lavigne said on March 10.

Stanford also suspended all international study abroad programs for the spring and has increased its travel restrictions to include university-sponsored travel to any country.

Stanford Athletics has decided to close all competitions to the public through May 15 or until further notice, limiting attendance to participants, coaches, working staff, officials, credentialed media and a “very limited number of family members, friends, and guests of the competing teams.”

Despite these restrictions, the university itself is remaining open “in order to continue fulfilling its mission to the greatest extent possible.” Stanford is encouraging employees and managers to work remotely if possible.

The University of Washington was reportedly the first major university to cancel in-person classes amidst an outbreak in Seattle and with a university staff member who tested positive for the coronavirus.

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Virginia Mann
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Virginia Mann died peacefully at the age of 94 at Channing House, in Palo Alto, on March 8, 2020. She is survived by her children William, Marilyn (Doug Lesar), Kevin (Christine), Susan and Andrew Mann, and granddaughters Monica Lesar and Sonya and Destiny Mann. She was preceded in death by her husband J. Keith Mann, a professor at Stanford Law School, and brothers Bill and Walter McKinnon.

Virginia was born on May 12, 1925, in Wadesboro, North Carolina. She graduated in 1947 from the Woman’s College of the University of North Carolina with a BA in English. She was editor of the literary magazine Coraddi and worked on the student newspaper. Virginia first met J. Keith Mann while he was in law school and she was doing graduate work in English at Indiana University. Later, they discovered they were both living and working in Washington, DC; they married in Washington in 1950. Their first child, William, was born in 1952 in Madison, Wisconsin, where Keith was a law professor at the University of Wisconsin. In 1952, Keith moved to Stanford Law School, and over the next 13 years, they welcomed four more children. After their youngest child was in school, Virginia worked as an office manager for the Program in Science, Technology, and Society at Stanford University.

Virginia had a lifelong love of literature and writing. She wrote many short stories and poems, as well as descriptions of her life growing up in Wadesboro. Her granddaughter Sonya created a website where you can read some of Virginia’s writings (http://virginiabywrote.blogspot.com/).

Virginia was known for her gentle manner and generous spirit. She was a keen observer, but seldom criticized or expressed frustration. She enjoyed movies, went to art and guitar at Peninsula School in Menlo Park, which her children also attended.

As an artist, she showcased her paintings in several exhibitions in Hermosillo, Mexico, where her husband was also a Fulbright lecturer. In 1969, she displayed 16 artworks dedicated to the 1968 Mexico Olympics at the Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico City. She went on to receive her bachelor’s degree in 1970 and master’s degree in 1975, both in art, from San Jose State University.

During that time, she and her husband relocated to Mozambique, Brazil, and then to Johannesburg, South Africa for 14 years. She continued her studies to earn her doctorate in anthropology from the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg in 1986.

Her dissertation, “Pain, Pride and Politics,” which examined the wall paintings by Ndebele tribal women, later informed her first book, “The Ndebele,” published in 1997. In addition, she was a contributor to the academic journal “African Arts,” served as a part-time curator at the Witwatersrand University Anthropology Museum and published many photographs from her field work.

When she returned to Palo Alto, she was a Stanford visiting scholar from 1986-88. After her husband died on Dec. 27, 2003, she became an active member in the writing classes at Avenidas

Irving B. Goldberg
July 9, 1926 – March 3, 2020

Irving B. Goldberg died peacefully at home on March 3 in Palo Alto at the age of 93 surrounded by family. Irving is survived by his daughter Elaine and her husband Charles and his son Evan and his wife Cindy, as well as five grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his loving wife Ruth of 66 years.

Irving was born on July 9, 1926 in Boston, Massachusetts to Meyer and Esther Goldberg. He attended Boston English High School, and soon after graduation in 1944 was inducted into the army. After basic training he was selected to be in an intelligence outfit and trained in Philippines for the invasion of Japan. After his two-year tour of duty for which he received several medals, he returned home and entered Boston University on the GI Bill. He graduated in 1952 with a Masters in Physics and Mathematics. In 1950, he married Ruth Bertman with whom he had five children and five grandchildren.

Irving began work as a physicist designing radars, and he spent the next 40 years in that industry, mostly at GTE Sylvania where he helped design and implement military communications systems including technology that was the forerunner of cellular phone service.

Irving and Ruth had two children and raised them in a love-filled house in Lexington, Massachusetts. Irving was an enormously kind and committed father who always wanted the best for his children. He was a strong believer in education and made sure his children always had access to the best schools had to offer. Irving was always both an athletically inclined and was an avid tennis player through much of his life.

Upon retiring, Irving and Ruth settled in Fairfield, Connecticut near Elaine and Chuck and ultimately moved to senior living in Palo Alto, California near Cindy and Evan. They adored their grandchildren and always attended any sporting event or performance they could. They enjoyed walking, going to movies, and trying new restaurants.

Irving loved to talk and listen and learn, to be entertained and to crack jokes. But most of all he loved and was devoted to his family and the love was truly mutual. His memory will be cherished by all of his family for the rest of their lives.

The family would also like to thank Kristine for her years of loving service to Irving.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The V Foundation for Cancer Research. https://v.org

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Editorial

The COVID-19 crisis

The spread of COVID-19 has outpaced steps to contain it. Now the challenge is to slow it down. A

s anxiety levels rise in the region over the rapidly escalating coronavirus crisis, an alarming lack of coordinated and consistent actions by public agencies, companies, schools and community organizations threatens to deepen its consequences and overwhelm medical facilities in the weeks ahead.

Our highway traffic jams have vanished. Caltrain is operating with fewer passengers than on holidays. Airlines are rapidly cutting their schedules and reducing their costs, yet they are not sharing the actions that the city of Palo Alto is currently taking, or could take if circumstances change. This is a frightening, first-of-its-kind situation for our community, but we must keep calm and take reasonable, disciplined steps to protect the public health.

I need to emphasize that this is a public health crisis, and the lead agency for our area is the Santa Clara County Public Health Department. It is our authoritative source for information, advisories, facilities, equipment, personnel and funding. That said, the city has been collaborating with a range of partners, including, but not limited to, the Palo Alto Unified School District, Stanford Hospital, Stanford University, neighboring cities, local businesses and nonprofits.

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Richard Mamelok

Churchill Avenue

Safety on Alma Editor

Regarding the “Dear Cyclists” letter in the Weekly’s March 6 edition, Park Boulevard and Bryant Street are presented as viable alternate routes, but they don’t go all the way to San Antonio Road.

Consider a cyclist heading north from San Antonio, going as far as Charleston Road. That means crossing Adobe Creek. Alma Street is the only road across the creek, between El Camino Real and Middlefield Road, and might be the safest among those three.

Why not then cross over to Park at Charleston, or cross over to Bryant at East Meadow? Personally I tend to do the latter. But many cyclists, just like many motorists, want to get where they are going as quickly and directly as possible. For roads shared by two or more travelers, there are right-of-way rules and signals.

Richard Feldman

Lisa Lane, Los Altos

Screen

Message from the Mayor

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Churchill Avenue
**O&A with the top cop**

**Palo Alto chief talks about car break-ins, use-of-force and accountability to the public**

by Gennady Sheyner

When Robert Jonsen took over as Palo Alto’s police chief in January 2018, he found himself overseeing a department that was struggling with vacancies and that had been without a permanent leader for a year. He made it clear right away that he hoped to strengthen the department by both hiring more people and getting the community more involved in policing.

“Public safety is not the responsibility of one individual or one entity,” Jonsen said during his swearing-in ceremony. “It’s a collaborative role, and we all have a role to play.”

To that end, Jonsen created a new citizens advisory group, revived a traffic-enforcement team and re-launched National Night Out block parties.

But while these efforts have seemingly borne fruit and serious crimes remain relatively rare, the department also faced criticism over the past year for several high-profile incidents in which officers used force during arrests (one of these led to a settlement), for an ongoing struggle with vacancies, and for a conspicuous response lagged during a medical emergency, and for a conspicuous absence of police-audit reports.

Crimes remain relatively rare, the department also faced criticism that most of these car break-ins were performed by organized crews who come from other cities. He also noted that this is a regional problem, with neighboring cities such as Menlo Park and Mountain View also experiencing recent crime waves in which dozens of cars are burglarized over a short period of time.

In this Q&A, Jonsen explains how Proposition 47 has lessened law enforcement’s ability to hold certain burglars and drug offenders accountable.

What have you been able to do with having more people and more sworn officers?

Jonsen: It’s probably one of the most exciting things right now for us because — you haven’t been privy to all the conversations I’ve had over the last two years, but many have had to do with our ongoing struggle with vacancies. We stayed at 13 from the day I came in until the last couple of months where we’re catching up. It was the combination of exodus and retirements — we couldn’t keep up.

By not having people leave to other organizations, that’s really helped us turn the tide. And the recruiting team has been phenomenal in creating an environment where people want to work for us.

It’s like a college recruiter who really wants that star athlete. There’s numerous star athletes out there being recruited by all the different agencies, and many of them are (located) a lot closer than Palo Alto to where these individuals live. James (Reifschneider) and his team have... set the mindset, “We’ll work with you through the process so there’s no lingering, no doubt where you’re at, where you stand.” They stay connected with them until the day we hire them. That’s really helped.

What is there anything you can do about it, given that it’s so quick that the time you get the call (offenders are gone). How can the department respond to that?

We have a crime analyst, so we’re well aware of how frequently they’re occurring, where they’re occurring in the city. We get this data; we send it out to our patrol officers. We do put operations in place to try to offset it. But I also think these crews are getting increasingly sophisticated. If they see a patrol car anywhere in the area, they’ll just go a couple of streets over and hit that street. I really preach high visibility. I think it’s important as a deterrent mechanism and it does work, but it’s not going to prevent it.

Some of the things that I think will prevent it is we have to do a culture look at our laws. Prop. 47 did reduce the penalties for a lot of these theft-related offenses and the standard on those. That’s why it’s become so prevalent. Because the consequences — even if they’re apprehended — are not as severe as they once were.

So what would happen to a typical person who is in one of these crews and gets nabbed?

The penalties associated with property crimes... they’re not as significant as they once were. It’s very, very common that someone who is apprehended for a property-related offense alone is most likely going to be released within a day or two, and they’ll be out and probably doing it again.

And the same thing goes for even the reclassification of some of the lower-level offenses pertaining to drugs. ... When we capture someone for under the influence or possession of cocaine, if it’s simple possession, it’s considered a misdemeanor and they’re really receiving a citation exactly like you would on a traffic violation. It’s a promise to appear.

There are some people who are — people who may have had a previous conviction under Prop. 47, but — let’s start holding people a little bit accountable for their (continued on page 16)
behavior. If someone used to steal something because they’re down on their luck. And they just resorted to food or something like that — petty theft and shoplifting — it was considered “lower level.”

But there was a system now into a business model — because these thefts aren’t done by individuals who need that iPad or that laptop. They’re doing it to sell it for the business.

That’s why we call them crews. There’s multiple individuals going in at the same time with the driver ready to go.

That’s the other part of the equation that I know other agencies battle with. The criminal enterprise has realized our policies related to pursuit... most agencies do not pursue property-related offenses alone.

What do you mean by “pursue”? If someone-steals something big — and someone you wouldn’t investigate?

We’d investigate. But whether we’d pursue someone — whether we’d use lights and sirens and a vehicle pursuit — is a whole (other) story. Those pursuits can be very dangerous. We’ve been chasing people down the street, especially in the city of Palo Alto, where congestion and traffic flow patterns are unlike any other city I’ve ever been a part of.

It’s just an unfortunate time we’re in because it all starts lining up in the criminal’s favor more than in the public’s favor.

On the use of force

You made a point at the meeting and at your annual report that used force is extremely low: 0.008% (in 2019) is what you cited. But when it happens it tends to be big. The two most recent publicized cases happened in the same area and involved at least one of the same officers. Agent (Thomas) DeStefano. The attorney for the victims has said repeatedly that this guy shouldn’t be on force, that there’s a big problem with police brutality. Is there any assurance you can offer to the community that you are seriously investigating incidents in which force is used? As far as the public can tell, he’s on the force and he’s been involved in three cases that involve lawsuits.

I can’t get into specifics, especially the cases you’re referring to because both are still ongoing in one capacity or another. What I can say and will say and have always said is that I do hold my people accountable. And I make it very, very clear: I will not tolerate when we do not treat people with respect. I’m also a realist in that we do not live in a world where everybody always obeys the rules of law and the orders that officers may have the authority to impose on them. In both of these incidents, the reality is the individual on the other side did not do what the officers were asking them to do.

I look at the incident from start to finish — all aspects. Did the officer(s) act professionally? Did he have authority to impose anything over this individual? Was it lawful, was it legal, was it righteous? From there I look at the other individual’s behavior, whether they complied with the request being made. Were they resisting? Were there both resistances? Was there a verbal confrontation and was the response reasonable?

Was the response reasonable in those cases in your opinion, knowing that limited portions of the videos are out there?

That’s exactly the thing. I won’t get involved in the second one, near Happy Donuts. That’s still being reviewed in a lot of different ways. But I’ve seen this in every organization I’ve been in, whether in Los Angeles, Menlo Park or Palo Alto. When there’s an officer that are very engaged in protecting this community, and they gain control over an individual. When they’re nonviolent, they’re nonviolent — they do not have to use force. They may have the authority to impose anything over this individual, but I don’t think any officer goes there in the intent of breaking a law.

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The frequency of engagement with these individuals can be very high. If you take those kinds of officers in specific demographics — and some of them, that may be their job, they may be assigned to a special unit because they’re very effective at targeting criminal offenders — you put them in those situations.

They’re dealing with individuals that are most likely involved in criminal activity, most likely are or possibly under the influence of a narcotic or involved in sale of narcotics. And I believe that if we do not want to be detained; those individuals don’t want to go back to jail. At certain times they resist that interaction, and that’s when problems start to unravel.

To go back: Do I feel that the outcome of the (Gustavo) Alvarez incident was what I expect of my officers? I’d say no. That started with a respectful interaction; it did not end with respect. If he was the way he was arrested and what was said afterwards. That does not meet my expectations.

I’m also a realist. I know our officers and I’ve seen it: they’ll start off with respect and, by gosh, that suspect does not respect them, does not go along with the program. They’re going to have to take him to the ground; they’ll have to get him in handcuffs. Their respect is that those handcuffs are on and once he’s clearly in our custody and complying, we better be back to 100% respect. The suspect and the officer are well-being is being taken care of.

And in that particular incident, I don’t feel we met that standard.

What about the (Julio) Arevalo incident (at Happy Donuts)? His orbital bone was shattered and he lost consciousness during arrest.

I don’t think any officer goes out there with the intent of breaking a law. They go there and there comes a time when they have to use force. Their intent is to gain control over the individual who is committing the crimes in this community, and they’ll focus on people they have arrested in the past, who they know are on probation, they know are on parole, they know are convicted to criminal activity.

One of the safeguards Palo Alto has is the independent auditor and the city Attorney’s Office. Am I happy that the city attorney and city manager — not he — manage the release of police auditor’s reports. He also expresses frustra- tion over being expected to address the 2014 incident, which was two years before he became chief.

On delays in police auditor reports

The incident from 2014?

The 2014 case. What I’m going to say as chief of this department is I’ve got something being released in 2014 is not my concern. Do I have a concern about behav- ior today? Absolutely. Will I hold my people accountable today? And as I mentioned at the study session — at all levels, respect. It’s frustrating to be a chief where people are saying, “You’ve got to do something about this” — based on something that hap- pened six years ago. That was something for the prior chief to address. How they addressed it was up to them; how they dealt with it was up to them.

I’m not holding you responsible for what happened in 2014, but the incident gained publicity just because it gained publicity. Not because some people believe that incident is tied to the IPA report (delay) and to new rules regarding IPA reports.

There was room for improvement (in the IPA process). We talked about it — me, the city manager and the city attorney — when they went to council for a new contract (with OIR). I...
Perron incident? It’s a beef within the department, but the implications are that there are attitudes that could spill out into community work.

At times, the public gets a piece of information and the piece of (a) situation without knowing all of its context. If you were to go back and look into that particular case...

I spoke to the officer who was involved and who corroborated what was reported in (Daily) Post. So I have no reason to think he’s lying.

I’m not even asking that. From some of the articles I read, he was the one who filed the complaint and that spiraled things: maybe some people think the comment was made to him. What I’m trying to get at is, you have to have all the information before you just start saying, “Something needs to be done.”

Even not knowing all the context, I can’t think of a context where that comment would be OK.

I’m not saying it’s OK either, in any context. In that particular case six years ago, I wasn’t privy to it, so I won’t comment on it. Today a comment like that made today under my command would not be tolerated. Period.

Just to be clear, my question is: Does the incident have anything to do with the (new IPA report) rules? Because that’s the suspicion. You heard Aram James talk about it (at the Feb. 24 council meeting on community policing) — like you’re protecting.

It’s not that incident alone. It’s the processes we were trying to look at, and the timing. As a new chief coming in, I was trying to get an understanding of who does what, when they do it and what the outcome was. It was the combination of trying to work through all of that, so moving forward we can have a clear understanding of what my silo is, what HR’s responsibility is, what the City Manager’s Office’s is...

I think what the community can expect this year is you’re going to get these reports much faster. Now it’s just a matter of getting back on track, putting them out. I hope we won’t have to wait two years for the final report of 2019.

I hope so too. You heard Aram James ask: Will this apply retroactively — to 2014 case — will IPA consider that case or is it now viewed as outside the scope of IPA?

I don’t believe it does (apply). We’re not going back to 10 years ago, six years ago... At some point as a community we have to say, “Let’s start fresh.” And I’m not trying to cover anything up, not trying to block anything.

I think the frustration is that it’s kind of hard to move on when people don’t have the information about what’s been done, if anything. If people think, rightly or wrongly, that there’s been misconduct of any sort and there’s been no information provided to them suggesting that anything that’s been done, they can assume rightly or wrongly that nothing’s been done.

We’re probably not going to get past that. That’s a reality.

The community is going to see are worst-case scenarios. They’re not going to see the thousands of times that law enforcement officers throughout this country take people into custody peacefully.

But internal conflicts will no longer go there (into OIR reports). I’ve seen various examples of past internal conflicts that did go there.

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I feel that if there’s a nexus to the public, I truly believe it needs to go to Mike Gennaco’s office. If it has to do with an employee’s beef with another employee over a promotion or an evaluation, that’s an internal type of complaint that I don’t feel needs to be reported to the public.

In which bucket then would you place the 2014 Capt. (Zach)
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On video recordings

Like other police departments across the nation, Palo Alto’s is increasingly relying on video footage to review interactions between officers and the public. When Jonsen arrived in Palo Alto, the department had a total of 10 body-worn cameras; during his first year, it added 50 more and made them standard equipment for sworn officers on duty (this is in addition to the video systems in police cruisers, each of which includes five cameras).

In some high-profile incidents, like the officer-involved shooting that occurred on Christmas Day in 2015, video footage was used during the investigation (and then released to the public) to clear the officers involved of any wrongdoing. Yet the department has also seen some cases — including a bungled June 2019 response in which it took emergency responders more than 40 minutes to get a Barron Park woman who was exhibiting stroke symptoms to a hospital — in which an officer failed to turn on her camera, fueling public suspicions about what actually happened.

While the department is adding video technology, California lawmakers are adopting new laws making it easier for the public to acquire information about department activities, increasing both transparency and public scrutiny of police activity.

In this Q&A, Jonsen says that the public may not be ready for the full transparency that release of all videos would bring.

Everyone is comfortable with officers being on tape; not everyone is comfortable with themselves being on tape and visible to others.

That means interactions with everybody, not just the people we take into custody.

I want to ask you about a 911 case that we wrote about from June 2019, where it took a long time for a woman to get medical help. City Manager Ed Shikada told the council that there’s been steps taken after that to revise some of the procedures about these responses. Can you tell me what, if anything, has changed since then?

That’s another one we’re still doing a lot of review of. We’ve immediately put some mechanisms in place to make sure we’re providing the best services possible and the fastest responsible times possible.

And the first thing we looked at was our staging protocol. We made sure working with (the) fire (department) that we’re on the same page in response protocols so next time a 911 call comes in, we don’t want the person who is receiving the call to be figuring that out because they’re only the recipient of what’s being told to them.

If they feel it’s a medical emergency, we’re going to respond and we’re not going to tell anyone to stage. We’re going to be proactive, get there and stage it.

We’ve had trouble getting body camera footage from Adrienne Moore. We got a letter from the city saying it doesn’t exist. Do you know what happened to that, given that you said at the Monday meeting that camera footage is almost always available and this one is missing.

I’d rather refrain from commenting because it’s one of the cases we’re still looking at. What I will say, for the public’s benefit is: We look at every incident and we look to see if it was captured and that policies were adhered to.

Was it in this case?

Absolutely. That is unequivocal. That incident was captured from start to finish.

You talked about transparency and accountability on Monday — which was music to my ears. I’ve had a hard time getting documents — not necessarily about specific cases, but about communication between IPA and police. … I hope in the future that can be better process than three months of delays followed by almost nothing.

When state legislation passed all those laws, the floodgates opened on PRA (California Public Records Act) requests. It’s a capacity issue, but it’s clearly a concern of mine. … We’re getting requests from news agencies, and our staff is inundated. It’s just not possible for them to keep up.

I’m hoping to get a full-time position to deal with public records requests because when the Legislature passed all of that, they didn’t give us resources to deal with it. I’m hoping to get it accomplished this year.

I wanted to ask you about mindfulness and wellness, things you talked about when you were just getting started …

The issue for me is resiliency. We want our officers to serve our community for many years in the best way they can, and they have to be well to do that. I think if they’re well that’s going to naturally correspond to how they interact with anybody in any situation.

Have you introduced any new programs to foster that?

We have the Courageous Heart program within the department. That’s known as the Stanford’s Cultivating Compassion program. We’ve been offering that to all sworn personnel and department personnel since I’ve been here. It’s an ongoing eight-week program where we talk about compassion for ourselves, compassion for others and difficult situations in your life. And I think it’s been extremely well-received, but it’s probably a conversation for another time.

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by Yoshi Kato

Since 1994, Earthwise Productions founder Mark Weiss has been bringing a variety of up-and-coming and established independent artists to the Palo Alto area. A local fixture both online and around town, Weiss boasts an impressive track record of booking artists from the likes of CAKE, Imogen Heap and Blink182 in their early days to trumpeters Dave Douglas, harmonica titan Charlie Musselwhite and vocalist Jane Monheit in just a few months.

After having produced shows in spaces such as Stanford’s CoHo, the Varsity Theatre courtyard and Cubberley Community Center, the 56-year-old Gunn High School alumnus now uses Mitchell Park Community Center, Earthwise’s de facto bandstand, having kicked off an invigorated incarnation of Earthwise Productions Live in 2018 that’s going strong, with Weiss arranging for not only the booking and paying of the artists but also the rental fee of the room, publicity and the cost of the sound equipment.

“Weiss is presenting Parlour Game, the rootsy jazz combo featuring violinist Jenny Scheinman and drummer Allison Miller,” the New York-based Millennium Music Review said. “One big thing that’s happened to me in the last six years, basically since I became a mom, I’m not working as a side musician as much — actually hardly any,” Miller reflected in a phone call with the Weekly while walking to catch the new Broadway revival of Stephen Sondheim’s “Company” with some friends. “Part of that was a conscious decision, because I’ve gotten more into composing. I’ve gotten more into writing songs and working with my bands, then I can have a different musical setting this month while Parlour Game itself was actually born out of another of Miller’s bands, Boom Tic Boom, while on a tour including Staaf and Scherr.

“We noticed this affinity that the four of us had for a certain type of playing and overlap in early influences. And we just wanted to go for something that honored those early influences and was cooler and felt good,” she said. Scheinman said that Parlour Game has a more accessible style, compared to some of the musicians’ more abstract endeavors.

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Jazz/roots supergroup Parlour Game to perform at Mitchell Park Community Center March 16

What: Parlour Game.
Where: El Palo Alto Room, Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.
When: Monday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $20.
Info: tinyurl.com/sa9u6te.

Scheinman, who’s based in California, is performing in three different musical settings this month while Parlour Game itself was actually born out of another of Miller’s bands, Boom Tic Boom, while on a tour including Staaf and Scherr.

“I say quite often at shows, as well as when I’m writing and composing, ‘Okay, I need to be home more. I’ve gotten more into composing, I’m not working as a side musician as much — actually hardly any,’” Miller reflected in a phone call with the Weekly while walking to catch the new Broadway revival of Stephen Sondheim’s “Company” with some friends. “Part of that was a conscious decision, because I’ve gotten more into composing. I’ve gotten more into writing songs and working with my bands, then I can have a different musical setting this month while Parlour Game itself was actually born out of another of Miller’s bands, Boom Tic Boom, while on a tour including Staaf and Scherr.

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Eating Out

From pastries to burgers, temporary spots serve up a variety of memorable meals

by Elena Kadvany

There’s something alluring about pop-ups — both their ephemeral nature and the sense of community you feel eating with like-minded people who are willing to seek out birria tacos made out of a home garage on a Tuesday afternoon or to support a software engineer pursuing his true passion for making Asian-inspired croissants.

Pop-ups often lay the foundation for permanent locations for food businesses, and it’s exciting to follow up-and-comers as they transition to bigger things.

In no particular order, below are five pop-ups of note happening throughout the Midpeninsula.

Amandine Project chef series

Jean-Luc Kayigire, owner of Los Altos cocktail bar Amandine Project, started last fall a pop-up dinner series featuring international chefs. The first event was a six-course meal cooked by Rodolfo Castel- lanos, the well-known chef-owner of Origen Oaxaca in Oaxaca, Mexico. Earlier this month, chef Raika Suwito flew in from Maizahi, Japan, to make his Japanese-flavored Italian food using produce from Luna Vez Farms in Los Altos and pasta from Los Altos Italian restaurant Tre Monte.

Kayigire has been inviting chefs he meets while traveling or through connections he’s made as a restaurant owner. The goal of the pop-ups, he said, is to bring more visibility to Los Altos.

“Our job is introducing as many people as possible to come enjoy Los Altos,” he said. “I know a lot of chefs. For me, that’s the best way I can give back to Los Altos.”

The next pop-up will be in April and feature a yet-to-be-named chef from Paris.

Follow Amandine Project at instagram.com/amandineproject/ for updates.

Little Sky Bakery

Tian Mayimin has drawn a local following for her naturally leavened breads, baked out of her Menlo Park home. A former criminal defense attorney and entrepreneur, she started experimenting with baking after moving to California, using a starter that has reportedly been nurtured by monks for more than a hundred years.

You can now find her orange-olive oil challah, sourdough baguettes and country bread at several local farmers markets: Portola Valley (Thursdays from 2-5 p.m.), downtown Palo Alto (Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), Menlo Park (Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), and Mountain View (Sundays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), where she recently started doing grilled cheese and breakfast sandwiches. She also delivers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in Menlo Park and Palo Alto.

Visit littleskybakery.com for updates.

Lil’ Eagle Burger

The Peninsula’s only smashburger pop-up is run by Zack Fernandes, a communications manager at Apple by day and burger obsessive by night. He only serves smashburgers — his latest iteration being two 2-ounce patties made from an 80-20 chuck blend, smashed to peak thiness and topped with gooey Kraft American cheese, caramelized onions and a mayo-based sauce that he “umamifies” with fish sauce and other ingredients on an unfussy potato bun.

“Burgers are such a quintessential immigrant food for me,” said Fernandes, who was born in Singapore and moved to the United States as a teenager. “George Motz talks about this in his book (“Hamburger America”) and some videos, but there would be no hamburger if the hamburg steak from Germany didn’t end up at a world’s fair in New York where some dude slapped it in between two slices of bread.

“I think it’s funny that people view the hamburger as being so distinctly American,” he said, “and forget about that very important factor.”

Follow Fernandes at instagram.com/zachareats/ for updates.

Bagel Tuesdays at Manresa Bread

Manresa Bread hosts two of its own pop-up weekly: bagels on Tuesdays and pizza on Wednesdays, though the latter is only available at the Campbell location. All three locations of the bakery (Los Altos, Los Gatos and Campbell) serve naturally fermented sourdough bagels — plain, sesame, everything and cinnamon raisin — from 7 a.m. until the bakery sells out.

Manresa Bread, the bakery spinoff of the three-Michelin-star Manresa in Los Gatos, is the grain-forward brainchild of Avery Ruzicka, who was recently named a semifinalist for a James Beard award.

Manresa Bread is located at 271 State St., Los Altos. Call 650.946.2293 or visit manresabread.com.

Something Swede-ish

The Peninsula’s sole Swedish sweets pop-up serves kardemummabullar (a cardamom bun), drömmar (Swedish dream cookies, akin to a Mexican wedding cookie), semlor (a yeasted bun sliced in half and filled with cream, traditionally served on Fat Tuesday) and other baked goods. Something Swede-ish owner Denise Touhey, who grew up in Belmont with her Swedish grandmother, draws inspiration from Swedish cookbooks and family recipes.

She pops up on Thursdays at Woodside cafe The Village Hub, 3134 Woodside Road.

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ATHERTON AVERAGE INCOME TOPS $500K

Half a million dollars in income is now below average in Atherton, a stunning stat that led Bloomberg to tout the town as “America’s Richest Town” for the fourth year running on its list of the wealthiest U.S. communities. Atherton households earn an average of $525,000 annually, according to the list, published last month. The town became the first, and only, community to top the half-million-dollar mark since Bloomberg started compiling the index in 2017, according to the publication. Nearby Hillsborough ranked No. 3 on the list, with an average yearly household income of $430,681. Other Peninsula towns on the list include Los Altos Hills, ranked No. 5, with an average annual household income of $405,073; and Los Altos, ranked 24th, with an average annual household income of $302,068. Bloomberg evaluated household data for all U.S. towns with at least 2,000 households and ranked them based on average household income.

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The Filoli estate maintains a cutting garden to supply the house with fresh flowers for arrangements, but you don’t need a designated plot to create your own cutting garden; flowers can be incorporated into existing plantings. Photo by Julie By DeVere, courtesy of Filoli.

FIloli expert shares tips for having fresh flowers in the house almost year round by Laura Swenson

In the mid-20th century, William Roth, who resided at Woodside’s historic Filoli estate from 1937 to 1963, insisted on wearing a fresh carnation from his garden on his lapel every day. Today, old heritage bred carnations and a variety of flowers continue to grow in cutting cages in the very location and style of those installed during Filoli’s construction in 1917.

Throughout Filoli’s 100-year history, its cutting garden has grown plant materials for fresh flower displays in the house. The estate’s two female heads of household, Agnes Bourn and Lurlene Roth, respectively, were avid flower arrangers themselves when they lived on the estate, and today, a committee of volunteers is largely responsible for the arrangements throughout the historic site.

Filoli will offer a “Designing a Cutting Garden” workshop on March 27 and 28, intended to empower students to set up their own cutting gardens. The March 27 course sold out early, prompting the addition of a second class on March 28.

Emily Saeger, one of Filoli’s lead horticulturists, teaches the workshop. Saeger describes cutting gardens as production spaces designed to be cut from continuously throughout the season. Typically by an appealing lack of formality, cutting gardens can exist as designated plots or can fill in the margins of a backyard. Because cutting gardens allow us to bring the outside landscape into our homes, they are also, in Saeger’s words, “really about honoring our sense of place and connection to place through flowers.”

The workshop draws inspiration from Filoli as an ornamental garden by emphasizing the design of the cutting garden itself and not solely focusing on its utilitarian nature. In the class, Saeger will teach basic home garden design principles which may not always be taught in cutting garden classes, such as creating dynamism through varied plant heights, spacing flowers based on their time of bloom, and using odd versus even numbers in the garden.

Students come to Saeger hungry for advice on what to grow, but she finds it difficult to give a blanket recommendation. Instead, Saeger encourages students to observe the nuances of their site’s microclimate and sun exposure to inform flower selection. In the workshop, she also teaches how to conduct a mason jar soil test to understand the composition of clay versus silt versus sand, which impacts how to best amend the soil.

That said, cosmos, zinnias, snapdragons, sunflowers and annual scabiosa varieties make for popular choices because you can cut them multiple times a week for many weeks throughout the summer, Saeger said. In late winter, daffodils, heliobore and paperwhites tend to thrive throughout much of the Bay Area.

The workshop includes recommendations on how to cut flowers, including why to cut early in the morning, why to cut low and at an angle, and why to submerge cut stems in water as soon as possible. However, new gardeners struggle with simply harvesting at all.

“People are afraid to cut flowers,” Saeger said. “I think there is a misconception that cutting will somehow deter your plants from blooming, and really, the opposite is true.”

Many flowers, such as dahlias, produce more flowers over the course of the season if blooms are continuously harvested.

Saeger discusses sustainable cutting garden practices in the workshop, in terms of selecting flowers beloved by pollinators, installing drip irrigation, composting and sourcing seeds responsibly. She also emphasizes workload sustainability. Home gardeners can have lofty ambitions for time they want to devote to their garden. Saeger encourages students to set an intention for their cutting garden, whether it’s making one bouquet per week for their home, or bringing a few arrangements to friends every month.

“Have some understanding about your goals and get clear about those because that will affect how you design your space,” Saeger said. A simple goal can help gardeners let go of perfectionism.

After last year’s class on the same subject, Saeger’s students requested to delve deeper into harvesting. In response, this year’s spring classes will continue to emphasize site preparation and plant selection, and a second summer course, whose date is yet to be determined, will focus on maintenance and harvesting, as well as flower arrangement.

Why is Saeger passionate about cutting gardens?

“A cutting garden can be a really cool way to build a relationship with your landscape and spend time outdoors, learn about your property, your whole garden and also then elevate your interior space by bringing your garden inside. It’s a very meditative, beautiful practice to have.”

She added: “I don’t know anyone who’s upset if you bring them flowers that you grew.”

Freelance writer Laura Swenson can be emailed at laurajswens@gmail.com.

If you’re interested

The “Designing a Cutting Garden” class is offered 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28, at the Filoli estate, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside. Class fee is $60. For more information, call 650-364-8000 or visit filoli.org. Due to ongoing public health concerns, events may be canceled with short notice. Call ahead to confirm.

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163 Greenoaks Dr $5,295,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 3 BD/2.5 BA
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3015 San Juan Blvd $1,998,000
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CUPERTINO
20183 Northcrest Sq $1,198,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 2 BD/2 BA
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EAST PALO ALTO
1044 Bradley Way $1,149,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 1 BD/1 BA
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HALF MOON BAY
161 Shelter Cove Dr Call for price
Sat/Sun 1-4 2 BD/1 BA
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MENLO PARK
21 Willow Rd #41 (C) $1,275,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 2 BD/2 BA
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MONTE SERENO
17349 Creekside Ct $2,650,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 3 BD/2.5 BA
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MORGAN HILL
840 E. Central Av $1,148,000
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MONTE SERENO
355 Old La Honda Rd $5,595,000
Sun 2-4 3 BD/4.5 BA
Coldwell Banker Palo Alto 325-6161

MOUNTAIN VIEW
325 Sylvan Av #50 $349,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 3 BD/2 BA
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PALO ALTO
109 Webster St $1,300,000
Sun 1-4 3 BD/2 BA
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PORTOLA VALLEY
277 Mapache Dr $7,495,000
Sun 1-4 3 BD/2 BA
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REDWOOD CITY
2449 Carolina Av $1,648,000
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Intero 435-2931

SAN BRUNO
2341 Whitecliff Way $3,160,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 3 BD/2 BA
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SAN CARLOS
742 Crestview Dr $4,150,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 4 BD/4 BA
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SAN JOSE
1233 Diablo Way $1,799,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 3 BD/2.5 BA
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SANTA CLARA
141 Bret Harte Ct $1,200,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 3 BD/2 BA
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SUNNYVALE
1266 Sargent Dr $1,869,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 3 BD/2 BA
Intero 435-2931

WOODSIDE
1942 Kings Mountain Rd $2,195,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 3 BD/2.5 BA
Compass 740-2970

425 Kingsley Av $4,985,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 4 BD/3.5 BA
Coldwell Banker Palo Alto 325-6161

567 Maybell Av $5,425,750
Sat/Sun 1-4 3 BD/2.5 BA
Golden Gate Sothebys International Realty 447-9211

574 Alta Madera Av $11,800,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 5 BD/4 BA
Yarkin Realty 394-4242

142 Kellogg Av $4,388,000
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 4 BD/3 BA
DeLeon Realty 679-1108

1436 Harker Av $5,750,000
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Intero 400-2931

161 Forest Av $5,488,000
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Coldwell Banker Palo Alto 415-577-2924

299 Grove Dr $3,995,000
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35 Linaria Way $2,650,000
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2031 Antrim Ct $4,388,000
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25 Los Charros Ln $5,750,000
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563 Old La Honda Rd $3,595,000
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750 Mountain Rd $2,995,000
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

Friday, February 21, 2020

Mrs. Marcy Blaine, Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County

TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WHERE NOTICE OF THIS NOTICE OF PUBLICATION HAS NOT BEEN REQUIRED BY LAW, AT THE ENTRANCE, SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE, NORTH MARKET STREET, PALO ALTO, CA

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S REAL ESTATE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Trustee, Sacramento Savings Bank, a national banking association, at 8243 Grand Staff Drive, Sacramento, CA 95823, in the county of Sacramento, State of California, on or before MARCH 26, 2020, at 10:00 o’clock a.m., will sell at the usual place of sale, the property subject to the following described in Section 580d of the California Civil Code, at the GATED NORTH MARKET STREET ENTRANCE, SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE, PALO ALTO, CA 94301, to wit: the right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under the Deed of Trust of even date to the Beneficiary under said Deed of Trust and the Beneficiary and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN COUNTERPART TO THE TRUSTEE’S NOTICE OF SALE and the address other common designation, if any, of the real property described herein, which Trustee, at said sale, will sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash, at said sale, the property. The Trustee has been appointed by the Beneficiary under said Deed of Trust, to sell the property described herein, for the purpose of paying the unpaid balance of the obligation secured thereby, together with interest at the rate of 7.00% per annum. The Trustee has been appointed as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust of even date to the Beneficiary, as now in effect, and which is more particularly described in the Declaration of Trust recorded in the office of the county recorder of the county where the real property is situated, under the fictitious business name(s) of EMILY A. MARR and later modified by a Loan under and pursuant to Deed of Trust of even date to RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee of the said loan, as more particularly described in the Declaration of Trust recorded in the office of the county recorder of the county where the real property is situated, under the fictitious business name(s) of 15325262.

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997 All Other Legals

T.S. No. 01718153 A.P.N. 146-06-001

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ON THE AIR

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Across
1 School that won 10 NCAA basketball championships in 12 years
5 Planetarium projections
10 Section of music that’s repeated
14 “Bowful on the specials list
19 “Trapped in the Drive—” (Weird Al song)
20 Beaker’s spot
21 Goose formations
23 Nursery schooler
24 “Grown-up” cereal ingredient
27 Italian veal dish
29 “Deep Space Nine” constable
30 Tap takeover unit
33 Hypnotic state
34 Mess up
36 Aragon-born artist
39 So help me!
40 “I Am the Walrus” refrain
41 “Trapped in the Drive—” (Weird Al song)
43 Even so
45 24-karat, gold-wise
46 Tabby tooth
49 Believer of sorts
51 It takes night deposits
53 Arthur of “Maude” and “The Golden Girls”
54 “Department of Labor training program
57 Severn College, Harford County
59 Gold, to Cortez
60 Christmastime
61 Addr. on a business card
62 Accumulation
64 “Bands like AKB48 and Babymetal (but not BTS—that’s a different letter)
69 Cop on a bust
70 “To fetch ___ of water”
71 1952 Winter Olympics city
72 Laundromat lather
73 Mary Poppins, for example

Down
1 “What can Brown do for you?” company
2 ___-Magnon man
3 Actor Diamond Phillips
4 iPad Pro maker
5 Ticket souvenir
6 Blues guitarist, Mahal
7 From the beginning, in Latin
8 Rakish sorts
9 Most in need of a massage
10 Terrier treater
11 1991 U2 album featuring the song “One”
12 Fez’s country
13 Demoted (like a former planet)
14 Nightfall
16 “I Am the Walrus” refrain
18 Kevin who played Hercules on TV
20 Driving visibility problem
25 “___, believe ___”
26 Wave rider’s accessory
28 Pigs Invasion (1961 event)
31 Quail ___ omelet
32 Gwyneth Paltrow’s lifestyle brand
33 Hypnotic state
34 Mess up
35 B vitamin acid
36 Aragon-born artist
39 So help me!
40 “I Am the Walrus” refrain
41 Kaitlin of “It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia”
42 Hot tub nozzle
43 Capital of Newfoundland and Labrador
44 “Walden” writer

This week’s SUDOKU

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Sleek, Modern and Brand New

Architecturally designed in sleek modern style, this just-completed 5 bedroom, 4 bath home rests on a large fully fenced lot. Drought-tolerant native plants complement the natural beauty of the exterior, which showcases vertical cedar slats that add contemporary panache encircling an upstairs balcony. Wide-plank oak floors extend throughout the two levels, all with elegant white walls and finishes in natural stone, Calacatta marble, Corian and textured porcelain tile. The floor plan is open and flowing with options for multiple living areas, a well-defined formal dining area, and a fabulous kitchen. Push-to-open European cabinetry keeps the look ever so clean, a linear gas fireplace enhances the ambiance, and heated floors in every bathroom add a sumptuous touch. Three of the bedrooms upstairs open to exterior balconies for fresh-air enjoyment. A large bamboo deck in the rear yard invites outdoor living amid lawn and fully landscaped grounds.

Listed at $4,288,000

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