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After rioters overrun Capitol, lawmakers rebuke president

Eshoo: Mob violated ‘the tabernacle of our democracy’

by Sue Dremann

Locked in a windowless room in an undisclosed place, U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo Wednesday evening called the five-plus hours she spent hiding from mobs of President Donald Trump supporters who stormed the nation’s Capitol building the worst day of her life in politics.

“I think it’s been a day from hell for everyone who’s here and across the country,” she said on a phone call from Washington, D.C., where she was still in lockdown.

“This is the tabernacle of our democracy. To see a mob break through, break windows, ... It really leaves one so shaken,” she said.

The country has never experienced such an extraordinary event as the takeover of its congressional halls by a citizen mob seeking to overturn the election of a president. The last time the government was attacked in such a manner was in the 1800s when a foreign power attacked the White House, she said. (During the War of 1812, the British Army raided and set fire to the White House, the Capitol and other structures in D.C.)

Eshoo said she was walking from her office through a tunnel to the House chamber when a mob breached the building. She was headed to the gallery to observe the proceedings, as only those who were speakers were allowed on the floor due to COVID-19 protocols. Capitol police came running toward her.

“They said, ‘Turn around! Turn around! Go back! Go back!’” she said.

She had not been allowed to return to her office in the Cannon Building, one of two buildings that had been evacuated, as of Wednesday evening, she said, but she was with other people.

When she came to work, she thought the security seemed “totally inadequate.” There didn’t (continued on page 11)

CITY HALL

DuBois and Burt tapped to lead Palo Alto

Council’s picks for mayor, vice mayor reflect new political dynamics after Election Day

by Gennady Sheyner

Tom DuBois, a steadfast member of the Palo Alto City Council’s “residentialist” majority, and Pat Burt, a political veteran coming off an emphatic election win, will lead the council this year as mayor and vice mayor, respectively.

In a ceremonial meeting that followed one of the most competitive races for the vice mayor position in recent years. A political centrist who received the most votes in the November election, the former two-time mayor edged out council members Alison Cormack and Lydia Kou after two rounds of voting.

Ultimately, Burt’s nomination advanced by a 4-3 vote, with Burt joining DuBois and council members Eric Filseth and Greer Stone. The swing vote was Filseth, who had nominated Cormack for vice mayor and who supported her candidacy in the first round of the vote. After none of the three candidates received the needed four votes, Filseth threw his vote to Burt, giving him the victory.

Council members Greg Tanaka and Lydia Kou voted for Kou in both rounds, while Filseth and Cormack had each supported Cormack’s nomination in the first round of the vote.

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NEW YEAR’S BABY ... Stanford Children’s Health welcomed seven babies on Jan. 1 — the first being Jalen Ramos, who entered the world at 1:53 a.m. Born at 5 pounds and 2 ounces, the newborn arrived earlier than Leigh Santiago and Andrew Ramos expected. The first-time parents checked in for an induction on Dec. 31 and Santiago was given medication that afternoon. Her contractions built up during the day and, after a brief nap, she woke up to her water breaking at 11 p.m. She was provided an epidural and moved to the delivery room where Jalen was born in less than five minutes. The family of three is doing well back at home in San Bruno. “We didn’t expect the birth to go that fast. We expected him to come in the middle of the day on New Year’s Day,” Santiago said. “He has an excuse every year now to stay up until midnight with us.”

IN TRIBUTE ... Palo Alto firefighter John Preston continued his mission to raise suicide prevention awareness among first responders and veterans this week, Preston, who supported the cause with a 625-mile walk last year from Palo Alto to San Diego, embarked on a 50-kilometer walk (roughly 31 miles) in the east bay this week. The 24-hour journey that began on Jan. 3 at 8 a.m. honored two emergency responders who died by suicide: Ed Smith III, a retired Alameda firefighter of over 30 years, and Eric Mikel, an Alameda County firefighter. Smith’s son, Barney Smith, who had joined Preston for last year’s trek, wanted to honor his late father on the anniversary of his death with a hike that spanned his regular work commute from Livermore to Alameda. When Barney Smith suffered a back injury and nearly canceled the hike, Preston and the younger Smith’s friend decided to move forward with the journey that crossed through downtowns and well-traveled streets while carrying Smith’s and Mikel’s fire helmets. They covered 22 miles in about 11 hours on the first day, meeting firefighters and Smith’s and Mikel’s loved ones along the way. Crews also followed the route on their fire rigs. They spent the night in Castro Valley and continued their walk at 4 a.m. the next day. Despite some rain, the group made it to Alameda by 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, ending the hike at Fire Station 4, where the elder Smith previously worked. “This gives people an opportunity to heal and heal in a way that they’re getting the message out to help others. It was such a blessed day,” said Preston, a Marine Corps veteran. The public can honor Smith and Mikel by doing their own 50K and logging their journey on sweettrackers.com/Registration/Face/FirstResponderMenRun.

GIVING SHELTER ... The Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System ended 2020 on a high note. On top of administering the first COVID-19 vaccine doses in the region (thanks to specialized freezer it had to keep them at a stable temperature), it was one of 12 groups that will have a new Fisher House, a temporary housing site for families and caregivers of veterans and active duty members under the VA’s care. “This is another great example of our commitment to the needs of our veterans and their families. We could not be prouder to be selected,” VA Palo Alto Director Thomas Fitzgerald said in a Dec. 14 statement. The VA system currently has two Fisher Houses — one with 21 rooms and another with 20 rooms. The facility includes a common kitchen area, laundry machines and a living room that features a library and townhouse, according to a press release. The house also is handicapped-accessible and equipped with elevators. The homes built through the Fisher House Foundation were donated to the VA, which handles operations, maintenance, upkeep and staffing of the facilities. There’s currently no timeline for when the VA Palo Alto’s new Fisher House will be completed.
Next COVID-19 vaccine phase rollout could come in weeks

Phase 1B would cover seniors age 75 and older and many other essential workers

by Sue Dremann

T
ehe next tier of COVID-19 vaccines, Phase 1B Tier 1, could come “very soon, as supply increases over the next few weeks,“ Dr. Robert Schechter, co-chair of California’s Drafting Guidelines Workgroup, said on Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Schechter made the statement, somewhat reluctantly, during a meeting of the Community Vaccine Advisory Committee after being pressed to provide a more definite estimate for when the next phase of vaccines might roll out. But before that happens, front-line health care workers and residents at long-term facilities who are in the Phase 1A groups will need to have completed their vaccinations, which require two injections about three weeks apart. The state has administered only about one third of the 1.3 million vaccines it has as of Jan. 3, Gov. Gavin Newsom said.

Looking forward, the Drafting Guidelines Workgroup and the Community Vaccine Advisory Committee are preparing for who will receive those shots and how to make sure they are administered equitably. They face a dizzying array of research, decisions and logistical challenges, with each new group as the vaccines roll out.

The next phase, 1B, would be split into two tiers. Tier 1 would focus on people ages 75 and older, and workers in education, child care, emergency services, food and agriculture. Phase 1B Tier 2 would include older adults ages 65-plus; workers in transportation and logistics; industrial, residential and commercial sheltering facilities and services; critical manufacturing; incarcerated individuals and homeless people.

A third group, Phase 1C, would include people ages 50 and older, 16- to 49-year-olds with underlying medical conditions and/or a disability; workers in water and waste management; defense; energy; communication and IT; financial services; chemicals and hazardous materials; government operations and community service.

Who is eligible for the vaccines within each sector is long and complex. When selecting workers, personal care assistants and attendants are in the health care sector and qualify for vaccines under Phase 1A, the same phase as physicians. Farmworkers qualify under Phase 1B, Tier 1, under the food and agriculture sector, an essential need. Food and agriculture sector includes production, processing, and delivery systems that feed people and animals in the United States and overseas and also those who import many ingredients and finished products, a complex web of growers, processors, suppliers, transporters, distributors, and consumers.

“This sector is critical to maintaining and securing our food supply,” the state explained on its webpage of essential critical infrastructure workforce, covid19.gov/essential-workforce.

Politics cast a cloud over Palo Alto’s representation on the VTA

Nomination of council member Alison Cormack delayed as cities request additional candidates

by Gennady Sheynner

For years, Palo Alto’s elected officials have complained about the lack of representation that they and their counterparts across the county’s northern section have on the board of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, an agency whose bus services serve Palo Alto but which has been long dominated by San Jose.

Now, with the city set to gain a seat on the VTA board of directors, City Council members find themselves at odds over a different matter: Whom to appoint?

The question appeared to have been answered on Oct. 26, when the council unanimously voted to nominate Alison Cormack to represent the city on the board. She is a Palo Alto city council member representing the same city from which she was elected, Mountain View City Council member John McAlister, with then-City Council member Liz Kniss of Palo Alto serving as an alternate.

But while Palo Alto remains in the driver’s seat when it comes to getting one of its council members elected to the VTA board, Cormack’s candidacy is no longer as assured as it was in October. The two council members who championed her nomination, Kniss and Adrian Fine, concluded their respective council terms last week.

Unlike in October, the council’s residentialist faction now wields political control. And political veteran Pat Butz is now back on the council and is reportedly poised to challenge Cormack for the nomination on the transportation board.

The political shift in Palo Alto has already complicated what is typically a predictable — if opaque — process for choosing a VTA representative from Group 2. Last week, then-Vice Mayor Tom DuBois surprised the elected officials in the northern group when he asked them to delay its appointment of Cormack to the VTA and to give Palo Alto more time to come up with an additional nominee.

At the same time, Los Altos Hills used the Dec. 29 meeting of Group 2 members to request some time to present its own nominee for the VTA board, McAlister told the Weekly after the meeting. However, Los Altos Hills has not formally participated in the VTA group for the past two years and does not appoint any council members who could be qualified nominees, said McAlister, who chairs the cities group and who represents it on the VTA board.

A secretive process

The debate reopens an issue that the Palo Alto council had seemingly settled on Oct. 26.

“As the council well knows, VTA issues are very important to Palo Alto and require diligent engagement and coordination with our neighboring cities,” Fine wrote in a memo. “We look forward to our colleagues’ support and thank Council Member Cormack for her willingness to shoulder this responsibility.”

The council approved Cormack’s nomination on its “consent calendar,” with no discussion or objections, making her an apparent shoo-in for the VTA board until DuBois, who now serves as mayor, started to have second thoughts about the process. He briefly appeared at the beginning of the Dec. 29 meeting of elected officials from VTA Group 2 to request an opportunity to nominate a second candidate.

Because Fine, Kniss and Cormack were already present at the virtual meeting, DuBois was asked to leave to avoid violating the Brown Act, which prohibits more than three council members representing the same city from attending nonpublicized meetings at which policy is being considered. DuBois also submitted a letter to the group, arguing that it should postpone to January its decision on whom to select as a VTA nominee and give the Palo Alto council a chance to consider an additional candidate.

DuBois argued that the council was not aware in October that it had the prerogative to nominate newly elected council members or two candidates. DuBois also noted that with Kniss and Fine leaving the council on Dec. 31, “They are not representing the interests of the council in 2021 and 2022.”

In his prepared comments for the Dec. 29 meeting, DuBois also questioned whether it’s appropriate, or even legal, for the

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Fresh off council reelection, Tanaka looks to challenge for Congress seat

Palo Alto fiscal hawk prepares a bid for the Silicon Valley seat long held by Anna Eshoo

by Gennady Sheyner

F resh off his reelection to the Palo Alto City Council, Greg Tanaka is eyeing a new venture: a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The College Terrace resident, who finished third in the 10-candidate race for the council on Nov. 3, last month filed a statement of candidacy form with the Federal Election Commission, signaling that he is looking to run for the 18th District seat long occupied by Rep. Anna Eshoo. With the Dec. 16 filing, Tanaka indicated that he plans to form the campaign committee “Greg Tanaka for Congress” for the 2022 election.

Along with a new campaign, Tanaka is also crafting a new image. On the same day that he filed his candidacy statement, Tanaka published a story in the Los Angeles-based Japanese paper, Rafu Shimbu, celebrating his reelection to the Palo Alto council and portraying himself as a grassroots candidate who persevered in the crowded race despite being heavily outspent by his opponents. In fact, he raised about $90,000 for his campaign, far more than any of his nine opponents, with the vast majority of the cash coming from developers and builders.

Tanaka also wrote in the self-published story that as a candidate, he was vying with two competing slates, “the newcomer slate” and the “residentialist” slate, which collectively raised a reported $330,000. While the race included two loose groupings — with the political group Palo Al- tans for Sensible Zoning group endorsing three slow-growth candidates and the California Democratic Party involving three progressive candidates — there were no formal slates. Much like Tanaka, the top vote-getter, Pat Burt, didn’t get an endorsement from either group. The other two candidates to win election, Lydia Kou and Greer Stone, were also heavily outspent by Tanaka.

In commenting on the 2020 election, Tanaka wrote that Palo Alto sets “the high bar for a small city with its cutthroat election tactics and fundraising.”

“The long-standing struggle between ‘pro-housing’ and ‘residen- tialists’ has increased fundrais- ing competition during the past several elections,” wrote Tanaka, who has consistently voted the “pro-housing” faction on land-use issues.

Tanaka, a registered Democrat, did not respond to repeated re- quests for an interview over the past several weeks. But his cam- paign manager, southern Cali- fornia-based entrepreneur Bobby Borisov, said that while Tanaka’s decision has not been finalized, it is “gaining traction.”

“It’s almost final. We’re going at it 100% and we’re already spend- ing time and effort,” Borisov told (continued on page 16)
Alphabet, Google’s parent company, announced this week that they have formed a union.

Kinds of contracts the company changes at the company, from the original “don’t be evil” mantra, that Google has strayed from its recent years. Union members say grievances between Google and the culmination of long-standing making up a large part of its employees — with software engineers be open to all Alphabet employees — with software engineers (AWU) is the first labor group to push back against “unethical” decisions made by the company that run contrary to the views of its workers.

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Adding fuel to the fire, it was revealed in 2018 that the company had quietly paid out $90 million to former Google executive Andy Rubin amid allegations of sexual misconduct, prompting emotionally charged protests demanding a better response to sexual harassment and abuse in the workplace. Hundreds of employees at the “walk out” in Mountain View called for more transparency, a better reporting process and an end to forced arbitration that compels employees to waive their right to sue.

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The latest dust-up revived decades-long concerns that Google has failed to hire enough women and underrepresented minorities into its workforce, which could be a contributing factor in racial bias. The AWU encompasses not only tech workers and full-time employees but the entire 120,000-person workplace of contractors, vendors and temporary staff working in all capacities for Alphabet, including Waymo, Verily and Fitbit.

Google employee JP Sugarbroad, who works for Android security in Seattle, said unionizing efforts have been underway for quite some time, but only recently reached the point where it felt safe to go public. Though the AWU started with about 200 members, the organization has swiftly grown since the Monday morning announcement, he said. For Sugarbroad, his concerns with the company leadership date back to 2011, when Google announced a controversial policy that required all Google Plus users to sign up for the service using their real names, banning the use of nicknames and pseudonyms.

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- Alan Z.

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Calls for impeachment

As the United States prepares to examine the actions of its former president, the political leadership of the country has asked for his impeachment.

Chairwoman of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, D-CA, announced in a statement, “Today, the House of Representatives voted to impeach the President of the United States for his actions leading up to and following the attack on the U.S. Capitol.

“An individual who incited an insurrection, incited violence against the government of the United States, and incited violence against members of Congress.

“Impeachment is a solemn and constitutional process. It is a process that is designed to remove an individual who is not fit to hold office.

“Today, we are acting to ensure that the President is not allowed to hold office again.

“Let us be clear: the scenes of chaos at the Capitol do not repre- sent who we are. We are a nation of law and order, and we need to uphold the rule of law.

“Now, it’s time for the Senate to consider these charges and provide a vote to remove the President from office.

“Let the world see us at our best. Let us unite as a country to protect our democracy.

“Thank you to all who have supported this effort. Let us continue to work together to ensure that the rule of law is upheld.

News Digest

County cracks down on unemployment fraud

The loss of millions of dollars in unemployment benefits that allegedly went to jail inmates across the state, including in Santa Clara County, has prompted the District Attorney’s Office to initiate a crackdown on the misuse of these benefits.

The significant rise in unemployment benefits fraud throughout the state became apparent because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The state has been bombarded by unemployment claims as people have sought relief after being unable to work, Supervising Deputy District Attorney Jeff Rosen said he has created a team to clamp down on the fraud.

“Anybody who is incarcerated is not entitled to receive EDD payments,” Chang said.

Investigators agree that the claims have been filed by those who have been granted parole or transferred out of jail and people who have been granted an early release from jail.

County launches loan program for small businesses

Santa Clara County small businesses have a new lifeline to ring for income support in 2021 — a low-interest loan program of up to $100,000 now available for qualifying establishments.

The loan program, proposed by county Supervisors Joe Simitian and Susan Ellenberg, provides three- or five-year term options with 4.25% interest rates for small businesses with 50 or fewer full-time employees, according to Simitian’s office.

“Anybody who has been impacted by the pandemic should be able to access these loans,” Chang said.

The loan program will be available to small businesses that have been affected by the pandemic, according to Simitian’s office.

Staff Writer Lloyd Lee contributed to this story.

About the cover: Supporters of the Trump mob showed up to a rally he hosted in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 6. Many attendees participated in a riot that followed as the Capitol, Courtesy J.M. Giordano.
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VTA group to pick the next board member in a private meeting. Even though the working group is comprised entirely of elected officials discussing public policy, it is not a standing committee but an ad hoc one; the distinction means that it is not bound by California Brown Act rules that require most meetings to be open to the public.

“Then I’d ask myself, what is good governance in this situation?” DuBois asked in his prepared comments, which he provided to the Weekly.

Members of the cities group agreed that when it comes to nominating a VTA board member, good governance requires secrecy. Fine repeatedly reminded his colleagues that an appointment of a VTA board member is a matter of public interest, Fine falsely said that the member has already been appointed. “Can somebody drop him off please?”

Fines then asked, at which point McAlister disconnected the reporter from the meeting, which also included Mayor Kavita Tanika of Los Altos Hills; council members Lynette Lee Eng and Jonathan Weinberg of Los Altos; and Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga of Mountain View.

But even as the VTA group, at Fine’s request, rejected DuBois’ call for transparency and kept him from making his prepared remarks, it granted him the delay that he was seeking. McAlister told the Weekly that after a discussion of the group’s bylaws, the members voted to delay its nomination of a new VTA board representative until later this month.

DuBois said that one reason he wanted to delay the nomination was the lack of clarity over the working group’s bylaws, which it had approved in 2015 and then updated in 2018. The 2015 bylaws state that a nominee must meet at least one of three qualifications: at least one year of service on the VTA board, at least one year’s service on one of the advisory committees that reports to the VTA board or “any other transportation policy credential deemed relevant by the majority of the Group 2 Cities as meeting the intent of the experience requirement.”

The group’s revised bylaws add a fourth qualification: demonstration of “working knowledge of VTA.” The revised bylaws also require a nominee to meet at least two of the four qualifications.

Those newer bylaws, however, were not provided to the council on Oct. 26, when members quickly and unanimously nominated Cormack. Instead, the older 2015 bylaws were attached to the memo from Fine and Kniss.

DuBois noted in his letter to the VTA group that the staff report the council had received prior to making its decision also did not present the council could nominate two candidates.

McAlister told the Weekly that the Dec. 29 meeting to select a nominee was both “the most intriguing” and “the most political” that he had experienced during his time on the VTA. He also emphasized that Palo Alto had taken all the appropriate steps in nomi- nation Cormack, who he said is a qualified candidate.

“They did everything they were supposed to do,” McAlister said of Palo Alto.

He underscored, however, that it is important for the VTA to carefully evaluate its nominees and make sure that the person they choose is truly engaged in representing the VTA’s governance structure has been under increased scrutiny in recent years, with a Santa Clara County grand jury releasing a scathing report in June 2019 that criticized the agency’s board for being too political, inexperienced and dominated by San Jose. The report also cited “frequent tensions” between directors’ duties to the VTA and the political demands of their local elected positions.

McAlister said that during his time on the VTA board, he has seen people win appointments as political payback or because they wanted to build a resume.

“I’d been an advocate for getting the best persons possible,” McAlister said.

Getting a fair share

Representation on the VTA has long been a thorny issue for north county cities, which for decades have watched the agency use the lion’s share of the revenues from its countywide tax revenues to fund San Jose projects, most notably the expansion of BART. In 2016, as the VTA was moving ahead with Measure B, city and county leaders tried to ensure that they would get their fair share of the funding by requiring some of the proceeds to be used for other priorities, including road repairs, highway improvements and grade separation along Caltrain corridor in north county.

The measure specifically allocated $760 million for grade separations, which would be split between Palo Alto, Mountain View and Sunnyvale.

Late last year, however, the VTA presented a scenario in which nearly all the funding from Measure B over the next 10 years would be dedicated for the BART extension in San Jose. The scenario triggered an outpouring of anger from elected officials from throughout the county who characterized it as the VTA’s betrayal of its promises to the taxpayers.

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian also spearheaded an official resolution last month opposing the VTA’s approach. The county Board of Supervisors unani- mously supported the resolution.

“VTA’s approach is inconsistent with the will and values of voters,” Simitian said in a statement after the resolution passed. “The solution here is a 10-year outlook that actually serves the needs of the entire county. The 2016 bal- lot measure promised.

Both Cormack and Burt declined to discuss what occurred at the secret meeting, although they referred inquiries to the elected officials who had participated in that meeting. DuBois highlighted the ongoing debate over Measure B funding as a reason for the north county city’s to seriously consider its nomi- nee to the VTA board.

McAlister said that he has no intention of reconsidering Cormack’s nomination, he wanted to present Burt as an additional nominee. He cited Burt’s many years of experience as a city planning and transportation commissioner, as well as his leadership on the north county rail project and his past heparization and his past membership on Caltrain’s Local Policy Maker Group.

This is billions of dollars for BART and Caltrain, DuBois said. “We need people who will argue for us and defend that mon-

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Upright

Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council is scheduled to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2020 and budget amendments; discuss Plan Bay Area 2050 and the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process; and consider approving the nomination of Pat Burl and Alison Cormack for a seat on the Caltrain Transportation Authority board of directors. The virtual meeting will begin at 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 11. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 362 027 238.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ... The commission is scheduled to elect its chair and vice chair and discuss alternatives for the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan. The virtual meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 931 5047 1146.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ... The commission is scheduled to elect its chair and vice chair and approve a letter responding to recent incidents of hate in Palo Alto. The virtual meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 919 9454 6701.

Healthy officials must also coordinate with state and adjacent local health jurisdictions, look at obtaining additional doses and coordinate with vaccinators to or- der the new vaccines.

Health officials also must clear several hurdles with the public to ensure that as many people will be vaccinated as possible. Jake Snow, technology and civil liberties attorney at the American Civil Lib- ereties Union of Northern Californ- ia, noted during the vaccination advisory committee meeting that there were some reports of people being asked to provide their Social Security numbers on vaccine paperwork.

“Our people might be hesitant to get the vaccine if they are re- quired to give their Social Security number,” he said.

Health leaders must also work to dispel myths about the vaccines. One quote said that the vaccine would sterilize people (it doesn’t). People also need to understand that they will still need to wear masks even after they receive the vaccine as they could carry the virus to others even if they are immune, they said.
of its communications, effectively ending a decades-long journalistic practice of listening in on real-time breaking news based on information picked up from a police scanner.

In an email to local media, the Palo Alto Police Department said that it is taking the latter approach. The department’s decision to encrypt the channel, rather than come up with other protocols for protecting personally identifiable information, was driven by the fact that this option was much easier and quicker to implement. Police Chief Robert Jonsen told this news organization. He also said that because this is an operational issue, the City Council had no role in developing the new policy.

“It just made the most sense to do that,” Jonsen said.

One option for shielding only personally identifiable and criminal justice information would be to require police officers to use other devices, such as cell phones, when transmitting personally identifiable information, he said. That, he said, is how an officer’s ability to quickly transmit information to all relevant parties.

“It becomes an officer-safety issue if we have them transitioning over and hopping from one channel to another,” Jonsen said.

“Even though there are other options, developing protocols and practices would be time consuming and would have likely had significant costs associated with it,” he noted.

He noted that the department’s Technical Services Division is now prioritizing the implementation of a record management system for collecting data on all police stops, a requirement of the California Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA). He said that the department is open to reconsidering its decision on encryption at a later date.

“We’re open to options. We’re not going to close the door if we find viable options and solutions,” Jonsen said.

With the policy change, Palo Alto is joining a growing list of cities inside and outside the state to switch to encrypted radio communications for reasons having to do with privacy, tactics or both. According to the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, a nonprofit that provides legal resources for journalists, the list of cities and counties that have recently made such a switch to encrypted communication includes Denver, Colorado; Racine, Wisconsin; Sioux City, Iowa; Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; and Baltimore, Maryland.

The San Mateo Valley Police Department became the first agency in Ventura County to fully encrypt all of its radio communications last year, leading the county to adopt the same policy in the Ventura County Star. Police Chief David Livingstone told the Star that the department chose to switch to full encryption because it was quicker and easier to do than to create a system in which only sensitive information is transmitted to an encrypted channel. He also cited incidents in which criminals used open police feeds to plan criminal activity, according to the paper.

However, the Star also reported that Livingstone hoped the switch would be temporary and that an arrangement providing more public access could be found.

Legislators have made efforts to give the news media access to police broadcasts through decryption licenses, but those attempts have not been successful.

In Colorado, bills were proposed, including California’s AB1555. Introduced by Assemblymember Todd Gloria, D-San Diego, the legislation would have allowed members of the media to listen upon request.

Jocelyn Dong, editor of Palo Alto Weekly and Palo Alto Online, criticized the Palo Alto policy for curbing the public’s access to police information.

“The inability for the public, including the news media, to access real-time information about police activities in the city’s neighborhoods is a major step backward in both police transparency and public safety,” Dong said. “Access to police dispatches is essential given the lack of any reliable method of obtaining information quickly from the police. It’s our hope that the city will adopt a communica- tion that balance public disclosure with the need to transmit certain information.

In a blog post, Jonsen stated that the decision to encrypt all radio transmissions “does not change the Police Department’s commitment to transparency and sharing of public information.” He also stated that all law enforcement agencies in Santa Clara County will adopt full encryption by the end of 2021.

The directive from the Department of Justice did not set a deadline for police departments to enact a new encryption policy. It did, however, require them to submit plans that have been recently made such a switch to encrypted communication include Denver, Colorado; Racine, Wisconsin; Sioux City, Iowa;
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Babbette Latham
July 26, 1930 – December 14, 2020

On December 14th, 2020, Babbette Latham age 90, wonderful mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed away peacefully at her home in Palo Alto after a long battle with dementia. Babbette of Menlo Park CA; grew up in Washington to Kate and Bill Snitjer. They moved to Palo Alto California when Babbette was a baby. She attended Stanford Elementary School, Jordan Junior High school and Palo Alto Senior High school graduating in 1948. After High School she attended the University of Oregon. She married Marvin Latham in 1952.

Babbette was a stay-at-home mom and raised 5 children. She leaves behind: Kate Latham, Peter Latham (Fancy), Amy Latham, Karen Byrd and Susan Latham. She will be remembered by her 10 grandchildren: Alexandra (John), Ryan, Sam, Colman, Dylan, Bryn, Rafe and Asha and one great grandchild (Emerson).

Babbette was passionate about the great outdoors and she supported the Sierra Club for many years. She was dedicated to social justice more broadly. During the 1990s, she stood with Russell Bryan for his record of regularly reaching out to residents and seeking their input. As a council member, Babbette has long been known for hosting weekly office hours and posting videos from these meet-ings on Facebook. Borisov said Tanaka would bring the same approach to his national campaign. One approach that he and Borisov are moving ahead with is creating a media network in which they are moving ahead with is creating a media network in which they will interview guests.

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She loved being a Girl Scout and became a scout leader for her children’s trips. She was an avid reader, and passed that love on to her children. She could often be seen biking around Palo Alto, doing sun salutations at Gamble Gardens, and teaching various classes in body movement around the Bay Area.

Russell B Bryan
September 1, 1922 – December 23, 2020

Russell B. Bryan, age 98, died of Covid-19 in Belmont, California, on December 23, 2020. Born in Santa Monica CA in 1922, he earned degrees in physics from Stanford University (A.B. 1943) and Harvard University (M.A. 1948, Ph.D. 1951). He also served in the United States Navy during World War II, honorably discharged as a lieutenant. After working as a physicist at Dartmouth College, the University of Cambridge (England), and U.C. Berkeley, he changed course. He ran twice for Congress in California’s 10th District, then launched into a life of extensive travel from his home base in Palo Alto and Menlo Park.

An avid hiker and reader, his endeavors also included painting and photography. He loved good food and cooked with imagination and flair. He was an enthusiastic member of the Stanford University community, enjoying music, film, and especially the libraries. He retained a life-long love of physics, taking every Quantum Mechanics class offered to the community, several times over. But his primary passion was for classical music, especially piano and opera, which enlivened all his years.

His friends knew him as a raconteur, kind and modest, with an incisive mind, a quick wit, and a delightful laugh. He loved his daughters and their families dearly, and treasured family gatherings both large and small.

He is survived by his brother Greyson Bryan of Capistrano Beach CA; his daughters Nicole Byrd of Atlanta GA, Katherine (Bruce) Larson of Marquette MI, and Jacqueline (Paul) Wender of Menlo Park CA; grandchildren Karen (Nell) Sarah (Nicholas), Laura (Rashaad), and Nathaniel; great-grandchildren Ava, Alyssa, and Anthony; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A virtual memorial service will be offered over Zoom on Monday, January 17, at 1:00 Pacific Time; those who wish to attend can click on https://forms.gle/RT6hE4GP9aNuWY16 to obtain the link. An in-person celebration of his life will be held when we may safely gather. Donations in his memory may be made to the Sempervirens Fund, 419 South San Antonio Rd., Suite 211, Los Altos, CA 94022; or to the Russell B. Bryan Memorial Fund at Stanford University, care of Gift Processing, Office of Development, 326 Galvez Street, Stanford, CA 94305.

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**Palo Alto**

Dec. 30-Jan. 6

**Violence related**

Sutherland Drive, 11:3, 7:11 p.m.; child abuse/physical.

University Avenue, 12:27, 4:18 p.m.; simple battery.

California Avenue, 12/28, 8:55 p.m.; adult attempted.

Bryant Street, 12/29, 9:29 p.m.; arson.

3200 block El Camino Real, 12/32, 12:25 a.m.; arson.

Middlefield Road, 12/30, 7:45 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.

Encina Avenue, 12/31, 3 p.m.; elder abuse/physical.

Seminole Way, 12/31, 11:10 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.

Amarillo Avenue, 12/31, 11:10 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.

Park Boulevard, 12/31, 10:15 a.m.; simple battery.

Byron Street, 1/5, 6:49 a.m.; adult suicide.

**Theft related**

Commercial burglaries: 3

Fraud: 1

Grand theft: 1

Identity theft: 1

Petty theft: 7

Residential burglaries: 3

Residential burglary attempt: 2

Shoplifting: 5

**Vehicle related**

Auto recovery: 1

Auto theft: 3

Bicycle theft: 20

Driving w/ suspended license: 5

Hit and run: 6

Stolen catalytic converter: 8

Theft from auto: 11

Theft from auto attempt: 1

Vehicle accident/animal injury: 2

Vehicle accident/property damage: 3

Vehicle tampering: 2

Vehicle tow: 1

**Menlo Park**

Dec. 30-Jan. 6

**Violence related**

300 block Sharon Park Drive, 12/30, 4:52 p.m.; assault.

0 block Sunrise Court, 1/1, 11:24 a.m. p.m.; rape.

Alma Street/Burgess Drive, 1/5, 3:03 p.m.; battery.

**Theft related**

Burglary: 2

Commercial burglaries: 2

Fraud: 1

Residential burglaries: 1

**Vehicle related**

Auto recovery: 1

Bicycle theft: 2

Driving w/ suspended license: 3

Hit and run: 1

Stolen catalytic converter: 1

Theft from auto: 7

Alcohol or drug related: 2

Drunk in public: 1

Possession of drugs: 2

Possession of paraphernalia: 1

Under influence of drugs: 2

**OBITUARIES**

A list of local residents who died recently:

Barbara Reck Hastorf, 98, a Palo Alto resident and member of the Stanford University Committee for Art, died on Aug. 5. Babbette Latham, 90, a longtime Palo Alto resident, died on Dec. 14. Russell B. Bryan, 98, a former Palo Alto resident and two-time candidate for California’s 10th Congressional District, died on Dec. 23.

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**Jerome Berg**

March 2, 1936 – December 21, 2020

It is with profound sadness that we announce on Monday, December 21, 2020, Jerome K. Berg, businessman and long-time resident of Palo Alto peacefully passed away after long-term health issues and ultimately from the COVID-19 virus among the 65,000 in December.

Jerome was born on March 2nd, 1936 to LeRoy and Viola Berg and came to California from Missouri, along with his parents, uncles and older siblings. The family eventually settled in a home in Palo Alto on East Meadow which became the Berg family “home-base.”

Jerome was an alum of Palo Alto High School class of 1954. It was there he met his high school sweetheart, future wife and mother of his three children, Carol Ann (Wheeler) Berg. In school he enjoyed playing football. After graduating, he and Carol eloped in March, 1956 and were married in Carson City, Nevada. They were married nearly 50 years before Carol passed away in January 2005.

Jerome worked as a mechanic for another business in Palo Alto and eventually opened his own store, The Lawnmower Shop in San Carlos, CA. He subsequently opened a wholesale business for gardening equipment with his brother, Michael. Jerome loved getting to know his many professional gardener customers. He was a hands-on guy and built go karts, minibikes and a quarter-midget racer for his kids. He retired in 1988.

Jerome and Carol lived in Barron Park (Palo Alto) for 55 years. Jerome had a passion for creating beautiful landscaping and built two koi ponds and a tea house on their property on Paradise Way. Jerome loved a good laugh and was known to tell some real groaners. He loved entertaining and dancing with his wife. They were both involved in Palo Alto High School’s away reunions and he loved telling stories of growing up and catching the “Suntan Special” train to Santa Cruz, horseback riding at the Stanford stables, among other stories of “old” Palo Alto and his youth. Jerome also enjoyed watching movies and football on TV, swimming, golfing, vacationing and driving to the coast.

Jerome is preceded in death by his parents LeRoy and Viola Berg, brother Dean Berg, sister Margo Hoffman and wife Carol Berg. Jerome is survived by his siblings, Betty Murphy, Michael Berg, William Berg, Len Berg and his three children, Catherine Falkenhagen, Wendy Garbarino and Andrew Berg as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins across the country. He also leaves behind five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Jerome will be interred at Alta Mesa Cemetery joining his wife Carol. Due to the virus, there will not be a formal service at this time. Donations in his honor can be made at the American Stroke Association.

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**Richard K. Freeman**

August 21, 1926 — December 18, 2020

Richard K. Freeman passed away peacefully at home on December 18, 2020, at the age of 94, following a long illness. He was surrounded by his loving family and beloved wife of 72 years, Corkie.

Dick was born in La Jolla, California, to Waldo and Evelyn Freeman. His family moved to Palo Alto in 1932. He attended grammar school at Stanford, where he felt the entire campus was his personal playground. He was a member of Jordan Junior High’s first class and he graduated from Palo Alto High School in 1943. Upon graduation he joined the U.S Navy. During World War II he was a radio gunner flying Air/Sea Rescue in PBMs in the Caribbean and then in the Pacific theater, based in Hawaii. After also serving as an airplane tower operator on Johnston Island, Dick was honorably discharged.

On his return to California, he attended San Jose State, where in a Spanish class he met the love of his life, Maybelle Maria Corkum, known as “Corkie” from Tucson, Arizona. Dick and Corkie were married on December 19, 1948 and he passed away just one day shy of their anniversary day.

In 1949 Dick graduated with a degree in Business Administration and a Minor in Military Science. Through the college ROTC program, he became an officer in the U.S Air Force and served a tour of duty.

Dick’s professional career was spent in Life Insurance and Financial Planning. He became a CLU, CFP and earned several other certifications along the way. In his personal life and later in retirement, Dick devoted much of his time to community service. He was a proud and active member of Palo Alto Rotary for more than 35 Years. He also volunteered with many local organizations, including Urban Ministry, American Cancer Society, The Palo Alto Food Closet and as a Chaplain’s Assistant at Stanford Hospital. In addition, he was a founding member of The Thomas Merton Center, a spiritual and educational community at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, where he contributed in many ways.

Dick’s favorite things included traveling, reading, spending time with family and friends, bonding with his grandchildren, good wine, crossword puzzles and the 49ers (on a good day) along with volunteering and giving back. Corkie and Dick shared a love for travel and cruises and spent many years exploring the world. Often these trips were part of educational programs where they would continue to learn.

Dick was kind and gentle, utterly unselfish and most of all, he had a positive outlook on life and was fun to be around. He was able to see the best in each person and he lived by principle and example. Dick will be remembered for his sense of humor, quick wit, laughter and his fondness for puns and corny jokes. Dick’s optimism and was driven by a desire to make the world a better place, both physically and spiritually. At his 90th birthday, one of his kids said, “Dad, you are an example of how a life should be led and an inspiration to all of us.” There is no higher praise than that.

Dick is survived by his wife Corkie and his five children; Mark of San Jose, Blake of Mountain View, Tim of Chino, Sue of Palo Alto, and Connie (Lou) Viveros of Los Altos, his 5 grandchildren, Jared, Megan, Montana, Riley, Elleanna and his great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to your favorite charity.
**Editorial**

**Poor decision to encrypt police radio should be reconsidered.**

For a city famous for its long, drawn-out deliberations involving plenty of public input, this week’s sudden announcement that the Palo Alto Police Department’s radio transmissions would immediately be encrypted and no longer accessible to the public and media came as a shockingly secretive decision.

On Tuesday, the police department released to the media a four-paragraph notice stating: “Due to a requirement placed on all law enforcement agencies by the State of California Department of Justice to protect personal identifying information from being released, the city of Palo Alto will be moving its law enforcement radio communications to encrypted frequencies to comply with these state standards.”

“Here in Palo Alto, this change will go into effect this afternoon,” the message stated.

The aim of the Department of Justice order, which itself seeks to comply with FBI security policy, is to ensure that information from state and federal databases, such as driver’s license numbers and criminal histories, is not made public.

However, Palo Alto, like all other law enforcement agencies, faced two options for compliance: Either encrypt all transmissions or “establish policy to restrict dissemination of specific information that would provide for the protection of restricted CJII (Criminal Justice Information) database information and combinations of name and other data elements that meet the definition of PIH (personally identifiable information). This will provide for the protection of CJII and PIH while allowing for radio traffic with the information necessary to provide public safety.”

There was deafening silence surrounding the city’s decision. At a minimum, the pros and cons of blanket encryption versus encryption only of private data should have gotten an airing in public. But the City Council never knew about, nor discussed this, in open session nor was it announced in city manager comments.

The inability for the public, and especially the news media, to access real-time information about police activities in the city’s neighborhoods is a significant blow to both police transparency and public safety. Media reports on active police actions are an important source of information for the public and have long been seen as an essential part of responsible news gathering. Without it, the public will only receive information on police activity when and if the police themselves have the time and desire to release it.

And what will happen in mass emergency situations? The news media will be unable to get and disseminate vital information, leading to higher anxiety and even panic among the public.

When a lockdown of Palo Alto High School occurred in 2018 after a false report that an armed person was on campus, record numbers of parents and students turned to Palo Alto Online seeking information.

Access to police dispatches is particularly essential given the lack of any reliable method of obtaining information quickly from the police these days. The department has no dedicated public information officer, and responses to requests for information take more than a day to receive at the earliest. Press releases announcing robberies and other crimes similarly take days to reach the public.

Following a year of unrest and protests urging police accountability, blanket encryption is the wrong move to make. It is incumbent upon the council to agendize a discussion of this decision to surface other options for protecting privacy while also preserving disclosure to the public, whom the police serve.

More effort should be made to identify technologies and processes to do so. Technological solutions for encrypting only certain parts of data could be doable in the innovative center of Silicon Valley. Even old school methods, including communication by phone between officers in the field and dispatchers with access to the private data, could be used.

All Police and public access to radio communications is optional, legislation has been proposed in California and Colorado recommending that, at the very least, media be given access with the assurance that they will not reveal private information. Even though that legislation has failed to pass, we think that this is worth renewed attention.

This sudden decision without community input and its simultaneous implementation is well below the standards of good governance, and the city should immediately reverse the decision pending a full and public discussion.
QUALIA GALLERY GIVES PALO ALTO A NEW PLATFORM FOR ART

New addition to the downtown cultural scene will focus on contemporary work

by Sheryl Nonnenberg

The number of art galleries in downtown Palo Alto continues to grow, in spite of the pandemic, with the recent opening of Qualia, a commercial venue located at 328 University Ave. Its owner, Dacia Xu, brings to this endeavor a passion for art as well as a familiarity with the workings of the high-tech world.

Xu was born and raised in an isolated, mountainous area of China. She described her early life as “harsh,” thanks to the political climate at the time. In the early ‘80s, she said, China restored the higher education system, with a strong commitment to science and technology. She was more or less assigned a career path, even though “my innate nature was to love art and literature more,” she said. She eventually obtained her doctorate in materials science and worked for seven years in the high-tech industry. Doing so meant that she had to live in a variety of places in the United States, from Texas to Pennsylvania, and often apart from her husband, Xiaoze Xie, and two sons. When Xie was on the Peninsula, it was much more difficult for people in Silicon Valley to pop in and browse while waiting in the inevitable line at the technology store. No matter who walks through the door, they will be met with Xu’s enthusiasm and commitment to providing a vital platform for dialogues on contemporary art. “My partner and I have the same interests and similar backgrounds. She has loved art her whole life but went to medical school. Like me, she wants to support artists and spend art to enrich other people’s cultural lives.”

The name of the gallery, Qualia, is a term in philosophy. Xu explained, “it means the internal and subjective component of sense perceptions, arising from stimulation of the senses by phenomena.” She can remember with clarity her first Robert Rauschenberg show displayed in China in 1985. “I was shocked and fascinated,” she related.

“We named our gallery Qualia as a way to encourage people to directly experience art,” Xu said. Her opening exhibition, which was guest-curated by her husband, was a group show of seven artists whose theme was man’s impact on the environment. The current exhibition (on view through Jan. 15), which Xu curated, features two Bay Area artists: Cate White and Sean Howe. Their large-scale paintings explore subjects including race, anxiety and power structures.

The configuration of the gallery, a narrow central space with an adjoining smaller room, will allow for group shows and displays at the same time. “We anticipate high-tech people to be our audience. And that is one of the purposes that we chose in opening a gallery in Palo Alto. It is much more difficult for people in Silicon Valley, who always have a very busy schedule, to make a trip for art to San Francisco.” Xu says she hopes to coordinate efforts with other Palo Alto art galleries, perhaps holding openings at the same time.

“It will help to create an art scene in Palo Alto and eventually people will form a habit to see art here,” she said. The next scheduled exhibition will feature the work of Stella Zhang and Yulia Pinkusevich, who will also be part of a group show at the Palo Alto Art Center at the same time. “I hope we can do something such as sponsoring an artist talk together.”

More information is available at qualiacontemporaryart.com.

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Dacia Xu, the owner of Qualia Contemporary Art, looks at Cate White’s paintings at the Palo Alto gallery on Dec. 9.

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**Chalk Granny delights neighbors with her COVID creations**

by Kate Daly

Most people have little nice to say about 2020, but for one local woman, “It has been a blast.”

Bored during lockdowns in March, Mary Kay Mitchell pulled out a box of Crayola chalk and drew a heart and a rainbow on her driveway, along the words: “When this is all over what will you remember?”

When neighbors walked by and made comments, Mitchell felt compelled to go out and create more chalk art, averaging three to four different pieces a week in front of her home on Anamor Street in Redwood City.

People stop to take pictures and chat, oftentimes dropping off ideas and thank you notes in her mailbox. When an admirer offered ideas and thank you notes in March, Mary Kay Mitchell pulled out a box of Crayola chalk and drew a heart and a rainbow on her driveway, along the words: “Thank you for your support!”

When asked to draw a “rainbow unicorn Pegasus” to celebrate her Year’s Eve, Mitchell decided to go by the name Chalk Granny, and has since turned her whimsical pursuit into a side career “to cheer people up.”

On Christmas a friend emailed Mitchell, saying “You’ve brought so many smiles with your art,” and then requested surprise drawings of champagne bottles, “Happy New Year!” “We miss you!” “Thank you for your support!” Mitchell chalked outside three elementary school teachers’ homes on New Year’s Eve.

Thrilled to spring into action, Mitchell says she likes to think of herself as a bit of a Banksy, the mysterious street artist whose pieces pop up in Britain.

Ellen Jacobson lives nearby and asked Mitchell to draw a “rainbow unicorn Pegasus” to celebrate her twin’s birthday. The girls were delighted as were many others, says Jacobson: “Mary Kay’s artwork brings smiles and happiness to anyone who walks by her masterpieces.”

During the week, Mitchell works as a receptionist, scheduler and notary at O’Donnell & Associates, a law firm in Menlo Park. Off hours when she’s not teaching yoga or drawing, she’s researching new ideas, adding them to her binder of images, and posting pictures of her projects on Instagram and Facebook using the hashtag #chalkgranny.

Through word of mouth Mitchell has landed assignments as far away as Marin County and the East Bay. A longtime friendship with Willie Brown’s wife, Blanche, led Mitchell to drive to Oakland to chalk the characters from the movie “Trolls” for a great grandson.

Mitchell will travel up to 50 miles and charges $50 an hour, usually completing most murals in less than two hours. She donates a portion of her proceeds to Second Harvest Food Bank.

Crouching down with chalk, a whisk broom and sponge in double-gloved hands, she is dripping in sweat by the time she is finished. Moving quickly, she draws from pictures, and has learned mistakes cannot be corrected so it’s best to work from the top down, from light to dark colors, and to add details last.

When asked to enter Redwood City’s Chalk Full of Fun Festival last Fourth of July, she sought out high-quality chalk and has been using Eternityarts.com’s vibrant long-lasting collection ever since. A box of 60-plus colors costs about $100, but Mitchell says it’s worth it because now her artwork lasts as long as four weeks — unless it rains.

Rain has forced her to do some pieces on paper instead, such as a poster for her 100-year old neighbor’s birthday on Dec. 26. Upon request, Mitchell will also do a keepsake version of her chalk drawings using other art materials. “I really like that chalk is temporary, just like I hope COVID is temporary,” she says.

Sometimes the pandemic inspires works such as a lightsaber-wielding Darth Vader warning, “Wear a mask or else,” or a masked Spock from “Star Trek” accompanied by the words “Stay safe & prosperous.”

Mitchell received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Nazareth College in Rochester, New York. She earned an art teaching certification at Arizona State and taught art therapy to special needs kids for several years. She then worked as a waitress and felt that wasn’t a match, but she ended up staying when the restaurant hired her to hand-letter its menus.

She worked for the San Francisco Chronicle before joining the law firm.

Mitchell is grateful for the positive creative outlet her alter ego Chalk Granny has brought into her life, saying, “I have met more people during COVID than I have living in Redwood City for years.”

And she is excited — she already has birthday and graduation artworks booked well into 2021.

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Eating Out

Kale and community

Local nonprofit helps small farms bring produce to Peninsula neighborhoods

by Elena Kadvany

Last spring break, Los Altos School District computer science teacher Sheena Vaidyanathan spent her vacation building a website for a new grassroots effort she had formed to support local farmers.

Ten months later, that homegrown project has become a volunteer-run nonprofit that delivers fresh, organic produce directly from farms in the Bay Area to more than a dozen cities throughout the Bay Area, as far south as Monterey and as far north as Oakland.

Vaidyanathan, a Los Altos resident, started Tera Farm after realizing how small, independent farmers were suffering due to the pandemic shutdown, with restaurants closed and the entire food supply chain disrupted. She reached out to a local farmer through Kitchen Table Advisors, a nonprofit that provides business advice to farmers, and asked if she could buy a box of kale from him directly. She shared the kale with friends and sent their pooled payment to the farmer. The next week, her friends asked what other produce she could get from the farmer. The model quickly took off, spreading through word of mouth.

Fostering that direct relationship between consumer and farmer – no wholesaler or grocery store in between – became the driving purpose of Tera Farm.

“The money was going directly to a farmer we knew and we could put a face to. It was actually going to where the food was coming from,” Vaidyanathan said. “This was something positive we were able to do during these months that were otherwise so difficult.”

Tera Farm works primarily with Maria Ana Reyes of Narci Organic Farms and Bertha Magaña of Magaña Farms, both immigrants who graduated from the Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association (ALBA) in Salinas, an intensive training program that helps farmworkers become farmers.

They let the nonprofit volunteers know what they’re growing each week, and the produce is posted to an online store where customers can shop from Monday through Wednesday. The entire proceeds are placed in bulk and picked up from a single site in Palo Alto. As a member, Vaidyanathan wants Tera Farm to have an educational impact. Before the most recent shutdown, she organized farm visits so families could meet the farmers and learn more about organic farming.

The nonprofit has a food blog to share recipes customers make from the produce they receive. Vaidyanathan sends out a weekly newsletter focused on a relevant topic of interest, such as how last fall’s wildfires impacted local farms.

Tera Farm has also nurtured unexpected connections between local residents and the people who grow their food. Vaidyanathan said. “Unless we understand how our food grows, we won’t appreciate it.”

For more on Tera Farm, go to terafarm.org.

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Americans are living longer than ever before — about 30 years longer, on average, than a century ago — according to leading scholars who participated in the Century Summit, a four-day virtual conference convened in December by The Longevity Project and the Stanford Center on Longevity. The conference looked at everything from business innovations to caregiving to new ways for Americans to work and thrive throughout the increasingly long lives they’re now living.

“Longevity is ... among the greatest opportunities we have had in human history,” Psychologist Laura Carstensen, founding director of the Stanford Center on Longevity, said. “Essentially, our ancestors handed us 30 extra years that have traditionally been the purview of nonprofits and mom-and-pop businesses,” Chess said, citing a startup called Wider Circle focused on alleviating senior loneliness and another called Honor that specializes in the field of home healthcare.

Even iconic global brands with youthful images have embraced the aging customer base, making “stealth” changes to retain this group, he said. “You think of BMW, the ultimate driving machine, with 30- and 40-year-old marketing and demographics,” Chess said. “But the average age of a new BMW owner is actually 56.” The Bavarian auto giant redesigned its dashboard and controls still marketing the same way they always have. It’s essentially stealth design,” he said.

Similarly, Nike — finding it was losing customers as they got into their 50s, 60s and 70s — introduced the CruzrOne athletic shoe. “The marketing is ‘athlete for- ever,’ so they’re not marketing it toward older people, they’re marketing it for cross-generation,” Chess said. “But it has features such as a flexible back heel so it’s easier to get in and out of the shoe. It has more stability control; it has more padding because as your frame changes, you have less stability control; it has more stability control; it has more stability control; it has more stability control; it has more stability control; it has more stability control.”

Chess said the CruzrOne was inspired by 82-year-old Nike founder Phil Knight, who walks eight miles a day. Despite its youthful image, eyewear maker Warby Parker has found that its fastest-growing market segment is people 60 and above, Chess said. “So, they provide all the features needed (by older customers, such as progressive lenses) but still keep their young market. What you’re seeing is companies that have young brands but are going where the growth is. “They’re doing it by providing product features that work for everybody but are needed by the older people.”

In seeking to lead longer and healthier lives, Americans should consider emulating the nation’s Latino population, David Hayes-Bautista, a professor of medicine and director of the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture at the Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, told participants at the conference.

Latinos in the United States enjoy longer life expectancies and lower death rates from heart disease, cancer and other causes than non-Hispanic whites, said Hayes-Bautista, citing data from the National Center for Health Statistics.

Hayes-Bautista, who’s spent 40 years studying the health and culture of Latinos in the United States, said the group can be considered a model for longer, engaged lives. Latinos in the U.S. enjoy nearly 3 1/2 years of longer life expectancy — 81.8 years — than non-Hispanic whites, at 78.5 years, he said. “That’s surprising because they have less income as a population, less education, lower access to care, but they manage to live 3 1/2 years longer,” he said.

Similarly, U.S. Latinos have 30% lower age-adjusted death rates from several leading causes of death, including heart disease and cancer, he added.

The reasons, in part, have to do with “some behaviors, which are counter-intuitive,” Hayes-Bautista said. Latinos are about 30% less likely to use tobacco and alcohol and 40% less likely to use drugs, he said.

“This surprises a lot of people because the stereotype is the drunken Mexican, etc., etc.,” he said. “And part of this may be due to some dedication to work.” Latinos consistently have a higher rate of labor force participation and a higher rate of household formation than non-Latinos, he said, citing data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

“We don’t have to re-invent anything,” Hayes-Bautista said. “If we want to increase life expectancy, lower mortality, keep people engaged and have big families, actually Latinos have been doing that. We just need to understand and appreciate what’s under our nose right here in this country.”

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