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Bumpy rollout has seen lack of information sharing, not enough vaccine doses
by Jocelyn Dong and Sue Dremann

One month after the first doses of a COVID-19 vaccine arrived in Santa Clara County, county leaders are hurrying to fix shortcomings in the rollout system, plan for thousands more vaccinations per day and get as many doses as they can from the state to meet the demand. Administering the vaccines has been a patchwork effort, with the state sending doses directly to some large health care systems — such as Sutter Health/Palo Alto Medical Foundation and Kaiser — separately from the doses it’s sending to the county. Meanwhile, federal vaccine supplies are being delivered to agencies such as the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System as well as to CVS and Walgreens, which are handling vaccinations in senior care facilities. Unfortunately, the federal government is not disclosing the numbers of doses it’s delivered to agencies within Santa Clara County, nor is the state sharing its numbers, county leaders told the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday. So no one really knows the collective number of doses that has arrived in the county or has been administered at this point. Given this, Santa Clara County Supervisors on Tuesday passed 5-0 a proposal from Joe Simitian and Cindy Chavez to require large health care systems to produce written plans and timelines for COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Relief, gratitude among seniors receiving COVID-19 vaccines
Early rollout hit a few snags, but Channing House residents look forward to renewed socialization and a more normal life
by Sue Dremann

For seniors at Channing House in downtown Palo Alto, the long-awaited COVID-19 vaccines are bringing a major sense of relief. Residents at the senior independent living and long-term care center received the first vaccinations in the two-shot series starting on Dec. 28. Some said they are looking forward to their second injections, which are expected as early as Monday or Tuesday. The vaccines are the first step in bringing back a sense of normalcy, they said.

“It was a very uplifting and satisfying event,” resident Frances Morse said. The only side effect she experienced was a sore arm for a day or two — the same side effect as she’s had when getting a flu shot, she said. After receiving her injection, she and other recipients sat for about 15 minutes to make sure they didn’t have an adverse reaction. Morse said she didn’t know of anyone who had any troubles, but staff from CVS pharmacies, which administered the injections, were on hand with EpiPens to counteract any potential allergic responses.

“There was a wonderful sense of camaraderie and euphoria: ‘Oh — we’re going to get this virus!’ she said, meaning they would conquer the deadly invader, which has so far killed at least 384,000 people in the U.S. and sickened more than 23 million Americans, according to the Johns Hopkins University of Medicine Coronavirus Resource Center. Morse said the vaccinations are relieving her family’s stress. Her grandchildren, ages 13 and 15, are relieving her family’s stress.

Eshoo: ‘Impeach this traitor’
Palo Alto congresswoman talks about Trump impeachment
by Sue Dremann

Granted only 30 seconds to speak on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, Rep. Anna Eshoo did not mince words regarding President Donald Trump during Wednesday’s impeachment hearing.

“Future generations are not going to know the names of each member who is voting in the chamber today, but they will know what we did and why. We must impeach the president because he incited a mob that attacked the Capitol of the United States, the tabernacle of our democracy. He is incapable of honoring his oath and our Constitution, and he has proven to be unfit and dangerous. I will vote to impeach this traitor to our country,” she said.

The House voted 232-197 for impeachment, with 10 Republicans joining the majority. The articles of impeachment are now in front of the Senate for a hearing and vote on whether to convict Trump.

Trump was impeached on a charge of inciting an insurrection on Jan. 6 after speaking at a rally where hundreds of supporters and extremists marched to the U.S. Capitol where both houses of Congress were voting to certify the election of Joe Biden and stormed the building. Five people died during the insurrection: one U.S. Capitol police officer who was hit on the head by rioters, a protester who...
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GROUNDBREAKING NEWS ... Alta Housing, the nonprofit developer of affordable housing, celebrated a victory this week when it broke ground on its new Palo Alto project: a 59-apartment development known as Wilton Court. Located in the Ventura neighborhood at 3705 El Camino Real, the four-story development will target single- and two-person households that earn between 30% and 60% of the area median income. Twenty-one units will be reserved for adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The project also represents a rare victory for the City Council, which has often talked about the need to build more affordable housing but has had little success in doing so. When the council approved Wilton Court in January 2019, the project became the first 100% affordable housing project approved in the city in seven years. The city has not approved any since. In a celebratory video marking the occasion, Randy Tsuda, president and CEO of Alta Housing, lauded the fact that the nonprofit was able to launch the project on its 50th anniversary. Council member Eric Filseth and former council members Adrian Fine and Liz Knis were all spoken in the video about the challenges of building affordable housing and the benefits Wilton Court will bring to Palo Alto. “Silicon Valley has been tremendously successful as a region but it’s also made it very hard for a lot of people to live here, because it’s so expensive. ... It’s going to allow people to live here in the Midpeninsula that otherwise couldn’t,” Filseth said.

GIVING CREDIT WHERE IT’S DUE ... Twenty locals and 30 community organizations were recognized last weekend also will include webinars on the course of a four-day celebration Train on the Peninsula due to the pandemic, annual day. While Caltrain won’t hold its traditional event, the late civil rights leader’s spirit will undoubtedly carry through each free online celebration Train on the Peninsula due to the pandemic, annual day. While Caltrain won’t hold its traditional event, the late civil rights leader’s spirit will undoubtedly carry through each free online celebration Train on the Peninsula due to the pandemic, annual day. While Caltrain won’t hold its traditional event, the late civil rights leader’s spirit will undoubtedly carry through each free online celebration Train on the Peninsula due to the pandemic, annual day. While Caltrain won’t hold its traditional event, the late civil rights leader’s spirit will undoubtedly carry through each free online celebration Train on the Peninsula due to the pandemic, annual day. While Caltrain won’t hold its traditional event, the late civil rights leader’s spirit will undoubtedly carry through each free online celebration Train on the Peninsula due to the pandemic, annual day. While Caltrain won’t hold its traditional event, the late civil rights leader’s spirit will undoubtedly carry through each free online celebration Train on the Peninsula due to the pandemic, annual day. While Caltrain won’t hold its traditional event, the late civil rights leader’s spirit will undoubtedly carry through each free online celebration Train on the Peninsula due to the pandemic, annual day. While Caltrain won’t hold its traditional event, the late civil rights leader’s spirit will undoubtedly carry through each free online celebration Train on the Peninsula due to the pandemic, annual day. While Caltrain won’t hold its traditional event, the late civil rights leader’s spirit will undoubtedly carry through each free online celebration Train on the Peninsula due to the pandemic, annual day. While Caltrain won’t hold its traditional event, the late civil rights leader’s spirit will undoubtedly carry through each free online celebration Train on the Peninsula due to the pandemic, annual day. While Caltrain won’t hold its traditional event, the late civil rights leader’s spirit will undoubtedly carry through each free online celebration Train on the Peninsula due to the pandemic, annual day. While Caltrain won’t hold its traditional event, the late civil rights leader’s spirit will undoubtedly carry through each free online celebration Train on the Peninsula due to the pandemic, annual day. While Caltrain won’t hold its traditional event, the late civil rights leader’s spirit will undoubtedly carry through each free on...
A month after Palo Alto opened the once-exclusive Foothills Park to the broader world, city leaders are preparing to adopt new restrictions on Jan. 19 to curb the sudden onrush of visitors. A series of overfilled parking lots, crowded roads and hikers strolling off trails, the City Council is preparing to consider new restrictions for visiting the pristine 1,400-acre nature preserve off Page Mill Road.

The discussion follows a month in which the park has seen a significant increase in visitors, a trend that was precipitated by the council’s decision in November to abolish a contentious 1965 law that restricted entrance to nonresidents.

City staff had estimated that 4,081 visited the park the weekend before last Christmas, roughly six times what it was on the same weekend the prior year. Parking lots now fill up quickly in the morning, requiring visitors to drive along park roads, where they share space with bicyclists and pedestrians. And residents who have long frequented the park are reporting seeing more trash in the administration more people straying off its paths.

Last weekend, in response to the surge in visitors, the city abruptly announced that it will keep the entrance gates to Foothills Park closed between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on days when the park reaches its limit of 750 visitors at any one time. While this has initially applied to weekend days and holidays, when crowds hit peak levels, the closures will also be in effect on weekdays going forward, if the number of visitors reaches the 750-person limit, Meghan Taylor-Horrigan, the city’s chief communication officer, told the Weekly.

The closure seeks to reduce ... traffic and parking challenges seen throughout the weekends of opening the park to everyone,” Horrigan-Taylor said in an email.

Horrigan-Taylor said the city will soon be implementing new tools to manage crowds, including an automated vehicle-counting technology and a public website that states whether the visitor cap has been reached and if the entrance will be closed.

“This will provide an improved visitor experience and increase access as visitation ebbs and flows during the year,” Horrigan-Taylor said.

The council will consider on Tuesday additional measures, including lowering the cap to 500 people at any one time and instituting a parking fee. A report from the Community Services Department recommends a $6 fee, consistent with what parks in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties charge. The staff report also includes a proposal for an annual pass, which would cost between $50 and $60 for Palo Alto residents and between $65 and $85 for nonresidents. There would be free entry for pedestrians, bicyclists and people coming to volunteer in maintaining the park.

The recent increase in visitors could be partially attributed to high publicity that Foothills Park has garnered in recent months, as the council struggled to come up with new policies for expanding access to the scenic preserve. After initially approving a pilot program in August that would allow up to 30 nonresidents into the park daily, the council then moved in November to abolish the 1965 law and open the park to all as part of its settlement with a coalition of plaintiffs that sued the city, a group that includes the American Civil Liberties Union and the NAACP.

On a recent weekend, a reporter who visited the park in the morning drove past a full parking lot before finding a parking spot along a meadow. By noon that day, dozens of hikers, a few runners and several families walked near some of the park’s most visible areas, including near Boronda Lake close to entrances to various trailheads. Further away from the trailhead, along Los Trancos trail, there were fewer people, little noise and no obvious signs of damage to the environment.

In addition to the park’s recent publicity, other conditions also helped to drive up the visitation numbers, City Manager Ed Shikada told the council on Monday.

“We’ve had perfect weather for visiting Foothills Park and also perhaps people with time on their hands and a desire to get outdoors, which combined to really stretch our ability to manage through,” Shikada said. “Staff is continuing to test options for metering access to make sure visitor experience is as positive as possible.”

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**Housing**

New numbers, same concerns as Palo Alto challenges housing mandate

City’s obligations drop by 39%, but council asks for further changes in regional allocation process

by Gennady Sheyner

When Palo Alto’s elected leaders learned last fall that they may soon be required to plan for more than 10,000 new housing units in the next decade, they quickly denounced the regional mandate as unrealistic, unattainable and deeply flawed.

Last month, however, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) revised its numbers in a way that may have significant ramifications for the city and its housing plans. In a bid to better align with Plan Bay Area 2050, a broad document filled with strategies for Bay Area growth, ABAG revised the allocation figures in December.

For Palo Alto, the revision resulted in a major change: Its housing allocation has been reduced by 39% and now stands at 6,086 units over the eight-year cycle between 2023 and 2031, down from 10,058.

The council’s concerns have not. On Monday night, during a broad discussion of Plan Bay Area 2050 and Regional Housing Needs Allocations, numerous council members continued to criticize the state’s housing-allocation process and to offer reasons for why the numbers are not attainable.

Council member Lydia Kou, a frequent critic of regional housing mandates, called the recent decision to cut the allocations of Palo Alto and Cupertino “divisive” and suggested that the council should continue to oppose the RHNA process, a planning tool that she said has been “weaponized by state legislation.”

“When this planning tool has penalties and also removal of local jurisdictions’ land use and zoning, it’s actually something we should fight back against and it is also setting us up to fail,” Kou said.

Failure, however, would carry consequences. Recent state laws, most notably Senate Bill 35, create a mandatory approval process for residential developments in cities that have failed to meet their RHNA goals, effectively restricting the ability of these cities to reject development applications.

Mayor Tom DuBois said Monday that even with the recent reduction in the allocation, the new numbers represent a “pretty significant percentage of our housing.” The new allocation, he noted, would still be about three times greater than Palo Alto’s housing allocation in the current RHNA cycle, which is 1,988 units.

“The new laws, there are now teeth to not hitting these numbers,” DuBois said.

Palo Alto’s city planners believe the downward revision in the city’s allocation can be attributed in large part to three new strategies in Plan Bay Area 2050. One call for building “adequate affordable housing to ensure homes for all” and allocated more housing to San Francisco and the east bay, according to a report from the Department of Planning and Development Services. Another, which seeks to offer incentives to employers to “shift jobs to housing-rich areas well served by transit,” moved some of the jobs that were originally forecasted for the south bay to other regions and assigned to additional housing units.

And the strategy calling for accelerating “reuse of public and community-owned land for mixed-income housing and essential service” apparently promoted a greater distribution of housing, the report said.

Other neighboring cities saw only slight changes as a result of the revision. Menlo Park’s household growth lessened from 24% under the old methodology to 23% under the new one, with its allocation reduced from 3,074 new units to 2,946. Mountain View remains at 33% growth, with its projected allocation going from 11,380 new households over the eight-year period to 11,238.

In Palo Alto, the revised 6,086 figure includes 1,556 units in the “very-low” income category (for those earning less than 50% of area median income), down from 2,573 housing units, and 896 units in the “low” income category (those earning between 50% and 80% of AMI), down from 1,482 over the next eight-year cycle.

In pushing back against the broad regional mandate, and considering rule changes that make the regional numbers deeply flawed, Kou and council member Eric Filseth Monday both maintained that the main problem is the overall housing target that the Bay Area has been told to plan for by the state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

The state agency determined last year that the nine counties that make up the Bay Area need to plan for 441,176 new units in the next eight-year cycle. Filseth emphasized the need to scrutinize the regional projections, given the consequences for cities that fail to meet their allocations, and suggested that the city include in its correspondence to ABAG criticism of the HCD number.

“It used to be that RHNA targets were broad and aspirational, and under current direction in Sacramento, they become explicit

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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 property negotiations pertaining to 455 Bryant St. The council will then hold a pre-screening hearing for a proposed mixed-use development at 2961 El Camino Real that would have 133 housing units, 5,000 square feet of office space and 1,000 square feet of retail; discuss the Human Relation Commission’s report, “Black and Brown Palo Alto — History and Current Experience”; provide direction on the city’s economic recovery plan; consider forming a working group for the Housing Element 2023-2031 process; and consider rule changes to the economic recovery plan; consider forming a working group for the Housing Element 2023-2031 process; and consider rule changes to the economic recovery plan.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION** ... The school board will discuss the district’s dyslexia program, summer school, graduation rates, a special-education disproportionality plan and other items. The virtual meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 632 027 238.

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION** ... The commission is scheduled to discuss the California Avenue master plan, the city’s new commissioner handbook and the development of public artwork on King Plaza to recognize the city’s priorities on race and equity. The virtual meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 949 9734 6242.

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After political tussle, Vice Mayor Pat Burt on track to join the VTA board

Council veteran edges out council member Alison Cormack for chance to represent four north county cities

by Gennady Sheyner

W hen elected leaders from four north Santa Clara County cities meet later this month to choose their nominee for a coveted seat on the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority board of directors, Palo Alto Vice Mayor Pat Burt will find himself in the driver’s seat.

After a convoluted and highly politicized process, the City Council voted on Monday to nominate Burt for a seat on the VTA board of directors, where he will represent Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. Because the four cities shift their board nominees on a rotating basis — and it’s Palo Alto’s turn in the rotation — the council’s decision all but ensures that Burt will fill one of the VTA board’s 15 seats.

It is a role confirmed by other elected leaders from the four cities as expected, Burt will face the tough task of representing the north end of the county on a board that is heavily dominated by the south.

Five of the 15 seats are assigned to San Jose, while another two are filled by Santa Clara County supervisors, who often also represent San Jose. The four north county cities that make up the VTA’s “Group 2” get a single seat on the board.

In Palo Alto, council members have long complained about the VTA’s bias toward San Jose, at the expense of north county.

The vast majority of the revenues from the agency’s county tax measures in 2000 and 2008 went to fund BART improvements in San Jose. Meanwhile, the VTA’s bus service in Palo Alto has been steadily diminished.

The council’s decision to nominate Burt followed an adversarial and divisive process that reflected the council’s political shift since the November election. In October, the council unanimously approved the nomination of council member Alison Cormack to the board, a choice that was championed by former Mayor Adrian Fine and former council member Liz Knis.

After Burt won the election in November and the council majority tilted toward the council’s residentialist camp, DuBois urged the Group 2 leaders in late December to delay and reconsider the nomination of Cormack to the VTA board. DuBois noted that the council had received outdated bylaws for October, when it consid- ered Cormack’s nomination, and that members were not aware at that time that they could appoint two council members.

Cormack said Monday that prior to her October nomination, neither DuBois nor council member Eric Filseth — the only two candi- dates for the seat — consulted her, who met the qualifications for serving on the VTA board — had expressed any interest in serv- ing on the VTA. Nor had either of them told her they were considering the assignment last fall, she said.

“I’m sorry to say this, but I think it was unprofessional for the mayor, two months after our unanimous vote, to send an email to members of the Working Group to state that I don’t have qualifications for this post, without contact- ing me or even copying me as Mayor!”

The Group’s rules require a nominee to meet two of four qualifications: at least one year of service on the VTA board; at least one year of service on one of the advisory committees that report to the VTA board; other transportation policy credential deemed relevant by the majority of the city’s demonstration of working knowledge of the VTA, which were all satisfied for the role, a conclusion that was confirmed by Mountain View City Council member John Laughon and Mountain View City Manager Alex Tanaka.

Cormack said that her service on the council’s Rail Commission, her involvement in Manzanita Talks, a regional collaboration on traffic improvements; and her lifetime advocacy for the city on the VTA, also urged the council to nominate Cormack.

“By not engaging in condescending and bullying behavior, she treats colleagues respectfully despite the differences in opinions and backgrounds. These are attributes that her colleagues should emulate,” Price said. “This effort to change the 2020 nomination has been costly for Burt. He ended the current ... mayor and vice mayor ... white males who I believe have intentionally carved out more leadership roles for themselves despite the significant and nu- merous roles they have already enjoyed.”

The council, for its part, gave Burt the nod, voting 5-2 to make him the city’s nominee for the VTA position. DuBois had initially proposed nominating both Burt and Cormack and letting the Group 2 representatives decide between them. After Cormack suggested sending just one nominee, the council found itself choosing between herself and Burt.

The vote reflected the council’s new political dynamics, with Burt and Green Stone joining the three council members on the council’s slow-growth “residentialist” wing: DuBois, Lydia Kou and Eric Filseth.

Tanaka supported Cormack’s nomination.

“I think she’s always been very prepared,” Tanaka said.

In a dig at Burt, Tanaka shared with his colleagues two newspaper articles: a 2016 story in which Burt and Green Stone criticized the VTA for failing to provide $700 million to the north county for grade separa- tion; and a 2017 story in which Burt is quoted as saying that the VTA will provide $700 million to the north county for grade separa- tion, as Measure B requires, and that the VTA’s response to the state’s high-speed rail project and Caltrain improve- ments. They had previously served on the VTA’s Policy Advisory Committee and on Caltrain’s Local Policy Maker Group.

“I was very active in the Measure B campaign, and the success of getting what was anticipated to be $700 million for grade separation — and major portion of that to Palo Alto — is the whole basis by which we were able to proceed on our grade separation plan,” Burt said. “We recently did have a threat to that, and that’s why we need strong advocacy to support our position there.”

Kou and Stone both said that they believe Cormack is well qualified for representing the city on the VTA. But they cited Burt’s many years of involvement in transportation in explaining their decision to choose him for the seat.

“This is nothing personal. ... And too often, these discussions seem to have that feel, of it being personal, but it just comes down to who is the most qualified person,” Kou said.

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Foothills Park (continued from page 7)

Some Palo Alto residents are calling for more urgent action. Alexey Blokhin, who bikes at Foothills Park, emailed the council photos of people walking off trails and said that his 5-year-old son was nearly hit by a speeding car on a recent visit.

“I’m not even mentioning the garbage that is everywhere now, both plastic and glass bottles, masks everywhere on trails,” Blokhin stated in his email.

Resident Pati J. Walters reported that during a recent visit to the park, she saw children riding bikes on the grass at Lake Boronda and adults “cutting across the embank- ments to the right side of the lake.”

“Approaching the picnic area, we found an opportunity to turn around and leave the chaotic situa- tion. We could not wait to leave the park,” Walters wrote.

Jill O’Nan, a former member of the city’s Human Relations Commission, told the council that since the expanded access, people with disabilities, like herself, now have a hard time visiting the park, which she said has inadequate parking for handicapped visitors. She called the opening of the park “disastrous” and asserted that Palo Alto residents with lower incomes who were once able to visit the park are no longer able to do so.

“People are in desperate need for access for all, by any stretch. We do not have social justice,” O’Nan said. “What we have instead im- plemented is a plant-stimulation system of economic exploitation where low-income people like me and my neighbors are expected to pay for a recreational area for rich people who live up the hill from us.”

She requested that the council promptly close the park down and mitigate the “destructive damage” that visitors are causing to the park.

Others, however, lauded the council for taking an action that city officials have been debating for decades.

“I truly believe that Palo Alto has finally done the right and good deed by opening Foothills Park to all,” resident Meghan Galloway wrote to the council.

“I believe parks belong to all of us and that excluding other cities was elitist and racist in implica- tion.”

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16, are the most delighted.

“They’ve been scared they’re going to kill us. They are so hell bent on social distancing. It feels just wonderful,” she said.

Most people in her building did opt to receive the vaccines, she said.

“There’s a sense that we’re building our own herd immunity in the building. It takes a little bit of the edge off forgetting your mask when you leave your apartment or go to the elevator,” she said.

Morse and her husband spend “24/7” in their apartment except for when they go out for walks. The activities they used to do in person at Channing House are now accomplished on Zoom.

“It’s really druggy, I have good days and bad days,” she said of the isolation.

The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April with a “Zoomiversary” party, displaying photographs and mementos to well-wishers.

It was interesting to see classmates.

When vaccine time came, the residents on her floor were called down two at a time. Bowden, a retired nurse, said she wanted to know how much experience the young man administering her shot had in giving vaccinations. She asked how he had learned to give vaccinations and how many doses he had administered in the past. She was satisfied that CVS had staff with plenty of experience, she said.

The first day hit a few snags. Bekkedahl said that CVS initially struggled with their database.

“It seemed to be a new system that they were not familiar with. We were one of the first vaccination clinics they had held. Then there were some problems receiving authorizations of the residents’ insurance information.”

The biggest issue was when the CVS staff began denying the older Medicare cards, which have only numbers and not a combination of numbers and letters.

“That is when I began contacting anyone I thought might have a channel to someone who could direct the onsite CVS team that this was not acceptable,” she said.

Among those she contacted were LeadingAge California, nonprofit advocacy group for senior living and care, which contacted LeadingAge National, which contacted CVS administrators. Bekkedahl also called the California Assisted Living Association, which contacted the CVS leadership in California.

The advocacy organizations also contacted the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, she said.

“My argument was that the presence of a Medicare card should not be a condition of receiving the vaccine in a skilled nursing facility. Administering the life-saving vaccine should be the first priority. Working out the insurance and paperwork issues should be secondary,” Bekkedahl said in an email.

On the second day of vaccinations, the CVS onsite supervisor said he had been told they would work out the insurance coverage issues later.

In total, CVS administered approximately 100 vaccinations on the first day and about 230 on the second, Bekkedahl said.

Bowden and Morse said they plan to continue to exercise safety precautions after they get their second doses. Morse said she knows that getting the vaccines isn’t foolproof. She and her husband plan to keep wearing their masks and will follow other safety protocols in the months after they receive the second vaccine.

“It’s one small step toward defeating this nasty virus,” she said of the vaccinations.

Bowden said she doesn’t feel she is free to roam. She’ll continue to wear her mask when she leaves her apartment.

“I have a certain amount of risk. I’m in my 80s. I still won’t be able to go over and wrestle with my grandchildren and great-grandchildren. When the Giants start playing, I will probably wear a mask at the game and on the train,” she said.

But she is looking forward to when life becomes more normal. Perhaps, by this summer, she’ll travel again, she said.

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Vaccine

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Plan also includes programs for 50,000 additional day care workers and senior center staff to keep them safe while working with the community. Work starts on Monday. The county's Department of Public Health has issued two public health orders on Jan. 7 that require Kaiser, Sutter Health/PAMF, Stanford and the county itself to provide information on an ongoing basis with the public and to submit vaccination plans by Feb. 1. Kaiser and Sutter Health/PAMF alone serve about half of the county's 2 million residents.

The comprehensive plans must include: how the health care provider intends to provide vaccines to all of its primary care patients when and where they can receive vaccines; the anticipated number of vaccine appointments; and a timeline for achieving that number of patients and how it will avoid “wasting” vaccine doses when there are not enough patients receiving them within a designated tier on any particular day.

Board members Tuesday agreed with Simtian and Chavez that detailed and publicly disclosed plans and timelines can reduce confusion, instill confidence, and, most importantly, get the job done in a timely, fair, efficient, and lifesaving fashion.

“Even if we have a coordinated, comprehensive and transparent set of plans reduces the chance for anyone to get left behind,” Simtian said. “Our only chance of success is a set of clearly defined plans designed to complement one another, and to cover the entire county.”

As of Jan. 12, the county Department of Public Health and other health care providers had vaccinated 52,316 people with a first dose, using 47% of the 110,600 first doses of vaccines received, according to the county’s presentation to the board. That figure includes Kaiser, Sutter Health/PAMF, and El Camino Hospital among others, but not Sutter Health/PAMF or the federally supported vaccination programs.

An additional 56,620 doses have been received in the county for the second shots.

This week, the county Executive Jeff Smith also unveiled plans to launch a vaccination dashboard similar to the county’s COVID-19 dashboard, that will summarize the information provided by all of the vaccine providers.

Smith also detailed county plans for ramping up to provide mass vaccinations on the order of 10,000 to 20,000 shots a day. That’s a huge expansion from the county’s current rate, which was 800 a day on Jan. 1 and 3,600 a day as of Jan. 12, with plans to increase to 6,975 a day by Jan. 18 — provided the county receives more vaccine doses.

One of those vaccination sites will be Mountain View Community Center, which will offer 1,000 inoculations a day and come online by the end of next week, Smith said. The county also expects to launch a mobile vaccination clinic to serve hard-hit areas.

But the rubber will meet the road when the county identifies a site that can handle more than 10,000 shots a day — an indoor space with sufficient parking, he told the supervisors on Tuesday. San Francisco 49ers President Al Guido sent a letter to the board offering Levi’s Stadium as a “facility with the requisite technology to store vaccines, world-class security, and the capability to partner with public health professionals to administer vaccines.”

Despite the planning, Smith expressed significant concern that the county will be ready to give out shots but will not have the doses on hand.

County officials submitted a request to the state on Sunday asking for 100,000 more doses.

“We were told today we’d get 60,000 doses. That’s not enough,” he told the supervisors.

“As I pointed out, we have lots of physical capacity and not as much vaccine as we need,” he said. “We do feel we made an excellent effort to do all of the vaccinations for the phase 1A class, and at so this point, if we get adequate vaccine, which is a big if, we’re considering moving along the tier system, pursuant to new direction from the state, as rapidly as we can. We’re talking perhaps 500,000 – expanded access if — big, huge if — we get enough vaccine.”

“We will be pushing the state to give us more,” he added.

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About the cover: CVS Pharmacist Benjamin Hinton II draws a COVID-19 vaccine out of a vial at Channing House in Palo Alto on Dec. 28. Photo by Magali Gauthier.

El Camino Health staff members wait to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine on Dec. 19. The hospital has received a total of 975 vials of the vaccine.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Here’s who’s eligible for the next phases of COVID-19 vaccine distribution

Santa Clara County gives OK to people ages 75 and older

by Sue Dremann

People ages 75 and older got the green light to go ahead from Santa Clara County to get their COVID-19 vaccinations, county Counsel James Williams announced on Wednesday.

This population accounts for about 130,000 county residents.

“I’m pleased to share today that the county health vaccinations are now open to those 75 and older,” Williams said at a press conference.

“That’s a high-risk population that needs to get vaccinated right away. People should go to their (health care) provider to get vaccinated because … the state is directly accessing the vaccine to those providers, like Kaiser and PAMF.”

Information on how to get an appointment, including links to the web pages of the local health care providers, can be found at the county’s new vaccination website, sceefvax.org.

At a Jan. 8 press conference, the county’s leaders described the priority categories for vaccination eligibility.

Health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities who qualify for the first phase of the rollout (Phase 1A) are currently receiving the initial batches of vaccines. The doses from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna confer a 95% immunity from the deadly coronavirus, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Santa Clara County has an allotment of 110,000 doses with which to give the initial inoculation, with more expected, said Dr. Marty Fenstersheib, the county’s COVID-19 testing officer. The county has 140,000 health care personnel who are eligible for the first round and about 47,000 have already been vaccinated. Out of 6,000 skilled-nursing facility staff, roughly half also have received the vaccine since it arrived around Christmas, Fenstersheib said.

County Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody said health leaders will open up the vaccines to people in subsequent phases as soon as all eligible persons in a phase are determined to have received the shots.

The next category, Phase 1B, is expected to open by the end of the month. That phase puts people into two tiers: Tier 1 focuses on people ages 75 and older, and workers in education, child care, emergency services, food and agriculture. Tier 2 includes older adults ages 65 and older; workers in transportation and logistics; members of industrial, residential and commercial sheltering facilities and services; critical manufacturing employees; incarcerated individuals and homeless people, according to state health officials.

Even if they have immunity, they could still be carrying the disease, she said.

By her estimate, about 1.5 million people in Santa Clara County would need to be vaccinated to reach the 85% level.

“We are still in an extraordinarily difficult place” regarding the number of infections spreading throughout the county, she said. Currently, the county is averaging 1,200 new COVID-19 cases per day. Countywide, more than 800 people have died since the virus emerged and the number of available intensive care unit beds is now only 20 to 25 as of the last several days, she said.

“Vaccination is absolutely central to working our way out of this pandemic. We are going to be in a transition period over the next several months,” she said.

The health leaders said the vaccine rollout has been somewhat slowed by the strategic complexity of various federal protocols for the two existing vaccines; the stringent requirements, such as deep freezing; the logistics of setting up vaccine clinics near freezers; and fear among the public of the vaccines’ safety.

As more people are vaccinated and people see there are relatively few adverse reactions,

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I n San Mateo County, about one-third of the health care workers and long-term care residents eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine have received it so far, county health officials said Tuesday.

Through a vaccination clinic, pharmacy partnerships and health providers, vaccine rollout continues this week for those eligible under Phase 1A of the state’s vaccine plan, which includes health care workers at risk of exposure to the virus and residents of long-term care facilities.

During a report to the county’s Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, Dr. Anand Chabra — medical director of the Family Health Services Division and lead for the county’s vaccination efforts — described the county’s vaccination progress.

The county aims to vaccinate about 50,000 people — 38,000 health care workers and 12,000 long-term care residents — during this initial phase.

Of those 50,000, Chabra said 16,502 county residents (almost 33%) had received the vaccination as of Sunday. That number only includes San Mateo County residents, not those who work in the county but live elsewhere and may have been vaccinated elsewhere.

Health systems like Kaiser Permanente and Sutter Health are responsible for administering the bulk of the vaccinations for their workers and individuals covered under their health plans. For those not covered under health plans, the county is using its allotment of 22,300 vaccine doses to fill the gap.

San Mateo County Health chief Louise Rogers said the county is “focused on being the safety net and immunizing those populations that are not reached through the health care system.”

To boost vaccination efforts, the county launched a vaccination clinic Monday for eligible health care workers and long-term care residents who cannot receive the vaccine through other means.

The clinic is closed to the general public but available by appointment only for health care workers and long-term care residents eligible under Phase 1A. Eligible individuals must complete an eligibility attestation form before signing up.

Through Saturday, the clinic has the capacity for almost 2,000 appointments per day. Chabra said there were 952 vaccinations during the clinic’s launch on Monday and approximately 1,500 appointments were scheduled for Tuesday.

In addition to the clinic, the county also partnered with Walgreens and CVS pharmacies to provide vaccinations at skilled nursing facilities.

Chabra said 15 of 17 nursing facilities in the county are scheduled for vaccinations this week into early next week.

Walgreens and CVS also will help provide vaccine opportunities for 60 other facilities countywide, such as assisted living and congregate care facilities.

The county partnered with Safeway to provide vaccination to 1,300 residents and staff at dialysis centers in assisted living facilities. So far, 209 staff members from this group have been vaccinated, Chabra said.

During the board meeting, some supervisors expressed concerns about public outreach regarding the vaccine and communities who might be skeptical about the vaccine.

Rogers said an equity working group would meet Thursday for the first time to discuss equity and transparency regarding vaccinations. The goal is to provide culturally competent and science-based communications, Rogers said.

“We know that vaccine uptake in many of our lowest quartile Healthy Places Index communities is going to be challenging because of the distrust of the vaccine,” Rogers said. “In addition to mobilizing messages for those communities with the input of representatives of those communities, we expect — similar to the testing work — that we will enlist local community leaders to be messengers to those communities.”

Even as the vaccinations roll out, people should continue to preserve COVID-19 safety precautions, which include wearing a face mask in public, practicing social distancing, washing hands frequently and avoiding gatherings.

“Even those residents that have received their first vaccination, or even potentially their second, are expected to continue wearing face coverings and respecting social distancing and so on, so that we can continue to reel this thing in,” Rogers said.

For more information on the county’s vaccination rollout plan, people can visit smchealth.org.

Astrid Casimire, who reported this story, has been a journalist in the Bay Area for 21 years.”

PUBLIC HEALTH
San Mateo County COVID-19 vaccine rollout continues via clinic, partnerships
Under the state’s plan, about 50,000 people in the county are currently eligible for the vaccine
by Astrid Casimire

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINES FIRST?

CURRENT PHASE — 1A

Tier 1
• Acute care, psychiatric, and correctional facility hospital staff
• Residents and staff at skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and similar settings for older or medically vulnerable individuals
• Paramedics, EMTs, and others providing emergency medical services
• Dialysis centers

Tier 2
• Intermediate care facilities for persons who need non continuous nursing supervision and supportive care
• Home health care an in-home supportive services
• Community health workers, including promotoras
• Public health field staff
• Primary Care clinic workers, including Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, correctional facility clinics, and urgent care clinics

Tier 3
• Other healthcare workers including:
  • Specialty clinics
  • Laboratory workers
  • Dental and other oral health clinics
  • Pharmacy staff not working in settings at higher tiers

PHASE 1B

Tier 1
• Individuals 75 and older (now eligible in Santa Clara County)
• Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: education, child care, emergency services, and food and agriculture

Tier 2
• Individuals 65-74 years of age
• Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: transportation and logistics; industrial, commercial, residential, and sheltering facilities and services; critical manufacturing
• Congregate settings with outbreak risk: incarcerated and homeless

PHASE 1C*

• Individuals 50-64 years of age
• People 16-49 years of age and have an underlying health condition or disability which increases their risk of severe COVID-19
• Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: water and wastewater; defense; energy; chemical and hazardous materials; communications and IT; financial services; government operations / community-based essential functions

PHASE 2*

• All people age 16 years and older without high-risk medical conditions

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The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination and copying by the court. A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 3, 2021 at 9:01 a.m. in Dept. 13 of the San Jose Superior Court, 1191 N. First St., San Jose, CA 95113.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections in writing on or before the court with the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 7830 of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 7952 of the California Probate Code, unless the court determines to the contrary that the delay is necessary for the protection of a minor or of an infant.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DAVID LAWRENCE WATSON Case No.: 20FR181

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, or personal representatives, or other persons interested in the estate, or the estate of David Lawrence Watson, a person deceased, whose last known residence was in Santa Clara County, State of California, notice is hereby given that a Petition for Probate has been filed by: TILLY GARETT WATSON in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

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The Petitioner requests that: TILLY GARETT WATSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

Answers to this week’s puzzles, which can be found on page 27.

The goal, Burt said, is to “put in place a policy that moderate-income households can afford.”

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Downtown Streets

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had commissioned in 2018 an independent investigation of complaints from five former employees by the Law Firm of Amy Oppenheimer. But despite multiple requests from the city, the Downtown Streets Team has declined to provide even a redacted version of the report. While council member Lydia Kou and former council member Liz Kniss had each expressed concern in recent months about the nonprofit's failure to provide the report, the council has continued to provide funding to the Downtown Streets Team. In June, the council approved an allocation of $336,400 in federal funding to the Downtown Streets Team from the Community Development Block Grant. And on Dec. 7, despite some misgivings, the council moved ahead with a new street cleaning contract.

In response to the Monday retraction, Johnson lauded the nonprofit for correcting the record.

“We appreciate that Mr. Byrd and the Downtown Streets Team board of directors have retracted Byrd’s statements and have apologized to the City Council and to the ‘Weekly,”’ Johnson said in a statement. “Staff Writer Sue Dremann and Weekly editors carefully researched and fact-checked our January 22, 2020, story before it was published and it was completely accurate.

“Our reputation as a reliable source of local news is especially important in an era when news organizations are being regularly (and usually falsely) accused of bias and presenting ‘fake news.’ Trust in our reporting is essential to our continued success, and we are glad DST has corrected the record.”

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Peter Merlyn Llewellyn

May 27 1930 – October 14 2020

Peter Merlyn Llewellyn passed away on October 14th, 2020 at The Sequoias in Portola Valley.

Peter was born May 27th, 1930 in Bristol England to Walter Edward Llewellyn and Lillian (Nancy) Eliza Ann Llewellyn (nee Mainwaring). In 1941, due to heavy bombing in Bristol, he was evacuated to a farm in Cornwall. Peter entered Oxford University in the Fall of 1950 after a period of 20 months in national service as a Lieutenant in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics in 1954, followed by a Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy, also in Physics in 1956. His PhD dissertation entitled “Some Applications of Paramagnetic Resonance”.

In 1954 he married Sheila Elizabeth Jenkins and in 1956 they welcomed their first child, Mark. Later in 1956, the small family came to Chicago for a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Chicago. The family returned to Bristol in 1958 where Peter began a position as a lecturer in Physics at the University of Bristol. Staying in Bristol from 1958-1962, the family welcomed Richard in 1958, and twins Paul and John in 1960.


During a long career in various positions with Varian, Peter was a key contributor in the development of many analytical instruments ranging from Mass Spectrometry to Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR). This work led to many patents in this field. The early work in NMR led to today’s use of MRI in medical diagnosis.

The kindest and mostly loving of gentlemen, even in difficult times, Peter was a Renaissance man. Though he self-identified himself as a scientist, he was a lover of Shakespeare and Bach. He was very widely read, from Dostoevsky and Tolstoy to Dietrich Bonhoeffer and CS Lewis. He brought his love of cricket and rugby from Britain to America and became an avid fan of baseball and football attending many Giants and 49er games. He was a fan of both Cal and Stanford sports as well. He was a teacher at his core, loving to give classes on diverse and eclectic topics at one on one in everyone. Intellectually curious until near his end, when the ravages of dementia diminished his brilliant mind, he will forever be remembered as one of the “brightest and best.”

Peter is survived by his wife Stanniey, six children: Mark, Richard, Paul, John, Claire and Kathryn, two daughters-in-law: Alex (Mark) and Sonya (Richard); five grand-children: Geoffrey, Christopher, and Amy (Mark); Samantha and Andrew (Sonya & Richard); and three step-sons: Raegen, Craig, and Weston, three step daughters-in-law: Simone (Raegen), Molly (Craig), and Valerie (Weston); and four step-grandchildren: Benjamin and Nicholas (Craig & Molly) and Joseph and Casey (Weston).

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Jane B. Holland

June 24,1936 – December 12, 2020

Jane Biebel Holland, 84, passed away on December 12, 2020 at her home in Palo Alto, with her sons at her side, after a brief illness.

Jane was born June 24, 1936 in Oakwood Ohio, a suburb of Dayton. Her parents were Lawrence Burton ‘LB’ Biebel, a prominent patent attorney, and Josephine Elizabeth ‘Bette’ [Hopkins] Biebel, a descendent of the earliest American settlers of Plymouth Colony, Stephen and Elizabeth Hopkins, whose child, Oceanus, was born on the original Mayflower journey.

Jane was a lover of horses as a child and was a talented show jumper. Her horse ‘Belle’ was a majestic creature she loved. She graduated Oakwood High School in 1954 and went on to attend Northwestern University, where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She graduated with a B.S. obtaining a teaching degree. While at Northwestern she attended Stanford summer school, in 1956. She was very taken with life in California and was determined to return after college.

She married David B. Holland, a Stanford graduate, stock broker, investment advisor, political and civic activist and philanthropist in 1958.

They briefly lived in San Francisco and Jane taught High school English. They Moved to Menlo Park and then Palo Alto in 1960. Their first son Peter was born in 1960, followed by Craig in 1964. Jane was a homemaker and a member of the Junior league and later supported, along with David, the political rise of Congressman Pete McCloskey. She and David supported the local residentialist cause in Palo Alto, hoping to maintain the town’s human scale and humane character.

Jane never lost her love of horses and in the 1970’s competed in trail and endurance equestrian races.

She was a nature lover and animal lover, and had many loved pets. Dinky Dog as a child, Otis the cat, Sherry a lab, Royal Robert, a lab-her son Craig’s soul mate, Raj, and Blue, and Thomas all Siamese Cats.

In the mid 1970’s she became a travel agent, and had the opportunity to travel widely around the world, which she took full advantage of and fully enjoyed.

In the early 90’s she retired and began a long process of redesigning and remodeling her home and garden, which gave her a great amount of joy and satisfaction. Her garden became her passion and she hosted many garden parties displaying her vast rose collection with friends and neighbors, whom she cherished, and who cherished her.

It was her friend Michael who brought her into the rose world and who remained a friend for the rest of her life. She also volunteered for many years at the Gamble Garden acting as a docent for visitors.

In later years Jane became an active reader and was a member of various book clubs. She enjoyed her garden and home fully and it gave her great peace and comfort. Though not overly political she enjoyed the political commentary of Rachel Maddow nightly and was very happy, indeed relieved, to see the election of President Joe Biden.

Jane had a light spirit and her unique laughter was known to all who were her friends. She will be very deeply missed. Who knows where the time goes…

Jane is survived by her sister Nancy Easman, of Little Compton, Rhode Island, and sons Peter Holland and Craig Holland of Palo Alto.

Jane supported the work of the Gamble Garden of Palo Alto, Avenues Senior Center of Palo Alto, and the Friends of the Palo Alto Library.

Services are planned at this time. A final garden party memorial may be held at a future date.

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June 24,1936 – December 12, 2020

Jane Biebel Holland, 84, passed away on December 12, 2020 at her home in Palo Alto, with her sons at her side, after a brief illness.

Jane was born June 24, 1936 in Oakwood Ohio, a suburb of Dayton. Her parents were Lawrence Burton ‘LB’ Biebel, a prominent patent attorney, and Josephine Elizabeth ‘Bette’ [Hopkins] Biebel, a descendent of the earliest American settlers of Plymouth Colony, Stephen and Elizabeth Hopkins, whose child, Oceanus, was born on the original Mayflower journey.

Jane was a lover of horses as a child and was a talented show jumper. Her horse ‘Belle’ was a majestic creature she loved. She graduated Oakwood High School in 1954 and went on to attend Northwestern University, where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She graduated with a B.S. obtaining a teaching degree. While at Northwestern she attended Stanford summer school, in 1956. She was very taken with life in California and was determined to return after college.

She married David B. Holland, a Stanford graduate, stock broker, investment advisor, political and civic activist and philanthropist in 1958.

They briefly lived in San Francisco and Jane taught High school English. They Moved to Menlo Park and then Palo Alto in 1960. Their first son Peter was born in 1960, followed by Craig in 1964. Jane was a homemaker and a member of the Junior league and later supported, along with David, the political rise of Congressman Pete McCloskey. She and David supported the local residentialist cause in Palo Alto, hoping to maintain the town’s human scale and humane character.

Jane never lost her love of horses and in the 1970’s competed in trail and endurance equestrian races.

She was a nature lover and animal lover, and had many loved pets. Dinky Dog as a child, Otis the cat, Sherry a lab, Royal Robert, a lab-her son Craig’s soul mate, Raj, and Blue, and Thomas all Siamese Cats.

In the mid 1970’s she became a travel agent, and had the opportunity to travel widely around the world, which she took full advantage of and fully enjoyed.

In the early 90’s she retired and began a long process of redesigning and remodeling her home and garden, which gave her a great amount of joy and satisfaction. Her garden became her passion and she hosted many garden parties displaying her vast rose collection with friends and neighbors, whom she cherished, and who cherished her.

It was her friend Michael who brought her into the rose world and who remained a friend for the rest of her life. She also volunteered for many years at the Gamble Garden acting as a docent for visitors.

In later years Jane became an active reader and was a member of various book clubs. She enjoyed her garden and home fully and it gave her great peace and comfort. Though not overly political she enjoyed the political commentary of Rachel Maddow nightly and was very happy, indeed relieved, to see the election of President Joe Biden.

Jane had a light spirit and her unique laughter was known to all who were her friends. She will be very deeply missed. Who knows where the time goes…

Jane is survived by her sister Nancy Easman, of Little Compton, Rhode Island, and sons Peter Holland and Craig Holland of Palo Alto.

Jane supported the work of the Gamble Garden of Palo Alto, Avenues Senior Center of Palo Alto, and the Friends of the Palo Alto Library.

Services are planned at this time. A final garden party memorial may be held at a future date.

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Harry Wilbur Rodda
November 18, 1937 – December 23, 2020

Harry Wilbur Rodda, a wonderful husband and father, a gifted architect, and great friend to all who knew him, passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning, December 23rd.

Born on November 18, 1937, he grew up in San Jose enjoying an adventurous childhood. He graduated from Lincoln High in 1955 where he played sports at a varsity level every year, beginning in the 10th grade. He was outstanding on the field, the court, and the diamond. He loved all sports his entire life.

Graduating in the class of 1959 from Stanford University, Harry belonged to Beta Theta Pi, studied architecture, played varsity baseball and, most of all, began his life-long love of forming and nurturing friendships. At his 50th Stanford reunion, he designed many striking and comfortable homes, and was a gifted architect, and husband and father.

In the early 70’s, Harry became a partner at Spencer Associates of Palo Alto where his work often involved designing facilities and visitor centers for the National Park Service. If you visit Mount St. Helens in Washington state, or Hoover Dam in Nevada, you will experience examples of his work. With The Promontory Partnership, he left his distinctive mark on museums and exhibition spaces throughout the West. In addition, he designed many striking and comfortable homes, often for friends.

A fountain of creativity, with pen and note pad always ready, Harry would sketch out ideas for anything — a plan for a friend’s back-yard arbor, a diagram explaining the evolution of an idea, a map of an innovative garden, an illustration for a birthday card, all effortlessly and amبذ sedeously.

Harry’s family was his heartbeat. He adored them above all else. He always enjoyed the company of others. He inspired young minds around him by pointing out their personal strengths and cheering on their endeavors. He looked forward to a golf foursome, a mixed chorus, a men’s discussion group, and weekly poker. He was passionate about fly-fishing and was interested in astronomy, the arts, and had a lifelong love of history. Rounding out those interests was his love of music. Harry always had music playing, whether it be Italian opera, or John Denver, or even the two together. Harry was an amateur in the most wonderful sense. A Renaissance man that allowed him to connect with people from all walks of life. He was comfortable enjoying a game at the Sunken Diamond or sitting in a box at the Vienna Opera House.

Harry was an unforgettable influence in many lives and will be deeply missed.

Harry leaves his beloved wife of more than 60 years, and two cherished daughters and their families: Kristen (Mike) Olenick and son Zachary of Hailey, Idaho; and Megan Cox and her grown children, Mikala and Austin of Palo Alto. Current circumstances prevent our gathering for a memorial in Harry’s honor. If you would like to recognize his memory, consider donating to a cause that enhances our experience of beauty, promotes an understanding of nature, or contributes to a peaceful future.

POLICE CALLS

PAID OBITUARY

Barbara Reck Hastorf
January 29, 1922 – August 5, 2020

Barbara passed away peacefully aged 98 on the evening of August 5, 2020. She is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth of Mount Vernon, WA and Christine of Berkeley, along with one grandson, Nicholas of Sausalito. Barbara was born in Syracuse, New York on January 29, 1922 to Genevieve and William Reck, the eldest of two daughters. In high school the family moved to Upper Montclair, New Jersey. She attended Mount Holyoke College, graduating in 1943 with a degree in economics. After graduation, she married Albert Hastorf on October 4, 1943. Once the war was over, they lived in Princeton, New Jersey while Al completed graduate school in psychology. Barbara gave birth to Elizabeth in Princeton, New Jersey in 1947. His first academic position was at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire where he taught between 1948 and 1961. Christine was born there in 1950. When Al was hired at Stanford University, California in 1961, the family moved to the Bay Area, where Barbara resided until her death. She was a member of the Stanford Committee for Art, the Stanford String Quartet, and the Mount Holyoke Club on the Peninsula. Barbara and Al spent much time on Tomales Bay.

Given the current pandemic, her memorial will be delayed until we can safely be together. Her remains will be placed in Palo Alto’s Alfa Mesa Memorial Park.

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Letters

Day from hell
Editor,
Regarding the events of Jan. 6 in our nation’s capital, I wholeheartedly agree with Anna Eshoo when she said, “I think it’s been a day from hell for everyone who’s here and across the country.” But, perhaps, this “day from hell” we all experienced in our own way will be perceived in a more positive light in the future. It was an historical event, it was an event where two forces collided, it was Donald Trump versus the Constitution of the United States of America. And as it has over the past 230 years, the ideals and values contained within the Constitution once again prevailed on that “day from hell.” Let us all hope, as did Mr. Lincoln, that our “government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

Greg Loy
Arbutus Avenue, Palo Alto

A park for all?
Editor,
Thank you for your thorough coverage of the Foothills Park controversy. It was painful, however, for me to read your contention that the petition drive to let citizens vote on it, “fizzled.” It would have been more accurate and more honest to say that we were thwarted in our efforts to collect signatures by a colossal obstacle: COVID. People responded to my NextDoor signature drive, saying they dearly wanted to sign, but dared not venture out due to COVID. We could not go door to door or collect signatures at grocery stores, retail areas or parks. We could not attend public gatherings for signatures. Even our attempt to collect signatures at the farmers market was thwarted by a City Council member who confronted the signature gatherer in anger. Shaken, the young man left. That young man learned a lesson: Although he has a constitutional right to lawfully petition his government, there are those who will intimidate when he tries.

So Foothill Park is now a poster child for First Amendment right of assembly for the whole world. Palo Altans will find, to our dismay, that the right to assemble in Foothill Preserve, now that our City Council gifted it to the greater public domain, belongs to all outside persuasions, good or bad, welcome or scorned.

Ceci Kettendorf
Grove Avenue, Palo Alto

Vaccine caution
Editor,
I’m glad I read the Jan. 8 article on vaccines all the way through since in some ways, the final sentence is the most important! It points out that people need to understand that they still need to wear masks even after they are vaccinated since they “could carry the virus to others even if they are immune.” I had suspected that might be the case, but this is the first time I’ve actually seen it mentioned.

My concern is that if this is not widely known, those receiving the vaccine may assume that they can return to “normal” behavior, going without masks and gathering in groups. We could actually face yet another spike in infections, triggered by just such actions. A very scary thought!

Vaccination is a good thing and an important step toward winning the battle against this horrid disease, but we need to be sure that people know we aren’t out of the woods just yet.

Pria Graves
Yale Street, Palo Alto

This week on Town Square

Town Square is an online discussion forum at PaloAltoOnline.com/square

In response to ‘Editorial: Poor decision to encrypt police radio transmissions should be reconsidered’

Post Jan. 8 at 10:40 a.m. by Alice Schaffer Smith, a resident of Downtown North:

“What is happening to Palo Alto? We seem no longer to be open, inviting and working with the police and staff for the best of the city. I was shocked to read about the secret of police radio. As I was horrified by the beatings of people by our police. Who is in charge and should be? I can only assume it is a he who is making these decisions.”

In response to ‘A day from hell: After rioters overrun Capitol, lawmakers have harsh words for president’

Post Jan. 7 at 3:58 p.m. by Mitchell Zimmerman, a resident of Green Acres:

“Last September Donald Trump called upon the Proud Boys and other violent supporters to ‘stand back and stand by.’ Now we know the purpose for which he was asking them to stand by.

What is most frightening about the Republic senators’ effort to overturn Joe Biden’s popular vote and Electoral College victory is that these Republicans are plainly wrong – it is that they know that they are wrong and know that they are lying when they deny Biden won the election fair and square.

How could it be otherwise? Senators Ted Cruz, Josh Hawley and the other members of their caucus are intelligent enough to understand what evidence is, and they know full well there is no evidence of massive voting fraud. They also know that there was no giant conspiracy, including Republican election officials and Trump-appointed justices and judges, to conceal the theft of an election.

That they seek to overturn the election anyway means they are the would-be thieves, ready and eager to destroy American democracy. It is not too much to say that these Senators, along with Republican colleagues who have chosen to remain silent, have turned the GOP into the party of treason to the United States Constitution.”

In response to ‘As visitors flock to Foothills Park, city plans to restrict access’

Post Jan. 8 at 3:58 p.m. by Jerry Underdal, a resident of Barron Park:

“This quick response to evidence of the need for enhanced management of Foothills, taking into account the impact of eliminating the non-resident access regulation is an example of Palo Alto at its problem-solving, values-aligned best. On this thread we already have many thought-provoking discussions. It is not an easy decision to make, but addressing challenges of maintaining the park, what’s new, and positive, is that discrimination based on resident status will not be a legitimate part of the debate, thanks to the settlement.”

In response to ‘Here’s who'll be eligible for the next phases of COVID-19 vaccine distribution’

Post Jan. 9 at 8:24 a.m. by Olivia Lau, a resident of Downtown North:

“This is super slow! Waiting for everyone in the preceding category to be vaccinated before moving to the next means that a couple vaccine holdouts can hold up distribution to wider groups. The county should have a more liberal distribution policy so doses do not go to waste (expire, discarded, etc).”

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An Alternative View

Drastic decision keeps police information from the public

by Diana Diamond

One of the major issues that the Palo Alto Police Department has been facing recently is the decision to limit the flow of police information to the public. This move has been criticized by many community members as it goes against the principle of transparency and accountability.

The move to limit police information is part of a broader trend that has been observed in many police departments around the country. The rationale behind this trend is a concern for public safety and privacy.

However, some community members argue that limiting police information can lead to a lack of trust between the police and the community. They believe that the public has a right to know what is happening in their communities and that the police should be transparent in their actions.

I believe that the police should continue to provide information to the public in a timely and accurate manner. This will help to build trust between the police and the community and ensure that the police are acting in the best interests of the public.

Diana Diamond is a longtime Palo Alto journalist, editor and author of the blog “An Alternative View,” which can be found at PaloAltoOnline.com.
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The State in Stitches

Fiber artists explore a California theme in new virtual exhibition hosted by Menlo Park Library

by Karla Kane

The Menlo Park Library has emerged as one of the MVPs of arts and cultural programming in the COVID-19 era, offering the public a consistent and diverse stream of virtual performances, discussions, classes and presentations despite remaining physically closed. “Our storytime staff is interacting directly with children and families ... and our adult and teen events are getting higher attendance than ever, with several locals commenting that they’d never attended library events before, due to the local afternoon and evening traffic,” said John Weaver, the senior programming assistant.

Now, the library is presenting its first virtual fine-arts exhibition: “Stitching California: Fiber Artists Interpret the State’s People, Life and Land,” available online through Feb. 15.

The exhibition, featuring 42 artworks made by members of the Studio Art Quilt Associates, celebrates the “wonders of California as a call to entry, that organizers would receive “an abovementant of California poppy quilts and not much else.” While the iconic state flower does have a presence in the exhibition, she said she and fellow juror Katic Pasquin Ma- sopes were pleased by the diversity of responses, “from simple admi- ration of California’s beautiful flora to biting political commentary.”

The categories emerged clearly from the works submitted, and while Pasquin Maspust, an art quilter herself, looked for originality, use of materials and excellence in technique, Holmes, from her exhibit-designer perspective, con- sidered how pieces could best work together on a gallery floor and connect with a wide audience — not just art-quilt aficionados.

“The idea was to build a well- rounded exhibit that addressed dif- ferent aspects of the state and that could tell a compelling story,” she said in an email interview.

Of course, it’s impossible for a webpage to capture the full experi- ence of the physical exhibition, at which viewers can see the work in three dimensions and witness how they work together in one space. Nevertheless, the organizers said they’re pleased with the way Ex- hibit Envoy has translated the show online, particularly the interactive aspects.

In addition to the access to the ex- hibition itself, the library has sched- uled a slate of live events including a Jan. 19 talk by Nancy Bavor, the executive director of the San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, on the emergence of art quilts from the 1960s to today; a Jan. 25 pre- sentation by Susan Bator, crimi- nal justice reform advocate; and a talk on the immigrant experience by acclaimed author and professor Francisco Jimenez on Feb. 11. “Stitching California,” Weaver said, “brings together art and his- tory with an eye toward the social milieu, which is a perfect umbrella for the kind of programming we regularly offer.”

Holmes said she hopes online viewers may be inspired to check out the physical traveling exhibit once the pandemic is under control, as well as gain an appreciation for art quilts as a medium and reflect on the “many realities” of California. “I would like people to realize how many ways there are to look at things beyond one’s own idio- syncratic view, and that those vari- ous views taken together make up a richer whole and more complete understanding of one’s environment,” she said.

The exhibition, as well as links to the accompanying library events, can be found at exhibit.envoy.org/stitching-california-menlo- park. Arts & Entertainment Editor Karla Kane can be emailed at kkan@paweekly.com.
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World Wraps set to return to Midpeninsula and Kristi Marie’s is now JuiceBox wine shop

by Elena Kadvany

This week in local dining news, a revamped World Wraps is set to bring its fast-casual eateries back to the Midpeninsula, and the former Kristi Marie’s in Redwood City is reborn as a wine shop highlighting small producers and natural, organic and biodynamic winemaking methods.

World Wraps returns

Twenty-five years after World Wraps was born in the Bay Area, two of its original founders have revived the fast-casual chain and plan to open two locations on the Peninsula.

World Wraps will open at Stanford Shopping Center in Palo Alto in late January or early February and at the San Antonio Center in Mountain View in late 2021 or early 2022. Local diners might remember World Wraps from when it operated on Emerson Street and University Avenue in Palo Alto 20 years ago.

Matthew Blair and Keith Cox, two of the four owners who opened World Wraps in San Francisco in 1995, recently bought back and revamped the company. (Cox also co-founded and owns sustainable seafood eatery Pacific Catch.)

World Wraps 2.0, as they call it, serves flatbread that’s pressed fresh to order and plant-based Beyond Meat. They dropped smoothies from the menu and replaced them with boba tea, agua fresca, horchata and mango lassi.

In addition to flatbread wraps, the eatery now serves burrito-sized nori wraps with sushi rice and fillings like yellowfin tuna, furikake salmon, ahi poke, avocado, macadamia nuts and garlic aioli. There are also large versions of summer rolls, rice paper stuffed with proteins including chicken, shrimp, salmon and tahini tofu. All wraps can be ordered as bowls.

They reopened the first World Wraps location in San Francisco in early 2020. When the coronavirus hit, they pivoted to donating meals to first responders, health care workers and people in need. This effort, combined with the menu’s natural disposition to takeout, meant World Wraps hasn’t had to furlough or lay off a single employee during the pandemic, Blair said.

“We’re very fortunate to be in fast-casual right now. We have small stores. We do have dine-in capability but that’s not the majority of our business,” he said.

It’s also allowed them to keep growing at a time when most restaurants are struggling to survive. There are now three World Wraps in San Francisco, Santa Clara and Corte Madera. The Palo Alto World Wraps will open next, then another outpost in San Ramon and Mountain View.

Stay tuned for the opening dates for the Palo Alto and Mountain View locations.

JuiceBox wine shop debuts

Local restaurateur and wine bar owner Zu Tarazi is back with a new project: JuiceBox, a Redwood City wine shop focused on small producers.

JuiceBox opened in December at 318 Arguello St., where he and his wife Kristi Borrone ran Kristi Marie’s until last March. The couple sold the business in late February, but when shelter in place took effect shortly after, the buyers backed out, Tarazi said.

Tarazi was on his way out from Bottle Shop, a wine bar he opened a few blocks away in 2018, so he decided to open his own shop and tasting room. (Bottle Shop is still open under different ownership.)

“I think more than ever we need to support the smaller producers in light of the fires of 2018 and 2019 and the pandemic,” Tarazi said. “A lot of the big guys are going to be OK but these smaller producers are going to struggle — and it’s not done yet.”

Tarazi began his career as a manager at the longtime, now-closed John Bentley’s in Redwood City. He met Borrone while working at her family’s iconic Cafe Borrone in Menlo Park. They went on to open two restaurants together, Station 1 in Woodside and Kristi Marie’s.

While the majority of the wine Tarazi sells subscribes to the notion of hands-off winemaking with little intervention — often captured in the broad umbrella term natural wine — he doesn’t strictly define JuiceBox as a natural wine shop. He wants to highlight “winemakers who respect their land, using organic or biodynamic farming to produce wines with little to no addition, wines that let the terroir and style shine through,” the JuiceBox website reads.

Unlike Bottle Shop, which was focused on California wines, JuiceBox’s shelves are stocked with bottles from Northern California, Oregon, Italy, France and Mexico. There are wines made by Jamie Motley in Sebastopol, who lost nearly her entire vintage of 2019 wine in the Glass Fire.

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Fire this fall; grenache and chardonnay from Florez Wines, an organic producer in Santa Cruz; and syrah from Donkey & Goat Winery in Berkeley, whose biodynamic wines have nothing added except for minimal sulphur.

For now, JuiceBox is only open for pickup and delivery but when public health restrictions allow for it, the shop will offer-by-the-glass tastings, winemaker events and Equator Coffee espresso. JuiceBox won’t serve food, unless it’s slabs of focaccia made by Borrone (a popular offering at Bottle Shop when Tarazi ran it).

JuiceBox also offers a wine club that comes with three bottles per month for $90.

Tarazi’s goal at JuiceBox is to encourage customers to drink wine as locally as possible. “The same way you’re approachng your food and trying to support local restaurants, I think it’s really important that we take that step with buying wine,” he said. “I know convenience wins a lot of the time but I hope that there’s a little more consideration of where their (customers’) buying power is.”

JuiceBox is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tarazi offers same-day delivery within 5 miles of the shop for orders placed online before 4 p.m. {
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