Former Menlo College provost releases new book on tackling racism

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City steers denser housing away from single-family neighborhoods

City Council votes to focus contentious zoning tool on commercial areas
By Gennady Sheyner

The Palo Alto City Council moved Monday to curtail its most promising — and unpredictable — zoning tool when it voted to keep “planned home” projects out of single-family neighborhoods.

In doing so, the council brought some relief to College Terrace neighborhood residents who have opposed a recent plan from Cato Investments to construct a three-story building with 24 apartments at 2239 and 2241 Wellesley St.

But its decision also disappointed housing advocates who argued at the hearing that prohibiting planned-home projects in single-family zones would hinder the city’s progress on housing.

The council, which has consistently failed to meet its own goals for housing production, adopted planned-home zoning in February 2018 to provide builders flexibility on development standards such as height, density and parking requirements. As such, it invites housing proposals that exceed the city’s zoning codes.

The council has already held informal pre-screening sessions for three such proposals, and it has three other proposals in the pipeline, awaiting reviews.

None of the three pre-screened projects has so far advanced. The council offered largely favorable feedback to a mixed-use development at 2951 El Camino Real, which includes 113 apartments. But a project from Sun Hill Property Company that included 187 apartments and a two-story office building at 3300 El Camino Real has already been withdrawn. A 290-apartment complex pitched by Jeff Farrar for 3997 Fabian

Rally co-organizers Jason Shan and Amanda Khu lead hundreds of protesters down Castro Street in downtown Mountain View on April 11.

RACE RELATIONS

Hundreds march against anti-Asian hate
Children and elected officials recount their experiences, as Asians, of racial prejudice and racism
By Lloyd Lee

The Mountain View Transit Center today serves as the city’s main hub for the Bay Area’s public transportation systems, from Caltrain to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority’s light rail and public buses to private shuttles.

But on Sunday afternoon, the center became a reminder of a dark period in American history when Japanese Americans were processed at what was then the Castro Train Station and shipped to one of 10 internment camps across the U.S. during World War II.

Around 500 people crowded the center Sunday, many of them two or more generations apart from the war, to rally against the recent uptick in crimes and discrimination against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

“My grandparents met here in Mountain View; they assembled at the Mountain View Caltrain station where they boarded that train to the internment camp of Heart Mountain,” said Mountain View Mayor Ellen Kamei as she stood in front of Mountain View City Hall after the march. “My father was born there and I am the third generation of my family here in this city.”

A group of hundreds of locals, including children and elected officials streamed through downtown Mountain View, walking on the sidewalks of Hope and Castro streets. Outdoor diners stopped during their meals to record or watch as protesters chanted, “Hate is a virus” and “No more violence/No more silence.”

The protest was organized by three high school students — Daisy Kemp of Mountain View High School, Amanda Khu of Castilleja School and Jason Shan of Lynbrook High School — with Christopher Chiang, a Mountain View Whisman School District board trustee, acting as their adviser. The students chair AAPI Mountain View, a local group that was created in response to racism against Asians.

“We can’t really change what happened,” said Khu. “But we can campaign to bring awareness to what happened. I think 2021 is going to be the year of unity, to show everyone that we love each other.”

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PUBLIC HEALTH

County gets surge in vaccine doses
Those 16 and older can sign up now
By Sue Dremann

In a happy reversal of recent weeks’ vaccination news, Santa Clara County is receiving about 300,000 additional COVID-19 vaccine doses and opening up tens of thousands of additional vaccine appointments this week, health leaders said during a press conference on Tuesday afternoon.

On the same day, however, officials in both Santa Clara and San Mateo counties announced the pause in their administration of the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine due to the discovery of a rare side effect among patients elsewhere in the nation.

The increased supply, which comes after weeks of shortages, is coming directly to the county’s health system from the federal government under a program operated by the federal Health Resources & Services Administration. As a result of the expanded vaccine supply, the county opened vaccine eligibility to all residents and workers ages 16 or older on Tuesday, two days earlier than the April 15 date designated by the state.

“This is really a game changer,” Santa Clara County Supervisor Otto Lee said Tuesday of the boost in doses. “This is close to four to five times the vaccines we have been getting.”

Health officials breathed a collective sigh of relief at Tuesday’s

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The spirit was there, but the follow-up wasn’t.”

— Mary Sculom, Palo Alto resident, on opening church parking lots to vehicle dwellers. See story on page 7.

“Around Town”

IN TRIBUTE ... Many local has spent the past year recognizing essential workers during the pandemic by holding a nightly applause, producing masks or delivering meals, among other acts. Palo Alto resident Elizabeth Lada utilized her artistic talent for “The Hero Art Project” by Arthouse, NYC, which pairs artists with the families of health care providers who have died from COVID-19 for a portrait of their loved one. Lada offered her services to the New York gallery, which assigned her to produce a painting of Dr. Frank Gabrin. Gabrin, 60, was a New York physician who became the nation’s first emergency room doctor who died of the deadly disease on March 31, 2020, according to a story by The Guardian. With little personal protective equipment available last year, Gabrin used the same face mask for multiple shifts, which went against Food and Drug Administration guidance. Lada was provided with a photo of Gabrin in the middle of last year to help her create the painting. “He seemed like a really compassionate person. I really wanted to show that compassion and earnest hard work in his eyes, but I also felt like there was a lot of pain going on there,” Lada said. Gabrin was a two-time cancer survivor. Lada completed the painting in four weeks and sent the original piece to Gabrin’s husband, Arnold Vargas, who was “touched and grateful.” The project’s paintings were displayed in the gallery’s window and a large screen in Manhattan for a few days. Arthouse, NYC is also currently sharing the portraits digitally through electronic displays. For more information, visit petsinneed.org or donate. “The annual spike in shelter organizations that have received $300,000 to help local rescues and shelters. For more information, visit petfood.express/kittenseason.

OUT OF POOL ... A pool of 43 entries from 81 school. A total of 15 schools were represented in the contest that had the theme “Communication in History: The Key to Understanding.” Participants were called to analyze the historical significance behind their chosen topic and share findings through an exhibit, documentary, research paper, interactive website or dramatic performance. Twenty-three entries by students from Palo Alto schools were named champions of the contest. The local high school from Castilleja School, JLS Middle School, Palo Alto High School and Silicon Valley International School. Mika Chen, a senior at Castilleja won an Excellence in Research Award for her paper in the junior division on “Suffragists Communicating through Cookbooks: Other Household Items.” Castilleja’s Dino Molotis, Anaka Walla and Raeva Parikh were recipients of a Diverse Voices in History Award for their group performance on “Untold History of Black Women’s Suffrage Groups: Protests Against Racial and Gender Restraints.” “We are very proud of our students, teachers, parents and schools who participated in National History Day, and thank the coordinators and judges from across Northern California, who made this virtual competition a success,” Santa Clara County Superintendent Mary Ann Dewan said in a statement. The county champions move on to the California National History Day competition, which will be held online May 6-8.

HERE KITTY KITTY ... With spring comes warmer weather, flowering bulbs and ... an abundance of kittens? It is true. The season is marked by a spike in new kittens, according to Pet Food Express, which launched its Kitten Season Pet Food Express President and CEO Michael Levy said in a statement. The company aims to raise $300,000 to help local rescue and shelters. For more information, visit petfood.express/kittenseason.

“Upfront”

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HOUSING
Palo Alto OKs church to house the homeless in parking lot

Highway Community Church is first house of worship in city’s Safe Parking Program, with more in line

By Lloyd Lee

Soon, the cracked pavement of Highway Community Church will be home to up to four vehicles on their land, the city is hoping the program will be able to alleviate local homelessness among those who have resorted to living in their vehicles, many parking along busy streets like El Camino Real.

Highway Community, which submitted an application in November, was given the city’s green light on March 2. Two more churches — Peninsula Bible Church, also on Middlefield Road, and the Unitarian Church on East Charleston Road — await approval, and others like Unity Church, which is next door to Highway Community, have expressed interest in applying.

“There’s a number of different initiatives we’re working on, and this is one that felt very timely given the decreased opportunities that were there at the start of COVID for people who are housing insecure,” said Jake Dodson, pastor of Highway Community.

The site will be operated by Move Mountain View, which currently operates five other safe parking lots throughout Mountain View and Palo Alto. Partly funded by Santa Clara County, the non-profit organization will provide amenities at the location such as a portable toilet, washroom and fire extinguisher, as well as guidance to proper social services.

“We’re very excited to see this development,” said Michael Love, operations manager of Move Mountain View.

As the first congregation to receive the city’s approval, the Highway Community view at 3373 Middlefield Road will serve as a closely observed model for the program while city leaders consider a more permanent ordinance in the coming months.

The city’s temporary ordinance regulates aspects such as vehicle and time limits, minimum amenities provided on site, notification of nearby residents, etc., but the hosting church can make its own modifications. It’s in place since 1994. “So we really welcome the church in coming in with the ordinance so that everybody’s needs could be met: so we can help the neighbors; we can help the church do what they believe their role is; and we can help the neighbors so we can make sure that our lives can go along and everyone is respected,” Love said. (And) it’s a lot easier to turn someone around and get them housed.

Along with a tall hedge the church will install around its borders before vehicle dwellers arrive, Dodson said the church and the neighbors have asked Move Mountain View to prioritize housing people with a longtime connection to Palo Alto.

Highway Community’s parking lot has remained mostly empty for the past year due to the pandemic. “The church is outfitted to park about 80 normal-sized cars in a lot that spans roughly the length of a football field — a quarter of the space occupied by the actual church. Already existing on Highway Community’s site is a fenced play area for children. Dodson said the pen could be open to kids, but he was told by Move Mountain View that the church most likely won’t expect any children, given the site’s restriction to passenger vehicles only.

“We have seen in our several years here (just) one poor family that was a mom and three kids trying to live in an SUV,” Love said.

“So no, these typically are single or maybe a couple living in a car or van.”

The Palo Alto Police Department and lot monitors with Move Mountain View will also keep watch over the lot, Love said, to record attendance and ensure that only the prescreened vehicle dwellers are on the site. (Each vehicle will be designated a parking spot beforehand and a permit tag.)

No drugs, alcohol or weapons will be allowed on the property, no loud music can be played and no food can be cooked outside the vehicle. The guests will also have to make a commitment to meet with a caseworker at least every month. The limitations and require-

COMMUNITY

May Fête Parade calls on community to offer their version of a ‘Wonderful World’

After hiatus, annual event returns with a decoration contest, celebration of pets

By Lloyd Lee

After a year of unprecedented loss, Palo Alto is hoping to uplift the community by bringing a longstanding local tradition next month: the May Fête Parade.

Though typically held on the first Saturday of May, this year’s parade will stretch into a weeklong event, from May 1 to 8. The theme is “What a Wonderful World,” based on Louis Armstrong’s famous song of the same name.

“It’s been a really tough year and a half for our parking lot on Adam Howard, the senior community services manager for the city’s recreation division. “We thought, ‘Well, what better way to start to move forward than to have people really pinpoint and illustrate what makes our world a wonderful place!’

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, beloved event won’t include the usual in-person parade, with the fanfare of marching bands, decorative floats and children walking their pets, but instead will feature a "reverse parade" in which the community can walk through designated neighborhoods to view what will be a series of decorated homes, porches, doors or businesses showcasing this year’s theme.

Parents and children are encouraged to decorate their homes in a way that highlights “unity and diversity” and what makes “our world such a beautiful place.” Mayor Tom DuBois said in a promotional video for the event.

A contest will be held for the best decorated house, which will consider “overall theme incorporation, public appeal, craftsmanship, proportions, animations or special effects and ingenuity,” according to the event website.

Three winners — one each from the categories of Culturally Diverse, Spring Themed and People’s Choice — will be awarded a $100 gift card to a Palo Alto restaurant of their choice.

Children also will have the opportunity to show off their pets’ creative talents, with a picture or video of under 30 seconds of their pets in costume or doing tricks. The clips will be compiled into one video and shared with the community. Participants can also request a cutout of their pet.

The first May Fête Parade was in 1924, when hundreds of children walked their pets along University Avenue. The birth of the parade predates even the larger Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. In its nearly centurylong history, the event has only been canceled twice: during World War II and in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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For more information, visit paloaltomayfeteparade.com. Organizers plan to upload the parade route in the coming weeks.

Girls Scouts from the Girls Scouts of Northern California pop bubbles as they march down University Avenue in the May Fête Parade in Palo Alto on May 5, 2018.

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Palo Alto looks to restore police auditor’s power to review internal complaints
City Council’s Policy and Service Committee votes to expand the scope of OIR Group

By Gennady Sheyner

The Palo Alto City Council surprised many police watchdogs in December 2019 when it abruptly moved to strip away the independent police auditor’s power to investigate internal complaints by officers against their colleagues.

Now, with new council members in place, the topic of police reform at the center of the national agenda and the local department facing increased scrutiny over numerous claims of police brutality, the council is preparing to undo that action.

On Tuesday, the council’s Policy and Services Committee took an early step when it unanimously recommended revising the scope of the police auditing firm, OIR Group, led by Michael Gennaco, to empower it to review incidents that involve harassment, retaliation and discrimination by members of the Police Department.

The council’s 2019 decision came just as OIR Group was reviewing a 2014 incident in which a police supervisor, Capt. Zach Perron, purportedly told a joke with a racist slur in the presence of a Black officer.

By revising the auditor’s scope and formally regulating all oversight of internal conflicts to the Human Resources Department, the council effectively ensured that OIR Group’s review of how the Police Department dealt with the 2014 incident was never publicly released.

But with the council now advancing a broad plan to improve police accountability and promote racial equity, the three council members on the committee — Chair Lydia Kou, Greer Stone and Greg Tanaka — all agreed that it’s time to reconsider the 2019 decision. Stone pointed to the high number of recent incidents of police misconduct across the nation, which he argued serve as a reminder of the importance of transparency in law enforcement.

“I think it’s clear we’re at a moment in our nation’s history where public mistrust of law enforcement is at a high point,” said Stone, who made the motion to restore the auditor’s scope over internal complaints.

“When we put our trust in people who carry a gun and a badge under the authority of law, there needs to be heightened scrutiny. When that trust is broken between the police and the people they are sworn to protect, the system fails,” City Manager Ed Shikada and City Attorney Molly Stump, who had jointly recommended the policy revision in 2019, advised council members to ensure that any new policies protect the confidentiality of the accused party, the complainant and witnesses.

(While OIR Group, as a rule, does not publish the names of any of the parties.) Shikada suggested Tuesday that releasing too much information to the public may have a “chilling effect” on employees, including on supervisors.

“So it’s clearly a balancing act,” Shikada said. “While always wanting to respect and protect the rights of anyone who feels they are a victim, we also know there are situations in which claims can be raised many, many times.”

A new report, jointly submitted by the offices of the city manager and the city attorney, further underscores some of the drawbacks of making personnel investigations public.

“Discrimination, harassment and retaliation investigations can involve sensitive, embarrassing or intimidating incidents,” the report states. “They often involve multiple employees or a work unit. Emotions, perceptions and experiences can be strongly felt and highly personal.”

Some residents pushed back against the 2019 move and supported broadening the auditor’s mandate. Aram James, a frequent critic of the Police Department, was among them. In some cases, he argued, internal incidents within the department can have significant public ramifications.

By reducing the auditor’s power in December 2019, the city effectively engaged in a coverup of the complaint against Perron, he said.

“Any time there is an attack by a white officer allegedly on a Black officer who is driven from the department, this is a quintessentially public matter,” James said. “We need to be certain that we put back (into the auditor’s scope) the internal matters of this nature.”

Barron Park resident Winter Dellenbach contrasted the auditor’s publicly available reports with the approach taken by the Human Resources Department, which she likened to “a total blackout with no information or accountability to the City Council or the public.”

“This is not how the Palo Alto Police Department is going to build trust with the city, or the public,” Dellenbach said.

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The past year has been in many ways a devastating one for the Latino community, which has been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 nationwide. It’s also brought unprecedented changes in the outdoors community as the pandemic has triggered widespread shutdowns of open recreation spaces, followed by reopenings that drew record numbers of visitors as people sought out the great outdoors.

As the pandemic continued, the Latinx community was left out of outdoor education leaders nationwide. Its leaders created the Latino Outdoors initiative, according to its website. Sometimes, Latinx community members are left out of outdoor and conservation initiatives because of cultural presumptions, he said.

He shared a story from an early effort between Latino Outdoors and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (MROSD) to bring Latinx families from Mountain View to some of the district’s open space preserves. Organizers, he said, had been a bit worried that the families wouldn’t like the space because it didn’t have traditional “park” recreation features like a soccer field.

He told them to just invite the families and give them an opportunity to provide feedback. The families, he said, were thrilled to learn about a new place and discover the natural features of the landscape.

Sometimes, Latinx community leaders should avoid making assumptions about the Latinx community. It’s unproductive to make assumptions about the Latinx community to explain their underrepresentation in the outdoors, he said.

For instance, it isn’t accurate to treat everyone in the Latinx community as someone who is undergoing a “new immigrant” experience. “You forget that they’ve been here forever,” he said.

Sometimes people assume that Latinx individuals who work outdoors full time don’t want to also play outdoors, or that some individuals are concerned about their documentation status and don’t want to engage with public agencies. That may be the case for some people, but that’s simply not the case for everyone, he said.

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Virginia Lucile Fitton
April 6, 1926 – April 11, 2021

Virginia Lucile Fitton died peacefully on April 11, 2021, surrounded by her family. She had recently celebrated her 95th Birthday at a small, joyful event with family and friends. Her life was dedicated learning how to love in every situation and undending gratitude for her meaningful journey.

Virginia (Ginny) was born on April 6th, 1926 at San Francisco Children’s Hospital, the same hospital where her mother was born. Daughter of Amy and Richard Hoppock, she was raised in San Mateo (attending San Mateo High School) and was a lifelong resident of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Ginny attended San Jose State University, graduating with a B.A. in Art. Song and dance performances were primary to Virginia’s campus life, as she performed with the “Dull Skulls” at numerous athletic and college events. It was there that she met Donald Fitton, describing an “electric jolt” when she first saw him at a social gathering. They were married on October 7, 1949 and celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2019.

During the 1950s, Virginia worked for Varian Associates in San Francisco. Virginia and Don lived as newlyweds in San Francisco, then Belmont. During this time, they adopted two children—John in 1955 and Kris in 1958. They then moved to Menlo Park where they raised their family and lived for 17 years.

In 1974 the Fittons moved to Portola Valley; and in 1977, moved again to Palo Alto where they remained for the next 44 years, enjoying a loving community.

In 1954, Virginia and Don attended a seminar on the Teachings of Jesus led by Stanford Professor, Dr. Harry Rathbun, and his wife, Emilia. This seminar changed their lives. Over the next 40 years, Virginia and Don would lead similar seminars on the Teachings of Jesus and the human maturation process throughout the United States, as well as Canada, Sweden, Germany, Australia, Venezuela and India.

In the early 1960s Virginia and Don were leaders with the Creative Initiative Foundation (CIF), located in Palo Alto. Working with the Rathbuns and others in the community, they formed the AMR Institute, focusing on the human condition as influenced by attitude, motivation and response.

During the Vietnam War years, Virginia and Don directed the formation of an urban, interracial youth service corps. Together, they taught a Stanford Senior Colloquium and led student seminars for the Peace Corps and Vista on the establishment of an ethical base for human life.

In 1982, based on the growing threat of nuclear war, CIF shifted focus to increasing awareness and education to prevent nuclear war. Virginia and Don were co-founders of Beyond War—a movement which began locally and grew to 50,000 worldwide. Virginia was Executive Director of Personnel during the Vietnam War until its transition to the Foundation for Global Community where she served as Trustee into early 2000’s.

Virginia was a spiritual teacher for many, sharing her practical wisdom, deep insights, and compassion with all who knew her. She also continued to sing and dance, learning to tap dance in her 80’s and perpetually winning family Christmas talent shows. Virginia loved to sing duets and play the ukulele in her 90s. Virginia continues to inspire us to live each day and every moment in gratitude.

Virginia is predeceased by her husband Donald and her daughter Kris. She is survived by her son John Fitton, his wife Mary Lynn Fitton and her grandchildren Tyler Sexton, Jack Fitton and Ellie Fitton.

Charles Stoneham Feeney
August 28, 1950 – March 11, 2021

Charles Stoneham Feeney Jr. lost his battle with cancer on March 11, 2021. He died with the love of his life, Ann Lamchick Feeney, at his side. He passed peacefully having the benefit of his daughters Emma and Allison able to share his spirit and strength as he moved out of this world.

The son of Charles “Chub” Stoneham Feeney, Sr. and Margaret Ann Hoppock he was always known as Stoney. Born in New York City he moved with his family to the Bay Area in 1956 along with the newly franchised San Francisco Giants. The family connections to major league baseball would be a permanent imprint on his life. He was the loving brother to Katharine “Katy” Feeney.

He attended Burlingame High School and University of the Pacific after a short stint at Arizona State. Following graduation, he began work in baseball with the Chicago Cubs and soon became general manager of their Midland Cubs minor league franchise. He then took a position with the San Francisco Giants as Assistant to General Manager Spec Richardson.

Renewing his love for the Bay Area, he soon became designated one of the City’s Top 10 bachelors in San Francisco Magazine. His bachelor days became short lived as he met and married Ann Lamchick in 1983. Stoney moved on to a successful career in sports equipment and wine sales proving himself an astute entrepreneur and a better boss to himself versus being bossed. Working for himself allowed more afternoons on the golf course and opened up more time to nurture his remarkable daughters to grow into the amazing women they are today. In retirement Stoney truly found his calling by becoming a Marshall at Stanford GC liberating his innate ability to tell golfers to hurry up and move along.

Stoney was a devoted friend to so, so many. The twinkle in his eye often accompanied a very quip and a hearty laugh. He had a big “inside voice” and the warmest heart imaginable. He never passed on the opportunity to take a stray into his home and was always happy to have a Golden by his side. His love of life was only surpassed by his love of his family. He resided in Palo Alto for the last 30 years with his wife Ann devoted to her and his two daughters Emma and Allison. He is survived by his brother John and his wife Joyce, brother Will and his wife Brenda and sister Mary Hall and her husband Andrew.

In recognition of his life, the family requests donations be made to the Peninsula Humane Society or the American Cancer Society.
Thomas Lee Osborne
November 26, 1932 – March 11, 2021

Thomas Lee ("Tom") Osborne was born November 26, 1932 in Berkeley, California, the son of Lilian and Thomas Osborne. Tom is survived by his wife of 57 years, Loll (Fasanl) Osborne who continues to reside in the home where they raised their three children: Ryan (Jenette) Osborne, Kristi (Dan) Spector, Jani Osborne. Tom is also survived by five grandchildren (Kendall and Avery Spector, and Luke, Spencer and Grant Osborne). Tom was "Mr. Recreation" as a Recreation Supervisor for the City of Palo Alto from 1957-1995. Tom loved working with people (who soon became his friends) through Palo Alto Adult Sports and Aquatics, as a Red Cross instructor and as a National Ski Patroller. Tom created and joyfully oversaw many activities for the enjoyment of the community including: The Moonlight Run, The Dog’s Best Friend Run, Chili Cook Off events, The May Pet Parade, The Senior Games, The Oak Creek Run Series, and The Masters Swim Program. During the thirty-eight years Tom worked at the Palo Alto City Recreation Department, he mentored many young people with good humor and an infectious sense of fun. Following retirement, Tom remained active in the community as a volunteer at the local animal shelter and at various sporting events. Parkinson’s Disease slowed Tom down, but he continued to travel and be a vocal, supportive spectator for many activities. Tom now has passed to where he will be able to return to the long-standing game of fetch with his beloved dogs, between sittings of cribbage and dominoes, with a margarita in hand. As the band in Heaven undoubtedly plays Tom’s favorite Dixieland Jazz numbers, Tom’s immediate and extended family (including his nieces, nephews and cousins) will miss Tom’s fun, positive and loving manner, and his booming reminder/toast that “Aren’t We Lucky!”.

Dexter Bailey Dawes
July 10, 1936 – March 21, 2021

Dexter Dawes, a respected leader to local community institutions, successful investor and finance professional, and above all, a man dedicated to his family, died peacefully on March 21 at age 84 from esophageal cancer in his Palo Alto home.

A traditional and deeply religious man, Dexter continued his faith with authenticity, integrity and kindness. He was affable, unsentimental, inquisitive, a risk taker, an optimist, and a skeptic. He was equally self-confident and self-effacing, and combined a sharp analytical mind with artistic creativity.

A strong believer in self reliance and responsibility, entrepreneurship came naturally to Dexter, leading to a successful career in finance. He pioneered the implementation of Employee Stock Ownership Plans in the early ’70’s with the firm Bangert and Company, and became intent on providing employees “a piece of the action.” As a founding member of a small investment bankng firm, Bangert, Dawes, Reade, Davis, and Thom, Dexter grew a successful business. Later, he created a hedge equity fund, John Hancock Capital Growth Management, from which he retired in 1996. His experiences with a wide range of businesses across the country gave Dexter a knowledge both deep and broad: paper products, beer distribution, photo processing, and a myriad of others.

In retirement, Dexter seemed only to increase his activities, dedicating countless hours as an angel investor and as a member serving on numerous corporate and non-profit community boards. As an active investor he mentored entrepreneurs in the wide ranging fields of software, construction, and even a local bakery. Among others, corporate board assignments included Embarkadero Media Publications and Puffin Designs. Often challenging authority and assumptions, his work on the boards of Palo Alto Utilities Advisory Commission, Channing House, Foothill-DeAnza Finance and Planning, and Boedeker Oversight Committee of the Audubon, Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra, and HeartFit for Life helped steer these organizations to sounder financial footing. In 2017, Dexter was honored with the Avenidas Lifetime Achievement Award.

In addition to his business and community engagements, Dexter also had a deep love for the arts. Starting with his high school paper, he developed a lifelong interest in photography. His practical nature and artistic creativity naturally drew him to woodworking, resulting in nearly every room of his home displaying his finely crafted furniture. At an early age, he developed a love for Baroque music. His greatest artistic accomplishment fell to his love for the outdoors and a battle with mobility, he continued to hike in the hills of the Peninsula, which he loved. He was always happy to have company, but equally comfortable by himself on the trail. Partnering with his son James, he built a family retreat in the Santa Cruz Mountains, a tribute to his special bond with the New Hampshire cabin where he spent summers in his youth. While the sweeping vistas of the hills and the fog laden Pacific Ocean were ready made for relaxation, he would more likely be found mowing the meadow, cutting brush or clearing the drainage swale.

Every year saw multiple trips to experience distant lands and cultures with Jean and a cadre of close family friends, and, of course, his camera. He had a special love of the Himalayas, making multiple treks to Nepal, Tibet and Bhutan. He could recall the names of remote peaks and valleys, the Mustang regions of Nepal long after age had deprived him of more immediate memories. He and Jean returned every year in his retirement to New Hampshire to hike Mt. Monadnock and enjoy the fall colors, and to be with extended family.

He loved reading biographies, yet thought writing his obituary was “none of his business”. He believed profits and losses were different, and did not believe in trophies for trying. He loved cars, drove fast and switched lanes often. His favorite beverage was water, and was never shy to seize upon double dessert.

His was a life well lived and savored by all who knew him. He will be missed greatly and lovingly remembered. He is survived by Jean, his wife of 59 years; sons - John, James, Adam and their spouses; 5 grandchildren - Cutter, Kylan, William, Jae Di, Xan Di; brother Harry of Peterborough, New Hampshire and sister Augusta of San Francisco.

A memorial service will be held when large gatherings are permitted in Palo Alto. Should you wish to make a donation in Dexter’s memory, please consider Avenidas, HeartFit for Life or a charity of your choice. Links: www.Avenidas.org, www.HeartFitforLife.org
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In response to ‘City Council clashes over appointments to new housing panel’
Posted April 6 at 3 p.m. by Judith Schwartz, a resident of Old Palo Alto:
“Given the amount of interest in this subject matter, it seems like the applicants who were not chosen to be on the panel, as well as others who would like to participate, should be invited to form the nucleus of an online research panel and participate in community co-design activities. The selection will only be a problem if all the other voices are shut out.”

In response to ‘Palo Alto eyes another shake-up to parking policies in commercial areas’
Posted April 9 at 11:06 a.m. by Carol Scott, a resident of Evergreen Park:
“I support any attempt by the city to contain commercial parking within the commercial parking area. If this pricing experiment will help to accomplish it, by all means try it. On the other hand, I fear this will be an expensive, high-tech solution when several, lower-hanging, less expensive options would go a long way and be easier to implement. I suggest that Mr. Sheyner’s next article be an in-depth examination of the new permit management system the city has contracted for and its performance last year in College Terrace and currently in Old Palo Alto. Ask the residents how easy/difficult it has been to merely purchase resident parking permits. The performance to date does not give us much comfort as to the ability of the city to implement new technology. Hopefully, this experiment will fare much better.”

In response to ‘Three rapes reported on Stanford University campus’
Posted April 11 at 8:35 a.m. by Michele Dauber, a resident of Barron Park:
“It is unacceptable that Stanford fails to issue timely warnings pursuant to the Clery Act when the students know each other. That sends the outdated message that being raped by an acquaintance is less serious than being raped by a stranger, and that men who rape acquaintances are less dangerous or less likely to be serial rapists. It also reinforces victim blaming myths of rape culture which assumes that this was a misunderstanding on a date instead of a vicious crime. Stanford’s failure to issue these warnings deprives students of knowing of the dangers in their surroundings.”

In response to ‘By curbing planned expansion, Old Palo Alto steers housing plans away from single-family neighborhoods’
Posted April 12 at 9:30 a.m. by Rita Vrbel, a resident of Crescent Park:
“Thank you council for your discussion and vote. There is room for large projects in (Palo Alto) but not in R-1 zones. When I look at all the vacant land in Fremont, Union City and Newark, maybe Palo Alto makes an agreement with ‘land rich’ cities to build denser. But we will never catch up if the new number of jobs keeps soaring. Apple, Google, Facebook should be required to provide housing for their own employees -- 20,000 new Google jobs in (San Jose) and 1,000 apartment units. Does not add up; never has, never will. Please don’t destroy what makes Palo Alto attractive and unique. Thank you.”

In response to ‘Power outage affects about 2,000 customers in Palo Alto’
Posted April 14 at 7:21 a.m. by Pei Tseru, a resident of Crescent Park:
“These power outages are occurring too frequently and create other subsequent problems. During the last blackout, the food in our freezer thawed and we had to dispose of it to ensure safety. Can one file a claim with the Palo Alto Utilities Department for reimbursement of spoiled food?”

With these added expenditures and inconveniences, one can barely afford to live in Palo Alto anymore.”

In response to ‘Peninsula Creamery Dairy Store, Rick’s Ice Cream ransacked two days apart’
Posted April 6 at 2:40 p.m. by Gale Johnson, a resident of Adobe-Meadow:
“Yes, that is sad. I live in a South Palo neighborhood near the Charleston Shopping Center. I’ve seen many businesses come and go, but I was always happy to see Rick’s still standing and I’ve always felt it was safe to live in this area. Maybe not anymore. I’ve lived here so long that I can’t remember when there wasn’t a Rick’s in that location. I met and knew the original Rick of Rick’s Rather Rich Ice Cream.
“I’ve had lunch at the Peninsula Creamery a few times. A place out of the ’50s with great burgers and fries and thick milkshakes made in those big stainless steel containers … and the battle was on to suck the shake up through that straw. Sweet memories.”

In response to ‘Editorial: When police control what the public learns about its activities, there can be no accountability’
Posted April 2 at 8:14 a.m. by James Miranda, a resident of Leland Manor/Garland Drive:
“Given the general biases and untrustworthiness of police reports and accounts, maintaining open airwaves of police operating radio frequencies is critical to ensure transparency and accountability on the part of law enforcement.
“The public has a right to be aware of their everyday presence and activities, whether it is a minor traffic stop or an undercover operation, because the police always seem to have a way of distorting evidence and probable cause.”

Letters

Castilleja adds prestige
Editor:
The Old Palo Alto neighborhood is a unique and prestigious neighborhood for good reason. Unfortunately, residents don’t seem to understand that it is the presence of Castilleja School that makes that neighborhood unique and gives it its prestige. Without Castilleja, that neighborhood would be ordinary. The extent to which the houses in Old Palo Alto have been expanded and built up and built out is extraordinary. That these homeowners would then deny a tasteful, well considered and reasonable expansion of Castilleja is, in my mind, a hypocrisy of mind boggling proportions.

Deborah Goldeen
Birch Street, Palo Alto

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Bright, Luxurious, and Built in 2017

Fresh, inviting living spaces filled with natural light and high-end appointments give this 4-bedroom, 4.5-bathroom Midtown home an attractive ambiance from the moment you step inside. Built in 2017, this home showcases outstanding build quality throughout both luxurious levels, with over 3,000 square feet of space including the attached 1-car garage. Beautiful engineered oak floors flow through expansive gathering areas ideal for both entertaining and everyday living, including the living room with a stately fireplace flanked by custom built-ins, and the private office that may be converted into an additional bedroom. An incredible chef’s kitchen is at the heart of the home and boasts marble countertops and high-end appliances from Wolf and Sub-Zero, and it opens to the family room with a built-in entertainment center. The palatial master suite features 2 closets and a spa-like bathroom, while 2 additional bedroom suites provide comfort and convenience for friends and family. And when the outdoors beckon, the sizable backyard will answer the call, with a lush lawn and ample space to relax and unwind, including a magnificent veranda. Just moments to the Midtown Shopping Center, this home is also close to California Avenue, known as Palo Alto’s "second downtown" thanks to great shopping and dining. Plus, numerous parks are all within a mile of the home, as is top-ranked Palo Verde Elementary.

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Incredible Opportunity in Old Palo Alto

This one-of-a-kind property in sought-after Old Palo Alto offers an exceptional opportunity for high-end investment or multi-generational living. Designed by renowned artist and architect Pedro de Lemos, who is known for his exquisite contributions to the Bay Area art community and to Palo Alto architecture, this property boasts the artist’s signature Old World detail and consists of five separate residences set on over one-third of an acre. Each home includes a full kitchen, stylish appointments, including refinished hardwood floors and new kitchen countertops in the main home, and comfortable living space ready to meet the needs of a modern lifestyle. Plus, each residence features an outdoor patio area, as well as off-street parking for maximum convenience. Located in one of Palo Alto’s most prestigious neighborhoods, this property is convenient to Stanford University, moments to the exciting amenities of both University Avenue and California Avenue, and close to beautiful Rinconada Park as well as to Gamble Gardens. Plus, the homes are just a short trip to both Caltrain and US 101, and are served by top-ranked schools all located within approximately one mile.

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Quintessential Woodside grounds surround this exquisite contemporary jewel nestled on over 2.5 acres. As you drive past the peaceful creek that borders this property, you will get a sense of the incredible privacy this home affords. Once inside, fresh, modern interiors feature soaring ceilings, radiant heated floors of polished concrete, and walls of glass that bring the outside in. Expansive gathering areas are scaled for entertaining, and the superb kitchen is sure to inspire your inner Top Chef with appliances from Bosch, Sub-Zero, and JennAir. Enjoy a true California indoor/outdoor lifestyle with multiple rooms opening to the grounds, where you will find ample space to relax and unwind. The spectacular master suite offers a luxurious, spa-like bathroom as well as flexible-use space to meet a variety of needs. And for those who work from home, the detached office offers plenty of room to do so in comfort and privacy. Just moments to downtown Menlo Park, Palo Alto, Stanford University, and Sand Hill Road, yet still evoking the feeling of being a million miles away from the hustle and bustle of Silicon Valley – this is truly a special place to call home.

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One-of-a-Kind Estate

Spectacular gated grounds with mature trees, vivid plantings, and extensive hardscaping introduce this one-of-a-kind Los Altos Hills estate. Totaling almost 4,300 square feet of living space, including a guest home (per floor plans), this estate is set on a remarkably private lot of .6 acres and enjoys a location mere moments to the excitement of downtown Los Altos. Beautifully renovated with exceptional detail, high build quality, and modern Craftsman flair, this home boasts high-end appointments at every turn, including floors of Brazilian Cherrywood, Calacatta marble countertops, brilliant ceilings, and three gas fireplaces. The main level unfolds with expansive gathering spaces scaled for entertaining, including the grand living room with stacking Nano doors for true indoor/outdoor living. Plus, for music lovers, the living room has been acoustically treated for amazing sound quality. Craft delicious meals in the gourmet kitchen with Miele appliances, and work from home in style in the stately office. Three bedrooms include the recently updated master suite with two walk-in closets and a spa-like bathroom, and the property also includes a large, flexible guest home with plenty of space. Completing the estate is a 3-car garage with an upstairs loft, a guest house with a full kitchen, and a fully restored playhouse sure to charm children of all ages. Convenient to Palo Alto, Interstate 280, and numerous parks, this home also is served by the acclaimed Los Altos Elementary school district.

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**Lizard Boy** is scheduled for the New Works Festival Online.

**Selections from Justin Huertas’ musical “Lizard Boy”** will be digitally presented on a “pay what you can” basis, featuring two musicals, three plays, artist talks offered on pay-what-you-can basis.

**THEATREWORKS TAKES ITS NEW WORKS FESTIVAL ONLINE**

**By John Orr**

“**Currency**” streams at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, followed by an artist talk. Dan Wolf is an actor, rapper, writer, editor, and video producer who co-owns Bay Area Theatre Cypher, “a collective of performers who live on the crossroads of hip-hop, theatre, activism, and community.” Wolf said during a recent interview that he is culturally Jewish. “I grew up in America, chose a life where I am a Passover Jew, a Hakhamah Jew.”

As a writer, Huertas said, “I’m not trying to be famous. As an artist, I want to create. I just want to make hero stories, about people who generally don’t get a chance to be the hero.”

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From page to stage — well, screen

Young Playwrights Project gives local teens a new avenue to self expression and the chance to work with theater pros

By Karla Kane

Gunn High School junior Saman de Silva has been part of his school’s tight-knit theater community since his freshman year. An experienced singer and actor, he’s also picked up tech-crew skills along the way. And thanks to his participation in TheatreWorks Silicon Valley’s Young Playwrights Project this spring, he’s now the writer of an original one-act play, with hopes of seeing it brought to life by local actors in a public virtual presentation on April 21.

“This is completely uncharted territory for me, which is why I’ve loved the experience so much,” de Silva said. “This is something that was brand new.”

The Young Playwrights Project, which this year has worked with not just Gunn but also three other Peninsula High Schools, matches theater classes with professional teaching artists, in this case Pear Theatre Artistic Director Sinjin Jones, who was brought into the program by TheatreWorks’ Jeffrey Lo.

“I was curious to get to know a little bit more about youth theater in the area,” said Jones, who started at the Pear in early 2020. “It’s been a good way to get to know the larger community, which has been nice.”

For the past few months, Jones has been twice weekly (virtually) appearing in the Gunn class, led by teacher James Shelby, guiding students as they create at least one original play each. Through lectures, games and exercises, he has taught about the basic tenets and classical structures of playwriting, as well as nontraditional methods.

“We spent the curriculum developing the ideas of, ‘What is a character? What is a plot?’ Here’s the conventional structure,” but as soon as I started writing, I called in Sinjin and he said, ‘It’s your play. Do whatever you want,’” de Silva recalled of Jones’ encouragement of experimentation. “They give us the tools so we know how to break them. Or maybe that’s just my anarchistic high-school outlook,” he said with a laugh.

His play, tentatively titled “The Interview,” revolves around a Chicago teen who’s navigating the world of college admissions and family pressure. He said he drew on some of his own background as a person of South Asian descent, his main character experiencing “the stress and anxiety of the need to get into a good college from a cultural standpoint and from a self standpoint.”

Jones and the class of juniors and seniors have come to know each other quite well over the course of the project, through “the mid-March stress of new beginnings, uncertainty, many looking at what comes next after high school and how that uncertainty culminates in a written piece,” Jones said. “It is so different from person to person.”

The COVID-19 pandemic necessitated that both the classwork and performances take place online, something Jones has had a lot of experience with over the past year as he’s helped the Pear’s productions translate to virtual formats.

“There’s something both really limiting and also very freeing about the digital place,” he said. “It doesn’t feel as connected as being in the same room, but there’s something interesting about students having the internet at their fingertips. We can pull up videos of anything, share resources — that has made it a pretty unique experience.”

The student writers received feedback from Jones and their peers, and underwent rounds of editing and drafting. Jones was left with the difficult task of selecting eight of the plays to be presented in staged online readings directed and performed by TheatreWorks artists.

“After a couple of days of rehearsals, these students get to hear their plays in the Zoomverse,” Jones said.

While the chance to have their work brought to life and seen by an audience is unquestionably cool, it’s the entire process that’s rewarding.

“I kind of had multiple revelations throughout this experience. I haven’t written creatively since eighth grade. It surprised me how motivated I felt. I could not put my computer down, my mind was really swimming in ideas,” de Silva said. “And how fantastic it was to hear my peers’ creative process and what they were able to come up with. More than my own, I’ve loved to see what my classmates have produced. It really has made me realize just how personal the writing process is and how much it takes to really come out with a play.”

Jones, too, has been blessed by the depth and variety of his Gunn students’ work, covering, among other topics, stories of immigrants, mental health, fan fiction, and “literally, about pieces of carrot in a salad; a play about two pizzas … It’s so interesting to see such a wide breadth of what students are interested in writing,” he said. “When you share some tools and allow them to write about what is meaningful to them, you get such a cool variety. I’m a big fan of unique voices and perspectives.”

Plays by Gunn’s participants in the Young Playwrights Project will be presented via Zoom on April 21 at 7 p.m. More information is available at theatreworks.org. • Email Arts & Entertainment Editor Karla Kane at kkane@paweekly.com.
Moments to the excitement of University Avenue, convenient to prestigious Stanford University, and offering easy access to eco-friendly public transportation – this fresh, modern home exemplifies the vibrancy of its setting in sought-after Old Palo Alto. Outstanding build quality is readily apparent on both levels of this 8-year-old property, which offers 4 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, and over 2,000 square feet of living space. Stylish appointments including hardwood floors, marble finishes, and detailed ceilings create a sophisticated ambiance throughout the floorplan perfectly suited for a contemporary lifestyle. Entertain guests with ease in the expansive living room with a centerpiece fireplace, craft delicious meals in the chef’s kitchen with GE Profile and Thermador appliances, and enjoy indoor/outdoor living in the family room that opens to the private backyard patio. Enjoy your morning coffee on the master suite’s outdoor balcony, and appreciate the convenience of a main-level guest suite. Plus, top-ranked schools Walter Hays Elementary, Greene Middle, and Palo Alto High are within one mile of the home.

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Palo Alto Unified School District

Notice is hereby given that proposals will be received by the Palo Alto Unified School District for the bid package:

Contract Name: JLS Gymnasium Roof Replacement
Contract No. JLR-21

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: The work includes, but is not limited to:
- Removal and replacement of existing gymnasium roof with new cold process multi-ply system, Appx. 29,060SF

Contract duration: 117 Calendar Days

Estimated Cost: $1,000,000

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit at on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 – 10AM at the 480 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94306 – meet in front of the Gymnasium at the JLS Parking Lot.

Bid Submission: Proposals must be E-MAILED to the District Facilities, Veronica Melero, vmelero@pauisd.org no later than 2:00 p.m. on May 18, 2021. Bids received in a timely manner by the District will be tallied online, live at the following website: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Fyay6Zw8xqWbD18-4EO5tSB5b3XNmgshYlWp4/edit?usp=sharing

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California contractors’ license(s): B, C-39. In addition, the Bidder is required to be registered as a public works contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to the Labor Code.

Bonding required for this project is as follows: Bid Bond 10% of the total bid, Performance Bond to be 100%, Payment Bond to be 100%.

PREVAILING WAGE LAWS: The successful Bidder and all subcontractors shall pay all workers for all Work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to section 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are also available on the Internet at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.

This Project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4 and subject to the requirements of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall furnish electronic certified payroll records directly to the labor Commissioner weekly and within ten (10) days of any request by the District or the Labor Commissioner. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, Articles 1-5 of the Labor Code.

Bidders may examine and download all Bidding Documents for free, online at: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1VFZ7Z9US5clWogMWF-aPty4GdWJtbKGC?usp=sharing

Bidders may also purchase copies of Plans and Specifications at ARC Document Solutions 829 Cherry Lane San Carlos, CA 94070, Phone Number (650) 631-2310

The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible bidder based on the base bid amount plus the following alternates: 1, 2, 3 & 4.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received. If the District awards the Contract, the security of unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) days from the time the award is made, unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.

All questions can be addressed to:
Palo Alto Unified School District
25 Churchill Avenue, Building D
Palo Alto, CA 94306-1099
Attn: Royce Rippere
Phone: (650) 329-3927
Fax: (650) 327-3588
Email: royce@fs3h.com

Palo Alto Unified School District

DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2021

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Under Government Code Section 50079(d), any exemption granted to a taxpayer remains in effect until the taxpayer becomes ineligible. Homeowners who are currently exempt and are still eligible DO NOT need to reapply. Your exemption will be automatically renewed for the next year. Please inform Business Services if your eligibility changes.

If you have any questions about the parcel tax exemption, please call the Business Office at 650-329-3980.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A NEW PARCEL TAX EXEMPTION

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Radical Empathy

By Kate Bradshaw

F or Terri Givens, the former provost of Menlo College and a resident of unincorporated West Menlo Park, the key to overcoming racial barriers in America comes down to two deceptively simple words: radical empathy.

As a Black woman who’s been an academic, a professor of European politics, a college administrator, a community member active on local nonprofit boards, and a mother, sister and daughter in America, she reflects on how perceptions of race have shaped her life experiences in her new book, “Radical Empathy: Finding a Path to Bridging Racial Divides.”

Givens’ book, released in February, shares a number of her personal experiences as she discusses the importance of vulnerability and empathy in her own life and how those traits have enabled her to overcome obstacles and become a leader.

In the book, Givens describes herself as a girl who grew up in a military family away from her extended relatives in Spokane, Washington. As a high school student, she eventually made her way to Stanford University as a first-generation college student, then UCLA for her Ph.D. She went on to teach at the University of Washington, then the University of Austin at Texas, where she became a college administrator. She then worked as provost at Menlo College before starting Brighter Higher Ed, a higher education consulting firm.

At each step, she dissected how her racial identity created ripples and complications for her ambitions. As a child, she said, teachers make assumptions about the capabilities of Black students that “can inhibit their potential for success.”

At Stanford, her racial identity triggered her insecurities and anxieties. Particularly striking is data that African American women, regardless of their class or education, are more likely to die of maternal mortality than their White counterparts, she said.

While living in Austin, Texas, Givens started “Take Back the Trail,” an initiative that encouraged women in East Austin to get out and exercise and provided them with healthy food donations, check-ins and mentoring.

As further confirmation of the ways that racial inequality shapes health, she said, she finished writing the book in the middle of a pandemic that has disproportionately harmed Black and Hispanic people throughout the U.S. Several of her extended family members are front-line workers who became sick with COVID-19, she added.

Leading with empathy

Givens also describes her experiences with leadership, and notes that there is a significant dearth of women and minorities in leadership positions. She cites a 2018 report stating that there has only been one Black woman CEO of a Fortune 500 company, Ursula Burns of Xerox, who retired in 2016.

“Here we are in 2021, and we’re still just breaking into some parts of society,” she said.

Givens plans to take on her own guidance as an academic leader and advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion as she begins her new role as an academic leader and advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion.

Moving forward

As Givens describes it, radical empathy means having two kinds of empathy: emotional empathy, or feeling how another person sees the world, and structural empathy, or feeling how another person feels, and cognitive empathy, or understanding how another person sees the world. It also involves taking action to change structural inequality beyond just being nice to other people, she said.

“We all have to understand that we live in this society that’s built around structural racism and it’s not just structural racism, it’s inequality,” she said.

Her recommendations to build radical empathy are to be willing to be vulnerable, “to have come ground in who you are, open yourself up to learn about and understand other people’s experiences, practice empathy, take action and build trust.”

Despite the daunting inequality and structural racism that persists, Givens said she draws her inspiration to keep fighting them from both past and present people.

“I can’t forget that my grandfather was a sharecropper in Louisiana, and my mother was a seamstress, and I got a Ph.D.,” she said. “And my children are going to have great opportunities because of my education, and (are) getting great educations. In the end, I do see progress.”

People interested in purchasing the book can access it at is.gd/radicalementhy.

Mailbox Staff Writer Kate Bradshaw at kbradshaw@almanacnews.com.

About the cover:

City explores new policies to protect renters
Seeking to address the plight of low-income residents in a city with famously astronomical rents, Palo Alto is considering a wide range of new programs designed to protect and assist tenants facing displacement.

Some of these programs — including, most notably, rental stabilization — have been brought up in the past, only to fizzle in the face of political opposition. Others, including limits on security deposits and the ability to remove barriers for residential projects, would be discussed for the first time.

The wide-ranging effort kicked off on Wednesday, when the city’s Planning and Transportation Commission unanimously endorsed two new initiatives to support renters: establishing a survey program that would allow the city to track its inventory of rental properties and expanding renter relocation assistance, with a particular focus on the “cost-burdened” households — those that spend more than 30% of their income on rent.

The commission split over a third program: expanding protections for renters facing eviction beyond those already included in Assembly Bill 1482, the 2019 legislation that capped rent increases and, in many cases, prohibited property owners from terminating tenancies without just cause. By a 4-3 vote, with Chair Bart Hechtman, Vice Chair Giselle Roohparvar and Commissioner Mike Alcheck dissenting, the commission voted to recommend just-cause protections to properties that had been built within the past 15 years as well as to renters who moved into their residences less than a year ago. Both of these categories are currently exempt from the state bill.

Rents and eviction protections

Burt and others in the council majority also agreed that to make housing construction more attractive, the city has to make office construction less so. Burt suggested lowering the allowed density for office developments, thus making commercial projects less lucrative. He pointed out that the city has recently created a “housing incentive program” that gives residents and developers a discount on the city’s parking requirements. Despite this action, there have yet to be any takers. Burt surmised that this is because commercial projects — which have the same density limits as housing projects in the new program — remain far more profitable than residential ones.

Pushing back against criticisms that preserving R-1 zoning will deter the city of promoting housing opportunities at a time when the city is struggling to increase its housing stock, several council members, including Burt and City Manager Ed filseth, pointed out that the city already allows more than one housing unit per lot in R-1 zones, a function of recent changes to floor-area-ratio limits for commercial projects. While his colleagues pointed to the city’s “planned home” zoning tool, Filseth said. “This is really about pre-empting the exclusionary history around zoning decisions,” Burt responded. “Each of these sites is unique,” Filseth said. “Every time we limit ourselves a degree of freedom, we may be foreskening an option we may not even be aware of.”

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“Don’t think we’ve had a thorough discussion on that, and I think it’s premature to make jobs the bogeyman right now, especially when people are looking for jobs,” Tanaka said.

News Digest

Family of slain teacher sues police
The family of Palo Alto teacher Kyle Hart has filed a federal lawsuit against the city of Redwood City and members of its police department for the December 2018 officer-involved shooting that mortally wounded Hart while he was having a mental health crisis. Hart, 25, filed the lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for Northern California on Tuesday, April 13, after nearly two years of fruitless negotiations and failed mediation with the city, she said during a press conference on Wednesday.

The lawsuit specifies sums of money for damages and accuses the police department of violating the late Greene Middle School teacher’s civil rights, causing his wrongful death and being negligent. Responding officers did not use any de-escalation attempts and officers allegedly failed to administer emergency and medical care. Instead, they handcuffed Hart and left him on the ground to bleed out, according to the lawsuit.

The city of Redwood City, police Chief Dan Mulholland, and Officers Roman Gomez and Leila Velez are named as defendants. — Sue Dremann

Housing
Way remains on shaky ground after council members suggested changing the policy mid-stream to meet the requests of one neighborhood, the City Council will demonstrate a bad faith effort that blocks new, affordable housing,” Palo Alto Forward President Gail Price wrote in a letter to the council. “Further, by limiting the ability to use this important tool across the city, Palo Alto will make it impossible to equitably zone for new housing in every neighborhood.”

Cynthia Gildea, a representative from Cato Investments, pointed to the city’s recent failure to meet its own housing goals and suggested that limiting R-1 zones exclusively to single-family homes “doubles down” on the exclusionary history surrounding the zoning designation. Why, she asked, is the Wellesley project so scary that it justifies banning multifamily and “missing middle” housing from being built in neighborhoods throughout Palo Alto? The other side argued, in a letter, “amounts to changing the rules in the middle of the game.”

“While the City Council continues to play lip service to the housing crisis, this action sends the message to housing developers that Palo Alto is not a place to build,” Gildea wrote.

Between 2016 and 2019, the city didn’t approve a single new housing unit for the "very low" income category. In the current housing cycle, which stretches from 2015 to 2023, it has approved 101 such units, which is 15% of its Regional Housing Needs Allocation of 691 units. In the "low" income category, the city has approved 65 units — 15% of its allocation of 432. And it has only approved 28 units in the "moderate" category, just 10% of its allocation.

But the council majority agreed Monday that "planned home" zoning was not intended for single-family neighborhoods but rather to supplement the city's housing-incentive program and to remove barriers for residential developers who need a few additional feet of height or a slight reduction in parking requirements to make projects pencil out.

The City Council decided Monday that Cato Investments’ proposed three-story apartment building will not be allowed in College Terrace.

Council member Eric Filseth said he was surprised to see the planned-home zoning get conflated with questions about R-1 neighborhoods. The idea of making major changes to R-1 zones, which make up 70% of the city, did not cross his mind last year when the council voted to create the new zoning tool, Filseth said.

Numerous residents argued Monday that while planned-home projects may be appropri- ate in some parts of the city, they should not be considered in R-1 neighborhoods.

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Vaccines

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press conference after learning about the large allocation from the federal government earlier in the day. “We’re thrilled to provide expanded access to these highly effective vaccines, especially for those most impacted by CO-
VID-19,” said Dr. Marty Fenster-
sheib, the county’s testing and vac-
cine officer. “We will be able to offer vaccination to those at greatest
risk and ensure broad coverage for our entire community.”

The county received the first shipments of additional vaccines from the U.S. government on Tuesday morning and additional supplies are expected to arrive next week.

Dr. Jennifer Tong, assistant chief medical officer for the San-
ta Clara County Valley Medical Center, said they expect heavy traffic on the county’s vaccine signup website — svccovidvax.org — in the next few days. People should expect delays but should continue to return to the site to book an appointment as more will keep opening up.

Anyone without access to the internet can book a vaccine ap-
pointment by calling the county at 211 or 408-970-2000. The increase in vaccine supply comes on the heels of announce-
ments by both Santa Clara and San Mateo counties that they would halt administration of the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
tion (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) caution may have caused a severe type of blood clot in six people.

Although rare — they are the only known cases out of about 7 million doses administered na-
tionwide — CDC and FDA offi-
cials and the local authorities said they were halting the shots out of an abundance of caution.

“In these cases, a type of blood clot called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis was seen in combi-
nation with low levels of blood platelets (thrombocytopenia). All six cases occurred among women between the ages of 18 and 48, and symptoms occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination. Treatment of this specific type of blood clot is different from the treatment that might typically be adminis-
tered. Usually, an anticoagulant drug called heparin is used to treat blood clots. In this setting, administration of heparin may be dangerous, and alternative treatments need to be given,” Dr. Anne Schuchat, the CDC’s prin-
cipal deputy director, and Peter Marks, director of the FDA Cen-
ter for Biologics Evaluation and Research, said in a joint statement on Tuesday.

Santa Clara County health offi-
cials said the county should be able to cover all scheduled Johnson & Johnson appoint-
ments with the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines. County officials have also advised their vaccinating partners to pause administration of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine until further di-
cision from the CDC, FDA and California Department of Public Health.

Fensterheib said on Tuesday afternoon that 62,000 people have received the J&J vaccine in Santa Clara County. He urged people to understand that the complications were extremely, extremely rare. Symptoms include a severe head-
ache, abdominal or leg pain or shortness of breath. Anyone who has symptoms should con-
tact their health care provider or seek medical help, he said.

“This is really a game changer. This is close to four to five times the vaccines we have been getting,”

— Otto Lee, supervisor, Santa Clara County

One of the six people who suf-
fered a blood clot after getting the one-shot vaccine died, but no complications from the J&J vaccine have been found in California, he said.

People who received the J&J vaccine more than a month ago have a very low risk of developing the symptoms, he added.

Tong said the blood clotting can occur in people who have not been given the Johnson & John-
son shot, so it is not yet known if the vaccine actually caused the clotting.

Dr. Aând Chabara, San Mateo County’s COVID-19 vaccination branch chief, said in a Tuesday statement that the county has di-
rected its partnering clinics and hospitals to suspend their admin-
istration until the vaccine is of-
cially cleared by the CDC and
FDA.

In San Mateo County, 22,306 shots of the J&J vaccine have been administered out of the 564,367 total vaccinations by the county Health Department, health care providers and hospitals, pharma-
cial, community clinics and other
partners.

“This represents 3.952% of total vaccine administrations in San Ma-
teo County, the others being the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines,” he said.

“San Mateo County Health re-
sceived 500 Janssen (J&J) doses this week, which will be held pending further state and federal guidance,” he said.

“The county does have some targeted events planned with J&J this week, but this has been done despite those events with avail-
able Pfizer and Moderna doses so that those events can still take place at the same number of doses as planned,” he said.

The CDC planned to hold a meeting of the Advisory Commis-
see on Immunization Practices on April 14, to further review the six cases and to assess their potential significance, the federal authorities said.

Health care providers are asked to report adverse events to the Vaccine Adverse Event Report-
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ments set forth by the church and the city ultimately shape a service that Dodson, Love, city leaders and supportive residents have emphasized is supposed to be a transitional program, not, as Dodson put it, a "destination."

With two clients on the list for Highway Community, Love said people may be ready to stay there in about two weeks. The overnight parking permit for the church is set to expire Aug. 31, 2022.

"It’s important for people to know that we’re not setting up shelters," Love said. "These are places where people can be safe enough to work on their project of getting a permanent place to live."

The Highway Community approval comes on the heels of the February opening of a Safe Parking Program at 2000 Geng Road, which hosts up to 12 recreational vehicles, 24 hours a day and is also operated by Move Mountain View. But the numbers are small when placed against the larger backdrop of Santa Clara County’s ambition to house 20,000 more people by 2025, a goal post that was shared during a City Council meeting on April 5.

Some residents are also yet to be completely sold on the city’s parking program. Grace Mah, a Palo Alto resident on Christine Drive who is part of her neighborhood association, said during the April 5 meeting that far more residents should be notified of a potential overnight parking site — not just those living within 600 feet, as the city currently mandates.

Vehicle dwellers, Mah noted, are required to move at least half a mile away from the parking site outside of the overnight operating hours. Thus, she argued, all residents within that distance should be notified if a congregation is attempting to apply for a permit. She also called the $600 appeal process to any permit approved "prohibitively high."

Wendy Yu, another local resident, expressed concern that the initiative could disproportionately impact Palo Alto neighborhoods with a higher density of congregations, especially if there’s no cap on the number of issued permits. The block of Middlefield Road between Christine Drive and Arques Avenue, for example, has three churches that have applied or are interested in participating in the program.

"You also wondered if the initiative will increase the number of homeless people in the city by attracting others from surrounding areas."

When asked about some of these concerns, Love said that the organization prioritizes people who have connections to Palo Alto or a nearby city like Mountain View. If an unhoused individual from another city approaches Move Mountain View, the standard procedure is to connect them to their local services.

"Without fear of being a political advocate, because I’m not allowed to do that, we have not found people travel far and wide from other places to come and use the program," Love said. "We are more the ones that are passing through — we detect them and refer them someplace else."

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Outdoors

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3. The obstacles aren’t just about cost.

When it comes to obstacles the Latinx community faces to accessing the outdoors, he said, common barriers that are frequently discussed relate to the cost of accessing outdoor spaces, including transportation and gear.

"Not everyone has disposable income in that way," he said, adding that programs aimed at providing free passes or transportation support can help.

But helping everyone feel welcome in open spaces is not as simple as just removing cost barriers. Sometimes, he said, people are "given that look, or feel that they’re intruding in a space, or are not wearing the right thing or not acting the same way that lets them know they’re not welcome."

Such instances, he said, can manifest as overt racism, as happened with two Black men last year: Ahmard Arbery was killed while out for a run in Georgia, and Christian Cooper, who was birding in Central Park, had his video clip of him calling out a white woman after he asked her to leash her dog. In the Bay Area, racism in the outdoors sometimes appears when people of color are disproportionately accused of not following the rules, he said.

Other times, the lack of welcome can be more subtle, like when parks don’t provide information in multiple languages, said González.

4. Latinos have played important but sometimes forgotten roles in the history of conservation.

How the history of conservation is told can be incomplete and leave out the Latinx community, González said. Often, it is presented as a narrative about protecting land and species from development and environmental degradation, with mostly white protagonists, but that’s not the full story.

Many people are familiar with Rachel Carson’s 1962 book “Silent Spring” and the environmental work that followed to remove DDT from the environment and protect raptores.

But what’s often missing or left out from that narrative, he said, is the story of Ralph Abascal, a public interest attorney with California Rural Legal Assistance, who filed a lawsuit in 1969 on behalf of six nursing mothers who were field workers that eventually led to the banning of DDT.

"We leave out the farmworker heroes in some of these larger environmental wins," González said. "They still have to keep fighting."

5. In the Bay Area, the conservation movement could focus more on equity and inclusion.

Across the region, there are plenty of contradictions and tensions between the conservation-oriented mindsets of residents and the current state of reality, he said.

"You have the blessings of a lot of open space that’s been preserved in the Bay Area, and then you have DDT even as inequities have ... set in," he said. "And you can look at work that says (that) some of the most segregated communities are in the Bay Area."

At the same time that some wealthy Peninsulans choose to spend lots of money to protect land, there may be many other voices left out of the conservation conversation about how that land is used. Sometimes it’s because lower-income people have to work harder to keep a roof over their heads in a place where the housing supply is extremely limited and costly, he said.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the existing inequities for the Latinx community in the Bay Area became even more stark, said González.

Part of why the Latinx community has been so impacted by COVID-19 is because they often live in households with more people and more often are essential workers, he said. Park closures during the pandemic also have disproportionately burdened underrepresented communities, he argued in an April opinion piece in High Country News.

6. Outdoors leaders can start by showcasing the value of expenditures for underrepresented communities.

Family wills finds ways to spend money on things they value — that’s why people who pay hundreds of dollars for a pass at Disneyland may also balk at the $80 fee for a National Parks pass, he explained.

"We also have to be conscious that Black and brown does not mean broke and broken," he said. "A lot of communities will pay. They show up."

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Protest

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happened 200 years ago," Khu, 17, said in an interview, referring to a history of anti-Asian violence that was soon followed by the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act. "But we can change what’s going forward."

The Sunday march was a mix of protest and performance. The rumbling sound of taiko drums, a traditional Japanese instrument, could be heard as marchers walked toward City Hall. A group of girls from Able2Shine, an academic enrichment program, sang a song calling for justice. Aparna Prabhakar read her poem, "Brown," expressing how the color of her skin has come to define her: "Brown is the color of my story, and I am the author of my story."

Asian American children and local politicians also shared, in a string of short speeches, either their own direct experiences of racism or how the movement of rallying against anti-Ase hate resonated with them.

"Last year, I was biking and stopped at a red light in Palo Alto when a minivan pulled up next to me and the guys inside started yelling, ‘Go back to China! Why’d you bring the virus here,’" said Palo Alto City Council member Greg Tanaka, whose grandfather died of tuberculosis while in an internment camp. Many local youths, some as young as 8 years old, also spoke to their own experiences of discrimination, especially at the height of the pandemic.

"Last summer on a hiking trail, someone full of hatred called my mom and me ‘coronavirus’ and told us to go back to China," said Michael Pan, 8, of Cupertino. "Since then, I can no longer walk to parks without fear of that might happen again. I can no longer walk three blocks to my school without fearing that someone might hurt me again."

Most marchers were spurred by the recent acts of violence against Asian Americans. A drawing of Pak Ho, a man who died after being robbed and pushed to the ground in Oakland last month, was displayed at City Hall above more than a dozen signatures, including those who were killed in the Atlanta, Georgia area shooting on March 16.

"I’ve been hearing about the uptick in hate crimes primarily through social media for the past few months," said Khu, 18, a senior at Castilleja. "But once Atlanta happened, I think that was really a turning point for me."

With protests against AAPI members of the Asian American community describing the diversity of the Asian American experience, they were also examples of how far Asian Americans have come since xenophobic policies were enacted in the past.

State Assembly member Evan Low, D-Campbell, Santa Clara County Supervisor Otto Lee, Mountain View Police Chief Chris Hsiung, city council members and school district board trustees, all of Asian descent, spoke at the rally.

Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Palo Alto, Assembly member Marc Berman, D-Menlo Park, Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian and District Attorney Jeff Rosen were also among the attendees who spoke in support of Sunday’s rally.

"I want you to know that the 600 members of the District Attorney’s Office stand with the victims of hate crimes and against the perpetrators of hate, and we’ll vigorously prosecute anyone who targets anyone because of their ethnicity," Rosen said.

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