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Movie theater company Cinemark Theatres confirms that it will not reopen Palo Alto Square venue

By Gennady Sheyner

CinéArts at Palo Alto Square, a movie theater that for decades has been a popular destination for local film lovers, will not be reopening after the COVID-19 pandemic, the theater’s parent company confirmed to the Weekly. Like other entertainment venues across California, the movie theater has been closed since March 2020, when the onset of the pandemic and the ensuing public health orders forced it to shut down. Unlike most others, the Palo Alto Square institution will not be taking part in California's reopening.

“In light of the impact of COVID-19, Cinemark can confirm that it has made the business decision to permanently close its CinéArts at Palo Alto Square theater,” a spokesperson for Cinemark told the Weekly in a statement. While the pandemic may have contributed to the permanent closure of CinéArts, its future has been in doubt for years. The Texas-based theater company Cinemark, which purchased the Palo Alto theater from Landmark in 2001, had considered closing it in the summer of 2016, a decision that prompted an outpouring of concern from area residents and Palo Alto's elected leaders.

At that time, Cinemark had attributed its decision to close the movie theater to the changing market for movies, the theater’s condition and the large amount of money that the company would need to invest to upgrade it. The closure was narrowly averted after Cinemark inked a deal with Hudson Pacific Properties, the owner of Palo Alto Square, that Santa Clara County is looking to preserve the ecosystem remaining pollutants while focusing on preserving the ecosystem for decades has been a bit more persistent and far-reaching than originally thought. Experts had said it would soon dissipate and its chemicals would break down naturally in sunlight. Some pockets still remain, with contamination well over recommended limits from regulators.

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New cancer-fighting technology leaves patients with fewer side effects

Radiation device made by Palo Alto firm Varian uses AI to avoid harming healthy tissue

By Kevin Forestieri

Lasting cancer patients who undergo a beam of radiation is an imperfect science. It’s a life-saving technique that’s bound to damage healthy tissue along the way, leaving patients feeling sick or worse.

But a breakthrough device in the world of radiation treatment is practically eliminating those side effects, easing the pain that has long been a necessary part of treating cancer. The device, called Ethos and developed by Palo Alto-based company Varian, has been used on dozens of patients at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View. So far, the results have been a game-changer.

“There is a tremendous difference,” said Dr. Robert Sinha, El Camino’s radiation oncology medical director. “We’re just not seeing the typical side effects that we would encounter for these patients. They’re sailing through it.”

El Camino began using Ethos in April, making it the first hospital in California and the fifth in the country to use the device. The futuristic-looking pentagonal machine, with its sleek backlit silver frame, serves as both a CT scanner and a linear accelerator that fires a photon beam at cancerous tumors.

What sets Ethos apart and makes such a huge difference, Sinha said, is how precisely the radiation treatment can be tailored to hit cancer cells and leave healthy tissue unharmed, its opportunities to get more aggressive than ever and up the dosage.

“There is still some uncharted territory with the new tech. If radiation therapy can be so careful in tailored to hit cancer cells and leave healthy tissue unharmed, it’s possible that oncologists could use the opportunity to get more aggressive than ever and up the dosage,” Sinha said. “He’s taking a cautious approach for now. He said he knows intuitively that Ethos does open the door for greater doses with fewer side effects, but he said he’s holding off until there’s more data and more experience working with leading-edge technology that’s only been in practice for a few months.

“I’m using the tried-and-true doses that we know are going to work and are safe, but I think as time goes on we’re going to find that this is going to allow us to up the doses,” he said. “We’re going to be a way less limited by healthy tissue damage.”

El Camino Hospital has invested heavily in radiation therapy in recent years, seeking to attract a larger share of the regional market with state-of-the-art technology. The new Ethos machine stands in stark contrast to older equipment, which was reported- erly breaking down frequently — sometimes while the patient was in the waiting room or on the treatment table.

Hospital officials say the Ethos machine, along with a new linear accelerator and a brachytherapy device, should make the hospital more competitive against larger health systems in the area. A report found in 2017 that 11.4% of Santa Clara County residents come to El Camino for radiation therapy, well below Kaiser (31%) and Stanford (25.4%). All of the new equipment marks the “latest and greatest,” Sinha said, but Ethos remains the crown jewel.

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TRANSPORTATION

City, Tesla strike deal to install ‘Superchargers’ at downtown parking garage

Council approves 7-year agreement for 19 stalls on third floor of Bryant Street facility

By Gennady Sheyner

Eager to accelerate Palo Alto’s transition to electric vehicles, the City Council signed a deal last week with Tesla, allowing the company to install 19 vehicle chargers at the city-owned garage on Bryant Street and Lytton Avenue.

The council’s unanimous vote on June 21 capped more than two years of negotiations between the city and Tesla, which is headquartered at Stanford Research Park and which dominates the local electric-vehicle market. Tesla has an estimated 50% market share in the Palo Alto area, the highest adoption rate in the state. According to the company’s website, its charging stations at their downtown locations support hundreds and eventually thousands of monthly visits as an amenity for Tesla owners locally and from all over the Bay Area.

The city and Tesla, which is headquartered at Stanford Research Park and which dominates the local electric-vehicle market, signed a deal last week with Tesla, allowing the company to install the chargers on the third floor of the garage at 445 Bryant Street. The council had discussed the project for many years of negotiations between the city and Tesla, which is headquartered at Stanford Research Park and which dominates the local electric-vehicle market.

City Manager Ed Shikada described Tesla’s V3 Superchargers as “high-capacity, low-duration.” According to the company’s website, they enable users to recharge for up to 200 miles in 15 minutes. The approved agreement allows Tesla to install the chargers on the third floor of the garage at 445 Bryant St., which would reduce the number of parking spaces in the third-floor area from 21 to 19. Even with the new equipment in place, the spaces would remain available for all vehicles, according to staff.

The company will pay the city $2,100 per month, as well as the cost of utilities and station maintenance. The deal is for seven years, with two automatic five-year renewals options, for a potential total of 17 years. Either party will be able to terminate the agreement after the initial seven-year term with a 90-day notice.

Shikada said the agreement helps support the city’s sustainability goals, which rely heavily on widespread adoption of electric vehicles. While electric vehicles currently account for more than 30% of new car sales in Palo Alto — the highest adoption rate in the country, according to the city staff — estimates are that for many renters like himself, the lack of electric-vehicle charging stations at their apartment complexes is a “big barrier” to ownership.

“This has been a personal issue in deciding whether to purchase an electric vehicle because I don’t have capacity to charge,” Stone said. “The council had discussed the Tesla deal in a Jan. 19 closed session, at which time members authorized staff to return with a license agreement that would allow the company to install the equipment and use the stalls on a ‘non-exclusive basis,’ according to the new report.

In approving the deal on June 21, council members largely concurred with Shikada about the new equipment. Mayor Tom DuBois said he supports having the city invest in charging infrastructure and lauded the benefits that would bring to downtown merchants and restaurants. Many of these businesses, he noted, are owned by neighbors who are downtown residents, and Tesla is “optimistic that the Supercharger station is among Tesla’s business.”

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Vice Mayor Pat Burt also praised the deal, noting that other cars will still be able to use the 19 spaces where Tesla is installing the chargers.

“Tesla isn’t buying these stalls,” Burt said. “They are buying the right to put a charger on a stall that other people can use without a Tesla vehicle.”

In addition to approving the deal with Tesla, the council prepared for similar future partnerships by adopting a framework for evaluating unsolicited proposals made by private companies for public facilities. Under the newly approved rules, a department director would evaluate these proposals for consistency with the city’s goals and, if appropriate, forward the application to the city manager for review.

The city manager would then gather additional information, including the purpose of the proposal, the project description and the proposed terms, and consider whether the project would produce operational, financial, or other advantages for the city to publicly solicit alternative proposals for the property at issue.” Projects that exceed the city manager’s authority would be brought to the council for discussion and possible approval.

Burt, who made the motion to approve the new framework, acknowledged that each project may have “a certain amount of uniqueness” but agreed with staff that adopting a set of rules to govern unsolicited proposals will make the process less opaque.

“This increases the transparency over how we’d approach these kinds of proposals,” Burt said. Email Staff Writer Gennady Sheyner at gsheyner@paweekly.com.

Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council has no meetings scheduled this week.

UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION ... The commission plans to discuss the One Water Plan objectives and scope, consider an emission-reduction agreement with the Integrative Organization of Oaxaca Indigenous and Agricultural Communities to purchase 24,000 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent for $228,000; consider up to $18.5 million for advanced metering infrastructure; and approve the commission’s 2021-2022 annual work plan. The virtual meeting will begin at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 866-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 966 9129 7246.

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Council signals support for Verizon's wireless equipment plan

By Gennady Sheyner

Verizon view the code requirement as an inconvenient and irrelevant set of marks to hit, for residents, the notifications of proposed projects and the community meetings are vital," Fleming said. "Vital for bringing the application process out from behind the corporate veil. The public view, Vital for having the application process be transparent."

Appellants and council members also took issue with the proposed design — namely, the shrouds that would cover Ve

Council members also order more outreach to Channing House residents

The notification issue was one of 19 that the citizens group, United Neighbors, listed in its appeal of Verizon's plan to install "nodes" — consisting of radios and antennas — at poles near 853 Middlefield Road, 1221 Middlefield Road and 850 Webster St. Paul Albritton, an attorney representing Verizon, said that the application team was surprised to learn that the firm that handles its mailings had failed to notify the roughly 200 residents of Channing House.

"Even if senior city staff and with industry consultants this week to determine a plan that would carry out the soil disturbance in a safe manner, the update stated.

The spill occurred after a failed sensor in a generator plant pump at the VA hospital campus caused the fuel to enter a nearby storm drain flowing into the creek.

Alerted by concerned residents who took their own water samples after learning of the spill, the VA's consultants tested additional locations further upstream near and below the Bol Park Path and footbridge. In late May and in June, subsequent testing showed the pollutants had spread farther downstream, and two new containment designs were added closer to the footbridge, the city and VA said in their June 4 update.

In one of four remaining hot spots, the fuel was at one point nearly 297 times the water quality freshwater habitat standard of 640 micrograms per liter as set by the San Francisco Regional Quality Control Board. The area is between the seventh and eighth containment booms. These two containment devices are located halfway between where the spill originally occurred and the Bol Park path, a map shows. Another location upstream of the outflow pipe at its highest level was 56 times the standard.

The VA-hired experts anticipate the amount of diesel to continue to decrease due to water movement in the creek, the booms in place that are absorbing any remaining fuel and the natural degradation of the fuel as it is broken down by sunlight, according to the June 24 update. So far, the pollutants along most of the testing spots have dissipated and are no longer being detected in multiple sampling locations in four spots roughly halfway between the original spill site and the Bol Park footbridge.

In two of these last four locations, the highest concentration of fuel is currently 5,700 micrograms per liter or 8.9 times the water quality standard of 560 micrograms per liter as set by the State Water Resources Control Board. The area is between the sixth and seventh boom, according to the VA consultants' most recent data. The two sets of consultants suspect that low-sunlight conditions and creek bank vegetation might have trapped fuel and are causing the elevated levels. The data shows the boom system is working well, since this section is the only area now out of the recommended Quality Control Board limits, according to the June 24 update.

The Palo Alto Fire Department continues to consider the incident as stable at this time, the city noted. Representatives from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the VA, the Palo Alto Fire Department Hazmat Bureau and the Santa Clara Valley Water District board of directors, in addition to city stormwater staff and remediation scientist/water sample consultants, are working collaboratively to solve the problem, according to the update. They plan to issue new public updates as testing and remediation continues.

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he recently spoke at Gunn High School to let them know allcove is available to them and encouraging them to visit after school in the fall. So far, he’s found that sincere enthusiasm is the best way to lure his peer group into the fold.

“That’s the most important marketing to youth: You have to be passionate yourself to let people know what the community resource,” Peng said.

County health officials have been pushing to create what would become allcove since 2016, responding to an alarming local mental health crisis. Suicide has long been the second leading cause of death among young people, and for more than a decade Palo Alto had the highest suicide rate among young people in Santa Clara County, including two suicides by 14-year-olds in their final days.

The arc of Henry's life, like the football of his dreams, was far from certain when Henry Ford, also known as “Model T” to his friends and well-wishers, died peacefully on June 17, 2021 surrounded by his loving family, thus ending a long and productive life highlighted by accomplishments in business, sports and education. Born in Homestead, Pennsylvania on November 1, 1931, Henry attended Schenley High School where he started in football and gained recognition as their quarterback and captain of the school's undefeated 1950 city championship team. Henry earned All City, All State and All-American awards while in high school. He also served as senior class treasurer.

Henry's high school football achievements bore testimony to his hard work, dedication and leadership. He earned a full scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh where he played college football from 1951-1955. He served as the varsity team co-captain in 1954, was honored as Most Valuable Player, and was enshrined in the school's Hall of Fame. In 1955, Henry graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a B. S. degree in Business Administration.

Following graduation, Henry played professional football in Canada before joining the NFL Cleveland Browns as their 9th choice in the 1955 draft. He played in the National Football League for both the Cleveland Browns and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Henry's experiences in the NFL during this period are chronicled in the book "The Stories of the African Americans Who Integrated Pro Football", written by Andy Piasecki.

The arc of Henry's life, like the football path he threw, aimed true. He entered business in Philadelphia as Manager at Acme Markets, after which he worked for the state of Pennsylvania's Anti-Poverty Program in the early sixties, and for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) from 1965-1969. Henry also held corporate positions with diverse companies such as Xerox Corporation, Saga Corporation and the American Gas Association, until he formed his own corporation, Henry Ford Enterprises in Mountain View, CA, a full line vending company he purchased from Coca Cola Corporation, and led from 1982 to 1997. He maintained the forward motion that earned him accolades in football when he was selected to the All-Conference team in 1956. Henry also served as a board member of the San Francisco NFL Alumni, a board member of Herbert Hoover Boys Club and was a Board Trustee of Hidden Villa.

Off the grid and always at the heart of Model T’s game of life was his artist wife, Rochelle, to whom he was married for 61 years. They have two sons, Michael Wayne & Mark Stephen Ford, and two grandchildren, Ethan Alexander and Paisley Martele Ford, both of whom are Michael’s children. Henry and Rochelle raised their family in their colorfully painted residence in Palo Alto, California. On March 5, 2012, it was written in an online Palo Alto newspaper “that although Henry and Rochelle became successful and prosperous business people, they never closed their door to people of all walks of life.” – A reader added that “Too many people are discounted because of race, creed, sex or age. I applaud the Fords for their wonderful, generous nature."
Eugene Joseph Segre
September 12, 1932 – June 5, 2021

Eugene J. Segre's long and rich life came to an end on the afternoon of Saturday, June 5th, 2021, when he passed away peacefully in his 89th year with his wife of 15 years, Patricia Bashaw, holding his hand. He is survived by his three children from his first marriage of over 40 years to Zina C. Segre, whom he predeceased in 1997, 9 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, and his brother Gino.

Eugenio (as he was then called) was born on September 12, 1932 in Torino, Italy within a small, but vibrant Sephardic Jewish community to Anna Jona Segre and Ernesto Segre. In 1940, following Mussolini's rise and Fascist Italy's promulgation of racial laws that severely restricted the lives of Italian Jews, the Segre and Jona families decided they had to find a way to emigrate. Through perseverance and creativity, they managed to get visas to the United States. However, Gene's sister, Laura, born with developmental disabilities, was not allowed into the US; she remained behind with family friends who cared for her until her death years later.

The family booked passage on an American ship (the U.S. had not yet entered the war) and made it safely to America.

The family settled in Queens, New York City, initially moving in with relatives in Jackson Heights, then to Woodside and finally Forest Hills. Eugene raced through elementary school, learning English and demonstrating his impressive intellect. In 1946, at 13 years old, he was accepted to the selective Stuyvesant High School. During his Stuyvesant years where he was a top scholar, he took in Yankees games, gathering autographs from the likes of Joe DiMaggio and Lou Gehrig, competed in track for the Stuyvesant “Peglegs,” and became a world expert in navigating New York City's subway system.

In 1949 Gene received scholarships enabling him to attend Cornell University. That summer, the family returned to Italy via the Queen Mary where they reuni ted with Gene's sister Laura and extended family. Gene graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Cornell in 1953.

In 1957, Gene was stationed as a flight surgeon at the military hospital at Westover Field in Chicopee, Massachusetts, home to B-52 bomber and F-104 squadrons. In 1959, son David was born. After moving to Syracuse, Gene continued his medical career at the SUNY Upstate Medical Center. Second son, Paul, was born in 1960. Gene continued to serve in the Air Force Reserves and, as Cold War tensions escalated, his reservist fighter squadron was called up to active duty in August 1961. Gene and the family moved to Phalsbourg, France in Alsace.

Returning to the U.S. in the fall of 1962, Gene joined the Worcester Foundation, a cutting-edge institution in reproductive endocrinology research in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. Syntex Corporation, then a pharmaceutical company, began recruiting scientists from the Foundation. Syntex was developing the key ingredients for a birth control pill and had just moved its headquarters to Palo Alto, California. Gene jumped at the opportunity to move to California, noting that its Mediterranean climate reminded him of his native Italy. Daughter Lisa, was born in July 1964, just prior to the family's move to Los Altos, California where they lived for the next 19 years.

Gene worked at Syntex for 26 years, retiring in 1990 as the Senior Vice President of Clinical Development. He was responsible for the development and global regulatory approval of Syntex's biggest drug (after "the pill"), Naproxyn, first introduced as a prescription drug in 1976, and sold today over the counter under the Alleve label. Gene continued to be involved with medicine as an emeritus clinical professor at Stanford University and as a consultant to developing medical companies for the next several decades.

Gene and Zina maintained an interest in the arts in the local community throughout their time together in the Bay Area and instilled in their children a strong sense of family and belonging. They loved to travel, exploring new cultures on five continents as empty nesters. In recent years, Gene shared this passion for the arts with his wife Pat. At home in Palo Alto, they have been active in local arts and social services organizations, as well as national and international medical, environmental, and social justice causes.

Gene will be dearly missed. The outpouring of affection and condolences his family has received from friends and relatives, including those in Italy, is a tribute to the impact he had on others and has been a source of strength for the family.

Donations can be made to the ACLU (aclu.org), Doctors Without Borders (msf.org), or Southern Poverty Law Center (spcl.org).
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extended the theater’s operations until September 2018. As part of the deal, Hudson Pacific was required to make some building and landscaping upgrades.

Even at that time, however, city leaders acknowledged that the deal represented only a temporary reprieve. Today, the website lists CinéArts at Palo Alto Square as “permanently closed” and states: “We look forward to welcoming you to another Cinemark location near you. We apologize for any inconvenience.”

Cinemark owns numerous other theaters in the area, including Century Cinema 16 in Mountain View and Redwood Downtown 20 and XD in Redwood City. The Palo Alto Square theater had just two theaters, one large by today’s standards, and in many ways was quieter than either of those venues. Unlike its neighbors, CinéArts at Palo Alto Square focused largely on foreign independent and arthouse films.

But while its size and focus on independent movies may have made it harder for the Palo Alto theater to be as lucrative as the larger theaters that show blockbusters, these traits also have endeared CinéArts to local cinephiles. In 2016, more than 2,600 residents signed a petition within several days of learning of Cinemark’s plans to close it, urging the city and Hudson Pacific to retain CinéArts as a tenant at Palo Alto Square.

“As only one of two first-run theaters in town, this theater provides access to valuable opportunities not otherwise possible in our community, including several prestigious film festivals, such as the United Nations Affiliated Film Festival and San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, and the popular New York Metropolitan Opera (The MET) simulcasts,” the petition stated.

This time, there was little warning to the public about the theater’s closure. Cinemark did not make any public statements about the closure and the City Council never publicly mentioned the closure, in sharp contrast to 2016 and 1997, when council members fought to keep the theater open.

The timing of this permanent closure made public engagement near-impossible. Cinemak’s decision was made in May — when most other venues were similarly closed or subject to capacity limits and the city was still in social-distancing mode. This is in sharp contrast to 2016, when the theater abruptly stopped showing listings for future screenings, prompting inquiries from residents and the media.

Mayor Tom DuBois said the council learned about the closure just last week, when it received a letter from Hudson Pacific informing city staff about Cinemak’s decision to close the theater. The movie-theater chain formally notified Hudson Pacific in May about the theater’s closure.

“Century does not make this decision lightly, but given the unprecedented and tragic circumstances, Century has made this difficult decision,” wrote Paul Ledbetter, real estate counsel to Century Theatres, one of the brands owned by Cinemak.

“As you are aware, Century and the theatre exhibition industry as a whole faced a particularly acute challenge stemming from the COVID-19 outbreak due to the various local, state and federal mandates specifically requiring the closure of public motion pictures. While such mandates were wide and prudent given the situation, it unfortunately resulted in economic hardships and unintended consequences for Century that ultimately led to this decision.”

While the closure appears to have been finalized in May, Hudson Pacific didn’t inform the city until June 22, the council’s final day in session before its summer recess. By that time, Cinemak had already removed its equipment from the building and returned the keys to Hudson Pacific.

Shawn McGarry, Hudson Pacific’s senior vice president for Northern California, noted in his email to the city that Hudson Pacific has been offering the theater rents that are “well below market” in order to help it remain open.

“We had ongoing discussions with CinéArts to work with them throughout the pandemic; however, they ultimately made the decision to permanently close this location,” McGarry wrote. It remains unclear whether another theater company will move into the space left behind by CinéArts.

The city approved the six-building development known as Palo Alto Square in 1969 through the “planned community” zoning process, which allows exemptions from city and state regulations required to make some building and landscaping upgrades.

Later in the meeting, DuBois said the city has received some correspondence over the past week from upset residents who had just learned about the theater’s closure.

“It served a unique need for independent film,” he said. “I think a lot of people really liked it.”

Hudson Pacific Properties, which purchased Palo Alto Square at 3000 El Camino Real from EQ Office in 2014, has so far not made any decisions about what will happen to the theater, according to the company.

“We are just beginning internal discussions about the space and unfortunately do not have any further details to share at this time,” Meryl Vissel, a Hudson Pacific spokesperson, said in a statement Monday.

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Jean Martin Goity
August 12, 1930 - June 15, 2021

Jean Martin Goity died peacefully in Palo Alto on June 15 at the age of 90.

Jean is survived by his sons Roland and Tony (Terry), his daughter Carol Olson (Steve), and four grandchildren: Sam, Rose, Chad, and Mira. He was preceded in death by Emery, known as “Mimi,” his beloved wife of nearly 56 years. A 42-year resident of the Willow Glen neighborhood who moved to the Bay Area in 1960, Jean lived in Palo Alto for the past eight years. He grew up in La Puente, CA, the son of Basque immigrants Jean and Veronique. He graduated from Whittier High School, where he was the student body president, before working on his family’s avocado ranch for six years. He then served in the US Army for two years before attending and graduating from Claremont Men’s College, where he was class president.

Jean spent his professional career in investor relations, including the last 20 years at Utah International/BHP. He developed many lifelong friendships and was renowned for his story-telling. Baseball was one of Jean’s greatest passions. He played second base for his college team, and played in Palo Alto recreational leagues. Jean moved north after graduation. Jean became a staunch supporter of the San Francisco Giants, and organized annual trips to Arizona for Spring Training games.

Jean was proud of his Basque heritage and enjoyed visiting relatives in and around his ancestors’ home region of Ustaritz, France. He treasured time with his family and took great joy engaging with his grandchildren about their school and other interests.

Memorial donations may be made in his name to the Giants Community Fund: https://www.mlb.com/giants/community фонд.
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CASE NO. 21CE001229

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and any other person who may be interested in the will or estate of, or may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

CLAIM TO PROPERTY will be held on July 19, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in ProBate Court located at 191 N First St., San Jose, CA 95110, PROBATE DIVISION.

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated about to be made. The name(s) and business as: FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, INVENTORY AND BUSINESS INTANGIBLES. The property to be transferred is located at 451 W. El Camino Real, Suite A, Mountain View, CA 94040. The bulk transfer does NOT include a liquor license transfer.

If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court the following: a) a Request Special Notice form (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate code section 1208; b) An Application for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

For information, contact: Kristi S. Gerrior, Esq., 650-625-1477, kristi@beckerinc.com

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and any other person who may be interested in the will or estate of: DANIEL MARK COHEN, who died on June 15, 2021.

To all interested persons:

BECKA M. STRETTMANN TAYLOR, 86, a former Palo Alto resident, died on June 4. Eugene Joseph Segre, 88, a longtime Palo Alto resident and former senior vice president of clinical development at Synthex Laboratories, died on June 5. Jean Martin Goy, 90, a Palo Alto resident and former Woodside resident, died on June 15. Nancy James, 91, a Palo Alto resident, died on June 15. Joe Rose, 66, a Palo Alto resident, died on June 10. Call Alicia Santillan at 650-223-6578 or email asantillan@paweekly.com for assistance with your legal advertising needs.
The state is opening back up and Californians are itching to get their Independence Day plans in order. Many traditional local events, like the parades, chilli cook-offs, junior rodeo and fireworks displays, aren’t being held this year. So what about some off-the-beaten-path alternatives? This year, there are some great lower-key events across the Peninsula, from a delightful dog contest to getting down and dirty with chalk. TheSixFifty.com (a sister publication of this news organization) has compiled some ideas for Independence Day for those who want to celebrate America in a new way this year.

not happening this year at Palo Alto’s July 4th Summer Event, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the city will have food trucks available at Mitchell Park for people to indulge in some tasty local eats. The current food lineup includes Road Dogs, Daily Grind Burgers, Cousins Maine Lobster, Chubby’s Chicken, and Island Sno.

“We’ll have homemade chili dogs, hot dogs, bratwurst — and probably a few special options,” marketing manager and graphic designer Vinh Duong said of Road Dogs, which has been serving up hot dogs around the Bay Area for more than 10 years. More popular offerings include the Space Needle Dog — topped with kraut, melted cream cheese and caramelized onions — and the Tailgate Dog, with seasoned grilled chicken, onions, tomatoes, and chipotle sauce.

The Radio City All-Stars are scheduled to perform live. Go to cityofpaloalto.org/Events-Directory/Community-Services/July-4th-Summer-Event.

GO FOURTH AND CELEBRATE

By Grace Stetson

THE CHALK ART WALK

The Chalk Art Walk, from the Redwood City Main Library to Courthouse Square. This event is free and open to the public.

SPREAD PASTELS IN DOWNTOWN REDWOOD CITY

Many people found solace during the pandemic in creating art at home. The Redwood City Parks & Arts Foundation wants to showcase all those new Picassos and Frida Kahlos out on the town. The foundation is offering free chalk kits to area households, as professional artists and locals work to beautify downtown throughout the holiday weekend. Follow the Chalk Art Walk, from the Redwood City Main Library to Courthouse Square. If you want to participate but are still timid among crowds, not to worry: The foundation encourages families to participate in Chalk Full of Fun@Home. With the free chalk kit, each household will receive a 24-pack of chalk pastels and some holiday treats and can submit photos of their finished work online to compete for prizes. Go to rcsdpal.org/chalk-full-of-fun.

DIG INTO SOME DELICIOUS CRUD IN PALO ALTO

While the traditional Chili Cook-off is

A GUIDE TO IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL JULY 4 EVENTS ON THE PENINSULA

The city of Mountain View is encouraging locals to participate in volunteer events and outdoor fun for the week leading up to America’s birthday. “Celebrate with Service” events through Saturday, July 3, include making kits for pediatric patients, being kind to a neighbor and planting trees at four area parks.

The city is also offering camping activity sets for purchase through today, featuring s’mores kits, constellation charts, crafts and more.

Chief Communications Officer Lenka Wright said that these events were planned largely because of the cancellation of the annual San Francisco Symphony concert and fireworks at Shoreline Amphitheatre.

“This is the first time that the city of Mountain View has offered engaging activities like these in recognition of Independence Day,” she said, noting that the camp-out kits had nearly sold out as of June 29.

FILL UP ON FLAPCKACKS FOR THE PARADE IN HALF MOON BAY

Is there any better way to celebrate America than through breakfast food? We’re sure many would agree. Digging into some pan-cakes, sausage and coffee is a great start to your Fourth of July celebration.

This year, the Half Moon Bay Lions Club will be hosting its annual pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. until noon at the City Hall parking lot before kicking off the city’s annual Fourth of July parade. Longtime member Rich Picchi noted that, prior to the pandemic, the pancake breakfast often saw up to 500 hungry guests, which treasurer Clayton Jolley credits to making the special recipe on the industrial grill.

“We have always gotten rave reviews, even if we keep it simple,” Jolley said.

Tickets for the event are $10. Proceeds will be used to support various local youth groups.

Half Moon Bay’s Off Fashioond 4th of July Parade & Festival runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Go to july4th.miramarevents.com.

MORE OPTIONS

Kronos Quartet

Frost Amphitheater, Stanford University Saturday, July 3, 7:30 p.m.
Go to live.stanford.edu.

California’s Great America

Fourth of July Celebration, Santa Clara Saturday, July 4, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., including fireworks
Go to cagreatamerica.com.

Independence Day Caravan

Los Altos Hills Sunday, July 4, 8 a.m.
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Eating Out

Kombucha with a Bite

Paly grad's startup Jiant taps into kombucha craze with alcoholic brews

By Heather Zimmerman

true to his Palo Alto roots, Aaron Telch says that Jiant, the beverage company he co-founded, has “a garage story, except it happened to be in the kitchen.” Telch, a Palo Alto High School grad, began developing Jiant’s signature product — alcoholic, or “hard,” kombucha — four years ago in the Santa Monica apartment he shared with his girlfriend.

As with many startups, the company spent a couple of years finding its footing amid trial and error — though a bit more unusual was Telch mailing samples of the evolving brew cross-country to convince a potential business partner.

Jiant, which launched in 2019, now offers four regular flavors of hard kombucha, as well as two rotating seasonal flavors. This summer it’s launching a line of three hard teas.

Though the company came to the market the year before COVID-19 hit, the pandemic hasn’t brought many speed bumps for Jiant because so much of its business is focused on selling in stores, rather than in restaurants, Telch said. On the Peninsula, most Trader Joe’s and Whole Foods markets are carrying Jiant’s hard kombucha.

These days, Jiant is no longer brewed in a California kitchen, but produced at a craft brewery in Colorado. And in a roundabout way, a bit of Jiant’s foundations can be traced to Telch’s time at Palo Alto High School. Telch played on Palo’s golf team and then played for Brown University, where he met Jiant’s future co-founder Larry Haertel Jr., who was also on the golf team.

“We became great friends throughout college, and then in New York City after college we were roommates and had always wanted to start a business together. But it took a while to find the right idea and passion to go with,” Telch said.

Telch, who grew up in Palo Alto, moved to Los Angeles in 2014 after graduating from the Wharton business school at the University of Pennsylvania. In L.A., he aimed to get experience both in entrepreneurship and the commercial food and drink world, working with a consumer incubator focused on developing food and beverage products.

The steadily expanding popularity of non-alcoholic kombucha about six or seven years ago caught Telch’s attention, as did the increasing consumer emphasis on health and wellness. And he noted that there wasn’t much available for consumers who were focused on healthier alternatives in food and drink but still wanted to enjoy the occasional adult beverage.

Around 2017, Telch began home-brewing hard kombucha and mailing samples to Haertel in New York.

“I started to brew, and I had never brewed anything before in my life. But as soon as the samples were tasting OK, I started to send them across the country to Larry, who was still living in Brooklyn, and tried to convince him to move out to L.A.,” Telch recalled.

Those samples eventually proved persuasive, as Haertel and his wife moved to Los Angeles to help found Jiant.

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Even as the coronavirus lockdown kept most people apart during 2020, one group of local seniors found ways to stay connected through a grassroots support network launched a decade earlier to help those aging at home combat isolation.

Called Avenidas Village because of its affiliation with the local senior services agency Avenidas, the organization operates much like a mutual aid society for seniors growing old in their own homes. About 300 Palo Alto-area seniors belong to the local network. "Avenidas Village has become my community," said Menlo Park resident Alice Kozar, a retired physician who joined several years ago after her husband developed health problems, including dementia and Alzheimer's disease. "I am now home but not alone. Even though my son suffered a surprise stroke and died at 45, and my husband is in assisted living ... I don't feel isolated."

In exchange for annual membership dues, the network helps members coordinate daily living, social and recreational activities, home maintenance, health, transportation, social engagement, caregiving, end-of-life concerns and other challenges that often confront seniors who live in their own homes. Membership dues support two-and-a-half staff positions and a host of ongoing resources and activities, including lists of vetted service providers, social events, walking groups, excursions, lectures and discussions.

Village members can arrange to receive check-in phone calls on a daily, weekly or monthly basis, and an email list provides quick feedback when a member poses a question to the group. Most of the current Village members range in age from their early 70s to late 90s, said Dawn Greenblatt, member services manager. The oldest is 108 and still living in her own home. Most members are retired, though some are still working.

Annually, the dues are $1,040 for an individual and $1,490 for a couple, with reduced rates for seniors who have incomes below $60,000 a year.

"We're one of the best-kept secrets around," said Palo Alto resident Chuck Sieloff, a retired technology manager who first joined the Village when his wife developed early symptoms of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. "I thought it would be a good, supportive environment for her," Sieloff said. She participated in "various exercise classes, a knitting group and activities to keep her engaged and active where at the same time people could sort of look out for her and make sure she was okay."

After his wife died in 2018, Sieloff said his Village connections influenced his decision to remain in the family home, where he'd lived for 45 years, rather than move to a retirement community. "Partly because of the strength of the Village ties, that decision was relatively easy for me," he said. "I think the Village does make that path to stay in your own home a lot easier."

Enjoying good health, Sieloff said he now uses the Village "primarily for social engagement, activities and things I wouldn't otherwise do," including lectures, museum tours and lunches. Dick Smallwood of Palo Alto, a retired management consultant, said the Village is constantly evolving and is completely different from what it was when he and his wife joined eight years ago. "We're always trying to make it better — it's really a dynamic organization," he said. Recently a member suggested setting up Zoom events around Thanksgiving and Christmas for people who are alone for the holidays. "That turned out to be a very popular idea so we'll probably continue something like that, and that's just an example of the Village as a living, breathing organism," said Smallwood, who estimates he spends about 20 hours a week volunteering with the program, managing special interest groups such as those on current events, video discussions and hearing issues.

While caring for his wife, who died last year, Smallwood said he drew on Village partnerships for services like hospice and palliative care.

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Gay Men's Walking Group Planning Meeting
3-3:30pm, 2nd & 4th Thursdays via Zoom. Email tkingery@avenidas.org for more info and to register.

Song Appreciation Group “Song from a Musical or Play”
4:50pm via Zoom. Email tkingery@avenidas.org for more info and to register.

Avenidas Village Coffee Chat
10am via Zoom. Email dgreenblat@avenidas.org to register. Free.

National Sugar Cookie Day
12-1pm via Zoom. For info or to register email rsvp@seniorplanetavenidas.org. Free

JULY 13

Webinar: The Growing Challenges of Aging in Place with Chuck Soilio via Zoom
1:30pm. RSVP for log on info dgreenblat@avenidas.org. Free.

Book Club: Caster: The Origins of our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson
2:30-4pm, Avenidas@450Bryant. Space is limited. RSVP required. Email register@avenidas.org. Free.

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July 15

Tinnitus Support Group
5:30-7:30pm via Zoom. RSVP for log on info to register@avenidas.org. Free.

July 16

Webinar: New to Medicare with HICAP via Zoom
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Apple Tech Tutoring
July 27

Webinar: Big Data, the Microbiome, and Your Health with Dr. Michael Snyder via Zoom
2-3:15pm, on Wednesdays. For information or to register email rsvp@seniorplanetavenidas.org. Free.

July 28

Wellness Wednesdays Explore Tech Lectures
2-3:15pm, on Wednesdays. For information or to register email rsvp@seniorplanetavenidas.org. Free.

July 29

“Coming Out” exhibit meet up @ SJ History Museum
12:30pm. Space is limited. RSVP required. Email tkingery@avenidas.org. Free.

July 30

International Day of Friendship
Need we say more? 😊

Calendar of Events

Living Well

Senior Focus
LONGEVITY ADVICE ... “Smile more and say hello,” said Menlo Park resident Bob Williams on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Wednesday, June 23. Williams celebrated the event on a Zoom call with 133 of his fellow members of the Palo Alto University Rotary Club, where he spent 20 minutes sharing his nine points for living well and happily to 100. The nine points involve exercise, avoiding life-threatening falls, seeking passions, writing, joining and participating in organizations, recognizing others and expressing gratitude, contacting others each week, mentoring, and smiling and saying hello. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a veteran of World War II, Williams earned a master’s degree from Stanford University and worked in the life insurance industry.

ASTRONAUT TO SPEAK ... Astronaut and physician Thomas Marshburn, who is scheduled to pilot a SpaceX launch later this year, will speak at the Wednesday, July 21, meeting of Branch 35 of Sons in Retirement.

Marshburn has flown twice to the International Space Station. In 2009 he flew aboard the U.S. Space Shuttle, and in 2012 he launched from Kazakhstan in a Russian Soyuz spacecraft. His first mission lasted 16 days, while the second was nearly five months.

Sons in Retirement is an organization that aims to enrich the lives of its members through activities, events, and luncheons. The free virtual event will be held from 12:25 to 1:30 p.m. To receive a Zoom link, call Paul Schutz at 408-313-6892 by July 15.

Items for Senior Focus may be emailed to Palo Alto Weekly Contributing Writer Chris Kenrick at ckenrick@paweekly.com.
Village

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“At the same time that I was helping my wife, I still had some of these activities going on with the Village, which gave me a life outside of caregiving,” he said. When the pandemic struck, Village activities switched to Zoom, with tutorials for those who needed help accessing the platform. Village members received calls to make sure they were okay, and the staff began making grocery runs for members who needed help.

And now that the country is emerging from the pandemic, the organization plans to permanently shift some of its services to a hybrid model.

“We’ll actually go back to getting together at restaurants for our monthly ‘lunch bunch,’” Smallwood said. But some activities, such as bi-weekly social hours, some lectures and committee meetings, might continue on Zoom.

Avenidas Village also organizes events into “neighborhood clusters,” holding some activities within those groups as a way for members to get to know others who live nearby.

Post-pandemic, Kozar said, “We’d like to invite others to meet with us and learn about our activities, to expand to include people with us and learn about our activities.”

“We’d like to invite others to meet with us and learn about our activities,” said Diane Posnak, president of the Village of Woodside, which gave me a life out of my current residence as long as possible and 80% believe they’ll always live there, there are many barriers to making that plan a reality, Sieloff said.

He maintains that senior Villages can help. When it comes to planning for old age, he said, “de-nial is not a strategy.”

To sign up for a July 13 webinar by Sieloff on “The Growing Challenges of Aging in Place,” or to learn more about Avenidas Village, go to avenidasvillage.org.

For information about other California Villages go to villagemovementcalifornia.org. The national Village network can be accessed at vtvnetwork.org.

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About the cover: Diane Posnak, left, and Gee Gee Williams meet up in Palo Alto on June 30 for a weekly walk organized through Avenidas Village. Photo by Magali Gauthier. Cover design by Douglas Young.

Palo Alto resident Dick Smallwood joined Avenidas Village eight years ago.

Silicon Valley REALTORS® Present Scholarships to 18 Graduating High School Seniors

The Silicon Valley REALTORS® Charitable Foundation, the charitable arm of the Silicon Valley Association of REALTORS® (SVVAR), presented scholarship awards to 18 graduating seniors from public high schools in Silicon Valley at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Each student received a $3,500 scholarship.

The Charitable Foundation’s REALTORS® scholars program recognizes students who have exemplified outstanding achievements in academics, extracurricular/employment activities and community involvement. The selection committee includes representatives from the local business community, area high schools, and SVVAR.

The scholarships are made possible by donations from members of the local trade association who are engaged in the real estate business on the Peninsula and in the South Bay. Now on its 22nd year, the program has awarded $409,500 in scholarships to graduating seniors in communities served by SVVAR members.

“We are happy that for 22 years our members have been able to assist our youth in beginning their college careers,” said Nina Yamaguchi, scholars program chair. “The seniors selected this year are very deserving of recognition not only because of their academic accomplishments, but also for their contributions to their communities and the tenacity they have exhibited in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Students who received scholarships, the schools from which they graduated, and the colleges/universities they plan to attend are Elise Oswald, Cupertino High School (San Jose State University); Anne Hu, Fremont High School (Tufts University); Hanamae de Guzman, Gunn High School (San Francisco State University); Cali Yang, Homestead High School (Georgia Institute of Technology); Alex Ojeda, Leigh High School (Lafayette College); Olivia Colacic, Los Altos High School (Bryn Mawr College); Jaewun Lee, Los Gatos High School (UC Berkeley); Alvin Cheng, Lynbrook High School (UC, San Diego); Ally Chu, Menlo-Atherton High School (UC Santa Barbara); Elijah Diaz, Monta Vista High School (University of Chicago); Ethan Huang, Mountain View High School (UC Berkeley); Alex Sehyan, Palo Alto High School (Stanford University); Meenakshi Mittal, Prospect High School (UC Berkeley); Michelle Malagon-Cazarrin, Santa Clara High School (San Jose State University); Henry Jin Weng, Saratoga High School (Stanford University); Mereim Cherif, Westmont High School (UC Berkeley); Selim Mase, Wilcox High School (UC Berkeley); and Gloria Riva, Woodside High School (San Jose State University).

“Our scholarship program is a way REALTORS® are able to give back to our communities. We thank the wonderful educators in our service area, especially for their dedication during the last 15 months, where they had to teach and guide their students under challenging conditions,” said Charitable Foundation president Eileen Giorgi.

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Across
1 “25” singer
6 “No thanks”
11 “Awesome!” (and the letters seen on the outside of each theme answer)
14 Cartoon cat with a “bag of tricks”
15 “Same here”
16 Fight of the Century participant
17 They’re coming to save the day
19 Downside
20 Announcer Hall
21 Hardly sympathetic
23 Noble partner?
26 “A ... crawy thing!”
27 Fivesome on a clock face
28 Gathered
30 “Semper Paratus” org.
32 Cereal box activity, maybe
33 Easy two-pointers
36 Tire filler
39 “Carmen” composer
41 “La ___” (Debussy opus)
42 “Gandhi” character
44 “Angry Anymore” singer DiFranco
45 “The Wizard of Oz” setting
46 Illuminating gas
49 Financial subj.
51 ___ souchong tea
53 Get hold of
55 Come up short
58 “Sir, this is a ...” (fast food-based meme response)
59 Rookie
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69 Kemper who plays Kimmy Schmidt
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2 River in Scotland that sounds like a letter
3 See 57-Down
4 Franchise operator
5 Gives off
6 Proofs of age
7 Raise, as curiosity
8 Carry ___
9 Compare
10 Vending machine drink
11 Leaving competitors in the dust
12 Privately
13 Fender flaws
14 Automotive disaster of the 1950s
15 Sinbad’s giant egg-layer
17 “La ___” (Ritchie Valens hit)
20 At full speed, on the sea
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23 What “Dolittle” won in the category of “Worst Prequel, Remake, Rip-off or Sequel, in 2021”
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38 Ladder parts
39 Gets tangled up
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