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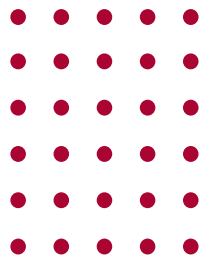
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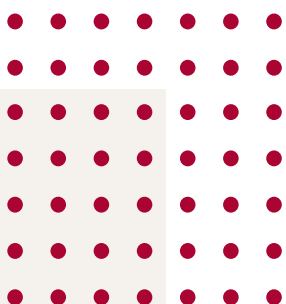
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# Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

## Stanford to close off most of its campus to visitors

Only students, faculty and staff are now allowed to enter most of university grounds

by Gennady Sheyner

Stanford University started to ban visitors who are not affiliated with its academic programs from entering much of its campus as of Sept. 1, a sweeping restriction that university leaders say is necessary

to resume research and teaching in the fall quarter.

Under the university's new "campus zone" system, entrance to the designated "academic zones" would be limited to approved faculty, staff, postdocs

and students. This area includes most of the campus area between Junipero Serra Boulevard and El Camino Real, including the Quad, the Oval, Lake Lagunita and the university's playing fields. Stanford Memorial Church and Tresidder Memorial Union, located in this zone, were already closed prior to the change.

The "arts district," which includes the Rodin Sculpture

Garden, Cantor Arts Center, the Anderson Collection, Frost Amphitheater and Bing Concert Hall, will now be off-limits to the general public, as will areas just east and west of central campus that include student housing, academic and cultural facilities.

Members of the public will still be allowed to visit the Dish loop, use the Campus Perimeter Trail and walk, bike and drive

along Campus Drive, the university announced. The Arboretum, Sand Hill Fields, the Stanford Golf Course and the Stanford Golf Course Learning Center and Driving Range will also remain open to the broader community.

The new system also will not affect public access to Stanford Health Care facilities.

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John Geary, co-founder of Abodu, stands in front of the company's prototype studio in its Redwood City showroom. The company is now working on its first project in Palo Alto, which has seen a sharp increase in applications for accessory dwelling units.

### HOUSING

## Palo Alto places big hopes on small cottages to meet housing shortage

City Council prepares to adopt new laws to comply with state regulations, encourage construction

by Gennady Sheyner

With Palo Alto's grand plans for housing construction faltering in the face of economic and political pressures, the city's most promising trend is unfolding, quite literally, in residents' backyards.

Accessory dwelling units, once known as granny cottages, are now the city's biggest source

of new housing, according to city data. After years of seeing a meager number of new cottages pop up annually, the city has approved more than 100 building applications since 2019 — a far cry from the 10 applications it received in 2015 and the nine in 2016.

According to a recent report from the Planning and

Development Services Department, the growth has been spurred by new state laws and local policies that relax restrictions.

The trend may have implications for both the city's goal of creating 300 units annually and for its ability to meet its regional allocation for housing. The small dwellings, which include

converted garages as well as new structures, account for a quarter of the city's allocation for market-rate units for 2015 to 2023, as directed by the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process.

Later this month, the City Council will consider new zoning rules to encourage the construction of more accessory dwelling units (ADUs) — including formally adopting zoning rules to allow two-story ones; eliminating a requirement that the homeowner occupy the main residence; and permitting the construction of junior units, which are carved out of an existing home, without requiring more parking.

Some of these laws, including

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### EDUCATION

## Local private schools get waivers to reopen

Counties start approving in-person instruction at some schools, districts

by Elena Kadvanj

Two schools and three public districts in Santa Clara County and 14 elementary schools in San Mateo County have been approved to reopen for in-person instruction, some as soon as next week.

Locally, The Primary School in East Palo Alto, Synapse School in Menlo Park and Connect Community Charter School in Redwood City are now allowed to reopen their classrooms, according to a list of approved waiver applications in San Mateo County.

Santa Clara County is currently reviewing 61 waiver applications, according to an online list. The applications come mostly from individual private schools but also one public school district: the Los Altos School District. The district hopes to start by providing in-person instruction for special education and other disadvantaged students and later ramp up to transitional kindergarten to third grade.

Some schools in Santa Clara County that have been given the green light to reopen are only allowed to offer face-to-face instruction to specific students, such as students with disabilities. Creekside School in San Jose, which serves students with moderate to severe autism, is on the list of approved waivers. Some of the schools approved in San Mateo County also specifically serve students with disabilities.

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Complete project information is contained within the project Bid Package, which will be available no later than Tuesday, September 1, 2020 online at the District's website: [http://www.openspace.org/news/request\\_for\\_bids.asp](http://www.openspace.org/news/request_for_bids.asp)

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## Upfront

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK



We've been basically on duty since the fires started.



— Ari Delay, chief of La Honda Fire Brigade, on battling the CZU fires. See story on page 7.

## Around Town



Steve Sheppell

### DONATION FOR THE DONKEYS ...

**Barron Park** donkeys **Jenny** and **Perry** were busily gnawing away on grass on Sept. 1 as they were gifted with a \$2,000 donation from the **Palo Alto Humane Society** through its **Daisy Fund** for medical care. "The donkeys Jenny and Perry need special treatment for their aging hooves and legs," Barron Park Donkey Project Coordinator **Jenny Kiralti** said in a statement. "We are grateful for this donation ... because even though the daily donkey care is provided by volunteer handlers, the donkeys' medical care has skyrocketed due to dermatitis of their legs, which has necessitated multiple veterinary visits and expensive medicine." The donkeys receive veterinary care through **Starwood Equine Veterinary Services**, which has offices in Woodside and Redwood City. **Carole Hyde**, executive director of the Palo Alto Humane Society, presented the contribution as an oversized check during an afternoon ceremony. "This donation is an act of community partnership, between two long-established local organizations," Hyde stated in a press release. "This is a wonderful example of what community means." Hyde, Kiralti and Palo Alto student **Vandana Ravi**, who won the Humane Society's Ambassadors of Compassion Story Writing Contest in 2019 for a piece inspired by the donkeys, delivered remarks at the small ceremony. The free event was open to the community, as long as attendees practiced social distancing and wore face coverings. The crowd of roughly 20 people included former Mayor **Karen Holman**, president of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District board of directors.

**THE INTERVIEWS ...** The Palo Alto City Council caught some flack in June, when it moved to reduce the number of seats on the city's **Human Relations Commission**, which is charged with reviewing

police policies and encouraging diversity and inclusiveness. Various critics, including some current members of the commission, argued that fewer seats, in some ways, run counter to one of the commission's goals, which is to give a voice to more residents. But after making the move to cut the number of seats from seven to five, the council this week began to think about its next decision: filling a vacancy on the commission. On Aug. 31, the council interviewed six candidates for the vacancy, which opened up with the expiration of **Steven Lee's** term (Lee is now running for council). The commission candidates are: **Nolfer Chollampat**, who works at the health care startup Evidation Health and who wrote in her application that she wants to improve "health care literacy"; **Sunita de Tourreil**, an entrepreneur whose company Happy Chocolate Experiences arranges trips for people to countries where chocolate originates; **Sofia Fojas**, arts coordinator with the Santa Clara County Office of Education; **Curt Kinsky**, principal at the business-services firm Ernst & Young; **Paula Rugg**, who retired as a principal in the Fremont Unified School District; and, **Lestina Traior**, an attorney who wants to see a "reimagined system of policing." The council will not have a meeting Sept. 7, but it is expected to make the appointment later this month.

**ELIGIBLE FOR EMMYS ...** Four **Stanford University** alumni are in the running for an **Emmy**. **Andre Braugher** and **Sterling K. Brown** are both vying for outstanding supporting actor in a comedy for their roles as police Capt. Raymond Jacob Holt in NBC's "**Brooklyn Nine-Nine**" and Reggie in Amazon's "**The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel**," respectively. Brown is also in contention for outstanding lead actor in a drama series for playing Randall Pearson in NBC's "**This Is Us**." "**Insecure**" creator **Issa Rae** is competing for outstanding lead actress in a comedy series for the character with whom she shares the same first name. "Insecure" co-creator and co-producer **Amy Aniobi** shares a nomination with Rae for the HBO series, which is up for outstanding comedy. The annual awards show will be held in a virtual format and broadcast by ABC on Sept. 20. ■

NATURAL DISASTER

# Local volunteer firefighters battle the CZU fires

*For members of these brigades, the fight to protect the community is personal*

by Julia Brown and Kate Bradshaw

**A**ri Delay, chief of La Honda Fire Brigade, celebrated his birthday in late August by protecting his hometown from the blaze of a century.

He and his 14-member team of volunteer firefighters have played a significant role in tackling the CZU Lightning Complex fires, working alongside career firefighters from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or Cal Fire.

La Honda Fire Brigade is one of only a handful of volunteer fire brigades in San Mateo County, along with Loma Mar and Kings

Mountain. Delay's brigade typically responds to about 400 calls per year, he said.

His team jumped into action when lightning ignited one of the wildfires that would become part of the CZU Lightning Complex in San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties, which as of Thursday morning had burned 85,746 acres and was 48% contained, Cal Fire reported. When the lightning hit in a remote area inaccessible by vehicles, his crew trekked over a mile through dense terrain to find and fight the fire, helping to clear the path for other firefighters.

"We've been basically on duty since the fires started," Delay said. "The work is long and exhausting. However, the importance when it's your own community brings it home that much more and inspires you. (It gives you) motivation to keep going even when you're completely exhausted."

The flames came as close as 2 miles from La Honda, he said.

"This is a career fire. There's nothing of this scale or magnitude in this century in San Mateo County or Santa Cruz County," said Delay, whose day job is fire chief of the San Bruno Fire Department.

The round-the-clock work has been tiring, but the community — especially the small population of La Honda, which numbers about 1,500 — has provided abundant support, Delay said.

"It's been overwhelming, the amount that people have stood up to support the efforts," he said. Local ham radio operators and the town's CERT, or Community Emergency Response Team, have been active, providing real-time status updates to community members and helping to coordinate large animal evacuations. Others have pitched in with janitorial services to keep the firehouse clean and open.

The groups have built relationships and gone through training in previous years that helped to make the current responses so coordinated, Delay said.

"Everybody's pitched in how they can," he said. "It's an honor, honestly, to help lead a group of folks in a community in efforts to help protect itself. It takes a village to get all these things accomplished at the same time."

Crews like the La Honda Fire Brigade who do the work



Assistant Chief Hank Stern of the Kings Mountain Fire Brigade chats with a coworker at the fire station in Woodside on Aug. 31. Members of local volunteer fire brigades are working alongside their professional peers battling the CZU Lightning Complex wildfires in San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties.



Assistant Chief Ann Gabrys of the Kings Mountain Fire Department sits in one of the department's fire engines in Woodside on Aug. 31.

voluntarily make up two-thirds of America's firefighting force, according to a 2018 report by the National Fire Protection Association.

The Kings Mountain Fire Brigade, based on Skyline Boulevard in Woodside, is another such group of volunteers.

During the week of Aug. 17, in the days after the CZU Lightning Complex fires started, the Kings Mountain firefighters provided support for Cal Fire for two or three days until the state agency ramped up its staffing. Over that span, the department sent a unit down to the fire lines and swapped out its staff about every 12 hours, although sometimes shifts lasted as long as 18 to 22 hours, Kings Mountain Assistant Chief Hank Stern said.

The brigade shared photos from the fire lines on Twitter, scenes of firefighters spraying trees being licked by flames a few feet away. As residents of nearby La

Honda evacuated, Kings Mountain firefighters fought the flames alongside Cal Fire, the Menlo Park Fire Protection District and the La Honda Fire Brigade, among others.

The firefighters on the all-volunteer staff of 14 have the same level of training as paid firefighters. The department receives about 250 dispatches a year, Stern said, the majority of which are medical aid calls or vehicle collision responses.

"A fair number" of calls are wildland or structure fire responses, and firefighters are also trained in high-angle rope rescues.

All of the volunteers have full-time jobs; some worked on the fire lines after their day jobs were done, while others like Stern, who works in the biotechnology business and has served as a Kings Mountain firefighter for 26 years,

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PUBLIC HEALTH

# State unveils new criteria and system for countywide reopenings

*Changes lead Santa Clara, San Mateo counties to allow hair salons, malls to resume indoor operations*

by Lloyd Lee

**I**t's OK to go back inside the hair salon.

Under the state's new color-coded, four-tier system for reopening during the coronavirus pandemic, hair salons, barber shops and indoor malls that follow the safety guidelines put in place by the county and state were allowed to resume indoor services as of Monday, Aug. 31.

The new COVID-19 monitoring system has replaced the state's prior COVID-19 watchlist in an effort to create a "more stringent, but more steady" process that determines when, and to what extent, counties can move forward with indoor business operations, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced on Aug. 28.

The tiered system aims to simplify the criteria used by using just two metrics — the seven-day

daily average of the coronavirus case rate and the positive test rate in each county. It also adds a 21-day buffer period, during which counties must remain in a specific tier before they're eligible to move to the next one.

For months, counties have been under the scrutiny of the watchlist, which tracks each region's rate of COVID-19 cases, positive tests, hospitalizations and intensive-care unit admissions. Under the monitoring list, if a county was able to keep these numbers under a certain threshold — for example, record fewer than 100 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 county residents in the last 14 days — then the state would grant the county the option to reopen more businesses and indoor operations.

Dr. Mark Ghaly, the state's

health and human services secretary, who joined Newsom at the Aug. 28 press conference, said that the state will now focus only on positive test rates and COVID-19 cases because the two statistics provide a more accurate picture of "early transmissions" of the disease, whereas hospitalizations can occur three or four weeks after someone is infected.

One of the biggest criticisms of the prior system was how quickly counties would be removed or put back on the watchlist from one day to the next, depending on whether they met the state's requirements. It was a source of much frustration and confusion among residents, and particularly business owners, who at one point this summer learned they would need to halt indoor operations less

than 24 hours after being allowed to reopen their doors.

## How does the new system of tiers work?

Under the new system, which uses colors — purple, red, orange and yellow — to note the severity of infections in a county, businesses can slowly resume indoor operations at different levels of crowd capacity. (Notable exceptions include amusement parks and performing arts or large sporting events with live audiences, the only sectors that are either unaddressed or remain restricted in all the tiers. Newsom suggested these will remain closed to people until further notice.)

For example, tier one — the most restrictive level that's labeled "widespread" and colored purple — represents counties that report a seven-day average of eight or more cases a day per 100,000 residents and/or a positivity rate of more than 8%. Under this tier, all retail stores besides standalone grocery markets can have indoor operations at 25% capacity, while museums and personal care services can only function outdoors. (Hair salons and barber shops,

which are not considered personal care services, are allowed to serve customers indoors with modifications under tier one.)

In tier two — colored red and labeled "substantial" — a county needs to report a weekly average of seven or fewer cases per day and a positivity rate of between 5% and 8%. Retail stores can operate indoors at 50% capacity, personal care services can reopen indoors and museums can open indoors at 25% capacity.

In the "moderate" orange tier, counties should have only one to 3.9 cases per 100,000 residents per day and only 2% to 4.9% of tests coming back positive. The yellow "minimal" tier allows most indoor business operations to open with public-health modifications. These counties see fewer than one daily case per 100,000 residents and a less than 2% positivity rate.

Counties must stay in the red or orange level for at least 21 days before they are eligible to move to a lower tier. They are not allowed to skip over any tiers, regardless of their metrics. In addition to the three-week buffer period, counties

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CRIME

# Tutor charged with lewd conduct faced an earlier complaint

Meanwhile, police say new allegations have been made against Mark Hodes

by Sue Dremann

**A** Palo Alto man recently accused of multiple lewd and lascivious acts toward female students he tutored was the subject of a complaint to Palo Alto police three years ago from another former pupil, according to a police investigative report filed with Santa Clara County Superior Court.



Mark Hodes

Mark Allan Hodes, 74, a well-known mathematics and sciences tutor, was arrested on Aug. 25 on

nine felony counts — three counts for each of three female victims. He has operated Peninsula Tutoring Service from his Manuela Avenue home since 1970, teaching students at the primary, secondary grades and university levels, according to his LinkedIn profile.

A police department press release issued Aug. 27 only referenced complaints made by two former tutees on June 9, but Palo Alto police also investigated Hodes in 2017 for alleged sexual misconduct after a then-University of California student reported to a counselor that she had been inappropriately touched by Hodes when she was a 16-year-old Palo

Alto student in 2012.

The girl was interviewed by both her college's police department and Palo Alto police, according to court documents, but the case was closed after the police were unable to find any other victims. (Several phone calls to parents of students whom the girl knew had also been clients of Hodes either were not returned or the students didn't report similar experiences.)

"Due to the type of allegations being made and when the allegations were made, the statute of limitations on this matter has expired. My investigation has not uncovered any other ongoing allegations against Hodes.

This case is closed until new or other evidence can be identified," Det. Joel Hornung wrote in his report, dated Feb. 22, 2018. The 2017 case is not currently among the prosecutions, the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office stated in an email.

The incidents for which Hodes is now charged allegedly occurred between 2011 and 2014, according to the criminal complaint filed in Santa Clara County Superior Court. Two of the three women in the case had discussed their similar encounters with Hodes and decided to file a report with the police department on June 9.

According to the police report, one of the women alleged that he had placed his hand under her skirt and kept it there throughout the tutoring session, arranged his chair in such a way as to have her knee touching his groin while he was having an erection, and positioned his arm across her breasts throughout the tutoring session.

The victim said Hodes did not make any statements that were

sexual in nature and would continue the lesson without interruption during the activity, according to the investigative report.

The woman said these incidents occurred every week to two weeks for four years. She didn't tell anyone at the time, according to the report filed with the court.

Her friend was tutored by Hodes from October 2012 to January 2013 when she was also 14 years old. She reported that he began inappropriately touching her in a similar manner starting in November 2012.

She felt "uncomfortable," "shameful," and "embarrassed," she told police. She stopped seeing Hodes due to the alleged incidents, but she didn't report them for years because she was not sure how to articulate what happened, she said.

Although Hodes is now charged with nine felony counts in the current case, the victims alleged many more incidents had occurred. Sean Webby, spokesman for the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, said in an email that the number of charges is based on many factors, including whether the incidents are provable and if they fall within the statute of limitations.

Police interviewed eight women, seven of whom said Hodes touched them, but three of whom said they were unsure of his intentions. One told detectives she thought he was "just weird," while another thought he might have Asperger's. Yet another said she "thought Hodes 'seemed very socially awkward,' so she remembered thinking, 'Does he realize he is doing this?'" the police report states.

The women were between the ages of 14 and 17 at the time of the alleged incidents, with the earliest case dating to 2002, according to the police reports.

One of the eight women said she was not touched inappropriately.

Police said in their Aug. 27 press release that Hodes provided private tutoring services to students who attended Castilleja School, Palo Alto High School, Gunn High School and Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School.

Lorraine Brown, a spokeswoman for Castilleja School, confirmed that Hodes tutored students for many years, including some Castilleja alumnae, mostly in math. She stressed that he was never a Castilleja employee, however.

"This is distressing news, and we are proud of the young women who had the courage to report this to the police," she said in an emailed statement. "We ... will cooperate fully with this investigation. We have notified our community and encouraged them to contact the Palo Alto Police Department directly if they have any information about this case.

"At Castilleja, we do everything we can to reinforce clear professional boundaries between adults and our students. Our handbook establishes appropriate verbal, physical, emotional, and social

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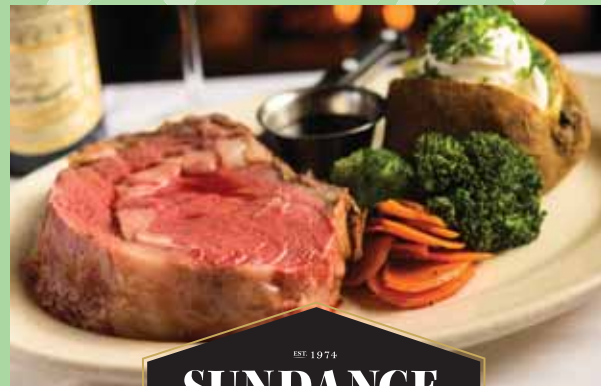
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ELECTION 2020

# Council incumbent builds strong financial lead in crowded race

Filings show Greg Tanaka has raised more than \$70,000 for reelection effort

by Gennady Sheyner

With two months to go until Election Day, Palo Alto City Councilman Greg Tanaka has amassed an overwhelming financial advantage over the rest of the field, according to financial disclosures.

Tanaka, whose reelection campaign reported \$14,669 in contributions as of June 30, has received at least \$50,000 since then, including a \$10,000 check from developer Roxy Rapp; \$10,000 from Richard Karp, an investor with the company Tic-train; \$5,000 each from developers Charles “Chop” Keenan, John McNellis and Brad Ehikian; and \$1,000 from electric car maker Tesla, which is headquartered in Palo Alto. Just this week, Tanaka’s campaign reported receiving \$2,500 from the California Real Estate Political Action Committee and \$5,000 from Zachary Bogue, managing partner at

Data Collective Venture Capital, which has offices in Palo Alto and San Francisco.

To date, Tanaka has received more than \$70,000 in contributions, as well as increased scrutiny about some of his earliest campaign supporters. Some of the funding from developers came in the beginning of the year, well before he established his reelection committee in July, triggering a complaint against him with the Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC). The anonymous complaint claims that he violated a state law that prohibits candidates from spending funds on their reelection efforts before forming a committee.

Tanaka called the complaint baseless and said that the disputed 2020 contributions were made toward his 2016 campaign and used to support his ongoing council work, not his reelection.

The FPPC had not determined as of Thursday, Sept. 3, whether to launch an investigation against Tanaka.

Meanwhile, Councilwoman Lydia Kou, the only other incumbent in the race, reported \$20,013 in contributions, which includes \$14,213 that she received prior to June 30 and \$5,800 that she has reported since then.

Kou received most of her contributions from local residents, including vocal critics of recent and proposed developments. She also gathered contributions from residents who have been at the forefront of grassroots efforts to fight airplane noise and oppose new wireless communications facilities. The vast majority of her contributions are for \$500 or less, though she also received \$1,000 from Jeanne Fleming, whose group United Neighbors has been advocating for more stringent development standards

for wireless equipment. She also received \$500 from Councilman Eric Filseth and \$200 from Vice Mayor Tom DuBois.

The two incumbents are facing eight challengers for four open seats. Planning and Transportation Commission Chair Cari Templeton’s campaign has reported \$11,030 in contributions, with a solid portion of these funds coming from some of Palo Alto’s most passionate housing advocates.

Raven Malone, an engineer and an activist in the Black Lives Matter movement, reported \$4,575 in contributions in an Aug. 16 filing and then reported additional contributions in subsequent filings that totaled about \$5,000.

Former Mayor Pat Burt also reported close to \$9,000 in contributions, including \$7,820 that he received before June 30 and another \$1,000 that he reported on Aug. 27. The total includes \$2,000 that Burt contributed to his own campaign.

Former Human Relations Commission member Steven Lee, an who has criticized the council for not doing enough to address homelessness, gender discrimination and social issues, reported \$5,000 in major contributions, including \$1,000

contributions from employees at Oracle, Facebook and the U.S. Navy.

Lee said that he has received close to \$35,000 in contributions, though most of them don’t have to be disclosed until later this month because they are less than \$1,000.

Attorney Rebecca Eisenberg, a vociferous critic of the council’s recent budget decisions and land-use strategies, reported \$4,960 in contributions, including \$3,960 that she received before June 30. Her campaign said has actually received about \$15,000 to date, with all contributions but one falling under the \$1,000 threshold.

Planning and Transportation Commission member Ed Lauing, an executive recruiter and veteran of two local commissions, reported \$2,883 in contributions.

Teacher Greer Stone, vice-chair of the Santa Clara County Human Rights Commission, and Ajit Varma, a Crescent Park resident, both joined the race after June 30 and did not file any financial disclosure forms, which suggests that they have not received any contributions greater than \$1,000. ■

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## Stanford

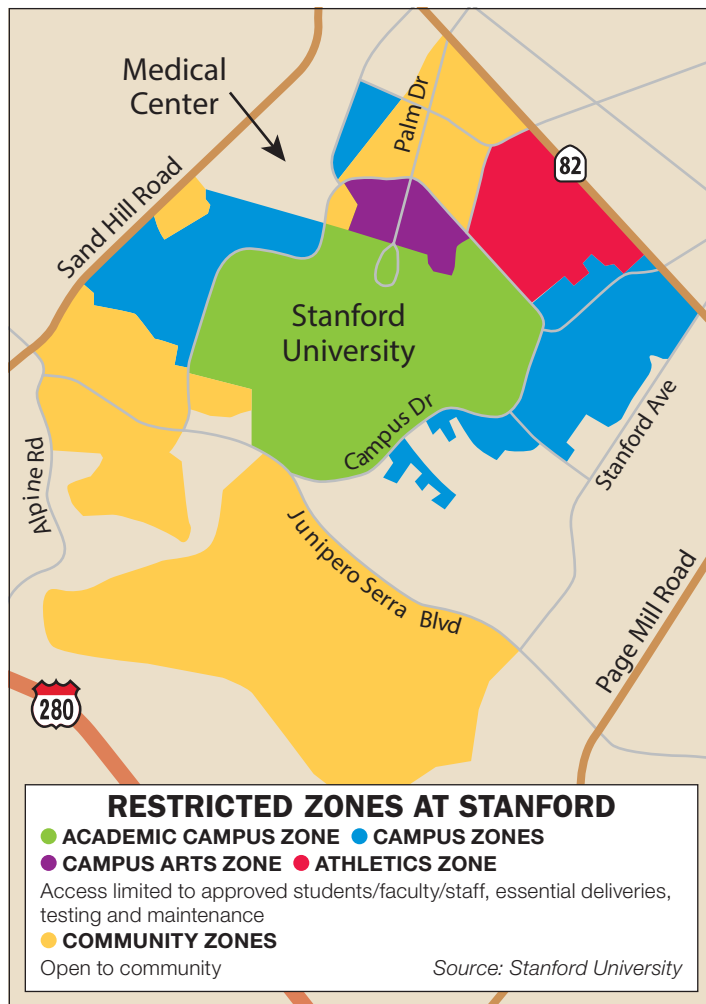
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The rules, which include exemptions for deliveries, testing and maintenance, will require Stanford students, faculty and staff to wear visible Stanford IDs whenever they are in the restricted academic or athletic areas starting Sept. 8. Vendors and subcontractors without Stanford IDs will be asked to wear an appropriate uniform and have a university-issued authorization letter available.

Visitors without an ID will be asked to leave by Stanford safety personnel, who will be stationed at popular gathering places. Those who do not leave could be cited for trespassing, according to a university page dedicated to frequently asked questions.

By enacting the changes, Stanford is trying to comply with state Department of Public Health guidance for higher education institutions. The guidelines, which were released on Aug. 7, require colleges and universities to “limit, to the greatest extent permitted by law, external community members from entering the site (campus grounds) and using campus resources, as the number of additional people onsite and/or intermixing with students, faculty and staff increases the risk of virus transmission.”

Stanford is also prohibited from holding classes indoors for as long as Santa Clara County remains on the state’s COVID-19 watchlist. This creates a greater need for outdoor meeting spaces, the university stated.



Stanford is adopting the new rules as it anticipates its student population to grow next month, notwithstanding its decision on Aug. 13 to cancel on-campus learning for undergraduates in the fall semester in favor of virtual classes. The university had previously planned on bringing

half of its undergraduates back to campus during different quarters. Stanford has also canceled all on-campus events until the end of this year.

Despite these decisions, the university still expects about 6,300 students will be on campus in the coming semester, according

to the announcement. Research activities and graduate education are resuming as planned, Stanford’s announcement states.

In addition, a reduced number of undergraduate students with special circumstances continue to live on campus.

Separate from the restrictions on campus access, the university has also implemented a COVID-19 surveillance testing plan, with different conditions for students, faculty and staff. Students who are returning to campus for the fall quarter must be tested upon their return and then will be required to get tested weekly for the virus. Students living in university housing will also be expected to submit to weekly tests. Stanford is asking faculty and staff to voluntarily take self-administered tests.

Stanford President Marc Tessier-Lavigne in the Aug. 28 announcement of the campus restrictions emphasized that the changes are temporary and that the university looks forward to “expanding the areas available to (the general public) as public health conditions permit.”

The university’s announcement also notes that it may relax the restrictions in some areas, such as the “arts zone,” sooner than in others.

Susan Dackerman, director of the Cantor Arts Center, emailed supporters about the change on Monday.

“We know there is no replacement for experiencing art in person. We continue to identify new opportunities to connect virtually and are eager to share with you a new batch of digital resources in

advance of the fall quarter,” she wrote.

She directed people to a virtual tour of the exhibition “The Medium Is the Message: Art Since 1950” and a series of curator-led videos on contemporary art subjects.

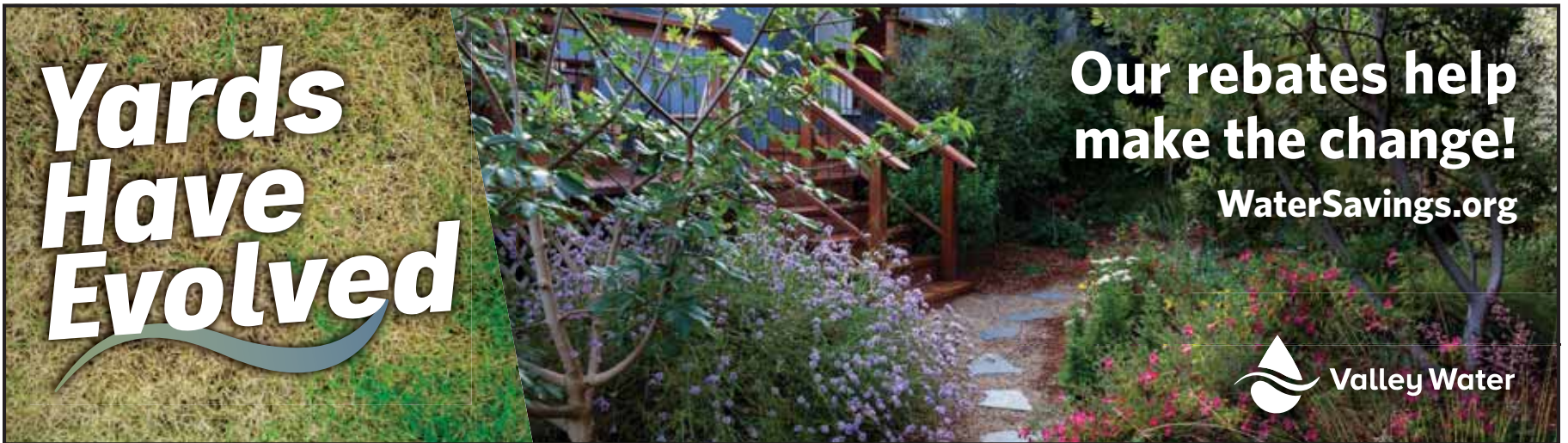
Tessier-Lavigne said that as the university works toward the resumption of teaching and research on campus, “the rapidly evolving nature of the pandemic requires unprecedented steps to safeguard the health of all who live, learn and work here.”

Russell Furr, associate vice provost for Environmental Health & Safety, who is coordinating Stanford’s response to the pandemic, called the separation of the academic and residential portions of the campus from the open community areas “an important component of limiting in-person interactions during this critical phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

“We want to enable everyone involved in the academic mission of the university to remain focused on teaching and research as we welcome new and returning students to campus, along with additional faculty and staff,” Furr said in the announcement. ■

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**About the cover:** *Stanford University closed most of its campus to the public on Sept. 1 as a safety precaution during the pandemic. Photo by Sinead Chang. Illustration by Douglas Young.*



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# News Digest

## Arrest made for threats to county health officer

A Gilroy resident who investigators believe has ties to the militant, far-right “Boogaloo” movement was arrested last week for allegedly sending more than 20 threatening and profane letters to Santa Clara County Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody. The Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office announced Tuesday that it had arrested 55-year-old Alan Viarengo on charges of stalking and threatening a public official, and found an arsenal of weapons, ammunition and explosives at his home. Detectives zeroed in on Viarengo after they positively identified his fingerprints on numerous threatening and profane letters that were sent to Cody and then watched him drop off another letter addressed to Cody with similar threatening messages.

Detectives also found Viarengo’s fingerprint on a letter that had been sent to the widow of Sgt. Damon Gutzwiller, a deputy in the Santa Cruz County Sheriff’s Office who was fatally shot on June 6 while responding to a report of a suspicious vehicle in Boulder Creek, according to a news release from the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office. Detectives believe Viarengo sent a total of 24 letters to Cody. These letters became “increasingly aggressive, offensive and threatening,” according to the news release. They requested a warrant from the District Attorney’s Office for Viarengo’s arrest for felony stalking and threatening a public official.

Viarengo was arrested on Aug. 27 at his home in Gilroy, according to the news release. Detectives also found 138 firearms, thousands of rounds of ammunition and explosive material at his home. ■

—Gennady Sheyner

## Castilleja hits new hurdles in expansion plan

Castilleja School’s ambitious plan to redevelop its Bryant Street campus ran into a fresh complication on Aug. 26, with members of Palo Alto’s Planning and Transportation Commission voicing concerns about the school’s proposed garage and suggesting that its analysis needs more work.

After a lengthy public hearing, the commission agreed to postpone most of its discussion to Sept. 9. But before the meeting concluded, numerous commissioners said they were concerned that Castilleja hadn’t adequately explored redevelopment options that forego the plan’s most contentious feature: an underground garage.

The project, which has been in the works for the past four years, is expected to go to the City Council later this fall. It calls for a phased building plan that includes the construction of the garage; the relocation of the swimming pool to an underground level and the replacement of most of the campus’ buildings. Castilleja, a private all-girls school that serves middle and high school students, is also applying for a new conditional use permit that would allow an increase in enrollment from the current level of 426 to 540. ■

—Gennady Sheyner

## State housing bills fizzle

After seeing their ambitious plans to address the housing crisis derailed by the COVID-19 pandemic, state lawmakers concluded their legislative session Monday with little progress on a topic that many continue to call out as a top priority.

During a marathon session that stretched from morning to midnight and featured dozens of votes, frayed nerves and a partisan Senate squabble, the Legislature came up short on advancing the most ambitious housing bill on the table, Senate Bill 1120. Authored by Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, the bill would have allowed homeowners to subdivide their homes and build duplexes in single-family zones.

Though the Atkins bill received approval in the Assembly just minutes before midnight, it did not return to the Senate in time for the final vote that would have been necessary to advance it to Gov. Gavin Newsom’s desk.

A similar fate befell a proposal by state Sen. Nancy Skinner, D-Berkeley, to reform the state’s density-bonus law by adding incentives for construction of affordable housing and exempting cities from charging development impact fees for these units. The proposal, known as SB 1085, passed in the Assembly by a 67-3 vote on Monday but did not return to the Senate in time for a concurrence vote.

Both housing bills proved contentious in the final weeks of the legislative session, with San Francisco supervisors voting to formally oppose SB 1085 and various groups coming out against SB 1120, with some characterizing it as an affront to local control and others arguing that it would primarily benefit developers and speculators. ■

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# COVID

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also must report metrics that satisfy the lower tier for two consecutive weeks before they're allowed to move to that level. These numbers will be assessed by the state every Tuesday, Newsom said.

Similarly, counties can return to a more restrictive tier if they report average cases and/or positive test rates that fall under that category for two weeks straight. Ghaly added that a concerning increase in hospitalizations will also cause counties to be moved into stricter tiers.

## Where do Santa Clara and San Mateo counties stand?

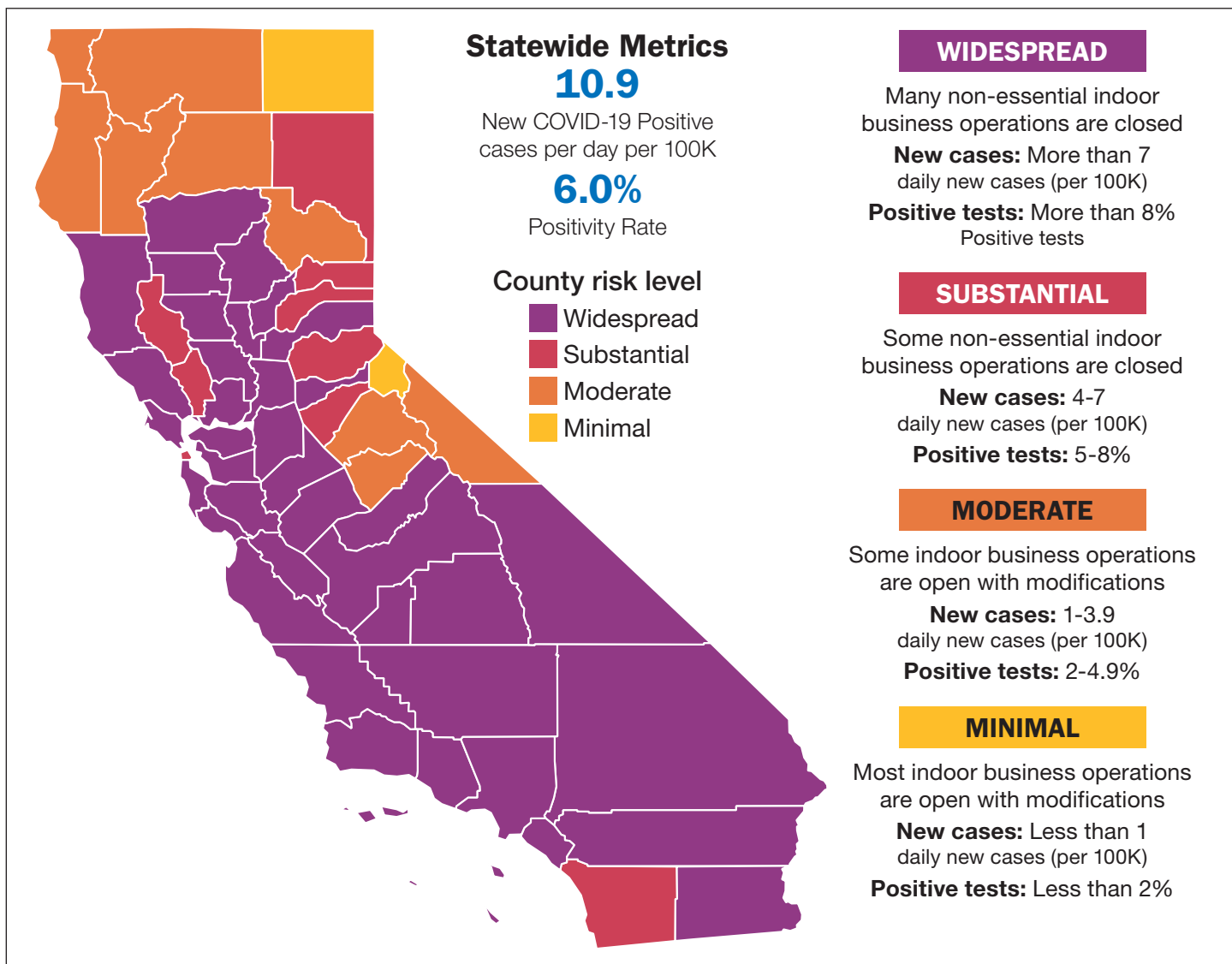
Under the tier system, 38 counties, including Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, are in the purple tier, which currently represents 87% of the state's population, Newsom said.

According to the state's redesigned COVID-19 website, Santa Clara County has 8.6 cases per 100,000 residents but only a 3.5% positivity rate. San Mateo County reported the same case rate per 100,000 residents but has a positive test rate of 4.8%. Despite having lower positive test rates, the two counties will still be placed in the purple tier.

(The conditions of the new system specify that if a county has metrics satisfying two different tiers, the state will place the county under the more restrictive tier.)

With the new state guidelines, both counties announced Aug. 28 that they will allow indoor malls to reopen at 25% capacity as well as hair salons and barbershops, which have been restricted from indoor operations.

"We have repeatedly said that the spread of the virus in our community is not linked to businesses like hair salons," San Mateo County Manager Mike Callagy said in a statement. "We are very happy to see them reopen and with the effort of our residents



to wear face coverings and avoid large gatherings, we hope to soon move to the next tier and loosen even more restrictions."

Newsom also noted that county health officers still have the authority to implement more stringent conditions for reopening, despite what the statewide tiers outline; however, they're not allowed to be less restrictive than the state.

For more information on each county's progress report and which businesses can reopen, visit [covid19.ca.gov](https://covid19.ca.gov). ■

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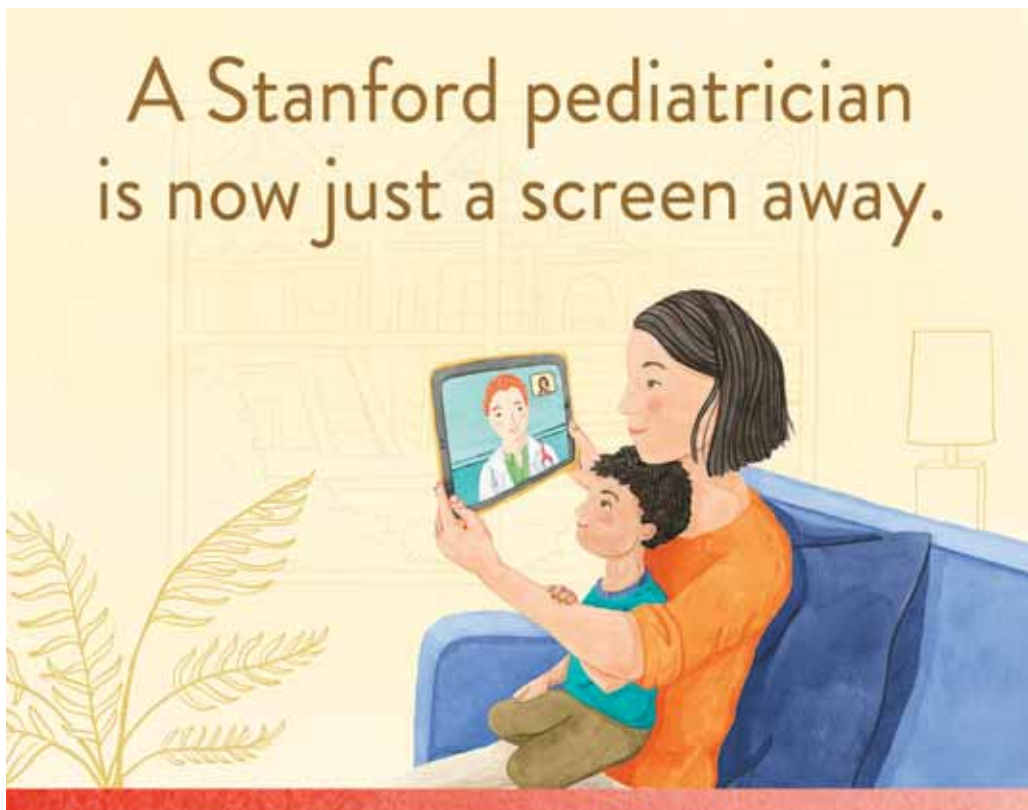
## Public Agenda

### A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

**CITY COUNCIL ...** The council plans to hold a special meeting to evaluate the performance of the city manager, the city attorney and the city clerk. The virtual meeting will begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 362 027 238.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION ...** The school board will discuss the district's Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP), a 2020-21 budget update and a legislative update from Capitol Advisors, among other items. The virtual meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8. The meeting will be broadcast on Cable TV Channel 28 and [midpenmedia.org](https://midpenmedia.org). Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by going to [pausd.zoom.us/j/97888498129](https://pausd.zoom.us/j/97888498129) or dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 949 9734 6242.

**PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ...** The commission plans to continue its public hearing on Castilleja School's proposal to reconstruct its campus at 1310 Bryant St. The virtual meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 956 5433 9410.



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ADU

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one that would allow heights of up to 16 feet, are required in order for Palo Alto to comply with California laws that took effect at the beginning of this year. The council approved them earlier this year on an interim basis and is now set to revise the zoning code to make them permanent.

Others, including relaxing setback rules for homeowners with corner lots, are intended to offer builders more flexibility.

The trend is by no means limited to Palo Alto, according to John Geary, co-founder of Abodu, a company that has manufactured dozens of these tiny homes. Before the state adopted new laws to stimulate production of accessory dwelling units, California only saw between 200 and 300 permits for ADUs issued per year. After the state laws were enacted, the number went up to about 6,000, he said.

Some cities are going well beyond state requirements. Last year, San Jose created a program that effectively pre-approves accessory dwelling units. The program allows select builders of detached ADUs to receive approvals for a prototype, allowing subsequent units to get permitted through a swift over-the-counter process. Abodu is one of three builders that is pre-approved under the San Jose program.

Palo Alto does not currently have such a program, though it has seen its slow and thorough permitting process speed up when it comes to accessory dwelling units. The average processing time for an ADU permit was about six months in 2018 and 135 days in 2019. So far this year, the city has seen 32 applications, with an average permitting time of 92 days, according to the city's quarterly report.

In May, when the city's Planning and Transportation Commission discussed relaxing rules for accessory dwelling units, resident John Kelley suggested that the city do more to reduce how long it takes a homeowner to get a permit. Kelley said he and his wife are trying to build a combination of an ADU and a junior ADU on their property and encouraged the commission to consider rules on sewer lines and electricity, which are slowing down the permitting process for homeowners.

"The problems that existing homeowners have in dealing with ADUs and building them — they really come down to money and time," Kelley said. "And what I think is missing here is an orientation that looks at the issues that really confront the construction process."

Geary is hoping to change that. Next month, his company plans to install a tiny cottage on a residential property in the University South neighborhood. His company boasts of being able to construct a unit in 12 weeks, which includes between eight and 10 weeks to build the home at an



*This one-bedroom home manufactured by Abodu is an example of the type of backyard housing units that Palo Alto is now trying to encourage residents to build.*

off-site location and two weeks to install it on the homeowner's land.

Geary said he has been talking to Palo Alto's planners about instituting a master program along the line of those adopted in San Jose and Santa Clara.

"Palo Alto as a city has actually proven to be excited about ADUs," Geary said during a recent interview in the company's Redwood City showroom. "I think they see the value of empowering homeowners to have livable spaces of property without having to make them jump through the same number of hoops as single-family developments."

In August, the company was in the final stages of a three-month process to get a permit for the University South neighborhood project, its first in Palo Alto.

Abodu builds its ADUs in several factories throughout the Bay Area, Geary said. Its standard one-bedroom unit, which comes with a \$199,000 price tag and is Abodu's most popular product, Geary said, has a floor area of 500 square feet and a kitchen in the hallway that connects the living room to the bedroom, from which one can access the bathroom.

The company also offers a studio and a two-bedroom unit, for \$189,000 and \$259,000, respectively.

Palo Alto's planning staff are hoping the trend will continue so that the city can meet its annual housing goal. While the council approved one affordable-housing complex with 59 units last year, it has largely abandoned prior proposals to build housing at Cubberley Community Center in south Palo Alto and at the former site of Fry's Electronics (though it is still considering housing for the area around the former Fry's store as part of a plan that the city is putting together for a 60-acre area in the Ventura neighborhood).

The proposed permanent ordinance, which the Planning and Transportation Commission approved in May and which the council will consider on Sept. 14, would include additional incentives and streamline regulations on ADUs, the report states.

Changes that are not mandated by state code include allowing homeowners to build accessory dwelling units without providing

more parking on site. Staff is also proposing density bonuses that allow more dense construction than is allowed by current zoning.

"With the updated ordinance, staff anticipates interest in building attached units and JADUs may increase," the report from Planning and Development Services states.

The city's Planning and Transportation Commission voted 4-2, with Ed Lauing and Doria Summa dissenting and William Riggs absent, in May to recommend adoption of the ordinance. Several commissioners supported providing incentives to homeowners who agree to designate accessory dwelling units for affordable housing.

Commissioner Michael Alcheck supported allowing base-ments in new accessory dwelling units, while Commissioner Barton Hechtman suggested that the city explore waiving development impact fees for builders who are willing to rent out the units at below market rate.

In explaining her opposition, Summa said that there's no data on whether the new units are actually being used for rental housing or if many of them are in fact becoming home offices because of the COVID-19 crisis.

"I'm not at all against any of those ideas, but to insist that we are achieving some sort of housing goal — we just don't have the data to prove it," Summa said.

Despite this uncertainty, city staff are eager to speed up the production of ADUs. The city recently received a grant through Senate Bill 2 to develop ADU prototypes and application packages to facilitate expedited approval, the report states. Staff expects to launch that project later this year, according to the planning department report. Once that happens, the city could start approving new units over the counter, saving homeowners time and money, the report states.

"By developing packages that include pre-approved drawings, applicants can show the design on their site plan and have the drawings as attachments," the report states. "This could help applicants to save on the costs for architects/designer services." ■

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**997 All Other Legals**

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The Petition for Probate requests that: BRIAN CHRISTOPHER KING be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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# Hodes

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boundaries that are designed to avoid even the slightest perception of inappropriate conduct.”

Reached at his home on Tuesday evening and asked to comment on his case, Hodes said, “I’m sorry. I have representation and I can’t comment.”

Trisha Luciano, an attorney for Hodes, did not return a request for

comment. In the police investigative narrative, she told police that Hodes retired in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic and is no longer seeing students.

Hodes has been released from custody after posting \$450,000 bail, according to the District Attorney’s office. His scheduled court arraignment is Dec. 23.

Since last week’s police announcement, additional women have contacted the police about Hodes, Acting Capt. James Reifschneider said in an email on Sept. 1. Detectives are working to follow up with them.

“At this time, we are aware of alleged criminal conduct dating back to the late 1990s. Others have come forward to report that they experienced no criminal conduct whatsoever when interacting with Mr. Hodes. The investigation is ongoing. When the investigation is complete, it will be forwarded to the District Attorney’s Office for their review,” Reifschneider said.

“Like most sexual assault investigations, this case is complex. The most important thing at this point is for any community members who have additional information about Mr. Hodes and what may have gone on in his tutoring sessions to come forward to law enforcement.”

Steve Wagstaffe, district attorney for neighboring San Mateo County, said that the case reported to police in 2017 would have

been a potential case of sexual battery rather than lewd and lascivious conduct because the latter charges only apply when children are 15 years old or younger. But a sexual battery charge requires that force was used, and in the 2017 case, the alleged acts would likely not rise to that level, he said.

The Santa Clara County District Attorney’s office noted that the statute of limitations on misdemeanor sexual battery was just one year at the time and had passed by the time the alleged abuse was reported.

“The 2017 case was determined to be outside the statute of limitations, which prohibits prosecution,” Webby stated. “There was insufficient evidence to prove a felony or misdemeanor sexual

battery beyond a reasonable doubt.”

Reifschneider said the police department encourages anyone with information regarding Hodes to contact the 24-hour dispatch center at 650-329-2413, no matter how long ago an incident may have occurred.

“There are certain provisions contained within the Evidence Code that permit prosecutors to call victims whose crimes could not be charged to provide testimony in the extant case. For that reason, it is important for us to hear from anyone who thinks they may have been victimized, even if that behavior occurred long in the past,” Reifschneider said. ■

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# CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

## City Council (Aug. 31)

**Interviews:** The council interviewed candidates for the Human Relations Commission and the Public Art Commission. **Action:** None

## Utilities Advisory Commission (Sept. 2)

**Technology:** The commission discussed the Utilities Department’s emerging technologies program and the impact of building electrification on the city’s gas and electric utility. **Action:** None



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## Wildfire

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took time off for the duty.

“In our department we have chemical engineers, nurses, electrical engineers, mechanics — there’s a wide variety of skill sets that we can access,” Stern said. “It’s an incredibly motivated group. Everyone has their reasons for contributing their time and expertise; most have the opportunity to give back and want to make a difference.”

The Kings Mountain Fire Brigade’s primary response area is Skyline north to State Route 92, just south of State Route 84, down Tunitas Creek on the west side and down Kings Mountain Road on the east side.

As the CZU fire has raged, residents have shown their appreciation and support for the volunteer brigade. Last week, firefighters found a thank you note tied to a tree alongside their fire engine, and on the same day received a full dinner donated by Alice’s Restaurant in Woodside.

“For some of our residents that may have health issues, they see familiar faces from their community (when firefighters respond),” Stern said. “They see people that know their dogs, their families, their medical conditions, and that puts them at ease.”

The strong connection firefighters have with the area and



Larry Sanderson, a Kings Mountain Fire Department firefighter, gets out of one of the department’s fire engines in Woodside on Aug. 31.

residents has motivated them, he said.

“It affects the firefighters personally as far as knowing people in the area or their own family being on edge,” Stern said. “We know the area, we can take action right away, we have a short response time and the staff is trained and has the equipment to make a significant impact.”

Typically, the Labor Day weekend would see crowds of people making their way up to the redwood-shrouded community for

the annual Kings Mountain Art Fair, a fundraiser for the fire brigade and local Kings Mountain Elementary School that accounts for a significant portion of the budget for apparatus and gear purchases, Stern said.

But with the COVID-19 pandemic, the festival has gone virtual this year. The lack of an in-person event presents a “bit of a challenge” for the brigade financially, but Stern learned earlier this week that organizers received an anonymous matching grant of

\$10,000 for donations to the department during the virtual fair, a direct result of their help with the CZU Lightning Complex fires. (More information is posted at [kingsmountainartfair.org](http://kingsmountainartfair.org).)

On the home front, families have also served as an essential support system for firefighters.

“Many times our families are covering for everything we haven’t done,” Stern said. “Usually a lot of people in the community are asking questions, and many times our spouses are on the back end

of those questions. It’s also challenging for other family members — you don’t know if you’ll be out for five minutes or five hours or an entire day.

“We have great family support, and we have huge community support. ... It’s one of the tightest communities I’ve ever seen in terms of people looking out for each other and making sure neighbors are safe.”

### How to help

The Menlo Park Fire Protection District, which employs about 100 firefighters, has taken steps to help volunteer firefighters working farther south in Santa Cruz County. They brought supplies like cots and a mobile shower and washing machine and created an online fundraising campaign to support the Ben Lomond and Boulder Creek volunteer fire protection districts, which can be accessed at [is.gd/volfirefund](http://is.gd/volfirefund).

“We’re up here daily making sure they have what they need. If people would like to help support that effort, we would very much appreciate it,” Menlo Park Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said in a statement. ■

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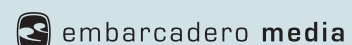
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## Reopen

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The Campbell Union School District, however, is allowed to fully reopen for students from transitional kindergarten through sixth grade. The district serves preschool through eighth grade students.

Officials in both Santa Clara and San Mateo counties have urged elementary schools to apply for the waivers.

"I encourage schools to explore the waiver option in order to get children in the early elementary grades on campus," San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools Nancy Magee said in a press release announcing the county's waiver process. "In-person instruction is particularly valuable to younger students whose foundational literacy and numeracy skills are paramount to long-term academic success."

The applications require schools to detail their reopening plans, including how students will be kept in small, stable groups;

how classrooms and activities will be laid out to allow for physical distancing; and plans for screening, contract tracing and potential school closure if needed. Schools also must document the labor, parent and community groups that they consulted with in applying for a waiver.

The private Primary School, which serves more than 300 students in preschool through third grade, was "excited" to receive the waiver but has not yet set a reopening date, said Alison Kjeldgaard, the school's senior manager of communications and external relations.

"We will be working in close partnership with staff and families to create a plan for reopening safely," she wrote in an email.

Until last week, California schools could reopen for grades TK-6 with a waiver and for middle and high school grades only once their counties have been off of the state's monitoring list for 14 consecutive days. This system was replaced with the state's new color-coded, tiered reopening

plan. Schools in the purple or "widespread" tier, including both San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, can't physically reopen unless they receive a waiver from their local health department for TK-6 grades. Schools can reopen for in-person instruction once their county has been in the red, or "substantial" tier for at least two weeks. The state will update each county's data every Tuesday.

Palo Alto Unified Superintendent Don Austin tweeted Tuesday that he was told in a briefing with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department that if the county "stays on the same path, we could be out of the 'purple' range by Sept. 8."

"If (and it's an if) Santa Clara moves from 'purple' on Sept. 8, schools COULD reopen for in-person as soon as Sept. 22," he wrote. (Palo Alto Unified, however, has set a start date of Oct. 12, so schools wouldn't fully reopen before then even if permitted to do so.)

In San Mateo County, the Office of Education had received



Preschoolers Genesis Arteaga Callejas, center, and Anna Herrera Saldana, right, play on the seesaw during recess at the Primary School in East Palo Alto in 2018. The school is now allowed to reopen, according to a list of approved waiver applications in San Mateo county.

just over 20 waiver applications as of Sept. 1, said Patricia Love, executive director of strategy and communications. The office is initially reviewing the applications and then sending them to San Mateo County Health and the California Department of Public Health for review and approval.

California public and private

schools gained permission last week to resume in-person instruction for small groups of students in need, primarily students with disabilities but also English learners and students at higher risk of further learning loss or not participating in distance learning. ■

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## John Erick Mack Jr.

March 8, 1932 – June 16, 2020

John Erick Mack Jr. (Erick) passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 16 at home in Palo Alto, California after 88 years of an extraordinary life. He was the oldest sibling to Peter Hawley Mack and Laurie Mack McBride, spending his childhood in Pasadena and Guatemala where his father ran the family coffee business.

Erick attended Polytechnic School, Philips Academy-Andover High school, and received a Bachelor and Master Degree in Geology from Stanford University. He was on Stanford's 1952 Rose Bowl team. He lived in the Zeta Psi Fraternity with his parrot Pedro Malo, famous for colorful vocabulary. Erick met Margaret Diane Dickson at Stanford, marrying in 1956. They lived their first year in Japan where Erick served in the Navy as a Lieutenant JG. They moved to Guatemala and had their first child John Erick Mack III, then moved to Australia for 6 years where they welcomed their children Carter Dickson Mack and Laurie Elizabeth Mack. Returning to the US in 1967 great tragedy struck when Diane and Erick's brother Peter were killed in a car accident.

In 1968 Erick married Dagmar Maria Quidde from Ecuador and they had a son Peter Quidde Mack. They lived in Pasadena for the next 30 years. Life revolved around family, friends and Erick's love for the outdoors, including backpacking, fly fishing, Baja vacations, skiing (teaching most of the neighbors to ski) and Boy Scouts (Erick, his sons and oldest grandson were Eagle Scouts.)

After retiring, Erick and Dagmar parted ways. Years later Erick married his longtime friend Marion Macfarland Worthington, spending 21 years in Palo Alto enjoying family,

friends, Stanford events and world travel.

Erick's career flourished at Union Oil/Unocal over 40 years. He started as a field geologist in the jungles in Guatemala and rose to a senior executive in oil and gas, and geothermal energy. In the 1960s, he led the first major oil discovery in Australia. He traveled the world with endless adventure including: encountering headhunters and Piranha attacks in the Amazon, helicopter crashes in the Andes and Australian outback, nationalizations, coups, hostage negotiations and more. Erick was the Chairman of the Circum-Pacific Council for Energy and Mineral Resources, a US government and industry partnership to improve science in the energy and mineral resources field.

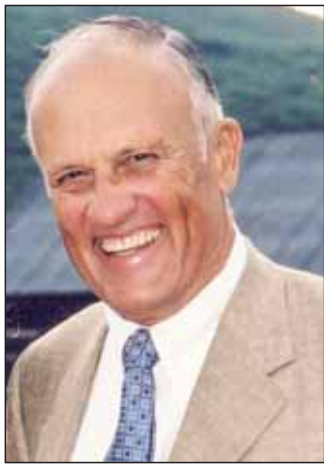
Erick always focused on family charitable projects in Highlands Guatemala. He and his sister Laurie donated family lands with significant Mayan ruins to the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (UVG). Erick also wrote a comprehensive book on his family history.

Erick is survived by his wife Marion, sister Laurie McBride (John), sister-in-law Beatriz Chuinard (Robert) - widow of Peter Hawley Mack, his children John (Nicole), Carter (Margaret), Laurie Rohrbach (Matthew) and Peter (Tara), Marion's children Diana Krieg (Jan), Cynthia Worthington (James Clift) and Bill Worthington (DeNeice), 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a contribution in Erick's memory to:

The Mack Family Initiative at UVG to help impoverished indigenous Mayan youth in Guatemala through the US Foundation for UVG - USFUVG at:

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## Charles E. Enderby

November 15, 1934 – August 2, 2020

Charles "Chuck" Enderby, of Palo Alto, CA, passed away peacefully on August 2, 2020 at the age of 85. He grew up in Chicago, Illinois and attended the University of Illinois where he met his wife, Margaret ("Peg"). They were married in 1957. Upon completing his Bachelor's of Science, Masters Degree and PhD in Electrical Engineering, he moved his family to Palo Alto in 1961.

He had initially worked for General Electric, but later became one of the early pioneers in the medical laser industry. He had a very successful career path working as vice president and/or president spanning over three decades at a variety of companies including Electro Optics Associates, Optics Technology Inc., Molectron and Cooper Lasersonics. During his career he did extensive business travel to almost every part of the world. Aside from his work career, he had a knack for home and auto repair with the ability to fix almost anything. He really instilled his drive to be self-sufficient to his three sons- Mike, Kevin and David. He had a great love of history, nature and the outdoors. Chuck was very involved as an adult leader in his son's Boy Scout Troop 55 in Palo Alto in the 1970's. He was very proud that all three of his sons became Eagle Scouts. Upon his retirement he rediscovered his passion for helping and continued to dedicate most of his spare time as a scout leader and Commissioner for the local Boy Scout Council until just a few years ago. He regularly filled in as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troops 5, 14 and 57 in Palo Alto and often attended summer camp as a Camp Commissioner at Camp Oljato at Huntington Lake in the Sierras. As a scout leader, he received one of its highest honors- The Silver Beaver Award. Later in life, he often recounted that he was much prouder of his contributions to Scouting than his business career. Although his wife Peg passed away 25 years ago, he leaves behind three sons- Mike Enderby of South Lake Tahoe/San Jose, Kevin Enderby of Redwood City and David Enderby of Palo Alto/San Dimas. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and the Scouting Community.



# Pulse

A weekly compendium of vital statistics

## POLICE CALLS

### Palo Alto

Aug. 27-Sept. 2

#### Violence related

**Mosher Way**, 4/29, 12 p.m.; sex crime/exploit children.

**Manuela Avenue**, 6/9, 11:01 a.m.; sex crime/lewd and lascivious.

**Waverley Street**, 8/15, 11:49 p.m.; simple battery.

**Waverley Street**, 8/17, 9:52 p.m.; strong arm robbery.

**El Camino Real**, 8/24, 9:22 a.m.; domestic violence.

#### Theft related

Commercial burglaries . . . . . 2  
Grand theft . . . . . 8  
Identity theft . . . . . 5  
Petty theft . . . . . 5  
Prowler . . . . . 2  
Residential burglaries . . . . . 2  
Shoplifting . . . . . 2

#### Vehicle related

Auto recovery . . . . . 2  
Auto theft . . . . . 4  
Bicycle theft . . . . . 8  
Driving w/ suspended license . . . . . 3  
Hit and run . . . . . 2  
Theft from auto . . . . . 2  
Vehicle accident/minor injury . . . . . 3  
Vehicle accident/prop damage . . . . . 2  
Vehicle impound . . . . . 1  
Vehicle tampering . . . . . 2  
Vehicle tow . . . . . 2

#### Alcohol or drug related

Driving under influence . . . . . 1  
Drunk in public . . . . . 4  
Possession of paraphernalia . . . . . 2

#### Miscellaneous

Criminal threats . . . . . 1  
Found property . . . . . 6  
Located missing person . . . . . 3  
Lost property . . . . . 2  
Missing person . . . . . 1  
Outside investigation . . . . . 2  
Possession of stolen property . . . . . 2  
Psychiatric subject . . . . . 6  
Suspicious circumstances . . . . . 3  
Vandalism . . . . . 4  
Warrant/other agency . . . . . 3

### Menlo Park

Aug. 26-Sept. 1

#### Violence related

**600 block Santa Cruz Avenue**, 8/26, 12:24 p.m.; robbery.

**Willow Road**, 8/30, 9:03 a.m.; spousal abuse.

#### Theft related

Commercial burglaries . . . . . 2  
Commercial burglary attempt . . . . . 2  
Petty theft . . . . . 1  
Theft undefined . . . . . 2

#### Vehicle related

Abandoned auto . . . . . 1  
Bicycle theft . . . . . 4  
Bicycle theft attempt . . . . . 1  
Parking/driving violation . . . . . 4  
Vehicle accident/no injury . . . . . 1  
Vehicle tow . . . . . 2

#### Alcohol or drug related

Driving under influence . . . . . 1  
Drunk in public . . . . . 1  
Possession of drugs . . . . . 1  
Sale of drugs . . . . . 1

#### Miscellaneous

Brandishing weapon . . . . . 1  
Disturbance . . . . . 2  
Found property . . . . . 1  
Mental evaluation . . . . . 5  
Other/misc. . . . . 2  
Outside assistance . . . . . 1  
Suspicious circumstances . . . . . 1  
Vandalism . . . . . 2  
Warrant arrest . . . . . 4

## OBITUARIES

A list of local residents who died recently:

**Colleen Diane Vescia**, 89, a Palo Alto resident, died on Aug. 17. **Patricia Anne Klein**, 78, a speech-language pathologist and Palo Alto resident, died on Aug. 22. **Louise Burpee Landreth**, 95, former president of the Palo Alto Junior League, died on Aug. 23

To read full obituaries, leave remembrances and post photos, go to Lasting Memories at PaloAltoOnline.com/obituaries. ■

## Louise Burpee Landreth

December 15, 1924 – August 23, 2020

Louise Burpee Landreth, teacher, mother, philanthropist and community leader, passed away peacefully on Sunday evening, August 23, 2020. She was 95 years old.



Born Louise Kellam Burpee on December 15, 1924 in Bronxville, New York, Louise lived a full and extremely active life. She referred to her hometown as “a small suburb with an excellent public-school system, where everybody knew each other.” The quality of that school system left a positive and lasting impression on her, and fed a lifelong zest for teaching and learning. Louise was very active in sports, and also played first trumpet in the high school band. She continued playing the trumpet for fun into her 80’s.

After graduating from Smith College in 1946, Louise pursued an internship with the newly forming United Nations in San Francisco. In 1947 she was posted as a Documents Clerk in the UN’s Paris Office, which provided an opportunity to bicycle across war-torn Europe with several friends.

By 1950 she was back in San Francisco, where she met Jim Landreth, who would become the love of her life. They married in Bronxville in January 1953, and settled into an apartment on Telegraph Hill to start a family. They moved to Atherton in 1955, and by 1961 had three sons and a baby girl.

Louise served as President of the Palo Alto Junior League in 1963, then turned her energy towards earning her teaching credential. In 1968 she began a 23-year career as a Fourth-Grade teacher, starting at Trinity Parish School, and then Philips Brooks School in Menlo Park.

After retiring in 1992, Jim and Louise moved to Inverness, California, where for decades they had enjoyed a summer property co-owned with relatives, the Munger family. There, she served as Treasurer of the Inverness Yacht Club, and President of the Inverness Garden Club.

Louise leaves a legacy of community engagement, activism for progressive causes, a long history of philanthropy, and the belief that “looking out for the other guy” was vital in daily life. She loved California history, and she could teach it. She loved jazz, especially swing, and she could play it. She deeply loved her family, and was just as deeply loved and respected in return.

She is survived by her four children and their families; George and Liz (Kroha) Landreth of Ashland, Oregon, Gordon and Margie Landreth of San Rafael and their daughter Denise, Harold (Hobey) and Zoe (Sarantis) Landreth of Palo Alto and their daughter Eva, and Katherine Landreth of San Rafael. She is also survived by five nieces and nephews and their families from the Munger family, her sister in law Quoxy Burpee, and five nieces and nephews from the Burpee family of Rye, New York. A memorial will be scheduled once COVID restrictions have been lifted.

PAID OBITUARY

## Colleen Diane Vescia

January 12, 1931 – August 17, 2020

Born in Tacoma, Washington, on January 12, 1931, Colleen Diane Vescia (née Farrell) passed away at home from natural causes on August 17, 2020, surrounded by her family. She was 89.

Colleen grew up in Seattle during the Great Depression, the middle child in a working-class family, bookended by brothers Dennis and Barry. She attended Coe School, where her grandson would enroll many years later, and graduated from Queen Anne High in 1949. She was known for her sense of fun, her creativity, and her irreverence. In Seattle, Colleen held a variety of jobs including document courier, dental assistant, photographer’s model, and case packer at “Boodles under the bridge,” a bean canning factory.

Colleen always wanted to see the world, and a job as a Pan Am flight attendant allowed her to do just that. At first, she shuttled between Seattle and Alaska in shaking, unpressurized cabins. She was later stationed in New York and traveled the world in the glamour days of generous per diems and long layovers in exotic places. She flew with Charles Lindbergh and Helen Keller, and was once held at knifepoint in the bathroom by a crazed passenger.

In Philadelphia, her brother Dennis introduced Colleen to her future husband, a young Italian doctor named Fernando Vescia. After the births of their first two children, Monique and Christian, the family relocated across the country to the Bay Area where Fernando began practicing gastroenterology at the Palo Alto Clinic (now PAMF). Another son, Paolo, came soon after. Colleen excelled at motherhood without letting it limit her own growth; she was always ready to provide support and encouragement while giving her kids the space to develop their own talents and find their own paths in the world.

Colleen loved to get her hands dirty. She threw herself into various arts and crafts and mastered them all. A fantastic cook who took a page (many, in fact) from the book of Julia Child, she later authored a cookbook with her friend Sharon Elsen. Colleen sewed her own clothes, and many for her daughter, including

Monique’s wedding dress. A member of the Garden Club of Palo Alto, Colleen planted beautiful gardens in each home the family lived in, and her pockets were often filled with seed pods pilfered from plants she admired while walking her cockapoo, Ophelia.

She was energetic, optimistic, and didn’t hesitate to bend the rules when it suited her. She ruffled the feathers of several Palo Alto



Photo by Paolo Vescia

mothers when she took her son’s birthday guests to Bay Meadows horse track and placed bets for all the boys. Her travels continued, and the family enjoyed sabbaticals to visit European relatives. She and Fernando went farther afield, visiting Asia, Africa, and South America. The couple had a wide circle of close friends, and dinner parties were always animated affairs with delicious food and wine, lively conversation, punctuated by bursts of laughter.

When her children were in junior high, Colleen began taking classes in ceramics at the Palo Alto

Cultural Center. Eventually she opened Creekside Studios in nearby Belmont with two other women artists. Nancy Wirth, her pottery partner and bosom pal, built their own kiln, and the annual Christmas sale became a much-anticipated event. Over the years, Colleen’s beautiful pots become treasured additions to many homes. She closed her studio in 2014, the year Fernando passed away.

A staunch Democrat, breast cancer survivor, and unrepentant atheist, Colleen loved public television, sea shanties, and working in her garden. The friendships she made were lifelong. Colleen realized her dream of staying in her own home, the site of frequent visits from her devoted family, which included four granddaughters and a grandson, all of whom she doted on.

Colleen is survived by her children, Monique, Christian, and Paolo Vescia; their respective spouses, Don Rauf, Lucia Sanchez, and Amelia Hansen; and grandkids Francesca, Carmen, Leo, Madeleine, and Natalie. A memorial will be planned in the spring. Donations in Colleen’s memory may be made to her beloved KQED. <https://www.kqed.org/support>

PAID OBITUARY

# Spectrum

Editorials, letters and opinions

## Guest Opinion

# Early education is essential

by Janet Vanides and Lisa Rock

**N**ow is the time to support our local early education and child care providers.

It is predicted that by year-end, more than 50% of the nation's early education child care providers will close permanently. A year from now, fewer than half of those that initially survived will likely remain.

Families are already struggling, and children are losing out on essential learning and socialization opportunities. Child care and early education are essential needs in our community.

As long-standing early education and child care providers in the Palo Alto community, we see firsthand the effects that the pandemic is having on the youngest segment of our population. From one day to the next, thousands of children lost connection with their teachers and peers in our community. Parents have shared how much their children missed their friends and teachers and struggled to understand why they were suddenly unable to be with them.

Young children need to be around other children, not only to develop critical socialization and self-regulation skills, but to revel in the joy of playing and learning with other children. We know from abundant research how important peer connection is to the development of children. This connection is even more profound for children

who are learning English for the first time. In a normal school year, a social, play-based environment can advance language acquisition in as little as one year. Without these interactions, children lose valuable time in preparing for elementary school.

We are deeply concerned about the future of early education and child care programs. Child care already operates on a tenuous business model that pits the true cost for providing quality care against the realities of what families can afford. Significantly increased costs for protective equipment and cleaning supplies now required due to the pandemic, combined with reduced enrollment capacity requirements of up to 75%, are pushing this tenuous model to the breaking point.

There are many early education and child care programs in Palo Alto, both small and large — the pandemic has created feelings of isolation and uncertainty about how each should respond. The Palo Alto Advisory Committee on Early Care and Education (PAAC-ECE) is hosting biweekly Zoom meetings to discuss the challenges local early education and child care providers



Janet Vanides



Lisa Rock

face and how to meet them. Local providers are helping each other navigate the ever-changing local, state and federal mandates and recommendations while providing support and guidance to one another.

Many programs tried to adapt early on in the pandemic by providing some type of distance learning and online connection with children and families, but children need direct, personal contact with their teachers and their peers. Families need and deserve safe learning environments for their children while they work. Early education and after-school programs give parents peace of mind and the flexibility that allows working families to thrive.

There are child care providers that have created effective responses to support families. Reopening programs for children required months of planning and the creation of new, complicated protocols and training. Small, stable social pods; daily health checks, symptom monitoring procedures, daily cleaning protocols; face masks and frequent, sustained hand washing — all are part of the rigorous steps required to create safe learning

environments for children. For school-age child care programs, teachers also are supporting children's distance learning.

Unfortunately it is not financially feasible to manage these additional costs combined with reduced enrollment and increased staffing costs. Programs are operating at a loss, temporarily closing or closing permanently. At some point in the future, this virus will be controlled and we will return to a new sense of normal. By that time, however, many schools will be shuttered and many talented teachers will be out of work.

Early education and child care providers who have managed to reopen are essential workers providing critical services to other essential workers, supporting businesses by helping parents work and playing a vital role in children's development and well-being. Regardless of whether or not child care programs have been able to reopen, the critical need for child care remains, and we can all do something to help these vital services survive in the long run.

- Urge local, state and federal leaders to prioritize funding and support for child care before it is too late. Many child care providers and businesses serving children are nonprofit; ensure that nonprofit businesses have access to local relief funding.

- Send words of encouragement

to teachers of children of all ages. Let them know you see their struggles, you appreciate their work and you are grateful for all they do.

- Make a donation to a local child care program you care about. Every dollar helps keep educators employed and much needed supplies within reach.

- Share your support for child care providers on social media. Remind friends and family that child care is part of the critical infrastructure that keeps other businesses operating effectively.

- Make personal choices that help stop the spread of COVID-19. Wear a mask, physically distance and limit your exposure to others as much as possible. Working together, we can get this pandemic under control and move more quickly toward recovery and repair.

We all have a role we can play supporting families and ensuring that child care and education programs survive these unprecedented times. This is a great opportunity for us to come together as a community to support children and families. ■

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## Letters

### Proud city of basements

Editor,

"Free" speech and a basement. These are apparently the inalienable rights of Palo Altans. Trees have no standing. Neither do neighbors. The Tree Protection Ordinance is a sham meant to mollify those of us environmentally inclined by assuring us that our oaks will die a slow death, not a sudden one. More important: Who would let the ancient oak tree at 2353 Webster St. deprive a homeowner of a concrete encased basement? Not this city, nor its staff. And as to "free" speech, that's a joke. You have to pay dearly to get your neighborhood's overwhelming number of complaints heard before the city council — whose staff threatens you with the possibility

of the tree's sudden death if you don't shut up about it. Palo Alto, the Proud City of Basements.

Mary Ellen White  
Webster Street, Palo Alto

### 'Outrageous' Castilleja Project

Editor,

I am writing to express in the strongest possible terms our objection to Castilleja's persistent push to expand its private facility at the expense of our neighborhood. Acceptance of this move would set a precedent. How would you feel if this project were realized half a block from each of your homes? The City is setting the stage for similar moves.

And may I remind you that this is not a neighbor family requesting a one-time variance to build a 100-square-foot treehouse in their front yard or add a fourth story to

their house. Such requests would not even be considered. No, this is a tax-exempt commercial operation. Tax exempt: This means that we, the affected neighbors, are underwriting the city's infrastructure and services. This is completely outrageous. What are we talking about? Why are we still talking about it? How did this get this far?

The garage is going to exit onto my one block of Melville? All those cars? We already had a car totaled by a Castilleja driver and a cat run over (I mean, they're kids). And exactly what does the city of Palo Alto get out of this? (I mean, the vast majority — 75% — of the students are from other towns.) What is the motivation for the City Council and commission even considering this? What is missing here?

Marie Macy  
Melville Avenue, Palo Alto

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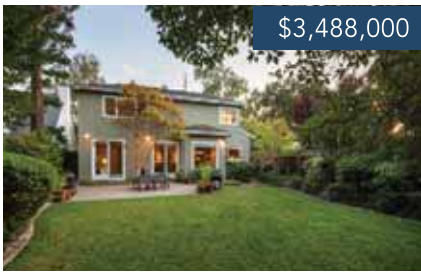
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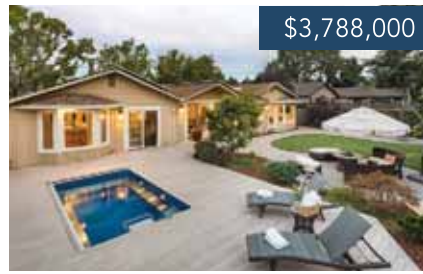
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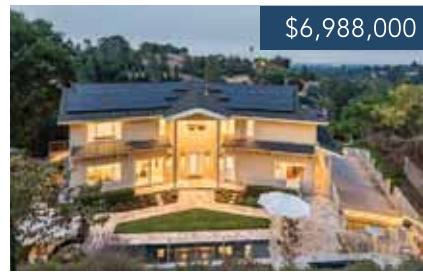
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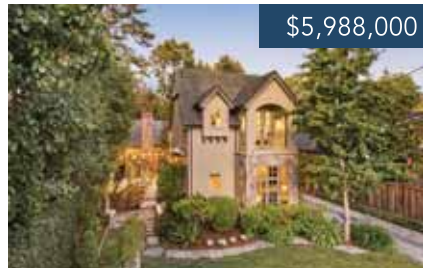
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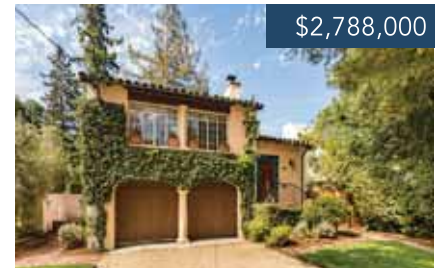
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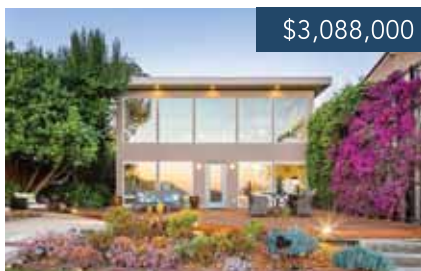
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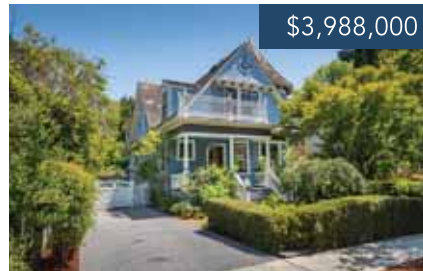
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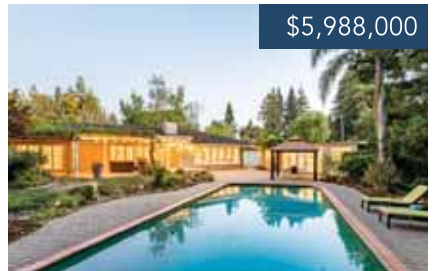
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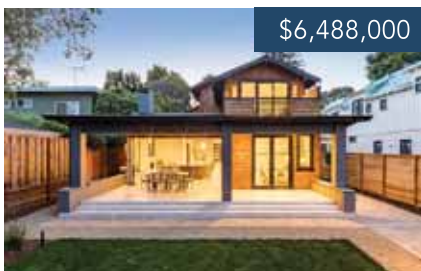
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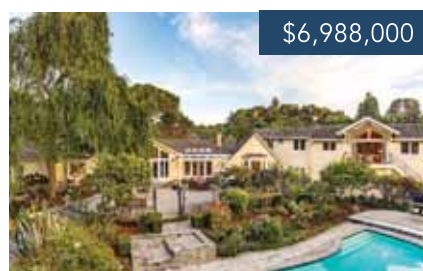
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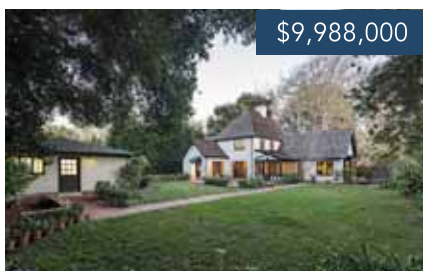
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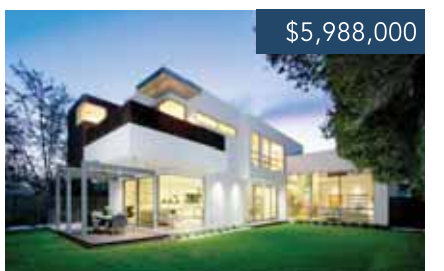
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# Arts & Entertainment

A weekly guide to music, theater, art, culture, books and more, edited by Karla Kane

## Graphic novel chronicles the start of a long, strange (local) trip

'Grateful Dead Origins' dives deep on the band's beginnings on the Peninsula and around the Bay

by Charles Russo

**I**t's very weird." Yep, trying to nail down the logic behind the Grateful Dead's enduring popularity is a tricky proposition. After all, how exactly did a group of mismatched oddballs from the San Francisco Peninsula vault their unlikely band to global fame, garner a one-of-a-kind devoted fan base and trailblaze a massive counterculture that is known throughout the world? Not an easy thing to sum up, and at some point it's maybe easiest to just concede how bizarre it all is.

I wondered about this aloud when I first started my interview with author Chris Miskiewicz, who researched and wrote the new graphic novel "Grateful Dead Origins" (via Z2 Comics), an illustrated deep dive into the lesser known early days of the acid-fueled rock band. Sharing my same mix of fascination and befuddlement at the band's legacy, Miskiewicz gamefully took his own stab at it: "That generation kind of got locked on this band for a myriad of reasons. A lot of it is probably due to a serotonin high at a special show when they felt this elation due to being on drugs. That will stay with anybody. But there's something that just carried through with the entire fanbase."

And there's some value to his theory, a part of the picture certainly. But then conceding that maybe it's not so easily explained, Miskiewicz finds himself back where he began, again admitting, "It's just really weird."

The colorful tie-dyed tale of the Grateful Dead's beginnings as a band is inherently a local Peninsula story, and that's on full display in this new graphic novel, written by Miskiewicz and illustrated by Noah Van Sciver. In fact, many of the band's early interactions traverse neighboring cities from one page to the next: early meet-ups at Magoo's Pizza in Menlo Park (where the band would eventually play their first gig together while still named the Warlocks), an initial impromptu jam with Jerry Garcia and Bob Weir at Dana Morgan's Music Shop in Palo Alto, as well as a formative residency at the seedy In Room in Belmont where the group first settled into their sound. And, of course, the moment of revelation when the band met up at Phil Lesh's house on High Street near the Stanford campus to decide on (cosmically discover?) their iconic band name.

While much is known about the Dead once they rose to fame by the end of the 1960s, these early days were a bit more work for Miskiewicz to excavate. "As soon as they hit Woodstock you can find everything about them — what they wore, what they said — but this corner of their history is more challenging," he explained. "Most people don't follow that early bluesy, cover band period of them as a '60s band trying to figure out what they are."

In this regard, Miskiewicz was well-suited to write the book. In fact, he didn't even pitch the idea but was recruited for it by Josh Frankel, co-publisher of Z2 Comics, based on his obsessive research skills, which would certainly come into play on this project.

"It's the most research I've done on anything in my life," Miskiewicz said. "I feel like I can teach a class."

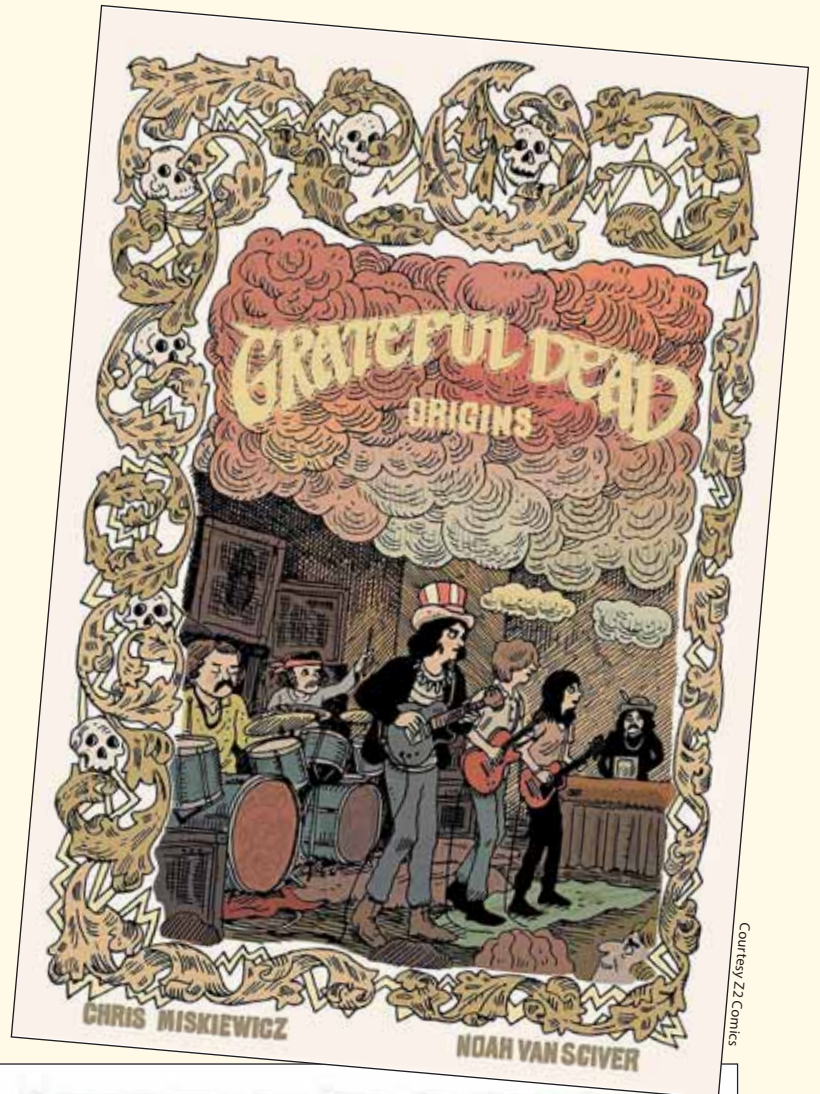
For Z2 Comics, "Grateful Dead Origins" is a well-composed case study in the company's recent focus on music-oriented biographies, which delve into a diverse and compelling array of generation-spanning subjects, including Charlie Parker, the Doors and Gorillaz. It's a shift for Miskiewicz, as well, whose first graphic novel, "Thomas Alsop," follows a Dr. Strange-like protagonist who is tasked with defending New York City from malevolent supernatural forces. In this sense, the Dead were a pivot that he is keenly aware of: "It's silly to say, but it was quite a trip for me to get on this project and get into it."

While "Grateful Dead Origins" deftly puts the early chapter of the band's history under a kaleidoscopic magnifying glass, it does so with an expansive approach, looping in the many social and cultural forces that would shape the band at the time: then-California Governor Ronald Reagan denouncing the use of LSD, the rise of the Hells Angels, the impact on the era by the likes of the Beatles and Ken Kesey.

"The band members were all involved in a different facet of what was happening in California during those years and they kind of bring all of that in."

For Miskiewicz, this wasn't so much trudging through the history books as it

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Courtesy Z2 Comics



Courtesy Z2 Comics

The new graphic novel "Grateful Dead Origins," written by Chris Miskiewicz and illustrated by Noah Van Sciver, captures the band's beginnings on the Peninsula, including early gigs at Magoo's Pizza in Menlo Park.

Answers to this week's puzzles, which can be found on page 31.

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### Grateful Dead

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was excavating hidden surprises that emerged from his research and embracing them as opportunities: "There were little geek moments where I was like, 'Are you kidding me? I got Ronald Reagan, Allen Ginsberg ... and I get to write about Neal Cassady? Yes!'"

(One particularly hilarious scene that shook out of his research recounts how band member Ron "Pigpen" McKernan spiked the coffee with LSD while the group was on set for a performance on "Playboy After Dark," which reduces a previously composed and

dapper Hugh Hefner to sweaty drug-addled ramblings).

Yet within the band itself, Miskiewicz found the biggest surprise in terms of just how egalitarian the overall dynamic was within the group, contrary to his initial assumptions.

"With the exception of Jerry Garcia being the creative engine that really starts the entire thing, it really was a group collaboration," he said, "and there's something about that, the idea of 'we not I.'"

And it's on this point that Miskiewicz seems to — almost unknowingly perhaps — properly articulate that elusive explanation about the band's legacy and staying power, when he concludes the

previous thought by describing the collective whole of their collaborations as "a conversation of ideas."

And that makes a lot of sense, because while it's easily lost in all the aforementioned weirdness and the obligatory references to LSD and other hippie tropes, it speaks to the underlying merit at the core of the Grateful Dead's legacy and impact ... however "hippy dippy" — as Miskiewicz often puts it — that may all seem.

"There's a big idea of community," he said, "and that's kinda beautiful when you boil it down."

"Grateful Dead Origins" is available now via Z2 Comics. ■

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## CONNECTING through kindness



### One woman's homemade meals feed a community in need

by Chris Kenrick

Though they've been Palo Alto neighbors for nearly 50 years, Judy Deggeller and Judy Sadoff did not know one another well.

The pandemic — and Deggeller's delivery of nightly meals to Sadoff — changed all that.

The new friendship further led Deggeller to compile her recipes into a self-published cookbook, "Food That Brought Us Together," which so far has raised more than \$10,000 for the Ecumenical Hunger Program in East Palo Alto.

The demand for food at the safety-net agency has at least doubled since the start of the pandemic, according to its executive director, Lesia Preston. (See story on page 29.)

Deggeller's neighborly food sharing began with the shutdown order.

"Judy just came across the street one day and said she'd like to give me some dinner. Would 5:30 be OK," recalled Sadoff, 92.

"I don't turn down someone else's cooking so I said, 'Oh, OK.' And the next night it was there, and the next night and the next night. It went on for quite a

while. She knew I wasn't quite up to cooking and that's why I think she chose me for such a long time."

Deggeller, retired from a career in industrial engineering, said she does "not necessarily" love to cook. She and her husband, Marty, had grown accustomed to eating out frequently, or eating "very simply" at home.

But the pandemic sent her back to the kitchen.

"As long as I was cooking, I decided to make extra for people I was concerned were confined to their homes or maybe weren't familiar with having groceries delivered," Deggeller said. "I just started taking (Sadoff) dinner, and she appreciated it so much."

Deggeller also made nightly meals for another friend, and both recipients urged her to collect the recipes into a cookbook. She ignored the suggestions until she heard the hunger-relief program was contending with a crush of new clients and realized a cookbook could help raise funds.

She gathered 37 of the recipes she'd made for Sadoff — everything from "Best Chicken Soup You'll Ever Eat" to "Yam

and Plantain Curry with Crispy Shallots" — and built her book through CreateMyCookbook.com.

Recipes — all credited — came from family friends and various online and newspaper sources. They include her mother's split pea soup and her husband's preparation for fresh-caught salmon. To capture and upload iPhone photos for the book, Deggeller had to go back and make many of the dishes again.

In emails to family and friends, she offered a copy of her cookbook to anyone making a \$20 donation to the nonprofit organization.

"One woman gave me \$1,000 and only took one cookbook," Deggeller said. "Someone else gave \$60 and took three. My daughter-in-law put it on Facebook and sold 42 in the first 10 minutes to her younger friends in Sunnyvale."

Word also went out through networks in Deggeller's Palo Alto University Rotary Club and her husband's Palo Alto Kiwanis Club. The first 100 books were gone in three days, raising \$5,000. The second printing



Photos by Magali Gauthier

Judy Deggeller, top, prepares summer squash for her neighbor, Judy Sadoff. Above, the Palo Alto resident has been delivering home-cooked meals to Sadoff, who is 92, since the start of the pandemic.

also sold out, for an additional \$5,000. Deggeller has ordered more copies.

Delivering the first \$5,000 check to Ecumenical Hunger Program's associate director, LaKasha Roberts-Evans, Deggeller asked what it would be used for.

"When she said 'fresh vegetables,' tears came to my eyes," Deggeller said. "To think of people not knowing where their next meal is coming from and eating out of cans — it made me so happy we were doing this."

While Deggeller no longer delivers meals to Sadoff every night, the relationship has

blossomed.

"I still take her things now and then," Deggeller said. "I didn't know her well before COVID but, when this is all over, we'll have her over a lot."

Sadoff added: "I was very grateful to Judy and her husband, Marty, for feeding me such nutritious food, and now I have more friends."

People wanting to make a donation to Ecumenical Hunger Program and receive a cookbook can email Deggeller at [jdegdeller@pacbell.net](mailto:jdegdeller@pacbell.net). ■

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## Senior Focus

**FALL CLASSES ...** Senior services agency Avenidas is offering an extensive fall schedule of Zoom classes in **fitness, writing, history, drama, music** and more. A subset of classes, through the Avenidas Chinese Community Center, are bilingual in Mandarin and English. To see the schedule, go to [avenidas.org/programs](http://avenidas.org/programs) and click on "classes."

**DEMENTIA RATE DECLINING ...** Dementia rates in Europe and North America **have declined by 13%** per decade over the past 25 years, according to a recently published

study in *Neurology*, a journal of the American Association of Neurology. If the trend continues, there will be 15 million fewer cases of dementia in high-income countries by 2040 and, potentially, 60 million fewer cases worldwide. However, the study did not include people in Africa and Asia, where other studies have indicated a stable or increasing incidence of dementia. The study was published by an international group of researchers using data from nine cohort studies known as the Alzheimer's Cohort Consortium. Pinpointing a cause for the decline is complicated because there have been many changes over the decades in possible risk factors for dementia, including improved lifestyle, education and control

of blood pressure and other cardiovascular risks, the researchers stated.

**SELF-CARE ...** Geriatrician Mehrdad Ayati will present an **update on COVID-19** followed by a discussion on self-care during flu and fire season in a town hall meeting Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event, sponsored by the senior services agency Avenidas, is free. To register, go to [avenidas.org](http://avenidas.org) and click on "events."

**GRIEF SUPPORT ...** Mission Hospice & Home Care will sponsor a free, virtual airing of "Too Soon to Forget," a documentary about younger onset **Alzheimer's Disease**, on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 6:30 p.m. The agency also offers a wide choice of grief

support groups. For more information, go to [missionhospice.org](http://missionhospice.org) and click on "events" or call Susan Barber at 650-532-2396.

**TECH RESOURCES ...** SeniorPlanet@Avenidas offers technology resources for seniors, including **tech tutoring, yoga and Spanish practice sessions**. September Senior Planet topics include how to host a Zoom meeting, short-story podcast discussion groups and a tech-and-innovation discussion group. For more information, go to [seniorplanet.org/locations/palo-alto](http://seniorplanet.org/locations/palo-alto). ■

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# 'The greatest need is food'

Since start of pandemic, demand has doubled at local nonprofits

by Chris Kenrick

East Palo Alto's Ecumenical Hunger Program currently distributes 1,000 boxes of food per week — at least double the pre-pandemic level of 350 to 500, said Executive Director Lesia Preston.

With families out of work and many not qualifying for government assistance, "the greatest need is food," she wrote in an email.

The 45-year-old nonprofit, which typically provides food, clothing, furniture, household items and social support to local families in need, has temporarily closed all services except for essential food programs, Preston said. She and key staff members are working seven days a week to locate food resources and have them brought to the nonprofit's campus in time for scheduled distributions.

Traditional food bank resources are "diminishing," she said.

At Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley, a major supplier to Ecumenical Hunger Program (EHP), demand has doubled since the start of the pandemic.

"Even before COVID-19, Second Harvest was responding to a level of food insecurity in Silicon Valley that indicated there was already a crisis happening, providing groceries to more than 260,000 people per month," Second Harvest spokeswoman Diane Baker Hayward said.

The agency now serves more than a half

million people per month, she said.

To supplement food supplies from the food bank, Preston and her staff have contacted local grocery stores, warehouses, restaurants and farms to see if they can get donations or purchase critical supplies in bulk.

"As EHP can no longer accept volunteers, staff members are wearing multiple hats, which include sourcing food, picking up and accepting fresh food donations, stocking the food pantry, packing food boxes, directing traffic and more," Preston said.

Food boxes containing protein, vegetables, grains, cereals and canned goods are distributed using a drive-thru method at the agency's Pulgas Avenue headquarters in East Palo Alto.

Donations can be shipped, mailed or dropped off Tuesday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 2411 Pulgas Ave., East Palo Alto.

For more information on how to donate, go to ehpcare.org, email Associate Director LaKesha Evans at Lakesha@ehpcare.org or call 650-323-7781 ext. 1200.

Those needing food assistance can call 650-323-7781 or stop by the agency Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon or 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

For more information about Second Harvest Food Bank, go to shfb.org. ■

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## Living Well

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## Calendar of Events

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**Sept 2**  
**How to Host Zoom Meetings 2.0 (advanced features)** 10-11am, every Wednesday, Senior Planet @ Avenidas. RSVP to rsvp@seniorplanetavenidas.org for log on information. Free

**Mindfulness Meditation, every Wednesday** 2-3pm, via Zoom. Visit www.Avenidas.org for log on information. Free.

**Sept 3**  
**Lesbian Social Group via Zoom** 3-4pm. Email jenn@seniorshowerproject.com for info and to register. Free.

**Sept 4**  
**Tech Tutoring with Verizon Volunteers** 12-1pm, every Friday. RSVP required. Email rsvp@seniorplanetavenidas.org. Free.

**Sept 7**  
**Labor Day**  
Avenidas closed

**Sept 8**  
**Apple Tech Tutoring** 1:15-3:30pm, every Tuesday. RSVP required. Email rsvp@seniorplanetavenidas.org. Free

**Sept 9**  
**Book Club: The Dutch House by Ann Patchett** 2:30-4pm. RSVP required. Email register@avemnidias.org. Free.

**Sept 10**  
**Learn about Aging in Place: Avenidas Village Coffee Chat** 10-11am. RSVP required. Email dgreenblat@avenidas.org. Free.

**Friendly Men's Walking Group** very 2nd & 4th Thursday, 3-4pm. Email tkingery@avenidas.org for more info. Free.

**Sept 11**  
**911 Remembrance Day**  
Stand up to Cancer Day

**Sept 14**  
**How to Host a Zoom Meeting** 10-11am, every Monday. Senior Planet @Avenidas. RSVP to rsvp@seniorplanetavenidas.org for log on information. Free.

**LGBTQ Senior Empowerment & Connections Group** 2:30 to 4pm via Zoom, every Monday. Email tkingery@avenidas.org with subject "Connections" for log on info. Free.

**Sept 15**  
**Streaming and Smart TVs Explore Tech Lecture** 10-11am, Senior Planet @Avenidas. RSVP to rsvp@seniorplanetavenidas.org for log on info. Free.

**Sept 16**  
**Town Hall w/ Dr. Mehrdad Ayati: Covid 19 updates and Self-Care During Flu and Fire Season** 11am-12:30pm via Zoom. RSVP required. Email register@avenidas.org. Free

**Sept 17**  
**Seminar: Homeowner Education and Protection for Older Adults** 11am-12pm via Zoom. RSVP required. Email register@avenidas.org. Free.

**Tinnitus Support Group** 6:30-8:30pm via Zoom. RSVP required. Email register@avenidas.org. Free.

**Instagram Basics Explore Tech Lecture** Senior Planet @Avenidas. RSVP to rsvp@seniorplanetavenidas.org for log on information. Free.

**Sept 18**  
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**Sept 22**  
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**Podcast Explore Tech Lecture** 10-11am, Senior Planet @Avenidas. RSVP to rsvp@seniorplanetavenidas.org for log on information. Free.

**Sept 23**  
**Webinar: Effective Communication Strategies for Alzheimer's and Dementia, presented in Chinese and English via Zoom** 11am-12pm. Pre-registration required. Email pfung@avenidas.org. Free.

**Sept 24**  
**Book Club: Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano** 2:30-4pm. RSVP required. Email register@avemnidias.org. Free.

**Virtual Museum Tours** Senior Planet @Avenidas. RSVP to rsvp@seniorplanetavenidas.org for log on information. Free.

**Sept 25**  
**National Comic Book Day. What's your favorite?**

**Sept 28**  
**Apple Tech Tutoring** 1-2pm, and 3-4pm every Monday. RSVP required. Email rsvp@seniorplanetavenidas.org. Free

**Sept 29**  
**Short Story Podcast Discussion Group** 11am-12pm, every Tuesday and Thursday, Senior Planet @Avenidas. RSVP to rsvp@seniorplanetavenidas.org for log on information. Free.

**Sept 30**  
**Seminar: Legal Planning in a Crisis - What You Need to Make Sure You and Your Family are Safe by Michael and Mark Gilfix, Gilfix and La Poll Associates** 1-2pm via Zoom. RSVP required. Email register@avenidas.org. Free.

**Annual Moon Festival and Virtual Food Celebration** 2-3pm via Zoom. RSVP required. Email pfung@avenidas.org. Free.

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### REALTOR® Safety Month: What to Do If You Must Evacuate Your Home

September is recognized as REALTOR® Safety Month and National Preparedness Month. In light of the wildfires that continue to burn and disrupt the lives of many individuals and families, it is a good time to stress preparedness in case you need to evacuate your home, says Mary Kay Groth, president of the Silicon Valley Association of REALTORS® (SILVAR).

"Although evacuation warnings and orders have been lifted in Santa Clara County, we need to be vigilant and have a plan and know what to take and what to do in case we need to evacuate our home," says Groth.

SILVAR shares the following evacuation tips from ready.gov, the official website of the Department of Homeland Security, and HouseLogic.com, a source of information for homeowners, homebuyers and sellers from the National Association of REALTORS®.

#### Make a Plan

- Assign an out-of-state contact whom you will contact to let them know where you are going.
- Decide on where to meet as a family in case you get separated.
- Always have your gas tank full or half full in case you must evacuate right away.
- In case the power shuts off, have a battery-operated radio and keep a charged battery pack for your cell phone, so you will not be cut off from the news and can contact people.
- Sign up for free text alerts from your county.
- Learn how to safely shut off all utilities in your home.

- Prepare a checklist of what to take and what to do.

#### What to Take

- Your driver's license, proof of insurance, medical records and other important documents, including passports and Social Security cards
- A grab-and-go bag with essential supplies, such as water, food, medication, and first-aid supplies, pet food, including face coverings and hand sanitizer to protect you from coronavirus
- Cash in small bills, as the ATM machines may not be working

#### What to Do Before You Leave

- Lock all the doors and windows in your home.
- Unplug electrical equipment and small appliances. Leave freezers and refrigerators plugged in unless there is a risk of flooding. If you are instructed to do so, shut off water, gas and electricity.
- Wear sturdy shoes and protective clothing.
- Gather your pets and load them in the car.

"Having a plan and a checklist of what to do and take will keep you calm if the worst-case scenario happens and you must evacuate your home," says Groth.

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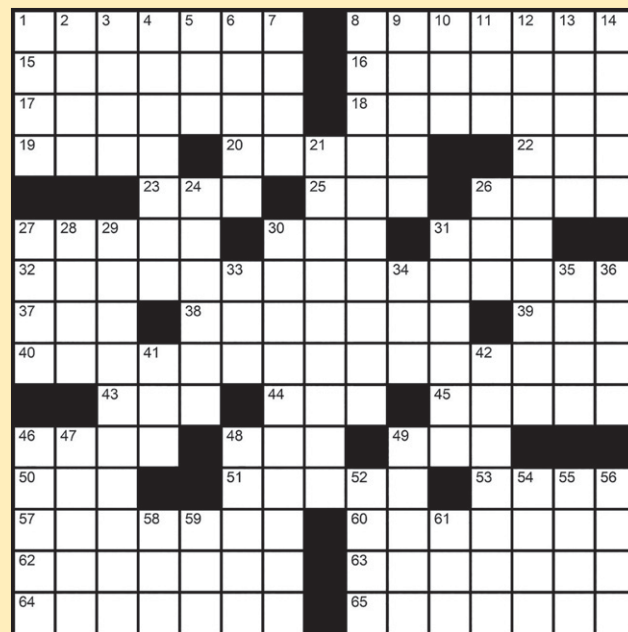
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#### Across

- Starts the golf game
- Steel worker of sorts
- All pointy and line-y
- Season division
- Yell directed at a much-hated portal?
- Speedo bunch?
- Org.
- "Classic Concentration" puzzle type
- Word before Moines or Plaines
- Target of crunches
- "Charlotte's Web" author White and namesakes
- In \_\_\_\_ (actually)
- Voicemail message opener, if you know someone well
- Georgia airport code
- One-named comedian and host of "Celebrity Fit Club"
- "What'll break if I break up with you" response, for a thuggish couple?
- Where letters are sent to the mil.
- Futuristic van Damme flick of 1994
- Sweet suffix
- Vegetarian's "Duh!" response to why they hate their formerly vegan pal?
- Brit or kiddie follower
- Actress Jillian
- Illegal lighting
- Early gay rights advocate André Clinton
- Campus comedy with a cameo by George Clinton
- Wind dir.
- Mass \_\_\_\_ (Boston thoroughfare, to locals)
- Play cowritten by Mark Twain and Bret Harte
- Prepare the day before
- Drink Mencken called "The only American invention as perfect as the sonnet"
- Library's attempt at copying milk ads?
- Like leftovers
- Ripken's team

#### "Join Up!" — Two and two are indeed four. By Matt Jones

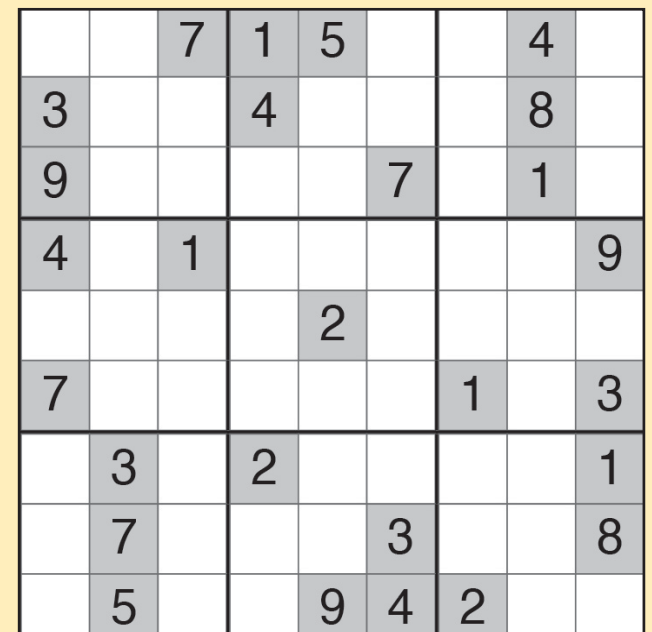


Answers on page 26.

- He's a little froggy
  - Keep in check
- Down**
- Fanfare noise
  - Deputy played by Michael Weston in the "Dukes of Hazzard" movie
  - They're stroked but not seen
  - Sarkisian, for Cher, once
  - Gathering dust
  - County gatherings
  - Like some refills
  - Lincoln or Grant, e.g.
  - Not-quite-ready-to-fold remark
  - Tayback who played Mel on "Alice"

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#### This week's SUDOKU



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- Lang. that doesn't really contain that many words for "snow"
- Forest floor growth
- Blurry area, maybe
- Witherspoon who played an angel in "Little Nicky"
- Confidential phrase
- Outdo in
- Pt. of ESL
- "If \_\_\_\_ be so bold ..."
- Shat this clue has
- Took on, as a burden
- Redundant-sounding cash dispenser
- Dominant figures
- "\_\_\_\_ of Me" (1993 PJ Harvey album)
- Auction grouping
- Capital home to a Viking Ship Museum
- Ultra-bright
- Go quickly
- Muscle that makes things stand upright
- Entire range
- Trump's ex
- Dashboard
- Annoy your bedmate, in a way
- Composer Stravinsky
- Part of a reversal, maybe
- Actor Ed in a famous "Tonight Show" tomahawk-throwing stunt
- Pigsty
- Phone line invasion
- Lance of the O.J. trial
- Leave change on the table



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