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Plan to limit chain stores gains momentum
With character of California Avenue in mind, Palo Alto planning commission signals support for restrictions
by Gennady Sheyner
Palo Alto’s push to preserve the California Avenue shopping area’s funky, art-charm gained steam Wednesday when the city’s planning commissioners added their support to limiting chain stores in the city’s eclectic “second downtown.”

In its first discussion of the proposed law, the Planning and Transportation Commission offered many words of praise — as well as a few of caution — about the city’s latest attempt to protect mom-and-pop retailers.

The City Council launched the effort earlier this year, when it approved the rough framework for the new law and proposed an expansion of the retail area around California Avenue to adjacent streets. The council then forwarded the proposed changes to the planning commission for further vetting.

The new law is part of broader initiatives that the council has broached to address a recent surge of office development and rapid rent increases. California Avenue, which is seeing the bulk of this growth, is at the epicenter of the city’s attention.

The recent departures of long-time establishments Avenue Florist, Bargain Box and Cho’s Mandarin Dim Sum have underscored, for many people, the negative consequences of California Avenue’s growing prosperity.

In crafting its chain-store ordinance, Palo Alto is largely following the lead of San Francisco, which has such limitations in place in various neighborhoods. The new ordinance would define “formula retail” as “a retail, personal or eating-and-drinking service that, along with 10 or more other business locations in the United States, is required by contractual or other arrangement to maintain any of the following 

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Motorists ignoring new Middlefield restrictions
Police will ticket, but nearby residents fear accidents will continue
by Sue Dremann

New signs to prohibit left-hand turns from Everett and Hawthorne avenues onto busy Middlefield Road in Palo Alto’s Downtown North neighborhood are supposed to help reduce accidents, but drivers seem to be ignoring the law in droves, according to residents who live along Middlefield.

The signs, which ban cars from turning left onto Middlefield and also from crossing it from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. during weekdays were installed about two weeks ago. The Palo Alto police traffic team has issued about 100 warnings to violators during a break-in period, but scofflaws will soon have to shell out $200 or more in fines, police Lt. Zach Perron said.

But some residents said the turning restrictions won’t be effective enough, and they want changes made to Middlefield.

Traffic backups and accidents along the heavily congested stretch of road have resulted in cars landing on residents’ front lawns and careening onto sidewalks. The area is a hodgepodge of buses and trucks that are too wide, bicyclists zipping by and pedestrians trying to cross four lanes of traffic, residents said.

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The project involves demolishing the old bridge that supports the highway and the parallel East and West Bayshore roads and replacing it with a larger structure. Initially, the project focused almost exclusively on making the structure more resilient. According to the environmental analysis for the project, inspections showed “large vertical and horizontal cracks” in the bridge’s structure.

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Leadership shuffle at Jordan Middle School
Gunn’s Tom Jacobowsky to head Jordan on interim basis
by Elena Kadvany

One of Tom Jacobowsky’s top goals as Gunn High School’s assistant principal in charge of guidance counseling was to make the sometimes rocky transition from eighth to ninth grade as smooth as possible. He regularly attended transition meetings at Gunn’s feeder middle schools and consistently pushed the message that overloading and overreaching academically freshman year is not the way to start high school.

Jacobowsky will now be working on the other side of that transition, ending a 14-year career at Gunn to serve as interim principal at Jordan Middle School this fall. He’s replacing Greg Barnes, who is leaving after four years to become director of secondary education in the Milpitas Unified School District (the same position his predecessor, Mike Milliken, left for in the Palo Alto Unified School District in 2011).

While many Jordan parents describe their experience there as mostly positive, others report negative interactions with teachers, issues with bullying and a need to make the school more inclusive.

Maintaining a positive school climate, along with differentiating instruction to a greater degree, addressing the achievement gap through better use of the district’s Response to Intervention (RTI) framework and implementing a “clearly articulated schoolwide writing approach with shared expectations across all grade levels” were identified as the school’s top four goals for the next three years by Jordan’s school site council, a group of students, parents and staff.

Several districtwide areas of concern and transition will also demand Jacobowsky’s attention, including fuller implementation of the district’s homework policy, the rollout of new recommendations aimed at tackling the achievement gap from the superintendent’s minority achievement and talent development committee, and continually rising middle-school enrollment.

Describing himself as a teacher and students as a positive, empathetic administrator, Jacobowsky was also “probably the most visible administrator at Gunn I have had in the last 12 years,” said teacher and wrestling coach Chris Horpel, who has worked with Jacobowsky since 2003. Horpel said Jacobowsky has always been a frequent presence at home and away athletic events, musicals, plays and other school events.

“I don’t know why he does it, but he would watch people and make sure students were doing OK, and say ‘hi’ to kids enthusiastically.”

—Shannon Yang, rising junior, Gunn High School

Jacobowsky began his career in 1995 as a student-teacher at Sequoia Union High School. He transferred the next year to Menlo-Atherton High School, where he taught and coached track and field for five years. Feeling a “pull toward more administrative-type roles,” he moved to Gunn in 2001 to serve as the school’s new athletic director and dean of students, a position he said perfectly combined his interests.

Jacobowsky moved up to assistant principal in 2006, charged with overseeing athletics, facilities and budget. In 2011 his focus shifted, the year before a long-stretching, divisive community debate over the quality and efficacy of Gunn’s counseling system, particularly in comparison to the different “teacher adviser” model at Palo Alto High School — would begin. In 2013, Jacobowsky served on the Gunn Guidance Advisory Committee (GAC), which later issued more than 40 recommendations on how to improve the school’s counseling.

In an interview in his new office at Jordan this week, he acknowledged that it was mostly the “low-hanging fruit” in those recommendations that got accomplished. Other improvements he hopes will come in the next few years with Gunn’s new bell schedule rolling out this fall, which he hopes will allow more time and flexibility for the school to deliver its counseling services.

He said he plans to continue to prioritize the message, now with middle school parents, about preparing for balance, rather than stress-inducing rigor, in high school.

He’s a proponent of frequent face-to-face parent communication, and sent a weekly counseling update email to Gunn and others in the community with information about scheduling, signing up for classes, upcoming events and college and career news.

Cathy Kirkman, the parent of one graduated and one current Jordan student, said she hopes Jacobowsky will tackle three top issues: the district’s homework policy, school climate and achievement gap. Though homework is certainly a more heated topic at the high school level, Kirkman said middle school is a good time to ensure teachers, students and families understand the policy, “so then when they get to high school they’re not caught by surprise.”

She hopes Jacobowsky will put more emphasis on planning on what classes to take, what homework will be like ... I think middle school is a great place for kids to learn how to plan what they put there in writing.”

“Why we worked really hard on the district school’s anti-bullying policy. I think I followed the policy that everyone worked so hard for, not everyone had made a difference,” she said.

Middle school quality emerged as an issue in an October 2014 forum of school board candidates. Now-elected member Ken Dauber noted that three of the four candidates with children all had at least one child in a private middle school (himself, Catherine Crystal Foster and Gina Dalma) — and that they were far from alone in that choice.

“I think that because we have not yet done as well as we can for providing middle schools that provide social and emotional support for kids, that really meet the needs of all kids ... at that age,” Dauber said at the forum.

Kirkman, whose older son co-founded Student Equity Action Network, a nonprofit dedicated to closing the achievement gap and supporting students of color in Palo Alto, recently worked with Barnes to build a multicultural representative to Jordan’s student council. Jordan parent Sara Woodham, who is also co-chair of Parent Advocates for Student Success, has worked with Barnes to increase outreach to families of color at the school, forming a parent network specifically for African-American parents two years ago. She said she hopes Jacobowsky will be intentional in his efforts to create an inclusive community at Jordan.

Kirkman agreed. “We should emphasize transparency, accountability and intentionality around all of these things and how we’re running our public school,” she said.

Equity-related changes at Jordan will also surely come out of the district’s minority achievement and talent development committee’s robust recommendations, which were released in May. At the middle school level specifically, the group has recommended hiring math-intervention support personnel, noting that a subjective process for placing kids in math lane in middle school “has created a significant divide among students.” Sixth-grade teachers recommend students for a certain lane based on a nine-point rubric and placement test, the results of which can affect
When the Palo Alto City Council met last month to consider creating an annual limit on new office development, one voice was notably missing from the discussion.

Tom DuBois, a councilman who has been a leading proponent of protecting residential neighborhoods from the effects of new development, recused himself from the conversation for reasons some colleagues found odd. His wife works at Stanford University, which owns Stanford Research Park, a sprawling network of high-tech campuses. Even though the industrial park is not subject to the proposed growth limit (which would apply only to areas around downtown, California Avenue and El Camino Real), the Federal Political Practice Commission (FPPC) advised DuBois to refrain from the discussion because an office cap in other parts of the city may positively influence the research park.

DuBois’ absence proved particularly obvious when the council’s discussion devolved into a series of 4-4 votes, pitting the council’s slow-growth “residentialists” against members more accepting of new development. The item under dispute — whether the office cap should apply to areas of the city subject to their own, specific land-use plans — was ultimately punted to the Planning and Transportation Commission and will return to the council for more discussion in the fall.

Though the council followed the FPPC’s advice, some members appeared puzzled by it and suggested that the state’s conflict-of-interest rules be re-examined. Councilman Pat Burt in particular urged on June 22 that the city advocate for changes. After debate, the council voted to instruct the city’s lobbyists to seek legislative opportunities to make “materiality” a requirement in conflict-of-interest findings. Thus, a council member would not be disqualified from participating in the discussions unless the policy would have a direct material effect on him or her.

For the Palo Alto council, the issue is not new. Members who have jobs at Stanford or spouses employed by the university have routinely recused themselves from discussions that may affect the university, however indirectly. Former councilman Larry Klein, for instance, had to step out of the room during conversations about Stanford because his wife is a professor emeritus at the school. This included any consideration under the circumstances of a proposed parking ramp and its associated structures, and minor rear and side yard encroachments for patio trellis structures.

The two-story building would contain two townhomes with attached garages, and the three-story building would contain 10 apartment units plus one penthouse, served by parking spaces in a single level subterranean parking facility under the 22,500 sq. ft. site, located in the High Density Multiple-Family Residence (RM-40) zone district. The project includes a Design Enhancement Exception request for a three-foot side yard encroachment to locate the garage ramp and its associated structures, and minor rear and side yard encroachments for patio trellis structures. Environmental Assessment: Exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Section 15332.

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fect students’ opportunity to take higher-level classes in high school. Some committee members described Palo Alto’s laning process as subjective, potentially impacted by teachers’ unconscious biases. Parents can fill out waivers to move their children into a higher lane class, but many parents of color are unaware of the option. Fewer than 10 students of color at all three middle schools requested parent waivers in a recent year, according to the district. The committee suggested that both middle and high schools need to communicate more clearly, objective information about how both laning and waivers work.

Two Jordan students of color who spoke to the minority-achievement committee about their experiences in the district in December spoke highly of the support they received through the school’s Advanced Via Individual Determination (AVID) program—an in-school program designed to help students “in the middle” get on a college-bound path—and an after-school homework center staffed by volunteer tutors.

Jacobowsky said one of his priorities will be boosting the achievement of students who have traditionally underperformed academically at Jordan. He pointed to the success of Barnes’ Project 45 program, under which 45 lower-performing students received more dedicated time and attention with the goal of bringing their work above “C” level.

Jacobowsky is also taking the helm at a time when Jordan (as well as JLS Middle School) is projected to soon reach record-high enrollment. Both Jordan and JLS enroll about 1,100 students, and Terman Middle School is close to capacity. Enrollment growth expected over the next two years at the middle schools “will put pressure on classroom space requiring the use of relocatables and additional classroom sharing,” Superintendent Max McGee noted in an enrollment report in September. A new enrollment management committee began this spring analyzing the district’s growing student population, with the option of opening a fourth middle school on the table.

Jordan will also be tasked with overseeing the first year of a pilot Mandarin-immersion program at Jordan, the first time such instruction will be offered at the middle-school level in Palo Alto. The program will begin this fall with one section for sixth-graders and increase its offerings over the next two years.

Though this is an interim position and a search for a permanent Jordan principal will be reopened in January or February, McGee said he expects Jacobowsky will be “one of the top candidates for the permanent position.”

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Citizen panel to help update city’s land-use vision

Housing advocates, land-use watchdogs and three former planning commissioners were among the 20 residents selected last week by City Manager James Keene to help Palo Alto revise its land-use bible, the Comprehensive Plan.

The group, known as the Citizens Advisory Committee, consists of 17 voting members and three non-voting ones. The update of the Comprehensive Plan was launched in 2006 and has proceeded at a glacial pace.

This year, council members made it one of the city’s priorities to complete the update by late 2016. The latest reset occurred on May 30, when the city held an all-day planning summit at the Mitchell Park Community Center and began soliciting applications for the citizens group.

The roster suggests that Palo Alto Forward, a group that advocates for more housing and transportation options, will have a significant role in crafting the plan. Three members of the group’s steering committee—Steve Levy, Elaine Uang and Mila Zelkha—were selected for the new panel. Joining them will be Bonnie Packer, a former city planning commissioner and board chair at the nonprofit Palo Alto Housing Corporation, which develops affordable housing.

By contrast, the group Palo Alto Slow Growth (PASZ)—which favors slow-growth policies—has just one of its board members on the new citizens panel: veteran council watchdog and former neighborhood association leader Doria Summa.

Other slow-growth policy representatives on the panel include Barron Park resident Lydia Kou and former planning commissioner Arthur Keller, a resident of Adobe Meadow. Another former planning commission member, architect Daniel Garber, a resident of Old Palo Alto, will also serve.

The committee also includes Hamilton Hitchings of Duveneck; Jared Jacobs of Evergreen Park; Don McDougall of Professorville; Lisa Peschke-Koedt of Crescent Park; Amy Sung of Green Gables; Jason Titus of Downtown North; Ellen Uheirock of University South; Alex Van Riesen of Midtown; and Bob Wenzlau of Crescent Park.

Geographically, the roster is weighted toward north Palo Alto, with 12 members living in the north and five in the south.

The three non-voting members of the new panel are Heidi Emberling, vice president of the Palo Alto Unified School District Board of Education; Adrian Fine, vice chair of the Planning and Transportation Commission; and Whitney McNair, senior associate director at Stanford University’s Department of Land Use and Environmental Planning.

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Sue Dreman

HP’s Bill Veghte to head SurveyMonkey

Palo Alto-based SurveyMonkey announced it is hiring former Hewlett-Packard Co. executive Bill Veghte as CEO, replacing the late Dave Goldberg, the company’s founder, who died unexpectedly in May.

In addition, Goldberg’s widow, Sheryl Sandberg, announced on her Facebook page that she joined SurveyMonkey’s board of directors on July 6, along with David Ebersman, former Facebook chief financial officer.

Veghte was executive vice president and general manager of HP’s Enterprise Group. He worked at Microsoft from 2001 to 2010 prior to HP, according to his LinkedIn biography.

Veghte will also serve on the company’s board of directors, the company noted.

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Andrea Gemmet

West Nile mosquitoes found in Palo Alto

Santa Clara County officials announced Wednesday that mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus were found in Palo Alto and Mountain View. The county’s Vector Control District plans to carry out mosquito fogging between 11 p.m. on Monday, July 13, and 2 a.m., on Tuesday, July 14, weather permitting.

The area targeted for treatment includes parts of the 94043, 94303 and 94306 ZIP codes.

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Andrea Gemmet

30 years to life for woman who crashed into, killed Menlo Park couple

A woman with a prior DUI conviction who struck and killed a Menlo Park couple walking their dog in 2013 was sentenced on July 8 to 30 years to life in prison.

In May, a jury found Marjorie Reitzell, 55, guilty of two counts of second-degree murder, two counts of gross vehicular manslaughter and drunk driving charges.

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Bridge

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support rails, corroded steel and “spalls and cracks at various locations within the structure.”

“These cracks, spalls and corrosion indicate the poor condition of the existing bridge which needs to be replaced to ensure safety of the traveling public,” the document states.

Then, in 2009, Caltrans agreed to add flood control to its mission. The agency modified the bridge’s design to make it compatible with the broader effort by the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority to rebuild levees and modify creek channels, with the goal of providing protection from a 100-year flood.

According to Caltrans, the revised bridge project will increase the capacity of the creek to contain water both upstream and downstream of the bridge. The bridge’s length will be extended toward the southeast to improve water flow, according to the environmental analysis, known as a negative declaration.

“There will be less obstruction in the watercourse, allowing more water to flow at all times and to decrease flooding during high tides and storms,” the document states.

Most of the work will take place between June and October of each year; there are seasonal restrictions on work near the San Francisquito Creek. These restrictions do not, however, apply to construction outside the creek, including work on traffic switches, electrical facilities and construction of the median barrier.

According to Caltrans, the existing bridge under 101 was built in 1931 and then widened in 1957, and then in 1963. As part of the new scheme, complete reconstruction of the bridge will take place between June and October of each year; there are seasonal restrictions on work near the San Francisquito Creek. These restrictions do not, however, apply to construction outside the creek, including work on traffic switches, electrical facilities and construction of the median barrier.

The long-awaited project is expected to bring plenty of disruption to local commuters and neighborhoods near the highway, who will have to put up with lane closures, ramp closures and detours. Earlier this week, two left lanes were closed on a congested stretch of southbound 101 between University Avenue and Embarcadero Road during the evening, night and early morning hours to accommodate traffic backups near the median. As part of the new scheme, traffic will be directed closer to the median traffic barrier.

Caltrans also announced its plans to close alternate lanes on the same stretch of southbound 101 this weekend (July 10 and 11) from 10 p.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday. The University Avenue off-ramp will also be closed between 10 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday. The Embarcadero Road off-ramp from southbound 101 will be closed from 9 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday. Detours will be in place for both closures.

While the project has been in the planning stages for years, its implementation has caught local officials off-guard. City Manager James Keene told the City Council that staff was “surprised by the schedule” and has launched conversations with Caltrans about how to better manage the project’s expected impact on traffic.

The project, Keene said at the council’s June 15 meeting, has already triggered “significant traffic backups on 101, with motorists diverting to local streets.”

“We’ve been in touch with Caltrans, which is now well-aware of the need to better manage traffic and minimize disruption to residential neighborhoods,” he said.

Last week, Keene said staff is talking to the City of East Palo Alto and Caltrans officials about changing the timing of traffic signals around the highway intersection with University to improve traffic flow. Caltrans has already agreed to postpone a planned re-striping project on East Bayshore, which would reduce the number of lanes from four to two, he said.

Now the work will be suspended until at least 2016, Keene said.

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Online This Week

These and other news stories were posted on Palo Alto Online throughout the week. For longer versions, go to www.PaloAltoOnline.com/news.

Woman booked for attempted robbery in downtown Palo Alto

A woman who police said tried to rob a pedestrian at knife-point in downtown Palo Alto on Tuesday afternoon was arrested later in the day after she walked into the police station to discuss an unrelated investigation. (Posted July 7, 11:30 a.m.)

East Palo Alto man in highway hit-and-run ID’d

A 29-year-old East Palo Alto man who died Saturday night after the motorcycle he was riding was hit while riding was identified Monday as Maka Langi, according to the Santa Clara County medical examiner’s office. (Posted July 7, 8:54 a.m.)

End of era as Stanford Medical Center Auxiliary dissolves

As a parting gift, the recently dissolved Stanford University Medical Center Auxiliary contributed $525,000 to the Auxiliary Art Fund in June. The fund will help create an art space in the atrium of the new hospital, including a sculpture by Israeli artist Zadok Ben-David. (Posted July 6, 4:12 p.m.)

Elmo & the Old Quackers snags July Fourth Chili Cook-Off title

Elmo & the Old Quackers bested 15 returning teams and five new competitors to take the top prize of Best Overall in this year’s Chili Cook-Off on Saturday at Palo Alto’s Mitchell Park. (Posted July 6, 11:10 a.m.)

Caltrain loses bid for exemption from state environmental law on electrification project

Caltrain must comply with the state’s environmental quality act in electrifying its rail system between San Francisco and San Jose, according to a ruling July 2 by the federal Surface Transportation Board. (Posted July 5, 4:16 p.m.)
Traffic
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50 percent. Perhaps this is because the signs are new, but I do wonder if the current wording is as clear as it could be. It has a right arrow, then the word ‘only’ below it, then some times below that. ‘Only’ is on the sign with the right arrow, and the times are on a separate sign, though the signs are abutting. If you have a few seconds to think about it, of course you arrive at the correct interpretation, but some distracted drivers may think, ‘I don’t want to turn right, so that sign doesn’t apply to me,’” he said.

The signs might be more effective if they showed the usual red circle with a slash and then the restricted times, he said.

“This is the strategy used on the signs at the other end of Everett, at Alma. I am guessing that most people would find this sign clearer,” he said.

Resident John Guislin has also monitored the cars. In a 15-minute period, he watched 19 drivers break the law and turn left into four lanes of traffic, he said.

Guislin and other residents have serious doubts about the effectiveness of the turning lanes, and their fears could be borne out when considering similar restrictions elsewhere.

Left-turn restrictions have been in place since 2004 at Alma Street and Hawthorne and Everett, as have right-turn restrictions from Middlefield as part of Downtown North traffic-calming measures.

On Thursday morning, two traffic officers pulled over one motorist after another as they made illegal turns from Middlefield onto Hawthorne. One officer said that some motorists continue to violate the turn restrictions from Alma and from Middlefield and then rocket down the residential streets, and that it is highly dangerous, despite other traffic-calming measures in place, such as traffic circles.

While police stopped the right-turning scofflaws, a block away on Everett it was business as usual for many of the left-turners, who ignored the new signs.

Guislin and Lindholm are calling for a reconfiguration of the traffic lanes on the section of Middlefield from University Avenue to Willow Road. Changing to three lanes could create better traffic flow, better sighting for turns and, potentially, room for dedicated bike lanes, they said. The three-lane alternative could have two southbound lanes and one going northbound, since the street already narrows into a single lane near the Menlo Park border. There also could be a center turn lane on Middlefield that would help move turning traffic through rather than backing up.

Driven by their doubts about the new signs’ effectiveness, residents said they will continue to work on the city for road changes.

“I wonder how many accidents we will have before we decide to do something effective?” Prince said. “Do we have to wait for someone to get killed?”

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Recusals

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lied on advice from the FPPC. In addition to the ongoing commission about DuBois’ participation in the office-cap discussion, the city made similar inquiries about council members Marc Berman, Eric Filseth, Liz Kniss and Greg Scharff, as well as City Manager Larry Worster. Each has an interest in property at or near downtown. The question for the city was whether the office cap’s potential economic effects on the economic interests of these officials are “reasonably foreseeable.” The commission ruled that all except DuBois can participate in the discussion of office caps.

The commission also affirmed the right of Kniss, who owns a residential property near the California Avenue business district, to participate in discussions of limiting chain stores in the district (to be on the safe side, she had recused in the past). It also ruled that Berman, Keene and Scharff are allowed to participate in the council’s consideration of 429 University Ave., a mixed-use project that was challenged by a neighbor and ultimately halted by the council last month. All three own properties near the project site.

Yet in light of the FPPC’s determination that DuBois should not participate in the office-cap discussion, the council agreed on June 22 to take a closer look at existing conflict-of-interest rules and explore possible lobbying opportunities. The council voted 6-3, with Berman, Kniss and Scharff dissenting, to direct the city’s Sacramento lobbyist to investigate opportunities for adding a requirement of “material impact” to elected officials when it comes to conflict-of-interest determinations. The council also directed City Attorney Molly Stump’s office to investigate the regulatory changes happening in the field of FPPC policies and to report its findings to the council’s Policy and Services Committee.

The three members who dissented did so largely because of the proposed sequence. They argued that the city attorney and the council committee should discuss the subject further and only later give direction to the lobbyist. The majority argued that the lobbyist and the city attorney should work concurrently and collaborate, with the understanding that the council will still have a chance to veto any lobbying opportunities before actual legislation is pursued by the city.

Changing the rules won’t be easy. As the city attorney’s office knows all too well, the topic is inherently complicated and is made more so by the fact that the FPPC’s regulations are currently in flux. The FPPC is now in the latter stages of a multi-year project of reviewing all of these regulations and revising some, Stump said.

“They are lengthy and complex and they have been revising them in a series of phased actions,” Stump told the council on June 22. “This is a very, very complex area of law and there has been a lot of attention recently to this review.”

The June discussion wasn’t the first time that the Palo Alto council has struggled with state requirements about how meetings are conducted. Earlier this year, the council inadvertently ran afoul of the Brown Act when five council members found themselves on the same thread of emails pertaining to a resident’s appeal of a new home on Corina Way. After Wolbach, Filseth, Mayor Karen Holman and DuBois all agreed that the item should be pulled, Schmid joined the conversation and said he also supports pulling it. Because this meant that five out of the nine council members were now privately discussing an item, the conversation violated the “se-\nel\" trivial meetings” provision of the Brown Act. After Stump flagged the violation, the city took public comment, notifying the public of the correspondence concerning the item.

Kniss suggested on June 22 that the Brown Act “serves the public so poorly.” She noted that state officials have no similar prohibitions on talking to one another behind closed doors to muster support for legislation.

“We are here tied to the Brown Act, and if you listen to anyone in the Senate or the Assembly, they will tell you that they have talked to every member there to get their bill passed,” Kniss said. “Truly, is that justice? Hardly.”

Burt, for his part, defended the Brown Act, noting that its mission is to provide a “greater transparency to the public” and foster an open democracy.

“It’s been a hallmark to open government in California now for many decades,” Burt said. “It may from time to time need to have modifications to it, but I’m not in favor of disbanding it or any other wholesale changes to it.”

Citizens Watchdog Committee

Report to the Public

2000 Measure A Sales Tax Activities – Fiscal Year 2014 (7/1/13 – 6/30/14)

Measure A, approved by Santa Clara County voters in 2000, is a 30-year half cent sales tax generating revenue to enhance the county’s public transit system. Although revenue collection did not begin until 2006, numerous Measure A Program accomplishments have been achieved during the first eight years, all significantly benefiting county residents and commuters.

A few key Fiscal Year 2014 accomplishments are:

- VTA’s Extension of BART to Silicon Valley, which will provide more transportation options and reduce congestion, is ahead of schedule and under budget. Service projected to start late 2017.
- Santa Clara/Alum Rock BRT will provide faster, more frequent service with increased customer convenience and amenities. Construction initiated during the period.
- Eastridge Transit Center renovation initiated to provide increased capacity, real time information, and enhanced passenger comfort, safety, and accessibility.

Santa Clara County voters entrusted the Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC), comprised of fellow community members, with overseeing Measure A expenditures to ensure your sales tax dollars are spent as intended by the ballot. After thorough and careful consideration:

It is the conclusion of the CWC that, for the period of FY 2014 (7/1/13 – 6/30/14), 2000 Measure A tax dollars were spent in accordance with the intent of the measure.

Additional Measure A information is available on VTA’s website, including:

- CWC Comprehensive Annual Report on FY14, which provides a detailed description and status on all Measure A projects and the CWC’s responsibilities, at www.vta.org/cwc-reports.

Printed copies of select Measure A and CWC reports are available at libraries and other public buildings throughout the county, and at the VTA offices at 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA, in the Building B Lobby.
standardized characteristics: merchandise, menu, services, decor, uniforms, architecture, facade, color scheme, signs, trademark or service-mark.”

The proposed law would extend some if not all of California Avenue’s ground-floor retail requirements to Cambrige Avenue, which runs parallel to California, and to a stretch of Park Boulevard from California to Grant Avenue. Jessica Roth, whose family has owned the California Avenue business European Cobblery for 75 years, has been at the forefront of the effort to limit new chain stores. Roth told the commission Wednesday that small businesses help the effort to limit new chain stores. She said that small businesses help the effort to limit new chain stores.

The council’s direction. While they acknowledged the limitation could result in lower property values and higher vacancies on California Avenue, as well as potentially higher prices for consumers, commissioners generally agreed that these potential consequences are outweighed by the benefit of preserving the city’s character.

Commissioner Michael Alcheck, one of the staunchest supporters of the chain-store limitation, said he was “thrilled” about the new law. He lauded the impact in San Francisco, which has served as a model for other cities throughout the Bay Area. “People refer to San Francisco retail as the ‘rainforest of retail’ because of the variety,” Alcheck said. The proposed ordinance would not affect the few existing chain stores and franchises that currently make their home on California Avenue, a list that includes Benjamin Moore Paints, The Counter, FedEx, Starbucks and Subway. Nor would it make it completely impossible for new chains to open up shop. It would, however, require them to acquire a conditional-use permit. The council would have the authority to deny permit applications. New hair and nail salons, which are ubiquitous around California Avenue, would have to go through a similar permit process as well.

Chair Greg Tanaka was more cautious than Alcheck and Commissioner Eric Rosenblum in his support for the ordinance. California Avenue may be thriving during the current period of economic boom, he reasoned, but what will happen if the city’s economic fortunes turn? Will the restrictions on retail create retail “dead zones” that would be even worse than chain stores? “I want the street to thrive, and I’m worried that if the economy turns, will we have bigger problems later on?” Tanaka asked.

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CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

Architectural Review Board (July 2)

Officers: The board elected Robert Gooey as its chair and Alex Lew as its vice chair. Unanimous

Planning and Transportation Commission (July 8)

Survey: The commission heard a report from City Auditor Harriett Richardson about the 2014 National Citizen Survey, with a focus on the report’s land-use and transportation sections. Action: None

Retail: The commission discussed a proposed ordinance limiting chain stores on California Avenue and expanding the requirement for ground-floor retail to Cambridge Avenue and Park Boulevard. The commission voted to continue the discussion on Aug. 26. Yes: Alcheck, Gardias, Rosselliun, Tanaka Absent: Downing, Fine, Michael

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Upfront

Retail (continued from page 5)

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Laura Cline

Walter D. “Will” Holzer Larsen, a longtime Palo Alto resident and local educator, died on June 26, following a decline due to congestive heart failure. He was 88.

He was born on Aug. 7, 1926, in Junction City, Oregon, to Lars and Sigrid Larsen, who were Danish immigrants. In 1944, Will joined the U.S. Navy at age 18 and served as a radioman during World War II and the Korean War. He attended Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa, where he served in the military from 1947. In 1951, Will entered the University of Michigan and worked at the university hospital. He soon met Jack Fribely Cline, an electrical engineering graduate student. They married in 1941 and lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan, for the following 16 years, while Jack worked as a professor and Laura participated actively in the League of Women Voters.

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When at home, Laura made a habit of swimming a mile three mornings each week at Rinconada Pool, which she did for more than four decades. She was also a skilled seamstress, a recipe collector and a passionate gardener. She built a greenhouse at her Eichler home and especially enjoyed growing orchids.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jack, Cline, in 2008. She is survived by her daughters, Mary (Derek Orme) Cline of Portola Valley and Patricia (Benjamin) Cohen of Goleta, California; two grandsons, Jeremy and Daniel Cohen; and four great-grandchildren.

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Joseph Blaine Tanner
April 16, 1918-June 18, 2015

Dr. Joseph B. Tanner passed away peacefully at his Palo Alto, California, home, early on June 18. Elaine, his wife with whom he shared an extraordinary life partnership for 68 years, was at his side.

Joe, a descendant of Mormon pioneers was born on April 16, 1918, in Davis County, Utah. His father, A.Z. Tanner, was the first full-time physician in Layton, and with the assistance of Joe’s mother, Vera, saw patients in their living room. Their example inspired Joe and his three brothers to become physicians. After college at the University of Utah and medical training at Stanford, he joined his father and older brother in general practice in 1943. During wartime, they served patients throughout Davis County and the local military bases. The practice later grew into the Tanner Clinic, a thriving institution to this day.

In 1951, Joe and his growing family moved to Boston where he completed an orthopedic residency at Massachusetts General and Boston Children’s hospitals. Following residency in 1954, he resettled in Palo Alto, California, joining the Palo Alto Medical Clinic. His career there was remarkable for its broad scope and included his work as consulting orthopedist for the Children’s Convalescent Home and team doctor for Stanford’s sports teams. Later in his career he became a pioneer in bringing joint replacement surgery, especially the artificial hip, to the San Francisco Bay Area.

From his start as a country doctor, working out of his father’s home clinic, to joint replacement specialist, Joe had been witness to and participant in a remarkable half-century of medical progress. He retired in 1989.

Since 1954, Joe and Elaine have made their home in Palo Alto. Their family grew to include six children. Joe and Elaine balanced career and family life, sharing with their children their curiosity and drive for learning and their love of adventure and the outdoors. Their passion for travel led to extensive international sabbatical trips with their children - each one an unforgettable experience. Joe was a dedicated gardener (and rose lover) -- a pursuit he enjoyed throughout his life.

Joe was preceded in death by his three physician brothers -- Noaill, Dean and Ralph -- and his sister, Arlene Ruggieri (a noted Utah artist). Joe is survived by his wife, Elaine Christensen Tanner, his six children: Lane (Christine), Terry Merchant (Michael), Chris (Jean Illingworth), Bill (Susan Haeth), Kittzi (Dan Marchant) and Greg, and 11 grandchildren, as well as one great-grandchild.

There will be a memorial celebration of Joe’s life in Palo Alto on Sunday, July 12, at 2 p.m. at the Lucie Stern Community Center. For more information, go to Allannesfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers the family suggests a donation to the Peninsula Open Space Trust or a medical nonprofit of your choice.
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Editorial

Fixing conflict-of-interest rules on Stanford ties

City and Stanford should press for reforms to address perennial problem

With Stanford University owning substantial commercial and residential property within Palo Alto city limits, City Council members with even the most benign affiliations with the university have for years been advised to recuse themselves from participating on any issues that could possibly affect Stanford.

The strict adherence to guidelines and advice from the California Fair Practices Commission (FFPC), the agency responsible for enforcing state conflict-of-interest laws, has at times resulted in multiple council members absenting themselves from discussion and not voting on important issues.

Since it is unusual for the council to have close votes on issues, the primary impact of the conservative advice from the FFPC and the city attorney hasn’t been a change in the outcome of a vote but in the loss of input and perspective of the excluded council members and the electorate being deprived of the full participation of its elected representatives.

But with the council currently divided over development issues, the consequences of most believe are inconsequential technical conflicts of interest could actually change the direction of city policy.

This was demonstrated last month when, based on a written opinion from the FFPC, Councilman Tom DuBois resigned himself from participating in discussion and votes on adopting a temporary limit on development in downtown Palo Alto, California Avenue and along El Camino Real. With DuBois not participating, several motions failed on 4-4 votes that would have passed had DuBois not recused himself.

DuBois’ wife works for Stanford in an academic department, and therefore she derives income from Stanford. Under the long-standing FFPC interpretation of the law, that means DuBois should not participate on any issue which could have a “foreseeable and material financial impact on Stanford.” In this case, the FFPC argues that the marketability of Stanford’s properties within the Stanford Research Park could be affected by approval of a development cap, whether or not the research park is actually subject to the proposed development cap (which Stanford advocates).

Either way, the FFPC says, DuBois may not participate, citing several ways in which its regulations consider an action that could affect the value of a property to create a conflict because “the effect on the council member’s source of income is foreseeable and material.”

The same reasoning has tripped up many previous council members in similar situations, including Larry Klein, whose wife was an emeritus professor of the School of Education.

The possible conflict is easier to see if one looks at a hypothetical situation in which a council member worked for Hewlett-Packard Co. and the council was considering a requested zoning change for property owned by the company. In that case, disallowing participation of the council member makes sense.

But at some point we think the logic falls apart: Stanford has some similarities to a large company but its education mission and the detached nature of academic and commercial do not create a unique set of circumstances worthy of deeper thought from the FFPC and legislature.

Underscoring the problem, the FFPC recently advised council members Greg Scharff, Marc Berman, Eric Filseth and Liz Knisiz that they fact they own property downtown or in the California Avenue area is not a conflict requiring recusal because it is doubtful that the development cap would have any effect on the value of their property.

That makes little sense.

Why should participation by council members who actually own property in or near areas subject to the development and could be personally impacted financially be allowed but not by a council member whose only “conflict” comes from having a spouse who is working for Stanford?

The council is right to question the FFPC’s advice and to instruct city lobbyists to explore changes to the state law or regulations, as it did on Councilman Pat Burt’s urging last month.

The nature of the Stanford-Palo Alto relationship may be unique in California, where a private university owns, develops and leases substantial property within the city limits and is subject to city zoning rules.

Conflict-of-interest laws were intended to prevent public officials from financially benefiting from the decisions they make. While it is logical to also include indirect financial benefits an official might receive from a company in which they hold an ownership interest, greater clarity is needed as to when a conflict becomes of sufficient materiality to warrant a recusal.

We hope council members will work with these Stanford-related conflicts, it’s time to establish new standards that reflect this unique situation.

Pollution bath

Editor

Having a well-kept secret: Palo Alto residents bathe their neighborhods in air pollution. And they pay money to have it done. The dirty deed is done weekly by their gardener. In just 30 minutes, the gasoline-powered leaf blower produces as much greenhouse gas as does driving a Ford Raptor truck to Alaska.

California has the world’s toughest vehicle-emission regulations, enforced by annual Department of Motor Vehicles smog checks. As a result, automobile engines today emit only a trace of pollutants. In contrast, the gasoline leaf blower escapes these regulations.

The respected website edmunds.com pitted leaf blowers against automatic lawn mowers (www.edmunds.com, search for “Emissions Test: Car vs. Truck vs. Leaf Blower”) and measured several gases (carbon monoxide, non-methane hydrocarbons and oxides of nitrogen). The tests were conducted by the Air Resources Board. The results are in: One half-hour of the tiny gasoline-powered blower spews out as much pollution as if you drove a truck to Alaska.

The Palo Alto ordinance mandating that leaf blowers be electric is widely ignored, and it excuses commercial property anyway, so you’ll see gasoline blowers in use outside restaurants, offices, schools and hospitals.

What happened to rakes?

The only way this will stop at your home is if you enclose a gardener.

Alternative spaces

Editor

As my community recovers from the recent suicides, the Palo Alto Unified School District has begun to pursue programs that promote teen mental health. The strategies discussed in the district range from traditional talk therapy and family-wellness programs to new hands-on spaces facilitated by the Palo Alto Medical Foundation.

Although I commend the district for its immediate response to the recent events, I believe losing several students in one day’s teen mental health issues are only going to be found in traditional therapy or new-age yoga lessons.

Our community should tackle teen depression at its source, by providing at-risk youth with alternative spaces (outside of school and away from home) that provide opportunities for us to recuperate from the pressures we confront on a daily basis and serve as creative outlets for stress in ways that bring and stretching cannot.

As a student, founder and longtime user of MakeX, a student-run, public makerspace in Palo Alto, I’ve experienced the profound relief of having a space not only to relax in but to train my mind on projects that are not school-related. Because MakeX provides educational tools and resources (laser cutter, 3-D printer, design software, etc.), visitors naturally gravitate towards hands-on, creative projects when they visit our space. The amazing focus and incredible calm that settles over a person who is deeply involved in creating something is an incredible thing to watch unfold and an amazing antidote to stress.

While traditional therapy may be effective when individuals muster up the courage to seek assistance, casual environments like MakeX that provide shelter from stress are comparatively therapeutic, easily accessible and don’t carry the stigma of “getting help.” I hope Palo Alto continues to fund similar student-run spaces in the future.

James Wang

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All a little nuts

Editor

The recent news that San Mateo, like Palo Alto, is hospitalizing large numbers of teens with suicidal thoughts is surely as troubling as reassuring.

What qualifies as “suicidal thoughts” in this context? Aren’t they somewhat common to the normal anguish of adolescence?

What about our students’ pain, macabre jokes these days to friends (“I’ve got so many tests tomorrow I might as well kill myself”)?

Who among us is competent to select for a mental health “watch list”? What are the criteria? Might a substitute teacher, noticing a girl with her head down, notify a vice principal out of simple uneasiness? Might the girl’s fear or resentment, then, under official questioning be misread as “dark thoughts”?

We need to be careful. The Weekly’s May 22 article on teen hospitalization told the story of a girl frightened out of her wits by the ambulance ride but also the story of a girl who enjoyed her time on the psych ward because it was so much happier than her school.

We have trouble “de-stigmatizing” mental illness because the concept itself is a stigma. Aren’t we all a little nuts? We see only part of reality; we engage in wishful or magical thinking; we wildly misperceive ourselves.

Mark Twain said: “Let us consider that we are all partially inane. It will explain us to each other; it will unravel many riddles.” And “mentally ill” is always a relative concept because slave-owners slapped the diagnosis on their runaways.

To be shadowed by a “watch list” for “suicidal thoughts” is precisely a reason for a high school to want to keep his mouth shut about what he’s feeling.

A saner approach would be to change some of the school conditions that, both for teachers and students, too much feel like slavery.

For proposals for such change, see savethe2008.com.

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Neighborhood power meets the Comprehensive Plan

by Jay Thorwaldson

Next Tuesday (July 14) a group of 20 Palo Altans will meet for the first time as the new Citizens’ Advisory Committee on the Comprehensive Plan update, a daunting year-long challenge of tenacity and patience.

The group is heavy on people active in neighborhood organizations. Three members will be non-voting, representing the Palo Alto Unified School District, Stanford University and the city Department of Planning and Community Development.

In the background will echo the voices and opinions of the approximately 350 people who attended a “planning summit” May 30, an astonishingly large number for such an event compared with prior turnout over many years, and more than 1,000 residents who have asked to be notified on Comp Plan-related items.

“We’ve received a lot of input, and we have a lot going for us,” Planning Director Hillary Gitelman said of the launch of the update process, which over the years and under several prior planning directors has been known for lengthy delays and lack of community awareness and involvement.

Gitelman, who will complete her second year as planning director in October, is upbeat, while acknowledging the challenges.

“The existing plan is very good, and the council has made this a priority, so we’re poised to make some real progress,” she said.

The first advisory group meeting will feature a review of the existing plan (available online at cityofpaloalto.org, search for “Comprehensive Plan.”). Enjoy the read.

Interest in the plan has been fueled by last year’s City Council election, in which two members were elected on a strong slow-growth/no-growth platform, changing the political makeup of the nine-member council. Their election was based on the earlier rejection by voters of a 60-unit senior-housing project and 12 market-rate homes on Maybell Avenue in south Palo Alto, criticized as too dense and flawed in the approval process.

That “Maybell” election came on the heels of several years of growing concern about an overflow of commuter parking into residential areas in downtown Palo Alto and California Avenue, caused by allowing office projects to have fewer parking spaces than normally required under the zoning.

That concern helped turn a local neighborhood issue in the Maybell area into a citywide sentiment in the council election, creating a kind of “neo-residentialist” faction on the council (see Off Deadline column of Aug. 1, 2014: tinyurl.com/PAW-fastrise ).

But there are other echoes that will resonate in the Comp Plan update in the coming year or so.

One is the echo of many years ago, relating to campus growth intruding into neighboring residential areas, of then-new Planning Director Naphali Knox — now editor of a statewide planning magazine.

At the time, the city had a General Plan, an outline of where zones should go. But as with many such plans around the state, it was mostly ignored as specific decisions were made based on current circumstances and, yes, negotiations with landowners and developers.

As I discovered when working for a summer for the Merced Sun-Star, many towns up and down the state had such general plans, usually represented by a multi-colored map hung behind the City Council dais. The plans were often the product of what I called “Have Plan Will Travel” teams of consultants. And the plans, as in Palo Alto, were mostly dust-collectors.

On the city’s website is a section titled “How the Comprehensive Plan Was Developed.” It notes that the city’s planning commission was created in 1916, and master plans were prepared “as early as the 1920s.”

One thin plan I stumbled across in the late 1960s said that now that Palo Alto had “come of age” it needed a modern civic center. The plan proposed a Spanish-style courtyard configuration resembling a Mexican military fort at University Avenue and Middlefield Road (current site of the Lytton Gardens).

The city adopted its first General Plan in 1963 — the era of the traveling planning consultants and at the end of a massive 1950s growth period in Palo Alto, when south Palo Alto subdivisions were built and the Stanford Industrial Park (now Research Park) was created.

The plan sat there as growth continued through the 1960s, and the “residentialists” grew in strength as a growth-opposing force, leading to the famous 6-7 split on the 13-member council in 1965.

But the history does not include mention of Knox or the revolutionary change he initiated, leading to the creation of the first Comprehensive Plan.

Knox’s innovation stemmed from his perception that general plans were written in a broad, high-altitude manner, rather than being based on what local leaders and residents really wanted. So he turned the process upside down and started with more than six months of meetings on identified real-world issues to be decided.

One such issue was a decision that no commercial or high-density housing should be allowed in the city’s extensive foothills region, echoing findings of a 1972 “Foothills Environmental Design Study.”

Once the major issues were decided, the results were put into a written document by professional planning staff members, resulting in the Comprehensive Plan.

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A second echo in this year’s update is the concept of “the common good,” promoted by the late Ray Bacchetti, a passionately committed community volunteer and educator who died May 10 at age 81 after years of public service on school and community college boards.

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Streetwise

What is something new that you’re doing to be active this summer?

Rod Cella

Merchandiser

San Francisco

Optometrist

“Probably gardening. … It’s a nice hobby in terms of making things more beautiful.”

Hannah Walford

Villa Street, Mountain View

Physician

“I’m about six-and-a-half months pregnant, so I’m taking up swimming. It’s supposed to be good during your third trimester.”

Tracy March

Turnworth Avenue, Redwood City

City Merchandiser

“I just bought a Jet Ski. … So that’s what I’m doing. Jet Skiing!”

Alex Goodson

Commonwealth Avenue, San Francisco

Student

“Different running exercises. I’m trying to do intervals so I can increase my speed.”

Melissa Simmons

Alvarado Avenue, Los Altos

Retired

“I’m putting in a drought garden in my backyard.”

Check out Town Square!

Hundreds of local topics are being discussed by local residents on Town Square. A reader from the city’s extensive foohills region, echoing findings of a 1972 “Foothills Environmental Design Study.”

Once the major issues were decided, the results were put into a written document by professional planning staff members, resulting in the Comprehensive Plan.

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By all accounts, Whitney Dafoe was leading a vibrant life before the mysterious illness overtook him.

He had a promising career as a photographer; he volunteered to build villages in Jamaica and a monastery in India; he lived with a shaman in the Ecuador rain forest; and he won a coveted Microsoft Pro Photo prize in 2005 for his sensitive photo of light streaming through a forest.

But in between and during his adventures — and while he interned in 2009 as a photojournalist at the Palo Alto Weekly — Dafoe was sick, and getting sicker. He experienced crushing fatigue, dizziness and gastrointestinal problems, and the weight peeled off of his 6-foot-3-inch frame. At one point, he only weighed 115 pounds, said his mother, Janet Dafoe.

It would take years to put a name to the devastating illness robbing him of all vitality. Even then, the name fails to adequately describe what he is experiencing. Dafoe, now 31, has chronic fatigue syndrome, also known as myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME/CFS), a debilitating and complex disorder that often left her bedridden — possibly chronic fatigue syndrome or fibromyalgia, according to the CDC.

An estimated 836,000 to 2.5 million Americans have chronic fatigue syndrome, according to the CDC. But DePaul University researcher Leonard A. Jason and a group of researchers found that many people who have the disease’s defining symptoms have not been diagnosed as such. They estimated that upward of 91 percent of people with the illness have not yet been diagnosed.

Chronic fatigue occurs most often in people ages 40-59 and is more common in lower-income than affluent individuals, Jason found.

There is little research on mortality from chronic fatigue syndrome. A handful of studies have found possible correlations between the disease and deaths from heart failure, cancer and suicide.

The disease is sometimes dismissed by medical professionals as psychologically based. Its sufferers on average seek help from about 20 medical professionals before they are diagnosed, according to Dr. Andreas Kogelnik, founder and director of the Open Medicine Institute in Mountain View, who has treated chronic fatigue patients for more than 10 years, including Whitney Dafoe.

But the medical profession is slowly coming around to accepting chronic fatigue as a bona fide disease. It took a giant leap forward in February with the publication of a 304-page report by the Institute of Medicine. That report, based on a review of more than 9,000 scholarly articles, set up diagnostic protocols and recommended increased funding. It also proposed a name change to systemic exertion intolerance disease (SEID), which conveys the disease’s most defining characteristic of unrelenting fatigue and illness that affects multiple body systems and organs. The term “chronic fatigue syndrome” should no longer be used, the report’s authors noted.

Dafoe’s disease has progressed to the point that he cannot talk, read or use the Internet. His joint pain became so severe some time ago that he could no longer walk and needed to use a wheel chair. Now he rarely gets out of bed. On a good day, he’ll show his gratitude by pointing to his heart, his mother said.

His parents have stuck a few brief messages he’s scrawled on notes to the door frame outside his room. The yellow squares of paper are the only way he can communicate these days.

“I don’t know what to say. I just feel pretty hopeless about all this. I never get a break from bad things,” he wrote on one note.

“It’s so hard not being able to take care of my stuff. The feeling of helplessness it gives me is so stressful,” another states.

Janet Dafoe keeps a small collection of paper hearts her son made when he had the energy, carefully and accurately torn from pieces of paper towel. She has pretty much given up her child psychology practice to care for him full time, and her kitchen has been transformed into a pharmacy. A table overflows with an arsenal of medications, medical supplies, vitamins, minerals, amino acids and food supplements, which she daily injects into his intravenous medicine line to supply him with nutrients. Her son has stopped being able to eat solid food, she said.

Recently the family has tried to get a particular type of feeding tube inserted into Dafoe so that he can take food into his small intestine, but the gastroenterologist who would perform the surgery refused. Instead, she said, her son is getting sicker.

“I went to Sundance (film festival) every summer,” she said, but now I can’t go away overnight. It’s so impactful and sad.

Whitney Dafoe’s family turned to Kogelnik about five years ago.

“Most hospitals don’t accommodate CFS patients. They can’t tolerate noise or human contact or anyone in the room,” she said.

Janet Dafoe doesn’t sleep much through the night because her son’s sleep schedule is often upside down, and she’s all but abandoned a social life.

“He had probably been sick for one and a half years before they met, Kogelnik said.

“He had in some ways a very typical story. He was a young...
Guy, successful, in-the-prime-of-his-life kind of person, and very positive but had all of a sudden been hit after a brief acute illness, and he hadn’t really recovered from it. And he continued to kind of not recover from it for months and months, and months became years, and he had no reason functionally to not be healthy,” Kogelnik said.

People who have chronic fatigue can develop psychological issues such as depression or anxiety, but those are not causes of the symptoms, Kogelnik said. It’s the way chronic fatigue clobbers a life that can be depressing.

Whitney Dafoe had gotten a scholarship to travel around the world as a photographer when he became very ill, Kogelnik said.

“So imagine just from a psychological perspective already how devastating it would be. You know you have this wonderful life opportunity in front of you, and all of a sudden it has taken away from you. You can’t walk down the street without becoming completely exhausted and having this post-exertional feeling where you just are drained,” he said.

While Dafoe’s case is among the severe, others with chronic fatigue syndrome are debilitated such that their productivity is limited to just a few hours each day.

Sunnyvale resident Stephen Shimshock, 28, began to experience the same fatigue in 2011. It took three and a half years for him to find a structure he could live within so that he could have an active life, he said.

Shimshock was just out of college in 2008 and was testing life’s waters with a few different jobs when he became a substitute teacher at Fremont High School in Sunnyvale. He hiked, swam, rode a bike and, in general, liked the outdoors.

“Two and a half years into working in Fremont, around Halloween I had a cold with a fever. I missed a few days and then got back to work,” he said. But about three weeks later, he felt increasingly more tired.

“Around Thanksgiving, I got to the point that I’d get to work and I’d have trouble following students’ sentences. The doctors call it brain fog,” he said.

Standard tests didn’t show anything bad. It was also difficult for Shimshock to measure the progression.

“I don’t know what prompts the fatigue — emotions, physical or mental. At the beginning I felt a lot of guilt and shame. I always was the type of person who thought I was failing if I was sick. I didn’t think I was sick enough to take time off from work or school,” he said.

When fully rested, Shimshock said he feels pretty much like his old self. But when he pushes himself beyond his limits, things start to happen. His dexterity goes down; he has difficulty speaking and structuring thoughts; and he has trouble chewing.

“As I get more fatigued, I become more sensitive to lights and sounds,” he said.

Two years ago, he stopped driving.

“I may start the day OK, but I’m never sure I’d have the energy when I got to the place I was going to, or if I’d have the energy to return,” he said.

When his doctors couldn’t heal him, Shimshock began to seek ways to cope. He discovered that he has two or three hours in a day for activity without going overboard. He can walk two blocks, but if he pushes to go three or four, he will experience a “crash,” which is much like pulling an all-nighter and feeling the effects for days or weeks afterward, he said.

Trying to push through exhaustion the way other people do only compounds the problem, he said. It’s like having an envelope with a particular quantity of energy credits that, when depleted, take a long time to refill.

“A safe day is scheduling one hour of activity outside of the house or interacting with people,” he said.

He tries to spend the rest of his time doing passive activities, such as watching movies or reading, and recently he started doing some crafts. He engages in these activities for no more than 30 minutes an hour a day.

Shimshock cannot work, so his parents help him maintain an independent life. He lives with roommates with whom he has light social contact during the day. But he has learned not to go into hectic places such as the grocery store, where there is too much stimulation and sensory input.

“It feels like every day is a recovery. It’s tricky. I still go to that place where I still feel like ‘normal Stephen’ sometimes. I have to hold myself back, and that’s frustrating,” he said. “I’m aware my environment is not only smaller but also fills slower.”

Shimshock said he has been fortunate to have a loving family and supportive, understanding friends. They have come to know when he can’t engage anymore in a conversation or can’t eat at a restaurant. But the hardest thing at times has been feeling left behind.

“Being aware of all my friends having to go out of their way to put me in their lives; knowing that even if they knew my situation fully, I couldn’t ask them to be as big a part of my life as I’d want because it would hold them back from living how they want — I think that was what held me back from facing this. I didn’t see how I could fit into anyone’s life in a positive way, sustainably,” he said.

Staying relevant is important to the mental health of people with chronic fatigue. Writing to family and friends keeps Shimshock connected. He knows having chronic fatigue syndrome can be devastating emotionally.

“The only other person I knew who had it a few months ago killed himself,” he said, visibly upset. “It can be easy to get lost inside yourself, to feel isolated. I’ve had friends who would reach out and that is stressful in itself.”

Shimshock has an easy, relaxed way and he often smiles. As much as anyone can, he’s come to terms with his illness.

“I have lived long enough to know that whatever path my life is going to take I only have so much say in it. I’m trying to put more emphasis on little steps of personal growth. My goal has been to live life with or without the fatigue,” he said.

Patients with chronic fatigue frequently try multiple treatments to control their disease. Whitney Dafoe has taken antibiotics, anti-fungal and anti-parasite medications, vitamins, supplements, Chinese and Tibetan herbs. Both he and Shimshock have tried acupuncture. Shimshock is currently on six supplements.

Susan Kreutzer, another of Kogelnik’s patients, who has had the disease since 1991, had thyroid surgery and then began taking high dosage of synthetic thyroid. She felt energetic, she said, but her new endocrinologist was not comfortable continuing with such a high dosage. Lesser amounts don’t ease her symptoms.

While doctors and researchers don’t know the exact cause of chronic fatigue, in many cases, symptoms have likely been triggered by an infection or other event, such as immunization, anesthetics, physical trauma, exposure to environmental pollutants, and blood transfusions, according to the Institute of Medicine report.

Viruses are one well-documented commonality for at least one group of patients. The presence of antibodies against Epstein-Barr virus — which is associated with mononucleosis, Q fever, enteroviruses and other viruses — are
Researchers are making headway toward finding evidence of chronic fatigue syndrome and how it may change the brain.

Ronald W. Davis, a Stanford University genetics researcher who was instrumental in the Human Genome Project, is heading up a new research center at Stanford University, which is rapidly becoming a nexus for chronic fatigue research.

Davis — whose son, Whitney Dafoe, has severe chronic fatigue syndrome — believes the answers lie in finding molecular biomarkers, which are characteristics or substances that indicate the person has a particular biological condition or disease. A specific pattern of biomarkers is used to diagnose or predict the likelihood of a particular disease, according to the National Institutes of Health.

“With AIDS, there are different manifestations of the disease, but they are all caused by a single virus,” he said by way of comparison.

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“There are two schools of thought regarding whether chronic fatigue is caused by a single disease that causes multiple symptoms or if there are subsets of patients affected by different varieties, he said. After AIDS, there are different treatments available for patients affected, he said.

Davis and his team plan to use technology developed for the Human Genome Project to sequence the entire genome of chronic fatigue patients, starting with about 1,600 mitochondrial genes, 20,000 or more other genes and control regions that regulate genes. They hope to identify proteins that are found in immune cells, blood and spinal fluid; search for viral DNA in blood, bone marrow, spinal fluid and saliva and changes to gastrointestinal flora; and find evidence of autoimmune responses. The research could reveal DNA sequences that are altered in chronic fatigue patients.

The detailed approach is more comprehensive than that of other research, which has only looked at a fraction of the genes, according to the center’s website.

The center’s research will also focus on a large number of the most severely ill patients, who often have disruptions to multiple body systems where a pathogen or genetic alteration may be lurking, Davis said. The research will look at patients who have responded positively to drug treatments and those who have failed to respond, he said.

Researchers have known for many years that the onset of chronic fatigue is often preceded by a viral or infection-like illness, according to the Stanford University School of Medicine’s Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) Initiative, another university research arm.

The disease may have multiple causes. Two main theories are that the disease is caused by a pathogen or by an immune system reaction to a pathogen, according to a Stanford research team led by Dr. Jose G. Montoya, professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases. Montoya has studied chronic fatigue patients for seven years through the ME/CFS Initiative.

Focusing on organs and body systems most likely to be involved in the disease, Montoya and his team work with researchers and physicians in departments such as immunology, brain research, cardiology, genetics and pharmacology to discover clues, he said.

In one study, Montoya and lead researcher Mary Hornig of Columbia University looked at 298 chronic fatigue patients and 348 people without the disease, and what they found was surprising: inflammation.

Patients in the early stages of chronic fatigue had elevated levels of certain cytokines — chemical messengers that regulate inflammation. The most prevalent cytokine was interferon gamma, which has been associated with fatigue from viral infections, including mononucleosis.

Patients who had the disease for three years or less had the elevated immune molecules, but persons with the disease for more than three years showed low levels of the cytokines, which could indicate that the immune system is exhausted, he adds, according to the research. Finding high cytokines provided proof that chronic fatigue is biological and not merely psychological, and it offers hope that early treatment might affect the outcome of the disease.

In a separate study, Montoya and Michael Zeineh, Stanford associate professor of radiology, found significant differences between the brains of chronic fatigue patients and persons without the disease. Brain-imaging studies showed that overall “white matter” — long nerves that carry signals to the brain — was abnormal. Chronic fatigue syndrome appeared to involve chronic inflammation, according to the research.

The abnormality was located in the right hemisphere of the brain, which connects to the frontal and parietal lobes. The amount of abnormality also correlated to the severity of the patient’s condition, they said.

The gray matter in those areas of the brain was also thickened, according to their Oct. 29, 2014, study, which was published in the journal Radiology.

But Montoya said they do not know if the left side of the brain is also inflamed, and the right-side aberrations are discovered because of a compensatory reaction, he said.

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often found in the blood of chronic fatigue patients, according to re-
searchers (see sidebar) . Dafoe had mononucleosis; Shimshock also had a virus be-
fore developing chronic fatigue. Kreutzer, 58, had flu-like symp-
toms from the Epstein-Barr virus. But there is some hope in the
form of anti-viral medications, which can sometimes help patients
significantly .

For Kreutzer, the improvement has been profound. Ten weeks to
the day after she started anti-viral treatment, she felt significantly
better. One day she had no ener-
ty to stand up and get her hands
above her head, and then the medi-
cine kicked in .

“You’ve just given me oxygen. It’s like I rise from the dead. Over-
night, I’m like, ‘OK, who wants to go jogging?’” she said.

Shimshock and Dafoe also received anti-viral medication. While viral
indicators in Shim-
shock’s blood have improved, his energy level and other symptoms
haven’t, he said.

It did not help Dafoe’s symp-
toms, his parents said.

Despite the setbacks, Dafoe has a powerful ally. His father, Ron-
ald W. Davis, is a renowned ge-
neticist who was instrumental in
the Human Genome Project and
is director of the Stanford Genome
Center. He has a serious emotional
investment in getting to the root
cause of chronic fatigue. As his son continues to drift
further away, Davis is trying to
ramp up research into the origins
of chronic fatigue. He has formed the
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
Research Center at Stanford and is
on the Open Medicine Foundation
science advisory board. The latter
has formed a research consortium, the End ME/CFS Project, to study
the disease’s origins and the com-
monalities between severely ill
patients.

Some prominent Palo Altans are stepping forward to try to help
Davis further his research. Yoriko
Kishimoto, former mayor and di-
rector at Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space, current Mayor Karen
Holman, and former City Council-
woman and retired Judge LaDoris
Cordell wrote a letter to rally at-
tendees of an upcoming, July 16
event to raise $1 million of the $25
million Davis and his team need for
research .

“This is a serious request on
a serious topic — a call for help
from our Palo Alto community but
also a chance to break through a
major medical research frontier,”
the trio wrote .

Davis noted the dearth of fund-
ing and the difficulty in receiving
tsizable federal grants. Chronic
fatigue syndrome receives just
$3 million to $6 million annually
from National Institutes of Health
(NIH). Additional funds come
from private donors.

Chronic fatigue has more suf-
ferers than similar diseases, such
as multiple sclerosis and immune-
disorder diseases such as AIDS,
said researchers said. Yet, re-
disorder research receives 100 times the funding of chronic fatigue; AIDS research receives a thou-
sand times the funding, according
to a March 14, 2014, NIH report.

Davis said that increased, dedi-
cated funding is key to solving the
mystery of chronic fatigue. The
NIH has 27 institutes and cen-
ters researching everything from
eyes to hearts and aging. Without
its own dedicated NIH institute,
Davis said, funding must be pulled out of
other institutes’ research budgets, and
those institutes are unlikely to
want to give up their dollars, he
and other researchers said.

Meanwhile the costs, financial
and emotional, mount for Whitney
Dafoe’s family. His parents spend
$50,000 a year for his care .

“People go bankrupt,” Janet Da-
foe said .

For Ashley Davis, Whitney Da-
foe’s sister, the loss of her brother
in her daily life is profound .

“We were best friends. We talked
on the phone every day. Now we
can’t talk,” she said. He was al-
ways more of a powerful figure —
he was confident, I was quiet and
shy. He was the one who pushed
me. He shaped what I am today.”

Her brother’s illness got her into
public health. She studied medi-
cal anthropology and has worked
in public health environments around the world: in a hospital in
Kenya and researching in Gua-
temala. And she raises funds for
CFS.

Now Davis is getting married, but Dafoe barely knows her fi-
ance. When he needs to be moved
from his bed, Davis’ fiance gently
relates his arms while she
criadles her brother’s head in her
hands .

As a little girl, she would often
play as a bride. Whitney Da-
foe would pretend-play with her,
coming up with ideas for the wed-
ding. But it’s pretty much a given
that he won’t be able to attend her
real ceremony, she said .

“No now that I’m planning my own
wedding, I’m trying to incorporate
some of those things,” she said of
their childhood pretend weddings.

Davis had to announce their engagement on one of the little
yellow cards the family now uses to communicate with Dafoe. Her
grief, she said, is never-ending.

“It’s hard to explain. Most peo-
ple have experienced loss in the
sense of a death and grieving, and
you are able to grieve and move
on, even if you still feel loss. (But
with chronic fatigue) it’s not a nor-
mall grief. It just continues, and it’s
been going on for years,” she said .

As the clock keeps ticking away,
Dafoe’s health recedes further and
further away, Janet Dafoe said .

“I go in there day after day
and watch my son waste away,” she
said. “It’s the worst kind of suf-
ferring for a mother to watch her
kid suffering and being so miser-
able. I sit outside his hall and wait
until he’s ready for me to come in.
I look through his door and wait.
I’ve spent hours in that hall wait-
ing for him to be ready. Some-
times I sit there crying. If there’s
something he needs or he can’t
reach and I can’t figure out what it
is, he’ll put it on a card. Sometimes
he’ll write, ‘Please don’t stop help-
ing me.’”

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Cover Story

Dr. Andreas Kogelnik consults with chronic fatigue syndrome patient Susan Kreutzer about her treatment with anti-viral medication and her symptoms at the Open Medicine Institute in Mountain View.

Stephen Shimshock writes letters to family and friends in his home. Since Shimshock has to severely limit the time he spends socializing, he often keeps in touch by writing.

Stephen Shimshock rests outside his Sunnyvale home and listens to music.
On view now at Stanford’s Cantor Arts Center, “500 Years of Italian Master Drawings from the Princeton University Art Museum” tracks the development of disegno in Italy from the 16th to the early 20th century. Comprising almost 100 works, most of which are figurative, the exhibition explores such themes as the growing interest in anatomical accuracy, the development of caricature, the role of disegno in other art forms such as sculpture and architecture, and the sheer variety of drawing styles exemplified by the masters. Curated by Princeton art historian Laura M. Giles, who drew entirely from Princeton University Art Museum’s world-renowned collection of Italian drawings, the show is designed specifically to illuminate the role of disegno in the development of Italian art.

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Among the works that exemplify the fascination with the human body is Gian Lorenzo Bernini’s “Seated Male Nude,” circa 1618-1624, exemplifies the artist’s fascination with the human body. If “The Monatti” is haunting, certain works by Giovanni Francesco Barbieri (better known as Il Guercino) provide a contrasting levity. In a series of caricatures from the 1630s and 40s, Il Guercino demonstrates his acute observational

"drawing" or "design," but neither word quite captures it. For Italian artists of the Renaissance and Baroque periods, disegno was far more than simply sketching. It was the intellectual ability to conceive and create a work of art: a power that lifted the artist to a near godly status.

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Though artists would have used the deceased primarily as models for living figures, the dead themselves sometimes made an appearance in art.

Gaetano Previati’s “The Monatti,” circa 1895-1899, belongs to a collection of illustrations made for a historical novel centered on the plague of 1630 in Milan. The monatti — literally, corpse carriers — were those assigned to carry to the dead to mass graves. In Previati’s watercolor, two hooded figures stoop under the weight of the pale, naked body slung over their shoulders. Together they descend a flight of steps, their mask-like faces half-hidden, the strange trio casting a grotesque shadow against the wall beside them.

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have until Aug. 24 to do so.

Fans of Italian drawing will be glad to know that come Aug. 19, a new collection of architectural drawings by Giovanni Battista Piranesi will arrive at the Cantor. “Piranesi’s Paestum: Master Drawings Uncovered” examines 15 drawings of the temples of the ancient Greco-Roman city of Paestum located in southern Italy. Made in the late 18th century by Piranesi and published after his death by his son, these works come to the West Coast from Sir John Soane’s Museum in London and have never been shown outside of that venue until this tour. Together, they represent an unusually extensive study of a single architectural site, an opportunity to compare the drawings to the completed prints, and a chance to reflect on the development of Western architecture.

In the meantime, “500 Years of Italian Master Drawings” serves as the perfect precursor, offering scholars and novices alike a new way of looking at deeply familiar images.

What is disegno, after all, unless a way of seeing—and conceiving—the world anew?

Arts & Entertainment Editor Elizabeth Schwyzer can be emailed at eschwyzer@paweekly.com.

What: “500 Years of Italian Master Drawings from the Princeton University Art Museum” and “Piranesi’s Paestum: Master Drawings Uncovered”

Where: Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford


Docent-led tours: Thursday, 12-15 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m.

Cost: Free

Info: Go to museum.stanford.edu or call 650-723-4177.

A View of Strong Water, Water Tower, Ground Level, 1541-1562, first self-portrait, etching by Pieter Bruegel, 1525-1569, oil on canvas, 132 x 132 cm. 1573. From the collection of the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna. 1575. The Louvre, Paris.
Inspirations
a guide to the spiritual community

Stanford Memorial Church
University Public Worship
Sunday, July 12, 10:00 am

Fr. Xavier Lavagetto O.P.
John, Challenge and Comfort

For info:
723-1762

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July 13
Haydn Lord Nelson Mass, Beethoven Mass in C
Gregory Wait
Music Director of Schola Cantorum; Director of Vocal Studies, Stanford University

July 20
Fauré Requiem, Vivaldi: Gloria
Dr. Scot Hanna-Weir
Director of Choral Activities at Santa Clara University; Artistic Director of the Santa Clara Chorale

July 27
Verdi: Requiem
Bryan Baker
Artistic Director/Conductor of Masterworks Chorale; Director of Music at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley; Founder/Director Serenade Chamber Choir; Assistant Conductor of the S.F. Choral Society

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Gregory Wait, Music Director

Art
‘Creative Ecology’
The beauty of nature and the joys of art meet in Creative Ecology, a new series offered by the Palo Alto Art Center. On Saturdays, July 11, 18 and 25, from 10 a.m.-noon, artist Linda Gass will lead a free series of art and science activities for participants of all ages at Cooley Landing, the end of Bay Road, East Palo Alto. Go to lindyart.com/js4eote or call 650-329-2366.

Concert
Charged Particles
With a sound that incorporates Latin, classical and funk, electric jazz band Charged Particles aren’t afraid to cross stylistic barriers. The internationally acclaimed trio — two of whom are on the faculty at Stanford University — will give two free concerts this week: one at Palo Alto’s Rincornada Library, Wednesday, July 15, at 3:30 and one at the Mountain View Library, Friday, July 16, at 2:30 p.m. Go to chargedparticles.com or call 650-851-9143.

Opera
‘Lo Speziale’
If you liked “Breaking Bad,” you’ll love “Lo Speziale.” The 18th-century comic opera by Joseph Haydn gets a modern twist in this production at Redwood City’s Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., from July 10-26. Come ready for serious parody; this tale of love triangles in the drug industry will be sung in the original Italian with supertitles. Go to dragonproductions.net or call 650-493-2006.

Music
Summer Sings
No audience, no big build-up to a performance, just a chance to sing great choral works. Starting this week, Schola Cantorum will offer Summer Sings: six Mondays when members of the public are invited to join in an evening of song. Each night features a new score and conductor. Summer Sings takes place Mondays, July 13-Aug. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. General admission is $13; students are free. Go to scholacantorum.org or call 650-254-1700.

Theater
‘Freedomland’
How best to tackle the pressing issue of police brutality in America? How about through performance art? That’s right: San Francisco Mime Troupe’s newest show, “Freedomland,” takes on the nation’s glorification of violence, police militarization, the dynamics of the drug trade and the experience of growing up black in America. Don’t think Marcel Marceau; this company uses “mime” in the sense of mimicry and satire. Packing humor as its weapon, “Freedomland” aims to entertain as well as to address serious social ills. The show comes to the south field of Palo Alto’s Mitchell Park, 600 E. Meadow Drive, on Wednesday, July 15, at 7 p.m. and returns on Sunday, Aug. 23, at 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, go to sfmft.org or call 415-285-1717.

Italian with supertitles. Go to dragonproductions.net or call 650-493-2006.

‘Puss N’ Boots’
Curiosity may have killed the cat, but he’s got nine lives. In Peninsula Youth Theatre’s production of this classic tale, the crafty feline is back, working his wiles to secure wealth and a princess for his not-so-clever master. The show runs July 11-19 at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. Tickets are $18-$20. Go to pyt.net.org or call 650-903-6000.

‘Creative Ecology’

‘Lo Speziale’

Above: Michael Gene Sullivan (left) and George P. Scott will perform “Freedomland” at Palo Alto’s Mitchell Park July 15 and Aug. 23.
It’s hard to imagine a more honorable dessert-based death than the decadent drowning of gelato by a strong shot of piping-hot espresso. I’m talking, of course, about affogato, the traditional Italian dessert whose name literally translates to “drowned.” The confection traditionally comes with one or two scoops of vanilla gelato doused in a single shot of espresso. It can be enjoyed as a dessert — or really, an invigorating snack at any time of the day, if that’s your thing.

Affogatos prove that opposites do, indeed, attract. They bring hot and cold, sweet and bitter together in holy, delicious matrimony. Since the dessert itself is so minimal, with typically only two ingredients, “the secret (which is no secret) is using high quality ingredients,” explained Craig Stoll, owner of Pizzeria Delfina in Palo Alto.

Here on the Midpeninsula, you’ll find an affogato spectrum, with tradition at one end and experimentation at the other. At many Italian restaurants, you’ll find the frozen treats in their most pure form: vanilla gelato and espresso, with no toppings. Elsewhere, purveyors are adding their own spin, whether it’s candied orange peel on top or soft-serve instead of gelato. Read on for some of our favorites in Palo Alto, Mountain View and Los Altos, and know that this list is far from all-inclusive: We’ve left room for you to seek out your favorite drowned dessert at numerous other eateries in the area.

TERUN
448 California Ave., Palo Alto
For Franco Campilongo, native of Italy and owner of Terun in Palo Alto, affogatos are all about simplicity and quality. Terun’s affogato ($8) comes with a single scoop of vanilla gelato from the Latest Scoop in Berkeley drowned in a particularly creamy, foamy shot of espresso made from beans straight from Naples. “That’s very important to make right,” Campilongo explained.

The affogato at Vaso Azzurro in Mountain View is served with whipped cream dusted with cocoa powder, topped with mint and biscotti on the side.

by Elena Kadvany | photos by Veronica Weber

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A high-quality shot of espresso is an essential element of an affogato.

lease for the Lytton Gateway space back when Blue Bottle Coffee was planning on moving in, the owners had to agree not to sell any such coffee products. So Gelatoio's affogato ($5.75) is made with luscious, made-from-scratch gelato, ice cream drawn from an espresso from a Nespresso machine. They may even offer you decaf, an option most places can provide if you ask. If you're an espresso snob, grab a pint to go and make your own at home.

Order any flavor you like, and it will come elegantly presented in a clear glass cup on a white plate with a small waffle cookie on the side. Like chocolate sauce on top? Gelatoio has two Willy Wonka-esque faucets behind the counter out of which flow a constant stream of melted milk and dark chocolate.

GELATO CLASSICO
435 Emerson St., Palo Alto & 241B Castro St., Mountain View
Gelato Classico Palo Alto is likely the only place in town with an old-school affogato advertisement poster hanging over its espresso machine. Go with the regular for $5.75 or treat yourself with the affogato cioccolato to get hot fudge on top for $1 extra. For the non-caffeine fanatics, this report highly recommends the silky, subtle chocolate hazelnut gelato, and saying “yes” to whipped cream on top.

BLUE BOTTLE COFFEE
456 University Ave., Palo Alto
Grab a seat in one of Palo Alto’s best outdoor courtyards at Blue Bottle Coffee in the historic Var- sity Theatre building to enjoy the Bay Area coffee company’s take on the affogato. It comes with a shot of Blue Bottle’s own Hayes Valley espresso paired with San Francisco ice cream darling Humphry Slocombe’s brown butter ice cream. It costs $5.50.

Pro tip: Throw your drown- ing ice cream in the cup — in the form of a waffle. A San Francisco Weekly food writer reported in 2013 that some Blue Bottle locations have an off-the-menu “waf- fle-gato” (affogato served with a Liège-style waffle). The Palo Alto cafe serves it. It’s a waffle, not Liège, waffles, so they’re larger, but could certainly serve the same delicious soaking-up purpose as a Liège.
The following is a sampling of movies currently playing in the Bay Area:

**Inside Out** (

Inside Out, the unparalleled fireworks of Joy (Amy Poehler), Sadness (Phyllis Smith), Anger (Lewis Black), Disgust (Mindy Kaling) and Fear (Bill Hader) take turns at the control center. The child is 10-year-old Riley (Kaitlyn Dias). Business as usual gets thrown for a loop when Riley’s parents move the family from Minnesota to San Francisco. Thoughts begin disjointing, and soon Joy and Sadness are lost at the情感控制中心. Began with the loss of Riley’s parents, the family moves from Minnesota to San Francisco. Thoughts became disjointed, and soon Joy and Sadness are lost at the control center. Began with the loss of Riley’s parents, the family moves from Minnesota to San Francisco. Thoughts became disjointed, and soon Joy and Sadness are lost at the control center.

**Batkid Begins** (PG)    Century 16:

**Me and Earl and the Dying Girl** (PG-13)    Century 16:

**The Gallows (R)**

The Gallows (R) 2015: 4:30 p.m., Sun & Sat 3:30, 6:45, 10:15 & 12:30 p.m.

**Green for Danger (1946) (Not Rated)**


**Stranger than Fiction (1992) (Not Rated)**

Stranger than Fiction (1992) (Not Rated) 2015: 10:45 a.m., 4:45, 7:50 & 10:45 p.m.

**Juno (PG) (2007)**

Juno (PG) 2015: 10:05 a.m., 12:40, 2:40, 4:40, 6:40, 8:40 & 10:40 p.m.

**Spy (R)**

Spy (R) 2015: 10:00 a.m., 12:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 10:15 p.m.

**Ted 2 (R)**

Ted 2 (R) 2015: 10:00 a.m., 12:05, 4:05, 6:05 & 8:05 p.m.

**Self/less (PG-13)**

Self/less (PG-13) 2015: 12:55 a.m., 2:20, 4:20, 6:20, 8:20 & 10:20 p.m.

**Testament of Youth (PG-13)**

Testament of Youth (PG-13) 2015: 1:30, 3:30, 5, 6, 7:30, 8, 10 & 10:25 p.m.

**Minions (PG) (2015)**

Minions (PG) 2015: 10:00 a.m., 12:05, 4:05, 6:05, 8:05 & 10:05 p.m.

**Mad Max: Fury Road (R)**

Mad Max: Fury Road (R) 2015: 10:40 a.m., 12:40, 2:40, 4:40, 6:40 & 8:40 p.m.

**The Gallows (R)** 2015: 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 3:30, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.

**Batkid Begins (PG)**

Batkid Begins (PG) 2015: 10:45 & 1:45 p.m., 4:45, 7:45 & 10:45 p.m.

**Love & Mercy (PG-13)**

Love & Mercy (PG-13) 2015: 10:45 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:45 & 10:45 p.m.

**Max (PG)**

Max (PG) 2015: 10:05 a.m., 12:55, 3:55, 6:55 & 9:55 p.m.

**Aquarius**

Aquarius 2015: 10:00 a.m., 12:05, 4:05, 6:05 & 8:05 p.m.

**Spy**

Spy 2015: 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 3:30, 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.

**Juno**

Juno 2015: 10:10 a.m., 12:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 10:15 p.m.

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HAZARDOUS ITEMS DROP-OFF ... Household hazardous waste can be dropped off each Saturday, from 9-11 a.m., and the first Friday of each month, from 8-10 a.m., at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant, 2501 E. El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Residents may bring latex and oil-based paints, gasoline, road flares, propane tanks (used for barbecues and camp stoves), household or auto batteries, cooking oil and more. The list of unacceptable items includes fireworks and ammunition, infectious wastes and controlled substances. Proof of Palo Alto residency (either a driver’s license or vehicle registration) is required. Info: 650-496-6980 or cityofpaloalto.org (search for “hazardous waste”).

RETHINK THE LAWN ... Gamble Garden will present its popular class on how to replace your front lawn on Saturday, July 25, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at 1313 Newell St., Palo Alto. The course is taught by Kim Rafferty, who is an 18-year garden designer and owner of Rafferty Garden Designs. During the class, learn how to transform a conventional lawn into a flowering garden with edible plants, interesting layouts, low fences, “no mow” meadows, seating areas and more. The class costs $25 for members, $35 for non-members. Sign up through Gamble Garden’s website. Info: gamblegarden.org.

SUCCESS is often found when talent is backed by passion, and when it comes to the artwork of Bruce Pizzichillo and his wife, Dari Gordon, create, passion and talent make their work both exquisite and memorable.

Pizzichillo’s nationally known glasswork, from blown glass vases and bowls to mixed-media and glass sculptures, will come to Palo Alto at the annual Clay & Glass Festival at the Palo Alto Art Center on Saturday, June 11, and Sunday, June 12.

The two-day event, hosted by the Association of Clay and Glass Artists, will display the work of more than 140 juried artists, featuring both fine and functional art. Festival-goers will have the opportunity to meet with artists, browse collections, purchase favorite pieces, attend demonstrations and participate in hands-on activities.

Pizzichillo, who studied at the California College of Arts and Crafts (now the California College of the Arts) in Oakland, opened Pizzichillo & Gordon Glass in 1984. The studio, which is equipped with a full glass-blowing facility, cold-working space and gallery, showcasing Pizzichillo’s glasswork, is the oldest running glass-blowing studio in the city. Pizzichillo said, “It’s one of the only materials I know that can pull, stretch and blow. I mean it’s endless what you can do with it. And there’s always room to grow and be better. ... It takes a lifetime to be a master at it, and I love being challenged that way.”

His work, which is inspired by music, dance, poetry, life and “everything we encounter around us,” has been featured in collections at the SAS Institute World Headquarters, the Museum of American Glass Wheaton Village and the Bellevue Art Museum, just to name a few. But nowadays, Pizzichillo is interested in creating artwork that brings joy and makes the world a better place.

“I just turned 61 and I really want to be happy and enjoy what I make, and hopefully the work carries that joy and happiness through, so when people are living with it it’s something that they can feel inspired by,” he said.

Pizzichillo’s work demonstrates the incalmo technique, an ancient glass-making process of fusing two or more blown glass elements for the piece rather than having really fancy forms that interfere with that,” he said.

Pizzichillo chooses bold colors and uses innovative designs, patterns and elements, including glass shards, strings and pieces that are applied to the surface. Blown glass pieces are made from scratch using the highest quality of raw material, Pizzichillo said, onto which layers of vibrant colored glass are applied using different decorative techniques that demand great precision. Pizzichillo’s work demonstrates the incalmo technique, an ancient glass-making process of fusing two or more blown glass elements.

Pizzichillo said everything he makes is with “lots of love and passion.”

“I like to take my time. I’m kind of old school. That’s pretty much the life I’ve lived: hard work, lots of passion and hopefully a little bit of magic,” he said.

This year, Pizzichillo will have two spaces at the art festival, and he will be showing a little bit of everything, including incalmo wall platters, big glass sculptures, garden art, as well as mixed-media and mosaic wall pieces by Gordon.

Redwood Valley-based artist Gail Rushmore Nidros’ introduction to the art of ceramics was serendipitous. Nidros was taking a raku pottery class at Mendocino College in 1993 with a friend and was captivated by the process of creating 3-D forms.

“I had never felt attracted to the medium before that,” she said.

This discovery opened a whole new world of possibilities for Nidros, whose previous art experience had only been two-dimensional.

Nidros, who received a graphic arts degree from the University of Washington, has worked in a variety of media, including painting and drawing, which gave her a good foundation for her current work in clay sculptures, she said.

“I still consider myself a designer and feel that this often shows in my work,” Nidros said.

Clay is intimate and impressionable, which allows artists to create “almost any image from your mind,” she said.

The possibilities are limitless, though they say that there is nothing new. ... I prefer to think that we all put our personal spin or personal story in the art that we create. And that...
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Completely renovated & expanded Craftsman-style home in Downtown North, Palo Alto. This beautiful 4-bedroom, 3.5-bath home, plus office is ideal for entertaining with a spacious living room, gourmet kitchen & dining room with French doors leading to the rear yard. Light and bright throughout with fir floors, crown moldings, and recessed lighting. Completing the appeal of this wonderful home is its prime location in the heart of all that downtown Palo Alto has to offer. Excellent Palo Alto schools: Addison Elementary, Jordan Middle, and Palo Alto High.

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## HOME SALES

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### East Palo Alto

- **2277 Capitol Ave. E. & S. Solo-**
  - to E. & S. Soloman for $3,100,000 on 4/24/15; previous sale 4/27/15
- **433 O’Keefe St. #107**
  - D. & R. Killmon to T. Peng for $538,000 on 4/22/15; previous sale 9/14, $389,000
- **427 Wisteria Drive**
  - J. & S. Light Trust to S. Krishnamurthy for $1,613,000 on 5/8/15

### Menlo Park

- **420 Cambridge Ave. #4**
  - A. Sodeifi to B. & S. Sihota for $6,000,000 on 5/8/15; previous sale 9/14, $389,000
- **Heiman Trust**
  - Y. & C. Kubba to W. Chen for $2,420,000 on 5/4/15; previous sale 8/97, $3,700,000
- **Walkowiak to J. Simantov for $2,550,000 on 5/8/15**

### Palo Alto

- **Hafner Trust to E. & G. Solom-**
  - on 5/5/15
- **Battat Trust**
  - to J. Tao for $2,827,000 on 5/15
- **Eggers Trust**
  - to J. Nguyen for $2,100,000 on 5/7/15
- **Sommer Trust**
  - to N. Black for $2,310,000 on 5/7/15

### Portola Valley

- **2nd Ave. #101**
  - A. Lum being to A. Himel for $2,552,000 on 5/15
- **3rd Ave. #202**
  - R. & K. Gluss for $3,700,000 on 5/15

### Woodside

- **2543 Louis Road**
  - to N. Murugesan for $2,350,000 on 5/7/15
- **2815 South Court**
  - to Prime Property Holdings for $405,000 on 5/15

## BUILDING PERMITS

### Palo Alto

- **827 Chimalus Drive**
  - temporary power, $41,000
- **308 Canyon Drive**
  - kitchen/bath remodel and electric service upgrade, $45,000
- **2742 Ross Road**
  - roof-mounted PV system, $41,000

### Menlo Park

- **901 Elsinore Drive**
  - bathroom remodel, including adding a skylight and pocket door, $103,847
- **1331 Alma St.**
  - roof-mounted PV system, $9,400

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## PA Clay & Glass

As home to world-renowned Stanford University and a multitude of high-tech companies, Palo Alto is the epicenter of Silicon Valley in all regards. From its vibrant downtown to its architecturally diverse neighborhoods, let our specialists at DeLeon Realty show you why Palo Alto is truly a choice place to live.
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• 8,100 sq. foot lot approx.

Large Lot, Fabulous Location and a Charming Home!

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Get the best of both worlds...leave the city behind and within a short drive come enjoy all of the benefits of country living in this charming 4 BR / 4.5 BA home with surrounding views of the Western hills and the 1,189-acre Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve. Positioned on a private knoll close to town, the home combines the touches from its origins as a mid-century hunting lodge with the functionality brought through recent upgrades. In addition to the two-story main home, the property has two guesthouses, a pool & cabana, a two-car carport and a three-car garage. On its 6.02 acres, the property plays host to a wide range of heritage trees and some of the area’s best wildlife.

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The Dawson Estate aka Rancho San Antonio sits on 5.7 acres with private western hills exposure. The large estate boasts California living at its finest. Behind the gates and at the end of a private entrance, one approaches a grand circular driveway. Reminiscent of the Santa Barbara/Montecito 30’s architecture, Rancho San Antonio shows over 16,000 square feet of living area that includes a main residence with 4 bedrooms and 8 (4 full/4 half) bathrooms. A grand and spacious living room features old growth clear heart redwood beams. The bedroom wing has a master bedroom and 3 additional bedrooms. The kitchen and formal dining room wing feature an office/board room. Below the kitchen is a servants/guest wing that includes a 5000+ bottle wine cellar, 2 bedrooms/1 bathroom, workout room and kitchen. The open loggia leads to a beautiful courtyard/pool area. There is a 2 bedroom/1 bathroom guest/pool house with a 2 fireplaces. Just beyond the pool area is a full size tennis court.

Video Tour: www.11627DawsonDrive.com
Prime Old Palo Alto
546 Washington Avenue
Offered at $5,895,000

Rare 13,200 square foot lot (per city of Palo Alto)
Dimensions 120’ x 110’
4 bedrooms 3 bath
Living area approx. 3,479 (buyer to verify)

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New Home Boasts Designer Finishes

Offering soaring ceilings and designer finishes, this brand-new 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home of 2,432 sq. ft. (per plans) stands on a lot of 7,000 sq. ft. (per county). Accented by oak hardwood floors and dimmable lighting, the fine interior also features Andersen dual-pane windows, a Nest thermostat, Sonos speakers, and quartz countertops. Spacious and light-filled, the living area flows into a family and dining room ensemble boasting a Montigo gas fireplace. The sleek, open kitchen enjoys Silestone countertops and Thermador appliances, and all bathrooms provide designer sink and shower fixtures. A central hallway links a private guest bedroom with three more bedrooms, including a grand master suite with a sky-lit soaking tub. Freshly landscaped lawns, a standing-seam metal roof, and a rear-entry garage complete this lovely property. Located in a beautiful neighborhood with wide, quiet streets, this home is near Willow Oaks Park, Bayshore Freeway, and Ravenswood Shopping Center. Excellent nearby schools include Laurel Elementary (API 927), Hillview Middle (API 950), and Menlo-Atherton High (buyer to verify eligibility).

For video tour & more photos, please visit: www.514Laurel.com
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1576 Hamilton Avenue
North Palo Alto

- Picturesque large 8,750± sf lot (not in a designated flood zone)
- Charming California classic offers remodel or expansion possibilities
- Spacious 3 bd/2 ba floor plan with approximately 2,046 sf of living space
  - Gracious formal living and dining rooms
  - Hardwood floors, crown molding & large laundry room
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Remodeled and expanded in 2007, this beautiful home features five bedrooms and four full baths. Chef’s kitchen with marble counters and backsplash, Wolf range and breakfast bar. Dining and living area with wood burning fireplace, separate generous family/media room with double doors leading to concrete stamped patio and large rear yard. Master bedroom with views of mountains. Two closets, master bath with white Italian Carrara marble flooring and finishes, shower enclosure and Jacuzzi tub. Additional bedrooms offer privacy by being on separate sides of home, office alcove off upstairs landing. Two car garage with laundry area. Home offers two additional storage sheds/workshops. 

**Offered at $1,077,000 | www.obeo.com/1036179**

**Remodeled and Expanded Beauty**

5 Bedrooms | 4 Full Bathrooms
2,835 Sq. Ft. | 7,205 Sq. Ft. Lot

Cottage style home with fresh exterior paint, great potential for expansion. Buyers to check expansion possibilities with City. Well maintained yards with fruit trees — peach, lemon and orange. Located near schools, public transportation and commuter routes. Spacious driveway for up to six vehicles. Two car carport/storage. Fully fenced yards. **Offered at $499,000**

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• Just moments away from major employers, shopping, dining, Cal Train station, and commuter routes.
• Excellent Palo Alto schools - Juana Briones Elementary, Terman Middle and Gunn High (buyer to verify)
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Sat/Sun
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$2,999,000
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Coldwell Banker
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MOUNTAIN VIEW

1 Bed - Condominium
1939 Rock St. #16
$599,000
Sat/Sun
Coldwell Banker
325-6161

3 Bedrooms
1346 Camino Cielo
$1,999,000
Sat 9:30-12
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745 Independence Ave
$900,000
Sat 1-4/ Sun 12-4
Coldwell Banker
323-6161

2538 Alves St
$1,399,000
Sat/Sun 1-4
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PALO ALTO

1 Bed - Townhouse
459 Homer Ave #3
$1,498,000
Sat/Sun 1-4
Trinity Realty, Inc
756-8877

3 Bedrooms
2070 Channing
$2,995,000
Sun
Pacific Union International
314-7200

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$1,500,000
Sat/Sun 12-3
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1576 Hamilton Ave
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$2,795,000
Sat/Sun
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4 Bedrooms
1523 Hamilton Ave
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1480 Cowper St
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PORTOLA VALLEY

1 Bed - Condominium
560 Menlo Oaks Dr
$2,999,000
Sat/Sun
Coldwell Banker
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5 Bedrooms
2281 Byron St
$8,398,000
Sat/Sun
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HALL OF FAMERS . . . Two Olympic champions, two legendary coaches and two former standout local athletes will all be honored at the 2015 Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet on July 23 at the San Mateo County Event Center. Palo Alto High graduates Mark and Dave Schultz, who won gold medals in wrestling at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, are among the 10 inductees who have inspired others with their leadership skills and athletic abilities. Former Menlo School baseball coach and Athletic Director Craig Schoo and current Pinewood girls basketball coach Doc Scheppler also will be inducted as will former Menlo-Atherton High track and field standout Chi Johnson and former Menlo College and U.S. National Team wrestler Sara Pulp Allen. Also on the list of inductees are Peter Ueberroth, the former MLB Commissioner and Olympic Games organizer from Burlingame High; former NFL player Ryan Boschetti from Carlmont High; Aragon High cross country and track coach Bill Daskalakis, and former Hillsdale High basketball standout Debbie Dyson. The evening ceremony will begin with no-host cocktails at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and then the induction ceremony. Included will be a raffle. Paid reservations will receive complimentary tickets to Stanford’s home opener on Sept. 12. RSVP by Friday, July 10 by calling 349-7600 or e-mail sportshallof fame@smccvb.com.

JUNIOR GOLF . . . Portola Valley resident Scout McNealy captured the Boys’ 10-13 division at the 86th annual NCGA Junior Championships on Tuesday at Spyglass Hill Golf Course in Pebble Beach. McNealy, the youngest brother of Stanford All-American Maverick McNealy, fired rounds of 70-81 for a 151 total to win by two shots. He finished his 36 holes with one eagle, three birdies, 20 pars and 12 bogeys. He was 2-under on his opening round, which saw him get to 4-under following a birdie on the 324-yard, par-4 13th hole. He followed that, however, with back-to-back bogeys before getting pars on the final three holes. In the boys’ overall competition, Jonathan Dicks of Menlo Park tied for 23rd of a 78-78-74-230 effort. Henry Gordon of Palo Alto tied for 26th with a 69-81-81-231 showing, Tyson Dinsmore of Los Altos Hills tied for 28th (75-87-77-239) with Max Ting of Atherton (80-71-62-233).

This championship was worth the wait

Denied an NCAA title at Stanford, grads O’Hara and Press help win a World Cup crown

by Rick Eymer

Kelley O’Hara and Christine Press each made four straight appearances in the NCAA Tournament during their soccer days at Stanford. Not once, however, did either player come away with a national title.

O’Hara missed from 2006-09 and Press from 2007-10. Stanford won its only NCAA crown in 2011. While it may have been disappointing for both players to leave school without that crowning achievement, both have something even better.

For the first time since 1999, not only has the United States won the FIFA Women’s World Cup, but a Stanford player has lifted the championship trophy. In 1999, it was Julie Foudy, a four-time first-team All-American.

On Sunday, it was O’Hara and Press, former Stanford teammates who now have captured soccer’s ultimate prize — a World Cup title following Team USA’s 5-2 triumph over Japan at BC Place Stadium.

This championship was worth the wait.

It’s the Home Run Derby before the All-Star Game

Paly High grad Pederson is selected to both MLB events

by Keith Peters

While most of professional baseball will take a break next week for the annual MLB All-Star Game and festivities, set for Cincinnati, Palo Alto High grad Joc Pederson won’t be among those with a few days off.

Pederson will be in Cincinnati, along with three of his Los Angeles Dodgers teammates, after being named to the National League team as a reserve. Pederson is the first Dodgers rookie All-Star since pitcher Hideo Nomo in 1995.

Pederson said his first All-Star nod was “extremely humbling” and “something I dreamed about as a kid.”

Pederson was a player selection, fourth among NL outfielders with 365 votes, behind elected starters Bryce Harper (680 votes) and Giancarlo Stanton (626) and Andrew McCutchen (421). Pederson said it was an honor to be selected by the players.

“It shows they respect the way I play the game,” he said. “It’s a big honor, that stuff doesn’t go unnoticed. I appreciate everybody that voted for me.”

Pederson, who was batting just .231 with 39 RBI and 46 runs scored after Wednesday’s 5-0 win over the Philadelphia Phillies, told True Blue LA that he found out about his all-star status in an unusual way from LA manager Don Mattingly.

“Andrew (Friedman, Dodgers president of baseball operations) came up to me and said, ‘Don wants to talk to you in the home office’,” recalled Pederson.

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PRO BASEBALL

Palo Alto High grad Joc Pederson will make his debut in the MLB Home Run Derby and All-Star Game next week.

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Stanford WP Club sends 18 to JOS

Boys will have a program-best 12 teams entered while the girls have six teams qualified for national tournament

by Keith Peters

The Stanford Water Polo Club made some club history a year ago in the boys’ competition of the National Junior Olympic Qualifiers, which the club hosted at Stanford University and area pools. Stanford placed five teams among the top 12 in the Platinum Division, more than any other club in the country.

Now, with more teams (12) qualified than ever before, the Stanford boys hope to improve upon last year’s effort when the nation’s largest water polo tournament gets under way in Orange County on July 25.

Following the boys’ competition that concludes July 28, the girls will take to the pools from July 29-Aug. 2.

Stanford has lots of room for improvement with two more teams qualified than before. Plus, the club won a one medal last year — a bronze by the 14&U A team. The 18A team finished fourth, the 16A team was fifth, the 12A squad was 10th and the 14B team was 12th.

The top Stanford team heading to JOS could be the 18A squad, which finished first in the recent Pacific Zone Qualifying Tournament.

“We played well, but they are still a little rusty at this point,” head coach Brian Kreutzkamp said of his players, who went 4-0 and topped America in the finals, 11-5. “I’m looking forward to them getting in better shape and making a deep run at the Junior Olympics.”

Kreutzkamp, who has coached his Sacred Heart Prep boys to four straight Central Coast Section Division II championships, likes the roster he has for JOS.

“The roster has as much talent as we have had in previous years, possibly more depth this year,” he said. “Most of them were on the 16U team two years ago that lost in the championship game of the JOS in a shootout.”

Kreutzkamp has a handful of current and former Stanford SHP players in Will Conner, Grant Harvey, JC Marco, Nelson Perla-Ward and Michael Swart. He also has current Gunn standout Christian Znidarisc plus Gunn grad Ari Wayman plus Menlo School grad Nick Bisconti and Menlo returnee Chris Xi.

Also advancing to JOS for the Stanford boys are 18Bs (fifth), 16As (third), 16Bs (fifth), 16Cs (11th), 16Ds (12th), 14As (second), 14Bs (sixth), 14Cs (18th), 12As (fourth), 12Bs (sixth) and 10U mixed (fourth).

The Stanford Girls Water Polo Club, meanwhile, has a lot of room for improvement at JOS with no team finishing higher than 12th in the Platinum Division in ’14.

The 18A team, which was 14th last summer, recently finished third at the Pacific Zone Qualifying Tournament. Stanford opened with a 17-0 win over Academy, roamed to a 19-1 win over West Valley, lost to Diablo 7-6, before bouncing back to defeat Lamorinda, 10-2.

Head coach Mark Hernandez has two members from his Gunn team on the roster — Sam Acker and Bianca Batista plus Malaika Koshy from Sacred Heart Prep.

Sacred Heart Prep grads Will Conner (left) and Michael Swart are back with the Stanford 18A water polo team, which was the top qualifier out of the Pacific Zone for the Junior Olympics.

The 18B team, coached by former Stanford University player Kelsey Holshouser, also qualified for JOS after finishing seventh. The squad was 20th at JOS last year.

The Stanford 16A team, which was 17th a year ago at JOS, finished third in the zone qualifying tournament behind 680A and Diablo A.

“Our team is a talented group of individuals who have come together and are learning how to best play together,” said head coach Tatiana Dehned, who coaches the Menlo-Atherton girls during the fall. “They all have incredible skills and now we are working on bringing out their best qualities for the greater good of the team. We are able to hold our own in competitive games and continue to fight through while making adjustments and improvements.”

The Stanford 16B team, meanwhile, advanced to JOS after finishing 10th. The 14A squad was third and the 14B team was 11th, giving the Stanford girls six squads for the Junior Olympics.

In other water polo news, Gunn solo-swimmer Zoe Banks and Sacred Heart Prep junior Maddy Johnston were recently named to the USA Water Polo Youth National Team, for players 18 years of age and under. Banks also will be playing for the Stanford Girls Water Polo Club (16A team) in the upcoming National Junior Olympics while Johnston will play for the 680 18A squad.

FIFA WOMEN’S WORLD CUP CANADA 2015™

The U.S. Senior National Team captured its first FIFA World Cup title since 1999 by defeating Japan Sunday, 3-2, in Vancouver, B.C. Stanford grads Kelley O’Hara and Christen Press each played a role.

World Cup (continued from previous page)

Stadium in Vancouver, B.C. .

“When you go to shower and you have gold confetti stuck to your butt, you know it’s been a good day,” O’Hara happily Tweeted following the victory.

O’Hara entered as a substitute at Stanford alumnae have been part of every major U.S. championship, with at least one player on teams that won World Cup titles in 1991, 1999, and 2015, and Olympic titles in 1996, 2004, 2008, and 2012.

Foudy is regarded as the U.S. national team’s all-time great. She captained the team during the 1999 World Cup, which was won on penalty kicks over Canada in front of a huge crowd at the Rose Bowl. Though the team had great success in the Olympics, World Cup glory eluded the Americans until Sunday’s victory over Japan.

The 24-team event included five former Stanford players. Besides O’Hara and Press, Ali Riley played for New Zealand, and Alina Garcia-Mendez and Teresa Noyola were with Mexico. All were teammates on Stanford’s 2009 team that went 25-1, won the Pac-10, and reached the school’s first NCAA final.

Meanwhile, it was Carli Lloyd who took the drama out of the World Cup final in a rematch of the 2011 finale that saw the U.S. fall to Japan in penalty kicks.

As the United States hooped and hollered, its women’s soccer team was taking no chances. Japan wasn’t going to come back this time.

Lloyd, the latest American hero, recorded a hat trick and helped the USA leave no doubt which was the superior team as the Americans romped in the championship match before 53,341 fans.

“I don’t think it has sunk in yet,” Lloyd said. “I’m so mentally fried. It was an unbelievable team performance. We all held together and stayed the course. What Jill (Ellis) and the coaching staff did won us the World Cup.”

Team USA showed it was on a mission from the very beginning.

Lloyd, named the World Cup’s Most Outstanding Player, scored twice in the first five minutes and then later added one of the greatest goals on any stage for a hat trick less than 16 minutes into the contest, leaving the Japanese stunned, bewildered and, in some cases, in tears.

“I’ve dreamed of scoring on a shot like that,” Lloyd said. “When you’re feeling good, you’re feeling crazy.”

The image of Japan goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihora lying on her back in front of the net, her hands covering her face, moments after Lloyd’s third goal tells the whole story. It’s the heartbreak of knowing, on this day, your best wasn’t good enough.

Japan managed to end the Americans scoreless streak at 540 minutes, just shy of a Women’s World Cup record, but that takes a backseat to the greatest start to a World Cup final in history.

“It’s fitting that Lloyd, who scored in each of the last four matches, and had six in the tournament, becomes the face of such a triumph,” the woman who turns 33 later this month recorded the fastest hat trick in Women’s World Cup history.

“We just wrote history today,” Lloyd said. “To bring this World Cup home, it’s unbelievable.”

O’Hara and Press got to be part of the celebration. O’Hara played the final 30 minutes and was on the field when the match ended.

Press did not play in the final two matches but did score a goal in the Americans 3-1 over Australia. O’Hara scored against Germany.

Stanford Sports Information contributed to this story.

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Stanford athletes earn international medals

by Rick Eymer

Stanford juniors Lia Neal and Akash Modi could be sporting some heavy metal when they return to school this fall. That’s metal as in gold and bronze. They may not be the only Cardinal athletes to return from the World University Games in Gwangju, South Korea, which continues through Tuesday, with a medal collection. Senior golfer Lauren Kim and junior basketball player Erica McCall are in position to earn medals in their respective sports before the closing ceremony.

The Stanford women’s water polo team, representing the United States, can finish no higher than fifth place after dropping a 9-8 decision to Russia in Thursday’s quarterfinals.

Incoming freshman Madison Berggren scored two of her three goals in the fourth quarter, each time tying the Russians, who went on to win the game with just under two minutes left.

In track and field, Stanford junior Lia Neal has a best of 182-8.

“T"he experience was amazing," Modi said. “I had fun the whole time and hit routines. It’s probably one of the greatest experiences I’ve ever had.

“During the final, all we were doing was going on the podium and seeing your flag raised during the awards ceremony," Modi said.

The NCAA all-around champion finished among the top seven in three other events: fifth on the parallel bars, sixth on the horizontal bars and seventh on the floor exercise.

In men’s volleyball, Stanford sophomore Kyle Dengato had six digs and 11 excellent receptions as the libero, helping the USA to win in three sets. Neal swam the anchor leg of the relay that completed the race in a time of 7:10.82, nearly three seconds ahead of Australia and Japan.

The USA women’s 400 relay team set a University Games record in swimming the race in 3:38.12.

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In men’s volleyball, Stanford sophomore Kyle Dengato had six digs and 11 excellent receptions as the libero, helping the USA to win in three sets.

Women’s basketball, McCall scored 14 points and grabbed five rebounds in USA’s 84-43 victory over Hungary in Thursday’s quarterfinals. She’s reached double figures in scoring in each of the Americans first four games.

Meanwhile, Modi scored a bronze medal on the pommeled horse during individual events competition on Tuesday.

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office,’ and usually that’s not a good sign,” Pederson said, laughing. “But when I got in there, the mood changed real quick.”

Pederson is tied for fifth in the NL with 20 home runs, setting a record for most home runs before the All-Star break by a Dodgers rookie. He is also one of just three NL rookies in history with 20 homers before July 1. The others are Wally Berger (1930) and Albert Pujols (2001), according to Eric Stephen of TrueJols (2001), according to Eric Stephen of True

“Swinging for five minutes, I think that’s the only reason I was picked for the All-Star team because I have some home runs,” Pederson said. “I think it would be really fun.”

Pederson said he will have Dodgers Triple-A coach Johnny Washington pitch to him. Washington was Pederson’s hitting coach at rookie-level Ogden in 2011.

“Just to be a part of the Home Run Derby, it’s something I dreamed of as a little kid,” Pederson told Stephen. “You watch all the great home run hitters — Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds — all these great guys who participated, Ken Griffey. I think it’s a special event.”

Pederson is one of eight players in the Derby. He is the No. 4 seed and will go head to head with No. 5 Manny Machado. That winner will face the winner of Pujols and rookie Kris Bryant. Other first-round matchups include Todd Frazier vs. Prince Fielder and Josh Donaldson against Anthony Rizzo.

Instead of being given a number of outs per round, each player will have five minutes to hit as many home runs as possible. The clock will stop after any home run balls hit in the final minute land; it will resume after the next non-home run lands or after a swing and miss.

Pederson remarked on the new format’s transition to a time limit instead of a 10-out limit. “Swinging for five minutes, that’s going to be a really long time. Really long,” Pederson said. Players can earn an extra minute if they hit two home runs that land 420 feet or more and a bonus 30 seconds if one of those blasts lands 475 feet or more. The maximum bonus time a player can get is one and half minutes.

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Quiet & renovated retreat from the busy Westly. Chef’s kitchen w/boldist area, DR & spacious FR overlook a private oasis w/lawn & lush gardens.

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1939 ROCK ST #16
$599,000
End unit TH. Large Master, nice single level floor plan. MUST be totally remodeled. Granite counters, crown molding, small private yard.