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“It was, I’ve got to say, the most frustrating interaction with government that I can ever recall having,” Councilman Cory Wolbach said as he was updating his colleagues at a March 26 council meeting. Councilmen Adrian Fine and Greg Scharff, who also were part of the local delegation, concurred. Fine said the FAA was “pretty useless” at the March 13 meeting, which included Brian Langdon, the agency’s manager of government and industry affairs, and Gwendolyn Fine, Office of the Chief Counsel, as well as several technical experts.

Fine said the agency’s legal counsel effectively barred most people from the federal delegation from speaking. Halfway through the meeting, half of the local delegation left out of frustration, he said.

For some Palo Alto residents, a two-story Eichler home is a dream worth pursuing.

For others, it’s an architectural abomination that should be banned.

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Some residents petitioned the city to prohibit new two-story homes and others blasted the proposed ban as an attack on their property rights.

Each side claimed some victories in 2016, when the City Council approved two single-story overlay districts (which explicitly ban two-story homes) in the Eichler enclaves of Los Arboles and Greer Park North but rejected the overlay districts in Royal Manor and Faircourt.

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### YAMAMOTO PARK?

... Palo Alto residents who wanted to see a local middle school named after Fred Yamamoto lost their battle last week, when the school board opted not to do so. But they may yet claim a victory. This week, two members of the City Council said they would support a new proposal: naming a city park after Yamamoto, a Palo grad who fought for our democracy in World War II. Their statements of support came after a group of residents, including a Human Relations Commission member, lobbied for a Yamamoto Park. Commissioner Steven Lee told the council on April 2 that he was disappointed by the school board’s decision and said the city needs to make a “more concerted effort to listen more, to explain, correct and educate others within our community more.” Naming a park after Yamamoto would go a long way to achieving this, he said. “This is a proposal supported by both sides of the recent debate and would go a long way in reaffirming the best of Palo Alto.” Though the council didn’t discuss the item, Councilmen Sara Armstrong and Greg Tanaka both said at the end of the meeting that they would support such an initiative. “It’s something we can do to recognize a real hero, someone who was a hero and a leader in the community even before he was in the military,” Wolbach said.

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Five dedicated individuals and organizations that have focused on social causes, mental-health issues, sustainability, workplace diversity and helping those with disabilities will be honored at the 2018 Tall Tree awards on May 17 at Palo Alto’s Crowne Plaza Hotel.

The 39th annual event, sponsored by the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce and the Palo Alto Weekly, will recognize Allan and Mary Seid, Shashank Joshi, Ada’s Café and SAP.

Allan and Mary Seid are receiving the award for Outstanding Citizen Volunteer.

For more than 50 years, the longtime Palo Altans have devoted themselves to social causes and fighting injustice.

“The Seids have repeatedly stepped up when their community has called upon them to do so, and Palo Alto would not be what it is today without them,” Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian wrote in a letter supporting their nomination.

Together, the Seids co-founded Asian Americans for Community Involvement in 1973 to advocate for Asian-Americans and other minorities living in Santa Clara County. The organization assists non-English-speaking immigrants with health care, legal and government services.

Allan helped start Pathway Society, which operates a drug-addiction rehabilitation facility that serves teens and adults in the county. He created substance-abuse prevention discussions as part of Pathway’s education program used in Palo Alto schools. He also chaired the Palo Alto City Council special task force on drug abuse and authored the final report that helped create a downtown teen drop-in center.

In the midst of raising a family, Mary worked alongside the Palo Alto Council of PTAs to ensure that textbooks used in California’s public schools would be free of race and gender bias — a three-year effort that led to a statewide mandate. She also taught Asian-American studies at local colleges.

Both Seids partnered with the Palo Alto Unified School District in 2014 to address a growing number of suicides among high school students by establishing school-based counseling and support services.

Shashank Joshi is receiving the award for Outstanding Professional.

Joshi has gone beyond his role as associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Stanford University, has played a central role in addressing mental health issues at Palo Alto schools. He has been named this year’s Outstanding Professional.

Kathleen Hughes, founder of Ada’s Café, left center, Charlie Hughes, center, and Todd Cerf, right, serve a customer at the cafe, which was named this year’s Outstanding Nonprofit.

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News Digest

East Palo Alto considers tech tax

The East Palo Alto City Council voted 4-0 to direct staff to de- velop a tax measure for the November ballot that would add a business tax for offices and administrative firms. The tax would help the city to pay for traffic, infrastructure, housing services and other needs. The tax would be an annual charge based on the current business license tax, but it could also be a payroll tax, although Finance Director Brenda Olwin said there would need to be more work to develop a payroll tax in the limited amount of time that staff has before it is required to file the measure with the state. Olwin had asked the council to defer adding a tax measure until the 2020 ballot to give staff more time to craft a comprehensive measure. City Councilman Carlos Romero, however, said that the council has a responsibility to its residents to make sure it has the revenue to provide services and infrastructure.

"We need this tax," he said. "The avenue this city is going down is one of developing our land as offices, and we may be approving up to 2 million square feet of office space.

He said the tax would help mitigate up to $1 billion of development. By 2020, with all of the changes taking place, the council could have a different makeup and different goals. It is important now for this council to leave a legacy for the community, he said.

Mayor Ruben Abrica agreed.

The tax measure proposal is likely to return to the council in the coming weeks for further discussion.

—Sue Dremann

Committee balks at raising water rates

Concerned about the steady drip of rate increases, Palo Alto’s Finance Committee pushed back on Tuesday against a new proposal by the Utilities Department to increase rates by 4 percent in July and by 7 percent in each of the following two years.

The committee, made up of four City Council members, was sched- uled to adopt the Water Utility Financial Plan and the 4-percent rate hike this week. Instead, the committee directed staff to take a fresh look at its expenditures and come up with ways to minimize increases. This could mean revising the department’s infrastructure priorities or scaling back plans to adopt smart meters over the next three years.

Some of the cost increases are due to factors largely beyond the city’s control, including the wholesale cost of buying water from the city’s sup- plier, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. The SFPUC also is still in the midst of a multi-year, $4.8-billion effort to upgrade the Hetch Hetchy system, a project that also is contributing to higher water bills.

While the city has no purview over the regional project, commit- tee members urged staff to rethink some of the local infrastructure priorities. These include maintenance of an emergency reservoir and replacement of aged water mains.

Councilman Greg Scharff questioned the need for smart meters, which the city hopes to start installing by 2021 and which are pro- jected to cost about $4 million.

The committee did not vote on the proposed plan, but instead di- rected Utilities Department staff to return with alternatives.

Staff from the Utilities Department would return to the committee within the next month to con- tinue the discussion, before going to the full City Council for approval.

—Gennady Sheyner

Belle Haven students boycott school

More than 44 percent of students attending Belle Haven Elemen- tary School in Menlo Park were absent Wednesday, many of whom boycotted classes to protest the East Palo Alto school district’s sudden transfer of principal Todd Gaviglio.

According to the school administration office, 199 students of 451 did not attend school Wednesday. The boycott came after two days of protests at the school, where parents are angry that Ravenswood City School District Superintendent Gloria Hernandez-Goff summarily transferred Gaviglio to the district’s Curriculum and Instruction de- partment on March 19.

Her decision did not sit well with parents and many teachers who credit Gaviglio with turning the underperforming school around. Gavi- glo’s removal occurred in the middle of the school year, just days after he filed a discrimination complaint against Hernandez-Goff. He has accused Hernandez-Goff of missing funds, nepotism, divulging con- fidential information and falsifying compliance during an inspection.

He and many parents said the superintendent’s actions are retaliatory.

Parents put together a Facebook page, Support Our Principal Mr. Todd Gaviglio, to gain public support. The district sent parents robo- calls telling them to send their children to school.

The parents also are planning to show up at the April 26 district board meeting to demand Gaviglio’s return to Belle Haven.

“By keeping our kids home the district will lose money and start taking us seriously,” according to a letter signed by “A fellow con- cerned Belle Haven parent.”

—Sue Dremann

Housing

New School Building

The proposed master plan of Castilleja School expansion’s includes demolishing and replacing five structures with one building and adding underground parking.

LAND USE

Castilleja School seeks variance for rebuild

Request comes after Palo Alto determines existing permit will not suffice

by Sue Dremann

Officials at Castilleja School have submitted a request for a variance for their proposed campus rebuild, according to a March 22 letter from their attorneys to City of Palo Alto planners.

The variance application would now allow the campus to include an additional 11,000 square feet of area at 1310 Bryant St. and 1255, 1263 Emerson St. Rather, it is a formal request based on a require- ment the city is now implement- ing regarding the school’s applica- tion to demolish and replace five structures with one building and to add underground parking.

For Castilleja, the variance re- quirement also represents another hurdle in the school’s ambitious expansion plan. Developers typi- cally use variances when they seek deviation from zoning rules, typically because of physical site constraints or situations in which strict adherence to code would subject the development to “substantial hardships.”

The school received notifica- tion from the city stating that it would have to submit the variance request, as opposed to having it be part of the school’s existing condi- tional-use permit. In prior years, the city had granted the school an exception to its R-1 residential zone floor-area ratio (FAR) limitations — which dictate how much new development is allowed — through the conditional-use permit, the school maintained. Staff told the school the variance would now be required, according to Castilleja officials.

The city’s adoption of the new FAR standards, but the city granted a conditional-use permit, making the additional square footage ac- ceptable, according to the letter.

‘To fulfill our mission we need a new, sustainable campus with flexible learning spaces that can last for the next 100 years.

—Kristin Neirinckx, a Castilleja School spokeswoman.

Hill Gaytman, director of Planning and Community Envi- ronment, said in an email to the Weekly: “Based on a plain read- ing of the code, staff concludes a variance, and not a CUP, is the appropriate application to ad- dress this request. To the best of staff’s knowledge, the city has not expressly granted an FAR excep- tion through the CUP process in the past.”

The distinction could prove consequential for the school. If the city opts not to approve the variance request, Castilleja could be compelled to reduce its square footage in the rebuild. That’s be- cause when the city changed its maximum FAR limitations, many of Castilleja’s buildings were al- ready constructed and were thus grandfathered in. Other build- ings were constructed after the city’s adoption of the new FAR standards, but the city granted a conditional-use permit, making the additional square footage ac- ceptable, according to the letter.

‘That option would not meet the goals of the school, that is why we are asking for the vari- ance. To fulfill our mission we need a new, sustainable campus with flexible learning spaces that can last for the next 100 years,’

spokeswoman Kristin Neirinckx said in a statement from school officials.

The new proposal would add about 24,000 square feet of open

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Commissioners challenge colleagues on housing

Three members of Planning and Transportation Commission urge council to reject their commission’s recommendation

by Gennady Sheyner

I n a highly unusual move, three members of Palo Alto’s Planning and Transportation Commission have authored a memo urging the City Council to reject the full commission’s recommendation and approve a new zoning district to encourage affordable housing.

The memo, which commissioners Michael Alcheck, Vice Chair Sue Monk and William Riggs submitted to the council on March 29, makes a case for creating a new affordable-housing overlay district, a zoning tool that would grant concessions on height and parking requirements to developments with 100 percent affordable housing.

The council is scheduled to consider the new overlay district on April 9.

The proposed zoning district is one component of the city’s Housing Work Plan, which lays out dozens of new policies that Palo Alto plans to consider in the next two years to meet the council’s housing goals. Earlier this year, the council set as its target the creation of 300 housing units every year between now and 2030. That’s roughly three times as many units as the city has produced in recent years.

This particular policy was sparked in part by a proposal by the nonprofit Palo Alto Housing to build a four-story development on El Camino Real, near Wilton Avenue. The project would include about 60 housing units for residents who make 60 percent of the area median income or less. Though the nonprofit has not yet submitted a formal application, officials have indicated that some waivers and concessions would be required to make the project economically feasible.

At its meetings on Feb. 14 and March 14, members of the planning commission generally agreed that they would like to see the project constructed. But they split sharply over whether to create the new zoning district and ultimately voted 4-3, not to issue a recommendation on the affordable housing overlay district. Instead, Chair Ed Lauinger and commissioners Przemek Gardias, Doria Summa and Asher Waldfogel suggested that the council approve the Wilton project under a “planned community” zone and take more time to refine the new zoning district.

“It is the most promising tool our body has considered to address the enormous shortage of affordable housing in our City,” the memo states. “Such zoning overlay ordinances are ‘simple’ policies that do not obfuscate existing zoning, but rather provide another tool in the toolbox for non-for-profit developers to use when attempting to bring forward the rarely proposed 100 percent affordable housing project.”

The three commissioners note that the zone would not automatically grant housing developers permission to build in the new overlay district.

They would still have to take the plans to the planning commission and the City Council for approval.

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Eichlers (continued from page 5)

the council that only seven of the 26 homes on his block actually appear to conform to the new guidelines. The rest, he said, have multiple non-conforming features.

“Adoption of these guidelines as a formal City of Palo Alto document — when it is known that as many as three-quarters of the existing structures may not conform — is simply poor public policy and governance. It will erode the credibility of past and certainly future City guides, codes, ordinances, etc.” Snyder wrote to the council.

Siamack Sammie, who also lives in Royal Manor and who is considering building a second story, also urged the council to keep the guidelines voluntary. Homeowners who are expanding their homes already have every incentive to be respectful of neighbors to maintain peace in the community, he said. Adding a slew of new rules to the city’s design-review process (known as “Individual Review”) when new two-story homes are involved will only muddle the situation and make it hard for residents to understand exactly what they are allowed to build.

“If it goes through and becomes part of the IR (Individual Review), part of the overlay for the neighborhood, it will set the stage for more confrontation and conflict among neighbors,” Sammie told the council Monday.

Others strongly disagreed.

Ben Lerner, who helped lead a multi-neighborhood effort to establish “single-story overlay” districts in 2016, said he’d like to see the new guidelines integrated into the city’s Individual Review process. Though the process considers such factors as mass and height, it doesn’t regulate style — a key consideration in Eichler neighborhoods, which were designed as communities.

The review process, Lerner said, is flawed when it comes to Eichlers and should be fixed so that it protects the rights of all homeowners in these neighborhoods, not just the person rebuilding or expanding a home.

Marilyn Bauriedel, who lives on South Court, argued that the new guidelines can be a great tool for achieving “thoughtful and spacious remodels.”

The council stopped short of integrating them into the review process. Instead, by directing staff to create the new Eichler district, it opted to let each neighborhood decide whether the new guidelines should have teeth or not. In the coming months, planning staff will conduct more outreach and return with an ordinance for the council to adopt.

The approach was proposed by Councilman Greg Scharff, who pointed out that each of the city’s 31 Eichler tracts seems to have different characteristics. For that reason, he said he cannot support a “one-size-fits-all” approach.

After a lengthy discussion and comments from residents, the council voted to approve the voluntary guidelines and to give neighborhoods the option of going beyond voluntary.
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LGBTQ (continued from page 5)

them because of their sexual ori-
tation, participants said.

The city has done better with
LGBTQ youth, some partici-
pants said. Palo Alto has given
$10,250 in funding through the
Human Services Resource Al-
location Process for Outlet, a
Mountain View-based program
of Adolescent Counseling Ser-
vices that offers assistance to
LGBTQ youth.

But younger LGBTQ partici-
pants said they need role mod-
els, oral history projects that pair
youth with seniors for videos,
statues in public spaces of ac-
complished or historic LGBTQ
persons and other public displays
that reinforce positive images
of LGBTQ individuals, which
would help educate the public at
large.

Cities could develop a visitor
or social-companion volunteer
program to alleviate loneliness
for seniors, they said.

Participants said that outreach
and education are important
needs that would help LGBTQ
persons feel safe and reduce hate
crimes. Some institutions in
the faith community are doing well
in welcoming LGBTQ persons,
but others are leaving their LG-
BTQ members behind.

“A rainbow flag in front of a
faith community is a good first
step, but for someone who was
hurt by the faith community,” it’s
enough to make them feel
safe, a participant said.

Some recommended signage
that identifies places where
LGBTQ persons can receive
assistance with housing, report
discrimination or a hate crime
and find resources. It could be
similar to the signs at fire sta-
tions where people can leave a
newborn child, they said.

But once they get there, staff,
police, medical teams and oth-
er professional and municipal
personnel should have already
received diversity training. Too
many times, a call to the police
in the Bay Area results in being
treated more like a criminal or
perpetrator than as a victim of
crime or harassment, they said.

Many LGBTQ patients feel
that mainstream medical staff
members don’t understand them.
It’s especially hard for transgen-
der people, they said.

The participants also noted a
great need for social gathering
spaces for LGBTQ youth and
adults alike.

Since launching an assessment
survey in 2013, the county Pub-
lic Health Department found a
significant deficit in LGBTQ
services, yet that community
is among the neediest when it
comes to housing, medical care
and protection from discrimina-
ion and hate crimes. LGBTQ in-
dividuals in the county comprise
29 percent of homeless youth
and young adults under the age
of 25 and 10 percent of homeless
adults ages 25 and older.

One in 10 respondents to the
county survey reported discrimi-
nation when seeking health care.
Lesbian, gay and bisexual youth
are four times more likely to at-
tempt suicide than their straight
peers, and nearly half of trans-
gender respondents in the county
seriously considered suicide or
hurting themselves during the
past 12 months, the study found.

In 2015, the county approved
the new Office of LGBTQ Af-
fairs, which was tasked with
finding ways to bridge those dif-
ficulties in services and to better
educate agencies and profession-
als about LGBTQ individuals.

“We are the only county in the
United States with an Office of
LGBTQ Affairs,” Martinez said.
“We have learned there are very
many disparities.”

The Palo Alto Human Rela-
tions Commission, which is
/tasked by the City Council with
recommending ways for the city
to be a more inclusive, welcom-
ing and non-discriminatory
community, launched its needs-
assessment survey for LGBTQ
residents at the forum. The sur-
vey is available at cityofpaloalto.
org.

“Our goals are simple: Yours
is to talk; mine is to listen,”
commission Chair Valerie Sting-
er said. Stinger, who attended
the January forum in Mountain
View, said she had learned im-
portant lessons she hoped
would be applied at the Palo Alto
event.

“Engage in a different con-
sideration. You need to say
what needs to be said, practice
being allies, practice being more
than a bystander,” she said.

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and behavioral sciences at Stanford University to assist troubled youth in the Palo Alto area. As a suicide-prevention expert, he played a central role in the community response to the mental health crises apparent among high school students in Palo Alto in 2009 after a cluster of suicides. Josh is a founding member of Project Safety Net, formed to prevent teenage suicide and promote youth well-being. The organization aims to implement an effective, comprehensive community-based mental health plan with strategies that together provide a “safety net.”

Joshi is a mental health consultant for Palo Alto Unified and collaborates with teachers and administrators at Gunn High School to help identify students with mental health risks. Through the organization, he has played a role in supporting the creation of the school district’s suicide prevention toolkit, organized mental health awareness campaigns and brought in more students to work with the organization.

Joshi also works as part of the Santa Clara County Suicide Prevention Oversight Committee. Ada’s is receiving the award for Outstanding Nonprofit. Since 2012, the nonprofit has empowered people with disabilities through work opportunities, changing the face of retail out of a Mitchell Park location in 2014. As a zero-waste campus, SAP has brought in more students to work supporting its sustainability efforts and dedication to workplace diversity.

SAP is among the 229 companies recognized by Best Workplaces for Commuters. In Palo Alto, SAP provides employees transit subsidies, commuter shuttles and carpool matching and free ride-share access.

As a zero-waste campus, SAP runs off of 99 percent renewable energy credits, has installed more than 650 solar panels, and on average, saves 3.1 million gallons of water at its data centers annually.

Former Palo Alto Mayor Pat Burt called SAP “one of Palo Alto’s greenest companies ever” in 2015 when awarding its third Mayor’s Green Business Leader Recognition Award.

As a partner of the Foundation for a College Education in East Palo Alto, many SAP employees have mentored students through various programs. Employees also have worked with the foundation through SAP Social Bureaucratic, a pro bono volunteer program where employees are given a six-week leave to provide their expertise toward helping nonprofits solve challenges.

The company entered the spotlight in 2015 when Sam Yen, SAP chief design officer and managing director of SAP Silicon Valley, joined the White House Tech Inclusion Pledge as part of SAP’s goal to promote workplace diversity.

By 2017, women made up one in four management positions and the number of female leaders rose from 18 percent to 25 percent over the past six years, according to a company press release.

“SAP embodies partnership, innovation and sustainability — quintessential values to Stanford Research Park and the City of Palo Alto,” Tiffany Griego, managing director of Stanford Research Park wrote in a letter supporting SAP’s nomination. A more information about the Tall Tree Awards, including ticket information, can be found at paloaltochamber.com.

Public Agenda
A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to meet in a closed session to discuss potential litigation over aircraft noise. The council then plans to consider an ordinance creating the Affordable Housing Commission and discuss the city’s next steps pertaining to airplane noise. The closed session will begin at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 9. Regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. or as soon as possible after the closed session in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

COUNCIL POLICY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE ... The committee is tentatively scheduled to discuss funding allocations through ThinkFundi and (formerly known as the Bryant Street Garage Fund) and consider the city’s policy on body-worn cameras. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to consider a request for a conditional use permit to allow community center use at the First Baptist Church at 305 North California Avenue. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

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Flight noise

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“Everyone in the room felt like the FAA wasn’t going to work with Palo Alto,” Scharff told the Weekly.

Now, the city is preparing to speak louder and more forcefully. Next week, the council will meet in a closed session to consider litigation against the federal agency — a tactic that has been employed in other communities wrestling with the issue, including Phoenix and Newport Beach.

At the same time, Scharff is chairing a regional committee that is working to establish a permanent coalition of South Bay cities to focus on airplane noise. Once formed, the South Bay committee will mimic the San Mateo committee which includes various San Mateo county representatives, including Mountain View Councilwoman Pat Showalter, Sunnyvale Councilman Larry Klein and Santa Cruz Supervisor John Leopold.

All are excited about moving the effort forward, he said.

The idea of forming the committee was prompted by a letter that U.S. Reps. Anna Eshoo, Ro Khanna and Jimmy Panetta submitted last year to the Cities Association of Santa Clara County urging a permanent venue to represent “currently disenfranchised communities in addressing aircraft noise concerns including, but not limited, to SFO.”

The creation of the new group is consistent with recommendations from the Select Committee on South Bay Arrivals, a group of 12 elected officials that was chaired by Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian and that met between May and November 2016 to discuss ways for addressing the airplane-noise problem.

To date, the FAA has rejected most of the Select Committee’s substantive recommendations, including those that would direct more planes over the bay and increase flight altitudes over the “MENLO” waypoint, a hub of air traffic. In its response to the Select Committee’s recommendation, the FAA argued that the MENLO altitude “cannot be any higher without jeopardizing the safe operation of each aircraft.”

“The higher an aircraft flies while in the vicinity of MENLO, the farther away from the SFO airport the aircraft must travel in order to descend to the appropriate altitude for approach,” the FAA response stated.

Despite the setbacks, Scharff said he thinks the new committee can be an effective tool for the FAA’s rejection of the Select Committee’s recommendation and asked the council to keep fighting for the preferred solutions, including higher altitudes at the MENLO waypoint.

“We need to really push back stronger against the FAA,” Porter said during the Feb. 13 discussion. In addition to forming a new regional committee and pondering litigation, Palo Alto officials are also considering other less risky measures to address airplane noise. On Monday, the council will consider a list of recommendations from its Policy and Services Committee, which include requesting temporary noise monitoring from San Francisco International Airport; including aircraft noise in the city’s legislative priorities; developing a noise-monitoring plan with the jurisdictions; and lobbying in support of flight paths that would divert air traffic away from neighborhoods.

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space and bike amenities for the public, and it would put parking underground. The latter “amen- ity” is highly controversial, however. Many nearby residents, but not all, are strongly opposed to the parking garage and a proposed increase in enrollment, which they say will add to existing traffic woes if permitted.

Castilleja applied for a separate variance for the underground parking garage on April 28, 2017. Gitelman said by email that as designed, the underground garage encroaches into a required special setback. “The applicant has indicated their interest in using a variance application to address this encroachment,” Gitelman said preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report was paused for a few months. Neirinckx said the completion of the report is not expected until sometime this summer.

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Residents, mark your calendars. Palo Alto Day is right around the corner.

If you haven’t heard of Palo Alto Day, don’t feel bad. Up until Monday night, it didn’t exist.

But after a late-night debate that City Manager James Keene described as “peak Palo Alto,” the City Council decreed that April 9 will forthwith be known as Palo Alto Day.

The idea was spurred by a memo from council members Tom DuBois, Karen Holman and Lydia Kou, who argued that the city should have an annual day that recognizes its incorporation in 1894. The brief memo notes that Palo Alto is “largely considered the birthplace of Silicon Valley,” is one of few California cities that has its own utilities, and is a leader on environmental initiatives, education and “world-influencing persons and companies.”

“It is time, if not beyond time, that we establish something called Palo Alto Day,” Holman said Monday, in explaining the proposal.

The council had no qualms with giving the city its own day, though there was some debate over what day should be chosen. The three council members recommended April 21, which they cited as the date in which the state allowed Palo Alto to become “a California city of the sixth class,” according to the proposed resolution.

Judy Kleinberg, president of the Chamber of Commerce and supporter of Palo Alto Day, suggested April 23, the date of incorporation that was listed on the City Charter’s cover page.

Steve Staiger, Palo Alto’s city historian, made a case for April 9, which is when the vote actually happened. The day, he said, is “an important date in Palo Alto’s history as it marks the day this little community began its legal existence as an incorporated town.”

He likened it to the United States celebrating the Fourth of July.

The council agreed and voted 8-0, with DuBois absent, to approve the proposal with April 9 as the set date.

With the date fast approaching, the 2018 version of Palo Alto Day is likely to be muted (if not silent) affair. But the new day of recognition should have its real premiere party next year, when city officials celebrate Palo Alto’s 125th birthday.
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(Posted April 4, 9:42 a.m.)

Group robs teen of shoes  
A 15-year-old boy walking at Palo Alto's Bol Park was attacked on Easter Sunday by four males who beat him on the ground and yanked a $750 pair of shoes from his feet, Palo Alto police said.  
(Posted April 2, 5:52 p.m.)

Saudi prince in Palo Alto  
Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who was set to arrive in the Bay Area on Monday as part of his tour of the United States, reportedly booked the entire Four Seasons Hotel Silicon Valley in East Palo Alto for his weeklong stay, according to the online tech news website Recode.  
(Posted April 2, 4:20 p.m.)

Teacher pleads guilty  
A Palo Alto music teacher faces up to a year in county jail after he pleaded guilty to sexually abusing a 15-year-old girl in an after-school music program, according to the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office.  
(Posted April 2, 4:10 p.m.)

Stanford admit rate lowest in history

Stanford University accepted 2,040 students to its incoming class for Fall 2018 the undergraduate admissions office announced on Friday. The admission rate of 4.29 percent is the lowest in Stanford’s history.  
(Posted April 2, 5:25 a.m.)

Push to honor Fred Yamamoto continues

Palo Alto Fred Yamamoto, who fought and died in WWII, did not get a Palo Alto middle school named after him last week, but the movement to recognize his contributions to the community goes on. Over the weekend, a GoFundMe campaign was launched to raise money for one or more scholarships recognizing graduating high school seniors who “demonstrate civic leadership, inclusion and service reminiscent of Fred’s spirit,” according to the webpage.  
(Posted April 2, 9:07 a.m.)

‘Suspicious items’ prompt evacuation

Evacuations were called for at Stanford University’s Cordura Hall Monday morning due to “suspicious items” at the building later determined to be cans used for a research project, a Department of Public Safety spokesman said.  
(Posted April 2, 8:27 a.m.)
Virginia, or Gini, was born in Steubenville, Ohio. As a child she moved with her family to Pasadena as a teenager she even marched in the Rose Parade. She went on to earn a degree in International Studies from Stanford University, and joined the Chi Omega sorority. During World War II she volunteered for the Women’s Air Raid Defense, or WARD, and was stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii. There she met and wed the love of her life, Bill Tom Closs, a Marine lieutenant from Texas.

Returning from the war, Bill started playing professional basketball in the newly formed NBA, and Gini became adept at raising her young family while moving between Indiana, Philadelphia and Texas. Later they moved to California where Gini worked hand in hand with Bill to start their first business, a sporting goods distribution company. This led to a new chapter in their lives with international travel and new friendships when Bill became an Adidas distributor.

In retirement Gini and Bill spent much of the year at their home on Flathead Lake in Montana. As avid sports fans, they provided scholarships for numerous athletes at their alma maters, Stanford, and Rice University. They were cofounders of an innovative housing development for seniors in downtown Palo Alto, The Hamilton, where they happily spent their final years. Bill passed away in 2011 after 65 years of marriage.

Gini was a vibrant, beautiful and inspiring presence in our lives. She is survived by her daughters, Linda Hovis and Libby Hatfield, and her son William Closs. Her 9 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren will cherish their memories of their fun and supportive “Gigi.” Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to EPATT, the after school tennis and tutoring program held at Stanford.
The housing ‘overlap’

Innovative approach to encourage affordable housing projects should be approved

The Palo Alto City Council Monday night will consider whether to approve a new mechanism that would, for the first time, allow for the easing of some zoning requirements for housing projects designed exclusively for lower income individuals and families.

The so-called “affordable housing combining district” would provide the city flexibility to ease some development standards for 100-percent affordable housing projects in areas that are in existing commercial zones and close to public transit.

For example, the city would be able to allow a development to have a greater density of units by relaxing current lot coverage, open space, required floor and ground floor requirements.

The proposal maintains the city’s 50-foot height limit and requirements such as setbacks and daylight plane restrictions when a housing project is adjacent to low-density residential neighborhoods.

The council agreed to encourage 100-percent affordable housing developments instead of market-rate projects that have only a few units set aside at below-market rate comes to the city council from a divided Planning and Transportation Commission.

The commission was not supportive of the new overlay zone proposed by the staff and is instead recommending the council defer adopting it to allow for more study and outreach to both potential affordable-housing developers and the public.

Instead, for now, the commission recommended the council bring back the use of the highly controversial “planned community” (PC) zoning tool, which allows a developer to negotiate a specific project with city staff that allows for an easing of development requirements, such as density and parking requirements, for providing “public benefits” — in this case affordable housing.

The two alternative approaches — the staff-recommended overlay zone versus the planning commission’s proposed return of the PC tool — are sharply different in their intended outcomes, but the PC process was repeatedly abused and lost all credibility, so much so that the city council finally chose to stop using it in 2013. We see little benefit, or likelihood of success, in trying to resurrect and fix all the problems the PC zone created and finally passed over the weekend versus the planning commission’s proposed return for providing “public benefits.”

We need not worry about a sudden onslaught of proposals. The city council will consider, and since any specific project proposed under the new zone would be reviewed by the commission and the city council, we think there are adequate safeguards to protect affected neighbors and ensure public input.

City officials are anxious to move forward on an affordable housing strategy not only because of the acute shortage of units for lower-income residents and the need to meet our adopted and state-mandated housing goals, but because the nonprofit Palo Alto Housing is neither well prepared nor prepared to do a housing project on land it purchased at El Camino and Wilton Avenue, adjacent to the Ventura neighborhood.

It is exactly the type of housing project the city should be encouraging, and that rarely comes along because of the city’s high land costs. Thus it is the perfect test case for the new overlay zone.

With the new affordable housing zoning in place, that project, which currently proposes 61 affordable housing units and ground-floor retail, could ask, for example, for relief from the ground-floor retail requirement, thereby reducing parking requirements.

As we have urged previously, the city should have a laser focus on encouraging 100-percent affordable housing projects aimed at providing “public benefits” — in this case affordable housing.

In response to “Palo Alto narrows down options for rail redesign”

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In this week on Town Square

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Posted on March 22 at 12:49 p.m. by Gale Johnson, a resident of the Adobe Meadow neighborhood:

“Would the city please have us residents crossing data for each crossing? In chart/graph form showing numbers of crossings per day, every day, over at least a two month period, and even down to per hour during that period. It would help us understand the magnitude of the problem better I think, especially those commuters who have opined on the subject and offered solutions. Observers in the past have stated contradicting facts they might think differently. If Meadow is closed, where will that traffic flow? I would guess most of it to Charleston and a little to Oregon and San Antonio. Now that all the combinations have been considered, it’s most important to evaluate the impact/consequences of each of the candidate options. If the bike lobby has its way there will only be bike crossings and nothing for cars. Blowing $8 million on Ross is one thing, but blowing $1.5 billion on grade separation is another.”

In response to “Standing up for Fred”

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Posted on March 26, at 3:40 p.m. by Jerry Underdal, a resident of the Barron Park neighborhood:

“Allen and Mary Seid won the Avenidas Lifetimes of Achievement Award in 2015 for their many contributions to the community. They were leaders behind the formation of Asian-Amer-icans for Community Involvement (AACI) in the 1970s and promoted many projects and activities that brought Asian-Americans into the mainstream of civic life.”

In response to “Saudi crown prince to arrive in Silicon Valley today”

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Posted on April 2, at 10:33 p.m. by Arnold Ziffer, a resident of the Green Acres neighborhood:

“It is truly wonderful for the Crown Prince to enjoy the Four Seasons. East Palo Alto civic leaders have much to be proud of. Let us hope the giant IKEA sign doesn’t keep His Highness awake.”

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An $11.4 billion question: Can Proposition 13 ‘loophole’ be ‘corrected’?

by Jay Thorwaldson

Some 30 years ago California voters — stung by surging housing prices and inflation of the 1970s — approved Proposition 13, a state constitutional amendment that put a hard limit on property-tax increases. As with most strong medicines, there were side effects.

The severity of some of these side effects has prompted a new effort to amend California’s constitution to fix Prop. 13’s worst perceived defects. And some Palo Altans, not surprisingly, are in the middle of the effort.

The major purpose of Prop. 13 was to restrict increases in property taxes to 2 percent when a property sells or otherwise changes ownership and to cap property taxes at 1 percent of the property value.

Several things began to happen, either unforeseen or not publicized.

Overall, the primary burden of funding local schools and services began to shift from corporations and businesses to residential homeowners. That’s because commercial properties are less likely to turn over than homes and are thus more likely to enjoy the long-term benefits of Prop. 13.

But schools have been among the hardest hit, including the Palo Alto Unified School District, which faced a “tightly-described” crisis for its overall offerings and excellence.

When Prop. 13 was approved in 1978, school districts statewide immediately began budget-cutting, often starting with so-called non-essential programs such as art and music and even auto shop, along with some sports programs and support-staff positions.

The failure to struggle to sustain quality came to light vividly with a documentary describing the plight of California schools: “From First to Worst.” The Merrow Report film featured Michael Kirst, Stanford emeritus professor of education with a long history of involvement in national education policies and programs.

All of this led to the current effort to amend Prop. 13 and solve some of these issues. Former Palo Alto Mayor Nancy Shephard is one of those neck-deep in the close-the-loophole effort, known statewide as the “California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2018.”

She said her interest in Prop. 13 side effects on schools arose several years ago when she became involved in promoting district-wide school fundraising to help fill in the funding gaps caused by Prop. 13.

The effort is focusing on gathering enough signatures to get the amendment on the November ballot.

“I have been doing training for the signature campaign, now underway,” she reported in an email. “We are 35 percent collected. We need over $500,000 signatures, so seek to collect 900,000 for duplicates and bad voter info.”

Statewide, the initiative was submitted by the California League of Women Voters. It is endorsed by California State PTA.

A “policy brief” about the proposed amendment provides a summary:

The amendment “will periodically reassess commercial and industrial properties to full market value, while safeguarding homeowners, renters and agricultural land. It will provide tax relief to small businesses and full transparency for the public.”

“Will raise approximately $11.4 billion in statewide revenues from reassessment for 2019-2020, if fully implemented. A large share of the new revenues, or over $4.5 billion, will support K-12 schools and community colleges, with the balance allocated to local government (cities, counties, special districts)”

The brief also states the amendment would reassess “underutilized land in sprawling commercial strips, auto malls and under-assessed retail areas. In addition to strengthening local governments, it will also lead to far more efficient land use, including likely higher-density housing along commercial strips in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties and more intensive use of land currently held vacant or in low-level uses.”

Shepherd said local league and PTAs are on board with many members collecting signatures.

Shepherd said she took up the cause in 2014, when as mayor she received a call from an organization called Evolve California, which was involved in what was then known as the “Make it Fair Campaign” (to read her opinion piece that appeared in the Weekly in 2014, go to http://bit.ly/2H0u5L(U). I jumped on it and everyone was very supportive. (Then-Councilmember Larry Klein spoke long and forcefully about the ruin of California because of Prop. 13), she said.

Shepherd said she’s been told that Palo Alto residents feel the greatest impact of the proposed amendment because of the large amount of land owned or long-term leased by large corporations.

“I’d like to remind basic-aid school districts (such as Palo Alto) that new revenue is split 60 percent to governments, 40 percent to a state trust fund for education. She expects Palo Alto schools to get a fair share of those funds.

She noted that since 76 percent of current property-tax collection is from residential, which will not be changed with this act, only the 24 percent of commercial collections will be affected by the change.

Some who would otherwise support the initiative have expressed concern about funds going to a state trust fund before being disbursed back to local districts. So there’s a “trust” issue.

Opponents have so far kept a low profile, but some real opposition is likely to emerge if/when the initiative reaches the ballot, from the owners of the long-undervalued properties that will face substantial reassessments, to the tune of more than $1 billion.

Will the strong polling numbers supporting the change be enough? Stay tuned.

Former Weekly Editor Jay Thorwaldson can be emailed at jaytho@well.com.
James Michael Strong
July 7, 1955 – January 28, 2018
Jim, you made our lives better. Your playful sense of humor kept our hearts warm and light. Your gentle patience, humble integrity and unassuming manner strengthened us. And your calm, cool-headed approach to life’s obstacles inspired us. We will cherish you, keep your memory of your passion for gazing at full moons and distant stars, first as a child with toy planetariums and backyard telescopes, then as an adult exploring national parks with your cameras and helping NASA study the sun and moon. We marveled at the meticulous eye and careful planning you brought to photography, especially when you captured the awe in natural scenes like a full moon rising over Yosemite. And we treasure memories of your affection for the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, your perfect 60-minute gray and your appetite for repairing salvaged treasures.

The youngest of seven children, Jim Strong was born July 7, 1955, to June Conrow Strong and John Matthews Strong in Glen Ellyn, Ill. The family moved in 1959 to the Palo Alto home that was their base camp for 35 years. Jim shared many adventures with his close-knit family, including camping, stargazing, Scouting, target shooting, fishing and photography. With his brother John he built an electric train diorama, flew RC planes with their dad, staged battles involving toy soldiers and Lincoln Logs, and built countless model ships and planes—putting the ships out to sea in the family pool and hanging the planes airborne from their bedroom ceiling. Jim also loved playing for the Liddicoat’s Little League team as well as JV and varsity soccer at Palo Alto High School.

Jim received his BS in mechanical engineering in January 1978 from Notre Dame University, then worked briefly on the AV-8B Harrier as a flight-test engineer at McDonnell Douglas in St. Louis. After migrating to NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View at age 23, Jim served as test engineer/manager in nearly every wind tunnel at Ames. This included hydrodynamic testing of Space Shuttle insulation tiles and testing supersonic parachute deployments for the Mars Science Lab.

Jim transitioned from aeronautics testing to spacecraft operations in 2007, becoming a flight controller for NASA’s Lunar Crater Observation & Sensing Satellite. LCROSS conducted precision landing of the lander and ice on the lunar surface when it hit its lunar target in October 2009. Most recently, Jim was the Ames project and mission operations manager for NASA’s Interface Region Imaging Spectrograph satellite. IRIS observes the solar atmosphere to help explain what causes ejection of solar material—including coronal mass ejections that cause the space weather that can disrupt Earthbound electronics.

That Jim loved his career was evident to all those he mentored and worked with. He was approaching his 39th anniversary at Ames at the time of his death on January 28 during a fire in his Santa Clara home. He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his six siblings—Jean Hurle, Martha Strong, Frances Strong and husband Tom Williams, John Strong Jr., Barbara Mitchell and husband Fred Mitchell, and Mary Strong—along with eight nieces and nephews and many friends and colleagues who were looking forward to many more years of enjoying his presence in their lives.

A man who loved life, Jim would want us to feel happiness when we think of him. A celebration of his life was held March 7 at NASA Ames Research Center, where colleagues, friends and family shared their memories of Jim and his remarkable character. In memory of Jim, consider making a donation to a charity of your choice in Jim’s name, hugging a loved one or savoring the vast night sky.

Beverly S. Lawrence
Beverly Lawrence, 96, died of a heart attack on March 25.
She was born in Chicago in 1921. At age 11, she moved to Southern California. After graduating from UCLA with a degree in English literature and philosophy, she lived in Washington, D.C. before moving to Palo Alto in the 1950s.
She married her high school sweetheart, Manning Lee Lawrence, in 1946. The two were separated during World War II, during which time she served with the Red Cross. They reunited after the war.
She was an advocate for fair housing, having co-founded and served in various roles, including executive director of the Midpeninsula Citizens for Fair Housing.
In 1964, she walked precints in Palo Alto to oppose Proposition 14, which was later declared unconstitutional by the California Supreme Court for enabling racial discrimination in housing.
After the death of her husband, she moved her family to Switzerland, where she opened a restaurant in 1972.

Donald Victor Drury
October 22, 1927 – March 3, 2018
Donald V. Drury, a third-generation stained glass artist and former head of the Menlo College library, died at Stanford Hospital on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at the age of ninety.
Drury was born October 22, 1927, in Fulham, London, in an apartment adjacent to Glass House, his family’s place of business: a stained glass studio and workshop for independent artists. The company, Lowndes and Drury, was founded in 1897 by his grandfather, Alfred John Drury; Alfred designed and constructed the building in 1906. Don’s parents were John Victor and Mary Angus Drury; he was their only child. Mary, one of four sisters, had come to London from Edinburgh as a young woman.
Don grew up in London, but the family relocated to Hampton during the War, and Don spent some time safely in Scotland with relatives. In 1945, he won an open scholarship to Cambridge University and studied modern languages at Gonville & Caius College, graduating in 1949 with honors. During the 1950s, he spent a year in Vienna, studying for an advanced certificate in German, to qualify him to teach that language.
He entered the family firm, continuing his art studies at Twickenham School of Art in Middlesex. He also pursued studies in experimental stained glass at the Central School of Arts & Crafts in London, studying under Richard Herd, and artistic glassblowing at the Royal College of Art. He learned techniques including etching, plating, painting, staining, and faceted glass in concrete.
Don emigrated to the U.S. in 1957, to work with firms that were interested in new and experimental techniques. He first was employed with Cummings Studio in San Francisco and for five years with John Hogan Studios in San Jose. In 1962 he established his own studio on Mary St. in San Francisco. He created installations for several churches and other buildings in the Bay Area, including his Creation Series windows at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Berkeley (1964-68); clerestory windows in the Santa Rosa Public Library (1965-67) – an abstract panorama of Sonoma County from the ocean to the Sierras; and windows for the Christian Brothers retreat house chapel in St. Helena. His major work was St. Bartholomew’s Catholic Church in San Mateo, a truly impressive and inspiring structure whose glass walls were designed and constructed by Don and one assistant.
Don met his wife, the former Dorothy Perry; shortly after his arrival in the Bay Area; they married on November 25, 1959 and were devoted to each other until her death on November 20, 2003. Dorothy was a native of Calcutta, India, where her father was stationed with the Royal Scots Regiment. Thirteen years Don’s senior, she had a rich and fascinating life before meeting Don; to support his stained glass studio, she worked and earned her degree in English literature at San Francisco State in 1967.
Don began a second career after completing a degree in library science at UC Berkeley in 1972. He served as librarian at Menlo College for more than thirty years; he and Dorothy lived in a cottage on the school grounds until he retired in 1993. They then bought a home in Redwood City. After Dorothy’s death, Don moved to Channing House in Palo Alto, first to an apartment, and later to the skilled nursing area, after he fell and injured his back.
Don was musically gifted and sang with the Berkeley Chamber Singers in the 1960s. He joined a small, informal madrigal group in Palo Alto, and his fellow singers remember his beautiful, resonant bass voice. He was very knowledgeable about many styles of music and their interpretation, and those who sang with him learned a great deal from his kindly tutelage. Sadly, his hearing loss in later years precluded him from continuing to enjoy live concerts and recorded music.
Don and Dorothy had two children, Piers Lawrence (Chris Lawrence of Mourex, France; and Adam Lawrence (Tosca Lune) of Grass Valley. She also is survived by her grandchildren: his son Lawrence Samuel (Thaly Germain) of Brooklyn, New York; Mattias and Milena Lawrence-Samuel of Geneva, Switzerland; and Ismina Lawrence of Grass Valley; and her great-grandchild, Taïs Lune.
A private ceremony was held for him at Gordon Gate National Cemetery Tuesday.

Donald Victor Drury
or some, electronic music might call to mind raves and bass drops in the vein of Skrillex or Deadmau5, but an upcoming festival in Mountain View is setting out to prove there’s more variety in this genre than casual listeners might realize.

The nonprofit Community School of Music and Arts is hosting its inaugural Electronic Music Festival on April 13-15. This free, interactive event aims to celebrate the intersection of music and technology through a variety of multimedia.

The festival will feature performances from electronic musicians, hands-on workshops and demonstrations, as well as “Pulsefield,” an interactive art installation designed by Brent Towsnshed that tracks and maps the movement of up to 50 people with patterns of light, video and music.

Event organizers and musicians hope that the event, which is open to all ages, will expand attendees’ understanding of what electronic music is and can be. “For a lot of people, there’s this idea that all electronic music is house music or rave or techno. There’s another group that thinks it’s experimental, avant garde or academic,” Marcos Saenz, community relations manager at CSMA and one of the festival’s performers, said.

“...In addition to the music he records, which is influenced by jazz and incorporates traditional instruments, he also composes music for film and television. His song “Passage D” was featured in the popular 2006 Dove commercial, “Evolution,” and he creates scores for the Adler Planetarium films in Chicago, which he said are widely distributed to other planetariums across the country.

Among the festival offerings there will also be a controller exhibit hosted by Rich DDT and Moldover, the “Godfather of Controllerism.” Analogous to “turbtablism,” instead of using a turntable and a mixer to create music in real time, controllerism uses software and a controller to mix, modify or create music live.

Saenz explained that previously, if an artist wanted to modify or create music electronically, it had to be done with a limited set of equipment over time and likely in a studio. He, like many in the genre, credit Moldover with creating the necessary equipment to carry out this process during a live performance.

While the use of hardware and software is integral to the making and performing of electronic music, being tech savvy isn’t a necessary prerequisite to producing quality electronic music, according to some of the artists on the lineup.

“At this point the instruments are so excellent that you can do a lot without learning some more technical things,” said Moldover. Although he added that as in any other field, if an artist wants to learn about electronic music at a deep level, she or he should strive to gain some technical knowledge.

Other artists on the festival’s lineup include Bathing, Hard Ensemble, Daniel Berkman, the Paul Dresher/Joel Davel Duo and Polybius Ensemble. CSMA’s Mohr Gallery will also display artwork from photographer and visual artist Yanling He, a computer scientist and artist best known for her computational graphics art.

A panel discussion exploring electronic music and the future of music technology will feature Curtis Roads and John Chowning. Roads is professor of media arts and technology at the University of California, Santa Barbara and a leading researcher in granular synthesis, a method of breaking sounds into tiny grains and redistributing them to create new sounds. Chowning is a professor emeritus at Stanford University and inventor of FM synthesis, a type of synthesis that modifies a sound wave produced by an oscillator to create sound.

The festival is made possible by a $25,000 grant from Google and Inspire Mountain View, a nonprofit managed by the Los Altos Community Foundation. Inspire is sponsored by Google, LinkedIn, Symantec and Symopsys and funds projects and programs that make Mountain View a more compassionate and equitable community, and a better place to work and play,” according to its website. Grant applicants must be voted by the public to receive the award.

CSMA serves over 26,000 people, including students at more than 50 schools in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. Editorial Intern Marley Arechiga can be emailed at marechiga@paweekly.com.

Where: Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View.
Cost: Free, but attendees can register online. At press time, musician performances were sold out but the exhibition and activities were still open.
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Arts & Entertainment
Kronos Quartet and ‘The Green Fog’
Seminal string quartet pays tribute to the City by the Bay
by Yoshi Kato

Like Jimi Hendrix with the electric guitar and Jake Shimabukuro with the ukulele, Kronos Quartet has expanded the possibilities for its stringed instruments (two violins, a viola and a cello). The San Francisco-based musical institution continues to push boundaries with a program on Friday, April 6, at Stanford University’s Bing Concert Hall that’s toplined by the live scoring of the film “The Green Fog.”

Co-commissioned by the San Francisco Film Society and Stanford Live with support from Nion McEvoy, “The Green Fog” consists of clips assembled by Canadian auteur Guy Maddin and co-directors Evan Johnson and Galen Johnson from more than 200 films and television programs shot in the City by the Bay over the past seven decades and is an homage to Alfred Hitchcock’s classic, San Francisco-set “Vertigo.” Trombonist/bandleader/arranger Jacob Garchik wrote the score, which Kronos performs during a live screening of Maddin’s 63-minute film.

“It’s really interesting, because you feel like you’re walking into this history of the city,” said David Harrington, Kronos founder, artistic director and first violinist. “That’s one of the reasons why I thought Jacob should be the composer, because he grew up here. He would know all the spots. And he’s such a film buff, so it was just, like, ‘Well, maybe one day, in my wildest dreams, I’ll have a chance to work with them.’”

Two pieces from Kronos’ innovative “Fifty for the Future: The Kronos Learning Repertoire” are also on the April 6 concert docket. Tanya Tagaq, a throat singer and songwriter from Victoria Island, Canada, will perform two of her pieces with the quartet including “Sivunittinni” from the “Fifty” series. “Another Living Soul,” by Quebec-based electronic-leaning composer Nicole Lizée, is another of the Fifty for the Future works that Kronos will play.

“Fifty for the Future” was an idea that presented to Carnegie Hall, which became our lead partner,” Harrington said. “Since then, there have been partners all over the world. Musical festivals, concert halls, conservatories and universities, and individual partners such as Kronos have joined.”

The Kronos Learning Repertoire project also streams recordings of each work plus offers the original program notes and biographical information about the composer. As has been the case throughout Kronos’ 45-year existence, the work is drawn from around the world.

“And when it’s all done, there will be 25 very vivid and wonderful pieces by women composers and the same by men composers,” Harrington pointed out.

Another of Kronos’ radical missions has been to focus on 20th — and now 21st — century music. The group became famous for its recording of Hendrix’s “Purple Haze” and more recently performed a Garchik arrangement of The Who’s “Baba O’Reily.”

While he was conducting his phone interview, Harrington was headed over to Fantasy Studios to record “My Lai: A Monodrama” for tenor, string quartet and Vietnamese instruments by Jonathan Berger, a composer and professor in Stanford’s Department of Music.

“We’ve got all kinds of memories,” Harrington responded, when asked about Kronos’ history with the Who. “I think the very first time we ever played at Stanford was outdoors near the student union — Tressider. We were playing (composer George Crumb’s) very dark ‘Black Angels’ at noontime out there. That was great. We’ve since played in many of the different halls and various classrooms. And we’ve taught at some of the residence halls,” he added.

“We definitely are a Bay Area group — no question about it,” he said. “And so much of the work that we do is a direct result of living here and the many possibilities that exist locally.”

Freelance writer Yoshi Kato can be emailed at yoshiyoungblood@earthlink.net.

Where: Bing Concert Hall, 257 Luseum St., Stanford.
When: Friday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. (Pre-show talk with filmmaker Guy Maddin at 6:45 p.m.).
Cost: $15-$65.
Info: Go to live.stanford.edu/calendar/april-2018/kronos-quartet or call 650-724-2464.

Kronos Quartet will perform the score to the film “The Green Fog,” an homage to “Vertigo” and San Francisco.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Palo Alto City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the special meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. or as near thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, to consider adoption of an Ordinance amending Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) Chapter 18.40 (General Standards and Exceptions) of Title 18 (Zoning) to add a new Section imposing an Annual Office Limit and setting forth related regulations, and to repeal the respective regulations from Chapter 18.85 (Interim Zoning Ordinances). The proposed Ordinance will perpetuate the existing annual limit of 50,000 square feet of new Office/R&D Development per year with modifications regarding the review process, unallocated area rollover provisions, and exemptions. The Planning and Transportation Commission recommended approval of the Ordinance on February 14, 2018. This Ordinance is within the scope of the Comprehensive Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certified and adopted on November 13, 2017 by Council Resolution Number 9720. For more information, contact Clare Campbell at Clare.Campbell@CityofPaloAlto.Org.

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A family is forced to live in silence while hiding from creatures that hunt by sound in “A Quiet Place.”

There’s plenty in the new science-fiction thriller “A Quiet Place” that doesn’t hold up to scrutiny and even more that feels conspicuously derivative. But tell that to your pants as you pee them. Director John Krasinski takes a successful turn into horror territory with this third feature, thoughtfully crafted to work your last nerve.

Krasinski and his real-life wife, Emily Blunt, play Lee and Evelyn Abbott, parents to Regan (Millicent Simmonds of “Wonderstruck”), Marcus (Noah Jupe of “Wonder”) and Beau (Cade Woodward). Three months into what amounts to an alien invasion by giant, chittering, spindly blind beasts that hunt by sound, the Abbotts trudge barefoot through upstate New York. The family gathers supplies and inches hopefully away from danger, communicating only in American Sign Language and the lowest of whispers. But accidents will happen, and a year later, the Abbotts are doubly traumatized by what’s happened to their world.

The good news: They’ve established a farmhouse homestead, tracked out with certain defenses and a basement workshop turned command center. The bad news: Evelyn is pregnant and, thus, a ticking time bomb. Screenwriters Bryan Woods and Scott Beck and Krasinski take care to establish some interesting family dynamics, complicated by a weight of guilt and regret. A year on, the kids are more capable of grasping the enormity of their plight, but they’re still perfectly vulnerable, and still unskilled at compartmentalizing their emotions. Lee stressfully focuses on their protection as Evelyn tends to the children’s education, the family’s sanity and the life in her belly. All of this plays out with minimal dialogue and delicate sound — something that should put popcorn munchers on notice. The pin-drop tension of this much quiet and the mortal threat that comes with making a sound dramatize a life of repression and fear. On a couple of rare occasions, a character gets to sound a barbaric yawp, a rare privilege in the film’s new world order. Ultimately, “A Quiet Place” is a survival story, an artsy B-movie that lives on the precipice of silly.

Then, too, there’s the uncomforatable reality that a law-suit is almost certainly about to drop over the distinct similarities between the screenplay and Tim Lebbon’s novel “The Silence” (recently filmed but not yet released) and, before you even get there, some obvious comparisons to M. Night Shyamalan’s “Signs” and TV’s “The Walking Dead.” But in the moment of the movie, these thoughts recede as quickly as they arrive. Krasinski keeps the narrative tight and involving, played on the actors’ enormously expressive faces (none more so than the director’s own). In getting the job done like a high-tension family fright film, “A Quiet Place” doesn’t tiptoe.

Rated PG-13 for terror and some bloody images. One hour, 30 minutes.

— Peter Canavese
For 64-year-old water polo player Leslie Platshon, finding other teams in her age group to compete against is a rare opportunity that only comes around twice a year — the USA Water Polo Masters’ Nationals and the upcoming Bay Area Senior Games held across Santa Clara, San Mateo and Alameda counties.

Platshon, who lives in Menlo Park, decided to take up the sport after decades of watching her three sons play water polo. Eleven years ago, she formed the Menlo Mavens, which currently practices twice a week at Menlo Park’s Burgess pool.

“We were mostly older women and most of us had watched our kids but never had the opportunity to play,” Platshon recalled. “We were the oldest now,” said Platshon. “We have a core group of the older women still with it, but we’ve added a lot of young people. The tricky thing is to find other teams (in the older age groups).”

Platshon is among the 1,750 athletes ages 50 and over expected to compete at this year’s 12th Annual Senior Games coming up April 14 through May 27.

The games, first held in 2006 as test events for the 2009 Summer National Senior Games, draw experienced senior athletes as well as novices. This year’s event will feature 18 competitions in various sports, including five that will be held in Palo Alto — lawn bowling, pickleball, soccer, swimming and volleyball.

The goal of the Senior Games is to show senior athletes meet their match at regional sporting competition

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the benefits of an active, competitive lifestyle, said organizer Anne Warner Cribbs, a longtime Palo Alto resident and a 1960 Olympic gold medalist swimmer, who has organized the Bay Area Senior Games — including the 2009 Summer National Senior Games — for more than a decade.

“The one thing about senior athletes is their enthusiasm, and zest and camaraderie,” she said. “It’s invigorating and also inspirational. Some people have lost something new, too.” Because of the metal in her leg, McCartney said power walking — in which one foot is always on the ground — is less pounding than running, and “I can still go fast.”

Among the youngest and new-est athletes competing this year will be 50-year-old swimmer Bret McMillan of Mountain View, who said that until two years ago he was not athletic at all.

“I was doing nothing — I wasn’t swimming, I wasn’t working out, I wasn’t doing anything,” McMillan said. “I was wanting to get healthier and more active but I hadn’t done anything in years. I’d joined gyms before, but always quit.”

In February 2016 McMillan joined another gym, finally making it stick by adding a personal trainer.

“This time it worked and by March, I wasn’t just lifting weights but I also was swimming in their pool,” he said. “A friend’s mention of the upcoming Escape from Alcatraz annual swim planted a seed, and McMillan set out to practice open-water swimming with a rented wetsuit in Santa Cruz.

“It was cold and it scared me to death. I swam to the buoy and back and it wasn’t that far but it seemed like forever. But I was hooked and it was exhilarating,” he said.

Power walkers, from left, Georgi Laberge and Janet Thomas walk around the Sequoia High School track during their workout on April 2. The women meet once a week, usually power walking about 2 miles, as they practice for the 1500-meter race at the 2018 Bay Area Senior Games.

McMillan completed the 1.5-mile swim that following August and two more open-water swims later that year. In 2017, he competed in eight open-water swims and four pool-based swim meets. In 2018, he’s signed up for 18 swims, 12 of them in open water.

“What I was shooting for was really to get healthier,” he said. Now, McMillan swims four days a week and works out in the gym the other three.

Menlo Park resident Brooks Esser, who has competed in multiple sports — track and field, road racing, triathlon, golf and cycling — is now on the board of the California Senior Games, which oversees all Senior Games competitions conducted in California.

Currently, he said, about 8,000 athletes participate in eight regional senior games competitions throughout California, from the Napa wine country and the Bay Area down to Pasadena and San Diego.

“We’re looking to expand the sponsorship and work with local governments to grow the games,” Esser said.

In recent years, participation in the pickleball competition, which will be held at Mitchell Park May 5-6, has seen among the biggest jumps at the Senior Games. At last year’s competition held in Palo Alto, 147 pickleball players competed, and that number is expected to grow to 160 or 175 this year, said coordinator Tom Foldare.

“This year there are 2,8 million pickleball players in the United States, up 18 percent over last year, so it’s really in big growth,” Foldare said.

Online registration for the 2018 Bay Area Senior Games is now open for all sports. Find out more about how to compete or volunteer at the games at 650-323-9400 or bayareaseniorgames.org.

About the cover: Water polo player Elaine McElroy, center, goes up to block Peppy Propo’s shot for the goal during a practice game with the Menlo Mavens at Burgess Pool in Menlo Park.

Water polo player Gigi Swan tries to recover the ball for a pass through tough defense during a practice game with the Menlo Mavens — which includes players from 20 to 64 years old — at Burgess Pool in Menlo Park. Swan and others will be competing in the 2018 Bay Area Senior Games.
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**April 11**

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Movie: “I, Tonya”
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**April 19**

Workshop: An Introduction to iPad Art
10-11am, Avenidas @ CCC. Bring your own iPad. Pre-registration requested. Call 650-289-5400. Free.

**April 20**

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**April 26**

Presentation: “What is Sourcewise?”
1:30 -2:30pm, Avenidas @ CCC. Call 650-289-5400 to register.

**April 26**

Presentation: “Homegoing” by Yaa Gyasi, 2:30-4pm, Avenidas @ CCC. Drop-in, free.

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Living Well

Senior Focus

SAUDI WOMEN ... Bregte van der Haak, one of the first Westerners granted permission to film the lives of Saudi women, profiles seven of them in her 2006 documentary “Saudi Solutions.” to be shown at 3 p.m. on Monday, April 9, at Channing House, 850 Webster St., Palo Alto. Van der Haak explores with the women — all professionals — what it means to be a modern woman in a fundamentalist Islamic society. The event is free.

IPAD ART Working artist and instructor Caroline Mustard of Mobile Art Academy will present “An Introduction to iPad Art” at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, at Avenidas at Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Building I, Palo Alto. Participants should bring their own iPads and Mustard will help them use the free app, Paper 53, to create their own portable canvases and sketch books. The event is free. To register, go to Avenidas.org.

SERVICES FOR SENIORS ... Topics including Meals on Wheels, health insurance counseling, senior employment, care management and more will be discussed by community resource specialist Rene Ramsay of Sourcewise, a 45-year-old Santa Clara County nonprofit. The event will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, at Avenidas at Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Building I, Palo Alto. To register, go to avenidas.org.

E.T., ARE YOU THERE? ... Astronomer Seth Shostak will present a talk titled “When Will We Find E.T. and What Happens If We Do?” on Tuesday, May 1, at 1 p.m. in Room E-104 of the Ohman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Shostak is senior astronomer at the SETI Institute (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence), a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to “explore, understand and explain the origin, nature and prevalence of life in the universe.” Shostak has co-authored a college textbook on astrobiology, written nearly 300 articles on science and gives dozens of talks annually. For more information, contact Michelle Rosengaust at mrosengaust@palaltojcc.org or 650-223-8616.

NEW HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ... Three health care providers will clarify the differences between hospitalists, palliative-care providers and hospice providers in a panel discussion Thursday, May 3, at 3 p.m. at Avenidas at Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Building I, Palo Alto. Although these medical specialties have existed for more than a decade, many patients are unfamiliar with exactly what they do and when they should be consulted. Panelists will be Palo Alto Medical Foundation hospitalist physician Elizabeth Arias; Mission Hospice and Health Care Medical Director Maureen Dudgeon and Mission Hospice and Health Care Outreach Nurse Christine Ritzo. To register, go to avenidas.org.

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

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Inventory slowly increasing in Palo Alto

by Xin Jiang

Home prices in Palo Alto have been on the rise so far in 2018. Last year, median home prices hit an all-time high of $2.7 million, with tight supply and strong demand being the main drivers. The median home price for Palo Alto has already reached $3.1 million as of the end of March.

It literally takes $3 million to get into Palo Alto these days. Even homes sold around $3 million are not exactly move-in ready — buyers pay mostly for the “dirt” and will likely spend tens of thousands of dollars just to bring those homes up to today’s building codes.

Supply, or the number of new listings, has actually increased on a year-on-year basis. There were 139 new listings in Palo Alto as of the end of March, a 16-percent increase from the same period last year. Less rain and a very “hot” market at the end of last year motivated sellers not to wait until after the Super Bowl to put their homes on the market.

In spite of a few more available homes on the market, the increased supply failed to ease competition among buyers. Bidding wars for homes listed below $3 million have become a norm. These homes are generally selling for about 16 percent higher than their listing prices, which in some cases means more than just a few hundred thousand dollars.

One old home on a 6,000-plus-square-foot lot in Old Palo Alto, listed at $2,908,000, attracted 13 offers, and was sold for $3.5 million over original asking price. Another 1,400-square-foot South Palo Alto home couldn’t sell in 2015 with a list price of $2,088,000. In February 2018, the home went back on the market for $2,298,000, received 10 offers and was sold for over $3 million. The average length of time homes are on the market before they are sold (also called “days on market” in real estate lingo) is shortening to 12 days this year, versus 16 days last year.

Another interesting fact this year is that there has been an increasing number of all-cash purchases. Among 52 homes sold in Palo Alto through the Multiple Listing System, nearly half (25) closed escrow within 15 days, most likely without the involvement of lenders. For the same period last year, cash transactions only represented 30 percent of total homes sold. Intensifying bidding wars have driven more buyers with financial resources to compete not only on price but also on terms like delivering funds more quickly to make their offers more compelling.

Where is the market heading toward the rest of 2018? There’s a fairly high probability that home prices may start coming down after a very long, almost 9-year “super cycle.” However, we do see many conflicting facts at the start of this high spring home-selling season.

One factor that’s likely to put pressure on home prices is rising mortgage rates. In the short term, rising rates make buyers feel more urgency, and lead to more aggressive offering prices. In the long term, higher mortgage-interest rates will raise concerns about affordability, and put downward pressure on home prices. For instance, a typical young family purchasing a $3 million home in Palo Alto borrows $2 million. When a 5-year adjustable mortgage rate increases by 50 basis points, or from 3.125 percent to 3.625 percent, the family’s monthly mortgage payment will increase from about $8,800 to $9,400, or by $600. This may impact the monthly cash flow of many double-income young families.

On the other hand, the solid tech economy will continue to support high home values in Palo Alto. As long as local high-tech companies keep hiring, young engineer families will continue to move from other parts of the nation to join the buyer pool in Silicon Valley. Furthermore, despite several downward bumps of the stock market so far this year, we are still at record highs. Tech startups both locally and from abroad are lining up in the initial-public-offering pipeline this year, and new IPOs will generate more millionaires who come to seek the best they can afford in Palo Alto.

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In the

**HOLLAND FAMILY 1995, L.L.C.**

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Established by: ROBERT W. AND MARGARITA HOLLAND, Deceased.

Case No.: ID-19-000029

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (PROBATE Code 4020, 4021)

DATE OF DEATH: 04/17/19

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingents of the above-named decedentes (who is/are) against John B. Holland, also known as B. John Holland, and thereafter referred to as “Deceased,” are requested to file a petition with the Santa Clara County Superior Court, at 191 N. First Street, San Jose, California, within 4 months of the date of publication of notice of death, or if mailed to the person or persons last known to the Court to have had notice of the same and to settle with the personal representative appointed by the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, in said Court, of the estate of the above-named decedentes, which estate has been probated in said Court and is located at 266 West San Carlos Street, San Jose, California, 95113.

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The Petition for Probate requests that: THE HOLLAND FAMILY 1995, L.L.C. BE APPOINTED AS TRUSTEE.

Answers to this week’s puzzles, which can be found on page 48.
STANFORD BASEBALL

Sacred Heart Prep grad Andrew Daschbach ranks among the top 10 of the Pac-12 in home runs, RBI and slugging percentage. Stanford opens a three-game conference series at UCLA on Friday night.

Daschbach on a roll with the Cardinal

Sacred Heart Prep grad has hit five home runs, leads the team in several categories

by Rick Eymer

Andrew Daschbach led Sacred Heart Prep to the Central Coast Section baseball championship in 2015. He’s playing like he wants to repeat that experience at Stanford at a higher level.

Daschbach, one of three players who have started all 25 games thus far, looks comfortable in his role as a middle of the order type hitter.

The second-ranked Cardinal (22-3, 5-1) hopes he can continue his breakout season when it opens its first Pac-12 road series of the year at UCLA (17-7, 6-3) with a 6 p.m. first pitch Friday night at Jackie Robinson Stadium.

Daschbach currently ranks among the top 10 of the Pac-12 in slugging percentage (.548), RBI (24) and home runs (5). That’s despite a recent slump in which he went 4-for-24 with three RBIs and one double.

Tuesday, in a 16-8 victory over Santa Clara, Daschbach recorded career highs with three hits and four RBIs, which includes his team-leading fifth home run.

Daschbach has not gone more than two games without an RBI or a hit thus far and has handled his switch to first base seamlessly.

He’s made one error in 154 chances (.994). He’s not alone. Freshman Tim Tawa, who normally starts the second game of a series, ranks sixth with an .096 ERA.

Opponents are hitting just .150 off Bubic, who leads the team with 30 starts, 16 extra-base hits to Daschbach’s 11. Tawa and Nico Hoerner share the team lead with 30 hits and 22 runs driven in. Tawa, who is hitting .323, has a seven-game hitting snapped against the Broncos, though he did drive in a run.

Expect runs to be at a premium this weekend as Stanford pitchers are ranked second in the nation with a 2.21 ERA. UCLA is ranked fourth at 2.37.

Stanford enters the weekend atop the Pac-12 in ERA (2.21), opposing batting average (.200) and saves (12). Kris Bubic (5-0 in six starts), who normally starts the second game of a series, ranks sixth with an .096 ERA.

OF LOCAL NOTE

Villa heading for International Swimming Hall of Fame

The Stanford grad appeared in four Olympics, was a three time All-American

by Rick Eymer

Four-time Olympian medalist Brenda Villa, who coaches the water polo team at Castilleja, forged a path for women of all ages to follow in creating opportunities in the sport of water polo.

On May 19, she’ll be inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, a well-deserved honor. There can be no mention of women’s water polo without mentioning Villa, who furthered the advancement of the sport through hard work and sheer will.

Villa began playing at Stanford in 2001, just as the NCAA began sponsoring the postseason tournament. She played with the boys on her high school team because a girls program did not exist at the time.

Villa took a leadership role from the start and was an integral part of both Stanford’s rise to prominence and Team USA’s development into a world power.

With the USA national team program, she has been a member of 19 championship competitions on the International stage, culminating with the gold medal at the 2012 London Olympics.

Stanford grad Brenda Villa was named to the USA’s development into a world power.

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PREP BASEBALL

SH Prep, M-A on the rise
Both teams among the top of their divisions
by Glenn Reeves

Dominic Cacchione is just one of several quality pitchers on the staff and that has helped Sacred Heart rise to the top of the Peninsula Athletic League’s Bay Division. The Gators (11-3, 3-0) are participating in Bellarmine’s Cunningham Easter Tournament. They are scheduled to play Seattle Prep at 2 p.m. Friday in their final game of the tournament.

Cacchione, one of three players in their fourth year on the varsity, hopes to recreate the success of its last Central Coast Section championship when he, Angelo Tonas and Eric DeBrine were freshmen and SHP topped Carmel to win the title.

The Gators had their struggles last year but have dumped it in the closest garbage can and have their sights set squarely on winning a PAL title before thinking about the CCS title. Cacchione, Tonas and Nathaniel Flessli, who lead a talented and deep pitching staff, gives SH Prep a viable chance to compete.

“It’s not just Angelo or Nathaniel or myself, it’s guys like Henry Marshall, Reece Lindquist, Jack FitzSimons, Parker Isaacson and others who can pitch.”

It’s a versatile staff, as four different pitchers have won a game and four different pitchers have earned a save.

Over the past four games, Tonas, Flessli, Cacchione and Lindquist have combined to allow 11 hits and three earned runs in 27 innings, which equates into an 0.78 ERA.

The Gators have allowed more than four runs in a game once all year, in a 10-1 loss to Serra. On Wednesday, Tonas gave up a walk and a single to the first two batters he faced.

No pitcher just get the next guy to hit into a triple play.

That’s exactly what happened. Monte Vista Christian No. 3 hitter Jacob Blank hit a leadoff single to first base that Matthew Jackson gloved just above the ground.

Jackson stepped on the bag for the second out then, noticing the lead runner was standing on third, threw to second for the third out.

Tonas went on to pitch a one-hitter except for a leadoff error in the fifth inning. He allowed eight strikeouts and Sacred Heart Preparatory defeated Monte Vista Christian 3-0 at Bellarmine in the Cunningham Easter Tournament. It was another example of why SHP is off to an 11-3 start this season and is in first place in the PAL Bay Division. This is a team that is living on pitching and defense.

Tonas, a 5-foot-10, 150-pound lefty, is certainly not your prototype power pitcher. But he pitched like one against MVC.

“He knows how to pitch,” SHP coach Anthony Granato said. “He changes speeds, moves the ball around.”

“I’m not a big power guy,” Tonas said. “The first time through the order I like throwing my fastball, then on the second time through use more breaking balls.”

After getting that triple play in the first inning Tonas, who has committed to play college baseball at Georgetown, struck out the next five batters he faced.

He was sailing along, not having allowed a base runner since the first inning, when he momentarily lost command and walked three batters in a row with one out in the fifth. But he righted himself and struck out the next two batters to get out of the inning unscathed.

“(Granato) came out and gave me a talk,” Tonas said. “He told me I was looking different in the stretch. He regrouped me. I took a deep breath, hit my spots and got out of it.”

The Gators got a run in the fourth to break up a scoreless game. Jackson led off with a single and Jack Donnelly beat out his sacrifice bunt attempt for another single. Reece Lindquist hit a one-out single to left to load the bases. Jackson scored on a two-out error by the MVC shortstop.

SHP added two more runs in the fifth. Eric DeBrine led off with a pinch-hit single. Yianni Gardner’s grounder in the hole was bobbled by the MVC shortstop on a play that could have been scored either a hit or an error.

Jackson laid down a bunt that the MVC pitcher threw down the left-field line in an ill-advised attempt to get the runner at third, and both runners scored.

Lindquist related Tonas to beginning the seventh inning and retired the side in order for the save.

**Menlo-Atherton**

Menlo-Atherton is also enjoying a solid start and finds itself in first place in the PAL Ocean Division.

Menlo-Atherton and Woodside went into Tuesday’s game tied for first place at 4-0. Then the game played out just like a couple of teams tied for first place were going at it, as competitive and tightly-contested as you could ask for.

M-A got two runs in the bottom of the sixth to come from behind and take a 4-3 lead. Woodside tied it back up with a run in the top of the seventh. But then M-A refused to allow the game to go to extra innings, scoring a one-out run when James Sullivan singled home Anthony Waller in the bottom of the seventh to give the Bears a 5-4 victory at Bettencourt Field.

“That was just an all-around great baseball game,” Woodside coach Tim Faulkner said. “Thursday will be the same thing.”

Menlo-Atherton was scheduled to travel to Woodside for the second game of the series Thursday.

After Woodside scored a run in the first and M-A tied it in the second, the Wildcats took a 3-1 lead in the fourth. Max Moreno and Jordan Anagnostou started it off with back-to-back singles. Moreno scored on a one-out single by Owen Crevelt. Anagnostou on a sacrifice fly hit by Cameron Vaughan.

M-A (6-5, 5-0) scored a run in the fifth on Waller’s bases-loaded walk and then scored two in the sixth to take the lead. Cade Galles got the inning started by drawing a walk. Tommy Eisenstat laid down a perfect bunt. Joseph King, who had just moved from catcher to pitcher at the start of the inning, fielded the bunt and tried to throw out Eisenstat at first. His throw went down the right-field line and Galles came all the way around to score to tie the game.

Eisenstat went to third on a wild (continued on page 53)
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**Sports**

**PREP REPORT**

**M-A’s Anderson wins two events**

by Rick Eymer

N ick Anderson won two events during Menlo-Atherton’s track and field dual meet with host Sequoia on Wednesday, including setting a personal best in winning the 100 meters in 11.35.

The Bears lost the boys meet, 83-72-55 1/2 and lost the girls meet, 75-61. None of it seemed normal though. Not after going through a lockdown on the M-A campus earlier in the afternoon.

“The lockdown had a large impact on many of the students, parents, teachers, and our track and field team,” M-A track and field coach Alan Perry wrote in an e-mail. “The decision to still compete was an attempt to return to our normal routine and have all members of the M-A Track and Field community have a chance to distract themselves from the events with an activity they enjoy. I’m extremely proud of how our athletes responded to the physical, emotional, and mental challenges of the day.”

Noah Ngalu won the shot put and discus and Cole Mediratta won the 1.600 meters for the Bears. Ngalu went 42-4 in the shot put and 132-7 in the discus. Mediratta ran 4:38.76 in the 1.600.

Anderson’s 15.27 in the 110 hurdles, nearly a second slower than the PR he set at last week-end’s Stanford Invitational. ran 14.68 during the preliminaries of the 110 hurdles, which is the second-fastest time in the Central Coast Section this year.

On the girls side, Menlo-Atherton swept the 100 meters but without Jessica Eagle, who raced 12.31 in the prelims of the event at Stanford, also the second-fastest time in the CCS. She ran 12.35 in the finals. Teammate Maggie Hall went 12.77 in the prelims.

Against Sequoia, freshman Malia Latu won in 13.15, followed by Auryniary Hardy at 13.31 and Brooke Olsen at 13.43.

Eagle did run, and won, the 200 in 26.76. She was followed, in order, by Hardy (27.0), Lati (27.07)

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**Brenda Villa**

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2001-03, Villa scored 173 goals and was a three-time first team All-America selection and the 2001 National Player of the Year.

An integral part of Stanford’s first national championship team in 2002, Villa was named the Pete J. Cutino Award winner as the nation’s top collegiate women’s water polo player.

A four-time Olympian and two-time Olympic captain, Villa earned gold at the 2012 London Olympics, silver at the 2008 Beijing and 2000 Sydney Games and bronze in the 2004 Athens Games.

A member of the U.S. Senior National Team from 1996-2012, Villa also boasts three FINA World Championships gold medals, five FINA World League Super Final titles and another three Pan American Championships golds.

Villa was voted both the FINA Female Water Polo Player of the Decade (2000-10) and the Pac-12 Player of the Century.
pitch and scored the go-ahead run on another perfect bunt, a squeeze bunt laid down toward first base by Tyler Nelson.

Along with one by Andrew Salinas that loaded the bases in the fifth, it was the third picture-perfect bunt executed by M-A in the game.

“It’s something we worked on,” M-A coach David Klein said. “We haven’t been that good hitting with runners in scoring position. This game called for it.”

Bunt defense will be on the agenda at Woodside’s practice on Wednesday.

“Bunt coverages will be in the practice plan for tomorrow,” Faulkner said. “It costs us three times today.”

M-A brought in Tommy Eisenstat to relieve Jake Albio to start the seventh inning. After a strikeout to start the inning Tash Jordan worked him for a walk. King blasted a double down the left-field line to put runners on second third. Moreno’s liner to second was knocked down, but not caught in the air. Moreno was thrown out at first with Jordan scoring to tie it, 4-4.

Waller led off the bottom of the seventh and drew his third walk of the game. He went to second on another perfect bunt, a squeeze pitch and scored the go-ahead run on Sullivan’s single to first.

Woodside (10-5, 4-1) had just fallen out of a tie for first place at 2-2, but Faulkner wasn’t upset.

“That was just a fantastic baseball game,” he said. “I can’t complain at all. This is such a good group to coach.”

Vaughan pitched the first five innings for Woodside, allowing three hits, and went 2 for 2 at the plate. Right fielder Daniel Heinmili, who is being heavily recruited as a football linebacker, had two hits for the Bears.

“He’s just a super athlete,” Klein said. “He can fall out of bed and hit .300 in this league.”

M-A started the season 1-5 in non-league play, but the record was misleading as the Bears played two WCAL teams and four PAL Bay teams and weren’t blown out in any of those games, losing three games by one run, one by two runs and one by three runs.

“We want to be in the Bay, but we’re in the Ocean, so I tried to book the most demanding non-league schedule possible,” Klein said. “It really prepared us for our league.”

Menlo scored all the runs it would need in the sixth inning, including a three-run double by Justin Nam, en route to a 7-6 PAL Bay Division victory over visiting Sequoia on Wednesday. Sam Wesoloh also drove in two runs in an extra-inning loss to Gunn.

**Honorable mention**

- Jessica Eagle Menlo-Atherton track and field
- Andrea Garcia-Mila Gunn lacrosse
- Sophie Lenz Castilleja softball
- Karen Li Palo Alto track and field
- Kyra Pretre Menlo track and field
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- Andrei Volgin Menlo tennis
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**CITY OF PALO ALTO**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Palo Alto City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the special meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. or as near thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, to consider, adoption of an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018 Municipal Fee Schedule to adjust the Community Services Department Fees to change the golf services fees to reflect new costs and improvements. The Fees and all related backup documentation will be available for public inspection at the Community Services Department, 1305 Midfield Road, Palo Alto, CA, 10 days before the Public Hearing.

BETH D. MINOR
City Clerk

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**Sports**

**Prep baseball**

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**Prep baseball**

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Modifications to the voter-approved program require a public hearing. Two changes are currently proposed.

**Nitrate Treatment System Rebate Program**

The proposed modification is for Project A2, Key Performance Indicator (KPI) #3, the Nitrate Treatment System Rebate Program (Nitrate Rebate Program). The Nitrate Rebate Program provides funds to reimburse private well users for the costs of installing a nitrate treatment system to improve water quality and safety.

The proposed modification will reduce the maximum program funding to align with the demand for the Nitrate Rebate Program. This reduced program funding level includes the funds spent to date to develop, administer and advertise the program, along with an annual amount of $4,000 prospectively, which will be used for rebates through the project's completion date of 2023. This will help ensure continued assistance for well users that want to take advantage of this opportunity to reduce nitrate levels in their drinking water. The remaining funds would be reallocated to another project within the Safe, Clean Water Program.

**Proposed modification to Key Performance Indicator #3:**

Reduce number of private well water users exposed to nitrate above drinking water standards by awarding 100% of eligible rebate requests for the installation of nitrate removal systems; up to $30,000 for all rebates.

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**Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection (Coyote Creek to Dorel Drive – San José)**

The proposed modification is for Project E4, the Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection Project. The primary objective of the project is to reduce the risk of flooding to homes, schools, businesses and highways in the Upper Penitencia Creek Watershed located in San José.

The proposed modification would reduce the scope of the Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection Project to the planning phase only through FY19, and would reallocate the remaining funds to complete flood risk reduction along 9 miles of Coyote Creek, from Montague Expressway to Tully Road. The proposed modification would address the urgent demand for flood risk reduction along Coyote Creek. Completing the planning phase for the Upper Penitencia Creek Flood Protection Project would position the District to be able to pursue additional funding for design and construction in the future as grant opportunities and other funding sources may become available.

**Proposed modification to the Key Performance Indicators:**

1. Complete a planning study report for a flood protection project to provide up to 1% flood protection to 9,000 homes, businesses and public buildings.

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**For more information**

The board agenda memo regarding this hearing will be available on March 30, 2018 at www.valleywater.org. For more information on the public hearing, contact Jessica Collins at jcollins@valleywater.org or (408) 630-2200.
and Olesen (27.19), M-A’s Maile Coberly won the 100 hurdles in 12.35.

The M-A girls also won both relays. The 4x100 relay team of Olesen, Eagle, Latu and Hand ran 49.35, faster than the 49.76 the team ran in the prelims of the Stanford Invitational, a considerable achievement.

The 4x400 relay team of Dina Kibrom, Sara Österberg, Lena Kaléthios and Astar Dibrom was a bit slower in 4:27.08, as compared to the 4:16.70 run at Stanford.

Also at Stanford, the Palo Alto girls placed 19th in the 4x400 relay with a time of 4:07.13.

Menlo School’s girls distance medley relay team of sophomore Kyra Pretre, sophomore Charlotte Tomkinson, junior Lauren Hamilton and freshman Maria Castagna placed fourth in the event at the Stanford Invitational on Friday in a school record time of 12:35.20.

Menlo-Atherton (13:10.84) was 15th and Castagna (13:47.77) was 18th in the event.

The Palo Alto boys team of Henry Saul, Reed Foster, Brian Kagiiri and Sam Craig placed seventh in the distance medley relay, running a school record 10:25.64.

Menlo-Atherton was eighth in 10:36.51.

Pretre ran 10th overall in the 800 with a time of 2:19.64, off her personal best by a few seconds.

Castella’s Lauren Traum ran 2:21.20.

Castella’s Moorea Mitchell placed 12th in the discus with a throw of 103-1 and Menlo’s Alena Chan was 17th overall in the 100 hurdles with a 15.53, just off her best.

Palo Alto’s Sam Craig was 17th overall in the 1,600 meters with a time of 4:23.55. Craig ranked eighth in the CCS with a previous best of 4:21.25. M-A’s Luke Scandlyn raced 4:30.05 to finish 21st overall.

Gunn’s Jared Freeman was 17th overall with a 43.6-12 in the shot put while Palo’s Reed Foster placed 17th in the 800 with a 1:59.95, off his previous best of 1:54.09, which is the second fastest in the CCS.

The Menlo-Atherton boys were 16th overall in the 4x400 relay, racing 3:29.48.

Boys tennis

The Menlo-Atherton boys tennis team survived a lockdown on campus and then withstood everything host Carlmont could throw at it in an earning important 4-3, Peninsula Athletic League Bay Division match Wednesday.

It was exactly five years ago to the day that the Scots beat M-A to end the Bears’ school record 55-match league winning streak.

Two of the seven matches went to three sets. The first one went to Carlmont, tying the match at 3-3.

All eyes were turned to the No. 1 doubles contest between M-A’s

Menlo’s Charlotte Tomkinson takes the baton from Kyra Pretre in the distance medley relay.

Zach Ostrow and Maximuk Lukic and Carlmont’s Chris Chou and Naye Yeo. The Scots won the first set 6-3 but Ostrow and Lukic bravely fought through a tense second set to prevail 7-6 (4).

M-A’s No. 3 doubles team of Griffin Voss and Kyle Conrad took care of their counterparts, 6-2, 6-0.

No. 3 singles Jeffrey Jorgensen had a relatively easy time of it, winning 6-1, 6-3, and Jake Andrew never took his foot off the pedal in a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 4 singles.

Cole Hagerman and Carlmont’s Milad Shataei each took turns winning by a 6-2 margin. Shataei got a break point in the third set to win it 6-4.

As it turned out, Ostrow and Lukic’s second-set victory put momentum solidly on M-A’s side and the M-A duo went on to win the third set, 6-0.

What did the victory mean for Menlo-Atherton? The Bears have the inside track at winning their 10th consecutive league title. They also extended their current PAL winning streak to 71 matches, having not lost a league contest since that match five years ago.

Carlmont lost its first PAL match and heads into the final two weeks of the regular season with a 10-1 mark.

M-A still has four matches to play, including another trip to Carlmont, weather permitting, on Friday at 4 p.m. The Bears are scheduled to play at Woodside at 3:45 p.m. Thursday.

Menlo-Atherton, 136-1 in the PAL since the final three matches of the 2008 season, lost a combined two points during league play through its first nine matches.

Boys golf

Menlo bounced back from its only loss to top Harker, 198-202, on a wind-blown day and playing the tricky Cinnabar Hills Golf Course.

Ben Hsieh and Seth Pope led Menlo, each shooting a 1-over 37.

“It’s a great feeling to finally beat Harker, especially since they haven’t lost a league match in over three years,” Hsieh said. “Our team had a really good mindset and we stayed composed throughout the match. John (Weingart) was great. He had a tough start but kept battling to shoot a good score.”

Birdied the first and last holes and hit 7 of 9 greens in his round.

“The greens were playing tough but we adjusted well,” Pope said. “We focused on playing the course and not our opponent.”

## City of Palo Alto

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Palo Alto City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the special meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. or as near thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, to consider, adoption of an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2018 Municipal Fee Schedule to adjust the Department of Public Works User Fees to add an application fee and a permit fee for the tobacco retailer permit program (PAMC Chapter 4.64). The Fees and all related backdated documentation will be available for public inspection at the Public Works Department, 250 Hamilton Avenue, 6th floor, Palo Alto, CA, 10 days before the Public Hearing.

**BETH D. MINOR**

City Clerk

## PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL

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### AGENDA—SPECIAL MEETING—COUNCIL CHAMBERS

April 9, 2018 AT 5:00 PM

Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY-POTENTIAL LITIGATION, Subject: Noise and Other Impacts Arising From Management of Aircraft in the Northern California Airspace Authority; Potential Initiation of Litigation Under Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

Special Orders of the Day

2. Proclamation Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Friends of the Palo Alto Library

Consent Calendar

4. Approval of a Budget Amendment to the Electric and Fiber Optics Funds for the Upgrade Downtown Project, Increasing the Electric Communications System Improvements Budget by $1,000,000 and Decreasing the Fiber Optics Network System Improvements Budget by $1,070,202

5. Approval of $2.5 Million Grant From the Community Center Impact Fee Fund to Avenidas for the Cost of Rehabilitation and Expansion of the City Owned Building Located at 450 Bryant Street; and Approval of a Budget Amendment in the Community Center Impact Fee Fund

6. SECOND READING: Adoption of two Ordinances: the First Amending Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) Chapter 2.20 (Planning and Transportation Commission) of Title 2; Chapter 10.64 (Bicycles, Roller Skates and Coasters) of Title 10; and Chapters 15.04 (Definitions), 15.10 (Low-Density Residential (RE, R-2 and RMD)), 15.12 RP-1 Single-Family Residential District), 18.15 (Residential Density Bonus), 18.16 (Neighborhood, Community, and Service Commercial (CC, CS) Districts), 18.26 (Special Purpose (PF, OS and AC) Districts), 18.30(G) (Combing Districts), 18.40 (General Standards and Exceptions), 18.42 (Standards for Special Uses), 18.52 (Parking and Loading Requirements), 18.54 (Parking Facility Design Standards), 18.76 (Permits and Approvals), 18.77 (Processing of Permits and Approvals), and 18.80 (Amendments to Zoning Map and Zoning Regulations) of Title 18; and Chapters 21.12 (Tentative Maps and Preliminary Parcel Maps) and 21.32 (Conditional Exceptions) of Title 21; and the Second Amending Chapter 10.04 (Definitions) and Chapter 10.64 (Bicycles, Roller Skates and Coasters) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) to Prohibit use of Bicycles and Similar Vehicles on Certain Sidewalks and Undercrossings and Establish Speed Limits on Shared-use Paths When Others are Present. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Exempt Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (FIRST READING: March 19, 2018 PASSED: 6-0, Kress, Kon, Tanaka, Wolfbass absent)

## Action Items

7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Palo Alto Municipal Code Title 18 (Zoning) to add a new Chapter 18.30QJ (Affordable Housing Combining District) to Promote the Development of 100 Percent Affordable Housing Projects Located Within one-half Mile of a Major Transit Stop or one-quarter Mile of a High-quality Transit Corridor by Providing Flexible Development Standards and Modifying the Uses Allowed in the Commercial Districts and Subdistricts. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This Ordinance is Within the Scope of the Comprehensive Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Certified and Adopted on November 13, 2017 by Council Resolution Numbers 9720 and 9721. The Planning & Transportation Commission Suggested an Alternative and did not Recommend Adoption of the Ordinance at Their Meeting on March 14, 2018

8. Policy and Services Committee and Staff Recommendations on Next Steps Related to Airplane Noise
Portola Valley | 4/4 | $6,800,000
360 Golden Oak
Elegant 4700 sq ft residence on spectacular grounds > 1 acre w/ pool, lush gardens & incredible views of the valley, Bay & Beyond. Excellent Schools.
Ginny Kavanaugh 650.400.8076
gkavanaugh@cbnorcal.com | KavanaughGroup.com
CalBRE #00884747

Menlo Park | 4/3.5 | $3,595,000
Sun 1:30 - 4:30
302 Leland Ave
Picture Perfect designer Cape Cod in heart of West MP. Bright, light & extensively remodeled, just minutes to Stanford University & acclaimed Las Lomitas scs.
Erika Demma 650.740.2970
edemma@cbnorcal.com
CalBRE #01230766

Skyline Area | 3/2 | $1,175,000
Pending
223 Blakewood Way
Charming log cabin surrounded by redwoods. Fantastic walk to Alice’s location offers both sun and shade. PV schools! 223BlakewoodWay.com
Kim Hansen 650.324.4456
kim.hansen@cbnorcal.com
CalBRE #01927728

Woodside | 5/5.5 | $8,900,000
135 Farm Rd
Classic estate situated on 4+ acres features sprawling 5-bedroom, 5.5-bath residence with equestrian facilities, pool and tennis court - 135Farm.com
Ginny Kavanaugh 650.400.8076
gkavanaugh@cbnorcal.com | KavanaughGroup.com
CalBRE #00884747

Central Woodside | 4/4.5 | $7,995,000
Sun 1:30 - 4:30
3970 Woodside Rd
Beautiful Home with flawless details situated on 2 private, serene tranquil acres bordering Wunderlich Park. Highly acclaimed Woodside Schools!
Erika Demma 650.740.2970
edemma@cbnorcal.com
CalBRE #01230766

Portola Valley | 5/5.5 | $2,300,000
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30
135 Russell Ave
Stunning View! Open, modern home with valley & mountain views. All usable sunny .22 acre. Close to hiking trails and Town Center’s library, playing fields & tennis courts.
Jean Isaacson 650.851.2666
jisaacson@cbnorcal.com
CalBRE #00542342

Skyline Area | 3/2 | $1,175,000
Pending
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