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Eric Filseth uses ‘State of the City’ speech to criticize Senate Bill 50, explain pension problem
by Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto Mayor Eric Filseth used his “State of the City” address on Tuesday to launch a scathing critique of Sacramento lawmakers’ efforts to address California’s housing crisis and to make a case for Filseth’s legislative efforts to limit local zoning powers, with his history developments to build a case against Senate Bill 50 (SB 50), a proposal by state Sen. Scott Wiener to encourage more housing construction by restricting cities’ power to reject residential developments near jobs and transit.

For an example of success, Filseth pointed to Mountain View’s Precise Plan, which includes 3.5 million square feet of office space and 9,850 units of housing.

Filseth lauded the plan, which was negotiated between the City Council and Google, as a rare project that creates jobs without making the housing shortage worse. He contrasted that with Cupertino’s development at the Vallco Mall site, which includes 1.5 million square feet of office space.

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LAND USE

New homes, parks eyed for Ventura

City Council prepares to tackle new ‘coordinated area plan’ for central neighborhood
by Gennady Sheyner

For Palo Alto’s elected leaders, the eclectic Ventura neighborhood doesn’t just represent a prime opportunity to add hundreds of apartments, condominiums and other much-needed housing.

It also represents a new way to plan — one that involves more dialogue between residents and property owners, more public meetings, greater city staff involvement and less fealty to established zoning patterns.

If successful, the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan could transform a 60-acre section of Ventura, creating residential complexes, park space and retail as well as improving transportation.

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BUSINESS

Tesla pulls the plug on showrooms

Palo Alto-based automaker to focus on online sales
by Linda Taaffe

Those looking to test drive a brand new Tesla may have to buy the car first. The Palo Alto-based electric automaker announced last week that it plans to shut down its showrooms and shift sales to online only as part of the company’s strategy to cut costs so it can offer its newly launched mid-range Model 3 version for $35,000.

Tesla currently has 378 showrooms worldwide, including two in Palo Alto, where potential buyers can test drive the company’s electric cars or at least get an up-close look at new models. After the showrooms close, potential car owners will likely have to purchase a vehicle online before they can take one for a drive, according to the company’s website.

“A test drive prior to purchase isn’t needed. You can now return a car within seven days or 1,000 miles for a full refund. Quite literally, you could buy a Tesla, drive several hundred miles for a weekend road trip with friends and then return it for free,” the company’s website states.

Tesla will be winding down many of its showrooms over the next few months, with a small number of those in high-traffic locations remaining as galleries, showcases and Tesla information centers, according to the company’s website.

A Tesla spokesperson could not comment on whether the

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STANDING TALL... Palo Alto resident Christine Blasey Ford, who has become known for going public with her sexual-assault allegations against now-Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, has been selected as the 24th Assembly District’s Woman of the Year, state Assemblyman Marc Berman’s office said on Monday.

Ford, 52, a psychology professor at Palo Alto University, was picked for her “remarkable act of courage” in testifying about her claims before the Senate Judiciary Committee in late September. “Dr. Ford exhibited strength and dignity under the most extraordinary conditions, and in telling her truth, she paved the way for countless other survivors to tell their own,” Berman said in a statement. Ford is currently not teaching classes at the university, but is continuing to conduct biostatistics research and work with doctoral students. “I’m very grateful to Assemblymember Berman for this recognition, particularly his understanding that fulfilling my civic duty came at a personal cost to my family,” Ford said in a statement provided by Berman’s office. She will receive the award at a private event later this month, according to the assemblyman.

CONSULTATIONS... it’s no secret that Palo Alto is struggling to fill the gaping holes in its leadership ranks, with the current list of vacancies including fire chief, chief financial officer, assistant city manager and chief transportation official. Some of these positions are now filled on an interim basis; others aren’t filled at all. This week, the City Council took a step to address the leadership challenges at City Hall when it approved $450,000 in contracts with four different consulting firms: Blueprint Planning, Bovo-Tiche, Management Partners and Municipal Resource Group (MRG). Under the three-year contracts, the consultants will be charged with helping the city implement organizational change, provide leadership training and help develop a performance-management system at City Hall. A report from the Utilities Department cites retiring baby boomers and a “highly competitive job market” as reasons for the multitude of vacancies, both in Palo Alto and in other cities. The City Council approved the contracts on its consent calendar, with no discussion or dissent. But Councilmember Shikada, who was absent, registered his concerns in a letter to City Manager Ed Shikada, in which he questioned the need for the consultants. In his response, Shikada wrote that the city’s 18 departments “are in need of organizational development professional services to maintain and enhance service deliveries, implement continuous improvement programs and operate effective team works.” In addition to these four contracts, the council approved adding $100,000 to the city’s separate $300,000 contract with MRG to help Human Resources manage “fugitive and complex personnel matters.” And the March 4 approvals came just one week after the City Council agreed to hand over management of the Office of the City Auditor to the consulting firm, Management Partners, while the city weighs long-term organizational changes to the small office.

BORN TO SAIL... Stan Honey of Palo Alto has gained recognition for his accomplished journeys as a member of various sailing voyages and series of voyages that exemplify the objectives of the Club,” the organization announced on Wednesday. Honey has 22 sailing records under his belt as either a navigator or single-handed skipper. In 2010, he was a navigator on the trimaran Groupama 3 that set a record for the world’s fastest global circumnavigation at 48 days, seven days and 45 minutes. Honey holds 30 patents in navigation and graphics and has won an Emmy for technology that was in the 2013 America’s Cup. 

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
Eric Filsht, Palo Alto Mayor, on his opposition to SB 50. See story page 5.
Even with higher revenues, Palo Alto plans for budget cuts

City Council prepares to trim costs in order to fund pension obligations

by Gennady Sheyner

CITY FINANCES

Despite growing employee salaries, rising pension costs and general uncertainty over the broader economy, Palo Alto leaders are feeling increasingly chipper when it comes to the city’s financial health, thanks to a plan that shows strong growth in taxes.

The city’s budget team is predicting years of steady and comfortable growth, with small budget gaps in the next few years gradually giving way to healthy revenue surpluses thereafter.

That, at least, is the projection in the city’s Long-Range Financial Forecast, a document that aims to achieve an admittedly impossible goal: predicting the city’s budget picture for the next decade. And if the document is to be believed, the picture is mostly rosy, thanks in large part to the city’s strong revenue- and sales-tax revenues.

But in approving the document by a 6-0 vote on Monday night, staff and members of the council were not quite so certain. The council will revisit some of these assumptions in the coming months, as it begins to put together the budget for fiscal year 2020, which begins July 1.

The new forecast is intended to be the first step in the budget-setting process. Interim Chief Financial Officer Kylie Nose told the council during the Monday discussion. The document, she told the council, provides the city “with a very high-level overview of where we’re at and where we’re going” to help inform the council’s future policy decisions.

The council also reflects the decisions that the council has already made. For the first time, the forecast assumes a lower rate of returns (or “discount rate”) for pension investments than the rate used by CalPERS, the giant state-wide fund that administers Palo Alto’s pensions. The forecast assumes a 6.2 percent discount rate for CalPERS, a rate that was recommended by a CalPERS consultant in 2016 but that is lower than the 7 percent used by CalPERS.

The lower discount rate in the forecast is the result of the council’s overwhelming trust and directing staff to cut $4 million from the budget, changes that will likely spark difficult decisions before the council’s budget adoption in June.

Mayor Eric Filsen, who has long championed the more conservative assumptions on pensions, argued on Monday that while the council’s new position creates some tricky short-term budget challenges, it is likely that the city’s costs will continue to rise in the long-term stability for employees. “People shouldn’t lose sight of the fact of what we’re buying by doing this,” Filsen said. “What this means is that going forward, our future employee pensions in the city will be fully funded. .. If we’re not doing this, we’re not fully funding future pensions and you’re still piling on big debt. But our pensions will be fully funded, and that’s why we’re doing this.”

The council’s task of budgeting for a smaller discount rate is made somewhat easier by strong revenue figures. The new forecast shows property taxes rising every year between now and 2029. Venture Coordinated Area Plan

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region (Mountain View’s recently adopted North Bayshore Precise Plan is a prominent example), Palo Alto’s record with this zoning tool is at best mixed. The city used area planning in the early 2000s to re- imagine a nine-block section south of downtown, adopting the “South of Forest Area (SOFA) Coordinated Area Plan in two phases. Spurred by the relocation of the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, the plan resulted in the creation of 160 housing units, about 30,000 square feet of retail and office space and the creation of Heritage Park.

Other efforts to adopt new visions for the city’s future have fizzled. The council approved in 2012 a “concept area plan” for the East Meadow Circle and the South Bay area, which aimed to encourage commercial development (that plan, much like the goal it strove for, has largely been abandoned by the council).

City planners also spent several years developing a concept area plan for the California Avenue area, which called for (among other things) the creation of a “technology corridor overlay” zone on Park Avenue to attract more tech firms, policies to encourage more mixed-use developments and the addition of a new hotel. The council ultimately agreed in 2012 not to adopt that plan.

Now, the council is hoping for a better result in Ventura. Several current council members have lauded area plans as a great tool for both addressing the regional housing shortage and for enhancing local neighborhoods. Vice Mayor Adrian Fine has been a major supporter of such plans and Mayor Eric Filseth highlighted the North Bayshore plan in Mountain View in his “State of the City” speech as a rare and great example of the city and a major employer (Google) committed to craft a proposal that includes a significant amount of housing (9,000 units) along with 3.5 million square feet of commercial space.

Councilman Tom DuBois went as far as to propose last month that the council make Ventura one of its top priorities for 2019, though the council stopped short of adopting his proposal.

Palo Alto’s recently adopted Comprehensive Plan also includes a policy urging coordinated area plans for parts of the city where “significant change is foreseeable.” Comprehensive Plan programs call for use of this planning tool to create a new vision for downtown as well as North Ventura.

The Ventura plan is focusing on a 60-acre area bounded by Page Mill Road, El Camino Real, Lambert Avenue and the Caltrain tracks. A new report from the Department of Planning and Community Environment calls the site “a rare opportunity within the City to plan proactively.”

Housing will also be a major focus, with the site of Fry’s Electronics on its list of major residential complexes. The report calls the Fry’s area “one of the city’s largest housing opportunity sites.”

With the broader community has yet to truly get involved in the exercise, area stakeholders and members of the 14-member North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan Working Group have already indicated what they’d like to see in the future. In a Working Group report, a popular proposition, though it met with some resistance at the most recent meeting on Feb. 5 said they would like to see the city focus on affordable housing or, at the very least, to have a mix of market- and below-market-rate units.

More than 70 percent of the participants in the meeting also said they would support ignoring the city’s 50-foot height limit in order to encourage housing construction, though 21 percent said they would not.

Attracting new housing construction will have to overcome steep economic barriers, however. City consultants Perkins+Will, in meetings with Ventura property owners, residents and housing advocates, found that the owners of the Fry’s site are looking for “significantly denser” housing to be in the plan — which would make residential development economically more on par with office space, which fetches higher rates. Staff for the landowner, The Solbrato Organization, also discussed with the city’s consultants a scenario in which “stack parking” would be introduced just north of Fry’s, opening up the southern parking lot for residents. In this case, Portage Avenue would separate the residents and the landowner.

Residents, for their part, have been calling for more green space, retail shops and pedestrian amenities. The idea of refurbishing the concrete Matadero Creek to create a new walking trail and enhancing the natural habitat also proved popular, both at stakeholder meetings and at the Feb. 5 community meeting, where it emerged as the most popular recreational amenity.

Some residents have also proposed widening sidewalks on Park Boulevard and prohibiting cars from the neighborhood streets within the area. The idea of restricting car access came out of the context of parking set- ting with Ventura residents David Adams, DiHuyen Ho, Linnea Wickstrom and Waldeck Kaczmarcki, an aggro that access to new developments should be “limited to emergency access and commercial delivery.” Otherwise, it was agreed, residents should only enter and exit the neighborhood from El Camino Real and Oregon Expressway.

Most of the 35 people who attended the Feb. 5 meeting on the Ventura plan shared those sentiments, with just 12 percent saying they would like to see improvements that create “more connections for pedestrians, bikes and cars.” By contrast, 69 percent supported improvements that create “more connections for pedestrians and bikes, but not cars,” according to real-time polls conducted at the meeting.

Adams and Ho, who reside on Olive Avenue, also urged the city to make sure that greenspace on what is now the Fry’s property is accessible to both those former occupants and to nearby residents. Adams and Ho, who have written a “stress” type development with buildings around the outside and community greenspace in the middle, said，“If it is not going to be the general public,” Adams and Ho wrote in a letter to the city.

After Monday’s council meetings, city staff and consultants will hold two more Working Group meetings before putting together the draft plan over the summer and fall months. If things go as planned, the council would adopt the new document at the end of this year or in early 2020. The Working Group meetings will hold two more Working Group meetings before putting together the draft plan over the summer and fall months. If things go as planned, the council would adopt the new document at the end of this year or in early 2020.
The mayor of Menlo Park has floated an idea with major implications for the Ravenswood City School District: that the Sequoia Union High School District could absorb the struggling K-8 district and create a K-12 system.

Ravenswood is in the midst of leadership upheaval, with the school board placing a controversial superintendent on paid leave last week, and is facing difficult questions about declining enrollment, fiscal stability and the expansion of a district charter school. Ravenswood serves about 2,390 primarily low-income and minority students in East Palo Alto and east Menlo Park.

Menlo Park Mayor Ray Mueller made his suggestion during a discussion of upcoming City Council study sessions on Tuesday night. The council agreed to dedicate a June 18 session to discussing equity in local education more broadly, including this suggestion and other topics.

“It seems that for years the residents of Ravenswood have been an issue, and it may be that perhaps a K-12 district with Sequoia’s resources might be able to address that and also provide some stability” to Ravenswood, Mueller said.

Tamara Sobomehin, president of the Ravenswood Board of Education, was unaware of the suggestion that Sequoia absorb Ravenswood until Mueller stated it publicly.

“It’s unfortunate that we have to hear from a public announcement that a proposal of this magnitude has been made without inclusion and consideration of current leadership representatives from our board and district,” Sobomehin said Wednesday afternoon.

Sequoia Union Superintendent Mary Streshly also said she was not in a position to comment because “our district has not been contacted by the city of Menlo Park.”

By Wednesday evening, Mueller had connected with Sobomehin and invited her and Sequoia representatives to participate in the June study session, he said. He is also setting up a meeting with Ravenswood’s acting superintendent, Gina Sudaria.

This is not Mueller’s first proposal related to the Ravenswood school district. During his time on the council, he has suggested installing electronic billboards on public land to generate revenue for the district (this did not move forward) and pursued working with other local jurisdictions to create a joint powers authority that could increase funding for the district. The latter proposal is not off the table and will be considered at the council’s June study session, Mueller said.

Some residents of Menlo Park’s Belle Haven neighborhood have pressed officials in recent years to transfer their two neighborhood schools, Belle Haven Elementary and Willow Oaks Elementary, from Ravenswood to the Menlo Park City School District (MPCSD).

Ravenswood Superintendent Gloria Hernandez-Goff, who is currently on administrative leave, did not mince words about this at the time, calling any attempt to remove Menlo Park schools from the Ravenswood district a “power grab” with the “sole purpose of increasing Menlo Park property values.”

Given that Ravenswood feeds into Sequoia Union’s high schools, Mueller said it is more equitable and sensible for Sequoia — even as a high school district — to absorb all of Ravenswood’s elementary and middle schools, rather than for the Menlo Park district to do so. Menlo Park serves just under 3,000 students at four schools.

Sequoia serves nearly 10,000 students at four comprehensive high schools (Carlmont, Menlo-Atherton, Sequoia and Woodside), one charter school (East Palo Alto Academy), one continuation high school (Redwood High School) and other programs. The district is also the sponsoring agency for two independent charter high schools in Redwood City. Park Treadway, public information officer for the Menlo Park school district, said that no current district staff or board members have been involved in any discussions with the city regarding Ravenswood, though district affiliates may have been in the past.

“MPCSD does remain open to participating in any and all conversations regarding the future of education in our area, including the potential value of district consolidation,” Treadway wrote in an email. “At this time, we are not actively working with our peer districts to make that happen, yet remain open to participation in the discussion.”

Menlo Park Vice Mayor Cecilia Taylor said Tuesday that the city should involve in any discussions representatives from Belle Haven and Willow Oaks schools as well stakeholders from LifeMoves, a Menlo Park nonprofit that provides services to Ravenswood families facing homelessness.

Between now and June, city staff will be reaching out to stakeholders and gathering information for the City Council to consider at the study session, Mueller said.

Sobomehin said that “any decisions about Ravenswood’s future will be a community conversation that we drive. I encourage others to join our efforts and help support the definitive steps we are taking to ensure our students’ success.”

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TALK ABOUT IT

Give your opinion on Mueller’s idea, and read others’, on Town Square, the community discussion forum at PaloAltoOn-line.com/squares.

EDUCATION
Mayor suggests Sequoia Union absorb Ravenswood school district

Menlo council to study idea for K-12 district in June

by Elena Kadvany

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Report: Heavy drinking persists at Stanford, despite university efforts

Survey shows most ‘high risk’ behaviors among freshmen increased since 2011-12
by Elena Kadavany

F or most of the last decade, at least one Stanford University student on average has gone to the emergency room every week due to alcohol poisoning, an alcohol-related injury or both. This statistic, sparking concern among administrators about the impact of drinking “at levels well beyond normal recreational use,” was released last week as part of what will become an annual report on undergraduate alcohol use.

The report “shows that despite numerous efforts to reduce the harmful impact of alcohol in our community, the problem has persisted,” Vice Provost for Student Affairs Sasie Brubaker-Cole wrote in a message to students. Her message followed an announcement in January about a new focus on the issue at Stanford.

The report draws on six years of anonymous alcohol use data, administered to freshmen at Stanford before they started classes in August and again between September and December of each school year. In 2014-15 school year was missing, however, because a “different educational platform” was used that year, according to the report.

In addition to the emergency-room statistic, the survey also found an alarming rise in what Stanford describes as “high-risk drinking behaviors” among freshmen, including pre-gaming and choosing a drink with more alcohol, both of which went up by more than 10 percent since 2011-12. Students also reported taking shots and chugging alcohol.

In her message to students, Brubaker-Cole also highlighted a concern about binge drinking, defined in the survey as five or more drinks in a row within a two-hour period for men and four or more drinks for women.

Binge drinking increased slightly in recent years, from 27 percent in 2011-12 to 30 percent in 2016-17 and 31 percent in 2017-18. At the same time, the proportion of students who had engaged in binge drinking multiple times, as opposed to once, decreased from 17 percent in 2016-17 to 15 percent last year, according to the report.

Brubaker-Cole told students that what feels like an accepted norm in college could actually be harmful for their cognitive abilities.

“On one hand, we know this occurs in college. On the other hand, all of you are working so hard to grow as individuals and prepare for your future. Consuming four drinks in a sitting for women, and five for men, on a regular basis compromises those efforts and could have long-term impacts,” she wrote.

Overall, student alcohol use has gone up slightly from 2012-13 — 44 percent of freshmen last year who responded to the survey said that they had consumed alcohol in the prior two weeks, compared to 51 percent in 2011. This peaked at 57 percent in the 2013-14 school year.

Female students reported drinking at slightly higher rates than male students over the last three years — in the two weeks prior to taking the survey, 53 percent of women reported drinking compared to 46 percent of men in 2017-18, according to the report.

Unsurprisingly, most students’ alcohol use takes place in campus residences, according to the survey results. The second most common place where students reported drinking was fraternities and sororities — which peaked at 25 percent in 2015-16 — followed by athletic events and off-campus residences (which also peaked in 2015-16, at 11 percent).

Students were also asked about their reasons for consuming alcohol. The top four reasons, according to the survey results, are to have a good time with friends, to celebrate, to feel connected to the people and to get drunk.

Students were also asked about whether they had been sexually assaulted or had sexually assaulted another person while drinking in the past two weeks. The report notes that there was too little data included to provide transparency but “it is critical that alcohol use and sexual violence are not conflated in ways that blame victims.”

The number of students who said they had been taken advantage of sexually has remained relatively steady the last two years, following a two peak years of 14 percent from 2012 to 2014. Just over 9 percent of respondents (71 students) reported they had been taken advantage of sexually in conjunction with alcohol last year.

About 3 percent of respondents said they took advantage of another person sexually while drinking the last two years. That percentage peaked in 2012-13, when almost 10 percent of respondents said that.

Brubaker-Cole said that reinvigorating Stanford’s “limited” on-campus social scene, which could be contributing to higher levels of alcohol consumption, is a priority for her office. She has engaged with more than 20 students to discuss ideas for this, including a proposal to create a student-run space designated for social gatherings and events, such as trivia nights. Students have also proposed bringing new social options to the Row (Stanford’s fraternity and sorority houses), including using Mayfield Avenue at night for block parties or to host food trucks.

Cardinal Nights, which provides alcohol-free social programming at Stanford, has seen a 24 percent increase in participation over the last three years, according to the report.

A working group composed of students, faculty and staff is also studying student alcohol use and will soon seek input from students, Brubaker-Cole said. ■ Staff Writer Elena Kadavany can be emailed at ekadavany@paweekly.com.

Survey: More Stanford frosh are ‘pregaming’
‘Pregaming’ is drinking or getting drunk prior to going out and socializing

Vice Mayor Adrian Fine said. “That’s because we’re being more realistic about it.”

For Councilman Tom DuBois, the new document in some ways isn’t realistic enough, particularly when it comes to labor costs. He pointed to the forecast’s assumption that the city’s expenditures will go up only slightly (between 1 percent and 2.5 percent) every year between 2022 and 2029. That, he noted, clashes with the city’s recent history and near future, which is based on recently adopted employee contracts (the projected 9.1 percent growth in expenses in 2020 is largely thanks to growing labor costs).

DuBois recommended basing growth in the future years on recent trends (which show significant increases to employee compensations), rather than an expectation of slow and steady growth. Others, however, argued that the forecast is inherently imprecise, particularly when it comes to the distant years, and that its predictions don’t need to be as specific as DuBois had hoped they would be.

Councilwoman Liz Kniss recalled the global recession that began in September 2008 and that surprised just about every elected leader (she was a Santa Clara County supervisor at the time). An event like that, she said, can quickly upend all city, county and state assumptions about the economy.

“If it’s really hard to predict,” Kniss said. “We’ve been in a very long bull market and one has to wonder how long will this go on and have we become sort of comfortable with what we’re currently dealing with? Are we going to be ready when something hits?” ■ Staff Writer Gennady Sheyner can be emailed at gsheyner@paweekly.com.
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space, 485,000 square feet of retail and 2,923 units of housing. That development, he noted, was approved despite the council’s initial opposition — thanks to Senate Bill 35, a Wiener-authored bill that creates a streamlining process for multifamily housing developments.

Filseth argued that amount of housing in the valley development is insufficient to meet the job growth, worsening the area’s housing shortage by 2,000 to 3,000 units. It’s hard to argue, he said, that such a project is good for Cupertino.

“If you are a person who believes that the right way to solve the region’s housing crisis is to turn control over to Sacramento, then this case provides a counter-example,” Filseth said.

The speech, which Filseth delivered to more than 100 residents and city employees packed into the Mitchell Park Community Center, was a remarkable departure from typical “State of the City” addresses, which tend to be high on ceremony, platitudes and anecdotes and low on pie charts, bar graphs and economic theories. As per custom, Filseth recapped the council’s 2018 accomplishments — including new contracts for the animal shelter and Rinconada Pool, progress on a new public-safety building and approval of the Palo Alto’s first affordable-housing development in seven years — and briefly touched on the council’s four priorities for 2019: transportation, grade separation, climate change and long-term financial sustainability.

He cited the city’s programs to reduce traffic congestion, including the progress of the Palo Alto Transportation Management Association (a nonprofit charged with reducing traffic); mentioned recent efforts to encourage electric vehicle use; and, in talking about separating the roads from the rail corridor, acknowledged that a citywide tunnel for the Caltrain tracks is probably not going to happen.

“It’s still conceivable to do a citywide tunnel, but the problem is it’s very expensive and it’s not clear where the money would come from,” Filseth said.

As the council’s leading proponent of pension reform, Filseth also delved into the council’s recent decision to change its assumptions about CalPERS investment returns. The shift from an anticipated rate of return of 7 percent to 6.2 percent, which is embedded in the city’s new budget, is requiring the city to budget more for pensions in the short term. But Filseth noted that it is also making the city’s pension system more stable. Palo Alto, he said, is the only city in the state that is using the lower rate, which is based on an estimate from CalPERS consultants.

“What this means is that you as an employee, if you come to work for us in Palo Alto ... your pension will be fully secure. Your pension will be fully secure. You go to any other city in the state? I don’t know,” Filseth said, shrugging.

The bulk of his speech, however, was devoted to housing, which is no longer an official council priority but which remains a topic of widespread community concern (the most recent National Citizen Survey showed only 23 percent of the residents giving the city a high grade when it comes to “housing”; only “traffic” scored worse on the list of problem areas). He framed the state’s housing crisis in terms of economics: Building housing is expensive, he said. Building affordable housing even more so.

Sacramento efforts like SB 50, which override local zoning powers, don’t address the economics of building affordable housing and “don’t really fix the process,” which encourages development of commercial space (and its more lucrative rents) over residential, Filseth said. Though he highlighted the council’s recent approval of the 59-unit Wilton Court development on El Camino Real, which is comprised entirely of below-market-rate housing, he noted that the project required a $10 million contribution from the city and effectively depleted the city’s affordable-housing fund.

The best that efforts like SB 50 can do, Filseth argued, is “extend the existing process for a few more turns” by creating a small amount of market-rate housing.

A better approach, he argued, is to require tech companies like Google and Apple to build housing in conjunction with office growth. This could mean requiring companies to build a unit of housing for every job (or two jobs) and to build a school for every 1,000 jobs. Filseth also advocated raising the affordable-housing impact fee from the current level of $30 for every square foot of commercial development — a proposal that has in the past divided the council.

Filseth noted that in the past year, the top 150 companies in Silicon Valley have reaped $934 billion in sales and suggested that they can do far more to assist to the communities that depend on to house their workers. He framed the difference between his view and that espoused by proponents of SB 50 as a clash of two hypotheses: One that sees “local zoning in the suburbs” as the biggest culprit in the housing shortage and another one that places blame in the region’s “underinvestment in core infrastructure.” He said he leans toward the latter.

“It’s very hard to find examples of industry in the West where...
tities were brought down by city councils in suburbs,” Filseth said. “However, it replete with titans who are brought down by the distraction on short-term results on slowness to invest in the core infrastructure that supports the foundation of their business.”

Even as he bashed SB 50, Filseth lauded Gov. Gavin Newsom’s proposed “Marshall Plan” for affordable housing, which calls for investment in housing by both the state and by large corporations. Newsom also supports penalties (in the form of withheld transportation funding) for cities that fail to meet their housing obligations.

Not everyone agreed with Filseth’s critique of SB-50 and other Sacramento efforts to curb local zoning powers. Vice Chair Adrian Fine, who supports the Wiener bill, said it’s perfectly possible to believe in both hypotheses: that companies can contribute more and that cities can do more to support housing.

“Until cities can prove that they are willing to invest, whether monetarily or with policies, into the housing side, the state will keep on coming at us,” Fine told the Weekly after the speech.

This was the second year in a row in which housing was the central issue in a “State of the City” speech. Last year, then-Mayor Liz Kniss focused her speech on the importance of affordable housing in preserving community diversity. Since Kniss made her speech, the council has made some progress on the housing front. This includes approving the Wilton Court development; creating a new affordable-housing overlay district; revising the zoning code to, among other things, eliminate the “maximum units” stipulation in multifamily residential zones; and creating “housing incentive programs” that allow new residential buildings to be more dense in downtown, around California Avenue or along El Camino Real.

The incentive programs, which Filseth supported, were designed to give developers an alternative to SB 35. Filseth, a retired tech executive who is one of the council’s most moderate and pragmatic members, didn’t propose any flashy new initiatives in his speech. Rather, he said 2019 will be a “nuts-and-bolts year.”

“This year, we’re going to focus on good government, focus on high-quality and efficient services to the residents and being a good neighbor to the region,” Filseth said. “There are some times (when) you’ve got to be a rock star. Other times you’ve got to be rock solid. This is the year for the government in Palo Alto to be rock solid.”


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Public Agenda

A review of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to hold a Town Hall meeting with the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan Working Group to discuss next steps on the area plan. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 11, at Venture Community Center, 3960 Venture Court.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ... The board will vote on the district’s second interim budget report and discuss the parts of the district-wide “PAUSED Promise” plan and the appointment of independent auditors. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, at the district office, 25 Churchill Ave.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to hold a study session to discuss Municipal Code conflicts with the voluntary installation of electric vehicle charging stations and bicycle lockers, and state-mandated compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, within existing parking facilities. The commission will also consider approving a vesting tentative map to allow four residential condominium units and two office units on a parcel at 190 Channing Ave. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD ... The board plans to hold a retreat at 8 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, in “the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ... The commission plans to meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave. The agenda was not available by press time.

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Palo Alto showrooms at Stanford Shopping Center and on El Camino Real, near West Charleston Road, are among those that will remain open or how many employees will be impacted.

According to California’s Employment Development Department, the company filed a notice in January that it would be permanently laying off 78 workers in Palo Alto before the end of this month. The company spokeswoman told the Weekly that those staff reductions are not related to the closing of its showrooms. Tesla announced the layoffs in January, she said, as part of its goal to shrink its full-time employee head count by 7 percent globally. With the cost savings, the company plans to focus on increasing production of its mid-range Model 3, which has a range of 264 miles, according to the Tesla website.

The Stanford showroom, in particular, has provided local Tesla car owners, as well as the curious, a sneak peek at the company’s electric cars. It was here where the company officially debuted its Model 3 for the first time in January 2018, attracting a crowd outside its doors waiting to get a hands-on look at the sedan. Many, like Stanford University employee Jean Nguyen, had been waiting for months for the opportunity to check out the Model 3 in person since putting down deposits on the car nearly two years earlier when the company began taking reservations.

After the January 2018 unveiling, Tesla planned to bring Model 3 display and test-drive vehicles to showrooms across the country. The release of the Tesla Model 3 mid-range version has been long anticipated. The company started limited production of the Model 3 in 2017 but only made high-end versions of the vehicle with an average asking price of $55,000 when the first batch rolled off the production line. Last week, the company announced that the Model 3 is now available starting at $35,000.

On the heels of that announcement, Tesla founder Elon Musk tweeted this week that the new Model Y, a crossover based on the Model 3, will be unveiled on March 14.

“Model Y, being an SUV, is about 10 percent bigger than Model 3, so will cost about 10 percent more and have slightly less range for the same battery,” he wrote on March 3.

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SACRAMENTO has its eye on your neighborhood.

Senate Bill 50 would override local planning near major transit stops—or in any housing area deemed "job-rich" based on "proximity to jobs, high area median income and high-quality public schools."1

Learn more about the state’s threat to local control.

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Erika Nord Richards
April 7, 1916 – February 13, 2019

Erika Nord Richards never seemed to age. She died Feb. 13, 2019, seven weeks shy of her 103rd birthday, still young in mind, spirit, and body. The word most used to describe Erika is “amazing.”

Until December, Erika took twice-daily walks, swam on Sundays, played bridge five times a week, completed Sudoku puzzles every morning, and enjoyed social and cultural events. If someone suggested an activity, she enthusiastically answered, “Yes, why not?” She was a model of how to live—with zest, optimism, integrity, and a kind heart.

Erika was born April 7, 1916 in Berlin, Germany, to Walter and Herta Nord and raised in Hamburg. She enjoyed field hockey, sailing, and gymnastics. After studying two years in Sweden, Erika came to America in 1936 with $10 in her pocket and settled in Chicago (thanks to a young doctor she had met in Germany, who eventually became her husband). Erika earned a physical therapy certificate from Northwestern University. Soon after becoming a citizen, she joined the U.S. Army in 1944. As a PT, she treated wounded soldiers while assigned to the 155th General Hospital in England.

She married Dr. Richard K. Richards in 1946, and they settled in Waukegan, Illinois, where they raised their daughter, Evelyn. While Erika worked as a PT, Richard started the pharmacology department at Abbott Laboratories and rose up the research ranks and also served as a professor at Northwestern’s Medical School. Erika became deeply involved in the community, from being a Girl Scout leader to helping improve school curriculum to being a founding member of the League of Women Voters there. She eventually became a lifetime League member after 50 years.

In 1966, the family moved to Los Altos. As part of the LWV, Erika initiated offering voter registration to newly naturalized citizens in Santa Clara County. She worked part-time as a PT in Los Altos and Mountain View convalescent hospitals.

The couple enjoyed many travels, with Erika often adding to her collections of spoons, pendant necklaces, artwork of water scenes, and rocks. Sadly, Richard died in early 1983. Erika continued traveling, reaching all continents but Antarctica, and enjoyed attending symphony concerts and theatre; gardening (especially orchids); reading; participating in Great Decisions groups; and playing bridge. She volunteered at El Camino Hospital for 20 years, and at the Palo Alto Cultural Center. She was a member of the Unitarian Church of Palo Alto.

In 2005, Erika became an inaugural resident of the Vi Palo Alto retirement community. Erika played bridge four days a week there, weekly at Little House in Menlo Park, and monthly at the Menlo Circus Club, forming friendships she cherished. “I don’t know what I would do without bridge,” Erika often said. She was the oldest resident of Vi Independent Living and navigated the large building with only a cane.

Erika loved the frequent contact with her brother Helmut of Pennsylvania, who survives her, and with her brother Achim before his death. She is survived by her close Palo Alto family of her daughter, Evelyn; son-in-law, Greg Pickrell; and granddaughter, Liana.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. March 21 at the Vi, 620 Sand Hill Road, Palo Alto. To honor Erika’s memory, please consider donating to the League of Women Voters or the American Red Cross.

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Editorial

Using his bully pulpit
Filseth blasts state housing proposal and urges focus on growing tech firms

Palo Alto Mayor Eric Filseth this week chose to use his biggest bully pulpit opportunity — his “State of the City” address — to sound a loud public warning over pending state legislation that seeks to pre-empt local zoning laws and reshape current single-family neighborhoods by allowing the development of high-density housing.

He also proposed that local cities condition new commercial development, and outlines of broad goals, Filseth jumped into the middle of what is probably the most controversial and divisive political issue to face state and local lawmakers in decades.

Filseth’s immediate target is Senate Bill 50, sponsored by San Francisco state Sen. Scott Wiener. In its current form, SB 50 would force cities to permit high-density housing — up to five-story apartments complexes and townhouses — within a half-mile radius. In almost every Peninsula city, that radius would encompass large areas of single-family home neighborhoods.

In California and most states, zoning and land use is the prerogative of local government. With a few exceptions, such as along the coastline, cities and counties have had sole authority to create zoning that they determine is best for their communities. It’s led to both good and bad outcomes depending on the quality of local officials and their visions for their communities. And often, zoning decisions have been made based on the revenue expected to be generated by the type development to be allowed.

The importance of this local control to residents and their elected city council members can’t be overstated. But the current statewide housing crisis has led a powerful coalition of businesses, developers, unions and housing advocates to push for state oversight in our cities. The logic of this is based on the creation of what Gov. Gavin Newsom estimates to be 3.5 million needed new housing units.

With most state legislators having come from the ranks of city councils, SB 50 and similar legislative proposals will put them smack in the middle of conflicting constituencies and even their own political supporters.

SB 50 would dramatically change communities like Palo Alto that are located along the Caltrain or other major public-transit corridors. By establishing a radius around train stations where the state would usurp local zoning, current parcels with single-family homes would be allowed to be transformed into multi-story, high-density apartment buildings with no limits on the number of units or parking requirements. In Palo Alto, the affected areas within a half-mile radius include all of Evergreen Park, half of Southgate, most of Old Palo Alto and downtown Palo Alto east to Cowper Street, and most of Greenbrae.

Its potential effects here demonstrate why such sweeping state pre-emption is far too blunt an instrument for addressing the housing problem.

Filseth delivered a data-rich seminar on how these proposals threaten Palo Alto and thoughtfully laid out his alternative vision. He challenged Sacramento legislators to focus instead on how to get cities, growing companies and commercial office developers to recognize that we lose ground with every new office development approved without corresponding housing.

Companies like Google and Facebook have been allowed to expand with insufficient housing mitigation or parallel housing development, and state and local government need to focus on curtailing this unsustainable approach. These companies should not be allowed to expand without fully addressing and paying for the growth and transportation impacts of their growth.

Filseth’s challenge as mayor is to build enough public awareness and support to win over one or two of his colleagues so that a clear majority is focused on reversing the strong economic incentive that currently favors commercial development over residential development in Palo Alto. And, as he pointed out, to build the affordable and subsidized housing that is our highest priority the city will need to find sources of funding, including state and federal housing mitigation fees for new commercial-housing development, in order to acquire land for housing. New market-rate housing affordable only for high-earning working couples will not produce what our community needs to sustain those who work in lower-paying service jobs. And neither will poorly thought out zoning requirements imposed from Sacramento.

In response to ‘Palo Alto to bid for site near Boulware Park’

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Post Feb. 27 at 2:40 p.m. by Becky Sanders, a resident of Ventura:

The only fly in the ointment is the real threat that a speculative buyer will offer a price well below what the current public-facility zoning would command. There exists precedent for council rezoning such a property without any due compensation to the city for loss of a public facility zoned site (2755 El Camino).

If council will hold fast and keep the zoning as it is then that property will continue to be used in perpetuity for a public facility. Let’s hold the line here and keep this a public serving property, and then what better way to serve the public than to add park space in a community that is badly in need of open space?

Thanks, Gennady, for covering this. Thank you, council, for your unanimous support. We’re counting on you and we will help any way we can!

In response to ‘Midtown Starbucks store shutters without explanation’

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Posted March 1 at 6:08 a.m. by James Thurber, a resident of Mountain View:

I, for one, will miss it. I used to stop there for coffee and a cookie while bicycling to Walter Hays Elementary in the morning. Parking was never a problem, especially at 7:30 a.m. I found the folks working there pleasant, always greeting me in the morning with a smile and a “good morning.” The coffee was hot, the cookies were delicious and again, I never had a problem with parking. Thanks for listening. Starbucks, best of luck.

PS: If you want to avoid parking issues, ride a bicycle.

In response to ‘Stanford VP: University will offer ‘additional support’ for Palo Alto schools’

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March 1 at 11:30 a.m. by Stephen Levy, a resident of University South neighborhood:

Stanford University has committed to making a contribution to the schools. What is a fair amount does not have an obvious answer. Schools are paid for by all of us. Virtually no one pays the full cost for their students.

Most funding comes from sources that do not have children — older residents, younger families without children, families whose children go to private schools and non-residential property owners. That is how our system of school finance works. We have shared public financing, not user-pays-full-cost financing.

So, asking Stanford to pay much more than anyone else pays per student seems unfair to me. It should be possible to document what the assessed value of the 550 rental units would be and see what revenues would be generated as a starting point.

But, it is also true that Stanford as a university is tax-exempt for many activities, and the final result will come from a negotiation where Stanford is being asked to do a lot of other commitments re the GUP.
A few years after Joni Mitchell - well wrote “Pave paradise and put up a parking lot” (1969), the San Jose freeway expansion interchange was halted by Jerry Brown at highways 680 and 101, which created the iconic “Monument to Nowhere” structure. Wholy could this be the end of three isolated, independent freeway ramps hanging stoically in the sky over the farmlands of San Jose, ready for traffic yet to be generated. This structure struck chords in me, a young college student born and raised in the Bay Area, who experienced the first Earth Day at Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley. Nobody knew what to do, so students flooded the Miller Avenue intersection yelling at drivers to get out of cars. It was unfocused and idealistic, not even aspirational — for environmental causes, this was yet to come. So, the halted freeway project, in my idealistic world view, was a testament to the Bay Area was saying “no” to building a Los Angeles car-culture future. In those days, northern Californians were saying “no” to building an innovation center to attract the brightest around the globe was firmly launched. Today, the then-stalled intersection structure is operational with double the lane capacity and filled with gridlock traffic every workday. Silicon Valley has a love- affair with cars — just like Los Angeles. Everyday my driving experience becomes more aggravating. I’ve concluded that either I need to learn to be happy sitting in traffic and stuck longer in my neighborhood during commute hours, or support city efforts that re-think mobility to reduce congestion. Sadly, technol- ogy alone cannot solve the problem of physically getting people to work — especially workers in the service and retail professions. The “Beam me up, Scotty” app has yet to be invented.

So in 2013, I along with other Palo Alto City Council members introduced the idea of establishing a transportation-management association (TMA) for the job centers of Palo Alto (downtown, Cali- fornia Avenue, Stanford Research Park) as part of a long-term effort to relieve neighborhoods from overflow worker parking and reduce solo-vehicle trips. We learned from the Contra Costa Centre Transit Village — a TMA established in the 1980s along the Pleasanton/Walnut Creek BART station — that using com- muter subsidies like Clipper Card fund- ing, gas cards, van pools, shuttles, flex (shared) cars and more, did reduce solo-vehicle trips by more than 30 percent. For over 25 years the Contra Costa TMA has delivered personnel moving to workers on public-transit routes and a guaranteed ride home in emergencies. Last fall I had a conversation with a California Avenue worker as she helped me update my passport at the copy shop. I learned that she commuted from Los Ba- nos every day, three-hours each way on a good day. Another retail worker at Town & Country Village lived San Francisco. Connecting these commuters to public-transit pipelines — Samtrans, VTA, Cal- train, BART, ACE Train — needs to be more convenient and affordable. TMAs fill this gap. Just like in Contra Costa, we can do this too.

In an era where the state threatens to remove local control from cities, a TMA can show us the benefits of work- ing thoughtfully to create nuanced local programs and solutions that respond to conditions on the ground and in our neighborhoods. TMAs increase quality of life for everyone, one worker at a time by offering transit subsidies, com- mute routes, incentives and more to re- duce solo-occupancy trips into job center areas. It solves the “first and last mile” commute conundrum and fills the gap be- tween regional and county public transit, as we navigate not just how to get to work but how to move around our own cities. Today, Palo Alto Transit Management Association (PATMA) is deployed and growing and expanding into the Califor- nia Avenue business district by piloting donor-funded transit passes with a deter- mination to succeed. We need to support this high-flying effort. If done well, employers of all sizes that are struggling to recruit and retain employees will find relief as the TMA aids them with tailored programs and services instead of individual em- ployers scrambling to come up with ini- tiatives on their own.

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Guest Opinion

Local solutions for traffic and congestion

by Nancy Shepherd

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Letters

Is council committed to ‘regaining trust’?

Editor, 

In February, Palo Alto City Council member Lydia Kou lob- bied her colleagues to make “re- gaining trust” by starting a new dialogue with the community. Kou is a member of the city’s Planning Commission. All of the city’s residents judge the quality of life for everyone, one worker at a time by offering transit subsidies, com- mute routes, incentives and more to re- duce solo-occupancy trips into job center areas. It solves the “first and last mile” commute conundrum and fills the gap be- tween regional and county public transit, as we navigate not just how to get to work but how to move around our own cities. Today, Palo Alto Transit Management Association (PATMA) is deployed and growing and expanding into the Califor- nia Avenue business district by piloting donor-funded transit passes with a deter- mination to succeed. We need to support this high-flying effort. If done well, employers of all sizes that are struggling to recruit and retain employees will find relief as the TMA aids them with tailored programs and services instead of individual em- ployers scrambling to come up with ini- tiatives on their own.

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Palo Alto Online’s bloggers are writing about everything from innovation and politics to the environment and family. Here are the latest posts from a few of our bloggers. Discuss these and other topics with them at PaloAltoOnline.com/blogs.
John Savides passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 1, 2019 in Palo Alto at the age of 90. His spirit held strong until his final breath.

John was born in New York City on January 8, 1929. His parents Michael and Susanna Savides emigrated to the U.S. from Greece for better living. John lived with his parents and his older brother Chris in the Bronx until 1931 when his family returned to Greece due to the Great Depression. John's family lived comfortably just outside of Athens in Piraues where his father owned a small candy factory. During World War II, German Nazi officers occupied the first floor of the family home. John's family survived World War II unscathed, but then civil war broke out in Greece and the communists tried to take over which caused further challenges for the family. In 1946 John left Greece alone and joined his brother in America. Despite speaking only limited English and having little money, he completed his senior year of high school in NYC, then went on to earn a degree in electrical engineering from the City College of New York and his master's degree in electrical engineering from Columbia University. While in college, John was an avid soccer player and he worked his way up from busboy to waiter at the famed New York Athletic Club.

John's first engineering position was with Bell Aircraft in Buffalo, N.Y. in 1951, followed by a 1955 position with Sperry Gyroscope in NYC. In 1959 he moved to Philadelphia to become the technical director for General Electric's NIMBUS program, the first experimental weather satellite. In 1962, he joined Philco Company's Western Development Lab, later to become Ford Aerospace and then Space Systems Loral in Palo Alto. John spent much of his career designing meteorological satellites, especially those for the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite system (GOES) which supports weather forecasting, severe storm tracking, and meteorology research. The early weather report images people watched on the evening news came from the GOES satellites. He also was involved in the Indian National Satellite (INSAT) program and in 1981 was the mission director in India for the launch of INSAT-1A, as well as INSAT 1-B which was launched on the Space Shuttle STS 8. During his aerospace career he was given the honorary titles of “Mr. NIMBUS” and “Mr. GOES” for recognition as the leader of two major space programs, which according to his peers is “like winning two academy awards for best director!”

John met his wife Anita in 1957 at a Greek social event in NYC. In 1959 they moved to Philadelphia and then to Los Altos in 1964. John enjoyed volunteering as an Indian Guides dad and coaching youth soccer. He and Anita played much social tennis and later became active members of Fremont Hills Country Club where they still belong. They moved right up the hill from the Club in 1972 and lived in Los Altos Hills for over 40 years.

John continued playing tennis three times per week up until age 86. When John's children were young, he and Anita brought them to the courts to entertain themselves nearby while they played tennis. In the process, their children picked up a passion for the sport and became competitive tennis players themselves. The main emphasis in the Savides household, therefore, was always on academics, and even evenings John would help one of the kids with their math or science homework.

John was very proud of his Greek American heritage. He had a wonderful voice and sang in several Greek choirs over the years, including at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in San Jose. John loved Greek dancing and food. He also enjoyed cooking, especially roasting whole lambs on Greek Easter. His annual Christmas Eve party became a ritual for over 30 years for a generation of families and connected a variety of friends around his infamous “fish house punch”.

A perfect day for John would be making scrambled eggs for breakfast, playing “family doubles” tennis at Fremont Hills CC, followed by cheering (or yelling) for the 49ers, and then dinner of fried tilapia, Greek salad and cold beer. There would always be lots of noise and likely an “Opa!” shouted during the meal. John and Anita also enjoyed feasting with friends at dinner parties, and John remained active as a leader of a Loral alumni group, enjoying their meetings and weekly walks in the hills.

John is fondly remembered as a true gentleman by his colleagues, friends and family. He was kind, caring and considerate to everyone, viewed as gentle and even tempered. He was known for working hard and playing hard, and he expected the same from his children. He had an infectious zest for life, for connecting with others, and for having a good time.

John is survived by his wife of 59 years, Anita Savides, his three children: Tom Savides of Del Mar, Stacy Savides Sullivan of Los Altos, and Stephanie Savides of Menlo Park, and his five grandchildren: Jack Sullivan, Samantha Andrew, Max Sullivan, Michael Savides, and Jake Andrew, who all loved him dearly.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Service Thursday, March 7 at 10:30 A.M. at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in San Jose, California. The family will be holding a celebration of his life later in March where friends and family can gather to celebrate and remember John. For information regarding the celebration, including attending at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in San Jose.

Betty Mann

Betty Ivenson Mann died Feb. 24 in Roseville. She was born in Spencer, Iowa, in 1931. After she married Richard Mann in 1955, the couple lived briefly on the East Coast before moving to Palo Alto where they enjoyed years of tailgating at Stanford University football games. Mann taught kindergarten, assisted with special education programs and supported school leadership within the Palo Alto Unified School District. She was most proud of her work as a resident with the school district to establish Herbert Hoover Elementary School. She also volunteered with the Junior League of Palo Alto.

Upon retirement, Mann moved to the senior-living community Sun City Roseville with her husband to be closer to their children and grandchildren. She remained engaged in the local community, volunteering with the Sun City Roseville Gardeners and Saint Mary's Roseville Medical Center Auxiliary. She particularly loved working with the Junior Auxiliary’s high school volunteers and supporting the hospital’s pediatrics unit.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years; brother, Tom Ivenson; sister, Jennifer; children, Martha Mann Sedgley and David Mann; four grandchildren, a great-granddaughter and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to the Sutter Roseville Medical Center Auxiliary, 1 Medical Plaza Drive, Roseville, (sutterhealth.org/giveaways) or for having a good time.

Thomas Kotoske

Thomas Eldon Kotoske died Feb. 5 in Palo Alto of complications from a stroke. He was born in South Bend, Indiana, in 1931. After graduating from St. Joseph High School, he went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps, earning an honorable discharge in 1961. He later attended Purdue University, where he was president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He graduated in 1965 with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature.

In 1966, he graduated with honors from the Indiana University School of Law. He was named by United States Attorney General Robert Kennedy an assistant United States attorney in Los Angeles, where he served from 1969 to 1974.

In 1974, he became attorney-in-charge of the Department of Justice’s Organized Crime and Racketeering Office in San Francisco. In these positions, he prosecuted many cases involving organized crime figures. He opened a private law practice in Palo Alto in 1979, specializing in civil rights and environmental damage lawsuits. He and his wife, Karen, co-founded Amistad International, a nonprofit charity that supports programs for orphans and impoverished families in several countries. He was a passionate wood-carver, an avid volunteer gardener on Tuesdays at Palo Alto’s Gamble Garden and a participant and leader of current event seminars in Palo Alto’s Avenues senior center and Menlo Park’s Little House.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years; brothers, Jerome, Brian and David Kotoske; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held June 8 in Auburn, California. Memorial donations may be made to Amistad International, P.O. Box 455, Palo Alto, 94301.
Five years after Ebrahim and Mehri Rashidpour’s beloved daughter Ashi died, one image still lives vividly in their minds: It is 4 p.m., and Ashi takes her place before the television in their two-bedroom apartment. The family turns the channel to The Oprah Winfrey Show, her favorite. When the opening music begins, Ashi, who is paraplegic, begins to dance in her wheelchair. She raises her arms, swaying to the music as best as she can. An artist, Ashi paints every day while watching Oprah, a woman who has opened a window into a world she can admire but in which she cannot take part.

Ashi Rashidpour died on Feb. 22, 2014, when she was 52 years old. She suffered a blood clot one month after breast-cancer surgery. For Ebrahim and Mehri, the loss of their daughter, to whom they had provided constant care, left a hole in their lives so huge that they still struggle not to get swallowed up in it.

Their love, yearning and joy for her is now inextricably mixed with feelings of loss, sadness, guilt and regret. At times, their eyes shine at her memory. Just as quickly, their voices break and there are tears.

Ebrahim Rashidpour is a retired therapist, Fulbright scholar and researcher who worked in the Bay Area. Decades ago, at the University of Tehran, he was a noted psychotherapist and professor. Among his many publications is a book containing 82 short papers about psychotherapy with immigrant populations. He called it “Reconcile with Life,” the title he also used for a program in the late 1950s he wrote, produced and hosted at a Tehran radio station.

But he has found it painfully difficult to reconcile the loss of his precious only child, who came into the world prematurely, with multiple medical problems. Though she miraculously survived her birth, a series of accidents in her youth left her disabled.

Rashidpour dedicated himself to his daughter’s care, even accompanying her to classes where he stayed nearby to catch her in the event of a seizure, so she wouldn’t fall and injure herself, he said. Every waking hour was devoted to Ashi’s well-being.

“We tried to keep her safe and happy,” Mehri Rashidpour said. When Ashi died, Mehri wept. But try as he might, Ebrahim could not cry. He became deeply depressed.

He sent letters pouring out his anger and frustration to Ashi’s neurologist, the surgeon who operated on her and her primary doctor. He tried to express his darkest feelings about how they had treated her — lacking the compassion and understanding she deserved, he thought.

“Medication, grief counseling, exercise, prayer and meditation, with all their benefits, did not help me to have any hope and purpose in my life,” he told the Weekly.

Seven months after Ashi’s death, a therapist friend suggested he write letters to his daughter. He wrote to her in English and his native Farsi whenever he felt confused, numb, depressed, angry, full of regret and lonely.

“I felt I had lost the meaning of my life, which was Ashi for 52 years,” he said.

So far, he has written more than 400 letters.

Counselors say that the grief of parents takes many forms. The death of a child is a profound, life-changing experience, said Shelly Gillan, a marriage and family therapist and client services and programs director at Kara, a Palo Alto-based grief-support-services nonprofit for children, teens, adults and families.

Unless people have been through it, they can’t understand, she said.

“It’s not weeks or months (of grieving). It’s years of trying to process or interpret this experience,” Gillan said.

A child’s death falls outside of people’s usual expectations. The old are supposed to die before the young.

“We have this concept of a natural order of death, but death doesn’t follow those rules,” she said.

Parents are wired to keep watch over their children throughout their lives, and the death of a child defies that natural instinct to protect, she added.

“It’s even harder when parents, such as the Rashidpours, have a child with special needs.”

“The intimacy and intensity of protecting that child certainly increases,” she said, adding that a parent’s whole purpose revolves around caring for and protecting the child, even as an adult.

And when their child dies? “You have no compass. Every waking hour and even in your sleep you have been taking care of that child,” she said.

For parents who have survived their child, Gillan said, “The truth is they never get over it.”

But, she added, “The intensity of the loss definitely lessens. There is a point at which people can again take that deep breath and find a reason for living.”

Such has been the Rashidpours’ experience. Ashi was born prematurely near Bloomington, Indiana in 1961. Her full first name, Rashideh, means “brave girl,” her mother said. Doctors put her in an incubator for a month, and they were not sure if she was going to survive. But she

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survived beautifully, her father said. And she was not disabled. "She was our miracle child," Mehri said. "She was a ballerina. From the beginning, she was always taking pictures. She was very artistic."

In 1974, Rashidpour, who taught in Tehran, was on sabbatical at Stanford University at the Institute of Communication Research. At the time, Ashi was petite, with short, dark hair and warm, kind eyes. She smiled and waved in one picture taken outside Macy’s at Stanford Shopping Center, where she and Mehri often rode bicycles together.

But the family’s idyll was soon torn apart: Exactly how Ashi, then 13, ended up in a water-filled ditch, her parents still don’t know. The family had dressed up to attend a wedding in Escondido Village, where they lived. Ashi had asked if she could play ball with other children at the apartments’ playground. A lid covering an underground ditch filled with water in the children’s area was supposed to have a lock. When her parents found her, the cover was cast aside and Ashi was head first in the water.

Though she regained consciousness, Ashi began having uncontrollable seizures. No one knew whether the seizures caused her accident or vice versa. Another fall down the stairs later at their apartment injured her head and plunged Ashi into a coma, Mehri said. The family took her from one specialist to another and tried multiple treatments, but the seizures continued.

Back in Iran, Ashi fell down in school because of her epilepsy. The school asked her parents to take her home and not bring her back, according to the Rashidpours.

The Iranian Revolution also was stirring. There was violence in the streets, and the family did not know if they could stay in the country. Their first thoughts, always, were for Ashi and her safety.

In 1978, Ebrahim Rashidpour was part of a five-nation research group studying global interdependencies through a Fulbright scholarship. The family joined him in Hawaii while he conducted his research. By February 1979, the Iranian Revolution, fomenting for a year, finally erupted.

His colleagues were being executed, he learned during phone calls back home. His name was part of a five-nation research group and his sister told him, because he had traveled out of the country for research so frequently.

By later that fall, the family chanced returning to Tehran. But their stay lasted just 23 days. It was just too dangerous, Mehri recalled.

"On Sept. 26, 1979, we left. We lost everything," she said.

The Rashidpours returned to Palo Alto and moved to the Oak Creek Apartments, setting up a new life. He enrolled at Santa Clara University to earn degrees and so he could open a licensed marriage and family therapy practice. Ashi, by then 18, still experienced uncontrolled seizures.

Family friends suggested that maybe it would help if she took a husband. When she was 25, Ashi married, but she was unhappy, and the union only lasted a year, her mother said.

Rashidpour said that Ashi’s condition made her feel angry and helpless, but it didn’t stop her from pursuing her dreams. She was a dancer; she attended De Anza College and studied art. As always, Ebrahim Rashidpour accompanied her to keep her safe.

Then a second tragedy befell the family. On Sept. 11, 2001, when the family was out shopping, Ashi had a seizure and fell on the hard pavement.

"She said, ‘Mommy, why can’t I move?’" Mehri recalled.

Ashi had broken two vertebrae in her neck, leaving her paraplegic.

Rashidpour left his job, closing his office.

"It was every day. Every hour. Then at night," Mehri said of caring for Ashi. "In the middle of the night, the seizures came. Nobody could sleep. For hours, I was comforting her. It was full time. A hard time."

"Feeding her, changing her, exercising her, washing her, taking her to the doctors. I don’t know how we survived, but we did. We had to," Mehri said.

Ashi’s left hand had to be amputated — the dominant one she used to paint with. But she persevered: She took up her brushes and colored pencils, painting as best as she could with her right hand, her mother said.

Ashi colored pictures of butterflies and birds; she painted free-form abstract images in vivid hues of reds and greens, electric blues and splashes of black. There were chickens, a brilliant blue peacock with its fanned tail, and a map of Iran with a heart painted where her family had lived in Tehran. Ashi gave hundreds of pictures to friends and admirers.

The artwork "gave her relief from mental and physical pain and helped her to say in color and shape what was going on in her mind,” Rashidpour said.

People who didn’t know Ashi might see in her paintings only a simple collection of colorful sheets of paper.

"But for me, (it was) to see every day how difficult and almost impossible it was for her to move her right hand on the paper," he said.

Ashi found inspiration wherever she could — in the music of Mozart and Vivaldi and in the writings of the 13th-century Persian poet Rumi. And in the example of Oprah Winfrey.

Winfrey motivated Ashi to live her life to the fullest despite profound disability, Rashidpour said. Ashi admired her because she had traveled the world and helped people every day through her show. The TV personality and philanthropist opened the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa to help lift up underprivileged children.

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Since then, they have struggled every day to reclaim it. Mehri practices yoga, tai chi and qi gong, and she meditates each morning. Ashi is in her thoughts, always. When the pain is too great or when she thinks of Ashi, she steps out onto a big rock outside her apartment and raises her arms, reaching out and throwing her thoughts and feelings to the wind.

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"There are not only his memories but also feels the living spirit of his daughter: She continues to guide him, he said. He doesn’t care that people see him talking out loud to Ashi and don’t see anyone there.

"I would like to tell them: ‘Yes, Ashi, my daughter, is alive. You know why? Because people you love don’t really die’,” he said in one of his letters.

"Dear Ashi,

We talk to each other in my dreams.

You hear my thoughts and emotions and I hear your beautiful voice in my dreams.

I say: Thank you for all the memories we have shared together and we are grateful.

I love you and I think of you in our lives for an unforgettable fifty-two years.

You are listening to me and I am telling you again and again, ‘You are part of our lives, dear one.’

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We are missing you desperately. I carry you in my heart every moment of the day and night. I am missing your laughter. I am missing the way you were talking and asking questions. I tell you I regret very much not doing enough for you, and… You tell me: ‘Daddy, I know you are having a difficult time to let go, but I am here in heaven and I am all right… Forgive yourself.’ I believe you. … I close my eyes and I see you in my mind dancing as an angel. I kiss you before I wake up and I hear you saying: ‘We will see each other again one day, my dear Daddy.’”

Rashidpour reflected last month on his visions of Ashi — including the one that set him on a quest to reach out to Oprah Winfrey.

In a dream, he saw the word “gratitude” on the cover of a small book in Ashi’s hand. He handed him the book and disappeared. “My legacy is the school,” Winfrey had replied, Mehri said. “No. Your legacy is every life you touch! It’s every person who can ever watch your show and feel something,” Angelou had said.

The Rashidpours reached out to Winfrey’s company seeking to get the book into her hands, but the family was unsuccessful, they said. Following an email from the Weekly to Winfrey’s communications team asking for comment, a spokeswoman asked for the couple’s contact information so that they might communicate directly. As of this week, the Rashidpours have not heard from Winfrey, they said.

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Rashidpour told the Weekly Ashi appeared in one of his revelations: “Daddy Joon,” she said, “I opened the book and saw one profound statement in an article that summed up how she sees Ashi: The poet Maya Angelou asked Winfrey what she thought about her legacy. “My legacy is the school,” Winfrey said. Mehri replied, “No. Your legacy is every life you touch!” It’s every person who can ever watch your show and feel something,” Angelou had said.

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The couple also is hoping to find someone who would help set up a website where they can post family photos and Rashidpour’s letters, and where other parents can share their own experiences and support each other.

Grief such as the Rashidpours’ is common and lifelong, Gillan said, and there is no “best” way to cope with it. “You can’t therapize grief. It is something that people find unique ways to process. No one size fits all,” she said.

Kara helps many parents whose children have died. For some, joining a support group allows them to be witnessed and heard. The nonprofit offers peer-group counseling in which people are linked by similar experiences: parents of special-needs children; others who have lost a loved one to suicide, or cancer, or homicide. If grief, often linked with other underlying conditions, leads to self-harm, alcoholism and substance abuse or other behaviors, then that’s another level of concern requiring additional help, Gillan said.

Cultural upbringing can also influence how one processes grief. Rashidpour, who was raised in Iran, recalled the story of the “patience stone”: “In Old Persia, the patience stone was used as a kind of psychological cure for the people with severe depression and mental problems of life. They advised the depressed person to find a stone and sit in front of it. They asked him or her to tell the stone all his or her problems and whatever bothered (the person). They advised him or her to talk as long as it takes and then wait what would happen. “The belief was that, after the patient finished his story, suddenly the stone would explode and the patient would be cured.”

And this is what happened to me,” he said. On Feb. 3, 2018, as he was finishing writing the last pages of the “Dear Ashi” book, Rashidpour was getting up from the table and — although he can’t remember why — he suddenly fell down so hard that he injured himself and could not move his left foot. Paraedics came to his aid.

“They took me to (the) emergency (room), and the next day a good surgeon operated on my leg. When I was in the ambulance I remembered the ‘patience stone’ and told myself maybe I, too, told my pain to Ashi — and I exploded too,” he said. Anyone who is grieving and in need of someone to talk to can contact the grief nonprofit Kara at 457 Kingsley Ave., Palo Alto: 650-321-5272; or kara-grief.org. Staff Writer Sue Dremann can be emailed at sdremann@paweekly.com.

About the cover: Ebrahim and Mehri Rashidpour sit in their Oak Creek apartment with a copy of Ebrahim’s book, “Dear Ashi,” which contains 52 letters he wrote to his late daughter to help him cope with grief after she died in 2014. Ebrahim is trying to give the single-copy book, which also includes copies of Ashi’s artwork and family photos, to his daughter’s inspiration, Oprah Winfrey. Photo by Veronica Weber. 

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‘KEEPING THE JAZZ LEGACY GOING’

Pianist Larry Vuckovich performs in Mountain View by Yoshi Kato

Jazz pianist Larry Vuckovich will perform in Mountain View on March 10.

The 82-year-old Calistoga resident has performed with the likes of saxophonists Ornette Coleman and Dexter Gordon, bassist Charlie Haden and drummer Philly Joe Jones. His reputation among vocalists whom he’s accompanied — Tony Bennett, Anita O’Day, Bobby McFerrin, Mary Stallings, Joe Williams and others — is sterling.

Vuckovich’s family emigrated from communist Yugoslavia to San Francisco as refugees in 1951. The recorded and live jazz he was able to hear stateside fully captured his imagination.

“What an exciting thing for a 14-year-old,” he said. “At first I listened to big bands — Basie, Ellington, Dizzy’s bebop band, Woody Herman. And then I’m going to clubs,” he continued. “I’m standing in front of Harry James with Buddy Rich. I heard the original MJQ (Modern Jazz Quartet) with Kenny Clarke. Oscar Peterson. I also heard Miles (Davis) and Trane (John Coltrane) with (their) first band."

One of Vuckovich’s brands has been themed projects, whether it’s the music of tenor saxophonist Lester Young, Miles Davis’ seminal “Kind of Blue” album (which just celebrated its 60th anniversary) or the mighty history of Blue Note Records. “I’m keeping the jazz legacy going to pay back the masters we learned from,” he said.

On the afternoon of Sunday, March 10, he’ll present a curated program at Wunderman House, the colorful former speakeasy and bordello in Mountain View. The concert will feature vocalist Jackie Ryan and double bassist Jeff Chambers. Vuckovich recently spoke about the program and his storied career to the Weekly.

Q: You’ve played in nearly every venue in the Bay Area over the years. How has it been doing concerts at the Wunderman House recently?

A: The response has been really good. It’s got nice acoustics, and people really like the atmosphere. And there are some beautiful ladies on the wall — the pictures on the wall, you know? (Chuckles.)

The first concert I did there was solo piano. I’d tell stories and do different composers and people really liked it. And then I said, “Let me start with some small groups.” So we had a trio with piano, bass and guitar. The modern trio is piano, bass and drums. But the original trio is piano, guitar and bass — the Nat King Cole style. And now we have Sunday’s concert with Jackie.

Q: And what’s your approach to playing with a vocalist?

A: In the ’50s, I started going to the Black Hawk (nightclub in San Francisco) when I was in high school. I met (pianist) Vince Guaraldi, who was playing with (vibraphonist) Cal Tjader. Eventually, I became Vince’s only student. He turned everybody away. Somehow he liked me, my playing, whatever. I would go to his house and we would listen to records. What he taught me was that basically to accompany singers, the idea is not to noodle, not to be too busy, not to get in the way but to lay a nice comfortable harmonic platform. It’s like a string section.

Q: Was that initially easier said than done?

A: One of my first gigs was with Irene Kral, and I obviously didn’t have any experience with singers back then. She tells me, “You learn fast. You know that the idea is not to get in the way.” When I played with Mel (Tormé) the first time, it was in San Francisco in ’63. On Kearney Street, there was a supper club called Off Broadway. It took me a while to learn the music, because I’m not a great reader. I can read, but I’m just not that fast. But once I learned the music, it was fine. Mel comes back to town, this time to San José, and calls me to work with him again. In those days you had jazz everywhere! There was a very comfortable place called Saffari Room that featured vocalists like him. On the break he’s sitting down with (Monterey Jazz Festival founder) Jimmy Lyons. And he said, “Jimmy, I had a lot of big name accompanists. But this guy, Vuckovich, is like radar. So for the next Monterey Festival, I want him and (drummer) Mel Lewis to play with me.”

Q: So when accompanying instrumentalists, it’s more about prodding the soloist as opposed to hanging back for a vocalist?

A: Yeah, you lay back. At the same time on the swing tunes (with a vocalist) you do have to offer some … punching so it moves the rhythm section.

Q: How would you describe Jackie’s musical concept?

A: She’s one of the most versatile musicians I know. She does traditional swinging stuff like Billie Holiday. She does some great Brazilian music with phenomenal pronunciation. Jackie also sings in Italian, like “Estate,” the Italian tune that became a bossa nova standard. She can do vocalese, and she can do authentic blues.

Q: Jackie’s wide range in styles mirrors yours nicely.

A: It’s like, why do I want to be limited eating hamburgers every day? Why can’t I have Indian food, too? Or Mexican? So that’s what the music is about, you know?

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What: Larry Vuckovich Trio with Jeff Chambers and Jackie Ryan.
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‘Bullets’ over Foothill

Woody Allen musical is Roaring ‘20s fun

by Karla Kane

B ased on the 1994 Woody Allen dark comedy, “Bullet Over Broadway: The Musical” takes a story about mobsters mixing with the cast of a Broadway show and weaves in classic songs from the Jazz Age, creating an amusing, frisky musical that had the opening-night audience at Foothill College hooting and hollering.

Fans of “Guys and Dolls,” “Singin’ in the Rain” and “The Producers” will find common ground in “Bullets Over Broadway,” which takes place in 1929 New York City. Struggling playwright David Shayne (Adam Cotugno) lives the life of a starving artist with his long-suffering girlfriend Ellen (Ally Townsend) and thinks his big break might finally be near. He’s sure his new play is a masterpiece and Broadway producer Julian Marx (Aaron Hurley) has secured a financial backer in big-shot gangster Nick (Steve Repetti). Nick has one condition before forking over the cash: His wannabe-actress paramour Olive (Jocelyn Pickett) needs to be given a significant role. Desperate to have his work on the Great White Way, David agrees, despite Olive being utterly, aggressively untalented. Part of the bargain also involves Nick’s goon Cheech (Nick Mandracchia) tagging along to keep tabs on Olive. David thinks the deal may be worth it, especially when the production scores glamorous diva Helen Sinclair (Carla Befera) to play the starring role and dashing Warner Purcell (Andrew Ross) as her leading man. Of course, these stars have issues of their own. Helen is an egotistical alcoholic and Warner is a ladies man with a compulsive eating problem and a waistline prone to expansion. Another quirky cast member, Eden Brent (Caitlin Papp), tends to speak in Pig Latin and dote obsessively on her tiny dog, Mister Peng (played by the adorable, adoptable Pets in Need rescue pup Cardi).

Once his cast is assembled, David has another, bigger problem. While he is convinced that his work is brilliant, everyone else agrees it’s a bit of a stinker: dull, cerebral and full of overwrought, clunky dialogue. Unexpected help comes from the seemingly oafish Cheech, who turns out to have a natural talent for playwriting. With Cheech’s changes, the script becomes a winner, but David has a hard time accepting any ghost writer, much less a murderous mobster, especially one who seems to be growing more and more invested in the production. He also finds himself torn between patient Ellen and seductive Helen (yes, it’s funny that their names rhyme). As opening day approaches, David spirals into a morality crisis: Does ending up with great art justify nefarious means? And can one separate the art from the artist (an especially interesting question from a work by Woody Allen, whose own personal life is rife with icky accusations)?

“Bullets Over Broadway,” directed at Foothill by Melissa Carey, is successful in large part due to the delightfulness of its music: glorious period songs including “Let’s Misbehave,” “I’ve Found a New Baby” and “Tiger Rag.” Some have lyrics adapted by Glen Kelly to better suit the plot while others are used in clever ways, such as Cheech crooning the beautiful “Up A Lazy River” whenever he’s en route to dump a body into the Gowanus Canal, or threatening Warner to stay away from Olive in “There’ll Be Some Changes Made.” Sure, a few of the numerous songs are superfluous (I’m looking at you, “Yes! We Have No Bananas!”) but it’s all toe-tapping fun, led with aplomb by Louis Lagalante and the rest of the small but punchy orchestra.

I’m always excited to see Jocelyn Pickett’s name in a program. With exquisite vocals and incredible comic timing, she absolutely dominates any scene she’s in, and the Lohman Theatre is intimate enough for the audience to see all of her hilarious facial reactions. The character of obnoxious Olive could easily be unbearable but Pickett is a joy to watch. Mandracchia, as her nemesis, is similarly excellent, charming even as his dirty deeds pile up and bearing a lovely voice. Pretentious David is not a particularly likeable character and as an audience member I was not very concerned with his fate. I loved watching Cotugno, though, who’s very funny as the nerdy, anxiety-ridden playwright. Repetti is endearing as the ruthless mob boss with a tender heart (and sweet singing voice), while Befera and Ross are also effectively endearing. The role of Ellen is a rather thankless and dull one for much of the show but the character becomes more lively toward the end. Townsend is very good throughout, delivering her songs with spirit.

The jazzy numbers naturally lend themselves to flashy dance routines (tap especially) and while the ensemble does its best, the dance sequences are the least polished aspect. Still great fun to watch, though, especially in the ridiculous “I Want a Hot Dog for My Roll.”

The 1920s show-biz setting means costume designer Sharon Peng can have a ball with wardrobe and hairstyles and the rotating set is put to great use when depicting the cast members in various train cars.

Not every joke lands (and Helen’s “Don’t speak!” catch phrase grows tired quickly), but with zippy pacing, strong principals and a great selection of vintage tunes, “Bullets Over Broadway” hits the target.

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After several visits to Ramen Nagi in downtown Palo Alto — the first U.S. location for the Japan-based chain — I vow to never again stand in line to get into a restaurant. I won’t get back those hours of my life, and yes, it is all a little over-hyped, but I came away a fan.

Ramen Nagi, which manages to be both trendy and traditional, is a case study in what can go right when a chef channels all his culinary energies into a single, beloved comfort dish.

We are talking about steaming, deeply flavorful bowls of noodle-and-broth goodness, prepared with assembly-line efficiency and brought to your table by friendly young servers. The pork-centric selections, all dubbed “kings,” are sizable and prices are fairly reasonable, at least if you don’t populate your bowl with too many extra ingredients. The original king is $13.50. The other four are $14.50: black (squid ink), red (spicy), green (basil) and veggie.

Customization is the defining feature of Ramen Nagi. Diners choose the strength of flavor, amount of oil, level of garlic and even the desired cook time for the noodles. You write your selections on the “omotenashi sheet,” a reference to a distinctive form of Japanese hospitality that mandates hosts devote themselves wholeheartedly to their guests. The forms streamline the ordering process and you’ll usually be happily slurping within about 10 minutes.

Founded by chef Satoshi Ikuta in 2004, Ramen Nagi now has more than 40 outposts across Asia, but just one other shop (so far) in the United States, at San Jose’s Westfield Valley Fair mall. It opened in December, six months after Palo Alto.

Nagi means “calm” or “tranquil,” and the 60-seat restaurant indeed manages to stay composed and orderly despite the constant rotation of diners. There is an animated buzz in the sunny, red-and-black dining room. You won’t feel rushed to turn over your table even if ramen is supposed to be eaten fairly quickly.

With the exception of the veggie king, each bowl starts with a slow-simmered tonkotsu broth as its base. The pork bone broth is said to be cooked for more than 20 hours, resulting in a robust and earthy flavor.

I went for a red king on my first visit, selecting normal levels of oil, salt, garlic and spiciness, along with thin, firm noodles. Now I know to go up a level on the spiciness, as “normal” had very little kick. The savory broth turns a deep, velvety red with the addition of red chili oil and red miso. Long, eggy noodles, flash-boiled in purified water for less than a minute, shared the bowl with several intensely flavorful ingredients, including a salty ball of minced pork infused with red chili and miso.

Ramen Nagi’s red “king” ramen starts with a base of chili oil, tonkotsu and noodles. It’s topped with a ball of minced pork infused with red chili and miso.

Creative ramen is worth the wait at Palo Alto’s Ramen Nagi

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Ramén Nagi

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of miso-infused minced pork, tree mushrooms and tender pork belly. I would have expected a matri- nated, Japanese-style soft-boiled egg to come as a standard ingredi- ent, but rather annoyingly, the egg (so critical to the ramen experi- ence!) is an add-on ($1.75).

The vegetarian king was cre- ated specifically for meat-eating Cali-ifornians and is found only at Ramen Nagi’s Palo Alto and San Jose locations. The cau- liflower- and onion-based broth was a little on the salty side (I se- lected the normal level of flavor). The accompanying hash brown patties — a creative stand-in for meat — had to be plucked quickly from the broth, where they were rapidly turning into a goopy mess, but otherwise this was a deeply satisfying, nourishing bowl of hard-to-find vegetarian ramen. Squid ink and black miso turn the black king the color of tar. I could only eat half a bowl, punc- tuated with green onions, tree mushrooms and a salty, minced pork broth, before giving up in the face of its sheer ugliness and slightly sweet, fish-forward flavor. The black king is an intense, rather intimidating experience and was not for me, though I did make sure none of the divine noodles remained in the dark depths of the broth.

Ramen Nagi goes full-on fu- sion with the green king. This Japanese-Italian culinary mashup was delicious, if also a little salty (again, I selected the “normal” level of flavor). The vibrant green broth worked well with thick, firm noodles. A sprinkle of Par- mesan cheese and chunks of thick bacon made for a bold, creative touch. An add-on spoke to Ramen Nagi’s tagline: “Universal Noodle Creators.”

One of my favorite offerings was the complimentary and ad- dictive black pepper bean sprouts. They are among an array of con- diments and seasonings, includ- ing wasabi, seaweed, vinegared vegetables and fish powder, con- veniently placed on each table to further enhance the customiza- tion experience. A folded box of tissues in lieu of napkins, in keeping with how things are often done in Japan.

To avoid the long delays, try go- ing on a Monday. Otherwise, make sure your phone is charged or have a good book with you.

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Eating Out

Ramén Nagi manager Daniel Tow tosses cooked noodles before placing them in a bowl of ramen at the Palo Alto restaurant.

There is often a wait at Ramén Nagi, including on a recent morning before the restaurant opened for lunch at 11 a.m.

Midtown Starbucks closes...

...After nearly two decades in Palo Alto’s Midtown neighborhood, the Starbucks store on Midfield Road closed its doors for good on Jan. 25, a representative for the store’s landlord confirmed. The Starbucks at 2775 Midfield Road had been in the community for 18 to 19 years, according to real-estate broker Tim Foy of Capital Group. The Starbucks at 2775 Midfield Road was the first of several “express” Starbucks planned to close in fiscal 2020, according to a press release. A Starbucks shop at 863 El Camino Real in Menlo Park was reportedly closed on Feb. 1, according to a post on Yelp.com. Employees who worked at both stores have been transferred to neighboring locations. The owner of the building at the Midfield site is in talks with potential tenants, according to Foy. Under city zoning laws, the space prominently situated at the corner of Midfield Road and Colorado Avenue has to be occupied by either a retail store or a restaurant. According to a store locator map on the Starbucks website, there are still 10 stores in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, Stanford University and Stanford Shopping Center. —J.P.

New Oren’s Hummus coming...

...Fans of Oren’s Hummus will soon have another local outpost where they can rip, scoop and eat: Town & Country Village in Palo Alto. Coming soon! For the popular Israeli eatery were recently put up at the former location of Fast Tony’s Chicken, toward the back of the 865 El Camino Real shopping center. According to a press release, this will be the first of several “express” versions of Oren’s that will focus on quick, grab-and-go service. They plan to open more Oren’s Hummus Express locations in downtown San Francisco and the East Bay by the end of the year and “anticipate carrying the brand out of the Bay Area with an expansion in 2020,” the release states.

The 855-square-foot space at Town & Country will be open seven days a week with a counter where customers can order food, hot drinks, and place carry- up as well as to-go orders. The menu will feature Oren’s “greatest hits with a few new items,” the release states. Nameake Oren Dobronsky, an Israeli-born technology entrepreneur, opened the first Oren’s in downtown Palo Alto in 2011. With an eye toward expansion, Dobronsky and his wife, Nancy, partnered with restaurant consultant Mitsu Cohen and her husband and Oren’s executive chef, David. Together, the co-owners went on to open locations in Mountain View, Emeryville and last summer, San Francisco (the only location that serves breakfast to date). The restaurant’s menu is full of Israeli staples, from hummus and falafels to kебabs and shakshuka to baba ganoush and bourekas. Oren’s also makes whole wheat and gluten-free pita.

The first Oren’s Hummus Express will open in April. — E.K.

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Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
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Arctic (PG-13) ***+1/2
Palio Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

Bohemian Rhapsody (PG-13)
Century 20 Downtown: Fri. - Sun.
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Captain Marvel (PG-13) **
Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
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Cold War (R) ***+1/2
Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Everybody Knows (English subtitles) (R)
Palio Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

Fighting With My Family (PG-13)
Century 20 Downtown: Fri. - Sun.
Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
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Greta (R)
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Green Book (PG-13) ***+1/2
Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
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Happy Death Day 2U (PG-13)
Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World (PG) **
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Isn’t It Romantic (PG-13)
Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part (PG) ***
Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
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ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

Mary Poppins Returns (PG)
Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
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North by Northwest (1959) (Not Rated)
Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
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They Shall Not Grow Old (R)
Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

To Catch a Thief (1955) (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

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Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
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The Wedding Guest (R)
Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

What Men Want (R)
Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

**OPENINGS**

High-flying heroine

Meet Brie Larson’s ‘Captain Marvel’

★★★★ (Century 16 & 20, Icon)

“Captain Marvel” introduces Marvel Studios’ first headlining female hero with an origin story that will leave viewers marveling at Marvel once again.

Brie Larson (“Room,” “Short Term 12”) stars as Vers, a super-powered amnesiac inhabitant of the planet Hala and member of an elite military unit one might as well call Seal Team Kree. The Kree people are at war with the shape-shifting Skrulls, and when Vers literally falls to Earth, her visions of once being an Air Force test pilot there intensify. Is she Vers, or is she Carol Danvers? Or could she somehow be both? The identity crisis storyline crafted by directors, Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck and co-screenwriter Geneva Robertson-Dworet follows our hero as she discovers who she is and what she can do.

Because the story unfolds largely on 1995 Earth (a.k.a. “Planet C-53”), Boden and Fleck pepper the film with cheeky references (Vers lands in a Blockbuster Video, where she promptly references (Vers lands in a Blockbuster Video, where she promptly photon-blasts the head off of an Arnold Schwarzenegger display)

and peruses a VHS copy of “The Right Stuff”.

With top directors and a cast that includes Ben Mendelsohn, Oscar-winner Larson, Oscar-nominee Samuel L. Jackson and multiple Oscar-nominees Annette Bening, Jude Law and Djimon Hounsou, one wonders when Marvel will run out of prestige talent to throw at comic-book movies.

“Captain Marvel” also qualifies as an anti-war story that blurs the line between good guys and bad, while also slipping in a feminist smackdown here, a sly Trump b..

The formula can make the picture feel a little bland, and the humor tips over into cutesy when it comes to hero cat “Goose” (maybe Jude Law’s Kee commander Yon-Rogg is right when he insists, “Humor is a distraction”). But the not-so-secret recipe still satisfies, while providing a sturdy origin launchpad for a new hero.

Rated PG for adventure action and some mild rude humor. Two hours, 4 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

Answers to this week’s puzzles, which can be found on page 46.

Movies

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1691 Stanford Ave., Palo Alto / 650-494-3400 / info@amigodespalalto.com / amigodespalalto.org
A Spanish-immersion preschool for children 2 1/2 and older.

**Emerson School**
2800 W. Bayshore Road, Palo Alto / 650-424-1267 / emersonschool@headsup.org / emersonschool.org
Full-day, year-round program for grades one to eight, teaching a personalized, Montessori curriculum. Apply online.

**Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School**
450 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto / 650-494-8200 / hausner@headsup.org / headsup.org
Provides strong academics, instruction in Jewish studies and the Hebrew language, enrichment opportunities and after-school programs for children in K-8.

**HeadsUp! Child Development Center**
2800 W. Bayshore Road, Palo Alto / 650-424-1221 / pacd@headsup.org / headsup.org
Serves infants, toddlers and preschoolers (to age 6) with a full-day program, year-round. The Montessori curriculum focuses on building thinking skills and personal values. A bilingual Chinese-English preschool classroom is also available.

**International School of the Peninsula**
151 Laura Lane, Palo Alto / 650-251-8300 / isp@isp.org / isp.org
Bilingual immersion day school with two nursery-to-fifth-grade programs in French and Mandarin Chinese, as well as an international middle school program.

**Kehilah Jewish High School**
3900 Fabian Way, Palo Alto / 650-213-9600 / kehilah.org
College preparatory high school (grades 9-12) that features modern science and computer labs, art and music studios, a drama program, and offers an extensive range of advanced placement courses with small class sizes, sports teams and more.

**Osman Family JCC Leslie Family Preschool**
3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto / 650-223-8788 / earlychildhood@paloaltojcc.org / paloaltojcc.org
Preschool program provides one-to-five-day-per-week options for children 18 months to 5 years old (ages 2 to 4 at Congregation Beth Am), with an emphasis placed on experiential learning, family involvement and play. Parent/caregiver participation programs are available for children 12 to 30 months old.

**Living Wisdom High School of Palo Alto**
Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto / 650-646-1066 / LivingWisdomHighSchool.org
Serves ninth through 12th grade, and offers a strong emphasis on personalized learning as well as project-based, experiential, in-depth study rooted in creativity, inner development, compassion, critical thinking and problem-solving. The school opened Fall 2017.

**Living Wisdom School of Palo Alto**
450 College Ave., Palo Alto / 650-462-8150 / info@livingwisdomschool.org / LivingWisdomSchool.org
Offers daily yoga, meditation and experiential, project-based learning for students in transitional kindergarten through grade 8.

**Meira Academy**
3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto / 650-485-3589 / office@meiraacademy.org / meiraacademy.org
A traditional, all-girls Jewish high school devoted to academic excellence in general and Jewish studies, preparing its students for college, as well as seminaries in Israel.

**Milestones Preschool**
3864 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto / 650-494-0550 / preschool@abilitiesunited.org / milestonespreschool.org
An offers a year-round, project-based program that fosters the social, emotional, cognitive and physical development of children ages 2 to 5.

**Mustard Seed Learning Center**
2585 E. Bayshore Road, Palo Alto / 650-494-7389 / info@mustardseedlearningcenter.org / mustardseedlearningcenter.org
Ages 3-5 years old (ages 2 to 4 at Congregation Beth Am), with an emphasis placed on experiential learning, family involvement and play. Parent/caregiver participation programs are available for children 12 to 30 months old.

**Oshman Family JCC Leslie Family Preschool**
3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto / 650-223-8788 / earlychildhood@paloaltojcc.org / paloaltojcc.org
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**Presentation Skills**

**Silicon Valley Boychoir**
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Offers a year-round, project-based program that fosters the social, emotional, cognitive and physical development of children ages 2 to 5.

**Summer Writing Camps**

**Teaches**

**Webster Street Studio,**
2326 Webster St., Palo Alto / 650-269-0423 / artanddesignschool.org
Programs allow children to explore drawing, painting and sculpture techniques, as well as develop their observational skills. Summer registration is open.

**New Mozart School of Music**
2101 El Camino Real Suite C, Palo Alto / 650-324-2737 / newmorgartschool.com / info@NewMozartSchool.com
Offers music lessons and classes year-round to students of all ages and abilities.

**The Midpen Media Center**
900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto / 650-494-8686 / info@midpenmedia.org / midpenmedia.org
Offers workshops for a range of media arts, including video production, photo enhancement, cultural agility training for businesses also are available.

**YogaWorks Palo Alto**
440 Kipling St., Palo Alto / 650-468-2929 / yogaworks.com / location/paloalto
Offers classes on yin and yang, Vinyasa flow, Vinyasa, power and restorative yoga, as well as TRX, a circuit workout and circuit training.

**Berlitz Palo Alto Language Center**
159 Homer Ave., Palo Alto / 650-617-0720 / berlitz.us/paloalto
Language instruction in Spanish, German, French, English and other languages. Private lessons, tutoring, testing services and cultural agility training for businesses also are available.

**Art Works Studio**
668 Ramona St., Palo Alto / 650-796-1614 / artworkspalalto@gmail.com / artworkspalalto.net
Fine-art classes for youth. Summer classes began July 2.

**Art & Soul**
440 Kipling St., Palo Alto / 650-324-2373 / info@artandsoul.org / artandsoul.org
An English-Japanese bilingual preschool for children 3 to 6 years old.

**Class Guides** are published quarterly in the Palo Alto Weekly, Mountain View Voice and the Almanac. Descriptions of classes offered in Palo Alto, Stanford, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Atherton, East Palo Alto, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Portola Valley and Woodside are provided. Listings are free and subject to editing. Due to space constraints, classes held in the above cities are given priority.

To inquire about submitting a listing for the next Class Guide, email Editorial Assistant Cierra Bailey at cballey@paweekly.com or call 650-222-6526. To place a paid advertisement in the Class Guide, call the display advertising department at 650-326-8210.

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Harker Summer Programs  •  San Jose
The Harker School’s summer programs for children K–grade 12 offer the perfect balance of learning and fun! Programs are led by dedicated faculty and staff who are experts at combining summer fun and learning. Strong academics and inspiring enrichment programs are offered in full day, partial and morning only options.

www.harker.org/summer

(408) 553-5737

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i2 Camp offers week-long immersion programs that engage middle school girls in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The fun and intimate hands-on activities of the courses strive to excite and inspire participants about STEM, creating enthusiasm that will hopefully spill over to their schoolwork and school choices in future years.

www.castilleja.org/2camp

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iDTechCamps.com

(844) 788-1858

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June 26 to July 23. If you’re looking for a great summer learning plus fun option for your child and you want them to be ready for fall, please join us at Sand Hill. The morning Literacy Program (8:30 to noon) provides structured, systematic instruction of students for learning challenges entering grades 1-8 in the fall. The afternoon Enrichment Camp (Noon to 4) focuses on performing arts, social skills and fun. Choose morning, afternoon or full day.

www.sandhillsschool.org/summer

(650) 688-3605

Write Now!  •  Palo Alto
Summer Writing Camps  •  Pleasanton
Improve your student’s writing skills this summer at Emerson School of Palo Alto and Hacienda School of Pleasanton. Courses this year are Expository Writing, Creative Writing and Presentation Skills. Visit our website for more information.

www.headsup.org

Emerson: (650) 424-1267
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ARTS, CULTURE, OTHER CAMPS

Art and Soul Camp  •  Palo Alto
Art, cooking, tinkering, yoga and mindfulness. We celebrate multiple perspectives and recognize the many ways for our children to interpret their world. Summer Unplugged! is appropriate for ages 6-11 years. Located at Walter Hays School.

www.artandsoupla.com

(650) 269-0423

Castilleja Summer Camp  •  Girls Palo Alto
Castilleja Summer Camp offers girls entering gr. 2-6 a range of age-appropriate activities including athletics, art, science, computers, writing, crafts, cooking, drama and music classes each day along with weekly field trips. Leadership program available for girls entering gr. 7-9.

www.castilleja.org/summercamp

(650) 470-7833

City of Mountain View

Recreation  •  Mountain View
Come have a blast with us this summer! We have something for everyone – Recreation Camps, Specialty Camps, Sports Camps, Swim Lessons, and more! Programs begin June 4 - register early!

www.mountainview.gov/register

(650) 903-6331

City of Palo Alto Summer Camps  •  Palo Alto
A wide array of camps, from theater and tennis to ceramics and coding. Kids in kindergarten through high school can participate in camps during week-long sessions from June 3 to Aug 9.

www.cityofpaloalto.org/summercamps

(650) 463-4949

Community School of Music Mountain View
Community School of Mountain View Music and Arts (CSMA) Mountain View 50+ creative camps for Gr. K-8 Drawing, Painting, Ceramics, Sculpture, Musical Theater, Summer Music Workshops, more! One and two-week sessions; full and half-day enrollment. Extended care from 8:30am-5:30pm. Financial aid offered.

www.csmaartsall.org

(650) 917-6800 ext. 0

Oshman Family JCC Camps  •  Palo Alto
Camps at the OFJC introduce your child to new experiences while creating friendships in a fun and safe environment. We work to build confidence, stretch imaginations and teach new skills.

www.paloaltojcc.org/Camps

(650) 223-8622

Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC)  •  Palo Alto
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www.paccc.org

(650) 493-2361

Stanford Jazz Workshop  •  Palo Alto
World-renowned jazz camps at Stanford. Week-long jazz immersion programs for middle school music students (July 8-12), high school (July 14-19 and July 21-26), and adults (July 28- Aug. 2). All instruments and vocals. No jazz experience necessary!

www.stanfordjazz.org

(650) 736-0324

TheatreWorks  •  Palo Alto
Silicon Valley  Menlo Park
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www.theatreworks.org/education

(650) 463-7146

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www.KimGrantTennis.com

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Call: 650-752-8061

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www.ussportscamps.com

(800) NIKE-CAMP

(800) 645-3226

Run for Fun Camps  •  Bay Area
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www.runforfun.com/summer-camps-and-school-holiday-camps/summer-camps-overview

(650) 823-5167

Stanford Athletics & Youth Programs  •  Palo Alto
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ATHLETICS

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www.danceconnectionpaloalto.com/dance-connection-event-calendar/summer-dance-camps

(650) 852-0418 or (650) 322-7032

YMCA of Silicon Valley

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If you've always wanted to grow roses but were too timid, rose expert Jolene Adams of the Peninsula Rose Society says you can start with miniature ones.

“They’re just as complicated as their big sisters,” Adams said, but they are easy to grow. Whether you buy them from the grocery store or from a specialty online retailer, Adams said anyone can grow them.

She warns that even mini roses are “real roses, they’re not house-plants, so they’re not meant to be grown indoors.” That means after they have been used as a table decoration, they need to be moved outside.

They are easy to grow in containers, but can also be used as “color spots” throughout a garden or used as borders for English gardens or even to fill in larger rose gardens.

Adams said miniature roses are also nice for long containers or long walled-in sections of a garden.

They are also great for apartment and even for places without direct sunlight. Adams has a row of miniature roses on a bench that gets only reflected light from her white garage wall and they grow beautifully.

Just like regular-sized roses, miniature ones need to be pruned back in winter. If mini roses are planted in a container with other plants, make sure there is enough air circulation. Regular potting mix works just fine for mini roses. If you decide to cut the blooms for vases, cut them down to a five-leaf stem as you would larger roses.

Rose Gilardi will give a talk on growing miniature roses at the next Peninsula Rose Society meeting.

“Just because they’re small doesn’t mean you have to baby them,” she said. Like Adams, she prefers growing miniature roses in containers so they can be moved around and provide garden color.

Miniature roses most likely originated in China, Adams said, but were officially “discovered” by westerners in the 1700s. The American Rose Society began promoting them after World War II, pushing the idea of smaller gardens for people living in apartments and small dwellings.

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Menlo exceeding expectations

by Glenn Reeves

Expectations weren’t particularly high for the Menlo School girls basketball team heading into this season. Six seniors had graduated off last year’s team, leaving the Knights with a very young roster.

Yet here they are playing for a state championship. Talk about exceeding expectations.

“I was unsure how we’d play,” Menlo coach John Payne said. “Now I’m excited for the future.”

Sophomore point guard and team captain Avery Lee leads the team in scoring (17.0 points per game), followed by freshman Sharon Nejad (12.2 points, 9.7 rebounds), sophomore CoCo Layton (9.7 points) and junior Maeka Makan (9.4). So it’s understandable how excited Payne must be about this group’s ultimate potential.

But before looking too far down the road there’s a pretty important game to focus on this week.

Menlo (25-5), which won the NorCal Division II championship with a 53-38 victory over Enterprise of Redding, now plays Rolling Hills Prep of San Pedro for the state Division II championship on Saturday at the Golden 1 Center in Sacramento at 2 p.m.

Rolling Hills won the SoCal title with a 54-35 win over Mark Keppel of Anaheim in double overtime.

“They remind me a lot of Prior, Payne said. “They have a 6-4 center, they shoot well and do a lot of things on defense.”

Rolling Hills beat Prior during the state Division IV championship last year after losing to Eastside Prep in the 2017 Division V title game.

“They’ve been on center stage all year, said Prior’s athletic director before, “Paye said. “I hope we shoot well and get to an off day.”

Clarice Akunwafo, a 6-4 sophomore, averages 18.8 points and 12.2 rebounds to lead Rolling Hills. So Nejad, Menlo’s 5-10 point post, will have her work cut out for her.

Lee has led Menlo in scoring in all four NorCal championships and has scored double figures in all 30 games this season.

“Joe Montana was a champion because he made other players around him better,” said Payne, who had first-hand experience with Montana as a quarterback with the 49ers in the 1980s. “Avery does the same thing with our team.”

And as for Nejad, who’s had a double-double in all four NorCal games, Payne noted that she’s the only girl in the state to have played in the state Division I playoff in both basketball and volleyball. And to do it as a fresh- man is even more special.

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**PREP BASEBALL**

**Palo Alto opens league play with a no-hitter**

by Rick Eymer

Two games. Two days. Two no-hitters. Palo Alto is six games into its baseball season and a pattern is already emerging. The Vikings can pitch.

Palo Alto dropped its first two games by a combined score of 9-3. Over their past four games, the Vikings have allowed a total of three. Dean Casey threw a complete-game no-hitter at Sacred Heart Prep on Tuesday. He got the victory only after Paly scored an unearned run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

It was a little easier Wednesday when Josh Kasevich and Ritter Amsbaugh combined on a no-hitter in an 11-0 victory over visiting Cupertino in a Santa Clara Valley Athletic League De Anza Division opener.

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