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When Terenia lost her ability to hold a paintbrush or a cup of tea, she knew it was time to get help.

“I didn’t know what was happening to me,” said Terenia. “I was dropping everything. My hands were totally numb. I had totally given up painting portraits.”

The Stanford Health Care’s Neurological Spine Disorders Clinic gave Terenia back the ability to paint pain-free. Neurosurgeon Anand Veeravagu, MD, utilized advanced robotic computer assistance and minimal access surgery to reconstruct both her neck and lower back.

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Study recommends widening Newell Road Bridge

After years of contention over various options, environmental report recommends a new bridge that's twice as wide

by Gennady Sheyner

The Newell Road Bridge is old, narrow and, according to the state Department of Transportation, “functionally obsolete.” Drivers who approach the bridge have to slow to a crawl so that they can see and avoid oncoming vehicles. And with just 18 feet of width curb-to-curb, well below the modern standard, the bridge cannot comfortably accommodate two cars passing each other.

“Right now, it’s a very dangerous place,” East Palo Alto Councilman Ruben Abrica told the Weekly. “Any time you see a car coming, especially in the morning and afternoon, it’s just dangerous, and it needs to be made safer for the flow of traffic and pedestrians.”

Built in 1911, the 42-foot-long bridge spans two cities and two counties. On the Santa Clara County side, it leads to Palo Alto’s Crescent Park neighborhood, which is marked by generous single-family lots with spacious laws. On the San Mateo County side in East Palo Alto, it leads to the Woodland Park area, a collection of high- and medium-density apartment buildings that house more than 6,000 residents, greater than a fifth of the city’s entire population.

For drivers, part of the problem is the crookedness of Newell Road, which intersects Woodland Avenue just north of the bridge and requires East Palo Alto-bound drivers to turn left followed by an immediate right to stay on Newell. It also doesn’t help that drivers approaching the bridge have to go up a 7% grade, which reduces their ability to see drivers or bicyclists in front of them. A newly released environmental-impact report

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ENVIRONMENT

In a first, city bans straws, produce bags

New rules put Palo Alto in the lead among south bay cities

by Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto sharply escalated its war on plastic waste Monday night, when the City Council passed a ban on straws, utensils, produce bags and other single-use items that routinely end up in local creeks and the landfill.

In addition, the council declared its intent to advance additional laws next year requiring food establishments to charge customers for single-use cups and to offer only reusable foodware for dining in.

By a 6–0 vote, with Councilman Tom DuBois absent, the council approved restrictions that will put the city in the vanguard of a growing number of municipalities looking to cut back on plastic use.

Chuck Muir, manager of the Public Works Department’s environmental control program, said the new regulations make Palo Alto the first city in the south bay to prohibit single-use plastic, foodgrade. (San Francisco and Malibu have similar restrictions in place.) They also make Palo Alto the first city in the Bay Area to ban plastic produce bags at grocery stores and farmers markets.

The new rules will take effect on Jan. 1, 2020.

City leaders have been exploring restrictions on plastic since at least 2016, when the council adopted its first Sustainability/Climate Action Plan. A major component of the plan is the Zero Waste Policy, adopted in 2018, which sets a goal

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Hacker to pay Weekly $27K in restitution

Ross Colby claims he committed crime at the request of a convicted felon, Hiruy Amanuel

by Sue Dremann

The 36-year-old man who hacked and temporarily shut down Palo Alto Online and other Embarcadero Media websites nearly four years ago was sentenced Wednesday in San Jose federal court to time already served, one-year of home incarceration with electronic monitoring, three years of supervised release and $27,130 in restitution to the company.

Ross Colby was indicted on April 6, 2017, following an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Sept. 17, 2015, crime, which took down five news sites owned and operated by Palo Alto-based Embarcadero Media. Palo Alto Online, Mountain View Online, Almanac Online, PleasantonWeekly.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com.

Colby is a software engineer who at one time was a security officer and IT administrator for Earnest, a student-loan company in San Francisco, where he reviewed data-compliance contracts with major clients such as Goldman Sachs and Verizon.

A federal jury convicted Colby of all charges on June 6, 2018, after a six-day trial: one felony count of transmitting a program, code, command or information to a computer, intending to cause damage; one felony count of attempting to do the same; and three misdemeanors of unlawfully obtaining information from a protected computer.

For each felony, he faced a fine of up to $250,000, a prison term not to exceed 10 years, or both, and up to $100,000 in fines for each misdemeanor.

Colby’s sentencing was delayed for a year, however, after his defense attorney, Vicki Young, asked on the day he was originally scheduled to be sentenced — Oct. 31, 2018 — that he be evaluated for mental competency. (This despite the fact that he had been evaluated and found competent prior to his trial.) Young’s request took place after Colby, without Young’s knowledge, emailed U.S. District Court Judge Lucy Koh on Oct. 30 a surreptitious recording he had made of a proffer interview with the FBI in May 2016. Koh questioned whether Colby’s actions were a stunt to delay his sentencing but agreed to the evaluation.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“You’re suicidal if you do anything but a crawl over that bridge.”

—Doug Kelly, Edgewood Drive resident, on widening the Newell Road Bridge. See story on page 5.

Around Town

NEVER TOO LATE TO GRADUATE

...For 70-year-old Alan Zorn, graduating with a doctorate in aeronautics and astronautics from Stanford University this Sunday, June 16, after 15 years of intense work and keeping up with students more than half his age only makes him hungrier for more. In 2004, when Zorn was in his 50s, he decided to apply for his doctorate knowing his job in high-powered engineering management was ending and money was getting tight. He decided to attend Stanford after being offered a spot in a class of 60 students, as well as financial aid. Zorn, the oldest person in the class, reminisced in an interview with the Weekly about the times he spent inspiring the younger students and motivating them to write their papers. He also appreciated the mentorship that went both ways with members of his cohort. “There’s a very strong social connection with these students that we have till today,” Zorn said, adding he still tries to throw parties and invites them to write their papers. He also the times he spent inspiring the person in the class, reminisced in

Badger Moses Into Downtown

...Two Palo Alto animal control officers were surprised to find a male North American badger wedged between two buildings in downtown Palo Alto last weekend. On the morning of June 8, the short-legged animal initially resisted the officers when they approached him in the 400 block of Francisquito Creek, one of the two responders. Officer William Kelley said in his acceptance speech, before giving a shoutout to TheatreWorks’ home bases of Palo Alto and Mountain View. "Half a century ago the cast of our first production gave me an unforgettable gift on opening night: They liked my car with food," he said with a smile. "Tonight you've given TheatreWorks a priceless gift as well — a gala that is launch to the next 50 years." Following the ceremony, Kelley said the evening was a "non-stop whirl of theatre artists I've admired for years from across the country."

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Colby, who had been out on $50,000 bail, was taken into custody for the mental competency evaluation and spent nearly six months in custody, first in Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, then in a federal prison in Texas, while he received two separate mental health evaluations. Knight ruled him competent for sentencing this past May 10.

Federal prosecutors sought during the trial to prove through evidence from the FBI investigation that Colby planned the hack over a series of months. The FBI tracked IP addresses that identified and linked electronic devices and their whereabouts to Colby, creating a timeline of the surveillance and intrusion into Embarcadero Media’s computer systems. The defense sought unsuccessfully to disprove the prosecution’s evidence but presented no affirmative defense.

A motive emerges
Colby did not testify at the trial and had no known connection to Embarcadero Media, and neither government prosecutors nor his defense counsel offered a motive for the hacking. However, after the jury began deliberations in June 2018, prosecutors told Embarcadero that Colby had admitted to the crime in the May 2016 FBI profiler interview. According to court documents, Colby told prosecutors he hacked the system at the request of a convicted felon and former Menlo Park resident, Hiruy Amanuel, who wanted him to remove two stories written about him on the Almanac website, a sister publication of Palo Alto Online.

The stories, published in December 2013, reported on a lawsuit Amanuel had filed against the city of Menlo Park and a Menlo Park police officer for violating his civil rights during a January 2013 traffic stop. Both stories referenced the fact that Amanuel had previously pleaded guilty to federal drug-trafficking charges in 2009 in exchange for two other charges being dropped. He was sentenced to a 21-month prison term.

Embarcadero Media was able to confirm while the jury was deliberating that one of the stories had been removed from the Almanac online archives and another had been altered to change all names in the story. (The stories have since been restored by the company.)

The civil suit was settled on July 28, 2015, just six days after Colby first accessed Embarcadero’s servers in preparation for the hacking that took down all Embarcadero websites less than two months later, according to evidence obtained by the FBI. Amanuel received $500 from the city of Menlo Park and his attorney received $49,400, according to the settlement agreement.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan Knight told Koh that the FBI and U.S. Attorney didn’t pursue Amanuel and didn’t share Colby’s story with Embarcadero Media during the two-year long investigation because they didn’t believe Colby, who could offer no hard evidence for his assertions. Amanuel, who currently resides in Ethiopia, issued a statement through his attorney Dec. 17, 2018, to Embarcadero Media President Bill Johnson stating that the FBI “never” contacted him “during the course of their investigation in these matters whatsoever” and “adamantly denies that he ever paid Ross Colby or anyone in his behalf to hack Embarcadero Media website, or anything of the sort.”

Knight told the court that the FBI was unable to locate or talk with Amanuel.

During the trial, a former roommate of Colby testified the hacker revealed to him he had been paid to attack the news sites, but neither Colby’s attorney nor federal prosecutors asked for details.

Colby deleted the content of all of Embarcadero’s websites and replaced it with an image of Guy Fawkes, the icon of the activist group Anonymous, and posted a message stating: “Greetings, this site has been hacked. Embarcadero Media Group (Almanac) (sic) has failed to remove content that has been harmful to the wellbeing and safety of others. Failure to honor all requests to remove content will lead to the permanent shutdown of all Embarcadero Media websites.” Each website’s URL was replaced with the text “Unbalanced journalism for profit at the cost of human right, Brought to you by the Almanac.”

Embarcadero IT Director Frank Bravo testified at trial that the hack appeared designed to inflict significant financial damage to the news group.

Factors in his sentencing
At Wednesday’s sentencing, Knight argued that Colby had not accepted responsibility for his actions and should serve time in prison rather than receive a split sentence that would give him credit for time served and allow him to serve any additional time wearing an electronic monitor. She also defended not investigating the alleged role of Hiruy Amanuel, saying that Colby was not able to provide any evidence of his involvement. She acknowledged, however, that the FBI should have asked Embarcadero Media to look into whether stories about Amanuel had been removed from its website.

“I apologize for that,” Knight told the court in a May 10 hearing. Before rendering her sentencing decision, Koh expressed her concern that Colby had not been completely honest in hearings before and after the trial and had sought to manipulate the court. As an example of his unreliability, she pointed to Colby’s withholding of the surreptitious recording of his confession to the hacking before and until the night before the scheduled Oct. 31 sentencing and failing to divulge its existence during pre-trial hearings.

Although Colby might have been afraid of Amanuel, as he stated during interviews with prosecutors behind post-trial but prior to sentencing, he claimed his story kept growing over a three-year period, giving her pause about his credibility.

In a victim statement, Johnson said the hacking had a significant effect on the company, both operationally and emotionally. But citing Colby’s health problems (he suffers from Lyme disease), requiring complicated drug treatments, the fact that Colby had already been in custody for almost six months and the lack of any further benefit than retribution to his serving another six or more months in prison, Johnson urged the court to sentence Colby to the time he had already served plus a period of supervised release.

Of greater concern to Embarcadero Media, Johnson said, was the governement’s decision to follow up on Amanuel’s alleged involvement in the crime, which Johnson called “the elephant in the room,” even as he acknowledged the work of the FBI.

Koh said she had many of the same questions about the investigation and its failure to pursue Colby’s assertions.

In sentencing Colby to no additional prison time, Koh said she was persuaded that additional incarceration would serve little purpose. She cited Colby’s brain injury caused by a motorcycle accident, his chronic Lyme disease, PTSD and other complications as factors in not sending him back to prison.

Colby declined to make a statement before the court. But Koh had a parting adiminion.

“Mr. Colby,” she said, “you do not disappoint me. You are so talented. Do not waste it on things like this,” she said.

In addition to his sentence, Colby was told that Embarcadero Media, can’t use a computer or mobile device without the prior approval of a probation officer, must install a home monitoring program and can’t use the internet without approval of his probation officer. He must also submit to a mandatory breath test on his electronic device.

Johnson said he was very satisfied and pleased with Koh’s sentencing and that he thought all Embarcadero Media staff members are happy to finally have closure with the case.

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Going with the flow

For officials from Palo Alto and East Palo Alto and for residents who live near San Francisquito Creek, which the bridge crosses, the project carries a sense of urgency. The replacement of the Newell Road Bridge isn’t just a way to improve traffic flow; it’s also a critical component of the region’s effort to improve flood control around the creek.

Newell Road Bridge is one of two bridges — along with the Pope-Chaucer Bridge — that is currently on tap to be replaced. And while the Pope-Chaucer is the far more flood-prone of the two spans, its distance and vertical profile make it the one that overflows during the famous Feb-3rd flood, making it more than just a way to improve traffic and don’t give you a clear view of who’s coming.

Doug Kelly, a resident of Edgewood Drive, represented the view of many of his neighborhood when he said at a 2015 public meeting in East Palo Alto that he likes the “blind nature” of the existing bridge, calling it a “natural break to traffic.”

“You’re suicidal if you do any thing but a crawl over that bridge, and that’s a good thing in my mind,” Kelly said.

Even those who favor stronger connections between the communities acknowledge that the bridge’s biggest weakness — its narrow width — is also an asset. Trish Mulvey, a longtime proponent of improving flood control around Pope-Chaucer and Newell Road, called it the “single-best traffic calming device in the city.”

Despite — or perhaps because of — the uncomfortable alignment, there have been almost no accidents in the area, she said.

“It really makes me stop very carefully and look very carefully and go slow,” Mulvey said. “I think people recognize that, and that’s why there don’t seem to be accidents.”

Yet she also acknowledged that the bridge simply can’t stay the way it is. The Newell Road area northwesest of the bridge continues to grow and evolve, and the Newell Road Bridge is a critical route for residents, including bicyclists, she said.

“When you look at the number of people who live in that part of East Palo Alto and who need to use that bridge — and there is significant bike and pedestrian use of that bridge — I do think it’s pretty dangerous from that standpoint,” she said.

The new environmental-impact report, which has been endorsed by staff from both Palo Alto and East Palo Alto, seeks to reconcile the different viewpoints. Gone from consideration are some of the options that Mulvey cited as those that were brought up during the public-outreach process, including the removal of the bridge without replacing it and the replacement of the bridge with a bicycle/pedestrian bridge. And while the document considers two alternatives that would straighten Newell Road (a “full” and a “partial” realignment of the street) and an option that would create a one-lane, bi-directional bridge with a traffic signal, it does not recommend advancing these options.

Instead, it recommends as its “preferred alternative”, a more conservative plan: widening the bridge and realigning Newell East of the bridge, saying it would create a “mini-highway” in the area. And while Abrica said a partial realignment (which the EIR does not recommend) may improve drivers’ visibility on the bridge, he noted that the recommended plan has other measures for making conditions safer, as well as new space for sidewalks and bicyclists.

Abrica, who serves on the board of directors at the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority, also emphasized the importance of moving the Newell Road project along so that the creek authority can

Raw_text: (EIR) for a proposed replacement bridge faults the existing structure for “poor drivability for vehicular traffic due to substandard sight distances and vertical profile.” It was the bridge’s narrowness that prompted Caltrans to designate it “functionally obsolete” in April 2011, making it eligible for federal funding and jump-starting the current effort to replace it. That effort received a boost this month with the release of a long-awaited analysis presented. The priority, she said, was “To eliminate the existing ‘blind turns.” Wendy Smith, of East Palo Alto, told the Weekly said he is comfortable with the proposed solution. He does have one recommendation for the new bridge design: Shift the location of the bridge so the alignment of it would run on the East Palo Alto side, which would also prevent the removal of a California buckeye tree. Accord- ing to the analysis,12 trees around the bridge would be cut down. While the city councils in the two cities have not yet discussed the proposed alternative, Abrica told the Weekly said he is comfort- able with the proposed solution. He said he had strongly opposed a full realignment of Newell Road near the bridge, saying it would create a “mini-highway” in the area. And while Abrica said a partial realignment (which the EIR does not rec- ommend) may improve drivers’ visibility on the bridge, he noted that the recommended plan has other measures for making conditions safer, as well as new space for sidewalks and bicyclists.

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proceed with its upstream work, including the replacement of Pope-Chaucer Bridge.

“What happens, the responsible thing would be to not do anything upstream unless something is done on Newell Road. The timing is critical, and it’s important for us to get this done,” Abrica said.

A commission weighs in

Perhaps the biggest sign that the bridge project is now on its way was the recent approval of the new environmental analysis was swift, calm and generally amiable, with only three public speakers and no opposition to replacing or widening the bridge.

The only disagreement was over the proposed amenities for bicyclists. Robert Schaefer, a longtime advocate for improved bicycling facilities, called the environmental analysis “grossly inadequate” because it fails to consider bike lanes for the bridge. Instead, by proposing wider lanes with “sharrow” markings, it recommends an alternative that would encourage cars to speed and that would worsen conditions for bicyclists.

“The sharrow do not change the level of traffic stress and make no significant difference,” Neff said.

Commission Chair William Riggs concurred and argued the city should have been more thorough in evaluating bike and pedestrian use of the bridge. He favored making the bridge a one-lane span with traffic signals regulating traffic in both directions. The proposed alignment, he said, will create conflicts between drivers and bicyclists.

“I know it’s important from a watershed standpoint, but I’m not sure that the artificial acceleration of the timeline justifies what can be a unique and more safe treatment from a multi-modal standpoint,” Riggs said just after casting the lone dissenting vote.

The bridge on Newell Road connecting Palo Alto and East Palo Alto poses a flooding hazard since it restricts flow of San Francisquito Creek to a smaller volume than may occur in a 100-year flood.

The only disagreement was over the majority of the commission, which backed the preferred alternative in the environmental analysis. Commissioner Asher Waldolf gestured that the project has taken “a long time to germinate” and urged moving it forward.

Commissioner Doria Summa agreed.

“I do think this is a very good compromise for a project that involves multiple cities and multiple agencies,” Summa said. “I want to see it go forward as soon as possible.”

Once the EIR is approved, the city will draw up construction plans and obtain environmental permits with the various regulatory agencies. The city will also apply for federal funding, which is expected to cover about 88.5% of the estimated $8.5 million construction cost. If things go as planned, construction could begin as early as summer 2020, Jeremias said.

The Wednesday hearing was the first of four scheduled public hearings on the Newell Road Bridge project. Upcoming meetings will take place on June 18 (7 p.m. at the Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road), June 19 (7:30 p.m. in the East Palo Alto Council Chambers, 2415 University Ave.) and on July 18 (8:30 p.m. at Palo Alto City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.).

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About the cover: Cars line up to cross the bridge on Newell Road during rush hour on June 13. The bridge crosses San Francisquito Creek and connects East Palo Alto and Palo Alto. Photo by Sinead Chang.

Plastics ban (continued from page 5)

of diverting 95% of the city’s waste from landfills by 2030.

The ban on straws picked up momentum a year ago, thanks to a coordinated campaign by the city and Girl Scout Troop #60616, which conducted outreach to local restaurants and received commitments from more than three dozen of them to provide plastic straws only upon request. In response, the council declared May 2018 as “Plastic Straw Awareness Month.”

On Monday, with the Girl Scoop troop and dozens of other residents in attendance, an enthusiastic council agreed the city should do what it can to reduce plastic waste.

“We’re here because single-use plastic is polluting our environment on an unprecedented scale, and unfortunately this is only predicted to increase,” said resident Gloria Garcia, who represented a group of businesses requesting new regulations on plastic.

While no one spoke against the plastic ban, Garcia and others made the case that the city isn’t going far — or fast enough. Public Works staff had proposed adopting new restrictions in three phases, with the first phase covering plastic straws, utensils, drink stirrers and plastic produce bags. Future phases would include all disposable plastic foodware — initially for dining in (phase two) and ultimately for takeout (phase three).

The second phase would also entice charging customers for non-reusable cups and containers.

Under the proposed timeline, the second phase would begin in 2021 and the third phase wouldn’t launch until 2025.

Miriam Gordon, California director for the nonprofit Clean Water Action, was one of several speakers who requested that the council adopt all three phases immediately.

“If this is the plan, why not put the things in the ordinance now?” Gordon asked. “It would be a good idea to give business notice that these things are coming.”

Some on the council shared her sense of urgency. Councilwoman Alison Cormack said she’d like to see the city move faster on some of the proposals, specifically charging residents for single-use cups. The restriction, she noted, has the advantage of getting customers — not only businesses — involved in changing behavior.

“There’s a proposal for 25 cents. That might make people rethink whether or not they want to remember to bring their reusable cup,” Cormack said.

While others agreed that such a policy is laudable, Assistant Public Works Director Phil Bobel said the city needs more time to create a system for charging.

The only quibbles came over details. Stanford Health Care and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford requested that the new laws exempt patient rooms. In a letter to the city, Stanford staff explained that paper straws do not work for patients who need to bend them or to drink more slowly due to their compromised health and that plastic supplies may be required to continue to serve patients during power outages that impact dishwashers.

City staff agreed to make the exception, although the hospital cafeterias and other common dining areas would be subject to the laws.

Ryan Globus, a Midtown resident whose mother is quadriplegic, suggested that the ban on plastic straws consider people with disabilities, many of whom depend on plastic straws at restaurants. The city should make plastic straws available only upon request, Globus suggested in an email.

“Compostable straws slowly dissolve and become ineffective with in minutes. As my mother depends on someone else to hold the drink near her for her to drink via straw, it can take her 30 or more minutes to finish a drink, which is too long for a compostable straw,” Globus wrote.

While the new laws do not make an exception for residents with disabilities, Bobel said staff will address this concern when it creates regulations for enforcing the new ordinance.

Ultimately, the council adopted only the first of three phases, banning plastic utensils and plastic produce bags. Businesses would still be allowed to offer compostable bags, which some already do. The new rules also require businesses to provide receipts only upon request.

The passage of the ordinance was never in doubt Monday. Councilwoman Liz Kniss called the new ordinance an “incredible step” in the city’s environmental efforts. Mayor Eric Filsafe agreed.

“I think we can live without plastic straws,” he said. ■

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A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL … The council plans to meet in a closed session to discuss existing litigation, Gustavo Alvarez v. City of Palo Alto, and to discuss labor negotiations pertaining to the Management, Professional and Confidential Employees. The council then plans to adopt the fiscal year 2020 budget, approve changes to utility rates and consider a resolution amending objective standards for wireless communication facilities on wood utility poles. The closed session will begin at 5 p.m. on June 17, at City Hall. Regular will begin at 7 p.m. or as soon as possible after the closed session in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE … The committee is tentatively scheduled to discuss preliminary estimates for revenue-generating proposals. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall.

BOARD OF EDUCATION … The board will vote on the district-wide “PAUSD Promise” plan, a cell tower resolution, compensation increases for district office, 25 Churchill Ave.

COUNCIL MEETING ROOM … The board meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD … The board plans to review the proposed sign program for 3075 El Camino Real and consider a proposal to demolish the Macy’s Men’s building at Stanford Shopping Center and construct a new retail building at the shopping center. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 25 Churchill Ave.

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION … The commission plans to discuss plans for a CodeART2 event and consider temporary public art at King Plaza by FreelandBluck. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall.

The city’s proposed sign program for 3075 El Camino Real and the proposed sign program for 3017 El Camino Real are expected to cover about 88.5% of the estimated $8.5 million construction cost. If things go as planned, construction could begin as early as summer 2020, Jeremias said.

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Community Fund awards record $457K

The Palo Alto Community Fund, an organization that awards grants to local community groups in and around Palo Alto, announced its 2019 grant recipients on Tuesday. Now in its 40th year, the nonprofit raised a record $457,000 for 41 local organizations. (Posted June 13, 9:41 a.m.)

No prison time for ex-Stanford coach

Stanford University’s former head sailing coach John Vandenemoer became the first person to be sentenced in the national college-admissions case on Wednesday for knowingly designating two applicants as recruits despite their lack of experience in the sport. (Posted June 12, 12:56 p.m.)

Stanford fires back over housing requirements

Stanford University pushed back this week against Santa Clara County’s proposed housing requirements as part of the university’s ambitious campus-expansion application by arguing that the university deserves credit for graduate housing already under construction. (Posted June 12, 9:54 p.m.)

RV-parking zones gain momentum

After failing five years ago, Palo Alto is once again exploring the idea of establishing overnight parking zones for recreational vehicles. This time, however, the city preparing to try something new: use public land to jump-start the program. (Posted June 11, 12:55 p.m.)

City opts not to sue FAA over airplane noise

Despite rising community frustrations about airplane noise, the Palo Alto City Council decided Monday night not to launch a lawsuit against the Federal Aviation Administration at this time. (Posted June 11, 2:29 p.m.)

Wiener makes case for state housing bill

State Sen. Scott Wiener, whose housing legislation Senate Bill 50 has energized housing advocates and galvanized intense opposition from Peninsula’s elected leaders, came to Palo Alto on Friday to face some of his critics, push back against the common narrative that the bill represents an attack on local control and assure residents that despite a recent setback, the bill remains on track for passage. (Posted June 7, 10:20 p.m.)

Done with detours

Following the completion of the city of Palo Alto’s Upgrade Downtown construction project, traffic flows along University Avenue on June 11. The work included the installation of traffic poles and directional signs, widened sidewalks, new space for bike parking and upgrades of gas pipes, water lines and fiber cables. The city plans to do additional street work on Emerson and Webster streets in 2020.

In Memoriam

Katherine (Kay) Beaver McGeehon

Katherine (Kay) Beaver McGeehon died Dec. 7, 2018, in Walnut Creek at 94 years old. She was born in Santa Cruz to Dr. Harold J. and Ruth Squire Beaver and raised in Palo Alto. She graduated from Palo Alto High School in 1942. She went on to the University of California, Davis until it closed during World War II, at which time she transferred to the University of Idaho. After the war ended, UC Davis was reopened and she transferred back to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1946. In 1936, her father purchased property east of Mt. Hamilton, where she decided to raise turkeys, hogs and cattle. She and her sister Barbara were recruited to help with the ranch work. She drove a truck loaded with hay bales over Mt. Hamilton road and rode horseback with the ranch foreman, Jack Deane, to check on and move the cattle.

She married Bill McGeehon on Sept. 14, 1946, and moved to his hometown of Walnut Creek, where she resided until her death. She and Bill raised one daughter. She was a musician, horse- woman, small plane pilot, home- maker, bridge player, bowler, receptionist at Buchan Field in Concord, school bus driver and Contra Costa County Connection bus driver. She and Bill loved to travel, jet-setting across the U.S. along with trips to Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. She was an avid reader and kept up with current events. In her later years, she loved watching the Golden State Warriors and cooking shows on television.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2008. She is sur- vived by her daughter, Bobbie (Clarke) of Napa; sister, Barbara Wolff of Menlo Park; two granddaughters; three great- grandchildren; three step grand- children; five step great-grand- children; cousins, nephews and nieces; and caregiver Edelita Pine, who lived with her for over five years. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, June 30, at 11 a.m. at the JBL Home Ranch, 6001 Alhambra Valley Road in Briones. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the California Cattlemen’s Memo- rial Research Fund, 1221 H St., Sacramento, 95814 or a charity of choice.

Board of Education (June 11)


City Council (June 10)

Plastic: The council approved a ban on plastic straws, produce bags and other single-use plastics. Yes: Cormack, Fleishet, Fine, Knoz, Tanaka Absent: DuBois

Tax notes: The board adopted a resolution authorizing the issuance of 2019-20 tax and revenue anticipation notes and requesting the Board of Supervisors to issue and sell said notes in an amount not to exceed $20 million. Yes: Unanimous

Poly science building: The board approved a contract with Beals Martin for the construction of the Poly science building addition. Yes: Unanimous

Secondary chief academic officer compensation: The board approved a 2% mid-year raise and 2% one-time bonus for Sharon Olek, chief academic officer of secondary education. Yes: Unanimous

Senior cabinet compensation: The board approved a 0% raise and 2% one-time bonus for four senior administrators. Yes: Unanimous

Contracts: The board approved two-year contracts with Deputy Superintendent Karen Hendricks, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Services Sharon Olek, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Services Anne Brown and Assistant Superintendent of Equity and Student Affairs Lana Coneaway. Yes: Unanimous

Budget: The board discussed the 2019-20 budget. Action: None

Council Policy and Services Committee (June 11)

Author: The committee heard status updates about various audits, including ones pertaining to “green purchasing” practices, disability rates and information technology data governance. Action: None

Planning and Transportation Commission (June 12)

Newell Road Bridge: The commission discussed the new Environmental Impact Report replacement of Newell Road Bridge and recommended approving the EIR’s preferred alternative, which involves widening the bridge and retaining the existing alignment of Newell Road. Yes: Alchek, Laung, Rood, Panapratee, Summa, Templeton, Watchdog

No: Higgs

Historic Resources Board (June 13)

Bo Crane: The board heard a presentation from author Bo Crane. Action: None

SUBMITTING TRANSITIONS ANOUNCEMENTS

The Palo Alto Weekly’s Transitions page is devoted to births, weddings, anniversaries and deaths of local residents. Obituaries for local residents are a free editorial service. The best way to submit an obituary is through our Lasting Memories website, at PaloAltoOnline.com/obituaries.

Paid obituaries are also available and can be arranged through our advertising department by emailing ads@paloaltonweekly.com.

Announcements of a local resident’s recent wedding, anniversary or birth are also a free editorial service. These notices are published as space is available. Send announcements to editor@paloaltonweekly.com or P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto 94302, or fax to 650-223-7526.
Letters

Stanford could worsen housing crisis Editor,

The Weekly highlights that the county quadrupled the Stanford GUP housing requirements from Stanford’s proposed 550 homes to 2,000 homes. In its GUP, however, Stanford proposes to add 7,000 jobs. Stanford’s initial GUP application had 7,010 people fighting over 550 homes. The county’s increased housing requirement still leaves 7,010 people fighting over 2,000 homes — short homes for 5,010 new Stanford workers.

Stanford’s GUP application exacerbates our area’s housing crisis. Our area is already unsustainable. Service workers, including teachers, firefighters, police officers, nurses and medical technicians, can’t afford to live here. Our schools are losing amazing teachers who can’t afford to buy a home here, and parents too exhausted from long commutes to continue teaching our children. RVs now line El Camino and spill into neighborhoods. All major employers can no longer add jobs without being part of the solution. Otherwise, it is increasingly impossible to provide necessary services for our community.

Instead of worsening our housing crisis, Stanford can be a good neighbor. Stanford could reduce the size of its GUP application (the largest land use application in county history) or build more homes for its new workforce.

To not diminish our quality of life, Stanford also needs to fully mitigate the other impacts of its massive GUP expansion on our schools, our roads and our open space.

Nancy Krop
McGregor Way, Palo Alto

Baffled by other Dems Editor,

As a Democrat and someone who grew up in the Bay Area, I am very disappointed in my party. Our city, and my state. I have been doing grassroots housing advocacy since 2014. Recently, my organization reached out to a Bay Area nonprofit affordable housing developer to look at opportunity for their new upcoming projects. They said they’ve put all new projects on hold because they can’t hire staff to work on them.

Opposition to allowing us to shelter all of our population, which hides under the guise of anti-corporatism, is despicable coming from my neighbors who claim to care for others. I am bewildered by Democrats who oppose SB 50 and call for caution in undoing the zoning mistakes of the past. We need to take action to allow more homes, now. A year from tomorrow is too late.

David Watson
Montecito Avenue, Mountain View

No tall buildings near homes Editor,

There is an affordable housing crisis in California. But how does encouraging the building of expensive luxury condos help solve that problem? This is the premise underlying many of the housing bills our state legislators are proposing (SB 50, AB 1279; SB 330, AB 1487).

Sound hokey? Yet our state legislators are ready to hang their hat on this untried and unproven “solution,” crossing their fingers and making a wish while overlooking local zoning in our community and proposing that tall condo buildings also be built next to single family homes.

Contrast that proposed “solution” with California’s current $21 billion state surplus, some of which could be directly targeted to provide subsidies and vouchers for rent, purchase land, build public housing, or provide financing to and for affordable housing projects. State surplus funds could also be directed to improve transit lines, bring services to homes from their jobs to their homes.

Instead, the state legislature is proposing legislation that costs the state nothing while resulting in a big payday giveaway to developers, generating rich commissions for Realtors, providing union construction workers with jobs and helping tech companies evade responsibility (all of whom support these bills), while dismantling single-family-home neighborhoods.

It’s a giant social engineering experiment, with us and our communities as the guinea pigs.

One proposed bill even makes sure we’re locked into this experiment for years, preventing any voter initiative from overturning it (SB 330).

Unsure this is such a great idea? Let your elected representatives know. State Sen. Jerry Hill, Assm. Marc Berman, the Palo Alto City Council and your school board.

Kathy Jordan
Walter Hays Drive, Palo Alto

The future of straws Editor,

My name is Bartholomew Chui and I am currently a student at Gunn High School. I would like to discuss the future of straws in California, especially since there is a plastic straw ban that has taken effect in the state. Many restaurants and businesses across California have ditched the outlawed plastic in favor of paper. With more and more businesses switching to paper, we should discuss the viability of this material. I, for one, think the solution is not paper but a more alternative compostable material. I think that there will be a rising interest in sugar cane pulp straws. Originally from Taiwanese manufacturers, straws made of this material have circulated into California’s food business market. The advantage of this material is that it is biodegradable (although they need time to compost), and these straws are also rigid and will hold their shape after long periods in liquid. This is a major benefit compared to paper straws.

It is also worth noting that sugar cane itself only takes a few months to fully mature. However, trees for paper take years to grow to a sizable amount. On the other hand, this material is more expensive, but I believe it is necessary to sell sustainability to consumers.

Bartholomew Chu
Ramona Street, Palo Alto

Consequences of San Antonio complex Editor,

As a sophomore at Gunn High School, reading about additional housing in Palo Alto makes me wonder what my school will look like in five to 10 years. I have read about Palo Alto expansion plans and multi-family housing projects, but the impact on the local schools doesn’t seem to worry those leading these projects. I haven’t seen any plans to add schools or expand the schools already present.

Adding a large housing project like the one proposed in the Weekly article “To get more housing built, Palo Alto looks to loosen rules on San Antonio Road,” will inevitably attract families looking for a good education for their children as well as a Silicon Valley job. This means that the school will have more students enrolled in local schools.

The schools are already crowded, so adding more students to them will decrease the productivity and quality of Palo Alto’s reputable education. In addition, the San Antonio housing complex is far from the local schools.

This brings up another issue: student transportation. Students in Palo Alto tend to walk or bike to school but, in the San Antonio area, to get to Gunn, students must cross both Alma and El Camino. Both of these roads are very large and not ideal to bike along. The middle and elementary schools are also far away (1.2 miles). Parents, worried about their children’s safety, wouldn’t want to let them walk or bike to school if they have to use these large roads and have a long path to school. The students will then be driven to school because of the long, unsafe trail they would have to use otherwise. This would have an impact on the transportation and education issues beforehand will negatively impact Palo Alto’s image and reputation.

Mélanie Julia
Alma Village Circle,

Palo Alto

Rising housing prices Editor,

It’s hard to repeal the laws of supply and demand, which continue to dictate the price of Palo Alto real estate at their interjection.

Two major reasons why supply and demand have caused Palo Alto housing prices to escalate relate to factors influencing supply:

1. California state income taxes that tax the capital gains as ordinary income provide property owners with a disincentive to sell; and
2. Federal income tax changes, which now allow for very little deductibility of state income taxes, only enhance that disincentive.

Result for us: Rather than sell our property Palo Alto housing and move to a retirement facility, we instead added a downstairs bedroom in case climbing stairs should become a challenge.

Bottom line: Available houses

Editorials, letters and opinions
Carolyn M. Mansell

Died in Palo Alto after a brief illness on April 3, 2018. A Palo Alto resident since 1973, she was for several decades a dynamo of the Silicon Valley residential real estate industry.

The daughter of Frank R. Mayo and Eleanor P. Mayo, Carolyn was born in Chicago in 1937 when her father, having earned his PhD in Chemistry at the University of Chicago, was teaching there. Already doing cutting-edge research, Dr. Mayo became an internationally recognized polymer chemist, ending his career with three decades at the Stanford Research Institute.

Carolyn was educated at the Lab School, Northfield School for Girls, and Brown University, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in history.

Her freshman year she met Roger Mansell, an engineering student at Brown. He asked her to marry him on their first date; after four years, she finally agreed, and they were married in the chapel at Brown University.

In their first year of marriage, Roger, a U.S. Army Artillery officer, was stationed at a forward fire base on the South Korean DMZ. Carolyn was obliged to remain in the US, where she took a position as a social worker at Deaconess Hospital in Boston. Informed by the U.S. Army that it was impossible to travel to Korea as a tourist, with the help of a Japanese friend, she arranged to get a tourist visa-on-demand at the U.S. Hospital in Boston. Informed by the U.S. Army that it was impossible to travel to Korea as a tourist, with the help of a Japanese friend, she arranged to get a tourist visa-on-demand at the

In 1984 she founded Mansell & Co. During this decade she was recognized by the Los Altos Board of Realtors as “Top Achiever for 10 Consecutive Years.”

Over the decades with Mansell & Co. Carolyn mentored many other agents, most of them women, and including her own daughter, Alice, who, after earning her law degree, came to work with her as a broker.

Carolyn pioneered or was a pioneer in many practices that are now considered standard in the industry. For example, with Roger’s help, she had the first brochures printed for houses listed in the area. She also did some of the first house staging the first brochures printed for houses listed in the area. She also did some of the first house staging

At the time of her passing Mansell & Co. was the oldest female-owned real estate company in Silicon Valley.

Roger Mansell died in 2010, one year after her death, and his death was a shock to the community. He was a dedicated husband and father, and his passing left a void that will be felt for many years to come.

In memory of Carolyn and Roger Mansell, the Palo Alto Weekly has published a joint obituary, written by Teri Drenker and Michael Chong, our reporters. The obituary can be found on page 14 of this issue of the Palo Alto Weekly.

Notice of Request for Proposal for Lease of Space for Pre-School Services

This proposal is hereby given that the Board of Trustees for the LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Altos, CA, Santa Clara County (“District”), will receive sealed proposals up to no later than 2:00 pm PST July 15, 2019 (“Deadline”) for the District’s Request for Proposals for the Lease of Space for Pre-School Services.

Persons or companies interested in submitting a proposal may obtain a copy of the complete RFP through contacting Teri Drenker, Purchasing Supervisor, Los Altos School District, at 650 947-1162 or tdrenker@lasdschools.org.

Proposals must be submitted as described in the RFP. If it is the sole responsibility of the person submitting the proposal to ensure that the proposal is delivered on time. The District will not be responsible for, nor accept, as a valid excuse for a late proposal delivery, any delay in mail service or other method of delivery. Any proposal submitted after the Deadline may be rejected by the District.

Please refer to the complete RFP for additional information.

Tori Drenker
Purchasing Supervisor
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You don’t want to glamorize these individuals but you do want to humanize them. I think it’s very brave to actually say, ‘I want to create characters that you have complicated relationships to,’” director Giovanna Sardelli told the Weekly in 2016, about a play-in-progress by Pulitzer finalist Rajiv Joseph.

That project was “Archduke,” then part of TheatreWorks’ New Works Festival, now a full-fledged TheatreWorks production, still under Sardelli’s deft direction. The show, which Joseph has revised for this regional premiere, is moving, bold, strange and empathetic. All that, and very funny besides.

The titular archduke is Franz Ferdinand, heir presumptive to the Austro-Hungarian throne. It’s his 1914 assassination that often is seen as the spark that set off the horror and upheaval of World War I, forever changing the geopolitical landscape and ushering in the modern era.

“Archduke,” though, isn’t really about the doomed royal family and his wife before his rival assassins, 19-year-old Bosnian Serb Gavrilo Princip (played in TheatreWorks’ production by Stephen Stocking, who also originated the role in its 2017 world premiere in Los Angeles). Some consider him a terrorist, some a hero. In “Archduke” he’s neither.

While the historical Gavrilo was a devoted Yugoslav nationalist, in Joseph’s hands, he and his fellow recruits Nedeljko (Adam Shonkwiler) and Trifko (Jeremy Kahn) are incompetent young buffoons who are pushed into the assassination plot by the charismatic, unhinged Dragutin “Apis” Dimitrijevic (Scott Coopwood), whom they refer to as Captain. Captain is vehemently dedicated to the cause of Slavic unification and the overthrowing of the Austro-Hungarians, but he’s also obsessed with offing the archduke and his wife before his rival revolutionaries can. And, as in real life, the road to the assassination is paved with farcical errors and unlikely turns of events that somehow manage to flip the whole world upside down.

At play’s start, young Gavrilo waits in a desolate, ruined library or storehouse, sent there by an unseen doctor, who’s given him dire news. He’s a “lunger” — that is, suffering from terminal tuberculosis, his consumptive cough splattering blood on the doctor’s clean white kerchief (far fancier than anything Gavrilo’s ever used). The doctor has told him he can find meaning in his apparently brief and miserable life by joining a cause greater than himself. He soon meets Nedeljko, a gormless if passionate fellow terrorist, and they alternately squabble and bond over their similarly depressing circumstances. Innocent and adolescent, they dream of perhaps one day rescuing a woman, and reminisce fondly about the one time they’ve ever had the pleasure of tasting a sandwich. Their trio is rounded out with the arrival of Trifko, another naive (if slightly more experienced) lunger sent by Captain and bearing a suitcase of guns and explosives — the better to lure these rather dim-witted boys. If they join him at the Captain’s, he promises, they’ll find not only the chance to use weaponry but also luxuries they’ve never known, including comfortable beds and plentiful food.

At Captain’s country home, they’re given a crash course in the history of the Austro-Hungarian oppression of their homeland, as well as gory tales of Captain’s previous regicide exploits. His no-nonsense housekeeper Sladjana (Luisa Sermol) is something of an old-world wise woman, offering sage advice and fostering superstitions about cats. Captain, by joining a cause greater than himself, can find meaning in his apparent-lessness. He soon meets Nedeljko, a gormless if passionate fellow terrorist, and they alternately squabble and bond over their similarly depressing circumstances. Innocent and adolescent, they dream of perhaps one day rescuing a woman, and reminisce fondly about the one time they’ve ever had the pleasure of tasting a sandwich. Their trio is rounded out with the arrival of Trifko, another naive (if slightly more experienced) lunger sent by Captain and bearing a suitcase of guns and explosives — the better to lure these rather dim-witted boys. If they join him at the Captain’s, he promises, they’ll find not only the chance to use weaponry but also luxuries they’ve never known, including comfortable beds and plentiful food.

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And even though we know how the story ends, it still feels like a punch to the gut when we see it on stage. Scenic design by Tim Mackabee includes a fantastic moving train (in which our antiheroes encounter the wonders of curtains and electric lights). Lighting by Dawn Chiang and period costumes by Fumiko Bielefeldt look great, and sound designer Teddy Hulsizer gives ominous ambiance.

All five actors give tremendous performances, with the strutting Stocking and the pensive, sweet Sermol especially impressive. Joseph has clearly — and successfully — intended to draw parallels between these century-old conspirators and modern-day terrorists, to show how the poor, downtrodden and hopeless in society can be radicalized into acts of violence, preyed upon by the powerful.

As the finale to its Tony Award-nearing season, TheatreWorks has picked a winner with “Archduke,” another testament to its value as an incubator for great new works.

What: “Archduke.”
Where: Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 550 Castro St., Mountain View.
When: Through June 30 (showtimes vary).
Cost: $40-$80.
Info: theatreworks.org.
‘The Cubberley Project’

“The Cubberley Project,” a temporary audio-visual installation by the Cubberley Artist Studio Program’s Martha Sakellariou and writer Jennifer Lee, is currently on display at Cubberley Community Center (400 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto). The project, which was the winner of March’s “Cubberley Stock” micro-grant event organized by the Palo Alto Public Art Program, features portraits, quotes and stories collected mid-May to early June from 59 members of the Cubberley community representing around 15 campus organizations, according to data from the Palo Alto Public Art Program.

“Cubberley is like home for me. I raised my children here. As a dancer I am grateful every day for this space and I love that it is not posh — it’s real. It’s accessible,” states one quote, from Dance Vision’s Lisa Navarro.

Sakellariou and Lee created their own homemade recipe of wheat paste, which they used to attach paper photography prints to the exterior walls around the campus (approximately 416 feet of black-and-white images and text were printed). Audio (compiled from 10 hours of interviews, soundscapes and conversations) is installed at three locations and plays through small portable speakers, available through June 21, Monday to Friday 5-7 p.m., and weekends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The full project is expected to remain on display for much of the summer.

Above: Photographs of community members, including volunteers with the Avenidas Blooms program, are part of Martha Sakellariou and Jennifer Lee’s audio-visual public-art installation, “The Cubberley Project.” Photo by Sinead Chang.

‘Present Laughter’ at the Pear

Laughs are available by the bushelful in the Pear Theatre production of Noël Coward’s “Present Laughter,” a frantic farce written and set in 1939 and based fairly strongly on Coward’s own life.

Charles Woodson Parker is funny as Garry Essendine, a popular actor who is beset by a complicated web of circumstances as he is preparing for a trip to Africa, and quietly terrified by his approaching 40th birthday. Essendine’s life is madness and it makes for a fun play.

There are two aggressive women who want to bed Essendine, an absolutely crazy would-be playwright who hounds him, and his secretary, maid, valet and estranged wife to deal with. Not to mention his two business partners, one of whom is married to one of the women who wants to bed him and the other who is already having an affair with her. Plus, a well-heeled member of British nobility who is the mother of the other lustful woman.

Director Walter M. Mayes cleverly allows some cast members to go loudly over the top while keeping most of the cast grounded in something like British reserve. The mix helps this production deliver most of the laughs Coward intended.

“Present Laughter” runs through June 30 (showtimes vary) at Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. Tickets are $35 and available at thepear.org. For Weekly theater critic John Orr’s full review of the show, go to paloaltoonline.com/arts.

Palo Alto World Music Day

Returning for its 11th year, Palo Alto World Music Day will take place on Sunday, June 16, 3-7:30 p.m. at outdoor locations along University Avenue, which will be closed to traffic. Fifty Bay Area musicians and dancers will perform free concerts in a variety of genres and from many cultural traditions.

World Music Day (Fête de la Musique) was started in France in 1982 and is now celebrated around the time of the summer solstice in more than 100 countries worldwide and many cities across the United States. Palo Alto’s event was founded by resident Claude Ezran and is organized by the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation.

Highlights this year include the Mexican folk music and dance of Los Panaderos, the vintage jazz of Rhythm St. Applejacks, the women’s barbershop and a cappella singing of Mission Valley Chorus, Folikadi’s traditional African drumming and much more.

A complete schedule and map is available at pamusicday.org.

Above: Photographs of community members, including volunteers with the Avenidas Blooms program, are part of Martha Sakellariou and Jennifer Lee’s audio-visual public-art installation, “The Cubberley Project.” Photo by Sinead Chang.
A tasty hobby turns into a full time job for John Capelo

Story by Elena Kadvany  |  Photos by Magali Gauthier

Barbecue was part of the fabric of life in Harlingen, Texas, where John Capelo grew up. “Everyone in Texas does a little barbecue on the side,” he said. This included his father, who would wrap brisket in foil and leave it on the Weber kettle overnight until the coals burned down and the meat was impossibly tender.

Quality barbecue, by contrast, is notoriously hard to find in the Bay Area. Capelo is working to change that, one slow-smoked piece of meat at a time.

Capelo didn’t start his career in the food world and has never worked in restaurants. After high school, he went to the Air Force Academy in Colorado for a year, then got a business degree from the University of Denver and worked in finance, accounting and later, insurance.

But cooking and entertaining were always present. After Capelo left Texas for college, he started peppering his mother with questions about her home cooking. His family is Mexican and Italian, so fresh tortillas and “rich, homemade comfort food” were staples growing up, he said. He dabbled in both cuisines and experimented with barbecue at home. He’s the guy who always ends up at the grill at other peoples’ dinner parties.

After moving to the Bay Area with his wife, who is from here, he started an eponymous catering company on the side, keeping his full-time job. Seven years ago he got his first food truck and decided to go all in for barbecue. He now runs two food trucks (one primarily for catering), a to-go counter at a commercial kitchen in Redwood City and is planning to build a restaurant there.

Capelo describes his barbecue style as regional, a blend of his own flavor preferences, trips back to the South and endless hours spent on the smoker and grill. Instead of a basic salt and pepper brisket rub typical in Texas, for example, he adds in coffee and sweet elements reminiscent of Kansas City- and Oklahoma-style Ribs served with a side of mac and cheese at Capelo’s Barbecue.
Eating Out

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Capelo, he said. “It’s not like everything that I learned from Texas or anything I learned from one area. It’s just a culmination of the years of trial and error and sampling,” he said. Capelo is the proud owner of not one but three smokers — nick-named “Big Red,” “Black Angus” and “Little Smokey” — that churn out pounds of brisket, pork ribs, pulled pork shoulder and smoked chicken at the commercial kitchen. Inside “Big Red,” a massive 18-rack rotisserie smoker that can handle up to 1,800 pounds of meat, brisket and pork smoke for 12 hours. Chicken, hot links and spare ribs cook on another rotisserie smoker.

They use large, custom-cut apple and oak wood from a company in Richmond. The meat, all natural and organic, comes from Golden Gate Meat Company in San Francisco.

“Ultimately, quality and process are the most important thing to me,” Capelo said, “to be authentic to the true style and how it’s prepared in the South.”

The Capelo’s truck roams the Bay Area throughout the week, serving up Texas-style portions of rich, tender barbecue. (The schedule is posted at capelosbarbecue.com/food-truck.) Barbecue plates come with heaps of meats and a choice of two sides, including slaws, corn muffins or seasonal corn salad. Pulled pork, brisket and chicken are added to tortillas and buns to become tacos and towering sandwiches. For the rare vegetarian dining at a barbecue food truck, there is a veggie burger. Capelo’s sauce line-up is also regional. The most popular is the “Capeliente,” a Texas-style tomato-based sauce with vinegar that stands up to the fatty brisket. “Porkalicious,” a South Carolina mustard sauce, goes with everything but pairs best with pork, Capelo said. The “Diablo XX,” made with smoked habanero and jalapeño peppers and ghost pepper extract, brings manageable heat without overwhelming the flavors of the smoked meats.

In March, Capelo’s started serving lunch from a bare-bones to-go counter at the front of the Redwood City commercial kitchen at 2655 Middlefield Road. It’s quick service with a limited menu that’s only available Monday through Friday, but the plan is to eventually stay open for dinner. Longer term, Capelo said he has submitted plans to renovate the commercial kitchen and demolish a next-door property to build a restaurant with a full bar, rooftop, outdoor patio and live music. Capelo also has ideas for spinoff concepts, such as chicken or pizza, that could turn it into a food market like San Jose’s San Pedro Square Market.

The project is set for a public hearing in July; Capelo said he is hoping to be open in a year.

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More than two decades ago, “Men in Black” presented a fresh concept about anonymous government agents tasked with saving the Earth while keeping the secret of aliens among us.

Back then, Will Smith referred to the Men in Black agency’s mind-wiping neuralizer as a “flashy thing,” which also ably summed up the film. All the flash and dazzle packed in plenty of wide-angle witticism from director Barry Sonnenfeld and screenwriter Ed Solomon, along with the odd-couple chemistry of Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

Two sequels floundered in their attempts to extend the fun, and now, with Smith and Jones retired, an attempt to revuscitate the franchise arrives under the “International” banner. The fourth film skewers younger by pairing Chris Hemsworth with his “Thor: Ragnarok” co-star Tessa Thompson under the direction of F. Gary Gray. Providing the link to 2012’s “Men in Black 3,” Emma Thompson (no relation) reprises her role as New York bureau chief Agent O. When Tessa Thompson’s enthusiastic Molly Wright takes the initiative to barge her way into MIB HQ, Agent O christens the young woman Agent M and bundles the probie off to the London branch.

Outside of the win for representation represented by the likeable Thompson’s leading role, there’s no creatively compelling reason to tell this story, which — not for nothing — drags on 17 minutes longer than the 1997 original. Though basically competent by empty blockbuster standards and graced with amusing by-play between the leads, “Men in Black: International” amounts to another boilerplate spy/sci-fi comedy with gags and situations we’ve literally seen before in the previous installments. As a result, the greatest impression left by “MIB: I” is that of another joyless cash-grab franchise exercise.

Rated PG-13 for sequences of monster action violence and destruction, and for some language. One hour, 55 minutes.

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A fire working in the tech industry for more than two decades, Gopalakrishnan Patangay decided it was time to reconnect to his farming roots, so he signed up as a volunteer farmer at the O’Donohue Farm Stanford Educational Farm near the university’s historic Red Barn.

For Patangay, who grew up in India working on his family’s farm, being able to get his hands dirty doing farm chores at the 6-acre site over the past year has provided him a unique opportunity to return to his agricultural roots. The Peninsula resident, now retired, said he plans to use the experience he’s gained at Stanford to follow his father’s legacy and operate his own farm.

The farm was established in 2014 by the School of Earth, Energy & Environmental Sciences as a living laboratory for students and is slowly evolving into a space where the community can get a hands-on opportunity to help combat climate change through farm work. The farm hosts tours, workshops and harvesting events and provides food to the school’s cafeteria, as well as local chefs who handpick produce for their restaurants, including Vina Enoteca and the Flea Street Cafe in Menlo Park.

Patangay said he learned about the O’Donohue farm while volunteering at Los Altos Hills’ Hidden Villa farm, a nonprofit that teaches environmental and multicultural awareness. He said he was shocked when he found out about the university’s farm because his wife, who works at Stanford, didn’t even know it existed.

On any given week, volunteers are out in the orchards sorting, adding mulch, picking out plants and other similar duties, which are assigned based on ability.

“Welcome all; don’t be scared off by anything,” said William Chen, the farm’s facilities and production coordinator for the past four years.

While the farm grows more than 200 varieties of vegetables, flowers, herbs, field crops and fruit and yields about 15,000 pounds of produce each year, it faces the challenge of too much demand and not enough supply.

“We have enough clients, enough reach, we don’t have enough food for everybody so we have to hold back,” Chen said.

According to Chen, serving the university is the farm’s main focus, so the Stanford kitchen gets priority over others. However, practicing and teaching sustainability also is among the farm’s objectives.

“The idea is to promote small-scale sustainable agriculture and have that be part of the solution to climate change, that’s the whole point of this place,” said Chen, noting that the farm has been recognized for its efforts as it recently received a Citation Award from the American Institute of Architects, San Francisco for being a working agricultural complex and living lab to test social and environmental aspects of farming and agriculture.

Chen said most visitors learn about the farm through word of mouth, its website or by taking classes at Stanford. He said the university eventually plans to conduct more community outreach and make the farm more accessible to the public as the program grows.

Over time, the hope is to offer community-supported agriculture for locals through a “farm-share” program. This would allow people to volunteer and in return, get vegetables and other produce to take home. While a large-scale version of this program is not yet operational due to a lack of resources, current volunteers are given access to food in exchange for their service.

But to Patangay, the educational aspect is far more rewarding than just about anything else, not just for his own purposes of owning a farm but how it serves the students who work on environmental projects there, too.

Volunteer Mark Ferguson, who was first introduced to the farm while taking a class that had a mandatory volunteer component, now visits the farm about four times each quarter to break away from the stress of campus life.

“Slowing down and working with your hands and being connected to the earth in that way is very important,” Ferguson said. “It’s easy to forget that nature is all around us.”

For more information about the O’Donohue Family Stanford Educational Farm, go to farm.stanford.edu.

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TOP PROGRAM ... For the second consecutive year, a Stanford cross country/track and field program has been deemed the best in the nation. The Stanford men’s program was named the best overall for its success in cross country, and indoor and outdoor track and field during the 2018-19 academic year. This is the first time the Stanford men have been so honored at the John McDonnell Division I Men’s Program of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Last year, Stanford was awarded the Terry Crawford McDonnell Division I Men’s Program of the Year honor. The distinction comes days after the Cardinal men placed fifth at the NCAA Outdoor Championships with only four athletes, Steven Fahy, Grant Fisher, Thomas Ratcliffe and Harrison Williams, who each placed no lower than third in their events to give Stanford 55 points and its best NCAA outdoor finish since 2001. In addition, Stanford was fourth at NCAA Indoors, its best finish since 2007, and fifth in NCAA cross country, placing among the top five for the fifth consecutive year. Among the 2018-19 highlights were NCAA individual championships won by Fahy in the steeplechase outdoors and Williams in the heptathlon indoors. Fisher earned his second consecutive Pac-12 individual cross country title while leading the Cardinal to back-to-back team crowns. Fisher finished second in the NCAA in cross country, the indoor 5,000 meters and outdoor 5,000, as well as anchoring the Cardinal to a runner-up finish in the NCAA indoor distance medley relay. In 2018-19, Stanford crowned three All-Americans in cross country, five in indoor track and four outdoors.

NEW COACH ... Stanford Director of Athletics Bernard Muir announced the appointment of Danielle Spencer as head coach of Stanford women’s lacrosse. Spencer, who served as an assistant at Stanford in 2012, returns to The Farm after she turned around the Dartmouth program in three years and earned Ivy League Coach of the Year honors in each of her final two seasons. Spencer inherited a program coming off three consecutive losing campaigns, but the Big Green won 11 games in her second year and captured an Ivy League regular season title in her third season.

USA SOCCER

A city with two players at the World Cup

Menlo Park residents Dahlkemper, Davidson playing for gold

by Rick Eymer

Roughly 34,000 residents call Menlo Park their home. The only secondary school within the city limits is a small, private school (Mid-Peninsula) on the east side of 101 with a student population of just over 100. Remarkably, two of its favorite daughters share the spotlight with 21 other players on the United States women’s national soccer team currently playing in France for a FIFA Women’s World Cup gold medal. Cities and towns across the United States are represented on the team, from St. Simons Island, GA (pop. 12,750) to a major metropolis such as Phoenix (pop. 1.7 million). Menlo Park is the only city with multiple players with the national team. Even more unlikely is that Abby Dahlkemper and Tierna Davidson each attended the same (continued on page 35)

Menlo School’s Jones brightest star of the Golden State

Future Blue Devil earns Gatorade State Player of the Year

Rick Eymer

Menlo School senior Sophia Jones was named Gatorade California Girls Soccer Player of the Year it was learned Thursday morning. She becomes the first Menlo School player so honored. In addition, she is one of three finalists for the Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year, the most prestigious award in high school sports. Jones, who will be playing at Duke in the fall, was able to play her senior season at Menlo after her commitment to the U.S. national Under-17 team was complete. She appeared in the FIFA Under-17 World Cup in Uruguay last fall.

“Any time you wear the crest, you expect to be the best in the world,” Jones said in October. “The women’s national team set the standard. It’s an honor to wear the crest and remember all the players who came before you and how you want to make them proud. It’s an honor to be playing for something bigger than yourself.” The 5-foot-6 midfielder led the Knights to a 20-2-2 record and the Central Coast Section Division I tournament championship during the winter. Jones recorded 18 goals and 16 assists despite missing the final two games of the season while training with the U.S. Soccer Under-20 Women’s National Team. Jones was named (continued on page 34)
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Jones as California’s best high school girls soccer player.


As a part of Gatorade’s cause marketing platform “Play It Forward,” Jones has the opportunity to award a $1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of her choosing. She is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve $10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program’s inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

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high school: Division IV Sacred Heart Prep, with its main entrance just across Valparaiso Ave. from Menlo Park.

High school athletes from Menlo Park benefit in living near several successful private schools, including two within walking distance along Valparaiso, and highly acclaimed public schools. Division I Menlo-Atherton, with one of the most diverse student populations in California, enjoys one of the most successful athletic programs in the area. Its girls soccer program consistently finishes near the top of the Peninsula Athletic League Bay Division.

Sacred Heart Prep and Menlo School each won CCS girls soccer titles this past season.

Davidson went on to star at Stanford, from where she left with a year of eligibility remaining to pursue a professional career. She helped lead the Cardinal to a national championship in 2017 and a 77-6-11 record (.928 winning percentage) and a national title in 2013 during her college career.

“You know you can count on her,” former UCLA coach B.J. Snow said of Dahlkemper. “She competes for 90 minutes. She’s a leader on the team and a warrior back there.”

Dahlkemper, born in Lancaster, Pa., was considered one of the nation’s top prep defenders and earned California Gatorade Player of the Year as a senior at SHP.

“She’s a great player. She plays my kind of soccer,” Stanford coach Paul Ratcliffe said. “She’s thoughtful, has great skills, and great presence. I think highly of Abby. She’s a great kid.”

Stanford grads Kelley O’Hara and Christen Press got in on the action Tuesday as the United States women’s national soccer team walloped Thailand 13-0 in its first game of the FIFA Women’s World Cup on Tuesday in Reims, France.

O’Hara helped kick start Team USA’s and Alex Morgan’s record-setting day in front of a crowd of 18,591 at Stade Auguste-Delanne. O’Hara had the assist on the first of Morgan’s five goals. She took a pass from Megan Rapinoe at the top of the penalty box and dribbled it toward the end line before crossing the ball to the back post, where Morgan headed it in.

Morgan tied a team record with five goals and the U.S. set a World Cup scoring record for goals and margin of victory.

Press, who entered the game early in the second half, assisted Morgan on her third goal, scored in the 74th minute. Press picked up a ball passed to the top right corner of the penalty kick by Samantha Mewis and held on while Morgan and Carli Lloyd made runs in front of the net. Press got the ball to Morgan, who worked her magic to create open space and a score.

On Mallory Pugh’s goal, Press headed the ball to Morgan, who found Pugh open in front of the net.
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