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In hunt for housing, city brings back divisive zoning

**Council votes to restore ‘planned community’ tool to encourage new residential developments**

**by Gennady Sheyner**

Eager to pull the city out of its prolonged housing rut, the Palo Alto City Council agreed on Monday to resurrect a zoning tool that has been used in the past to produce some of the city’s most significant — and contentious — developments.

Two days after the council agreed to make housing a top priority for 2020, members voted unanimously to bring back the “planned community” zoning process to stimulate more housing construction. The council had agreed to stop using the planned community process in 2013, just after voters overturned in a referendum the last project to rely on that zoning designation — a 60-apartment building for low-income seniors and 12 single-family homes on Maybell Avenue.

On Monday, much as at their annual retreat on Saturday, council members stressed the importance of both making progress on the city’s housing goals (as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan) and in creating housing for teachers, service workers and other employees who are struggling to afford to live in the city.

Planning Director Jonathan Lait noted at the onset of Monday’s presentation that despite an extensive Housing Work Plan, the city is not on pace to meet the goal of the Comprehensive Plan, which calls for producing about 343 units annually.

“It is also anticipated that items in the Housing Work Plan will not get you there either, not without additional changes to our development standards or other conditions that make housing production more feasible,” Lait said.

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PARKING

Cal Ave. feeling the pain — and waiting for the gain

Garage construction hampers retailers, which are seeing revenues drop

**by Sue Dremann and Elena Kadvany**

Ten months into the construction of a 630-space parking garage in the California Avenue business district in Palo Alto, business owners and managers who lobbied for it say that foot traffic and sales have declined by whopping percentages — as much as 30% in the last year.

The garage is replacing a parking lot on Sherman Avenue between Birch and Ash streets, eliminating those 100 parking spaces during construction. Retailers say that customers are having a harder time finding a place to park, which is discouraging them from coming.

Restaurant owners are among the hardest hit.

“Year over year until last year, we had grown pretty much every year. This year we’re off more than 20%. Lately we’ve been off more than that, even. It’s really significant,” said Peter Katz, owner of The Counter, which specializes in custom-made burgers.

With the exception of Webster, a Libertarian who believes that government is the problem and who likened education spending to “socialism,” each candidate indicated Wednesday that they believe the state has an important role to play in solving California’s housing and transportation challenges, though they offered different takes on what that role should be.

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ELECTION 2020

**Senate candidates clash over housing policies, PG&E’s future**

Some say it’s time for state to take over struggling utility, others decry too much government control

**by Gennady Sheyner**

The seven candidates vying to succeed state Sen. Jerry Hill in Sacramento tried to set themselves apart from the pack at a Palo Alto forum Wednesday night as they clashed to set themselves apart from their respective cases.

The candidates, who include five Democrats, one Republican and one Libertarian, are all looking to represent Senate District 13, which stretches from South San Francisco to Sunnyvale.

The top two vote-getters in the March 3 primary will move on to a showdown on Election Day in November.

The debate, which was sponsored by The Almanac, Palo Alto Weekly, Palo Alto Online, Mountain View Voice and CalMatters, brought a standing-room-only crowd of about 200 people to the Palo Alto Art Center to hear the seven candidates — Josh Becker, Michael Brownrigg, Alex Glew, Sally Lieber, Shelly Masur, Annie Oliva and John Webster — make their respective cases.

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### Around Town

#### Expanding the Park

Ventura residents will have a reason to celebrate on Monday, Feb. 10, when the City Council formally expands Boulware Park by dedicating as parkland a 0.64-acre parcel that the city recently bought from AT&T at 3350 Birch St. The site is about the only thing that has gone according to plan in the neighborhood, where the city is now in the midst of preparing a “coordinated area plan” that envisions a huge influx of housing— a plan that is being undermined by venturing into short-term rentals of the property owner over the most promising housing location: the former site of Fry’s Electronics. The park addition, by contrast, represents a modest success story. According to a new report, the city is setting up meetings with neighbors about the property to discuss the recent purchase and plan for further improvements for the parkland.

#### READ ALL ABOUT IT ...

Students at Los Robles-Ronald McNair Academy in East Palo Alto have nearly 1,000 brand new books and cozy furniture in their school library thanks to Access Books Bay Area, a nonprofit that provides books to schools where at least 50% of students live at or below the poverty line. Seventy-two volunteers spent Saturday, Feb. 1, refurbishing the library, sorting through gently used books for classrooms and painting literacy-themed murals on the walls. “California has no dedicated funding for school libraries, which impacts schools in low-income neighborhoods the most because there is no ability to fundraise with the families, as schools in wealthier neighborhoods are able to do,” Access Books Bay Area board member Lisa Lachman said. “Research shows that access to pleasure reading books helps to mitigate the effects of poverty and raises scores in all school subjects. School libraries especially matter for these kids because most don’t have access to reading materials outside of school.”

### Upfront

#### QuotE Of The Week

In general, people are scared of parking on California Avenue.

— Zareen Khan, owner of Zareen’s restaurant, on parking woes in the California Avenue business district. See story on page 5.

### Around Town

#### Awkward Transition ...

Few elections in Palo Alto are as suspenseful, raucous and polarizing as the Planning and Transportation Commission’s annual selection of its chair and vice chair. For those who enjoy hyperlocal political intrigue, this year’s election of officers on Jan. 29 didn’t disappoint. Residents read aloud a public letter, signed by about 50 endorsers, listing a set of principles they would like to see in the top two leaders. These include a “selfless interest in serving the public good,” “zero tolerance for bullying or disparaging a member of the public from the dias” and compliance with “complete disclosure at the dias of any conflict of interest”— a veiled reference to Commissioner Michael Alchech, who has been criticized for not recusing himself during commission hearings that pertained to garages and properties while he was moving ahead with two projects that involved garage construction. Some expected Alchech, who came into the meeting as vice chair, to assume to the chair is seat. He quickly quashed that notion by announcing his intentions of nominating Carolyn Templeton as chair. His colleagues unanimously supported the nomination, with Commissioner Deta Summa noting that she was thinking about throwing her own hat into the race for chair but was happy to support Templeton. They maintained that spirit of unity for a whole 30 seconds when three others got awkward when they chose a vice chair. Commissioner Ed Lausing supported Summa for the role, noting her two decades of active engagement in city issues and three years of commission experience. Alchech then nominated Giselle Roozparvar, who joined the commission last year. Commissioner Barton Hechtman was appearing in his first meeting, abstained from the vote, noted that he didn’t have sufficient knowledge of either candidate or nominees. Outgoing Chairman William Riggs took a shot at Summa for not participating in a team-building exercise at a commission retreat last year and then abstained from the vote. Roozparvar prevailed by winning three votes from the seven-member commission. She gained supporting votes from Templeton, Alchech and herself. Roozparvar said she believes the position should “transcend politics.” “It’s not about coming here and arguing your point. It’s about making sure everyone is heard and has a fair chance, and making sure there is civility and decorum that’s always maintained,” she said.
Two cases of coronavirus confirmed in county

Public health leaders: Both people traveled from Wuhan, China, and are in isolation

by Sue Dremann and Jamey Padovino

The widespread coronavirus that has infected tens of thousands of people around the world and killed 565 has reached Santa Clara County, where two people have tested positive for the disease, according to the county’s Public Health Department.

Coronavirus, better known as “novel coronavirus,” is a respiratory illness that has been reportedly linked to a seafood and animal market in Wuhan, China, but has since been passed between people, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Symptoms of coronavirus include fever, cough and shortness of breath that appear two to 14 days after exposure. It can lead to pneumonia and, in some cases, death.

County public health leaders alerted the public to the first case on Jan. 31 and the second on Feb. 2; the cases don’t appear to be related.

County Public Health Director Dr. Sara Cody said during a press conference on Friday, Jan. 31, that in the first case, a man arrived from China on Jan. 24 at the Mineta San Jose International Airport and immediately isolated himself at home. He became ill after his return. He had been traveling in China and had been to Wuhan and Shanghai, Cody said.

The man only left his home twice to seek medical attention at a local medical clinic and a hospital, where he received outpatient care. Cody declined to identify the medical facilities or what city he lives in. He was never sick enough to require hospitalization, she added.

The man had little contact with others during his trip back to the U.S. — potentially airline employees, medical center staff and household members, Cody said. County health officials are working to identify these people while they remain in self-isolation for 14 days.

“We’re quite lucky in this case that the list of contacts is very short,” she said.

The second case was reported on Sunday. A woman came to the county from Wuhan on Jan. 23 to visit family and has stayed at the home since her arrival, with the exception of two occasions when she sought outpatient medical care, public health staff said. Her family members also have been isolated and have received food and other necessities through the Public Health Department.

“She has been regularly monitored and was never sick enough to be hospitalized,” the department stated in a press release.

There have been two cases of human-to-human transmission of the disease in the U.S., according to multiple media outlets, which report a total of 12 cases in the country. One case was recently found to have been transmitted in Illinois between spouses and another also between spouses in San Benito County, which is south of Gilroy.

“Based on what we know today, the risk to (the) general public remains low,” Cody said in a press release on Sunday. “A second case is not unexpected. With our large population and the amount of travel to China for both personal and business reasons, we will likely see more cases, including close contacts to our cases.”

When people are required to be in isolation, they can be watched in one of two ways: by a family member or, if there isn’t one, through public resources, she said.

Cody stressed that there is much still unknown about this strain of coronavirus, hence it is called “novel.” She warned the public to take precautions to stay at home if they are ill and to seek medical care. Everyone should be vaccinated for the flu, which is still circulating and has similar symptoms to the novel coronavirus.

“We know we have 36,000 deaths from influenza in the United States every year,” she said. “It’s far more likely for people to become sickened by the flu, she added.

In January, the Public Health Department activated its Emergency Operations Center to provide regular communications to the public and health care providers and to handle reports of potential novel coronavirus infection.

On Tuesday, the county Public Health Department announced five workers from Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose were sent home and were instructed to stay home until Feb. 11 after it determined they were exposed to coronavirus.

Meanwhile, Stanford University is restricting all travel to China to prevent a spread of the coronavirus and is requiring anyone who has traveled to the country to quarantine themselves for 14 days before they attend classes or on-campus activities.

The restrictions and quarantine requirements were announced on Jan. 24 and 30 and follow the CDC’s warnings regarding travel to and from mainland China.

Requests for travel exceptions must be filed by a university vice president, provost or dean and then forwarded to the Provost’s Office, the university said.

Employees who traveled to China have been instructed to notify their supervisor and to call the Occupational Health Center for a phone consultation appointment with a physician. Students returning from China are being instructed to contact the Vaden Health Center for a phone consultation.

The date of return to work or class will be determined after the medical review, university leaders said.

Supervisors are also being encouraged to adopt flexible work arrangements by allowing employees to telecommute and teleconference from their home while in self-quarantine.

Stanford classes, events and other campus activities are continuing without interruption, but the university has recommendations for groups hosting events.

The situation is rapidly changing, so the public is encouraged to visit the Public Health Department’s website for updated local information at scpchealth.org/coronavirus. The CDC has more information about novel coronavirus that can be found at cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Bay City News Service contributed to this report.

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Notice of Ordinance

The City Council of the Town of Atherton, at its meeting of February 19, 2020, will consider the adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the Town of Atherton, State of California, Amending Chapter 15.40.110, Construction Regulations Definitions.

The full text of the proposed Ordinance is available for review or purchase in the City Clerk’s Office at 150 Watkins Avenue, Atherton, California 94027. For more information, you may contact the City Clerk’s Office at (650) 752-0529.

/s/ Anthony Suber

Anthony Suber
City Clerk
Town of Atherton

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to match their job growth with new housing. He attributed the Bay Area’s housing crisis in part to the exponential growth of companies like Facebook and Google since the early 2000s.

“For big tech companies — for every job they create, they should have to fund a unit of housing,” Becker said. “It’s not going to solve the problem, but it will stop the problem from getting worse — which is a first priority.”

Others called that proposal unrealistic and onerous. Masur, who serves as Redwood City’s vice mayor, noted that it costs about $600,000 to create one housing unit. Requiring businesses to spend about three hours per day on the phone trying to get funds to contribute to their own campaigns.

“I think it’s pretty unrealistic to believe that if we’re going to be a business-friendly space, to come in and spend $600,000 for housing unit,” Oliva said.

Brownrigg, a former diplomat who has spent 10 years on the Burlingame City Council, offered another ambitious proposal, which borrowed from the carbon credit market. Under his plan, a developer who creates housing would earn credits that can then be sold to commercial developers. That type of system, he said, would create incentives for new housing and ensure that commercial developers are part of the solution without requiring them to spend $600,000 per unit.

One area on which most of the candidates found some common ground was opposition to Senate Bill 50, a proposal that would have required cities to relax height and density limits for housing projects in, respectively, transit-friendly and jobs-rich areas (the bill failed in the state Senate last week). Masur was the only candidate who said she supported SB 50, whose author, Sen. Scott Wiener, is among her high-profile endorsers.

“As a local city councilwoman and a former school board member, I’m all about local control,” Masur said. “In this instance, he’s really jump-started the conversation and made us all pay attention.”

Lieber, who served in the state Assembly between 2002 and 2008, added numerous times throughout the debate to her history of championing progressive causes, including efforts to tackle homelessness and to invest in public transit. While she didn’t endorse SB 50, she also credited the bill for sparking a critical conversation.

“What’s important is that it’s kicked off a discussion that is so far overdue — that is the accountability of cities to not just plan for but actually see that affordable housing — extremely-low income and low-income housing and supportive housing is actually built,” Lieber said.

Oliva argued that each municipality should be allowed to plan for its own needs and used as an example the residential and commercial developments around her city’s transit hub.

“We do not need to solve the housing crisis by disrupting our single-home neighborhoods,” Oliva said.

Glew, for his part, called SB 50 an “abomination.” Housing policy, he said, should be handled by city councils and local commissions.

“We want the state to help us, not control us,” Glew said.

The candidates largely concurred on transportation policies, with everyone agreeing that California’s high-speed-rail project was a massive failure in the way it was executed. Most candidates said they support investing more funding in grade separations at rail crossings and other Caltrain improvements.

Masur said she would like to see better coordination among the Bay Area’s 27 transit agencies and used as an example the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, an agency that is charged with making sure that the various transit services are working together effectively.

There was somewhat less consensus on the subject of PG&E and Wiener’s proposal to have the state take over the utility. Masur noted that he has been “too big to fail” and “too big to fail,” Becker said of PG&E. “Because they’re too big,”

“I think I’d get agreement that PG&E need to have an opportunity to vote for a bill that they’re lobbying on and that they’re concerned about.”

The tensest moment in the debate came during the discussion of charter schools, when candidates were asked what they would do to make sure these schools are accountable to the taxpayers who fund them. While Masur, a former Redwood City school board member, touted recent efforts to require charter schools to have open meetings and to make their records accessible to the public, Lieber broadly criticized charter schools, which she said should be ended.

“I have never voted for any charter school at any point in time and, frankly, that’s a difference we have,” she said, alluding to Masur.

“ать the future of the world,” Lieber said. “That’s not something that special interests appreciate. Having been in Sacramento, I’ve seen the emotional toll it takes on you to have to call lobbyists for money, when you’re voting on a bill that they’re lobbying on and that they’re concerned about.”

“Sometimes you just have to kick the ball downfield and try as hard as you can to block a troubled entity from coming into a school,” Lieber said.

Read profiles of each of the seven candidates on page 30 of this edition.

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Parking

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“The farther away you get there, there are other parking areas. We’re ground zero.”

Michael Ekwall, co-owner of La Bodeguita del Medio, which is a block west of The Counter, said his lunch business has declined by 20%, though at night, the impact is not as significant.

“Amongst other things, people are just looking to drive around for however long it takes them to find a spot if they have a limited time for lunch,” he said.

The business has always grown for 21 years, he said, but “last year was the first year we noticed a significant impact.”

Restaurants also have faced mandated wage increases and other challenges.

“For us that significant increase in minimum wage and the 60% in four years — that’s huge. To add onto it a decrease in foot traffic is a little bit challenging,” he said.

At Zazie, which is a block south to The Counter, owner Zareen Khan said she estimates her business is off about 10%, but she’s hopeful that fortunes will change once the construction goes. That’s scheduled for late summer or early fall.

“In general, people are scared of parking,” she said. “Even before (the garage construction), they said: ‘It’s easier to come to your Mountain View location than to go and look for parking.”

The impact was there and now there’s a little more impact. But once the parking lot is there, hopefully people’s mindset will change,” she said.

Like Khan, Ekwall and Katz said they support having the new garage.

“We lobbied for more parking and the city approved it. Everybody’s thrilled with that,” Katz said.

But then, “it became obvious it was going to be an 18-month project, and we got very concerned,” he said.

The restaurants aren’t the only ones suffering.

Blossom Birth Services’ Executive Director Dominique Vincent said that since construction began the nonprofit has experienced a 30% hit to its bottom line, the equivalent of about one month of revenue.

“That’s a significant amount of money over last year. We were on track for growth, and last year there was no growth,” she said.

Many mothers who come for classes arrive late because they can’t find parking.

Anthony Haggard, store manager at FedEx Office, said his business has looked to a by-product of factors, including the garage construction.

The parking lot directly behind the store was a block east of The Counter, was initially used for parking construction equipment and vehicles. That prevented customers from coming in FedEx’s back door, which is how 75% of customers enter, he said. On top of that, the store was doing a remodel at the same time.

“Last year we missed $500,000 from our bottom-line sales,” he said. “Customers in Palo Alto don’t like to be inconvenienced.”

Three life-saving drugs costing hundreds of dollars a month could potentially be subsidized to patients in Santa Clara County.

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on Tuesday to investigate a pilot program to cut costs for insulin, epinephrine auto-injectors (EpiPens) and asthma inhalers.

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council (Feb. 3)

Housing: The discussed the Housing Work Plan and agreed to bring back the “planned community” process, which would only be applicable to residential projects. Yes: Unanimous.

Utilities Advisory Commissions (Feb. 5)

Review: The commission held presentations reviewing the utilities’ actions in 2019 and looking forward into 2020. Action: None.

Architectural Review Board (Feb. 6)

Objective standards: The board held a study session to discuss updates to objective standards for reviewing residential projects and mixed-use projects that include a residential component. Action: None.

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**CRIME**

**Raped 45 years ago, woman returns to bring attacker to justice for another woman’s murder**

John Arthur Getreu to stand trial for 1973 cold-case murder at Stanford

by Sue Dremann

Editor's note: This article contains graphic descriptions of crime that some readers may find disturbing.

For more than four decades, “Diane Doe” has tried to bury memories of the rape she survived as a teenager in her parents’ Palo Alto home.

Now 62, on Tuesday in a Santa Clara County courtroom, she came face to face with the man responsible. But Doe wasn’t facing down just any man. She was confronting Getreu for his crime against her. In stead, she had made the trip from her out-of-state country home to try to testify in the case of another woman’s murder, a woman she never even knew.

Looking at her assailant, now 75, wheelchair-bound and in shackles, even after 43 years she recognized him, she told the court.

Now the pieces she fought so hard to bury were coming back, she said. She had survived his hand around her throat, a squeeze that could have choked the life from her.

“This is the nightmare that has lasted for years. Not being able to scream out, not being able to breathe,” she said. She didn’t know why she survived the attack, she said during an interview with the Weekly last year.

Leslie Marie Perlov, the woman Getreu is charged with killing in 1973 in the Stanford foothills, was found strangled and partially clothed. Her undergarments and stockings were crammed into her throat, prosecutors said. When they asked her to testify in Perlov’s case, Doe agreed to face him again to try to bring him to justice.

She was an 18-year-old Scout Explorer in January 1975. Her parents were on a vacation when she and three boys in their troop decided to go to a midnight movie and then buy pizza. Their parents would only allow a late-night out if they were accompanied by an adult, and one of the boys had suggested the group head to Getreu. He was their troop leader, along with his then-wife, Sue.

After the movie, around 3:30 a.m. Doe drove the boys and Getreu to their respective homes. Returning to her residence, Doe said, she heard a knock on the door and opened it to find Getreu, who said the other boys were still wide awake and were planning to meet at her house.

The boys never came, however. As they waited, Getreu began to question her about her relationship with the boys and talked about her experiences with kissing.

“That was as far as I had ever gone with a boy,” she said.

Getreu wanted to know about her best friend and other boys in the troop, raising similar questions about their relationships.

“I was getting uncomfortable,” Doe said, and told the court on Tuesday.

Since her birthday was around that time, Getreu showed her a cake, she said. He wanted her “birthday spanking.” It wasn’t unusual in the 1970s to give someone a birthday spank-

ing, and the Scouts would chase each other through the forest on outings to give someone their birthday spankings.

She let Getreu give her two light taps on the buttocks over his knee. When she got up, he began to kiss her.

“Think of Sue,” she recalled telling Getreu. “Think of your wife.”

Getreu told her they were having troubles and weren’t getting along. He continued to kiss her and gently pushed her back onto the sofa. Her younger brother asleep in the bedroom, she pro-
tested and tried to get up, but he grabbed her by the throat and be-
gan to tighten his grip. He told her to be quiet and said he could hurt her, she recalled.

With Getreu on top of her, un-
pressing her below the waist and eventually raping her, most of the time he kept one hand firmly around her throat, she testified. As she struggled against him, she recalled that the boys in their troop had talked him up as “an amazing leader.” They often said he was very strong; he had taken martial arts.

“I stopped resisting,” she said.

After Doe went to a friend’s house where she told the friend and the friend’s parents about the rape, Getreu ar-
rrested her the same day and pleaded not guilty to charges of sexual perversion and rape by threat of great bodily harm, according to 1975 court documents. The court later added a charge of statutory rape, requested by prosecutors, after Getreu’s attorney asked for all charges to be dismissed.

In June 1975, Getreu agreed to a plea deal and admitted to the statutory rape. He claimed he didn’t have contact with Leslie Perlov, whom he allegedly stran-
gled nearly 47 years ago, but his statements appeared to be con-
tradicted by DNA evidence from under her fingernails. Perlov’s body was found Feb. 16, 1973, under the same circumstances that is now “The Dish” in the Stanford foothills.

During Tuesday’s preliminary hearing at the Santa Clara County Hall of Justice in San Jose, Santa Clara County sheriff’s investiga-
tors described how they reopened the cold case in November 2016 and sent clippings from Perlov’s fingernails to the sher-
iff’s office’s crime lab to look for DNA evidence. Kevin Kellogg, a lab criminalist, testified that he extracted DNA from two indi-
viduals: Perlov and an unidentified male.

The male’s DNA was a signifi-
cant finding, Kellogg said. It’s not that common to find another per-
son’s DNA as a “major contribu-
tor” under a victim’s fingernails; DNA from someone other than the victim is found less than 20% of the time, he said.

The presence of another person’s DNA — which in this case matched Getreu— can’t be explained “by a handshake or a pat on the back,” Kellogg said. It would have been from physical contact with skin cells or bodily fluids, such as semen, he said.

“I would not expect it from a significant other or from consen-
tual contact,” he said.

Under ordinary circumstances, a dominant DNA profile from another individual other than the victim would tend to de-
grade within 24 hours because of handwashing or nail grooming; he said, citing a 2007 study published in the academic journal (continued on page 14)
The Tree House in Palo Alto offers 33 affordable studio apartments and was built by Palo Alto Housing under planned community zoning.

Housing (continued from page 5)

The planned community zone, which allows builders to exceed development standards such as height and density limits in exchange for negotiated public benefits, is the most dramatic of the new tools under consideration.

In the past, it has been used by residential and commercial builders with varying degrees of success. The tool has been effective in creating affordable-housing developments such as Alma Place at 753 Alma St. and the Treehouse at 788 W. Charleston Road. City staff estimated that planned community projects and development agreements (which similarly allow builders to negotiate with the city over zoning standards) accounted for about 64% of Palo Alto’s housing units in the past 20 years.

The zoning tool has also sparked some of Palo Alto’s most bitter and prolonged community disputes, with most of them centering on “public benefits” the developers had promised to provide but then failed to deliver. There was the redevelopment of Edgewood Plaza, where the developer promised to restore a historic building but destroyed it instead. There was the public plaza near Sheridan Apartments, a public benefit that effectively became the patio dining area for Caffe Rio.

The most recent — and egregious — example is the College Terrace Centre, a development at El Camino Real and College Avenue that won approval a decade ago and that included as its primary benefit a grocery store. Once built, however, the development has had trouble keeping the grocery tenants, with two shuttering after only months, leaving the market space vacant.

Khouri’s Market closed shop last month, and the city is preparing to start fining the building owner for violating the terms of the zoning agreement.

The new planned community zone that Lait proposed would differ from past ones in several critical ways. It would only allow residential projects and mixed-use developments that provide enough housing to offset the jobs they produce. And the public benefit would be, exclusively and in all cases, housing.

“I say that with a little bit of hesitation, because I know that term generates a certain amount of reaction from folks in the community,” Lait said of the planned community zone. “But as we think about housing production, the concept here is to introduce for the council an idea where we’re not negotiating public benefits with property owners in exchange for certain development standards.

“The idea is that housing in and of itself — the production of housing units, including affordable-housing units — would in fact be a public benefit.”

While council members have
attacked planned community zoning in the past (Councilwoman Lydia Kour, Vice Mayor Tom DuBois and Councilman Eric Filsesth all opposed the Maybell Avenue development in 2013), they agreed it’s time to give the tactic another chance. Councilwoman Liz Kniss pointed to the dearth of housing proposals that the city has seen since 2013.

“We put (planned community) on hold … we hesitated to deal with it," said DuBois. “In the meantime, the only affordable housing (project) that (has) gone through is one — and that’s drained our coffers dry. We don’t have anything else,” Kniss said, referring to the 59-unit development called Wilton Court, which the council approved last year and which is slated to break ground in the fall.

Mayor Adrian Fine, who made the motion to bring back the planned community approach, noted that staff is currently working on about two dozen housing programs and is not getting any tangible results. But he noted that from an effective perspective, he said, could entail asking developers to come in with proposals and have them work with staff to overcome any zoning hurdles that in many cases make residential developments financially infeasible to construct. These, according to Lait, typically involve parking standards that many developers say are too onerous.

In proposing the new program, the council is seeking to meet both its own housing targets and the increased demands from families and ambitious state mandates for residential production.

Puerto Alto is almost certain to fail to meet its regional allocations for low-income housing, which means that the city will be subjected to a higher level of state oversight and financing allocations.

By failing to meet its quota for below-market-rate units, housing projects in Puerto Alto that offer affordable housing would project that designate just 10% of their units for affordable housing.

To avoid that eventuality, the council is looking to switch the “above moderate” income category in the 2015-2022 cycle of the state’s Regional Housing Allocation Process. So far, the city has permitted 423 units.

In restoring the planned community zone, council members underscored the increasing housing scarcity in the city and the “planning housing zone,” Filsesth and Kou both stressed the importance of making sure a significant number of housing units can accommodate residents with incomes up to 80% of the area median income (AMI). For a four-person household in Santa Clara County, that’s $157,680. For an individual, 120% AMI is $110,400.

“The city is given the need for the 300 units a year and the focus on trying to attenuate the flight of 120% AMI workers, I think this is a reasonable direction,” Filsesth said.

Council members also indicated Monday that they are also looking to build more affordable housing. Having already contributed $20.5 million in loans to the 59-unit Wilton Court projects, which is geared toward low-income residents and adults with a disability, council members agreed to explore a tax to raise additional funding for affordable housing.

DuBois said he would like to see a portion of the council’s planned business tax go to affordable housing. Councilwoman Alison Cormack said she would prefer to see a parcel tax.

“Those are more appropriative for people who own property here to participate in making it more affordable for others,” Cormack said.

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Foothill College joins county challenge: House 100 homeless students in 100 days

Local residents interested in housing students can participate

by Elena Kadvany

On November 20, 2019, longtime Palo Alto resident Troy W. Barbee, Jr. passed away at his home in Los Altos, California, aged 82 years. Born in San Diego to Anita Barblee and Troy W. Barbee, Sr. at the end of the Great Depression, Troy was a man of humble beginnings gifted with considerable athletic ability and a brilliant mind. Fueled by a relentless drive to learn and create, he lived a robust life, accumulating a remarkable collection of achievements, accolades and memories along the way.

An enrolled member of the Quechan Indian Tribe, Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, Winterhaven, California, he was raised by his mother, grandmother and maternal great-grandmother while his father served as a Warrant Officer in the US Navy during and after WWII. When asked about his time living on the reservation, Troy often shared memories of scorching hot summer days eased by the sweetness of ice-cold watermelon, castoff fruit given to them by the workers at a local produce packing facility, of swerving to miss jumping tarantulas, well camouflaged by their coloring, as he rode his broke bike along the dusty dirt roads. He also spoke of the times his elders made sure he and his cousin Gene ate while they went without. His early experiences in Yuma and San Diego fostered in him a formidable work ethic and a deep interest in the natural world.

At Hoover High School in San Diego, drive and talent brought him notice as a football player, earning him an athletic scholarship to Stanford University, and making him the first person in his family to attend college. While at Stanford he played three years of varsity football at tackle, playing on both offense and defense in most games. Troy earned degrees at Stanford -- a B.S. in Physical Metallurgy from the School of Earth Sciences in 1959, and an M.S. and a Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from the School of Engineering in 1962 and 1965. During his undergraduate years, he also met his first wife, Diana. He and Diana raised four children while living in Palo Alto.

After earning his Ph.D., Troy worked as a materials scientist at the Stanford Research Institute before becoming the associate director of the Center for Materials Research at Stanford. It was during his time at the Center for Materials Research that Troy was first recognized by the Materials Office of the National Science Foundation for the making of new materials with multilayer synthesis technology. After 25 years at Stanford, Troy then joined the scientific staff of Lawrence Livermore National Labs, directing a research lab there for the next 30 years.

During a career spanning more than 50 years, Troy published over 300 peer-reviewed journal articles, edited two books, was awarded 28 patents and received four R&D 100 awards. He was a gifted inventor and remained at the forefront of multilayer and nanotechnology research until his retirement in 2015. The materials and processes he developed led to new optical instruments for soft X-rays, with applications from astronomy to semiconductor manufacturing.

Outside the research lab, Troy’s life focused on family and being an active member of the Stanford community. An avid Stanford Cardinal fan and supporter, and inventor and remained at the forefront of multilayer and nanotechnology research until his retirement in 2015. The materials and processes he developed led to new optical instruments for soft X-rays, with applications from astronomy to semiconductor manufacturing.

Towards the end of his life he was known to pause and wonder at the depth and breadth of the life he had lived, saying, “Look at what that young kid from San Diego managed to do.”

Troy was preceded in death by his first wife, Ann, and his cousin Gene Moore. He is survived by his children, Troy W. Barbee III of Sunnyvale, Michael G. Barbee of La Manzanilla, Mexico, Christopher A. Barbee of Sunnyvale, Rebecca A. Barbee of Palo Alto; his second wife, Wendy Smith of Palo Alto, their son Jacob J. Bowland of Anderson, South Carolina, and four grandchildren. We will miss his sense of humor and boundless love for vanilla ice cream.

Troy was also a private family member who had been held. A celebration of Troy’s life will be held on the Stanford campus on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 2pm at Jimmy V’s Sports Cafe, located at 641 Campus Drive, Stanford. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in his memory to the Native American Cultural Center at Stanford (http://nacc.stanford.edu) or the Yeomtese Conservation (http://yeomtese.org).

The high cost of living in the Bay Area is a real barrier to college students successfully completing their studies,” April Henderson, Foothill College’s director of Extended Opportunities Programs & Services and the college’s Foster Youth and Homeless Student Programs, said in an announcement. “These partnerships will just not continue to serve students facing housing insecurity and get them the services that they need.”

According to a survey, 49% of Foothill College students experience housing insecurity and 19% experience homelessness in the past year. Foothill students said they were sharing rooms or moving in with other people due to financial constraints at a higher rate compared to the national rate.

Statewide, nearly 1 in 5 community college students are either homeless or do not have a stable place to live, according to a 2019 survey conducted by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office and The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice. Student-advocates have been pressing Foothill to address the rise in students experiencing housing insecurity. In response, the community college hosted last June a summit on student homelessness to discuss possible solutions to the housing crisis with students, faculty, administrators, local elected officials, nonprofit leaders and others.

To support students’ basic needs, Foothill offers a campus food pantry (which serves about 100 students each week), free and low-cost health services and a $15,000 scholarship for homeless or housing-insecure students to transfer to a year-four university. Foothill encouraged students who need housing services from the Bill Wilson Center and Catholic Charities to contact Henderson or AboutHousing@fhda.edu. Students can also refer themselves to the Bill Wilson Center by filling out an online form.

The Bill Wilson Center also encourages students to participate in transitional housing programs, counseling and one-time funding for young people between the ages of 18 and 24 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and don’t have the financial means to find housing, among other services.

Local residents who have an available room in their home can also apply to host a student through the community college’s house-sharing program. The nonprofit screens and matches applicants through background checks, credit checks, references and personality profiles.

Interested community members can learn more at an information session at Foot- hill and Catholic Charities on Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Toyon Room at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Or they can call Catholic Charities directly at 408-325-5134.

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### POLICE CALLS
#### Palo Alto
**Jan. 31-Feb. 5**

**Theft related**
- Attempted residential burglaries: 2
- Grand theft: 2
- Identity theft: 1
- Petty theft: 5
- Shoplifting: 1

**Vehicle related**
- Auto theft: 1
- Bicycle theft: 2
- Driving w/suspended license: 7
- Hit and run: 1
- Theft from auto: 1
- Vehicle accident/prop damage: 1
- Vehicle accident/minor injury: 4
- Vehicle tow: 1

**Alcohol or drug related**
- Driving under influence: 3
- Under influence of drugs: 2

**Miscellaneous**
- Animal call: 1
- Found property: 8
- Lost property: 2
- Misc. parole violation: 1
- Missing person: 1
- Other/misc: 9
- Possession of stolen property: 1
- Psychiatric subject: 5
- Suspicious circumstances: 3
- Trespassing: 2
- Vandalism: 4
- Warrant/other agency: 2

**Menlo Park**
**Jan. 30-Feb. 4**

**Theft related**
- Petty theft: 1

**Vehicle related**
- Abandoned auto: 1
- Attempted theft from auto: 4
- Auto theft: 1
- Bicycle theft: 1
- Driving w/suspended license: 5
- Hit and run: 1
- Theft from auto: 1
- Vehicle accident/prop damage: 3
- Vehicle tow: 1

**Alcohol or drug related**
- Drunk in public: 3
- Possession of drugs: 1

**Miscellaneous**
- Animal call: 1
- Found property: 6
- Info. case: 2
- Located missing person: 1
- Missing person: 2
- Psychiatric subject: 7
- Resisting arrest: 1
- Suspicious circumstances: 3
- Trespassing: 1
- Vandalism: 4
- Warrant/other agency: 2

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### Loren A. Stein

**June 12, 1957 – January 27, 2020**

Loren Andrea Stein, 62, award-winning journalist, writer, researcher and editor; loving wife to Hal Plotkin, adoring mother to Keira Plotkin, and affectionate sister to Ross, Sharon, and Allison Stein, died on January 27, 2020, of leukemia.

Loren graduated from U.C. Berkeley and earned an M.S. from Columbia. Her thesis, on regulation of genetic engineering, was awarded top honors and selected for special recognition by the Columbia School of Journalism. She worked at the Center for Investigative Reporting, Pacifica Radio, Metro Silicon Valley, Palo Alto Weekly, and as a freelancer. She sang in several jazz choirs, was a Big Sister in Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and volunteered at Planned Parenthood. Her investigative reporting appeared in California Lawyer, Christian Science Monitor, Sacramento Bee, National Law Journal, Pacific News Service, Time-Life News Service, PBS Lehrer NewsHour, KQED-TV, Columbia Journalism Review, Mother Jones, The Recorder, and Infoworld.

She was a researcher for the award-winning TV documentary series on climate change, “The Years of Living Dangerously.” She received first place in the 2002 California Newspaper Publishers Association’s Better Newspapers Contest for her Metro cover story “Jagged Little Pill.” She was named by The Boston Herald in the 1989 Pulitzer Prize competition for “Mothers Behind Bars.”

Loren, her husband, Hal Plotkin and daughter Keira Plotkin lived in Palo Alto, except for a 5-year period in Washington, D.C., a time they all loved, when Hal joined the Obama Administration. Loren was lively, happy, creative, incisive, adventurous, intellectually curious, kind, and deeply interested in others.

The family requests donations in Loren’s memory be made to: National Resources Defense Council (NRDC.org) or to a charity of your choice.

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### Fred Dorn

**March 28, 1940 – December 25, 2019**

Fred Dorn, a 35-year resident of East Palo Alto, died on Christmas Day, 2019, of heart failure. Fred was born in Baltimore, Maryland and grew up in Houston, Texas. After graduating from the University of Texas with a BA in Anthropology, Fred joined the Peace Corps in 1965 where he met his wife, Midge. He taught English and learned to read and write Thai in a small town in northern Thailand. When he returned to the United States, he became a technical writer and worked for several Bay Area technology companies. He retired in 2001.

Fred was always curious and had many interests including photography, music, ham radios, building computers, and traveling to Mexico to study Spanish. He also enjoyed being in community theater productions at Menlo Players Guild including Bus Stop, Once Upon a Mattress and Annie Get Your Gun. He particularly loved performing in musicals and often sang the songs at home. Fred loved his family and they all enjoyed spending time together, sharing lots of laughter.

In 1976 Fred and Midge moved to Davis, California. In the last year, he had several falls eventually leading to his death. He is survived by his wife of 51 years and his daughters, Lisa and Erin.

There will be a memorial service for friends and family from 2 to 4 PM February 22 at Yolo Hospice, 1909 Galileo Court, Davis.

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Lauretta Rose Cappiello. /s/ Anthony Suber

Lauretta (Laurie) Cappiello, age 97 (just shy of her 98th birthday), died on January 28th, at her home in Palo Alto. Laurie was born in the Bronx, NY, to Anthony Cappiello and Maria Cappiello (nee Porcelli), the 4th of 6 children. With only a high school education and limited college vocational training in bookkeeping, she and her sister Ginny went on to run two very successful businesses. The first, The Laurie Gene Shop, they opened in Yonkers, NY, after the war, was a lingerie shop that they sold for a profit when they moved out to California. In 1947, Laurie moved with her sister and parents and settled in Palo Alto, CA. In 1948, they purchased an existing office supply business and began University Art Center. Struggling at first, Laurie held an accounting job in order to help pay bills and keep food on the table. In 1957, their father passed away and Ginny got married and started her family and Laurie shouldered on building the business. When Ginny returned in the 1970’s, the two worked to build the business to 5 thriving locations. During this heyday, they were admired as pioneers in the art materials industry and Laurie became the first women elected to the board of directors of the National Art Materials Trade Association in 1977, and was elected into the Hall of Fame in 1990. University Art and all who have worked, and continue to work there became Laurie’s love and family of which she has always been fiercely protective until the end. Laurie loved travelling, the beach, photography, painting and gardening. Laurie was not only a pioneer in business, but in how she lived her life. She turned to homeopathy early in life after suffering from an illness that caused temporary paralysis. She was an early “juicer”, she took daily supplements, exercised and did yoga. She never married and never had children, but became godmother to most of her nieces and nephews and adopted many stray humans and dogs that needed help or a home. Laurie is predeceased by her parents Anthony and Maria Cappiello and her siblings: Matt Cappiello (Felicia), Marie Mayfield (Frank), Stan Cappiello (Lee), Joseph Vincent (Lynne), Virginia Biondi (Raymond), Joseph Cappiello (Barbara). She is survived by her many nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, employees and her dog Missy.

Social services are through Cusimano Mortuary in Mountain View. In place of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County; Palo Alto Art Center Foundation; San Jose Museum of Art.

P.A.I.D. OBITUARY

Lauretta Rose Cappiello
February 20, 1922 – January 28, 2020

Lauretta (Laurie) Cappiello
City Clerk
Town of Atherton
Dated: February 7, 2020

Mary Ann Southam (Currie)

On January 20, 2020, Mary Ann Southam, age 79, passed away at Stanford-University Medical Center due to complications of liver cancer. She was born in Bagley, Minnesota, to Archibald and Lillian Currie. Due to her father’s rising career as an educator, the family moved to Malvern, Iowa, and later to Minneapolis, Minnesota, before relocating, in 1954, to Tustin, California. After graduation from Tustin Union High School, Mary attended UCLA, where she earned her BS and MS degrees in kinesiology. She spent the following years as a teacher and school administrator before entering Stanford University and obtaining her PhD in Behavioral Healthcare. This led to a 20-year career as Vice-President at ALZA/Johnson and Johnson in Palo Alto, California, where she oversaw the clinical development of the world’s first transdermal fentanyl drug delivery product. Mary is credited with 12 publications and 14 patents. She has been retired since 2004.

In August 2019, Mary and her best friend and loving husband James Southam celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have led a life filled with the pleasures of world travel, good food and fine wine, dancing, Stanford football tailgate parties, theater, opera and loving friends. Mary was an avid supporter of the Stanford women’s basketball team. In fact, she attended her last game a week before her death, despite flagging energy and difficulty with ambulation.

Mary is survived by her loving husband Jim, sister Margaret Currie, niece Anne Harding, and nephew Robert Wegner.

At Mary’s request, no services are planned. A celebration of life will be scheduled later this spring. Donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society or to a charity of your choice.

P.A.I.D. OBITUARY

Mary Ann Southam

P.A.I.D. OBITUARY

Patricia Joanne Clay Marquis, a public health nurse, died on Jan. 26 due to complications from a stroke. She was 90.

Born on April 4, 1930, in Lansing, Michigan, and her sister Priscilla Harden were raised by their biological mother, Dorothy Linebaugh Gibbs, during her early childhood. Later, due to economic pressures of the Great Depression, she was adopted by her mother’s first cousin, Ethelyn Clay and husband, Darwin Clay.

After she graduated from nursing school she earned a master’s degree with a focus in maternal child health and nutrition from the University of Michigan. There, she met John Marquis and married him in 1959.

When her husband was offered a job at the Veteran’s Administration, they moved to California. Their three children were born in Palo Alto.

During the 1970s, she opened the Blue Corn Indian Arts Store, but after it closed, she tried to return to nursing. Unable to find work as a registered nurse, she and her friend were motivated to start a nonprofit with 50 Plus, which assisted older workers in finding employment. She also ran her nephew’s Indian jewelry store and helped run an online business.

She and her husband were life-long social activists. They participated in the anti-war movement during the Vietnam War, joined the Watchdog Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union and helped found the Ecology Center in Berkeley. They also formed the Behavior Change Corporation to research ways to help individuals learn to drink moderately. And as a fervent feminist, she taught progressive muscle relaxation classes to pregnant women. She also volunteered for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Head Start program, teaching kids how to cook a nutritious breakfast.

Beyond social activism and volunteering, she regularly traveled with her family. In her community, she was the president of the Stanford Faculty Women’s Club and chair of its mystery book club and cuisine club.

In June 2019, she reconnected and remained in touch with her eldest daughter, Martha Hardin Thompson. Martha had given up for adoption prior to meeting her husband.

Predeceased by her husband in 2012, she is survived by her four children, Martha Thompson of Sugarloaf Key, Neil Marquis of Berkeley, Priscilla Marquis of San Francisco and Paul Marquis of Palo Alto, daughter-in-laws, Janine Marquis of Berkeley and Amanda Marquis of Palo Alto, son-in-law, Kim Thompson of Sugarloaf Key; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held at her home, 3511 Ross Road, Palo Alto, on Saturday Feb.15. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the ACLU, MoveOn.org or Planned Parenthood.

Mark Harris Georgia

Mark Harris Georgia, industrial designer and longtime Palo Alto resident, died on Dec. 21. He was 81.

Born on Nov. 11, 1938, in Binghamton, New York, he received a degree in industrial design from the University of Bridgeport after serving the U.S. Army. He worked as a product and industrial designer for Creative Playthings and Tupperware, then moved to California where he worked at various design firms and in sales and management.

In 1976, he married his wife, Ro- mola, and later became a devoted parent to his two daughters Annette and Gasley. He also constantly volunteered, lending a hand to his wife’s work, designing and building a memorial bench for a former colleague, lead- ing the “Worms Eat My Lunch” composting project at Ohlone Ele- mentary School and working on the straw bale building that greets visitors at Hidden Villa farm in Los Altos Hills. In addition, he designed and laid out the new offices for lo- cal nonprofits Common Ground and Connexions.

All who spent time with Mark were touched by his humor, joy, warmth, kindness and enthusiastic friendliness, according to his family.

In 2014, after several years of neurological difficulties, he was diagnosed with a rare form of Alzheimer’s disease.

He is survived by his wife, Ro- mola Georgia; brothers, Charles, Lee, and Stephen Georgia; sister, Constance Georgia; daugh- ters Annette and Gaelyn and their spouses; and three grandchildren. A formal celebration will be held on Feb. 16, 3 p.m., at the Uni- tarian-Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto.

In lieu of flowers, memorial con- tributions can be made in Mark’s name to the ToDo Institute (todoin- stitute.com) in Monkvit, VT.
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Sold! The property located in west Atherton, spacious living room open floor plan. European interior design and views to landscaped garden. Perfect for entertaining. Represented buyer.

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**$3,000,000**

Sold! Sophisticated 2-level, 2 bedroom/2.5 bath condominium overlooking the greenbelt.

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**$1,106,000**

Elegant and modern, this recently built 2-story 6 bedroom/4.5 bathroom home perches on a quiet street walkable to Redwood City’s shopping, dining and culture.

**PALO ALTO**

**$3,095,000**

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**PALO ALTO**

**$2,999,000**

Coming Soon! Elegantly remodeled & expanded home near Midtown, 4 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, around 1,636 SF on +/-6,160 SF lot.

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**Coming Soon!** Beautifully remodeled 3 bed, 2 bath single level home in a prime Midtown location with a 6,610 +/- level lot plus outstanding schools!

**PALO ALTO** $2,895,000

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**Coming Soon!** Outstanding Midtown home!!! Large and airy, this Midtown Eichler is a MUST SEE! Lovely backyard and outstanding Midtown location.

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**Woodside home w/MP schools. Turnkey 3/2 w/updated kitchen and baths. 14,810sf +/- lot on quiet cul-de-sac. Conveniently close in peaceful setting.**

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**PALO ALTO** $2,700,000

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Los Altos $2,670,000


Palo Alto $2,600,000

Sold! Desirable Midtown location. Beautiful ranch style home with modern farmhouse interior finishes. Offers luxurious 5 bedroom and 3 baths, including spacious guest suite with private living room and dining.

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Coming Soon! Absolutely gorgeous 4 bed, 2.5 bath, 2,750+/- sf level home on 1.17 acres in a private and serene setting with spectacular views!

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Sold! Charming 40’s era bungalow updated to today’s standards. 3Bed/2Bath on a bright, sunny lot with outstanding Menlo Park schools.


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- **FOSTER CITY**
  - **$1,998,000**
  - Coming Soon! Serene lagoon location, hardwood floors, updated kitchen and baths, contemporary entertainer’s delight. 4 BR, 2 baths.

- **Palo Alto**
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**Sold!**

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Coming Soon! Beautifully remodeled 2 bed plus office, 2.5 bath, 2,410 +/- sf home in gated setting with a wonderful backyard and excellent Ray Cloud School!

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$1,530,000

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**Sold!** Fabulous home in the Willows neighborhood. 2 bedrooms and 1 bath.

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**$1,298,000**

Built in 1955, this versatile 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom West Sharp Park rancher has what you’re looking for. Conveniently located in close proximity to Highway 1 and Highway 280, perfectly positioned for a quick commute to nearby San Francisco or Silicon Valley.

**San Jose**

**Call for Price**

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**San Carlos**

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**Coming Soon!** Charming 2bd, 1ba home in desirable neighborhood of San Carlos. Freshly painted interior and refinished hardwood floors. Large lot size offers privacy and potential for future expansion.

**Palo Alto**

**$995,000**

**Sold!** Sophisticated, modern top floor unit in resort style community. Close to downtown & SJ State campus.

**Palo Alto**

**$1,400,000**

**Coming Soon!** Just perfect 2/1 one story Townhome.
The Bay Area has an affordability crisis, with Palo Alto businesses closing their doors or relocating to more affordable markets, as seen in daily news stories and empty storefronts. Yet, the cost of doing business in Palo Alto could get more expensive, since the City Council has been exploring options to place a business tax measure on the November 2020 ballot.

At its meeting on Jan. 27, the City Council directed city staff to develop a detailed tax proposal based on an employee-headcount approach, which in essence will be a tax on jobs in Palo Alto. This tax structure would affect all businesses but would disproportionately impact smaller businesses that only operate in Palo Alto. By taxing businesses based on their Palo Alto headcount, larger companies may choose not to hire locally in Palo Alto. Small and medium sized businesses would have an extra financial burden.

Our local businesses will inevitably add this additional tax cost to their prices, so ultimately Palo Alto residents will be adversely affected, too. Small businesses will have negative effects for everyone, including residents. Instead of exploring options to tax local businesses, the council should support a stable business environment which is crucial to our local economy and a necessary component to ensuring everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

It is an odd time for the City Council to pursue a business tax because the city’s finances are in very good condition. Palo Alto’s long-range financial forecast that was released at the end of last year indicated city revenues would rise by 7%, or $9.8 million dollars in the upcoming fiscal year. This dramatic growth is due in part to tax revenue generated by businesses.

The business community is making substantial contributions to the fiscal health of the city. Stephen Levy, director and senior economist of the Center for Continuing Study of the California Economy in Palo Alto, reviewed the fiscal impact study prepared for the city’s Comprehensive Plan and found that “Most sales tax revenues come from visitors and businesses, not residents. In 2013 the study’s authors found $104 million in sales tax revenue came from visitor spending, 41% from local employees and business spending and 1% from local households.” Additionally, Levy wrote, “Although it was not covered in the fiscal study, it is true that the recent growth in infrastructure funding has come from the increase in the transient occupancy tax paid mainly by businesses and visitors.” A business tax could jeopardize this significant and consistent source of revenue.

Another concern for Palo Alto tourists is the city’s poor track record of managing taxpayer funds. The City Council made the case to voters in 2014 and 2018 that it needed to pass hotel taxes to fund critical infrastructure upgrades, including a new downtown parking garage. In February 2019, the City Council ignored its promise to construct the parking garage and decided not to honor its commitment to the voters. The parking garage would have been pivotal for addressing our community’s traffic congestion and parking issues.

This history raises the question of whether the funds generated by a new business tax would in fact fund these projects. We have observed this process that began in the City Council in April 2019, where most of the council’s focus has been on designing a tax rather than on assessing city needs that would justify a specific level of additional business taxes. The city is generating budget surpluses due to a strong local economy and significant taxes already in place. In this process the City Council has authorized additional spending up to $179,125 to conduct polling and outreach in order to design a business tax system that is most likely to be acceptable to enough voters to pass, yet without identifying the need it is trying to meet. If the council had started with a focus on opportunities to improve the business climate in Palo Alto, there would be a much better chance of gaining the support of the business community and voters as well. Ultimately, if the City Council moves forward with placing the tax on the ballot, the voters will have the chance to weigh in. This is not the first time the council has pursued a similar jobs tax. In 2009, Palo Alto voters overwhelmingly rejected a similar measure that would have taxed companies based on employee headcounts. The council should take note of that election result and realize that Palo Alto voters do not want to burden the businesses in their city with higher costs that will only be passed along to them.

Instead of rushing to place a business tax on the ballot, the City Council should invest its time in working with diverse stakeholders on alternatives that could strengthen our local economy by supporting and retaining our local businesses. We strongly urge the City Council to forgo placing a business tax on the November 2020 ballot. Our community deserves a solution that works for everyone, not just City Hall.

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Guest Opinion

Business tax will harm Palo Alto
by Judy Kleinberg, Dan Kostenbauder and Brad Ehikian

The trench option
Editor,
Kudos and thanks to XCAP (the Expanded Community Advisory Panel) for their thoughtful proposals and the countless hours they have spent in researching, analyzing and discussing the different rail grade separations.

Water flows from the foothills towards the Bay. Visualize an underground dam parallel to Alma (also known as the trench option). What will that do to the water flowing towards the Bay? Block it, of course. Flood risk will increase for properties west of Alma. With less water flowing underground, properties east of Alma could face a dying canopy and landscape.

The trench option requires that the creeks and stormwater that flow to the Bay be pumped over, under or diverted around the trench. This requires additional infrastructure.

A good comparison between the different rail grade separation options should include the energy cost and environmental impacts of pumping water 24/7, 365 days a year plus the cost of the infrastructure, including maintenance, to do so. The city and residents should also keep in mind the heightened possibility of the infrastructure to a power outage and/or insufficient pump capacity during a severe storm. Additionally, trenching or tunneling underground will require permits from Valley Water, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Caltrans and who knows what other agencies. With all these agencies involved, it could be years before any project is approved. In the meantime, we’ll have gridlock. Thanks to the City Council for considering the new proposals.

Garland Drive, Palo Alto
Esther Nigenda

No on Measure G
Editor,
Measure G on the March 3 ballot is a $898 million bond for the Foothill-DeAnza Community College District. While I support meeting critical needs for schools, this is not the way to do it. The Silicon Valley Taxpayers Association explained in its ballot rebuttal how the measure is a “blank check” and fiscally dangerous.

Requests for additional taxpayer money should be specific and gated. Agreeing to vague spending that will take place over decades isn’t prudent.

A major point not raised by the association is the unfair tax mechanism associated with Measure G. It would tax homeowners $160 a year for every $1 million in assessed value (not market value) every year until 2054. This approach effectively doubles down on Proposition 13. People who bought property decades ago would pay very little tax for Measure G, further incenting them to hold on to their property and thus constraining supply of homes. Recent homebuyers would be disproportionately burdened, and would-be buyers would have an even harder time affording a first home. (And don’t forget all these taxes are generally non-deductible given recent tax law changes.)

When I asked a Foothill board member why he chose the bond measure, his honest answer was it only requires a 55% approval, whereas a more fair parcel tax approach (where everyone pays the same) is a higher 66% threshold requirement. It’s riskier and harder to pass.

I don’t think that’s a good reason to adopt what is essentially an anti-housing tax initiative.

I will not support any bond that exacerbates the housing shortage. It’s non-specific and is fiscally reckless given how it’s structured. Vote “no” on Measure G.

Chris Robell
Emerson Street, Palo Alto

Letters
Josh Becker, a venture capitalist for green businesses, a former CEO of the legal analytics firm Lex Machina and a philanthropist, has had a varied career path. He said it’s that very path he’s covered, one that marries experiences in the nonprofit, for-profit and government sectors, that’s led him to run for office.

After college, he went into consulting before he left to work on the ground in war-torn Guatemala and El Salvador. There, he helped rebuild homes, open a market and build a school.

“Experience, for me, made me want to make my life about service,” he said.

He later returned to the U.S., where he worked in the Washington, D.C., political world as a press secretary before heading to Stanford, where he completed a joint law and business schools program. While there, he helped create the “Board of Fellows” program, which trains MBA students to serve on nonprofit boards.

In 2000, he created the Full Circle Fund. The fund focuses on making grants to innovative nonprofits throughout the Bay Area working on housing affordability, economic opportunity, education and technology and which now also supports health and the environmental programs.

Becker’s not new to local politics. He ran unsuccessfully for the state Assembly in 2010, then started campaigning again in 2016 for the District 24 Assembly seat. He dropped out of the race after his father fell ill. His father later died of brain cancer, and afterward, Becker helped to start a biotech company to research cancer cures.

He said he’s a collaborator and an innovator who, over the years, has taken on a number of varied challenges facing the state. He is a founding trustee at the University of California at Merced, serves on the San Mateo County County Child Care Partnership Council, is an appointee on the California State Workforce Development Board, and is a board member of the local environmental nonprofit Menlo Spark.

Becker said he wants to be the environmental leader in the Senate, in a state he thinks should be a leader not only in the nation but the world.

“I think what we do here has an impact well beyond our borders, if we get people like me up there who have been part of innovative technologies and innovative policy in this area,” he said.

He’s crafted a detailed environmental policy plan, saying he would push to make state agencies carbon neutral by 2030; propose incentives for people to buy the cleanest electric vehicles and disincentives to discourage people’s purchase of the worst polluting vehicles; support more bike lanes; protect “community

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Mike Brownrigg is a former diplomat and venture capitalist who now works in social impact investing and sits on the Burlingame City Council. Over the years, he said, because as a 30-year resident of the district, “I love this place, and I don’t think we’re on a good trajectory.”

Brownrigg grew up in Los Altos Hills before attending Williams College and later entering the foreign service. After working as a diplomat in Syria and Hong Kong, he returned to the Bay Area with wife, Marty, a pediatrician, and they’re raised their four children in Burlingame. He worked in finance and investment, managing director at Total Impact Advising, which he’s taken a leave of absence from while he’s campaigning.

Over the past 18 years, he’s become more involved in local politics, first serving eight years on the Burlingame Planning Commission before beating incumbents to gain a City Council seat. He’s now in his 10th year on the council.

His campaign strategy has involved meeting constituents at nearly 100 house parties across the district, in line with his campaign hashtag on Twitter, #NeighborhoodStateSenator.

On the City Council, he’s seen the city through times thick and thin: He talks about how, early in his tenure, during the recession, he negotiated with labor groups to defer raises to bridge the economic downturn and got the community to give philanthropic contributions to support the library.

More recently, he said, he and his council colleagues worked to implement a new neighborhood and supported an affordable housing development in the heart of downtown Burlingame. The city is now on target to expand its housing stock by 20% over the next decade, he said, adding, “That’s a profound accomplishment for any city.”

Seeing Burlingame through tough times gives him an edge over competitors who have led only in times of growth, he asserted. “We’re in the 10th year of the largest bull market ever, and I think there are a certain number of legislators who have never seen hard times, and I think hard times will come,” he said.

Based on the success of his efforts to add new housing in Burlingame, he’s a vocal proponent of local control and opposed SB 50.

“Nobody will push harder for responsible local control than I will because I have 10 years of pushing back against bad ideas from Sacramento,” he said.

He said he emphasizes the word “reponsible” because all stakeholders need to step up to address the housing crisis, and Sacramento needs to help. “I think local officials are not unfairly demonized, but we are made to be the only scapegoat of the housing crisis, and that’s not right.”

“If we don’t get more help to invest in quality-of-life investments, like transit, like housing, like child care, then I worry that the Peninsula that I grew up on, that’s been this home of innovation and prosperity, will erode,” he said. “And we need more help from Sacramento, not less.”

For example, he said, the state could offer jurisdictions low- or no-cost infrastructure money.

“It’s pretty tough politically to go to your residents, none of whom say, ‘I want more debt. I want higher property taxes up for that!’” But you can get people to the point where they realize we have to do this because we need a place for people to live. We have to step in and try to keep this community together,” Brownrigg said.

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TURN-KEY DUPLEX IN DOWNTOWN PALO ALTO

250 Cowper Street, Palo Alto

Located in desirable Downtown Palo Alto, this 2,451 sq. ft. duplex (per county) totaling 5 bedrooms and 4 baths is turn-key ready to meet a variety of lifestyle needs, while offering great investment and rental opportunities on a 2,480 sq. ft. lot (per county). Exuding all the warmth and character of its early 1900s heritage, this spacious home is well-equipped for a modern family, offering comfortable formal rooms, a chef’s kitchen with high-end appliances from Wolf and Sub-Zero, office space, and a master suite with a private balcony. The downstairs level presents excellent space with a large living area, full kitchen, plus a bedroom and bathroom. Just blocks away from the amenities of University Avenue, and just steps to Johnson Park, this perfectly centralized location adds the finishing touch to this wonderful home, which also offers access to acclaimed Palo Alto schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

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SALLY LIEBER

Sally Lieber, former Mountain View City Council member and state assemblywoman, stands out among the candidates as the only candidate with experience as an elected official in the state legislature. She served in the assembly from 2002 to 2008.

In this period, she was a nontraditional one. She worked as a wallpaper hanger in Michigan and San Francisco for 10 years, earned a GED and attended community college at San Francisco City College and Foothill Community College before attending Stanford. She won a seat on the Mountain View City Council in 1998.

During this period, she said, the state experienced a host of major budget shortfalls and, since funding was so lean, the assembly was “a slaughterhouse for good bills.” Serving in the assembly during that time taught her that a crisis can strike and throw off one’s legislative goals. “You can have the best-laid plans and an earthquake could happen during your term of office. Experience counts for a lot.”

Still, she said, she became known as a collaborator with other assembly members and learned from more senior policymakers such as Jackie Speier, now a member of Congress.

“We were there for six years was an education,” she said. “It taught me a lot about the policy process.”

She set the stage to raise the minimum wage, worked to create the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority and authored the state’s first bill on human trafficking, the California Trafficking Victims Protection Act. That law made human trafficking a felony and assisted victims.

Shifting funding from prosecuting women for prostitution to considering them trafficking victims, she said, was one example of a policy shift that can both save the state money and yield better outcomes. “There’s a lot of that that needs more work,” she added.

While working on statewide issues, she also focused on helping individuals in her district of about 440,000 constituents. For example, she once had to remove tread marks on the road that a constituent believed resulted from her husband’s fatal car accident and found traumatizing.

If elected to the Senate, she said, her first bill would be an anti-poverty measure. “It doesn’t do anyone good to have so many kids growing up in poverty in our state,” she said.

Regarding housing, she said she didn’t support SB 50 because there wasn’t enough affordable housing tied to it. But she wants to focus on other policies that don’t “suck all the air out of the room.”

The service worker who now commutes from the Central Valley and south Santa Clara County won’t always be so willing to endure the schleps, she asserted.

“At some point, Stockton, Fresno and Merced are going to become more attractive for the support workers of our society and we’re going to be in real trouble trying to recruit health care and home care workers,” she said. “We can’t solve all of our housing problems while staying in agricultural areas of the Central Valley.”

A good start would be to invest in rail infrastructure so it takes less than two hours to commute.

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SHELLY MASUR

Redwood City Vice Mayor Shelly Masur brings to the candidate pool unique credentials as an education expert with a background in public health. She holds a master’s degree in public health and worked early in her career to support women’s reproductive rights.

As founding CEO of the Californians Dedicated to Education Foundation, which she led for five years before leaving earlier this year to run for office full time, Masur said she’s built relationships in Sacramento and regionally in the education sector.

Before that, she spent 10 years on the school board of the Redwood City School District. If elected, she said, she hopes to work on the Senate’s education committee.

Education represents about half the state’s budget, she noted, adding that in the Legislature, “I think it’s important to have people who understand education policy and are able to invest in and work in it.”

“I really believe that our schools are the foundation for our economy and our democracy, and we have to invest in them,” she asserted. “In California, we’ve changed almost everything in education in the last eight years. We’ve changed how we fund our schools, how we assess students, how we look at how schools are doing.”

Yet California continues to chronically underfund its schools, she said.

“We’ve got to continually work to work our way back and fund what it took away.” As a council member in Redwood City, a community that has become a Peninsula leader in housing production, Masur said that another key priority for her is getting affordable housing built to address the region’s housing crisis.

The intersection of housing and education strikes close to Masur. Her daughter, a first-year teacher, is currently living at home because she can’t afford the cost of local housing.

“California is the fifth largest economy in the world and we don’t ‘suck all the air out of the room.’” She wants to focus on other policies that don’t “suck all the air out of the room.”

“If you don’t have a home, how are you going to go to a regular appointment with a therapist? How are you going to go to a regular appointment with your medications? ... The list is endless because you have to spend all your energy to think about where you’re going to be.”

Masur, who has served as Redwood City’s representative on Caltrain’s Local Policy Maker Group, said that one of her top priorities is to ensure that Caltrain achieves its goal to become a regular train by 2030. She also wants to make health care more affordable and accessible.

“California is the fifth largest economy in the world and we don’t ‘suck all the air out of the room,’” she said. “We all benefit when everyone has access to health care and when we don’t defer health needs. ... It’s just cheaper.”
### Annie Oliva

Annie Oliva’s drive to run for office, she said, is inspired in part by her family’s experience with homelessness. Her son has been homeless and struggled with mental health and addiction problems.

> “When those bring you down, they bring you all the way down,” she said. After her son got on board with her run for office, Oliva proposed a seven-step approach for tackling homelessness in California.

Key among these policy proposals are to expand conservationist, through which people in some situations would be required to live in shelter or undergo treatment, and to promote transitional jobs and training programs that give low-level offenders who are mentally ill or struggle with substance abuse the option to receive treatment instead of being incarcerated.

Homeless people in California are unschooled at nearly twice the rate of the rest of the country, and the numbers of people experiencing homelessness are up in San Mateo County by 21% and in Santa Clara County by 31% since 2015, Oliva said.

Another component of tackling homelessness is decreasing the cost of building housing, she said. She favors streamlining permitting and project review processes at the city level to expedite development and reforming the California Environmental Quality Act to limit when people can file lawsuits over development proposals as part of the environmental review process.

> “It’s pretty incredible to think that it takes an IPO to put a down payment on a home today.”

**Key issue:** Homelessness  
**Age:** 60  
**City:** Millbrae  
**Education:** Notre Dame de Namur University, BS.  
**Occupation:** Realtor, Millbrae City Council member  
**Years in district:** 60  
**Family:** husband, three adult children  
**Key endorsements:** San Mateo County Association of Realtors  
**Campaign funds raised:** $401,058  
**Independent spending:** $409,000, California Association of Realtors

### John Webster

Libertarian John Webster is running because he wants to dramatically change the way the state government is run. His belief, he said, is that “it’s just as evil for the government to steal money from the rich and successful to sprinkle free benefits on everybody else, as it is for me to steal money.”

He didn’t have concrete responses to a number of proposed laws, like SB 50, because, as he put it, “Since I’m not actually in the Legislature now, I don’t get the wording of intended laws.”

At nearly every level, he favors letting the free market dictate outcomes for people’s lives. Webster said he doesn’t think homeowners should pressure the government to restrict the housing supply to elevate costs so that the bank doesn’t lose money.

Instead, he favors making zoning easy to change and letting supply and demand play out.

**Key issue:** Big government  
**Age:** 74  
**City:** Mountain View  
**Education:** University of Washington, BSEE; Santa Clara University, masters in computer science  
**Occupation:** Software engineer  
**Years in district:** 12  
**Key endorsements:** Not listed  
**Campaign funds raised:** None  
**Independent spending:** None

And the environment? He’s concerned about trash in the ocean, but “as far as the human-caused impact of carbon dioxide, I think that’s being totally overblown,” he said.

Things he opposes include rent control, health care for all, taxes and “too many propositions.” According to his website, he also appears to oppose enforcement of child pornography laws.

> “It’s just as evil for the government to steal money from the rich and successful to sprinkle free benefits on everybody else, as it is for me to steal money.”

By spreading free benefits to the poor and taking an IPO to put a down payment on a home today, they benefit.

He doesn’t think homeowners should be the biggest change,” she said.

“Common sense, I guess, would be the biggest change,” she said. “There’s just so many laws that come into effect that don’t make sense, and I’d like to be the one that listens to everybody.”

**Key issue:** Independent spending:

**Years in district:** San Mateo  
**City:** San Mateo  
**Occupation:** Software engineer  
**Education:** University, masters in computer science  
**City:** Mountain View  
**Occupation:** Voice Staff Writer  
**E-mail:** kbradshaw@mv-voice.com
choice” energy programs; support annual reporting of greenhouse gas emissions by cities of more than 75,000 people; and promote cleaner alternatives to freight transportation, which he said is the single largest contributor to diesel particulate matter and nitrogen oxide emissions in California.

He said he favors prizes and incentive programs to spur innovation.

His first policymaking priority as a senator would be incentives for the development of new technology to remove carbon from the atmosphere, such as awarding contracts to innovative businesses, he said. One idea: Cement production generates about 7% of the world’s carbon emissions. The state could demand that the first company to produce “carbon-negative” cement, or cement made using carbon dioxide, be preferred in state contracts.

Regarding road pricing, he did not support the revised Senate Bill 50 and noted that it would likely have been litigated and, as a consequence, wouldn’t have taken effect for three or four years.

He stands apart from other candidates, however, with one of the boldest proposals to address the district’s skewed jobs-housing balance. He proposes that large employers with 1,000 or more workers be required to fund one housing unit for every job created.

One reason for the imbalance, he said, is that it continues to be more profitable for cities to support commercial development over housing. He said he wants the state to help pay developer impact fees for affordable housing so that cities don’t lose out on funding for needed infrastructure.

In the area of transportation, he said he would fight for the region to secure state funding for Caltrain grade separations — projects to separate the rail line from the more than 40 Peninsula roads that cross it. It’s estimated that building grade separations at all of those Caltrain crossings would cost around $1 billion.

Becker cites Santa Clara County finance documents in stating that only 6% of locally generated tax revenue comes back to the 14 cities of Santa Clara County.

“We need that money back for Caltrain grade separations,” he said.

If elected, he said, he’s committed to carrying on Sen. Jerry Hill’s work to hold PG&E accountable and to being accessible as Hill has been.

PG&E, he said, is disproving the concept of "too big to fail." “They’re too big and they’re failing,” he said.

He said he’s interested in exploring a co-op model for the utility, with PG&E potentially becoming a poles-and-wires company.

“I think the investor-owned utility model is broken,” he said. “It’s ‘I feel like the trust of the public, and we have to find a new model.’

He said he’s considering hosting regular “Java with Josh” events — modeled on Hill’s “Java with Jerry” sessions — in different cities.

He’s also considering creating a district-wide book club to explore the history and problems facing the district — with books such as Richard Rothstein’s “The Color of Law,” Jessica Trounstein’s “Segregation by Design,” or Randy Shaw’s “Generation Price Outed,” he said. “It would be an incredible dis- trict to represent,” he added.

out our teachers and our young people and our nurses and our working families.”

Yet it’s even tougher to follow up after residents have allowed new density by asking them for another parcel tax to support, for instance, the resulting overloaded schools or other infrastructure, he added.

The state could also help with investing in transit, specifically by supporting Caltrain’s business plan, getting BART around the Bay, getting additional train lines, supporting express lanes with rapid-transit buses, and developing better first- and last-mile transportation options. “(Because, newsflash, 65-year-olds are not going to get on Lime scooters to get to BART,)” he noted.

Along with investments in transit to curb car emissions, he said, he’s on a mission to make power grid greener with more power storage to make a switch to all-electric power more viable. He’s pushing an ambitious goal: for the state to go carbon-free by 2030. That would require creating carbon-free energy and reducing demand for fossil fuels while taking aggressive steps to sequester carbon in the atmosphere, he said. To start, he wants to put together an 18-month blue ribbon task force to figure out how to create or store 10 gigawatts of energy in seven years.

“If the richest, greenest govern- ment in the world can’t get to zero carbon energy until 2045, when the rest of the country doesn’t get there until 2075, and the developing world, where most of these emissions will come, doesn’t get there until 2100. And that’s game over for your kids and my grandkids,” he said.

He also wants to require the meetings of public agencies that spend more than $50 million to $100 million to be televised, with the same health care security that Caltrain has, and create a permanent funding stream for early childhood education and ear- ly child care, and add a four-year degree to job centers to be built, he said. He wants the state to help fund one housing unit for every job created by employers with 1,000 or more work- ers, he said.

Sally Lieber

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hours to commute by BART to the Peninsula — a two-hour round trip, she said. That includes a better con- nection to Caltrain in the South Bay to better serve affordable housing and workplaces like Gilroy and Morgan Hill.

Tech companies should permit more people to work remotely, she said, and there should be a clearer pathway established for how they can be involved in helping solve the problems to which they contribute. It shouldn’t be considered an act of philanthropy but rather a reliable source of funding, she said. And, just as cities today have to prove that there will be enough water available to support new growth, they should also be required to demonstrate that there is housing available before they permit new job centers to be built, she said.

She wants the state’s surplus properties, particularly the surface parking lots of public agencies, studied and considered for afford- able housing development.

One place she’s wary of develop- ing, though, are areas that have historically been part of the Bay or will be part of it in the future.

“Compact development around Caltrain is really the answer,” she said. “We have to have the Bay wetlands as our shock absorbers for sea level rise.”

She said, however, are likely to re- main a part of the region’s housing mix “for the foreseeable future,” so she favors the development sale of SFPUC land to nonprofits, as well as other initiatives such as Oakland’s “Tuff Shed” program to rapidly offer housing for the homeless.

Tech companies, she said, she supports Medicare for all and expanding MediCal to cover undocumented adults. The state should decommission, as well as ensure reimbursement rates for community organizations that provide health care, she added.

“We feel like we should have the same health care security that Can- adians do,” she said. ■
Arts & Entertainment

by Lloyd Lee

The former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shook hands with former Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat on the South Lawn of the White House on Sept. 13, 1993, the day of the official signing of the Oslo I Accord, secret meetings between Israeli and PLO officials were orchestrated to negotiate the terms of agreements aimed to eventually end the decades-long Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Ahmed Qurie, a PLO official, approached Israeli diplomat Uri Savir in one of the first meetings and, according to the New Yorker, candidly asked, “We are second-rate guerrilla fighters. Why are we trapped in a process that is rigid, impersonal and incapable of building trust?” The impressionist sociologist shouts, “Establish a second channel ... not grand pronouncements between governments, but intimate discussions between people.”

During the nearly three-hour dramatization of the true political saga directed by Los Altos Stage Company’s Executive Director Gary Larsen, the couple deftly maneuvers through conflicting cultural beliefs and deeply rooted psychological trauma from years of political persecution in order to get officials from the PLO and Israel to sit in a room for a productive discussion of peace. But whenever members of the two parties do enter the same space, civility feels as fragile as their masculinity and can only hold together for so long. When Qurie, played by Mohamed Ismail, and Savir, played by Josiah Frampton, begin to review a draft of the accord, it only takes a few lines before one of them starts to blame the other for the carnage that’s been inflicted upon their people. “You have killed our athletes in Munich, murdered our schoolchildren,” says Savir right before Qurie reminds him that it’s the other side that “shoots our children for sport.”

Part of that tension is also made palpable with the help of Ismail’s towering 6-foot-plus stage presence and booming voice. And, at times, it’s humorously released by one of two characters played by Peter Mandel, Ron Pandak, who’s a strangely adorable junior economics professor caught in a messy diplomatic crossfire.

But one of the few moments where the sense of urgency for peace talks is truly convincing is in Campbell’s interpretation of Larsen. Campbell depicts the sociologist as a man who is overly ambitious but clumsy when actually dealing with sensitive relationships — whether it’s with the negotiators or his wife — because he’s so desperate to get things done. It’s seen in his eyes and his movements, which can be uncertain and jittery.

Some knowledge of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict could be helpful for audiences (Marie’s character also has a few asides that provide context for who’s who), but it’s not necessary to see what emotional response Rogers tries to pull out from viewers when his characters tirelessly work to achieve peace amongst people that don’t seem to be prepared for it.

It’s an admirable, albeit sometimes forced call for optimism. (At one point, Campbell’s character makes a direct, clichéd request at the audience to look beyond the horizon and search for hope.)

And knowing how the real Oslo Accord failed to establish a peace agreement or a Palestinian state more than a quarter of a century after the ceremonial handshake in front of the White House could have some viewers wondering why they’re being asked to be optimistic in a play about the seemingly defunct agreements.

In the first act, Larsen makes a plea to a skeptical Yossi Beilin, Israeli’s deputy foreign minister, played by Maya Greenberg in a gender-reversed role, inside a Tan-doori restaurant. Larsen can only hope Beilin will agree to negotiate with the PLO as they talk and share a plate of pita bread with hummus. But Beilin calls Larsen’s request a farce — “It’s bull—-t.” He cites years of violent insurrection, hundreds of deaths of men, women and children, topped with U.S. media scrutiny, that has disillusioned the Israeli government towards any substantive action for peace. As he rants, Beilin starts to experience sharp pang of indigestion. “I can’t give up the idea that suddenly everything will change and my stomach will be my friend,” he complains. “So you see I am dreaming of two peace plans.”

Many moments like this in “Oslo” — there’s another scene where Savir dismissively says he needs to “take a piss” after a professor asks to be briefed on any details for the negotiation — remind the people who can change the course of millions of lives can be so utterly human.

Audiences can search those moments of “Oslo” and find something to be optimistic about, along with plenty of comic relief, as Rogers suggests that governing bodies are only made up of people susceptible to the same things and so, just like everyone else, can be agreeably dealt with.

But in those same moments, there’s a creepin reminder that power can often lie with an under-serving few, all too dangerously flawed.

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Los Altos Stage Company’s production of “Oslo” goes behind the scenes of the 1993 Palestinian-Israeli peace process. Above, Robert Sean Campbell and Tanya Marie (center) play Norwegian sociologist Terje Rod-Larsen and foreign-affairs minister Mona Juul, who help facilitate peace talks, while Ronnie Misra (far left) and Josiah Frampton (far right) depict members of the warring factions.

OSLO OFFERS A CALL FOR HOPE

Political drama searches for optimism in the 1993 peace process

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What: “Oslo.”
Where: Bus Barn Stage, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos.
When: Through Feb. 16.
Info: losaltosstage.org.
Cost: $20-$38.

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When Steve Yen opened Bushido on Mountain View’s Castro Street a decade ago, he wanted to expand local appreciation for Japan’s version of a tapas restaurant. His izakaya establishments offer a convivial gathering spot for shared plates, drinking and socializing, often after work.

Bushido takes its name from the samurai code of honor, emphasizing attributes like loyalty, compassion and courage. “Flexibility” might not be one of the eight virtues of bushido, but the quality seems to have served Yen well as a restaurateur.

“I originally conceived Bushido with the intention of showing people how much more there is to Japanese cuisine than sushi,” he said. “We didn’t plan to serve sushi. It all just sort of evolved.”

But customers just kept asking for sushi and sashimi, with an expansive, creative chef Iwao Suzuki (formerly of San Francisco Culinary Academy).

Sushi and sashimi might have been at home in the trendiest hotel bar at double the price. “You have to adapt to what the customer wants,” said Yen, a San Francisco resident who grew up in Los Altos and graduated from San Francisco Culinary Academy.

Ten years on, Bushido still feels energetic and fresh. The place is often jam-packed, especially at happy hour, when trendy cocktails run $6 and patrons share reasonably priced and generously portioned small plates. Live jazz during Saturday dinners adds a festive vibe.

Diners are handed a stack of menus upon sitting down in the simply appointed dining room: happy hour food and drinks, a sushi menu and a full dinner menu.

In short, there are a lot of choices — and lessen the guilt of izakaya establishments offering a delightfully crunchy in each bite. But be warned: This roll hides a devious little secret. One of the six pieces contains ghost pepper. The fun is supposed to be in seeing who at the table will happen upon that fiery morsel — and subsequently gulp down a half pitcher of water, eyes bulging, as I did.

Service during all three visits was warm and attentive, with one server going above the call of duty during a happy hour visit to ensure my gluten-free dining companion was well cared for. An elderflower sour cocktail made with Maker’s Mark whiskey, St. Germain, yuzu and angostura bitters ($11; $6 at happy hour) indeed made me happy. This bold, creative libation would have been at home in the trendiest hotel bar at double the price.

Sushi and sashimi might have been something of an add-on at Bushido, but Yen and his executive chef Iwao Suzuki (formerly of Blowfish Sushi) elevate the experience — and lessen the guilt through their focus on sustainable sourcing. Instead of the normally ubiquitous salmon, for example, they employ ocean trout: pink, delicate and sustainably farmed in Tasmania. Salmon is served occasionally, when it is in season. They procure bluefin tuna from Japanese purveyors that have pioneered methods for farm-raising the open-ocean fish.

The harakiri roll ($13; $9 at the happy hour) is a crunch, fusion extravaganza, stuffed with crab, spicy tuna and shrimp tempura, wrapped in a delicate soy paper and topped with toasted rice for a delightful crunch in each bite.

The house specialty okonomiyaki is a savory pancake topped with a soy- and vegetable-based sauce, mayonnaise and bonito flakes.

From top to bottom: Grilled chicken hearts, bacon-wrapped enoki mushrooms and chicken cartilage at Bushido. General manager Stephanie Vo makes sake sangria. Bushido’s specialty is okonomiyaki, a savory pancake topped with a soy- and vegetable-based sauce, mayonnaise and bonito flakes.

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bushidoazakaya.com

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Sushi and sashimi might have been something of an add-on at Bushido, but Yen and his executive chef Iwao Suzuki (formerly of Blowfish Sushi) elevate the experience — and lessen the guilt through their focus on sustainable sourcing. Instead of the normally ubiquitous salmon, for example, they employ ocean trout: pink, delicate and sustainably farmed in Tasmania. Salmon is served occasionally, when it is in season. They procure bluefin tuna from Japanese purveyors that have pioneered methods for farm-raising the open-ocean fish.

The harakiri roll ($13; $9 at the happy hour) is a crunch, fusion extravaganza, stuffed with crab, spicy tuna and shrimp tempura, wrapped in a delicate soy paper and topped with toasted rice for a delightful crunch in each bite. But be warned: This roll hides a devious little secret. One of the six pieces contains ghost pepper. The fun is supposed to be in seeing who at the table will happen upon that fiery morsel — and subsequently gulp down a half pitcher of water, eyes bulging, as I did.

The miso marinated cod ($24.50) was a far more subtle and refined experience. The serving was on the skimpy side, but the fish was delicate and beautifully caramelized, reminiscent of Nobu’s famous (and much pricier) dish. A small skewer of tender beef tongue ($4.50) was met initially with trepidation but then appreciation around our table.

Savory and fragrant, the three-mushroom fried rice ($10) was a favorite, studded with enoki, shiitake and shimeji mushrooms. Deeply flavorful and moist without being oily, the dish still could have benefited from a more generous hand with the mushrooms.

I was far less enamored of the poke special ($7) on offer during one happy hour visit. A few morsels of flavorless ahi were sprinkled atop corn chips — a complete misfire.

The house specialty okonomiyaki, a savory, frittata-like dish, is made with flour, eggs, shredded cabbage and a host of other ingredients, fried and served on a hot skillet. Diners can order it traditional ($12) or Hiroshima-style ($15), layered with eggs and egg noodles. Add-ons such as shrimp, kimchee, crab, bacon or mochi run an extra $2 to $5. Both versions are liberally topped with Japanese mayo, bonito flakes and other sauces. I didn’t care for this saucy, somewhat mushy pizza-pancake hybrid, but my hunch is okonomiyaki is a bit of an acquired taste. It is not a dish one sees often in local Japanese restaurants, and it certainly speaks to Yen’s original goal of showcasing lesser-known Japanese specialties.

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ShopTalk

Local food & retail happenings

AMBASSADOR TOYS CALLS IT QUILTS — For more than a decade, Ambassador Toys at Town & Country Village in Palo Alto has been a destination for just about anyone looking for retro games, books, puppets, crafts and toys for babies through middle schoolers. It’s among the last of the toy stores left in the area, and now it’s leaving, too. The owner is apparently retiring, according to a giant yellow sign posted in the window last week, which reads: “Retiring. Store closing. Everything on sale.” An employee at the shop said he did not know when the store’s last day will be and he declined to comment further. The Palo Alto store is not the only Ambassador site set to close. According to Hoodline.com, two San Francisco shops are also closing. Owner Linda Kapnick, who could not be reached for comment, founded Ambassador Toys in San Francisco in 1997. She opened the Palo Alto site in 2008. During its 12 years at Town & Country Village, the shop was voted “Best Toy Store” or “Best Toy Store Runner up” multiple times by Weekly readers during the newspaper’s annual Best Of edition. Ambassador Toys is the third notable toy store to close its doors in Palo Alto in the past four years. Educational toy store Gray Matters on California Avenue closed in 2019, and longtime toy store Palo Alto Sport Shop and Toy World closed in 2017 after operating downtown for 87 years. — L.T.

CHOCOLATE COMPANY COMING ... Cacao 70, a Montreal-born chocolate company, is opening its second U.S. location at Town & Country Village this spring. Cacao 70 has taken over the former Blonddivino wine shop space in the back of the 855 El Camino Real shopping center. Cacao 70 was born as a chocolate drinking bar in downtown Montreal in 2011. There are now franchised locations throughout Canada and spinoff concepts, including a public chocolate factory, a full-service restaurant and an ice cream counter. The Palo Alto Cacao 70 is a franchise. “Cacao 70’s quest to transform chocolate into exciting flavor adventures has led down the path of cocoa bean sourcing, product development and new store concepts — all tracing back to the first store opening in Montreal nine years ago,” said Mia Zhu, who works in the company’s California office. The Palo Alto shop will serve hot chocolate, chocolate truffles, milkshakes, waffles, crepes, other desserts and all-day brunch dishes, she said. Other locations’ menus include over-the-top waffles (one is topped with sugar, graham crackers, fruit and chocolate-covered ice cream and served with dark-chocolate dipping fondue and marshmallows), chocolate pizzas, Nutella crepes and chocolate fondue, among other desserts. — E.K.

LONGTIME BOUTIQUE CLOSES ... Byrnie-based boutique Bryn Walker reportedly closed its doors at 212 Homer Ave. on Sunday, Feb. 2, according to a sign posted in the window. The women’s boutique, which has eight other company-owned stores and sells to nearly 1,000 boutiques throughout the country, had operated in Palo Alto for 22 years. The company reportedly plans to make its items available online. The shop first opened at 515 Coeper St., where it operated for 17 years before the building was scheduled to be demolished to make way for a three-story office complex in 2016, forcing the boutique to relocate to the historic Thompson’s Bakery site on Homer Avenue. At the time of the shop’s relocation, store manager Diane Kelley told the Weekly: “I just hope they won’t be tearing that building down too!” — L.T.

Compiled by the Weekly staff, this week written by Elena Kadynry and Linda Taaffe. Got leads on interesting and news-worthy retail developments? The Weekly will check them out. Email shoptalk@paweekly.com.

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With the owner of The Oriental Carpet preparing to retire this year, everything in stock at the downtown Menlo Park store is on sale – with the steep discounts ranging from 50% to 80% off.

Owner Bruce Good amassed an incredible collection of high-quality hand-knotted rugs in his nearly four decades in the business, and he has more than 2,500 pieces left to sell in his Santa Cruz Avenue store. The store's entire inventory is priced to sell.

“As I get closer to retirement, there will be more reductions – but less choice,” said Good. “The best pieces will go quickly.”

He’s seen some customers come in and buy a rug for every room in the house, he said. All the rugs the store sells are hand-woven and knotted from traditional producers and cooperatives in Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Nepal. The store has pieces in every standard size and offers an array of designs including traditional, contemporary and “transitional” – rugs that can be formal or casual, depending on the furnishings they’re paired with. The store offers rugs made from wool, silk and viscose, a material that looks and feels like silk but is more affordable.

Good says the majority of the rugs he sells are made of wool, which is the strongest and hardiest material. Viscose offers the soft feeling of silk but is easier to clean.

“I personally really like it,” he said. “You can put it into a family room without worrying about it.”

The store’s selection also includes a large number of antique rugs. Collectors appreciate how a rug’s colors soften over the years, giving the piece a fine and distinctive patina.

The traditional handcrafted method makes the rugs both beautiful and durable, said Good. The Oriental Carpet has been serving Peninsula residents for 46 years, helping homeowners and designers achieve the look and feel that a beautiful, high-quality carpet can bring to a room. Good said the handcrafted rugs last forever – but his sale won’t. If you’re looking for an attractive rug at an even more attractive price, now is the time to go shopping.

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Over 4,000 traditional and contemporary rugs from Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Nepal.
“Birds of Prey” and the Fantabulous Emancipation of One Harley Quinn may be about as shallow as a paddle, but that’s still enough to make a splash. Based on a DC Comics team-up property that dates back almost a quarter-century (and characters that have existed even longer), “Birds of Prey” spins off from the 2016 film “Suicide Squad.”

In this story, it turns out that blondes do have more fun, especially when they sport pastel highlights and carry a big mallet — I refer, of course, to Harley Quinn, a.k.a. Dr. Harleen Quinzel.

Syndicated character to step out as the lead

“Suicide Squad” introduced Margot Robbie in the role of the Joker’s girlfriend, a psychologist preening abuser whose time’s up. In this story, it turns out that survivors all vanquishing a sneering, vengeful club-owning mob boss and his killer henchman Victor Zsasz (Chris Messina) set their sights on the Bertinelli diamond, a gem that’s also the code-breaking key to a fortune that will enable Sionis to rule Gotham City. The diamond makes its way into the hands of child pickpocket Cassandra Cain (13-year-old Ella Jay Basco), who quickly wins the misfit protection of an unlikely de facto team: Quinn, estranged GCPD cop Renee Montoya (the always terrific Rosie Perez), and vigilantes Black Canary (Jurnee Smollett-Bell) and Huntress (a comically upright Mary Elizabeth Winstead).

Yan and screenwriter Christina Hodson (“Bumblebee”) throw everything at the screen to see what’ll stick (including a concussive musical reverie paying Gaga-esque tribute to Marilyn Monroe), but the film’s secret weapon is its unpretentious pace. At one point, an aluminum-bat wielding Quinn initiates a wayward cloud of cocaine, fueling the film’s latest beatdown. That’s a good metaphor for the whole picture, which for better and worse refuses to get bogged down with details but rather proceeds to let its characters collide like bumper cars in the service of hyperactive plotting,audacious action, sight gags, saturated colors and appealing nutty production design.

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Senior Planet opens first west coast hub in Palo Alto

Story by Chris Kenrick
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Downtown Palo Alto has been a longtime mecca for tech startups, and now it could be a destination for retired tech workers and other older adults hungry to know the latest trends.

Avenidas@450Bryant is the only west coast location where New York-based Senior Planet has opened a satellite hub specifically aimed at keeping older adults up to date on technology. The technology-themed institute, which opened its doors at the senior center last summer, offers classes on everything from iPad basics, smartphone photography and social media to more advanced topics such as cryptocurrency, net neutrality, fake news, autonomous vehicles, artificial intelligence, and privacy and security. The institute also hosts live-streamed watch parties on various topics — including the upcoming “Myths about sex and aging” scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 11 — and is stocked with iPads, laptops, a 3-D printer, a PlayStation 4, a Nintendo Switch and virtual reality consoles that give seniors a hands-on opportunity to have fun with new devices.

Ryan Kawamoto, the Senior Planet regional director who sits in the Palo Alto office, described the program as a “social change model” focused on how technology can empower a person to do more. “It’s not just how to turn on and off an iPad, but how to use it for financial planning,” Kawamoto said. “We’re seeing a lot of quality of life issues — how to use Facetime, how to put birthdays on your smartphone or calendar, how to use Google calendar to balance a very busy lifestyle.”

He said the program’s curriculum model, along with tech support from the New York headquarters, make the courses more current and practical than traditional classes; they also attract participants with varying levels of prior knowledge, including those who have very limited knowledge to experienced tech users who might have worked at or helped to launch Silicon Valley companies.

“It’s a great community resource,” said Roberta Kehret, a (continued on page 46)
**Sr. buenas noticias**... *P.A. Moore, who has made more than 25 independent trips abroad, will discuss helpful hints and safety tips in a discussion group titled “Lessons Learned: Solo Women Travelers” on Monday, Feb. 24, 1:30-3 p.m. at Avenidas, 450 Bryant Street, Palo Alto. To register, call 650-289-5400.*

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**AUTHOR SERIES ...** *Palliative care physician and author BJ Miller will be the February speaker in a spring series of readings and discussions by acclaimed writers about end of life, dying and grief sponsored by Mission Hospice of San Mateo. Miller’s 2019 book, “A Beginner’s Guide to the End: Practical Advice for Living Life and Facing Death,” was called “the equivalent of Dr. Spock, but for this other phase of life,” by Stanford physician and writer Abraham Verghese. Thursday, Feb. 27, 7-8:30 p.m. at 1670 South Amphlett, #300, San Mateo. Free, but space is limited. RSVP to 650-530-2396 or Mission-Hospice.eventbrite.com.*

**STORIES AND MUSIC ...** *Storyteller Joel ben Pincus and musicians from the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra will present “A Journey Around the World in Stories and Music” on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. The stories will go from a marketplace in old Jerusalem to a Turkish bathhouse in Istanbul, from a shul in Krakow to the southernmost pub in Ireland and beyond. The event is part of the JCC’s Community Tuesdays series. It will be held 1-2:30 p.m. in the JCC’s Schulz Cultural Hall. $15. For more information, contact Michelle Rosengaus at 650-223-8616 or mrosengaus@paloaltojcc.org.*

**MEMORY CAFE ...** *Avenidas will sponsor a Memory Cafe, a social gathering for people with mild to moderate cognitive impairment and their family caregivers to come together in a safe and comfortable space, on Thursday, Feb. 27, 3-4:30 p.m. at the Avendida Rose Kleiner Center, 270 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. The person with dementia must have a family care provider with them. $20 per pair. Space is limited and RSVP required. Call 650-289-5400 to register. For more information, contact Emily Farber at efarber@avendidas.org or 650-289-5496.*

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longtime Palo Alto resident, who is working her way through several Senior Planet classes, including iPhone photography. “What I appreciate is that our senior center here is so different than across the country. In the Midwest they have things like Bingo, but this — the variety of classes and the areas that are covered — is like going to a community college.”

Kehret said she now has a better understanding of privacy settings and social networks and is learning how to transfer what she knows how to do on her iPad onto her cell phone.

Avenidas CEO Amy Andonian said Avenidas was one of the first senior centers in the country to launch technology training for seniors decades ago, but declining participation in those traditional classes led her to search for a more engaging program.

She decided on Senior Planet, offering the group prime space at the senior center’s newly renovated and expanded downtown building. “Senior Planet made a name for itself by focusing not on technology but on how tech can be a tool to empower people in different areas of their lives — health and wellness, art and creative expression, financial literacy, civic engagement and social connection,” Andonian said. “For example, how do you meet people when you’re older? Online dating is the norm. Or maybe you want to lose 15 pounds. A Fitbit could be a good way of tracking your activity, or maybe you form a walking group and have a contest on steps. So it’s not about the Fitbit per se, but about the broader life goals.”

Andonian said classes can even be tailored to address local interests.

The Senior Planet site in New York, she explained, launched a class focused on online dating after a group of seniors expressed interest in it. “They were all single and wanted to get into the dating scene,” she said.

Just like the New York site, Kawamoto said he plans to customize future course offerings in Palo Alto.

For all the tech talk, Kawamoto said, “The most-read articles on the Senior Planet website are the sex ones.”

The watch party for Joan Ryan’s talk, “Debunking the Seven Myths About Sex and Aging,” will be 4-5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Senior Planet@Avenidas. To RSVP, email rsvp@seniorplanetavenidas.org. For more information on Senior Planet, go to seniorplanet.org/locations/palo-alto/.

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A walk through the past

This small neighborhood has made a big impact on Palo Alto

by Heather Zimmerman

Note to readers: This is the first in an occasional series featuring neighborhood walks with Palo Alto Stanford Heritage (PAST) historian Bo Crane. The walks take inspiration from tours offered by the nonprofit organization that explore the history and architecture of various Palo Alto neighborhoods. This week, we take a look at the historic Professorville neighborhood, located less than a mile southeast of downtown Palo Alto.

Abbott Home, Lincoln Avenue

Professorville can seem almost synonymous with wood-shingled homes, and this example, a colonial revival built in 1901, features a fine detail of sawtooth shingle trim on its double gable dormer. The home’s first resident was Nathan Abbott, the first dean of Stanford Law School — and for whom the campus’ Abbott Way is named, according to Crane. Early in its existence, the house faced a serious stress test: the 1906 earthquake. Influential Harvard psychologist William James, who was visiting at the time, apparently decided to take a scientific approach to experiencing the natural disaster: “While everybody ran out, he stayed upstairs because he wanted to feel the effects of the shake,” Crane said.

Palo Alto’s Professorville neighborhood is a historic district noted for its many homes built by Stanford University professors that stretch back to the founding of Stanford University and Palo Alto’s early years. Its current boundaries are Addison Avenue, Webster Street, Embarcadero Road and Emerson Street.

Our tour began standing in front of the Westminster House on Kingsley Avenue. According to local historian Bo Crane, the imposing structure was built as a residence in 1914 but now houses offices for the First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto. Walter Hays — for whom a Palo Alto school is named — once served as the church’s minister. Crane noted the building’s Tudor revival architectural style, which typically includes half-timbering, brick and stucco siding, oversized fireplaces and steeply pitched roofs.

“I found that everything in Professorville is called a revival,” Crane said. “So you can’t go wrong if you call it a revival.”

Throughout our tour, it quickly became apparent that the neighborhood’s housing stock abounds with a variety of architectural revival styles, from Tudor to Georgian, and particularly colonial. But to hear the history of Professorville, it’s clear that, as it developed during the late 19th and early 20th century, this part of Palo Alto wasn’t so much about revivals as it was about beginnings — architecture aside. Palo Alto was incorporated in 1894, and a number of Professorville residents had a hand in the city’s early history.

Of course, this neighborhood was not only home to many figures important in the making of Palo Alto but also to a certain garage where David Packard and Bill Hewlett’s work launched Silicon Valley, which would prove the re-making of the city and the communities around it. Here’s a glimpse at a few of Professorville’s numerous notable homes and the people who lived there:

Sanford Home, Kingsley Avenue

Physics professor Fernando Sanford built this large colonial revival home in 1894 — he was on Stanford University’s original faculty when the school opened in 1891. According to Crane, “(Sanford) was the first to generate and detect X-rays.” But his discovery, made in 1893, was accidental and not formally pursued; German professor Wilhelm Röntgen is credited with discovering the X-ray process in 1895. The home features several elements important in the making of Palo Alto but also to a certain garage where David Packard and Bill Hewlett’s work launched Silicon Valley, which would prove the re-making of the city and the communities around it.

Within the house, Sanford’s physics lab is still intact, complete with a table he designed for his experiments and the X-ray machine he built. Sanford’s wife, Sarah, was herself deaf, and the couple donated their home to the deaf community in Palo Alto when they moved to Santa Cruz. Today, the building houses the Residency Program for Women, which provides support and resources to women entering the tech industry.

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Wing Home, Lincoln Avenue
This 1893 home was designed by an important local architect, Arthur Bridgman Clark, whose son, Birge, would become an influential local architect in his own right. It was built for civil engineering professor Charles Benjamin Wing, an early Stanford faculty member. Crane noted that Wing himself made his mark locally in a number of ways, including as the designer of the (now-demolished) Stanford Stadium and as a Palo Alto city council member for 25 years. He also served as mayor. The unique house has a one-and-a-half story gambrel roof and an unusually shaped bay window. On a personal note, Crane said that he attended Palo Alto High School with several children of the Remmel family, which owned the house from 1954 to 2007.

Wilson & Kelly, Bryant Street
Built around 1904, this Craftsman was home to Wilson & Kelly, a studio run by photographers Maude Wilson and Alice Kelly. According to Crane, the studio opened in 1906. A listing in the 1911 Polk’s San Jose and Santa Clara County Directory (which includes Palo Alto) describes the focus of the Wilson & Kelly studio as, “Particular attention given to student work, children’s pictures, and home portraiture.” It appears their portraiture may have included some local luminaries, as well. Wilson & Kelly are credited on a portrait of David Starr Jordan, Stanford University’s first president, that’s in the collection of the Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley. 

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Notable homes
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1935 to 1949. Michael was the brother of writer Gertrude Stein, who lectured at Stanford in 1935. The Steins were early supporters of the painter Henri Matisse and a number of works from their collection were acquired by the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Sherwood Court
This group of 10 cottages was designed by Birge Clark and built in 1940 by Edward and Dorothy Marx Sherwood and is sometimes known as Kingsley Court.

If you’re interested
Palo Alto Stanford Heritage (PAST) will offer a series of docent-led tours of various Palo Alto neighborhoods in May. The organization also offers information for self-guided tours on its website. For details, visit pastheritage.org/tours.html

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2020 Silicon Valley REALTORS® Leadership Takes Oath of Office

The Silicon Valley Association of REALTORS® (SILVAR) 2020 leadership team was installed on Jan. 23 at the Los Altos Golf & Country Club. California Association of REALTORS® (C.A.R.) 2020 President Jeanne Radack administered the oath of office to SILVAR President Mary Kay Groth and the 2020 officers and board directors. SILVAR Group co-founder Chris Tajpani served as master of ceremonies.

SILVAR’s 2020 officers include Groth, a REALTOR® with SILVAR Group Los Gatos, President; Joanne Fraser, a REALTOR® with Compass Los Altos, President-elect; and Jeff Bell, broker manager of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cupertino, Treasurer.

Joining SILVAR’s lead officers are Alan Barbic (SILVAR Group), Past President; Bill Moody (Referral Realty), Region 9 Chair; Leannah Hunt (SILVAR Group), NAR Director. District Chairs are Francesca Lampert (Coldwell Banker), Menlo Park-Atherton; Lynn Wilson Roberts (Compass), Palo Alto; Greg Boudreau (Coldwell Banker), Los Altos-Mountain View; Mark Burns (Coldwell Banker), Cupertino-Sunnyvale, and Elizabeth Doyle (SILVAR Group), Los Gatos-Saratoga, and Directors At-large are Brett Carnes (Compass), Katherine Frey (Katherine Frey Real Estate), Eileen Giorgi (SILVAR Group), Jim Hamilton (Compass), Penelope Huang (Golden Gate Sotheby’s Real Estate) and Karen Trolan (SILVAR Group).

A native of Illinois, Groth and her husband Kens moved around the country and eventually settled in Los Gatos in 1987, where she worked at a small family owned commercial property management company. She later moved on to residential real estate with Cornish & Carey.

Groth first got involved with SILVAR through volunteering, then stepped up to serve on the district council and on to bigger roles at SILVAR.

Groth said attending her first state REALTOR® legislative meetings opened her eyes to the strength of the REALTOR® voice. The meetings impressed upon her that being involved was not only worth her time, but “a call to serve.”

Quoting the late Martin Luther King, Jr., Groth said, “Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."

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WEEKLY HONORS ... Stanford redshirt freshman Shane Griffith earned Pac-12 Conference Wrestler of the Week honors it was announced Wednesday. Griffith, ranked seventh in the nation at 165 pounds, beat Arizona State’s Josh Shields, ranked sixth, 5-3 in sudden death last week. Griffith scored the winning takedown with 15 seconds remaining in the second sudden victory period. He’s 22-0 on the season, tied for fourth-longest winning streak in school history. ... Stanford junior gymnast Andrew Bitter was named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Men’s Gymnastics Player of the Week after he won the all-around at the Pac-12 Invitational on Sunday with a career-best 81.200, including season-highs of 13.900 and 15.400 on floor and pommel horse, respectively. ... Stanford junior forward Oscar da Silva earned Pac-12 Men’s Basketball Player of the Week honors for the first time in his career. da Silva averaged 24.5 points on 62 percent shooting (21-34) and 11.5 rebounds as the Cardinal split two games, highlighted by a 70-60 upset of then No. 11 Oregon on Saturday. He scored a career-high 27 points on 11-of-17 shooting and added a season-high 15 rebounds and three assists in the win over the Ducks. ... Menlo College men’s volleyball players Edin Ibrahimovic and Lucas Larson each earned a Golden State Athletic Conference Player of the Week award for their efforts in helping Menlo earn Pac-21, 25-21, 25-21 win over USC-Merced on Saturday. Ibrahimovic was named Attacker of the Week and Larson was selected Setter of the Week.

GOINGS ON ... City Beach General Manager and college recruiting coordinator Gary Mano, a former San Jose State assistant, has been named assistant coach for the Stanford women’s volleyball program. Cardinal coach Kevin Hambly announced Tuesday. ... Stanford quarterback KJ Costello, affected by a season-long thumb injury, announced via his Instagram account his intention to complete his football eligibility at Mississippi State as a graduate transfer. ... Ella Donaghi continued her incredible start to the track and field season, breaking the Stanford record for the mile on a regulation indoor track on Saturday. Donaghi ran 4:33.71 to win the Razorback Invitational on the 200-meter banked track at the Randal Tyson Center. It was a personal best and edged the 4:34.48 by Elise Cranny in 2018 for the fastest in Stanford annals. Cranny ran a 4:31.29 indoor mile on University of Washington’s overbanked 307-meter track in 2018 for the absolute Stanford record, but official records nationally count only races run on 200-meter tracks. The runner-up to Donaghi was teammate Jessica Lawson, who crossed the line in 4:35.56. It was a personal best by more than two seconds over her PB of 4:37.64 set two weeks ago in Seattle. Therefore, Donaghi and Lawson jumped to Nos. 2 and 3 on Stanford’s all-time indoor list.

STANFORD WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

A tough road ahead for No. 6 Cardinal

by Rick Eymer

The difficulty factor of the remaining eight games on Stanford women’s basketball team’s schedule has to be considered the highest of any team in the nation. The only way it could be higher is to play themselves.

Beginning with Friday night’s 8 p.m. Pac-12 Conference contest against visiting UCLA (19-2, 8-2), the sixth-ranked Cardinal (20-2, 9-1) will face three teams ranked among the top 10, five ranked among the top 19 and seven with winning records. That’s not even counting the conference tournament.

No other Pac-12 team plays more than four ranked opponents over the final weeks, a pretty hefty challenge in its own right.

What it means for Stanford is true for any conference team. Whichever team survives the gauntlet will have earned one of the four first-round byes for the Pac-12 tournament at Mandalay Bay Events Center in Las Vegas beginning March 5.

The Pac-12 is the toughest conference in the nation these days. Six teams in the top 19, four in the top 10. No. 3 Oregon (19-2, 9-1) just de-flated Connecticut’s mystical home court advantage and U of O beat the defending Olympic gold medalist Team USA in an exhibition earlier this season. What the Duck?

UCLA comes into Maples Pavilion after knocking off Arizona State in Tempe, where the Sun Devils (16-6, 6-4) were 10-1 before the Bruins came calling. UCLA was the last unbeaten team in the nation until USC won in what seemed like sudden death.

The Bruins handle Stanford as well as any team, having split their past six games. UCLA ended a 16-game losing streak at Maples in 2017, putting 85 points on the board in the process. UCLA has averaged 76.7 points over its last three trips through town.

Stanford has allowed an average of 77.7 points a game this season and is coming off a three-game span in which it allowed a mere 46.3 points.

Lexie Hull scored 14 of her 16 points in the first half and Stanford took control from the start in beating host Washington State on Sunday. That will be a little more difficult this weekend.

The good news is the progression of freshmen like Ashten Prechtel, who recorded her third double-double against Washington State and has reached double figures in scoring in six of her past eight games. Photo by Karen Ambrose Hickey/Stanfordphoto.com

She also moved within seven points of matching Karlie Samuelson for Stanford’s all-time scoring list. Prechtel has reached double figures in scoring in six of her past eight games. She has three double-digit games in her first 14 contests.

Stanford opened a 10-point lead in the first four minutes of the game and maintained the advantage the rest of the way. The Cardinal led by as many as 21 points in the first half. Washington State scored the final four points of the second quarter to close within 42-27 at halftime.

The Ducks shot 26.5% from the floor in the second half, which included an 0-for-11 effort from long range. Stanford was only slightly better, making one (Prechtel) of 11 tries in the second half.

Hull scored 17 points and had 11 rebounds in Friday’s win over Washington. Williams scored seven of her 16 points in the fourth quarter for the Cardinal.

Kiana Williams moved into Stanford’s all-time top 10 list with 192 3-pointers.
Menlo-Atherton senior Justin Anderson, who will be playing football at Washington State in the fall, has been an integral part of the Bears’ basketball success. Photo by Bob Dahlberg.

PREP BASKETBALL

Is M-A in a league of its own?

Results in PAL South Division say yes

by Glenn Reeves

I there was one thing Wednesday’s game made abundantly clear, a huge gap exists between Menlo-Atherton and the rest of the Peninsula Athletic League South Division boys basketball teams. Of course anyone who’s been following the M-A season knew that already. But the point was emphasized when the first-place Bears put a 71-41 hammering on a Hillsdale team that went into the game 7-1 and one game out of first. M-A (18-3, 9-0) is not getting any competition in PAL South games this season.

The 30-point margin of victory against Hillsdale (15-6, 7-2) is not a whole lot out of normal for a PAL South game this season involving M-A. The Bears’ average margin of victory is 39.3. How will the lack of competitive games affect M-A come playoff time?

“It’s out of our control,” M-A coach Mike Moliere said. “We just have to try to get better. In the post-season we’ll face a lot better competition.”

On Wednesday the score was 17-7 after one quarter. M-A drained four 3-pointers to start the second quarter -- two by J.D. Carson and one each by Trevor Wargo and Spencer Lin -- to extend the lead to 31-11. And it kept growing. The score was 40-15 at halftime, and then M-A scored the first 10 points of the third quarter to make it 50-15.

“We can’t do anything about our schedule,” Carson said. “Coach did put a tougher pre-season schedule together, but we weren’t at 100 percent as a team when we were playing Misty and Bellarmine. I hope we’ll be there by the playoffs.”

Lin scored 14, Carson 11 and Skyler Thomas, who turned in a strong game controlling the backboards, had 10. Junior Cotton scored 16 for Hillsdale.

“It’s a challenge,” Moliere said. “But these guys have brought great energy and that’s all I can ask from a team.”

The Bears travel to face Sequoia (12-9, 8-1) at 7:45 p.m. Friday. M-A beat Sequoia 61-45 at home on January 17.

Menlo-Atherton in charge of PAL Bay Division race

Gunn nears SCVAL El Camino Division title

by Rick Eymer

Menlo-Atherton took over sole possession of first place in the Peninsula Athletic League Bay Division boys soccer race on Monday and then lost its next game.

The Bears (7-5-4, 7-3-1) remain atop the standings, though, as the top three teams all lost Wednesday. It all means an interesting next couple of weeks. With three games left on the regular season schedule, seven of the eight PAL teams are still mathematically in the running for a share of the title.

M-A holds a three-point advantage over Carlmont, with Burlingame a point behind. Sequoia, South San Francisco, Aragon and Hillsdale can still hang on to title hopes.

Things will change Friday, with M-A hosting Aragon, South San Francisco visiting Carlmont, Hillsdale visiting Half Moon Bay and Burlingame hosting Sequoia, all at 4:30 p.m.

The Bears are the only team with their own destiny in hand. Keeping winning and the title belongs to M-A. Carlmont (8-4-5, 5-2-4) owns the tie-breaker over M-A due to a win and tie in their two meetings.

Thanks to a cohesive effort, the Bears are playing like champions. “Even in the games we lost I felt like we played better,” M-A coach Leo Krupnik said. “It’s all a matter of finishing our chances and concentrating on playing simply.”

Miguel Tostado scored twice, Will Demirkol had a goal and an assist and Menlo-Atherton beat visiting Sequoia 4-2 on Monday to gain control of the league race. Durio Garibay converted a penalty kick for M-A.

“When we work hard, I say we’re the best in the league,” Demirkol said. “We’re technically sound and can play the ball around aggressively.”

With players like Tostado, Cole Trigg, Noah Shalowitz, Emmanuel Preciado, who had an assist, helping in transition, M-A moves the ball beautifully around the field and controlled the pace for most of the contest.

The defensive line of Cyprien Boustitha, Tiziano Bolanos and Shaun Dunlevie in front of goalie Hunter Wright didn’t give Sequoia much space to maneuver. The Ravens did manage to punch a couple of holes in the defense but only scored when they were down by two or more goals.

M-A didn’t lose much when a series of substitutes entered the game in the second half. Antony Commissaris, who started, gave way to Jose Baion. Nikan Danaei, Dylan Penagos, Mathias Giomi, Mateo Weiner and Marcelino Hernandez all provided solid minutes.

In the PAL Ocean Division, Griffin Mills recorded 14 saves, including stopping a penalty kick, and Woodside edged host Mills 1-0 on Monday in a make-up game.

David Ruiz scored an unassisted goal early in the contest and the Wildcats (8-7-2, 7-4-2) made it stand up with a solid defensive effort helped by senior co-captain Grant Boyd and junior defender Cole Preston.

Woodside hosts Capuchino at 4:30 p.m. Friday. In its final home game of the regular season, the Wildcats are currently in a

Matt Marzano scored 18 points to lead Palo Alto past host Mountain View 58-45 in a SCVAL De Anza Division game Wednesday.

Andrew Li added 15 points and Jamir Shepard had 12 for the Vikings (16-4, 8-0), who host Home- stead at 7:45 p.m. Friday.

Paly remains a game up on Los Altos with four to play in the regular season. Every other SCVAL De Anza team has been eliminated from title contention.

Gunn defeated host Lynbrook 41-40 in a SCVAL El Camino Division contest.

The Titans (8-13, 4-5), who host Fremont at 7:45 p.m. Friday, had a balanced scoring attack with Kaden Holbrook and Luke McFaul each scoring eight points and Yotam Elazar adding seven.

Isaiah Minor scored 27 points and Calvin Kapral had 22 points and 10 rebounds but Woodside dropped an 87-81 decision in overtime to host Aragon in a PAL South Division contest.

Dylan Barmwell and Luke Bud- die, who also had six assists, each added 14 points for the Wildcats (13-8, 3-6), who travel to play Carlmont at 7:45 p.m. Friday.

ON THE AIR

Friday

Colleges women’s basketball: UCLA at Stanford, 6 p.m., Pac-12 Networks
College men’s basketball: Stanford at Colorado, 3 p.m., Pac-12 Networks
College men’s volleyball: UCLA at Stanford, 7 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

Saturday

College men’s basketball: Stanford at Colorado, 3 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

Sunday

College women’s basketball: USC at Stanford, noon, Pac-12 Networks

Monday

College women’s gymnastics: Washington at Stanford, 6 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

Thursday

College men’s basketball: Arizona State at Stanford, 6 p.m., ESPN2

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third-place tie. Capuchino is in second place.

Gunn moved closer to clinching the regular-season title with a 4-1 victory over visiting Milpitas on Wednesday night.

The Titans (13-1-3, 8-0-1) own a seven-point edge and hold the tie-breaker over second-place Wilcox (9-1-6, 5-1-3) with three matches remaining to play, including Friday’s 6 p.m. contest at Fremont.

Junior Nickolas Romero scored twice for Gunn with senior James Hahn and junior Alexis Bromberg each adding a goal.

Senior Rayan Taghizadeh recorded two assists and sophomore Dane Jefferson added an assist for the Titans.

Seniors Marc Mbia and Alex Siegel each scored goals late in the second half, leading Palo Alto to a 2-0 victory over Cupertino in a Santa Clara Valley Athletic League De Anza Division contest Wednesday.

The Vikings (2-9-2, 4-5-1) travel to play Homestead (10-6-4, 4-5-1) at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

In the West Bay Athletic League, Menlo grabbed a challenge from host Priory to escape with a 3-2 victory on Wednesday.

Aaron Morgan scored twice and added an assist for the Knights (12-2-3, 6-2), who have a bye Friday. ■

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Binetta Diatta
PRIORY BASKETBALL

The junior averaged 16.7 points, 7.0 rebounds and 4.0 steals in helping the Panthers win three straight games. She scored 19 points in a win over Stevenson.

Adar Schwarzbach
PALO ALTO WRESTLING

The 145-pound wrestler went 5-0 to win his weight class at the Mission San Jose Tournament on Saturday. He won twice by pin and twice by technical falls.

Honorable mention

Annika Decker*
Pinewood basketball

Malia Garcia
Pinewood basketball

Malia Latu
Merino-Atherton basketball

Emersen Sweeney
Gunn soccer

Sammy Wong
Castilleja basketball

Ana Schremp*
Gunn soccer

Nicolette Yeh
Merino-Atherton basketball

Griffin Mills, Ethan Hamel
Woodside soccer

Jesse Hahn
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Liam Johnson*
Sacred Heart Prep soccer

Aaron Morgan
Merino soccer

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