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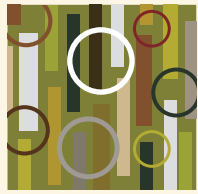
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# Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

## Council members take aim at solo drivers

Proposal seeks to create a 'comprehensive' plan to reduce cars coming into Palo Alto business districts

by Gennady Sheyner

Faced with a glut of cars and parking that's spilling into downtown neighborhoods, four Palo Alto City Council members have issued a sizable challenge to the city's planning staff: Come up with a program that would get almost a third of solo commuters to switch to other

means of transportation.

In a memo released Wednesday, Mayor Greg Scharff, Vice Mayor Nancy Shepherd, and Councilwomen Liz Kniss and Gail Price call on city staff to develop a "comprehensive" transportation-demand management (TDM) plan, a system that will give drivers in-

centives to switch to mass transit, biking, car-sharing services and other means of getting to work. This plan would apply to three sections of the city: downtown, the California Avenue business district and Stanford Research Park.

If the full City Council votes to support the memo Monday night, it will task city staff with yet another program aimed at solving the city's complex and frustrating parking problems.

The city is already evaluating the

prospect of building new garages; eliminating some of the parking exemptions that local law grants to developers; creating a framework for a "residential parking permit program" that neighborhoods would be able to adopt; and increasing the capacity of garages through a valet program.

The staff is currently tasked with returning, in the next 45 days, with proposed changes to the city's parking regulations, including elimination of a provi-

sion known as "transferable development rights," which grants parking exemptions to developers who perform seismic retrofits and historical rehabilitation.

The new memo proposes another strategy: reduce the number of cars. It calls parking and traffic "one of the toughest challenges facing the City at this time and a major concern for our residents" and argues that new garages, parking pro-

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### Peace on Earth

JianYing, abbot of the Chung Tai Zen Center of Sunnyvale, addresses a crowd gathered at King Plaza at Palo Alto City Hall to talk about peace and a few teachings of the Buddha, while Sara Jaka listens during the Multifaith Peace Picnic on Sept. 11.

Veronica Weber

### EDUCATION

## New Paly athletic center to echo historic campus

Groundbreaking for state-of-the-art facility likely next spring with 14-month construction

by Chris Kenrick

A planned state-of-the-art athletic center for Palo Alto High School will likely break ground next May or June and be ready for use in the fall of 2015, Palo Alto school officials said Tuesday at a meeting of the Board of Education.

The complex is expected to cost more than \$20 million and to be funded largely by the Peery family of Palo Alto, which has sent three generations to Paly. The district plans to contribute \$5.4 million to the project, officials said in February.

The new complex — two gyms connected by an enclosed loggia, or hallway — will sit in the footprint of the school's two existing gyms and architecturally echo Paly's historic Tower Building. It will wrap around three sides of the existing swimming pool, but the pool itself will not be disturbed.

School board members Tuesday were enthusiastic as architect Jeremiah Tolbert walked them through schematic designs for the complex.

The new main gym will have a "Hall of Fame" corridor, a covered entry and large lobby with a ticket booth, concession stand and athletic store, a new large training room and space for visiting coaches, with a sunken main gym floor.

Team locker rooms will be directly off the main gym floor.

The hallway connecting the two gyms will be on the side of the swimming pool closest to Paly's quad.

The smaller gym — located toward El Camino Real — will

feature a large arched window similar to that in the Tower Building. In addition to the gym space, the building will also contain pool locker rooms, a new wrestling/multi-purpose room, and a dance and yoga studio.

On a lower level will be physical-education locker rooms, a P.E. classroom, a larger weight room and storage.

Construction is expected to take just 14 months under a "lease-leaseback" delivery method with Palo Alto contractor Vance Brown, who recently built a similar facility at Menlo School.

During the 2014-15 school year, athletic and P.E. programs will be run out of portable classrooms on the quad as well as a temporary locker and restroom facility around Paly's wood shop. Officials said they may also erect a covered area near the new concessions building to create space for P.E. on rainy days and also may use part of the existing student center for dance classes.

In addition, officials said they've contacted Stanford about renting temporary facilities but will likely keep the Paly pool open because Stanford may not have pool space available.

Tolbert, the architect, said he's kept in close touch with architect Erwin Lee, who is designing many other upgrades to the Paly campus. Among those are a planned addition to the science building, which will look out onto the athletic center.

"Erwin and I talk about materials — they're going to be compatible

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### ENVIRONMENT

## Wildlife experts: Cats are killing Baylands wildlife

Proposed ban on feeding feral cats in Palo Alto open space could help save endangered species, officials say

by Sue Dremann

Feral cats are being accused of eating the Palo Alto Baylands' endangered species, and a proposed city ban on the public feeding of the cats could give the endangered wildlife a fighting chance, land managers and biologists said.

"From my personal experience as Palo Alto park ranger for over a decade, I have personally seen feral cats hunt and catch birds in the Baylands Nature Preserve,"

said Daren Anderson, the city's division manager of open space, parks and golf.

Not only do feral cats kill mammals, reptiles, insects and birds, they also eat their eggs and can spread diseases. They also compete for prey with other predators, who shift to hunting endangered species, he said.

It's unknown how many feral cats live in the Baylands, but 14 endangered, threatened and sen-

sitive wildlife species, including the California clapper rail and salt marsh harvest mouse, are affected by the cats, wildlife officials said.

The populations of the Baylands' endangered species are shrinking. In 2011, about 14 clapper rails were found there; as many as 19 are known to exist at Palo Alto Harbor and Hooks

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**



If I'm a crank, then Palo Alto is full of cranks.



— Douglas Smith, who surveyed Palo Alto residents on their preferences for traditional vs. modern architecture downtown. See story on page 9.

**Around Town**

**DISTRESS OVER DAMSEL ...**

A photograph of a bright-blue insect in the Sept. 6 edition of the Weekly triggered an immediate response from a longtime docent at the Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve at Stanford University. "This is not a dragonfly," a sharp-eyed Targe Lindsay wrote regarding the erroneously labeled insect. "It's a damselfly." The common name of the damselfly is vivid dancer; the scientific name, Argia vivida. The Weekly thanks Mr. Lindsay and stands corrected.

**AIRSICK ...**

The call came from the cockpit: "Is there a doctor or a nurse on the plane?" No response. The pilot tried again. "Is there anyone on the plane with medical training?" This time, the pilot lucked out. Palo Alto Fire Chief Eric Nickel, who was on his way back from Chicago last month, sprung into action. The victim, he said, appeared extremely sick, possibly with stomach problems. Two of the three flight attendants were new to their positions, and the plane's medical equipment, which is generally used on heart-attack victims, offered little assistance. Nickel, who worked for 13 years as a paramedic, assessed the victim and checked her vital signs every 10 minutes. Ultimately, he and the crew decided that the plane needed to land so that the victim could go to the hospital, where Nickel said she stayed for two days. On Monday, City Manager James Keene mentioned Nickel's flight heroics during the City Council meeting and read aloud the letter the city received from American Airlines expressing gratitude to Nickel. "Without a doubt, you greatly improved a difficult situation," it stated. The letter also came with a free-transportation voucher, which Nickel promptly handed over to the City Clerk's Office, Keene said.

**WRITE ON! ...**

Recent Palo Alto High School graduate Elana Loeb was one of nine teen playwrights chosen by The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., in its 2013 VSA Playwrights Discovery Award Program. Elana described her play, "Sertraline Lullabies," as a conversation between two

teenagers waiting in a hospital parking lot while their friend is inside covering from a suicide attempt. She wrote the play last year as part of the annual Palo Alto Theatreworks Young Playwrights Project. Now a freshman at Cornell University, Elana describes herself as "a big sister, a singer-songwriter, and an avid Shakespearean."

**IN OUR RIGHT MINDS? ...**

You'd have to be "out of your mind to live in Palo Alto," Tumblr founder and CEO David Karp told Tim Wu of the New York Times in a design profile of Karp's recently renovated Brooklyn loft, which tends toward "ancient bricks, weathered concrete, blackened steel and reclaimed oak" with few high-tech gadgets in sight. The 27-year-old Karp sold Tumblr to Yahoo for \$1.1 billion in June. Wu argues that "New York tech has more style than its West Coast counterpart," quoting former Google executive Andrew McLaughlin, now senior vice president at New York's Betaworks. "New York takes authenticity very seriously," while "the West Coast doesn't give a damn," McLaughlin told Wu. "The West Coast thing is to destroy what came before," while New York is "layering and working with what's here already."

**PEACE IN A POD ...**

Things got political during a sunny ribbon-cutting ceremony to christen a Palo Alto stop for RidePal, a ridesharing startup that offers a Google-like bus for commuters. With tongue thoroughly in cheek, CEO Natalie Criou opened her speech with "I want to talk about world peace — just kidding." Mayor Greg Scharff later spoke but with an opening that was less tongue than cheeky: "My name is Greg Scharff, and I do want to talk about world peace," he said. Scharff referred to "a civil war" between Palo Alto's pro-development forces and the "residentialist" folks who want to preserve a small-town feel. "This service takes cars off the road and allows for more growth," he said, continuing that traffic is the main impediment for expansion. "You're allowing Silicon Valley to grow — thanks for that." ■



EDUCATION

# Palo Alto nonprofit funds education around the world

Former Paly students nurture website that links needy students to U.S. donors

by Chris Kenrick

**M**att Severson was a student at Palo Alto High School in 2006 when he made the first of his many visits to Africa.

He fell in love and came home with a question often asked by Palo Alto teens who visit developing countries: Why, when these people have so little, do they seem so happy and generous?

In a trip back the following year, Severson's chance meeting with a Tanzanian teenager led to the formation of his nonprofit organization, The School Fund, which will mark its fourth anniversary in November.

Fourteen-year-old John Medo was cutting grass near the hotel where Severson and his mother were staying when the teens struck up a conversation. Medo told Severson he hoped to grow up to be president of Tanzania and invited him to his house. There, Medo's parents explained to Severson that their son, though bright, was not in school that year because the family could not pay the fees.

Since then, Severson has covered tuition — anywhere from \$100 to \$400 a year — for Medo, now 20 and the "international student body president" of a secondary school in Kampala, Uganda, with aspirations for medical school in India.

A fan of the micro-lending website Kiva, which enables people to lend small amounts of money to projects in developing countries that post online profiles, Severson decided in 2008 he wanted to apply the same concept to grants of school fees.

Two years after he first met Medo, he and his father, Denis Severson, and Paly friend Andrew Perrault launched The School Fund website, inviting people to view profiles of individual students and provide grants. Receipts from schools are collected and posted for donors to view online, he said, as is correspondence from overseas students.

To date, the website has garnered support for 430 students in the developing world, raising \$180,000 in person-to-person funding which amounts to "over 800 years of education," Severson said in a recent interview.

"I'd been following Kiva for a while and was impressed with the way the lender really felt a connection with the borrower — you could see their picture and their story. I thought we could do something very similar for education," he said.

"And in education it's even more relevant because, unlike a Kiva borrower, a kid goes to school year after year, so you can build a connection."

Severson and his colleagues, including high school friends Perrault and Roxana Moussavian, have tweaked their ideas along the way.

When all but two of the initial group of 32 student recipients failed their exams to advance to high school, they decided to add a criterion that qualifying students should be in the top 25 percent of their classes.

"The first group was selected purely for financial need, but we needed to ensure the students are taking their education seriously," Severson said. "If there are two students, and you're only able to fundraise for one, you might as well fund the one that's taking it seriously and going on."

And rather than personally doing all the legwork of selecting and posting profiles of needy students, The School Fund decided in 2011 to open its platform to other nonprofits doing similar fundraising but lacking a way for their donors to interact with their students. About 30 non-governmental organizations now post profiles of needy students to The School Fund website, expanding the group's reach beyond Africa to countries like Haiti and India.

Still, Severson has returned to Africa all but one summer since 2006 to visit students and partner organizations — and sometimes to give computer lessons.

Medo, he said, was just one of 71 million children who cannot attend secondary school because they live in poverty.

Since graduating from Paly in 2007, Severson has nurtured The School Fund through his college years at Brown University and his working life at Google, where he works in business development. Except for a trip to Taiwan last November for his grandmother's 90th birthday, he said he's used all his Google vacation for travel back to Africa.

"I fell in love with that place," he said.

"For someone growing up in Palo Alto, it was just really refreshing to see how there are people living elsewhere in the world who have so much less than us yet are still so happy and thankful and generous and willing to share what little they have with people they've just met," he said.

"That's what I thought was special. I didn't have all these silly negative thoughts in my mind, and I was in a positive frame of mind. I was happy, sharing and generous."

The School Fund will mark its fourth birthday Sunday, Nov. 3, with a performance by Grammy-nominated artist Carolyn Malachi at the headquarters of Chegg Inc., in Santa Clara. ■



Courtesy Matt Severson

Matt Severson, left, stands with African students whose education has been paid for by donors to The School Fund. They're joined by a School Fund volunteer.

TRANSPORTATION

# Commuter buses not just for Google anymore

RidePal to offer San Francisco-to-Palo Alto ridesharing service, ending at California Avenue

by Eric Van Susteren

**A** new service that's putting wheels down in the California Avenue business district may allow Palo Alto workers to commute as the Googlers do — in roomy, WiFi-enabled buses that offer a direct route to work and a break from morning-commute stresses.

San Francisco-based RidePal's business model is based around the commuter perk famously offered by large tech companies such as Google and Facebook. Unlike those ride-sharing programs, which offer the service only to their own employees, RidePal will cater to individual commuters and businesses alike, allowing companies to pay for part or all of their employees' fare with pre-tax dollars.

"You get a productive, relaxing commute that's better than sitting on 280, fuming," Chief Revenue Officer Dominic Haigh said. "And it's better from the city's standpoint, as well. It means less cars on the road — less traffic, fewer parking problems."

Traffic and parking are at the top of the list of concerns for many area residents as Palo Alto considers approving a massive office development at the site of AOL's current Silicon Valley Headquarters, which critics say would cause severe parking and traffic problems.

For the time being there will be only one RidePal bus that starts in San Francisco and stops in Palo Alto, and it will skip downtown in favor of landing near the Park Boulevard base



Eric Van Susteren

A RidePal bus sits in front on Sarah Wallis Park near California Avenue in Palo Alto. RidePal opened its first route to the area Wednesday.

for Groupon, which is participating in the service.

"RidePal's shared model allows us to lower our costs while offering a superior commute option to our employees," Chris Brey, senior manager of facilities at Groupon, stated in a press release. "We welcome this new service, and it'll be exciting to see other local companies participate as well."

Avoiding downtown Palo Alto may seem like a surprising move for a transportation company trying to get traction in a commute-alternative-hungry city, Haigh said. But bypassing downtown is important because reducing stops speeds up the commute and avoids the "airport-shuttle feel," he said. As interest from downtown commuters comes, RidePal will consider offering another bus route to that area, he said.

RidePal already offers com-

muter options to and from Mountain View, San Jose and several neighborhoods in San Francisco.

Founder and CEO Natalie Criou, a former Google employee, said the idea for the company came after she left Mountain View-based Google and stopped being able to take the bus to work. After that, she said, her world "collapsed."

She said she found that many businesses were interested in taking advantage of the perks of offering employees an easy commute alternative but weren't interested (or couldn't afford) investing in building an infrastructure to support it.

"We've sent people to the moon; we should be able to take people from home to work," she said. ■

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DEVELOPMENT

# City tries to put a value on 'public benefits'

*Palo Alto looks to economic analyses to bring order to a messy zoning process*

by Gennady Sheyner

With traffic and parking dominating public discussion in Palo Alto, city officials on Wednesday balked at launching a zone change that would allow a four-story office building to go up at the city's most congested intersection.

Instead, an ambivalent Planning and Transportation Commission agreed to wait for more staff analysis before it rules on whether to initiate a "planned community" zone at the northeast corner of El Camino Real and Page Mill Road. In a 5-0 vote, with Eduardo Martinez and Greg Tanaka absent, the commission agreed to revisit the project in four to six weeks, when staff returns with an independent analysis of the project's proposed benefits.

In its discussion, the commission grappled with the question at the center of every planned-community zone change, a mechanism that allows developers to exceed building limitations in exchange for public benefits: How much should the city demand from the developer in the zoning quid pro quo?

The Wednesday discussion demonstrated the city's changing approach to answering this question. In the past, the process of negotiating public benefits was a largely ad hoc and highly subjective affair, with council members declaring what they want the developer to provide and the developer modifying the offer over a series of contentious meetings. Recent "planned community" projects included in their list of

benefits items such as sculptures, public plazas, Caltrain Go Passes and affordable housing.

Now, the rezoning process is looking less like an art and more like a science, filled with economic projections and third-party analyses. In a sign of the times, commissioners agreed Wednesday not to vote on the zoning initiation until they have more information about the value of the project to the developer and the value of the benefits to the city.

**'When I look at the list (of offered benefits), some of them feel like they are intrinsic.'**

—Alex Panelli, commissioner

The project at 2755 El Camino Real would be the second "planned community" project in the immediate area to fall under the new "Show me the money!" approach. On Wednesday afternoon, the city released such an analysis for a planned-community proposal that would stand about a block away, at 395 Page Mill Road, and that would feature 311,000 square feet of office space.

Jay Paul Company, the developer behind 395 Page Mill, offered to build the city a new police headquarters in exchange for permission to construct two dense office buildings. The city's consultant, Applied Development Economics,

concluded that the Jay Paul proposal could cover the cost of the police building and still bring the developer a 17 percent profit over a 30-year period. (See sidebar.)

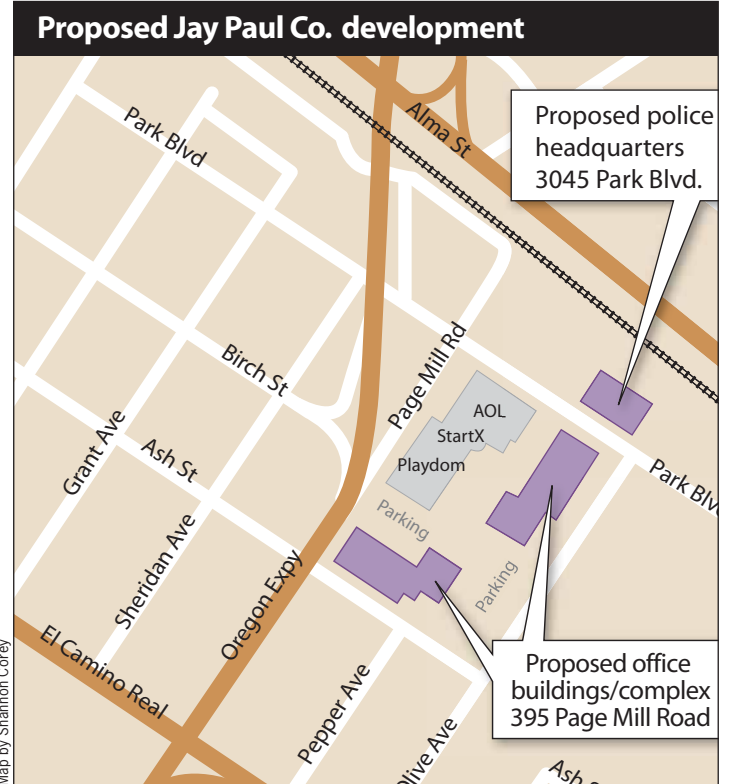
For 2755 El Camino, both the scale of the project and the offered benefits are far more modest. The four-story building would be 33,500 square feet and the benefits include the widening of Page Mill Road to create a right-turn lane onto El Camino Real; an upgrade to a pedestrian tunnel on El Camino; and installation of pedestrian light poles on California Avenue.

Other suggested benefits, including various landscaping improvements and an offer to buy Caltrain passes for building occupants, were dismissed by the commission as "mitigations," or conditions that the developer would likely have to provide anyway to get approval.

"When I think of public benefit, I don't think of it as mitigation of the problems your project is creating," Commissioner Alex Panelli said. "When I look at the list (of offered benefits), some of them feel like they are intrinsic."

Public benefits, he said, should either be "something that enhances for the benefit of all or helps to solve problems that already exist."

Vice Chair Arthur Keller, reflecting the prevalent view, said the benefits should be "commensurate with the benefit to the developer of increased development." He disagreed with the suggestion from his colleague Michael Alcheck, who said the city should look at



The office buildings proposed by Jay Paul Co. would encompass 311,000 square feet in two four-story structures adjacent to the AOL headquarters building on Park Boulevard, near Page Mill Road.

what other planned-community projects in the area had to provide in benefits to get their zone changes approved.

Times have changed, Keller said, pointing to the "considerable complaints in the community about public benefits not benefiting the public."

Chair Mark Michael also endorsed the quantitative approach and said the commission's process for determining public benefits should be "consistent and predictable."

"We should be objective and analytical and make decisions based on rules that apply to us," Michael said, before concluding

that the commission doesn't yet have the information it needs to be objective and analytical.

Cara Silver, senior assistant city attorney, said the process of commissioning independent economic analyses before ruling on a zone change was introduced during the council's recent approval of the Stanford University Medical Center expansion, a \$5 billion project that the city green-lighted in 2011 after several years of negotiations.

"When that project went through, there was an overall recognition that the economic analysis was very helpful to decision

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LAND USE

# City delves into economics of Jay Paul Co. proposal

*Analysis shows developer would profit, even after paying for new police headquarters*

by Gennady Sheyner

How much is a zone change worth?

That's the question Palo Alto is trying to answer as it contemplates the largest "planned community" project in the city's congested planning pipeline: a proposal by Jay Paul Company to build two four-story office buildings at 395 Page Mill Road. On Wednesday, the city unveiled a new tool for answering the question: a pro forma analysis that seeks to gauge whether Jay Paul has offered enough in "public benefits" to merit the requested zone change.

If Jay Paul's plan is approved, the developer would build a new

police headquarters for the city in exchange for permission to construct 311,000 square feet of office development next to AOL's Silicon Valley headquarters. The report from the city's consultant, Applied Development Economics (ADE), suggests this is a reasonable tradeoff, at least economically speaking (a separate Environmental Impact Report will analyze potential parking and traffic problems).

The economic analysis is the first of its kind. It was prompted by a swell of community frustration about recent planned-community projects whose benefits didn't materialize as promised.

The two most often cited examples are the public plazas that were offered by developers but that were later subsumed by Caffe Riace and Saint Michael's Alley. Earlier this year, City Manager James Keene and the City Council agreed that it would be useful to have a third party evaluate the values of the zone change and the proposed benefits, respectively.

In its report, which the City Council is scheduled to discuss Monday night, ADE estimates that Jay Paul can cover the \$49 million cost of the new police building and still walk away with 17 percent profit over 30 years, though it acknowledges that the profit could drop dramatically if interest rates were to rise or the hot real estate market were to cool down. It assumes that the building would reach 98 percent occupancy and that interest rates will remain at their present low levels.

The report notes that developers "typically require a pro forma result in excess of 20 percent IRR (internal rate of return) so there is a margin to cover inevi-

table cost increases when projects are actually developed."

ADE also determined that if the city asks Jay Paul to reduce the scale of the project, it would significantly restrict its ability to provide a public benefit and still achieve the same rate of return. According to ADE, if the project were reduced by 25 percent, the public benefit would have to be reduced by about 60 percent to achieve the same return on investment. That's because construction would entail many fixed costs, including the land and the site development, which is "complicated under any development scenario" because of toxic contamination at the site. Because development of any sort would be expensive at this site, the public benefit would have to be reduced from \$49.3 million to \$26.9 million, the report states.

If the project were reduced by half, the report states: "There would be no possibility of any public benefit contributions and still achieve the same rate of return."

The economic analysis is being performed at a time when

the council is weighing a range of options, including a bond measure and an increase in hotel taxes, to fund needed infrastructure improvements. Replacing the city's small and seismically deficient police headquarters in downtown Palo Alto is at the top of the city's priority list.

Even so, council members and planning officials have maintained that constructing the police building will not, in itself, win Jay Paul the city's approval. The company will also have to find a way to prevent potential parking and traffic problems at what is already one of the most congested sections of the city. Planners had expected to provide on Monday a preliminary analysis of the Jay Paul development's traffic impacts, but that report was delayed because of staff's concern that some of its assumptions may be incorrect.

The traffic analysis for the Jay Paul proposal is now scheduled to be released early next year, according to a staff report. ■

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# Palo Alto tries to curb disabilities among fire, police

City disputes Grand Jury finding that city has highest rate of disability retirements but agrees rate has to be lowered

by Gennady Sheyner

**P**alo Alto usually likes to be a leader, but officials found little to like in a recent report by the Santa Clara County Grand Jury that stated the city has the highest rate of public-safety workers in the county who retire with disabilities.

On Wednesday, Sept. 11, the city responded to the Grand Jury's critical June report by both disputing its numbers and backing its conclusion that the city's disability rate for retirees needs to be reduced.

The city's response, which the City Council will consider Monday night, challenged the finding that 51 percent of the Palo Alto police officers and firefighters who retired over the past five years filed for "industrial disability retirement" — by far the highest in the county and far above Gilroy's rate of 43 percent, the county's next highest.

In its response, the city provided statistics showing its rate for industrial disability retirements to be 34 percent, a little above the average for county jurisdictions that have both police and fire operations. The response also notes that both the firefighters and police officers have seen their rates drop since 2005, when 40.7 percent of the firefighter retirements and 45.5 percent of police retirements fell into this category.

In a media briefing Wednesday afternoon, City Manager James Keene outlined the various initiatives the city is undertaking to promote health and wellness and reduce the disability rate, though he didn't have an explanation for the wide disparity between the Grand Jury's and the city's calculation. After receiving the Grand Jury report, he said, city staff tried to inform the county about the discrepancy. By then, the Grand Jury had disbanded and the city was unable to determine how it came up with its numbers, Keene said.

According to the city, there were 62 public-safety retirements over the past year, 35 in the Fire Department and 27 in the Police Department. Of these, 21 filed for industrial disability retirement, a rate of 33.9 percent. Those who retire with disabilities receive half of their benefits tax-free according to California law, the city report stated.

Whether the real proportion of public-safety workers retiring with disabilities is a little more than half or a third, officials agree that it's way too high. Even at 34 percent, Palo Alto would rank second in the county, behind only Gilroy, according to the Grand Jury's numbers.

"We don't think 33 percent is a good number," Keene said. "We still need to get to work on it and lower it."

One reason for Palo Alto's relatively high rate may be the absence of light-duty positions in its police and fire departments. Some cities, including San Jose, offer desk jobs to workers with disabilities, the report notes. Palo Alto does not, police Lt. Zach Perron said.

"If someone can't meet the requirements of the job, they're not able to be a police officer," Perron said.

Fire Chief Eric Nickel said the range of injuries that led to recent retirement disabilities didn't follow any particular trend. These included sprains, strains and cardiac conditions.

Police officers also had a wide range of reasons for filing for disability at the time of retirement, according to the city's response. Some suffered "serious permanent disabilities," while others suffered "injuries or illnesses that were not as severe yet incapacitated the officer from performing work duties," according to the city's response.

"Although all officers completed long-term medical treatment, their injuries still precluded them from performing their public-safety-officer duties and thus were unable to continue working in their jobs on a permanent basis and therefore sought retirement," the report states.

Both departments have policies

in place aimed at lowering the rate. Nickel said the Fire Department has a safety committee composed of both labor and management employees that meets regularly to review every worker-compensation claim and consider ways to make the workplace safer. It is also utilizing new technologies, including motorized gurneys, that they hope will make it easier to lift patients and eliminate a significant portion of back sprains and strains among personnel.

Nickel said he is also trying to get the department to embrace the Wellness/Fitness Initiative, a broad program jointly sponsored by labor and management unions and that includes such provisions as mandatory daily workouts. Nickel said he would like to see provisions from this initiative integrated into the next contract with the firefighters union.

The police department has had a voluntary wellness program since 2004. Participants undergo an annual "wellness check," a detailed health assessment administered by a nurse. As an incentive to participate, officers are allowed to work out while on duty on a limited basis, Perron said. The department is also allowing officers to switch to lighter gun belts and to load-bearing vests that replace gun belts and that distribute the weight of equip-

ment throughout the body.

The police department also considers health and wellness when it makes its hiring decisions, Perron said.

"When we hire people, one of the things we look at is that we want to have someone who values health and fitness and who is already leading a healthy lifestyle," Perron said. "We want these people to be lifelong employees with us."

Recent statistics suggest that some progress has already been made. In fiscal year 2012-13, the fire department experienced an all-time low of 14 total claims for workers compensation, while the police saw its number drop from 28 to 22, according to a staff report. While this is hardly a cause of celebration, it is a welcome sign for Keene and other city leaders that Palo Alto appears to be heading in the right direction.

"The decrease in claims for police and fire substantiates that the City of Palo Alto is actively preventing injuries and providing safe work conditions; however, the goal must be to continue this trend of reduced claim numbers," the city's report states.

Another reason for the declining number of injuries, Nickel observed, could be that the fire department now consists of younger workers, thanks to a surge of retirements in the last five years. ■

## DEVELOPMENT

# City to weigh appeal of Hamilton Avenue building

Palo Alto City Council hits the brakes on approved project, sets public hearing to consider residents' concerns

by Gennady Sheyner

**P**alo Alto residents concerned about the modernist design of a proposed development on downtown's Hamilton Avenue — and the parking problems it could exacerbate — will get a chance to make their case in November, when the city holds a public hearing to discuss their appeal of the project.

The four-story development at 240 Hamilton Ave. earned the approval of the city's Architectural Review Board in July, completing what would normally be the final step in the city's commission-review process. That, however, changed when downtown resident Douglas Smith appealed the approval, arguing that the glassy, rectangular building by Hayes Group Architects would be incompatible with the surrounding buildings, many

of which are more traditional in style and feature red-tile roofs, decorative columns, stucco walls and arcades. Other residents argued that the city gave the developer too many parking exemptions and urged the City Council on Monday not to make the area's much-discussed parking shortage even worse.

The council didn't take a stance on the project, but it gave the residents at least a partial victory when it opted not to uphold the architectural board's approval. Instead, it removed the appeal of 240 Hamilton from its "consent calendar," a list of items typically approved with no discussion. Mayor Greg Scharff, who proposed taking the item off consent, said the council will hear the residents' appeal in November.

While the council didn't talk

about the development at all, residents had plenty to say. During the public-comments period of the council's meeting, Smith noted that the city's Comprehensive Plan and Municipal Code both encourage new developments to be compatible with the surrounding area and argued that city staff is misusing these documents.

"The guiding documents are not being followed as intended," Smith told the council. "I see this as an opportunity for the City Council to step in and make some permanent changes for the better. I think it's entirely possible."

Smith — who favors traditional architecture, like Spanish Colonial, to glass-heavy modern designs — also put together an online survey that offers residents a chance to vote on the types of buildings they prefer. Hundreds of



A rendering shows the proposed building at 240 Hamilton Ave. in Palo Alto, which was designed by Hayes Group Architects.

people participated. That survey, he said, showed 79.5 percent of the respondents agreeing with his contention that the new design for 240 Hamilton is not compatible with its surrounding area. He also said nearly 75 percent of the survey responders agreed that "new buildings should be in the older style, the historic style."

"I wanted to find out if I am I a crank, or if the people support me," Smith said. "If I'm a crank, then Palo Alto is full of cranks."

Other speakers, including Faith Bell of Bell's Books, also encouraged the council to demand more parking spaces from the developer, Sal Giovanotto. Bell made a pitch for requiring

underground parking for new buildings.

"Developers tell you it's too expensive to put in multiple floors (of underground parking)," Bell said. "But it's only too expensive for them. If they don't put it in, it's too expensive for all the rest of us."

The building would be 50 feet tall and would stand across the street from City Hall, next to Reposado Restaurant. It would include 9,915 square feet of office space, 3,473 square feet of residential space and 2,337 square feet of ground-floor retail. ■

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# News Digest

## Eshoo pledges 'no' vote on Syria Strike

U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo came out against U.S. military action in Syria, favoring instead pursuing a diplomatic solution of disarmament of the country's chemical weapons stockpile, she announced Wednesday.

Citing doubts over the effectiveness of a United States strike to curb Syria's use of chemical weapons and saying that the U.S. "must learn from the lessons of recent history or ... repeat its failures," Eshoo stated in a press release that she would cast a "no" vote if President Barack Obama's request for authorization to strike Syria reaches the U.S. House of Representatives.

A number of countries, including the U.S., France and the United Kingdom, have accused Syria of using chemical weapons to kill as many as 1,400 Syrians in a strike that has punctuated a civil war that has stretched for more than two years.

"There is no question that striking Syria is an act of war," she stated. "It would be pre-emptive, unilateral and contrary to how the U.S. has conducted its foreign policy for decades."

In a Labor Day letter to National Security Adviser Susan Rice, Eshoo and U.S. Rep. Zoe Lofgren stated that they wanted answers about the effectiveness, possible backlash, scope and allies involved Obama's strike aimed at "detering and degrading" Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad's capacity to use chemical weapons.

"I believe, as do thousands of my constituents, that going to war against Syria — regardless of how targeted or limited the strikes — will implicate the U.S. in a civil war, cause possible retaliations in the region destabilizing it even more, and add to the ill will against our country," Eshoo stated Wednesday.

— Eric Van Susteren

## What's in a name?

The name "Rinconada" has been attached to Palo Alto ever since the city's founders carved out some land for development from the Rancho Rinconada del Arroyo de San Francisquito land grant more than 150 years ago.

But not everyone is enamored by the historical significance of the word, which means "corner" in Spanish. On Monday night, Sept. 9, the City Council balked at a recommendation from staff and the Library Advisory Commission to rechristen the Main Library as the Rinconada Library next year when it opens its doors after extensive renovation. Instead, the split council sent the debate to its Policy and Services Committee.

The council didn't take issue with renaming the Main Library, which is considered by many to be a misnomer because the Newell Road facility is neither the city's largest branch (that's Mitchell Park) nor the heart of its Library Department administration (that would be the Downtown Library).

The Rinconada Library name has already earned the support of Palo Alto Historical Association, which determined it to be "historically appropriate." But some council members suggested naming it after a prominent, deceased Palo Altan.

— Gennady Sheyner

## HP dropped from Dow Jones

Citing lower performance of its stock, Palo Alto technology company HP is being dropped from the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC announced Tuesday, Sept. 10.

The change is part of a shakeup in the Dow that also includes dropping Alcoa Inc. and Bank of America Corp. Visa Inc. will replace HP; sports equipment company Nike Inc. replaces Alcoa and The Goldman Sachs Group Inc. will replace Bank of America, the Dow announced.

The changes will begin after the close of trading on Friday, Sept. 20. The changes will be effective with the opening of trading on Monday, Sept. 23, the announcement noted.

The Industrial Average of 30 stocks is considered an indicator of the state of the world economy.

HP released its third-quarter financial results on Aug. 21. Its net revenue was down 8 percent from the prior year to \$27.2 billion and its cash flow was down 6 percent to \$2.7 billion, the company announced.

"The index changes were prompted by the low stock price of the three companies slated for removal and the Index Committee's desire to diversify the sector and industry group representation of the Index," Dow officials noted in the announcement.

"HP remains confident that we are making progress in our turnaround. We have delivered financial performance in line with or better than our expectations throughout this fiscal year, and remain focused on delivering shareholder value. We are already seeing significant improvement in our operations," HP spokesman Howard Clabo said in an email.

— Sue Dremann

## EDUCATION

# Charting a course to creativity, self-knowledge

Waldorf School of the Peninsula marks 30 years with documentary film

by Chris Kenrick

**B**lazing an educational path with tools like wooden toys, modeling wax and gathered leaves rather than classroom Smartboards, the Waldorf School of the Peninsula kicks off its 30th anniversary celebrations this fall.

The school, one of more than 1,000 worldwide based on the humanistic educational philosophy of Austrian philosopher Rudolf Steiner, has grown to a pre-K-12 enrollment of 312 students, but it's been a long ride.

Launched in Redwood City in 1984, Waldorf School of the Peninsula had six different homes in its early years — including, briefly, in Palo Alto.

It's now comfortably settled in Los Altos with a long-term lease on its K-8 campus and low-cost option to buy.

A high school, which graduated its first student — one girl — in 2010, is six miles away in Mountain View. The high school has grown to 64 students and amassed a respectable list of college acceptances.

For parents like Mary Jane DiPiero, who was seeking creative alternatives to the traditional classroom, Waldorf "seemed just what I'd been looking for."

DiPiero, whose daughter was in first grade the year the school opened, has maintained ties to the school through its history as a founding parent and later a teacher and administrator.

"For the first years there was no track record, no personal experience about whether it really worked or not," she recalled in an interview.

"Now we have a lovely track record. What we say about a child who graduates is that they have a sense of who they are as hu-



Veronica Weber

Claire Want, an eighth-grader at the Waldorf School of the Peninsula, works on classwork in her meteorology class in September.

man beings, that they have a real interest in learning and that they are courageous about trying new things because they're used to doing all sorts of things.

"They know they can do art, science, sports — they're adventurous."

Waldorf families will celebrate the school's 30-year track record Sept. 20 with a public showing of "Preparing for Life," a documentary about the school.

"A lot of people have this idea that Waldorf is not very strong in math and sciences," a physics teacher said in the film, going on to dispute the notion.

That concern also was addressed in a 2011 front-page New York Times article highlighting the apparent contradiction of Silicon Valley executives sending their kids to a school that discourages the use of computers among children.

"There were people at first who felt like they couldn't quite be pure enough at Waldorf, and that's true, because technology

early on (in elementary years) is really discouraged still," DiPiero said.

But, she said, Steiner did not prescribe a rigid curriculum, rather encouraging people to "look at the time you're living in, the place you're living in and the student you see in front of you and make your curriculum accordingly."

In the case of Silicon Valley, she said, "If you think about the children who are in front of you and the time and place, our place included technology big time, so you couldn't really build a little enclave where it didn't happen."

"But there's a real priority in nourishing creativity and the idea that you can do it on your own, in your own way and in your own head rather than having to have a computer or television set fill you up. You can motivate yourself, be imaginative with your own resources."

Though technology is kept out of elementary school classrooms,

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## Gym

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— and we've talked in the midst of design," Tolbert told the board.

"We've talked about having the two complement each other, but they're their own separate structures."

The science addition, to be constructed at the same time as the athletic center, will include four new science labs, a mini-prep area, a staff room and renovations to the existing science resource center.

The science addition is part of a major, districtwide construction program covered by the \$378 million "Strong Schools" bond passed by voters in 2008. At Paly alone, the bond is funding a new, two-



Courtesy Tolbert Design Architects

Plans for the \$20 million gym that is to be built at Palo Alto High School were unveiled at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday night.

story classroom building, a new media-arts building and major upgrades to the track and football stadium and the Tower Building.

Additionally, construction will begin soon on a 600-seat per-

forming-arts center on the Embarcadero Road side of the Paly campus, officials said. ■

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**Feral**

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Island, according to a 2011 Point Reyes Bird Observatory Conservation Science report. Those numbers are down from 2010, when the Baylands had as many as 22 of the birds.

No one knows how many salt marsh harvest mice live in the Baylands, but they too are being devoured by cats and other predators, Anderson said.

Ann Nussbaum, a volunteer with the Palo Alto Humane Society, disagreed with wildlife experts' view that feral cats are killing the wildlife at any significant rate.

"Many people blame feral cats for being predators and accuse them of hurting the bird population. The real problem is habitat loss, pollution and pesticide use. Humans are the top predators. Studies show that feral cats do their hunting at night and much prefer rodents to birds," she said.

She defended the program that feeds the feral cats, known as "trap, neuter, release."

"When they are fed in neutered, managed colonies, they are not starving and have less impulse to hunt at all. Compared to people, the damage feral cats do is minor," she said.

Because the feral cats are spayed and neutered, the program actually reduces the number of cats over time, she added. The Stanford Cat Network reduced the university's population of feral cats from 1,500 to an estimated 25 or 35, feeding-program proponents have said.

But Anderson said he has seen an increase in the cat population in Palo Alto's open space.

"Feral-cat feeding stations, which leave large quantities of cat food in park and open space



Courtesy U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

*The salt marsh harvest mouse is among the endangered species threatened by feral cats in the Baylands.*

areas, lure in other stray cats, and encourage people who are looking for a place to abandon their cats to choose that site. I've personally caught dozens of people dropping off a variety of animals — dogs, ducks, roosters, turtles, rabbits and cats — at the Baylands Duck Pond because they thought it was a site where people would feed them," he said.

At any rate, wildlife experts say, cats are not native animals, and they have no place in refuges where there are endangered and threatened species.

Doug Cordell, spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, said the argument that fed cats don't hunt wildlife doesn't hold up. Remote cameras show feral cats hunting and catching endangered species near the feeding stations. Postmortems have found remains of endangered species in their stomachs, according to research by the Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Geological Survey.

A two-year study by the East Bay Regional Parks in two grassland parks found that cats had a significant impact on wildlife. One park had no cats; the other

had more than 20 cats, who were fed daily. Scientists saw almost twice as many birds in the park with no cats. California thrasher and California quail were found in the cat-free area; the birds were never seen in the park with cats.

More than 85 percent of the native deer mice and harvest mice that researchers trapped were in the catless park. In contrast, 79 percent of house mice, an exotic pest species that had replaced the native species, were found in the area that had cats.

Anderson said city staff is researching the best ways to handle the feral cats.

Trapping and euthanizing cats that cannot be adopted out is one method. But wildlife experts are exploring cutting into berms. The method would inundate areas with water so predators don't have access into marshes, according to a California Coastal Conservancy clapper-rail habitat plan.

The City Council this fall will consider adopting the ban on feeding wildlife and feral cats in city parks and open-space preserves. ■

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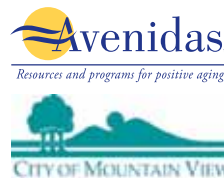
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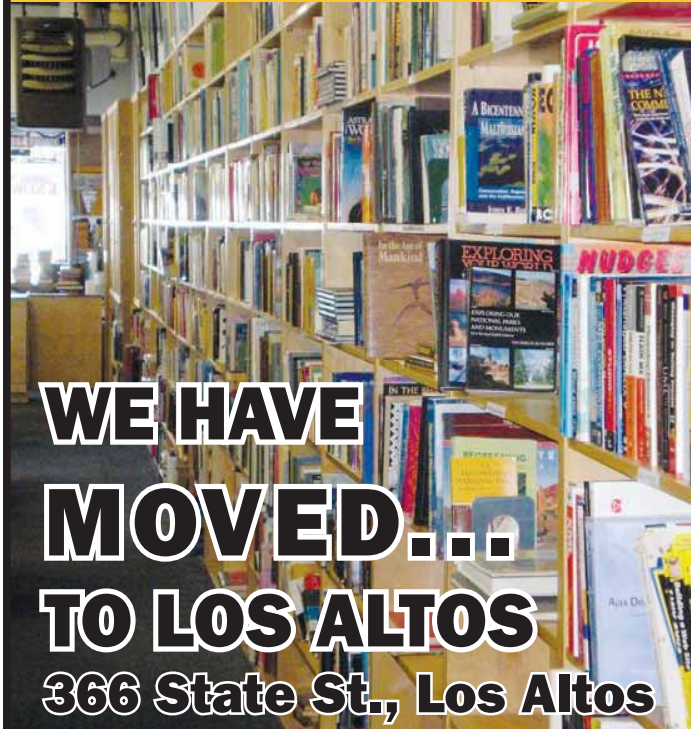
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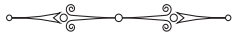
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**Neighbors give thumbs up to traffic efforts**

Neighbors once critical of Castilleja School for generating traffic and parking problems have acknowledged that new traffic-control initiatives by the school have greatly improved the situation. (Posted on Sept. 12 9:52 a.m.)

**East Palo Alto shooting wounds two teens**

Two teens were injured in a Wednesday night shooting that may have been motivated by road rage in East Palo Alto, police said. (Posted on Sept. 12 8:33 a.m.)

**No criminal charges in San Bruno blast**

Local prosecutors have decided not to pursue criminal charges against PG&E for the 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno, though the U.S. Attorney's Office has another two years to file a criminal case, an assistant district attorney said Tuesday. (Posted on Sept. 11, 9:28 a.m.)

**Palo Altan becomes first South Asian judge**

A Palo Alto resident has become the first South Asian ever to be appointed to Northern California judgeship, according to the South Asian Bar Association of Northern California. (Posted on Sept. 10, 1 p.m.)

**Blanks loses court appeal**

A Santa Clara man convicted of committing multiple sex crimes and attempted murder in Palo Alto lost an appeal in the California Court of Appeal on Aug. 29. (Posted on Sept. 10, 12:00 a.m.)

**PaloAltoGreen to flicker out, shift focus on gas**

PaloAltoGreen is dead, long live PaloAltoGreen! So the City Council declared Monday night as it pulled the plug on the nation's most successful green-energy program and vowed to bring it back under a different guise. (Posted on Sept. 9, 11:30 p.m.)

**Former hospital worker arrested for sexual battery**

A former hospital technician at Stanford Hospital and Clinics has been arrested for sexually battering a patient, Palo Alto police stated in a press release. (Posted on Sept. 9, 5:05 p.m.)

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**CITY OF PALO ALTO REFERENDUM MEASURE "D":**

Shall the Palo Alto Municipal Code be amended to rezone the property located at 567-595 Maybell Avenue from R-2 Low Density Residential and RM-15 Multiple Family Residential to Planned Community Overlay Zone to include 12 single family units and 60 units of affordable senior housing?

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Copies of the resolution placing this matter on the ballot are available in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 250 Hamilton Avenue, 7th Floor, Palo Alto, CA 94301.

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CITY CLERK



# City taps Napa veteran as top planner

City Manager hires veteran planner Hillary Gitelman from Napa County for city's 'central' position

Palo Alto has chosen a new planning director, tapping the top official at Napa County for one of the city's most complex and prominent positions.

Hillary E. Gitelman, who currently serves as director of planning, building and environmental services for Napa County, was selected by City Manager James Keene to be the city's next planning director, the city announced Tuesday, Sept. 10. If the City Council next Monday approves her hiring, she will begin her new position on Oct. 28. She will earn a salary of \$197,500.

Gitelman has spent the past eight years at Napa County, where her responsibilities included current and long-range planning, building permits and code enforcement. She also brings ample experience in parking and traffic management. Between 2001 and 2004, she directed the planning department of the Presidio Trust, a federal agency charged with preserving the Presidio in San Francisco for public use and keeping it financially self-sufficient. According to the city, she was responsible for developing the Presidio Trust Management Plan, the PresidiGo shuttle system and parking-management program.



Hillary Gitelman

Gitelman had also worked as the environmental-review officer for the San Francisco Planning Department, where her job was to make sure the city complies with the California Environmental Quality Act. In her decade with the City and County of San Francisco, she conducted environmental reviews for major projects such as the AT&T Park (then known as Pac Bell Park), the Mission Bay Redevelopment project and the Third Street Light Rail project.

She holds a bachelor's degree in history of art from Yale University and a master's degree in historic preservation from Columbia University. She is also affiliated with various historic-preservation organizations, including the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association; the American Planning Association; and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, according to the city's announcement.

Gitelman will be taking over a high-profile position that has been vacant since Curtis Williams retired in June. Currently, the city

is struggling to address downtown's parking shortage, reviewing several controversial office developments, updating its Comprehensive Plan and considering revisions to its design guidelines for new buildings.

"I am thrilled to have this opportunity and look forward to working with the staff and citizens of Palo Alto on a wide variety of planning and transportation issues," Gitelman stated in the announcement.

Keene said Gitelman's selection followed a national search, input from community and business stakeholders and two interview panels. In a statement, he called Gitelman "our top candidate" and said the city is "fortunate to have

someone with her breadth of experience join the city in this critical leadership position as we address the very complex planning and development issues facing us today and in the future." The role of planning director, he said, is "central to the future of our city."

"This is an especially important point in time for Palo Alto," Keene said. "The director position requires a person with the drive to make necessary changes in our plans and policies and to meet the demands of our community, and do so with diplomacy, and a commitment to inclusiveness and open government. Hillary brings all of these qualities to her new role and will be a tremendous asset to Palo Alto." ■

— Gennady Sheyner

## Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

**SCHOOL/CITY LIAISON COMMITTEE ...** The committee will discuss the school district's bullying-prevention plan and Project Safety Net. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 16, in the Staff Development Conference Room at the Palo Alto Unified School District headquarters (25 Churchill Ave.).

**CITY COUNCIL ...** The council plans to meet in a closed session to discuss the status of its labor negotiations with the Service Employees International Union, Local 521. The council also plans to hold its annual meeting with Assemblyman Rich Gordon; discuss the preliminary economic analysis report for 395 Page Mill Road, a proposal by Jay Paul to build 311,000 square feet of office space and a public-safety building; consider a colleagues memo about creating a Palo Alto transportation-demand management plan; and consider the city's response to a Grand Jury report about disability retirement rates among public-safety employees. The closed session will begin at 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 16. The rest of the meeting will follow in the Council Chambers at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

**COUNCIL TECHNOLOGY AND THE CONNECTED COMMITTEE ...** The committee will continue its discussion on creating a citywide high-speed Internet program. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17, in the Council Conference Room at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

**COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE ...** The committee plans to consider a re-appropriation request to be carried forward into fiscal year 2014 and discuss the recently completed "Cost of Services" Study. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17, in the Council Conference Room at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD ...** The board is scheduled to discuss 405 Curtner Ave., a request for a new three-story building with six condominiums; 395 Page Mill Road, a proposal by Jay Paul for two four-story buildings and a new public-safety building; and 1400 Page Mill Road, a request by Hanover Page Mill Associates for a review of a new two-story commercial building. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, in the Council Chambers at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION ...** The commission plans to hear updates on maintenance of the city's collection, the percent-for-art program, the construction of Mitchell Park Library and Community Center and possible art for the City Hall lobby. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, in the Council Chambers at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).



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# CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

## City Council (Sept. 9)

**Palo Alto Green:** The council agreed to discontinue the "full service" component of Palo Alto Green and to reconfigure the program so as to focus on natural gas. **Yes:** Burt, Holman, Klein, Price, Scharff, Schmid, Shepherd **Absent:** Berman, Kniss  
**Library:** The council directed its Policy and Services Committee to consider options for renaming the Main Library. **Yes:** Burt, Holman, Klein, Price **No:** Scharff, Schmid, Shepherd **Absent:** Berman, Kniss

## Board of Education (Sept. 10)

**School district goals:** The board approved a list of 12 "focused goals" for the district for the 2013-14 school year. **Action:** Unanimous  
**Building:** The board discussed "schematic designs" for a new indoor athletic facility at Palo Alto High School. **Action:** None

## Council Policy and Services Committee (Sept. 10)

**Audits:** The committee discussed the status of audit recommendations and the City Auditor's 2014 work plan. **Action:** None

## Planning and Transportation Commission (Sept. 11)

**2755 El Camino:** The commission discussed a proposal by Pollock Financial Group for a new four-story building at the corner of El Camino Real and Page Mill Road. The commission directed staff to bring back more information about the proposed benefits of the "planned community" project before it considers initiating the requested zone change. **Yes:** Alcheck, Keller, King, Michael, Panelli **Absent:** Martinez, Tanaka

## Waldorf

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Waldorf parents struggle, like others, over television, iPhones and the like.

"There's an ethic in the school that it's discouraged, but our school has never been rigid in that sense," DiPiero said.

In the recent launch of its high school, Waldorf consulted with Stanford University senior lecturer Denise Clark Pope to find a "meaningful evaluation system that didn't focus on grades."

The high school adopted a grading system because of college admissions, "but we really de-emphasized (grades) and went to a lot of trouble that they didn't see their grades at the beginning, and then only upon request when they got ready to apply to colleges," DiPiero said.

"It was elaborate how we tried to give grades but not emphasize the grades. I think it's turned out to work. We've had three graduating classes and even when we've emphasized the need to follow your own path, they see they can get into great schools.

"Even if you don't go to Smith — I'm not going to say Harvard because we haven't had anybody go to Harvard yet — your values are in the right place."

Waldorf School of the Peninsula will hold a public showing of the documentary "Preparing for Life" at its anniversary celebration on Friday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. in Smithwick Auditorium at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. ■

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## VTA

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makers," Silver said. "I think the council has indicated that an economic analysis in connection with PC projects is a worthwhile task."

So far, the project hasn't seen the kind of fierce neighborhood resistance that has characterized other recent planned-community projects, including the housing development proposed by the Palo Alto Housing Corporation on Maybell Avenue and the office-and-theater complex that billionaire John Arrillaga hopes to build near the downtown Caltrain station.

Chris Donlay, who lives a block away from 2755 El Camino, was one of only three people to address the commission at Wednesday's public hearing. He raised concerns about the potential parking and traffic problems caused by the development, which is being proposed by Ken Hayes and Jim Baer on behalf of the property owner, Pollock Financial Group.

"It's underparked and it's over-occupied," Donlay said. "While we as a neighborhood feel that rezoning may be a good idea, we do not feel cramming such a huge project into this site is a good idea." ■

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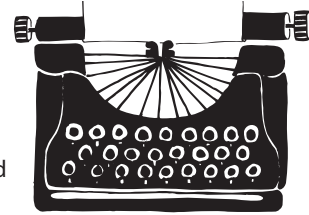
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**Traffic**

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grams and elimination of parking exemptions “will not alone solve the issues of parking and traffic.”

“The City needs a comprehensive TDM program that will reduce trips by at least 30 percent,” the memo states.

The goal may seem ambitious, but the city doesn't have to look too far for success stories. Stanford University, viewed as a leader in the field of transportation demand management, used a comprehensive program to reduce its employees' rate of solo driving from 70 percent to 40 percent. Sparked by a mandate from Santa Clara County that Stanford keep commute-hour cars to the same number as in 2000, the program includes a fleet of about 60 shuttle buses, free Caltrain passes and cash incentives through the Commute Club, whose 8,000 members shun solo driving.

Brodie Hamilton, who manages Stanford's plan, said at a community forum last month that as a result of its program, the number of parking permits the university has been selling dropped by about 2,000 despite considerable growth in campus population. The success of the program also obviated the need for Stanford to build 3,000 parking spaces, Hamilton said at the Aug. 17 forum organized by the group Green Planning Action.

The memo from the four council members also cites the Contra Costa Transit Center as a success story. Last month, Shepherd, Price, Kniss and Interim Planning Director Aaron Aknin traveled to Contra Costa to learn about the center's program, which according to the memo reduced solo car trips by more than 30 percent. The Contra Costa program is managed by a specially formed Transportation Management Agency funded by contributions from new commercial developments in the district area. Its strategies include BART fare subsidies, gas cars, special parking for carpools and car-share services for mid-day errands or emergency trips home. The memo suggests that Palo Alto consider the creation of such an agency.

The memo argues that while alternative transportation models are not a new idea in Palo Alto, the city's existing initiatives “are not comprehensive in nature, and have not been effective from a districtwide standpoint.”

“The idea of considering downtown districts as a unit, with an experienced TDM contractor, working directly with employers and commuters is a smart and proven strategy to address the city's traffic and parking issues,” the memo states.

The council members propose that staff should create a defined TDM boundary area for each of the three districts; come up with a funding mechanism for the districts (examples include assessments on existing businesses and impact fees on new developments); develop a request for proposals to contract out TDM

services; reach out to Stanford for collaboration and integration of services; and develop tools to monitor and evaluate progress.

The memo acknowledges that the program's implementation will take a “considerable amount of

staff time,” but argues that these efforts will pay off in the long run.

“As the more comprehensive strategy takes effect, staff will not have to tackle individual issues to the same degree,” the memo states. ■

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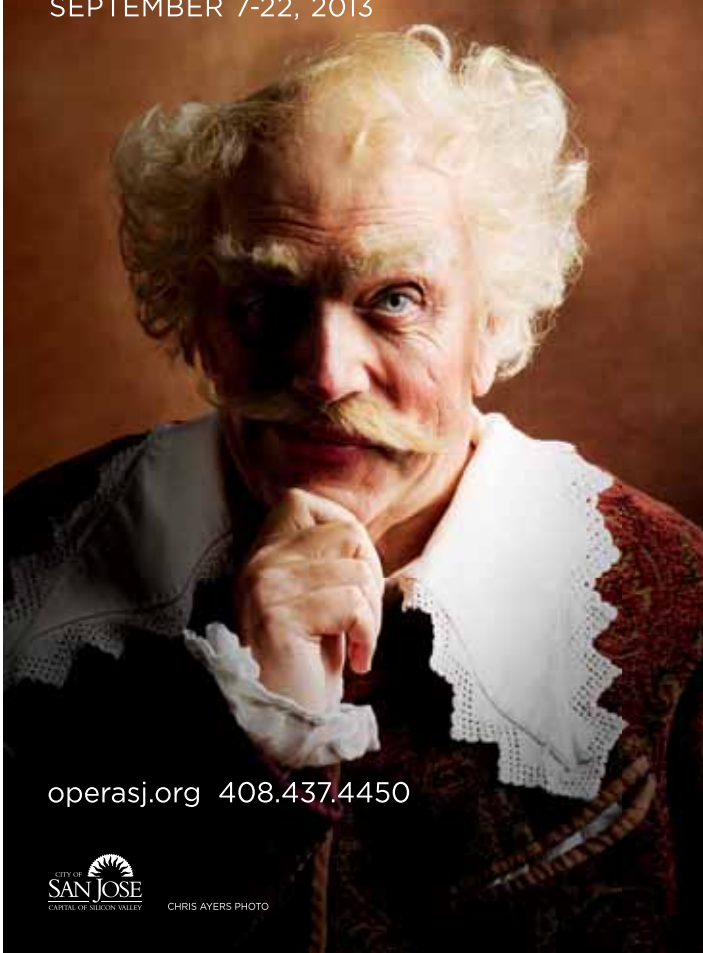


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# Patrick J. Skinner

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Pat died on August 29th from a metastasized melanoma, following two years of failing health. He endured both with his customary humor and grace.

He was born in Brooklyn and raised on Long Island. He graduated from Niagara University in 1955, and moved west to Palo Alto to join the new aerospace industry. He earned an MBA from Pepperdine later in his life.

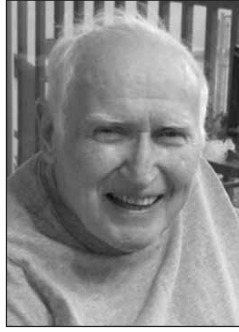
He did not care for the quiet life, and went back to work, and eventually retired from three companies in Silicon Valley. He moved to Pebble Beach in 1997 to enjoy his days with his family, writing, and long walks with his dog.

Pat never met a stranger. He was interested in everyone he came in contact with. He lived his life with integrity and dignity. He was a devoted and generous

husband to his wife of 44 years, Elie. He was also a loving and proud father to their two children, Rob Pace and Alexandra Banerjea. Also surviving are three beloved granddaughters, Lauren Pace, Katharine and Caroline Banerjea, and a brother Tom Skinner and sister Anne Skinner, and numerous nieces and nephews.

His family wishes to thank Dr. Nuttall, the Hospice of the Central Coast, the wonderful nursing staff and the caring aides at Carmel Hills Care Center.

We are honoring Pat's wishes not to have a service of any kind.



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## POLICE CALLS

### Palo Alto

Sept. 4-10

#### Violence related

Battery . . . . . 1  
Sexual assault/rape . . . . . 1

#### Theft related

Commercial burglaries . . . . . 4  
Grand theft . . . . . 6  
Identity theft . . . . . 2  
Petty theft . . . . . 11  
Residential burglaries . . . . . 1

#### Vehicle related

Abandoned auto . . . . . 1  
Auto recovery . . . . . 1  
Auto theft 1 . . . . . 1  
Driving w/ suspended license . . . . . 3  
Hit and run . . . . . 4  
Lost/stolen plates . . . . . 1  
Misc. traffic . . . . . 5  
Theft from auto . . . . . 7  
Vehicle accident/mnr. injury . . . . . 4  
Vehicle accident/prop. damage . . . . . 8  
Vehicle impound . . . . . 1  
Vehicle tow . . . . . 4

#### Alcohol or drug related

Drunk in public . . . . . 12  
Possession of drugs . . . . . 4

#### Miscellaneous

Casualty fall . . . . . 1  
Disobey court order . . . . . 1  
Found property . . . . . 1  
Missing person . . . . . 2  
Other/misc. . . . . 2  
Outside assistance . . . . . 2  
Possession stolen property . . . . . 1  
Psychiatric hold . . . . . 5  
Suspicious circumstances . . . . . 3  
Town ordinance violation . . . . . 4  
Vandalism . . . . . 4  
Warrant/other agency . . . . . 4

### Menlo Park

Sept. 3-10

#### Theft related

Burglary . . . . . 3  
Fraud . . . . . 3  
Grand theft . . . . . 2  
Petty theft . . . . . 5  
Residential burglaries . . . . . 1

#### Vehicle related

Driving w/ suspended license . . . . . 3  
Misc. traffic . . . . . 21  
Vehicle accident/injury . . . . . 3  
Vehicle accident/mjr. injury . . . . . 3  
Vehicle accident/mnr. injury . . . . . 4  
Vehicle accident/non-injury . . . . . 1  
Vehicle tow . . . . . 7

#### Alcohol or drug related

Drug activity . . . . . 1  
Drug registration . . . . . 1  
Drunk in public . . . . . 3  
Possession of drugs . . . . . 1  
Possession of paraphernalia . . . . . 1

#### Miscellaneous

Animal call . . . . . 1  
CPS referral . . . . . 2  
Coroner case . . . . . 1  
Found property . . . . . 4  
Graffiti . . . . . 1  
Info. case . . . . . 2  
Lost property . . . . . 1  
Missing person 1 . . . . . 1  
Outside assistance . . . . . 2  
Property for destruction . . . . . 2  
Psychiatric hold . . . . . 4  
Suspicious circumstances . . . . . 1  
Threats . . . . . 1  
Trespassing . . . . . 1  
Vandalism . . . . . 1  
Violation of court order . . . . . 1  
Warrant arrest . . . . . 5

### Atherton

Sept. 4-10

#### Violence related

Domestic disturbance . . . . . 1

#### Theft related

Petty theft . . . . . 1  
Theft . . . . . 1

#### Vehicle related

Abandoned auto . . . . . 2  
Suspicious vehicle . . . . . 8  
Vehicle accident/mnr. injury . . . . . 1  
Vehicle accident./no injury . . . . . 6  
Vehicle code violation . . . . . 11

#### Alcohol or drug related

Drunken driving . . . . . 1  
Narc offense . . . . . 1

#### Miscellaneous

Construction . . . . . 1  
Disturbance . . . . . 6  
Medical aid . . . . . 4  
Suspicious circumstances . . . . . 1  
Suspicious person . . . . . 1  
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# Transitions

*Births, marriages and deaths*

## Carolyn Jex Schwartz

Carolyn Jex Schwartz, 78, a longtime Palo Alto resident, died on Aug. 26, after a brief battle with cancer.

She was born on Nov. 20, 1934 to Heber and Ruth Jex of Ogden, Utah.

She went on to graduate cum laude from the University of Utah, where she met her husband, Herbert C. Schwartz. They moved to Palo Alto in 1957 and resided there until 2005. Since then they have lived in Nevada, sharing time between Incline Village and Minden-Gardnerville.

She was also an artist, attending the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan and obtaining a Master of Arts degree from Stanford University. She created figurative drawings and paintings, watercolor landscapes and flowers.

She and her husband shared their love of art, music and travel with all those around them, particularly their children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Dr. Herbert Schwartz; her brother, William Jex; their three children and their children's spouses: Michael and Jean Schwartz, Rebecca and John Chamberlain, Sara and Dan Heller; their nine grandchildren: Jennifer, Jessica, Alex, Amanda, Laura, Sarah, Kate, Rachel, Aaron, Asher; their two great grandchildren, Madeline and Camden; and niece and nephews: Maya Jex, Will Jex and Alon Jex.



## Shirley Rosenberg

*Sept. 8, 1933-Aug. 23, 2013*

Shirley Rosenberg, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, passed away on August 23, 2013. Shirley was born in Whittier to Donald Strahl and Louise Hodgins Strahl on September 8, 1933, lived her early years in Santa Monica and Gilroy, and a resident for over 50 years of Ladera, Portola Valley. She graduated from San Jose State University in 1954, was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, and the 1954 sweetheart of Sigma Chi. She was a social worker with the Red Cross, and met her future husband, Dr. Saul A Rosenberg, when both were stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Corona, Ca. They married in San Francisco in 1956, and had two children, Anne and David.

Shirley truly devoted her life to her husband and children and passionately loved her three grandchildren, Zachary, Chloe and Sloan. She spent many happy days teaching Zachary how to fly fish at her beloved Lake Almanor and although she didn't have enough time with her twin grand daughters, she did show them how to make the perfect Thanksgiving stuffing, when they were just two years old.

Shirley was a beautiful, elegant, and gracious woman who had a gentle spirit and special creative talents that touched many. She was an exceptional cook and baker and ran a catering business out of her home for many years, turning out exquisite and delicious cakes, pies, tarts and cookies. Anyone who knew Shirley's baking will be forever spoiled as her treats rivaled and most often were better than even the finest bakeries. Her desserts were the highlight of many a wedding, engagement and birthday party, each one created with exceptional detail and love. She also loved to garden, golf, and fly fish and did so happily with her many dear "girl friends". As one of those friends said, "Shirley was definitely a woman among women, was loved and admired by all her knew her and will be dearly missed".

Shirley is survived by her loving husband, Saul, two children, Anne (Greg) and David (Kritina), three beautiful grandchildren, Zachary, Chloe and Sloan, and sisters, Ona Driscoll and Susan Filice. She is preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Louise Strahl, and sisters, Linda and Christine. A small, private celebration will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice or to the Henry's Fork Foundation in Ashton, Idaho.

PAID OBITUARY

## Peggy Darlene Minkler

Peggy Darlene Minkler of Mansfield CT, born September 23, 1936, passed away peacefully on September 4, 2013 with her son at her side.

She graduated and was Homecoming Queen in the Class of '54 at "Paly" High School in Palo Alto, California. As a young woman in Livermore, California, Peggy enjoyed socializing and volunteering in various local organizations. She was known for her infectious belly laugh. Later, as a single mother in Santa Clara, California she endured many sacrifices to devotedly raise her two sons. During this time Peggy worked in inventory and became supervisor at Hewlett-Packard. Flower gardening was her passion. Not long after the passing of her beloved companion, George Cruz, and due to increasing health concerns, she moved to Storrs CT. More recently Peggy was known for her sweet smile, penchant for saying what was on her mind, almost superhuman ability to overcome health obstacles, and her love of breakfast. She especially enjoyed breakfast with her friend Louise Longo at Pine Acres Restaurant (thanks Erica, Dawn, and Casey!) and Nita's.

She is survived by her son Lanse Minkler

and her daughter-in-law Fe' Delos-Santos of Storrs, her son Darrell Minkler of Storrs, her sister Cheryl Goodwin of Palo Alto, her brother Jack Goodwin and his wife Shari Lyn Goodwin of Loomis California and their sons Brandt and Todd. She was predeceased by her parents Frank Hill and Ruth Goodwin, her Step-Father Jack Goodwin, and her step-sister Barbara Reichert.



Peggy was blessed to have the caring and skilled support of countless medical professionals and personal care providers at Vernon and Windham dialysis centers, Community Companion and Homemakers, ElderCare Consultants, including Elaine Soucie, Melissa Griffin, Drs. Kristen Gildersleave, EJ Chafouleas and the nephrology team, and John Haney. The family is deeply appreciative to one and all, but especially to her cherished live-in aide, Bobbijoe Toth and her daughter Ruthie, who brings enormous sunshine to all.

You were right mom, we will all miss you greatly. There are no visiting hours, services will be private. The Potter Funeral Home, Willimantic assisted with arrangements. Please visit [www.potterfuneralhome.com](http://www.potterfuneralhome.com) for online memorial guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

## Tordis Baird

Tordis was born Aug. 22, 1921 in Seljord, Telemark, Norway to Gustav H. Oien and Hilborg Torsdatter Nes. She came to America in 1922 and grew up in Baltic, S.D. She graduated valedictorian of her high school class in 1939, and graduated from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D., in 1941 with a teaching credential. She taught school briefly in Montrose, S.D., before moving to Washington, D.C. in January of 1942 to work as an Industrial Analyst for the War Production Board during World War II.

Tordis married her childhood sweetheart, Edgar Baird, on Aug. 5, 1944 in Washington, D.C. Edgar served in the Army Air Corps while Tordis remained in DC. After leaving Washington, D.C. in December of 1945, Tordis returned to South Dakota briefly before she and Edgar moved to Sunnyvale, Calif., and then settled in Palo Alto and reared their five children. Tordis and Edgar were married for 41 years until he passed away in July 1985.

In November 1952, Edgar and Tordis opened Ed's Auto Supply in Palo Alto and operated that family business for 25 years. Tordis later worked for the Calif. Employment Development Dept. in its Palo Alto and Sunnyvale offices until she retired in December 1991.

Tordis enjoyed playing the piano, traveling to numerous countries and around the entire US, gardening, her church (she was a charter mem-

ber of Grace Lutheran Church in Palo Alto), Sons of Norway and Daughters of Norway.

Tordis passed away on Aug. 18 surrounded by her family members after suffering from Alzheimer's disease for the past 8 years. She was buried on what would have been her 92nd birthday following a family service at Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Fremont, Calif. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters, Swanhild, Helen, Alta and Hazel; and her brothers, Hemming and Grover. She is survived by her sons Terry, Ed, Steven and Bret; daughter Beth; daughters-in-law Betsy and Rebecca; son-in-law William Davis; and grandchildren Jessica, Brook, Scott, Bryan, Clayton, Kari, Quinn, Haley, Kirsten and Evan. She was exceptionally devoted to her family.

A memorial service celebrating Tordis's life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverley St., Palo Alto.

In lieu of flowers, Tordis requested that memorial contributions be made to any of the following organizations: Daughters of Norway Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund, c/o Janna Armbruster, 3235 Green Canyon Rd., Fallbrook, CA 92028; Sons of Norway Vigeland Lodge Scholarship Fund, c/o Don Hermansen, 209 Kingsford Lane, Redwood City, CA 94061-3673; Grace Lutheran Church, 3149 Waverley St., Palo Alto, CA 94306.



PAID OBITUARY



## Editorial

### Up next: Jay Paul

*Massive office proposal is the first test of new city pledge to determine value of zoning exceptions given to developers*

**A** development the size of Palo Alto Square built behind the large AOL building at Park Boulevard and Page Mill Road?

Hard as it may be to picture, that is what developer Jay Paul is proposing in what would likely be the largest commercial office development ever built in Palo Alto outside the Stanford Research Park since Palo Alto Square was developed more than 40 years ago.

The proposal, for two four-story office buildings totaling 311,000 square feet, would be about 50 percent larger than the current AOL building, which would remain. By comparison, the Palo Alto Square complex, with two 10-story and three smaller buildings, totals about 320,000 square feet and is estimated to be occupied by about 1,300 employees, according to city staff.

Another way of gauging the size of this proposal is to realize that this single project would exceed the roughly 250,000 square feet of new commercial development that has been built in all of downtown Palo Alto over the last 27 years.

And if the mere size of this project and the potential traffic impacts aren't enough, consider the fact that under the current zoning, no additional development on that parcel is allowed. None. It was maxed-out when the current AOL building (previously occupied by Agilent) was developed.

If the zoning doesn't allow it, how is this proposal even under consideration?

As with virtually all new commercial development these days in Palo Alto, the Jay Paul Company is hoping to win approval of a special "planned community" (PC) zone, a method by which developers bargain with the city over what "public benefits" they provide in exchange for City Council making an exception to the zoning restrictions. With this development, as proposed, resulting in more than twice the allowable square footage on the parcel than permitted by the zoning, it would (by far) be the largest and most valuable zoning exception ever granted by the city.

The company is offering to build the city a new 44,000 square-foot public-safety building on a parcel it owns across Park Boulevard from the proposed office development.

City Manager Jim Keene pledged last year to begin commissioning independent economic analyses for all future "planned community" proposals, and on Monday night the City Council will review and discuss the first such effort — a six-page report from Applied Development Economics of Walnut Creek. As stated in the accompanying staff memo, "The purpose of this review is to quantify the private gain/increased value associated with the land use changes requested under the PC zone ..."

We hope this analysis is neither the final report nor the model for doing these studies in the future.

Instead of estimating the value to the developer of the proposed zoning exception, it attempts to construct a financial projection showing the developer's return on investment on the entire project, including the construction costs of the proposed public benefit (the public-safety building) to determine if the return is adequate and comparable to what developers generally seek in a development project. This approach has it backwards and skips the step of quantifying the direct financial benefits of the zoning exception. It muddles the analysis by incorporating the costs of the proposed public benefit rather than simply comparing the value to the developer of getting no zoning exception to the value with the zoning exception.

More importantly, the analysis fails entirely to address the fact that the developer can currently build nothing on the site under the zoning, and the fact that the land costs are already paid and accounted for through the initial development of the existing building. The analysis allocates more than \$33 million in land costs to the new development when in fact there is no land cost associated with the proposed development at all. The land is effectively free, and the owner should not be able to double-dip and receive a return again on its investment in the land.

Monday's Council discussion is billed as a "check-in" point for the Jay Paul proposal and was to have included a traffic study that has now been put off until early next year due to being deemed inadequate by staff. We suspect that the traffic analysis will all but kill this proposal anyway.

But it is crucial that the city get the economic analysis right, since it will become the model for how future development proposals are handled. With trust in the staff and council's ability to critically evaluate new development proposals running low in the community right now, we urge the Council to insist on a better and more comprehensive economic analysis of this, and future, projects.

# Spectrum

Editorials, letters and opinions

## Board needs reform

Editor,

I am writing in support of Ken Dauber's recent opinion piece.

According to the California School Boards Association, the following describes the role and function of the California school boards: "As the only locally elected officials chosen solely to represent the interests of schoolchildren, board members also have responsibility to speak out on behalf of those children. Board members are advocates for students, the districts' educational programs and public education ..."

In the case of the child in the OCR complaint, and perhaps in other cases that are now before the OCR, the Palo Alto School Board is neither representing nor advocating for all of our community's children.

It is time for the board to represent, support and enact the wishes of the Palo Alto community.

This elected board must listen and respond to the feedback they have been getting from the community since February 2012.

Mr. Dauber has put forth a series of steps that the school board should implement immediately.

The time is overdue for them to begin an open and transparent investigation into how the Palo Alto School District failed to act in a way that would protect a student from harassment based on her disability. Until and unless they do so they are not fulfilling their duties as elected representatives "chosen solely to represent the interests of school children."

Andrea Wolf  
Marshall Drive, Palo Alto

## Ban feeding wildlife

Editor,

I support the plan to prohibit feeding wildlife at the duck pond proposed by the Palo Alto Parks and Open Space staff. I admit, when we first came here more than 50 years ago, we enjoyed the experience. The attraction of food allowed the approach distance between us and the birds to be reduced. This allowed us to see more clearly the details of their eyes, beaks, feathers and behavior. It gave us a sense of power, a sense of control over the environment.

But the negatives of feeding the birds are substantial. "Birds on the dole" do not learn to grow and feed naturally on a balanced diet. Food particles and bird droppings contaminate the water and support potentially harmful bacteria. Plastic bags fall into the water and clog the aerator pump's intake nozzle. This requires expensive maintenance. One time, the pond had to be dredged to remove debris and increase the

water volume. Some animals stop migrating and set up permanent residence here. Their droppings around the pond must be washed off and they also create a nuisance on the nearby golf courses.

Children and adults too, should learn that stewardship of the earth means exercising restraint at times to protect the local wildlife.

Bob Roth  
Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

## Some bad ideas

Editor,

I just thought I would vent a few local things that I think were and are some really bad ideas. Some we can still stop. Some I guess we cannot turn the clock back on.

1. High-speed rail up the spine of the Peninsula. To ruin the beautiful life along this gorgeous suburban Peninsula is ridiculous. There were numerous viable alternatives.

2. El Camino reduction for a "Grand Boulevard." It is a needed, north-south roadway. It would be foolish to subtract lanes from it. Improve its median or the buildings that border it.

3. Less parking places for new

construction. No legitimate reason for granting appeals to implement less than what is required.

4. Constructing building at sidewalk edge. Implement a setback with some softening grounds or open businesses is not asking too much.

5. Participation in the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). Palo Alto is a largely built-out city. How dare any other agency tell us how much we have to add in housing, affordable or otherwise. If every Bay Area city pulled out, there would be no reason for bureaucratic ABAG to exist.

6. Closing car camping and not providing an alternative. Support our homeless with a situation at the Baylands that would allow overnight, safe, patrolled parking with showers, toilets and pay phones. Car camping does not belong in residential neighborhoods. But it's not enough to shut it down and offer no other alternative.

There. I feel better. Now let's keep working toward answers to our problems, social and otherwise.

Carol Gilbert  
Byron Street, Palo Alto

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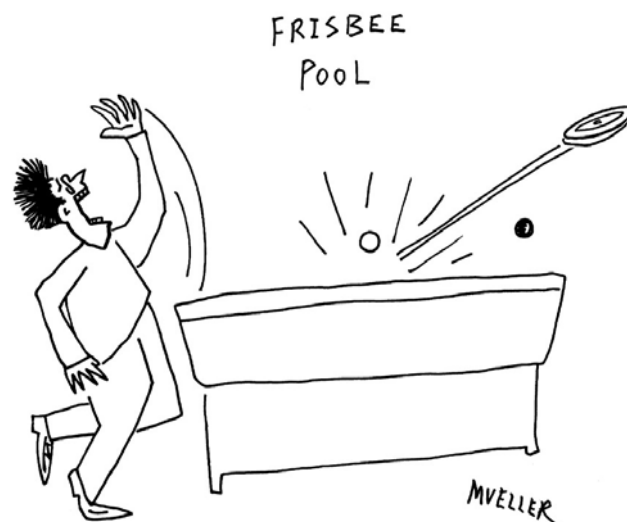


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## Guest Opinion

# What's in a symbol?

by Archana Khetan

**D**ing-dong. The doorbell chime had me look up at the wall clock, which was showing 11 a.m. "Who could be coming unannounced at this time of day?" I wondered. We had just moved into our new home



a few days ago, and the days since were busy with unpacking and putting things in place. Perplexed, I opened the door.

Dark, concerned eyes with an unsure smile greeted me. Not recognizing the face, my eyes drifted downwards and to the clothing. The person facing me was wearing some sort of uniform, a shirt that read Comcast on the sleeve. Puzzled, as I had not put in any request for cable service, I returned the concerning eyes with an equally concerned look. "Yes?" I inquired.

"Do you know that there is something at your entrance? Who has done it?" the man at the door questioned. There was a demanding tone in the voice. Curious, my eyes followed in the direction of his outstretched index finger. It was pointing towards brightly painted symbols on the wall next to the doorstep. The colorful symbols were painted using bright red vermillion, the same red substance used to paint the Bindi on Indian women's foreheads. The symbol offered a stark contrast on the dull light cream wall clamoring for attention.

I understood. The symbols, though nicely painted, were also a little smudged as they were sprinkled with red vermillion dust and rice, part of the welcoming rituals that were performed a few days ago.

"Oh, this? It is something we do in the Indian custom. It is part of blessing the new home with good luck and fortune."

The dark face relaxed instantly. "I see. I am here to disconnect cable per submitted request. I will be working on your sidewalk. Just wanted you to be aware." "Sure," I replied. This must be per the request from the old tenant. I closed the door and continued my work.

The rest of the day, the conversation stayed in my mind. An unsettling feeling of the apprehension I saw in the eyes, the question that sounded more alarming than just simple curiosity, I couldn't comprehend.

Later in the day as I took a break and relaxed with my cup of late afternoon tea, my eyes rested on two beautiful gilded silver-color sitting stools. I had purchased them from an art exhibition in Hyderabad a few years ago. They were proudly displayed in my previous home's living room and had now found a visible spot in the new home. I remembered the time when before selling our prior home in Pleasanton, the real-estate agent had brought in an interior-design consultant. She had made numerous rearrangements to the furniture to make the home "flow well," create more space and make it more appealing to prospective buyers. My two gilded stools were thoroughly admired and rearranged carefully — an indoor plant on top of one and the other



*The Hindu version of the swastika always has its arms bending at right angles.*

placed halfway under the guest bed with only the sides visible. Both the stools had the same symbol on the top as the one on my doorstep now.

Snap. The realization came.

Didn't the auspicious symbols I had painted called "Saathiya" in Hindi closely resemble the swastika used by Hitler during the war? The symbol obviously had deeply negative connotations in the West. For a person who might have had his roots in the southern U.S., the association might have raised even more troubling memories. I also realized that while we call the symbol Saathiya in my native tongue, it is also called "swastika" in Sanskrit. It all began to make sense now. The two symbols not only look similar, they also have the same name. My mind was so deeply rooted into the meaning I grew up with, I had utterly failed to see other negative associations.

How can one symbol inspire such divine

power (swastika in Sanskrit means "let the good being prevail") in one part of the world and deep hate in another at the same time? I started to do some investigation. I discovered that the origin of swastika dates back more than 3,000 years, and it was in use in many other parts of the world. It was called by different names in different regions and while there have been some regional variations, the basic structure of the cross with branches in four directions is a consistent theme. The interpretation and meaning across cultures have varied some but have always been about everything that is positive in connotation — be it prosperity, god, love, wealth, fertility.

Should one misuse of the symbol over a 10-year period wipe out the 3,000-year-old significance? What if the symbols do have divine power as was believed, and how come it came to a negative effect in the 20th century? Or as Webster's online dictionary defines symbol: an arbitrary sign (written or printed) that has acquired a conventional significance.

Not wanting to create any more inquiries I run into the kitchen to get some soap and attempt to wash off my beloved motifs symbolizing prosperity, good will and peace. As for the seating stools in the living room I decide that they will be a keeper — I can do some explaining for the occasional uninformed visitor in my living room. ■

*Archana Khetan is a technology executive, mother of two daughters and has been a Palo Alto resident for more than 11 years.*

## Streetwise

### What summer fruit will you miss the most?

Asked on California Avenue in Palo Alto. Question and interviews by Elena Kadvanly.



**Katharine Grant**  
Benetech employee  
San Carlos

"Definitely peaches. I love peaches."



**McKenzie Erickson**  
Benetech employee  
Downtown Palo Alto

"I'm not from California, so I just think it's amazing that apricots grow on trees here."



**Mary Kong**  
Benetech employee  
East Bay

"Besides watermelon? I don't know. There's a lot. All of the berries."



**Tania Simirenko**  
Receptionist  
Menlo Park

"Nectarines. White nectarines. My absolute favorite."



**Sylvan Goldberg**  
Graduate student at  
Stanford University  
Stanford

"Strawberries. Even though you can get them all the time in California, they just taste so much better."



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Runners in the 10k race take off from the starting line at the Moonlight Run on Sept. 28, 2012.

**S**ongs and books have been written and movies made about the harvest moon. Neil Young suggested going dancin' in its light.

But for the locally and athletically inclined, the harvest moon means just one thing: running in the Baylands as part of the Palo Alto Weekly Moonlight Run & Walk.

For nearly three decades, runners and strollers have taken part in the event's 10k and 5k runs and 5k walk.

This year, it will take place on Friday, Sept. 20.

As always, the proceeds benefit the Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund, which supports local nonprofit organizations.

This Moonlight Run special section contains a schedule, a map, last year's results, this year's volunteers and an article on how to best prepare for a nighttime race. So grab your shoes, get on your mark, get set ... and run! ■

## Making the night-race switch

*How runners can prepare for the 29th Annual Moonlight Run*

by Eric Van Susteren

**I**t may seem obvious that a moonlight run doesn't really work without nighttime, but to many athletes accustomed to running their races early in the morning, it might mean unraveling race-day rituals, throwing schedules out of whack or at the very least making a few organizational adjustments.

As the Palo Alto Weekly-sponsored race celebrates its 29th year on Sept. 20, runners will jaunt around the Palo Alto Baylands by night, just as they have in years past, racing either the 5-kilometer or a 10-kilometer course.

Mina Raczkowski, a personal trainer at Form Fitness in downtown Palo Alto and an avid runner, said that what may most likely throw runners off about a nighttime run is what they eat before the race.

She recommends against the traditional carbo-loading the night or day before the race. And a big, heavy meal with lots of fat consumed during race day may leave runners feeling drowsy — or worse, it could lead to problems during the race like cramping, she said.

To Angie DeGeronimo, founder of NoX-

causes Fitness in Midtown Palo Alto, the perfect pre-race meal is something that's easily digestible that also maintains blood sugar over time. She likes to go with whole-grain bread, fruit and a handful of almonds an hour-and-a-half before a race.

Whatever racers eat, Raczkowski recommends not varying one's normal eating schedule too much in preparation for the race.

"See what works for you," she said. "Try out the meal that you want to eat on race-day a few days before to make sure you don't cramp up during the race."

The Moonlight Run will be held Friday, Sept. 20, but DeGeronimo said that racers who are worn out from a grueling week at work or a long day at the office should resist the urge to drink coffee to try to get some pep back in their step. It's best to stick to water.

"Even if you're really tired, the last thing you should do is drink coffee," she said. "You should go the opposite way — over-hydrate and boost your Vitamin C and an-

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# Guide to the 2013 Moonlight Run & Walk

## WHAT'S HAPPENING — AND WHEN

**6-8 p.m.** Registration opens for those pre-registered and race-night. Activities, sponsors' booths and more on the field (see below)

**6:45 p.m.** Pre-walk warm-ups by NoXcuses Fitness

**7 p.m.** 5k walk begins

**8 p.m.** Pre-race warm-ups by NoXcuses Fitness

**8:15 p.m.** 10k run begins

**8:30 p.m.** Pre-race warm-ups by NoXcuses Fitness

**8:45 p.m.** 5k run begins

**9 p.m.** Food tables open for 5k and 10k runners. Post-race snacks provided by Country Sun Natural Foods, House of Bagels, Hobee's

**9:30-10 p.m.** After the race, there will be prize giveaways, refreshments and an awards ceremony for the top three finishers in each category. Race results will be posted as available.

### Field activities and booths

- Sponsors' booths: ATS Financial, AXIS, Connoisseur Coffee, Continental Caterers,

Dreyfus Properties/Sotheby's International, Fleet Feet Sports, Larry's AutoWorks, LYFE Kitchen, Nike Stanford, Microsoft, NoXcuses Fitness, On Your Mark, Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Trader Joe's, Stanford Blood Center, Stanford Federal Credit Union, Whole Foods Market

- AXIS climbing wall
- DJ Alan Waltz
- Kids' course by On Your Mark
- Information booths
- Chiropractic services provided by Health Logic



Veronica Weber

Karla Thomas and daughter Maya balance on each other while stretching before the 5k walk during the Moonlight Run on Sept. 28, 2012.



Veronica Weber

Walkers in the 5k walk leave the starting line during last year's Moonlight Run.

## OTHER THINGS TO KNOW

**Parking:** Parking along Embarcadero Road and E. Bayshore Road is limited. Runners and walkers are advised to arrive early, carpool or take alternative transportation.

E. Bayshore Road will be closed to through traffic during the 10k run, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The Palo Alto Police Department will direct traffic the afternoon and night of the race.

**Race results:** Posted at [www.PaloAltoOnline.com/moonlight\\_run](http://www.PaloAltoOnline.com/moonlight_run) as they become available.

**Race photos:** Post your pictures from the Moonlight Run & Walk for everyone to see on the Palo Alto Weekly's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/paloaltoonline](http://www.facebook.com/paloaltoonline). Also, Weekly photographers' pictures will be posted on [PaloAltoOnline.com](http://PaloAltoOnline.com).

**Course:** The 5k and 10k loops go over the Palo Alto Baylands levee and through the marshlands. The 10k course is flat and USAT&F-certified on levee and paved roads. Water will be provided at all stops. ■





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## Moonlight Run

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ioxidant intake two days prior to the race, knowing that the end of the week is more tiring. I know people go for a caffeine edge in the race, but then they get on my mat, and I can't move their hamstring."

Though Palo Alto is renowned for its mild climate, sometimes the weather can be fickle. Racers at the 2011 Moonlight Run were greeted with claps of thunder, flashes of lightning and a briefly torrential downpour midway through the race. While racers shouldn't expect any such freak occurrences, it might be smart to plan for the comparative cool of an evening race.

DeGeronimo noted that today's running attire is designed to keep runners cool by wicking away moisture and advised runners to avoid that kind of clothing, if possible. Though many runners will probably overheat in a windbreaker or jacket, light running gear that keeps the athlete warm during the cool night race would be ideal, she said.

Staying warm during the race could help runners avoid a case of the sniffles, but more importantly, both trainers said, approaching a race with warmed-up muscles is the best way to avoid injuries during a run.

Rackowski likes to do moving, dynamic warm-up stretching exercises — not the traditional static stretch-and-hold variety — before a race to get blood into her muscles and loosen them at the same time. Examples are butt-kickers, high-knees and "Frankenstein kicks," in which runners walk while kicking the outstretched palms of their hands.

At the Moonlight Run, DeGeronimo will lead the pre-race warm-up, incorporating dynamic stretching followed by static stretching, but she said runners should use

a foam roller on their muscles at home even before the warm-up session. They can even get their blood flowing with a hot shower.

Just like any race, the Moonlight Run can be as serious as the runner makes it. For most runners (and especially walkers), it represents a great opportunity to have fun bounding along the marshy trails by the light of the moon — with or without dramatic flashes of lightning.

**What:** The 29th Annual Moonlight Run, sponsored by the Palo Alto Weekly and City of Palo Alto

**When:** Friday, Sept. 20, 7-10 p.m. under the full Harvest moon. (Race-night registration tables open at 6 p.m. 5k walk starts at 7 p.m., 10k run starts at 8:15 p.m. and 5k run starts at 8:45 p.m.)

**Where:** Baylands Athletic Center at 1900 Geng Road (at Embarcadero Road), Palo Alto.

**Registration and entry fee:**

**Adult (13+)** registration fee is \$30 per entrant by Sept. 13. Includes a long-sleeved T-shirt.

**Youth (6-12)** registration is \$20 per entrant by Sept. 13. Includes a long-sleeved T-shirt.

**Youth (5 and under)** run free with an adult but must be registered through Eventbrite with signed parental guardian waiver, or may bring/fill out a signed waiver to race-night registration.

**Late registration** fee is \$35 for adults, \$25 for youth from Sept. 14-18. T-shirts available *only while supplies last*.

**Race-night registration** fee is \$40 for adult; \$30 for youth from 6 to 8 p.m. T-shirts available *only while supplies last*.

Refunds will not be issued for no-shows, and T-shirts will not be held.

**Sports teams/clubs:** Please email moonlightrun@pawebly.com for information about group/team registration discounts. Available through Sept. 13 only.



The Foothill Dance Team cheers on runners in the 5k race at last year's Moonlight Run.

Veronica Weber

## 2013 Moonlight Run special teams

The Weekly salutes the following teams, who are participating in this year's Moonlight Run:

- Docs Run
- Garden Court Hotel
- Menlo Atherton Cross Country
- Norcal Crew
- Palo Alto Community Child Care
- Palo Alto Soccer Club 99G
- Pilates Cardiocamp
- Run365
- Shopkick
- Stanford Med Students
- The National Pancreas Foundation
- Top Shelf Runners
- Trigang
- Woodside Priory Cross Country

### 5k Results 2012 Moonlight Run Overall leaders

1. JP Donovan (Incline Village) 16:32
2. Erik Brown (Sunnyvale) 17:18
3. Andrew Blaich (Menlo Park) 17:25
4. Kent Slaney (Palo Alto) 17:50
5. Jason Reed (San Bruno) 17:56
6. Jonathan Rivera (San Carlos) 17:56
7. Kyle Brocklehurst (Mountain View) 17:59
8. Stephanie Wilson (San Jose) 18:02
9. William Kershner (Palo Alto) 18:17
10. Ahmet Gokcek (Palo Alto) 18:19

### 10k Results 2012 Moonlight Run Overall leaders

1. Elliott Wright (Palo Alto) 36:26
2. Carl Dambkowski (Palo Alto) 37:10
3. Jared Jacobs (Palo Alto) 37:49
4. Adam Dell (Palo Alto) 37:53
5. Bryan Quintanilla (Stanford) 37:57
6. Kris Paaso (Menlo Park) 38:00
7. Eric Buysse (Los Altos) 38:26
8. Shahed Alam (Mountain View) 38:27
9. Jason Golbus (Palo Alto) 38:42
10. Lawrence Chin (San Francisco) 38:57



Elliott Wright is the first to cross the 10k finish line at last year's Moonlight Run.

Veronica Weber

## Thank you to our volunteers

In order to "run" smoothly, the Moonlight Run depends on the support of community volunteers. The organizers deeply appreciate the following groups:

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# RACE NEXT WEEK

## TIME & PLACE

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 Embarcadero & Geng Roads (just east of the Embarcadero Exit off Highway 101).  
 Parking — go to PaloAltoOnline.com to check for specific parking locations.

## COURSE

5k and 10k courses around the Palo Alto Baylands under the light of the Full Harvest Moon. Course is USAT&F certified (10k only) and flat along paved roads. Water at all stops. Course maps coming soon.

## REGISTRATIONS & ENTRY FEE

Adult Registration (13+) registration fee is \$30 per entrant by 9/13/13. Includes a long-sleeved t-shirt. Youth Registration (6 - 12) registration is \$20 per entrant by 9/13/13. Includes a long-sleeved t-shirt. Youth (5 and under) run free with an adult, but must be registered through Evenbrite with signed parental guardian waiver, or may bring/fill out a signed waiver to race-night registration. Late Registration fee is \$35 for adults, \$25 for youth from 9/14 - 9/18. Race night registration fee is \$40 for adult; \$30 for youth from 6 to 8pm. T-shirts available only while supplies last. Refunds will not be issued for no-show registrations and t-shirts will not be held.

**MINORS:** If not pre-registered, minors under 18 must bring signed parental/waiver form on race night.

## SPORTS TEAM/CLUBS:

Online pre-registration opportunity for organizations of 10 or more runners;  
 e-mail MoonlightRun@pawekly.com.

## DIVISIONS

Age divisions: 9 & under; 10 - 12; 13 - 15; 16 - 19; 20 - 24; 25 - 29; 30 - 34; 35 - 39; 40 - 44; 45 - 49; 50 - 54; 55 - 59; 60 - 64; 65 - 69; 70 & over with separate divisions for male and female runners in each age group. Race timing provided for 5K and 10K runs only.

## COMPUTERIZED RESULTS BY A CHANGE OF PACE

Chip timing results will be posted on PaloAltoOnline.com by 11pm race night. Race organizers are not responsible for incorrect results caused by incomplete/incorrect registration forms.

## AWARDS/PRIZES/ENTERTAINMENT

Top three finishers in each division. Prize giveaways and refreshments.  
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## BENEFICIARY

Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund. A holiday-giving fund to benefit Palo Alto area non-profits and charitable organizations. In April 2013, 55 organizations received a total of \$380,000 (from the 2012-2013 Holiday Fund.)

## MORE INFORMATION

Call (650) 463-4920, (650) 326-8210, email MoonlightRun@pawekly.com or go to www.PaloAltoOnline.com.

For safety reasons, no dogs allowed on course for the 5K and 10K runs. They are welcome on the 5K walk only. No retractable leashes. Bring your own clean-up bag. Jogging strollers welcome in the 5K walk or at the back of either run.

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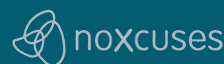


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# Eating Out

FOOD FEATURE

## Hold the sauce: Armadillo Willy's marks 30 years

*Palo Altan founded the chain to bring real Texas-style BBQ to the Bay Area*

by Rye Druzin

The outside of the meat is a darkened, almost black hue, the moisture making it glisten in the light. The rib is still hot from the wood-fired pit, and not a drop of sauce has touched it. For 30 years Armadillo Willy's has served Texas-style barbecue like this to customers in the Bay Area, beginning with the original location in Cupertino and expanding to eight restaurants, from Dublin to San Mateo to San Jose.

John Berwald, the founder and chairman of the board for Armadillo Willy's, was the visionary behind the restaurant. Born in San Francisco and raised in Palo Alto during the 1950s and 1960s, Berwald attended Cubberley High School before going to work as a beer-tender at the Boardwalk restaurant on El Camino Real in Los Altos. It was there that he began to learn about the restaurant business and gained his first promotion, if somewhat unexpectedly.

"Something happened to one of the managers, so they promoted me to manager," Berwald said. "It was like, 'Here's the key, you're manager.' You know, no training whatsoever. The next couple of years I worked there and learned a little bit about the restaurant business."

After a few years Berwald decided that he wanted to make his own way, and in 1977 he opened St. John's Bar & Grill in Sunnyvale with friend John Carroll. While St. John's was (and is) a successful business, the opening of a second St. John's location brought packed lunches and empty evenings that were spent, Berwald said, "twiddling our thumbs." In order to spur on business, Berwald and Carroll tried all manner of nightly specials, from crab feeds to pasta nights. Only one special stood out as a hit: the barbecue night.

"We did ribs and chicken. All we did was bake it," Berwald said. "We would bake the barbecue and put barbecue sauce on it, you know, a couple of California guys; we didn't know what we were doing."

The popularity of the barbecue nights led Berwald and Carroll to contemplate the idea of opening a separate restaurant. But neither men could provide the credit needed for a bank loan to start the business. They teamed up with friends and local restaurateurs

Skip Palmer and Bill Bradford, who had opened the first Burger King in San Jose and ran multiple Burger Kings in the 1970s. With the funding secured and the vision within reach, Berwald and Carroll decided to first fly to Texas to try "real" barbecue.

Over the course of a week in 1982 the two men drove through the heart of barbecue country, from Dallas to Fort Worth, Waco to Taylor, Elgin to Lockhart, and Austin to San Antonio, all the while trying barbecue wherever they came across it.

"We ... ate at 15, 20 barbecue places a day for a week, literally," Berwald said. "We'd go in and just order the smallest portion of ribs or brisket or whatever it was that we could get. And we'd taste it, talk about it and make notes, and go on to the next place. The next place might be across the street because usually there's four barbecue places on every corner. So we soon found out we had no idea what barbecue was, coming from California."

The men also discovered how Texans slow-cooked the meat over a wood-burning pit, which gave the meat the blackened, juicy outer layer, or "bark," that holds the barbecue flavor while retaining the moisture of the meat. The meat would be started the night before and cook for anywhere from four to six hours for ribs to 16 to 18 hours for brisket. This cooking meant that barbecue sauce was provided as an afterthought rather than as a central aspect of the meat.

"People in California don't really understand what barbecue is," Berwald said. "I joke that barbecue in California is that you douse your Weber grill with a bunch of lighter fluid and get a thousand-degree fire going and burn your cheeseburger in five minutes. What we chose to do after learning about barbecue, Southern-style barbecue with authentic wood burning pits, (is that) we cook our briskets overnight for 16 to 18 hours."

The slow-cooking is important for another aspect, what Berwald calls "pit-to-plate," his philosophy that the meat should leave the pit only when it is to be eaten. "As soon as you take meat out of the pit it deteriorates," he said. "It's losing the texture in the bark; it even loses the smoke



Texas ribs, fries and salad served at Armadillo Willy's in Los Altos.

ring and its moisture."

Berwald says he wants to bring the experience of good barbecue to his customers. But Armadillo Willy's has become more than just a place to get ribs. Over the years Berwald has reached out the community, sponsoring fundraisers for local causes. To celebrate the 30th anniversary, Berwald is organizing an Oct. 6 birthday BBQ party in San Jose, a fundraiser for the Rotary Playgarden in San Jose. The restaurant will provide all of the food at no cost, with all proceeds going towards the project, which aims to provide a park equipped for the more than 46,000 special-needs kids in Santa Clara County. It is this type of generosity that has ingratiated Berwald and his restaurants with their employees and the community.

Christy Burris is one such employee. She has worked at Armadillo Willy's for 16 years, spending the last eight years at the Los Altos location as the general manager. She affectionately calls Berwald "Mr. B," and said that she feels like a member of an extended family.

"It's home here to me," Burris said. "The main office is behind us and they (the owners) come in every day. They're just really nice

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The Thai spicy peanut-bacon burger at Armadillo Willy's features a bacon cheeseburger topped with jalapeños, cilantro, onions, sriracha peanut sauce and pepper jelly.



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people. It's not like, 'Oh my gosh, someone from corporate is coming in,' you know, you're scared to death. It's like, 'Hey, how are you doing today?'"

It is this type of personal relationship that brought Bob Deagen back to Armadillo Willy's. Deagen was Berwald's first employee at St. John's when it opened in 1977, and stayed on with Armadillo Willy's until 1985, when he left the company to start his own restaurants in Sacramento. The two men kept in touch and in 1999 Berwald asked Deagen to come back as president and CEO. Deagen accepted, one of the reasons being the culture that surrounds the company and Berwald.

"It has a longstanding and positive culture," Deagen said. "The base of our employees is very loyal and we've had them around for a long time. So I think that comes through. ... You can feel

that a bit when you walk through the door."

Deagen was also attracted to Berwald's commitment to giving back.

"This starts with John, from years back. He wanted to really stay close to the community," Deagen said. "I think everyone says that, but if you do it (is another matter). We've done a lot of that throughout the years and I think that's connected us to the community." ■

**INFORMATION**

The local Armadillo Willy's is at 1031 N. San Antonio Road in Los Altos. Call 650-941-2922 or go to [armadillowillys.com](http://armadillowillys.com).



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**ShopTalk**  
by Daryl Savage

**NEW STORE CREATES BUZZ ...**

While the attention of some Palo Altans has been diverted to more pressing issues, a new sex shop is quietly preparing to open in a few weeks in downtown Palo Alto. **Good Vibrations**, a San Francisco-based store that sells sex toys, is branching out into Palo Alto. Expected to open in early October at 534 Ramona St., Good Vibrations is taking over a 1,100-square-foot space in the classic, historic Birge Clark building that also houses Coupa Cafe. It will occupy the former site of **Premier Boutique**, which closed earlier this year. "We've had our eye on Palo Alto for a long time," said Jackie Strano, the company's executive vice president. "We're a little bit out of our zone here, but we're eager to find a younger generation like the Stanford community." The decision to move into Palo Alto was based on the store's website's geographical sales data, according to Strano, who added:

"Palo Alto and its surrounding areas are the epicenter of the zip codes of our mail-order business. It's a very robust area on the Peninsula." Who knew? The Palo Alto store will be the company's seventh store. The adult-oriented shop, which began 36 years ago, has three stores in San Francisco, one in Berkeley, one in Oakland and one in Brookline, Mass. Strano describes the Palo Alto store as a "destination location. If you're out on a date in downtown Palo Alto, it's discreet enough to go into our store. We invite you to feel welcome. Pleasure is your birth-right. You can ask us anything and we won't judge," she said, adding, "Sexual health is an integral part of overall health."




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**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING  
of the Palo Alto  
Planning & Transportation Commission**

Please be advised the Planning and Transportation Commission (P&TC) shall conduct a **public meeting at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, September 25, 2013 in the Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Civic Center, Palo Alto, California.** Any interested persons may appear and be heard on these items.

Staff reports for agendized items are available via the City's main website at [www.cityofpaloalto.org](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org) and also at the Planning Division Front Desk, 5th Floor, City Hall, after 2:00 PM on the Friday preceding the meeting date. Copies will be made available at the Development Center should City Hall be closed on the 9/80 Friday.

**Public Hearing**

1. **2080 Channing Avenue [13PLN-00197]:** Review of a request by Sand Hill Property Company for review and recommendation of: (1) the certification of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and (2) an amendment to the Planned Community Zoning (PC-5150) for the Edgewood Plaza Shopping Center mixed use project to allow for the reconstruction of one of the two historic Eichler retail buildings (Building 1). Building 1 was approved to be dismantled and rehabilitated onsite as one of the primary public benefits, but was demolished instead. The Supplemental Environmental Impact Report prepared for the project has been published and the public comment period began May 17 and ended July 20, 2013. **\*Quasi Judicial ITEM 1 CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**
2. **Parking Exemptions Code Review:** Review and recommendation to City Council to adopt:
  1. Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 5167 and amend the Palo Alto Municipal Code to delete Sections 18.52.060(a)(2) and 18.52.060(c) related to Parking Assessment Districts to eliminate the "Exempt Floor Area" parking exemption which allows for floor area up to a floor area ratio (FAR) of 1.0 to 1.0 to be exempt from parking requirements within the Downtown Parking Assessment Area and floor area up to an FAR of 0.5 to 1.0 to be exempt within the California Avenue area parking assessment district.
  2. Interim Ordinance to amend Chapters 18.18, Downtown Commercial (CD) District, and 18.52, (Parking and Loading Requirements) to make the following changes to be effective for a period of two years:
    - a. Delete Sections 18.18.070(a)(1), 18.18.090(b)(1)(C) and 18.52.070(a)(1)(D) to eliminate the 200 square foot Minor Floor Area Bonus and related parking exemption for buildings not eligible for Historic or Seismic Bonus.
    - b. Delete Sections 18.18.090(b)(1)(B), 18.52.070(a)(1)(B) and 18.52.070(a)(1)(C)(i) to eliminate the parking exemption for on-site use of Historic and Seismic Bonus.
    - c. Amend Section 18.18.080(g) to remove the on site parking exemption for historic and seismic transfer of development rights up to 5,000 square feet of floor area to a receiver site in the CD or PC zoning districts.
    - d. Amend Section 18.18.120(a)(2) related to Grandfathered Uses and Facilities to clarify that a grandfathered use may be remodeled and improved, but may not be replaced and maintain its grandfathered status.
    - e. Amend Section 18.52.070(a)(3) related to remove the sentence allowing square footage to qualify for exemption that was developed or used previously for nonresidential purposes but was vacant at the time of the engineer's report.

These actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Questions. For any questions regarding the above items, please contact the Planning Department at (650) 329-2441. The files relating to these items are available for inspection weekdays between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This public meeting is televised live on Government Access Channel 26.

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**Aaron Aknin, Interim Director of Planning  
and Community Environment**

# Movies

## OPENINGS



Brie Larson and Keith Stanfield in "Short Term 12."

**Short Term 12**  
★★★1/2

(Guild) In quiet corners all across the land, the work of ministering to America's troubled falls largely to the young and the restless. Writer-director Destin Cretton bears witness to the agony and the ecstasy of foster care in "Short Term 12," a fiction film inspired by his own experiences working in a group home.

Expanding from material Cretton first explored in a short film, "Short Term 12" shows a canny ability to convey the routines of a foster-care facility — including the routine of surprise — and the variety of personalities brought together there. The film takes the perspective of staff members, principally Grace (Brie Larson of "The United States of Tara") and her co-worker/boyfriend Mason (John Gallagher Jr. of "The Newsroom"). In some respects, "Short Term 12" is a procedural, marked by distinctive institutional argot (circle-up discussion of "levels and feelings," a "cool-down room") and blasé attitudes to circumstances that outsiders would view as extraordinary and shocking. (New to the "line staff," Rami Malek's Nate serves both as Cretton's surrogate and ours.)

The "under-18s" make for vivid characters, even when functioning as foils for imperfect hero Grace. As Marcus, a boy about to "age out" of the system, Keith Stanfield captures the apprehension and anger attendant to facing an indifferent world after the relative warmth of the "Short Term 12" cocoon; in a gently observed scene, Marcus shares with Grace a song that expresses his hurt, and Stanfield sticks the landing. But the pivotal foster kid is 15-year-old Jayden (Kaitlyn Dever, also emotionally resonant), who appears to be the victim of domestic abuse, contends with her feelings by cutting, and brings up all of Grace's issues.

"Short Term 12" takes a clear-eyed look at a vital but imperfect system that requires a just-so level of empathy: enough to reach and support the residents, but not enough to lose perspective, cross boundaries or compromise much-needed "tough love." Rigid rules and regulations don't cut it, but neither does a total abandonment of those rules, which protect the safety of the children and the

line staff.

In a film full of humane performances, Larson stands out, personifying the necessary vulnerability and strength Cretton captures of the workplace. Larson's right in her element with the sweet-tart dialogue, which Grace uses to strike a productive tone with the teens in her charge. The actress gets to show how much more she's capable of in scene after scene of emotional intimacy or distressingly private anguish: Though Grace can intellectualize the need to share, and skillfully encourages it in others, she seems pathologically unable to open up even to ideal partner Mason.

Without getting too maudlin, the film demonstrates the particular ways in which social-service work feeds the soul: not just out of the self-satisfaction of doing unto others, but in the two-way street of human interaction that's all about banishing B.S. and getting real to affect positive change in individual lives.

Set against this backdrop, the relationship between Grace and Mason (himself a former foster child determined to do the work of the angels) highlights why the caregivers don't carry a swagger of superiority. They're still in their own processes of trying to break cycles of abuse or bad fortune, and if they can commit to being "Long Term 2," they may just become the kind of success story that keeps them going back to work.

*Rated R for language and brief sexuality. One hour, 37 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

**Afternoon Delight**  
★★★1/2

(Aquarius) Suburbia got you down? Sex with the hubby just not happening? Therapist no help? Have you considered bringing a stripper home? And there you have "Afternoon Delight," Jill Soloway's new comedy-drama about clambering to stay above the yawning pit of middle-aged ennui.

The unequivocal best thing about "Afternoon Delight" is its star, Kathryn Hahn, a fine actress and fearless funny lady who should be a house-

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**Afternoon Delight (R) ★★1/2** Aquarius Theatre: 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30 p.m.  
**Austenland (PG-13) ★★1/2** Aquarius Theatre: 1, 6 p.m.  
**Blue Jasmine (PG-13) ★★★** Century 20: 11:35 a.m. & 2, 4:25, 6:55, 9:20 p.m.  
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**The Grandmaster (PG-13) ★★★1/2** Century 16: 11 a.m. & 1:40, 4:20, 7:35, 10:10 p.m. Century 20: noon & 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25 p.m.  
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**Austenland ★★1/2**  
 This new romantic comedy casts a skeptical eye on the fantasy of romantic comedy itself, dating all the way back to the divine Miss Austen. Novelist Shannon Hale co-adapted her book with writer-director Jerusha Hess (co-writer

of "Napoleon Dynamite"), and the results are pretty darn entertaining. Keri Russell plays Jane Hayes, a 30-something single woman whose unhealthy obsession with the works of Jane Austen (and the stiff-upper-lip hunkiness of Colin Firth's screen Mr. Darcy) have no doubt contributed to her state of romantic dissatisfaction. She seizes on the chance to holiday in the Regency era at Austenland, a cross between a living-history museum and a resort where cosplay is the order of every day. Jane keeps company with fellow Austenites including "Miss Elizabeth Charming" (the always funny Jennifer Coolidge), a kind-hearted dimwit; and

Austenland's male suitors (played by JJ Feild, James Callis and Ricky Whittle). The self-described nerd quickly shows signs of coming into her own and eventually demonstrates defiant willpower. Rated PG-13 for some suggestive content. One hour, 37 minutes. —P.C. (Reviewed Aug. 23, 2013)

**Closed Circuit ★★**  
 Despite breathless proclamations about "the biggest, most high-profile murder case in British history" and timely trappings of closely held government secrets threatening to come to light, it all turns out to be rather boilerplate. The film begins with CCTV footage

of a London bombing, which sets the stage for the trial of suspected terrorist Faroukh Erdogan (Denis Moschitto). But while the title alludes to that footage — itself a symbol of the privacy citizens have ceded in the last decade or so — it also refers to the inescapable system that keeps those "in the loop" in the loop with those kept "in the dark": a system in which a travesty of justice seems inevitable. That's a problem for two well-meaning lawyers: defense barrister Martin Rose (Eric Bana) and

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hold name. Hahn plays Los Angeles housewife Rachel, married to one Jeff (Josh Radnor), mother to a kindergartner, surrounded by privilege and no happier for it. Not so hesitantly, Rachel takes the advice of her friend Jennie (Michaela Watkins) and takes Jeff out to a strip club, where dancer McKenna (Juno Temple, who seems stuck in airhead mode) catches Rachel's attention.

Right there, Soloway steps up to her first opportunity for dark subversion, but the film's problem is that it constantly earns two for flinching. Though there's a subtext of sexual frisson, Rachel's invitation to a put-out McKenna to stay a spell in Rachel's home indicates her attraction to the dancer's happily careless spontaneity and freedom from social mores. At Rachel's suggestion, McKenna begins work as a live-in nanny, first at home and soon outside of it as McKenna becomes the pet of the blithely under-informed soccer-mom set.

Clearly, this is a situation hurtling toward disaster, especially when it becomes clear that McKenna more than dabbles in prostitution. The film's first half plays the awkward situation comedy for laughs, setting an expectation of farce to come. But "Afternoon Delight" turns largely serious in its second half, something of a disappointment after the credibility-straining setup. Comedy and drama do, of course, meet in real life, but so distinctly splitting the difference here blows the film's chances of fully succeeding at either.

Ultimately, Soloway seems a bit unsure of what it's all about. The mise en scene of strained school and Jewish Community Center and living-room events to keep the neighborhood women occupied nicely supports the satire of suburban chic, but how Rachel's meant to cope with her feelings of emptiness in the long run never comes into focus, despite an ending that implies she's learned some sort of lesson (be careful what you wish for?). Climactic catharsis helps somewhat to bring the second act into focus; unfortunately, the blowup feels rather "been there, done that" for a movie that keeps (idly, as it turns out) threatening to turn transgressive.

Still, by putting utility player Hahn front and center, Soloway earns instant good will. The male-dominant cinema needs more stars like Hahn and writer-directors like Soloway to press the boundaries. Next time, though, more pushing and less nudging.

*Rated R for strong sometimes graphic sexual content, language and some drug use. One hour, 35 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

Mini reviews

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Erdogan's Special Advocate, Claudia Simmons-Howe (Rebecca Hall). Rose has landed the case only under suspicious circumstances, and the mutual presence of Simmons-Howe and him represents a major issue, in that they're bound to disclose their prior relationship. That would mean one of them dropping the case, which neither has any intention of doing. Rated R for language and brief violence. One hour, 36 minutes. — P.C. (Reviewed Aug. 30, 2013)

**The Grandmaster \*\*\*1/2**

"The Grandmaster" revisits the story of "Ip Man," the folk-heroic martial-arts grandmaster of the Wing Chun style. Here played by Tony Leung ("In the Mood for Love"), Ip Man starts the film as a potential heir in the South to retiring "Grandmaster of the North" Gong Yutian (Wang Qingxiang). These 1936-set scenes consist of demonstration matches and discussions — of martial arts styles — that spin out into philosophy and cosmology. Gong's daughter Gong Er (Zhang Ziyi) practices a move called the "64 hands," inspired by Bagua's "64 transformations." One might describe "The Grandmaster" as a somewhat ordinary movie wrapped around five extraordinary movies. Opening with a cliched (though impressively shot and edited) rain-soaked fight and ending


with a corball epilogue that wrongly implies this is all important because Ip Man went on to teach Bruce Lee, "The Grandmaster" is ostensibly that kind of martial arts epic that prominent filmmakers turn into a career boost, and famed action choreographer Yuen Wo Ping is on hand to oblige. But the film is also a contemplative exploration of the meaning of martial arts and its historical development. Rated PG-13 for violence, smoking, drug use and language. One hour, 48 minutes. — P.C. (Reviewed Aug. 30, 2013)

**Riddick \*\*1/2**

When the new film opens, Furyan warrior, ex-convict and part-time king Richard B. Riddick has been left for dead on a desolate planet populated only by deadly beasts. As he puts it in growly, gravely voice-over: "There are bad days, and there are legendary bad days. This is shaping up to be one of those." The last hour firms up a hate-triangle (the manly-movie answer to romantic comedies' love triangles) comprising Riddick, a group of purely mercenary bounty hunters (headed up by Jordi Molla and including WWE vet Dave Bautista) and a more professional team with a murkier motivation that connects this film to "Pitch Black" (led by Matt Nable and including Katee Sackhoff, Bokeem Woodbine and Nolan Gerard Funk). It's 11-against-one, and Riddick likes those odds. Rated R for strong violence, language and some sexual content/nudity. One hour, 59 minutes. — P.C. (Reviewed Sept. 6, 2013)

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## An exuberance of culture

Fall offers a plethora of art, music, dance, theater, film and books

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Top: Smuin Ballet will bring its Christmas show to the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts from Dec. 11 through Dec. 15. Above: The Welsh bass-baritone Bryn Terfel will make a virtual Stanford appearance as Falstaff on Oct. 11, when Stanford Live presents a live broadcast of the San Francisco Opera production at Frost Amphitheater.

Though the weather's not exactly what you'd call "crisp" yet, a few trees are tentatively going scarlet. And rain or shine, local arts groups are all set for autumn.

Now is the time when theaters, concert halls, cafes and galleries shake off any late-August snoozes and open their doors to a new arts season. Is that a pair of violas tuning up, a curator straightening a painting, an actor rehearsing an explosive scene from "God of Carnage"?

As always, our fall arts preview gives you a taste of what's new and notable on the Midpeninsula this season. This time around, that includes: contemporary photographer Carrie Mae Weems documenting the African-American experience, a pair of twin bluegrass musicians in concert and appearances by the French choreographer Jérôme Bel. The Israeli actor Topol will also drop by Palo Alto during a film-festival screening of his classic movie musical "Fiddler on the Roof." L'chaim!

### Music

Would you think of wearing 3-D glasses in a concert hall? You will for "Linked Verse," **Stanford Live's** big world premiere this season.

Stanford composer Jaroslaw Kapuscinski, a faculty member in the music department, has joined forces with the digital artists of the New York City-based OpenEndedGroup to create a multimedia concerto about the re-

lationship between Japanese and Western cultures. The piece is billed as an "evocation of otherness and union" that looks at both the ancient and modern worlds.

The concerto will feature Maya Beiser playing the cello and Ko Ishikawa on the sho, a Japanese instrument of bamboo pipes. Their notes will be blended with voice, other sounds and live 3D stereoscopic visual projection incorporating photos and videos from Kyoto, New York and San Francisco. Performances are set for Dec. 7 and 8 in Bing Concert Hall. No need to bring glasses: Stanford Live's got you covered.

Other musical notables set to perform via Stanford Live this season include: violinist Itzhak Perlman and a myriad of prodigies on Sept. 22, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band on Sept. 29, fado singer Mariza on Nov. 1, violinist Joshua Bell on Feb. 8, the Haifa Symphony Orchestra of Israel on March 16, and soprano Deborah Voigt on April 11. (Bing Concert Hall members and performance sponsors can also catch musical-theater royalty Patti LuPone and Mandy Patinkin on April 26.)

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In bluegrass country, **Redwood Bluegrass Associates** kicks off its season with an unusual pairing: identical twin musicians, that is. The Canote Brothers (Greg and Jere) have been fiddling, strumming and singing together for years, including a 13-year stint on the NPR program "Sandy Bradley's

Potluck." Now based in Seattle, they grew up in the South Bay.

The brothers are set to play RBA's home stage at the First Presbyterian Church at 1667 Miramonte Ave. in Mountain View on Oct. 26. For the full season lineup, go to [rba.org](http://rba.org).

Also this season, it's birthday 50 for the Midpeninsula choral group **Schola Cantorum**, which celebrates its birthday with an anniversary concert on May 17 at the First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, 1985 Louis Road. The program features works by founder Royal Stanton together with a new piece by Eric Tuan.

Other premieres at Schola Cantorum this season include "How Long We Wait," a new piece with oboe obbligato by Frank Ferko, a former Mountain View resident. It will be performed March 15 at the Los Altos United Methodist Church at 655 Magdalena Ave., and March 16 at the First Congregational Church of Palo Alto. Contact the chorus at [scholacantorum.org](http://scholacantorum.org) or 650-254-1700.

Meanwhile, the Palo Alto music scene also boasts many student groups who regularly perform in this area (when they're not off touring internationally in the summer, as some of them do). They include: the Ragazzi Boys Chorus ([ragazzi.org](http://ragazzi.org)), the Silicon Valley Boychoir ([svboychoir.org](http://svboychoir.org)), the California Youth Symphony ([cys.org](http://cys.org)), the Cantabile Youth Singers ([cantabile.org](http://cantabile.org)), the El Camino Youth Symphony ([ecys.org](http://ecys.org)), the School of Rock Palo Alto ([paloalto.schoolof-rock.com](http://paloalto.schoolof-rock.com)), the Palo Alto Chamber





Musicians scheduled to perform locally this season include, from left: twin bluegrass musicians Greg and Jere Canote on Oct. 26; the California Bach Society in October, December, February and May; and violinist Joshua Bell on Feb. 8.

Orchestra ([pacomusic.org](http://pacomusic.org)) and the iSing Girlchoir ([isingsv.com](http://isingsv.com)).

Other highlights of the 2013-14 music season include:

**The Aurora Singers**

The annual winter concert for this community chorus is planned for 4 p.m. Dec. 22 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, where it rehearses. 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto, [aurorasingers.net](http://aurorasingers.net)

**Bay Choral Guild**

The concert season in Palo Alto features a festival of Mozart's choral works in February and March, along with "Poet's Corner" performances in June: contemporary settings of poetry by writers such as Rainer Maria Rilke, Omar Khayyam and Shakespeare. First Baptist Church, 305 N. California Ave., Palo Alto, [baychoralguild.org](http://baychoralguild.org)

**California Bach Society**

First up for this Palo Alto choral group: a "Monteverdi Vespers of 1610" concert on Oct. 11-13, followed by "Christmas with Peter Warlock and Henry VIII" in December and "German Cantatas circa 1700" in February and March. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. 650-485-1097, [calbach.org](http://calbach.org)

**California Pops Orchestra**

The swinging Palo Alto-based orchestra kicks off its season Sept. 22 with a variety show of Big Band music, show tunes and jazz and pop songs, featuring pianist Chin Beckmann and theater singer Carly Honfi. Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. 650-856-8432, [calpops.org](http://calpops.org)

**Chamber Music San Francisco**

The February-May series in Palo Alto kicks off with the Eroica Trio on Feb. 10, followed by violinist James Ehnes on March 10 and the

Vogler Quartet on April 7. Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Organization contact: 415-759-1756, [chambermusicf.org](http://chambermusicf.org)

**Fortnightly Music Club**

This 100-plus-year-old organization hosts free concerts every two weeks, often featuring local musicians and composers. The season starts Oct. 6 at the Lucie Stern Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [fortnightlymusicclub.org](http://fortnightlymusicclub.org)

**Ives Quartet**

A new string quartet by jazz artist and composer Julian Waterfall Pollack will be premiered by the Palo Alto-based Ives Quartet on April 25 and 27. He's a fan of both standards and minimalism. Before that, the season begins with a program of Britten, Puccini and Verdi on Nov. 1. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. 650-224-7849, [ivesquartet.org](http://ivesquartet.org)

**Master Sinfonia**

In April, the Midpeninsula community orchestra will premiere the fifth movement of Jeremy Cavaterra's "Monterey Suite." Each segment is dedicated to a spot in or near the county, including "The Aquarium" and "Steinbeck Country." Concerts are planned for 8 p.m. April 26 at Valley Presbyterian Church, 945 Portola Road, Portola Valley; and 2:30 p.m. April 27 at Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. [mastersinfonia.org](http://mastersinfonia.org)

**Music@Menlo**

Not just for summer anymore, the Music@Menlo chamber-music festival now regularly holds concerts in other months. Coming up: the Emerson String Quartet on Oct. 13, "Pianists in Paris" on Feb. 9, and pianist Alessio Bax on May 11. Center for Performing Arts at Menlo-Atherton High School, 555

Middlefield Road, Atherton. 650-330-2030, [musicatmenlo.org](http://musicatmenlo.org)

**New Century Chamber Orchestra**

The University of Michigan's Michael Daugherty is the orchestra's featured composer this year, weaving music replete with American cultural references. The Sept. 26 concert, "Daugherty Perspectives," includes "Viola Zombie" (for two violas) and "Elvis Everywhere" (for string quartet and tape). At 8 p.m. at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. 415-357-1111, [ncco.org](http://ncco.org)

**New Esterhazy Quartet**

The quartet's season of local concerts at All Saints Episcopal Church in Palo Alto kicks off this weekend, with a program called "The Cellist King: Music for Friedrich Wilhelm II of Prussia" offering up Haydn, Boccherini and Mozart on Sept. 15. 555 Waverley St. 415-520-0611, [newesterhazy.org](http://newesterhazy.org)

**Palo Alto Philharmonic**

The first full orchestra concert of the season serves up ample dishes of Wagner and Verdi on Oct. 19, with soloists including soprano Juyeon Song and tenor Ben Bongers. Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [paphil.org](http://paphil.org)

**Peninsula Symphony**

The Los Altos symphony explores works by Ernest Bloch in its concerts with the Stanford Symphonic Chorus on Nov. 22 and 24. Baritone/cantor Stephen Saxon is also along for the ride. At Bing Concert Hall, Stanford University. 650-941-5291, [peninsulasymphony.org](http://peninsulasymphony.org)

**Peninsula Women's Chorus**

Besides presenting a regular season of concerts on the Peninsula and in the South Bay, the group hosts a New Music for Treble



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Voices Festival each spring and invites other choruses to join in. Next year's festival performance is set for March 22 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. 650-327-3095, [pwchorus.org](http://pwchorus.org)

**Philharmonia Baroque**

At the season opener on Oct. 2, the period-instrument orchestra features countertenor David Daniels and soprano Carolyn Sampson in Pergolesi's bitter-sweet "Stabat Mater." Center for Performing Arts at Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. The orchestra also performs several times at Stanford's Bing Concert Hall as part of the Stanford Live season. [philharmoniabaroque.org](http://philharmoniabaroque.org)

**Saint Michael Trio**

"Europe's Master Impressionist: The Genius of Claude Debussy" is the trio's Oct. 4 concert, which the musicians dub an "informance," complete with commentary and slides. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Stanford University. [saintmichaeltrio.com](http://saintmichaeltrio.com)

**San Francisco Early Music Society**

Palo Alto concerts include "Venetian Christmas Mass" by the choral and instrumental group Magnificat, on Dec. 20 at the First United Methodist Church at 625

Hamilton Ave.; and the Galax Quartet with contralto Karen Clark playing "avant-garde from the 16th century and early music from today," on Jan. 31 at First Lutheran Church, 600 Homer Ave. 510-528-1725, [sfems.org](http://sfems.org)

**Soli Deo Gloria**

Something new for this choral group: traditional Christmas carols freshly arranged by Bob Chilcott, Michele Weir and Allen H. Simon, the group's artistic director. The holiday concert is Dec. 7 at the First Baptist Church of Palo Alto, 305 N. California Ave. 888-SDG-SONG, [sdgloria.org](http://sdgloria.org)

**Stanford Jazz Festival**

This annual array of performances, workshops, classes and jam sessions takes place on campus every summer, with many shows in Dinkelspiel Auditorium, Campbell Recital Hall and Bing Concert Hall. 650-736-0324, [stanfordjazz.org](http://stanfordjazz.org)

**Stanford Music Department**

The Now Hear Ensemble, a new-music quintet, is touring California music schools to work with local composers and perform their work — and then recording the whole process as a documentary film. On Oct. 12, they'll be

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From left: the Emerson String Quartet, which will play the Music@Menlo winter concert series on Oct. 13; the photo "Aleutian Islands, Alaska" by Laura Oliphant, now on exhibit at Gallery 9; and "Fish Beware," a painting by Dale Beliveau on display at the EcoCenter.

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at Stanford, playing music by university composers Ivan Naranjo and Eoin Callery on the CCRMA Stage at The Knoll. Also planned: the university's annual "Harmony for Humanity" tribute concert to the late journalist Daniel Pearl, on Oct. 9 in Memorial Church. [music.stanford.edu](http://music.stanford.edu)

### Twilight Concert Series

The City of Palo Alto is one of many municipalities and malls offering a free outdoor concert series in the summer. Shows are typically in parks around town, often featuring rock bands, brass bands, jazz combos and teen garage groups. The schedule should be up next year at [cityofpaloalto.org](http://cityofpaloalto.org).

### World Harmony Chorus

This community chorus is big on being inclusive: Singers of all levels are welcomed. This year's theme is "Love Songs," with tunes from Puerto Rico, Kenya, Finland and other areas and a concert set for Jan. 28. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [instantharmony.com](http://instantharmony.com)

### World Music Day

Musicians of all stripes — and some dancers, too — converge on downtown Palo Alto each Father's Day, playing free street-corner, sidewalk and plaza shows from the afternoon to the evening. Next year's event, the sixth one in P.A., is set for June 15. [pamusicday.org](http://pamusicday.org)

Other local venues for live music include:

### CoHo Stanford Coffee House

The indie bean scene at the CoHo includes the San Diego rock band Never Come Down, scheduled to bring in its distorted-guitar sound on Oct. 1. 459 Lagunita #1, Stanford University. 650-721-2262,

[coho.stanford.edu](http://coho.stanford.edu)

### Community School of Music and Arts

Saxophones come in four varieties at the "Saxes for the Season" concert on Dec. 5: soprano, alto, tenor and baritone. This show, one of several at the school's Tateuchi Hall, features faculty member Mark Russo. 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. 650-917-6813, [arts4all.org](http://arts4all.org)

### Red Rock Coffee

Upcoming: dobro musician Matt Bradford on Sept. 20, Celtic-folk player Jon Rubin on Sept. 27, Esther Berndt and her jazz band on Sept. 28, the jazz of The Night Quintet on Oct. 5, and many others. 201 Castro St., Mountain View. 650-967-4473, [redrockcoffee.org](http://redrockcoffee.org)

### Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts

The season includes the Oct. 13 "Silicon Valley Schubertiade," a free musical "salon" concert with the piano, vocal and chamber music of Franz Schubert played by Patricia Cheng, David Saslav, Melissa Smith, Kevin Jim and Monica Chew. 500 Castro St., Mountain View. 650-903-6000, [mvcpa.com](http://mvcpa.com)

### Oshman Family Jewish Community Center

Highlights include: the return of the popular multilingual performances of "Peter and the Wolf," on Dec. 15; Venezuelan music with the VNote Ensemble on Dec. 17; and Arts Bravura featuring the Branford Marsalis Quartet on May 1. 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [paloaltojcc.org](http://paloaltojcc.org)

## Museums and collections

The African-American experience comes to vivid life in the photography of contemporary artist Carrie Mae Weems. In her "Kitchen Table Series," for instance, she tells the story of a modern black woman, using images, text and

herself as a model. Other series have looked at racism, Afro hairstyles, African-American women performers.

Born in 1953 in Oregon, Weems has been producing thoughtful, well-received bodies of work for decades. Now her first major museum retrospective is headed for Stanford's Cantor Arts Center on Oct. 16, after showings in Cleveland, Portland and Nashville. "Carrie Mae Weems: Three Decades of Photography and Video" will run through Jan. 5, featuring about 100 photos, installations and videos.

Other new exhibitions in the Cantor's upcoming season include "Flesh and Metal: Body and Machine in Early 20th-Century Art," with 75 works by Margaret Bourke-White, Salvador Dali, Man Ray and other American and European artists. It runs Nov. 13 through March 16.

The center is at Museum Drive and Lomita Way. Go to [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu) or call 650-723-4177.

Over at the Palo Alto Art Center, books as instruments of creativity take center stage this fall. In "Bibliophilia," which opens Sept. 21, 15 artists focus on books: fashioning their own, or photographing libraries and other books, or transforming discarded tomes into altogether new works of art.

Presented together with the Fine Arts Gallery of San Francisco State University, the show includes works by Robert Dawson, Ala Ebtakar, Laurent de Brunhoff, Patricia Curtan and others. It will be up through Dec. 15 at 1313 Newell Road in Palo Alto.

Also planned this season at the art center: the annual Great Glass Pumpkin Patch, with pumpkins and other glass objects on exhibit Sept. 24 through 27 and on sale Sept. 28 and 29. 650-329-2366, [cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter](http://cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter)

### Anderson Collection

This huge private Menlo Park collection of some 820 works of 20th-century American visual art offers free public tours on the third

Thursday of the month (except in July, August, December and January). Reservations required. 650-854-5160, [ksaracino@aacollection.com](mailto:ksaracino@aacollection.com)

### Computer History Museum

The museum's lecture series begins this fall with an Oct. 8 talk by Justin Rattner, who was Intel's chief technology officer as well as director of Intel Labs from 2006 until this year. Ongoing exhibits look at computers past and present, with artifacts that may inspire a spark of recognition. 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. 650-810-1010, [computerhistory.org](http://computerhistory.org)

### Hoover Institution Library and Archives

Dramatic moments in history as seen by the artists who witnessed them: That's the theme of the current exhibit "Art and History: Treasures from the Hoover Library and Archives." Works include sketches of life in the gulag by Thomas Sgovio and art journals from pre-revolutionary Russia. Herbert Hoover Memorial Exhibit Pavilion, Stanford University. 650-723-3563, [hoover.org](http://hoover.org)

### Los Altos History Museum

As part of its current exhibit, "A Place to Call Home: Two Centuries of California Living," which is up through Oct. 6, architect Jonathan Pearlman will give a free talk Sept. 22 on "The Evolution of the American Home." Before that, the museum's annual Train Days celebrate model railroading on Sept. 14 and 15. 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. 650-948-9427, [losaltoshistory.org](http://losaltoshistory.org)

### Museum of American Heritage

TV is a mere tot in the new MOAH exhibit opening Sept. 27. "Television: A History" explores the tube in its early days, displaying sets from the 1940s and '50s and showing programs from the '50s and '60s. To complement all this: a collection of TV-show lunchboxes. The exhibit runs through March.

351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. 650-321-1004, [moah.org](http://moah.org)

### Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo

Fifty-some species of animals make their home at this family zoo, along with science programs and shows including a performance by the Amazing Bubble Man on Sept. 15. 1451 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. 650-329-2111, [cityofpaloalto.org](http://cityofpaloalto.org)

### Stanford University Libraries Special Collections

Green Library frequently hosts exhibits of rare books, manuscripts and other literary-themed artwork in the glass cases in the Peterson Gallery and the Munger Rotunda. Opening Sept. 23: "Art Meets Technology: Core Samples from Nine Archives," with items from the collections of Buckminster Fuller, Arthur H. Benade, Rich Gold and others. <http://library.stanford.edu/spc>

## Galleries

When you've flown more than a million miles, it's nice to give those long schleps an artistic purpose. Laura Oliphant does just that with her photography. Her images of the planet from above, shot from the windows of commercial airliners, have won her prizes and exhibits. This month, many of them are on display at Gallery 9 in Los Altos.

The Redwood City artist sees a lot of beauty, but "translating it into the camera is a technical challenge," she said in a press release. "At the very minimum, the shooting platform is moving at 600 miles an hour, never mind the scratched and dirty windows. But ... I've learned to bring out the beauty of the world as I see it."

The exhibit is up through Sept. 29 at 143 Main St. Go to [gallery9-losaltos.com](http://gallery9-losaltos.com) or call 650-941-7969 for more.

At the Pacific Art League this month, longtime local photog-





Above: "Untitled (Man and Mirror)" is among the photos of Carrie Mae Weems to be shown at the Cantor Arts Center starting Oct. 16. Above right: Tomas Kubinek brings his vaudeville act to Stanford Live for two shows on May 4.



rapher Judy Kramer is taking a different direction with her work. A past president of the Palo Alto Camera Club, she's known for her abiding interest in wildflowers. Now she has a solo show up of photos she took on a recent humanitarian trip to Guinea in West Africa, documenting a campaign against tetanus in mothers and newborns.

Kramer is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Palo Alto, and the effort, called The Eliminate Project, is organized by the Kiwanis and UNICEF. On her trip last fall, she followed a regional immunization campaign in a remote town. "It was such a privilege to watch lives being saved," she said.

The exhibition is up through Sept. 26 in the art league at 227 Forest Ave. in downtown Palo Alto (its temporary location while its home is being renovated nearby). 650-321-3891, pacificartleague.org

#### art@PARC

The research and development company PARC frequently hosts exhibits of work by contemporary artists. Photographer Michael Kern, who captures spirited images of reptiles, amphibians and birds, has a solo show up through Oct. 31 called "Finding Beauty in the Beast." 3333 Coyote Hill Road, Palo Alto. 650-812-4000, parc.com

#### Bryant Street Gallery

Peter Roux, he of the atmospheric oil paintings and the "fog of spirits" series, has a solo show up through Sept. 30. 532 Bryant St., Palo Alto. 650-321-8155, bryantstreet.com

#### EcoCenter

Art with a nature — and often Baylands — theme is periodically exhibited at the Environmental Volunteers' EcoCenter out by the Bay. Now up: the finely detailed paintings of wildlife and open space by Dale Beliveau, who has a particular fondness for birds. His show is on display through

Dec. 7, with a reception set for Oct. 26. 650-493-8000, ext. 340, evols.org

#### Gallery House

Kristine Taylor, whose bronze sculptures are a menagerie of beasts and fowl, has a solo show of her animal-themed works on the gallery walls through Sept. 21. Paintings by Midori McCabe and Wendy Fitzgerald go up Sept. 24. 320 S. California Ave., Palo Alto. 650-326-1668, galleryhouse2.com

#### Mohr Gallery at the Community School of Music and Arts

An exhibit of quilts by Mountain View day workers opens Oct. 11, with a reception planned for Oct. 25. 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. 650-917-6800, arts4all.org

#### Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts

Solo shows are hung periodically in the center's lobby, to be viewed before performances or at noon-time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Vibrant oil paintings by Elizabeth Jimenez-Montelongo, who often explores the culture of the indigenous American nations, go up Oct. 15. 500 Castro St., Mountain View. 650-903-6000, mvcpa.com

#### Oshman Family Jewish Community Center

Up now at the JCC through Oct. 21: "Peace in Mind," Lori Greenblatt-Wick's framed Judaic art of handmade paper, found objects and other materials; and "Tree House," Neta Levi's nostalgic mixed-media works of paint and fabric on canvas. 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. 650-799-1854, paloaltojcc.org

#### Palo Alto City Hall

The lobby often houses art exhibitions by one or more artists. Details for 2013-14 were not yet available at press time; keep an eye on cityofpaloalto.org. 250 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto.

#### Portola Art Gallery

The first exhibit of the fall is "Orphaned Elephants of Tsavo and Recent Works," oil paintings by Marsha Heimbecker, many of them depicting elephants who are cared for at the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in Africa. The show is up through Sept. 30. At the Allied Arts Guild, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. 650-321-0220, portolaartgallery.com

#### Smith Andersen Editions

"Greetings From the Lost Edge" pays tribute to the American artist David Gilhooly, who died recently after a long career that included being influential in the Bay Area's funk ceramics movement. The solo exhibition draws on four years of the artist's collage work and runs Sept. 20 through Oct. 31, with a reception Oct. 5. 440 Pepper Ave., Palo Alto. 650-327-7762, smithandersen.com

#### Stanford Art Spaces

Contemplative lithographs and paintings by 100-year-old Japanese artist Toko Shinoda are on display in a retrospective exhibit through Oct. 17. Stanford Art Spaces shows work in the Paul G. Allen building (C.I.S.) and the David Packard building. 650-723-3622, cis.stanford.edu/~marigras/

#### Viewpoints Gallery

Red barns, verdant bluffs and dynamic skies fill the pastels of artist Teresa Ruzzo, whose solo show "Reflections" is up through Sept. 29. 315 State St., Los Altos. 650-941-5789, viewpointsgallery.com

## Theater

As is its wont, TheatreWorks this season is bringing in several shows that haven't been seen in the area (or, in some cases, the state) before. Next up is the Kenneth Lin drama "Warrior Class," about a rising political star, the son of Chinese immigrants, who gets dubbed "The Republican Obama" but is threatened by a youthful in-

discretion. The play opens Oct. 12 at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro St.

The protagonist of Lauren Gunderson's "Silent Sky" faces other hurdles as a woman astronomer at the turn of the century, one of the few females in her profession. The play opens Jan. 18 at the Mountain View center.

Also on the docket is a goofy adaptation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "Hound of the Baskervilles," revamped as a comedy play by Steven Canny and John Nicholson. It stars a small horde of actors playing a host of roles, and opens April 5 at the Mountain View Center.

Other shows in TheatreWorks' season are the musical "Little Women," "Once on This Island" and "Marry Me a Little." 650-463-1950, theatreworks.org

Meanwhile, the Pear Avenue Theatre answers the dramatic question "Can one actor play both Clarence and Mr. Potter?" He can if he's theater veteran Michael Champlin, doing a one-man version of "It's a Wonderful Life," called "This Wonderful Life." He brings his show, in which he plays all the characters, to the Pear from Dec. 6 through Dec. 22.

Other titles in the Pear season are: "The Tempest," "A King's Legacy," "Quality of Life," "Fool for Love," "Pear Slices 2014" and "Pygmalion." Shows are at 1220 Pear Ave., Unit K, Mountain View. 650-254-1148, thepear.org

#### Foothill Music Theatre

Foothill's musical-theater extravaganzas attract singers, dancers and actors from the community at large. On deck: "Little Shop of Horrors," going up in February at the Lohman Theatre. 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. foothill.edu/theatre/music.php.

#### Los Altos Stage Company

Formerly known as the Bus Barn Stage Company, the group has these shows planned for the coming season: "The Fantasticks"

(now playing through Sept. 29), "The Sunshine Boys," "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "Harold and Maude" and "Company." 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. 650-941-0551, losaltosstage.org

#### Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts

Besides hosting many TheatreWorks and Peninsula Youth Theatre productions, the center sometimes brings in other theatrical productions. "Manya: A Living History of Marie Curie," a one-woman show starring playwright and actress Susan Marie Frontczak, runs Sept. 19 through Sept. 24. 500 Castro St., Mountain View. 650-903-6000, mvcpa.com

#### Palo Alto Children's Theatre

Mainstage season: "The Jungle Book," "The Nutcracker," "Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat" and "Seussical The Musical." 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. 650-463-4930, cityofpaloalto.org

#### Palo Alto Players

"In the Heights" (now through Sept. 29), "God of Carnage," "The Heiress," "Young Frankenstein," "The Farnsworth Invention." 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. 650-329-0891, paplayers.org

#### Peninsula Youth Theatre

CenterStage Musicals performed at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts: "Peter Pan," "The Sound of Music," "Oliver!" and a to-be-announced PYT premiere. 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Company contact: 650-988-8798, pytnet.org

#### Stanford Summer Theater

The annual festival of theater and film just concluded a season centering on Oscar Wilde and Samuel Beckett; next year's details will be up at summertheater.stanford.edu.

## Dance and opera

With live simulcasts of New York operas, London musicals and other productions proving popular at the cineplex, Stanford Live is getting in on the act. Two free opera showings are planned this season (with tickets required).

On Oct. 11, Frost Amphitheater audiences will take in a live simulcast of San Francisco Opera's "Falstaff," starring Bryn Terfel. They'll be sitting outdoors with Verdi, but it'll be almost like being at the War Memorial Opera House. Then, on Feb. 16, Dallas Opera's production of the evening-length opera "Death and the Powers" will be aired at Bing Concert Hall. The new Tod Machover work is about a businessman who wants to transcend corporeal limits.

In dance, the French choreographer and conceptual artist Jérôme Bel will make several appearances at Stanford University through Stanford Live. His 2001 work

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“The Show Must Go On” will be performed by professional dancers and Stanford students, faculty and staff on Nov. 13, followed by a Nov. 18 performance of “Cedric Andrieux,” an autobiographical piece created by Bel and Andrieux and performed by Andrieux.

Dance meets film on Dec. 2, when 2005’s “Pichet Klunchun and Myself” will be shown with Bel on hand for a Q&A. The film depicts Bel and the classical Thai dancer Klunchun in an “exchange

of ideas and movement.”

The Brazilian ballet company Grupo Corpo will bring its mix of Afro-Brazilian dance forms and ballet to Stanford Live for performances on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. For details on the Stanford Live events, go to [live.stanford.edu](http://live.stanford.edu) or call 650-725-ARTS.

This season’s offerings also include a piece by Czech choreographer Jiri Kylian, presented by San Francisco’s Smuin Ballet. Rarely seen on the West Coast, the work “Return to a Strange Land” is set to four piano pieces by the choreographer’s countryman Leos Janacek. A press release describes it as “a meditation on loss, healing

and hope,” inspired by the choreographer’s mentor, the late John Cranko.

Smuin will perform the piece during its March shows at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, with two other sets of performances planned in December and May. The center is at 500 Castro St. [smuinballet.org](http://smuinballet.org)

### Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts

The CPA has a lot more going on in dance and opera than Smuin Ballet and various “Nutcracker” productions by several groups in November and December. The companies who drop by to take

the stage include San Francisco’s Lamplighters Music Theatre, who on Nov. 24 will perform “Upside-Downton Abbey,” an original “Downton Abbey” parody with most of its music by Arthur Sullivan of Gilbert & Sullivan fame. 500 Castro St., Mountain View. 650-903-6000, [mvcpa.com](http://mvcpa.com)

### Oshman Family Jewish Community Center

Dance offerings this season at the JCC include tango dance parties with the Redwood Tango Ensemble, on Jan. 4 and May 17; and the annual benefit performance by Firebird Dance Theatre on April 13. 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto.

650-799-1854, [paloaltojcc.org](http://paloaltojcc.org)

### San Francisco Opera Guild, Peninsula chapter

Opera scholars often give local preview lectures for San Francisco Opera productions. Oliver Prezant is scheduled to speak on “Show Boat” on May 27. At the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. 650-329-1374, [sfopera.com](http://sfopera.com)

### Stanford Savoyards

Gilbert & Sullivan are the stars of this long-lasting university group. The Savoyards’ 92nd production, “The Mikado,” goes up next February. Performances at Stanford’s Dinkelspiel Auditorium. [stanford.edu/group/savoyards](http://stanford.edu/group/savoyards)

### West Bay Opera

The upcoming season features “Tosca,” “L’elisir d’amore” and “Die Zauberflöte,” along with an afternoon of opera classics on Dec. 8. Performances in the Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. 650-843-3900, [wbopera.org](http://wbopera.org)

## Books and film

The Israeli actor Chaim Topol has been known for decades for playing that singing milkman Tevye in the popular film version of “Fiddler on the Roof.” Palo Alto audiences can get up close and personal with the 77-year-old Golden Globe winner in October, when he’s scheduled to make guest appearances at the **Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival**.

On Oct. 19, Topol will speak during a tribute evening that also includes a reception and the showing of scenes from his films. He’s also set to pop in on a sing-along screening of “Fiddler” the following evening. Other festival events will include an audience Q&A with actor Elliott Gould after a screening of his comedy “Dorfman in Love” on Nov. 17.

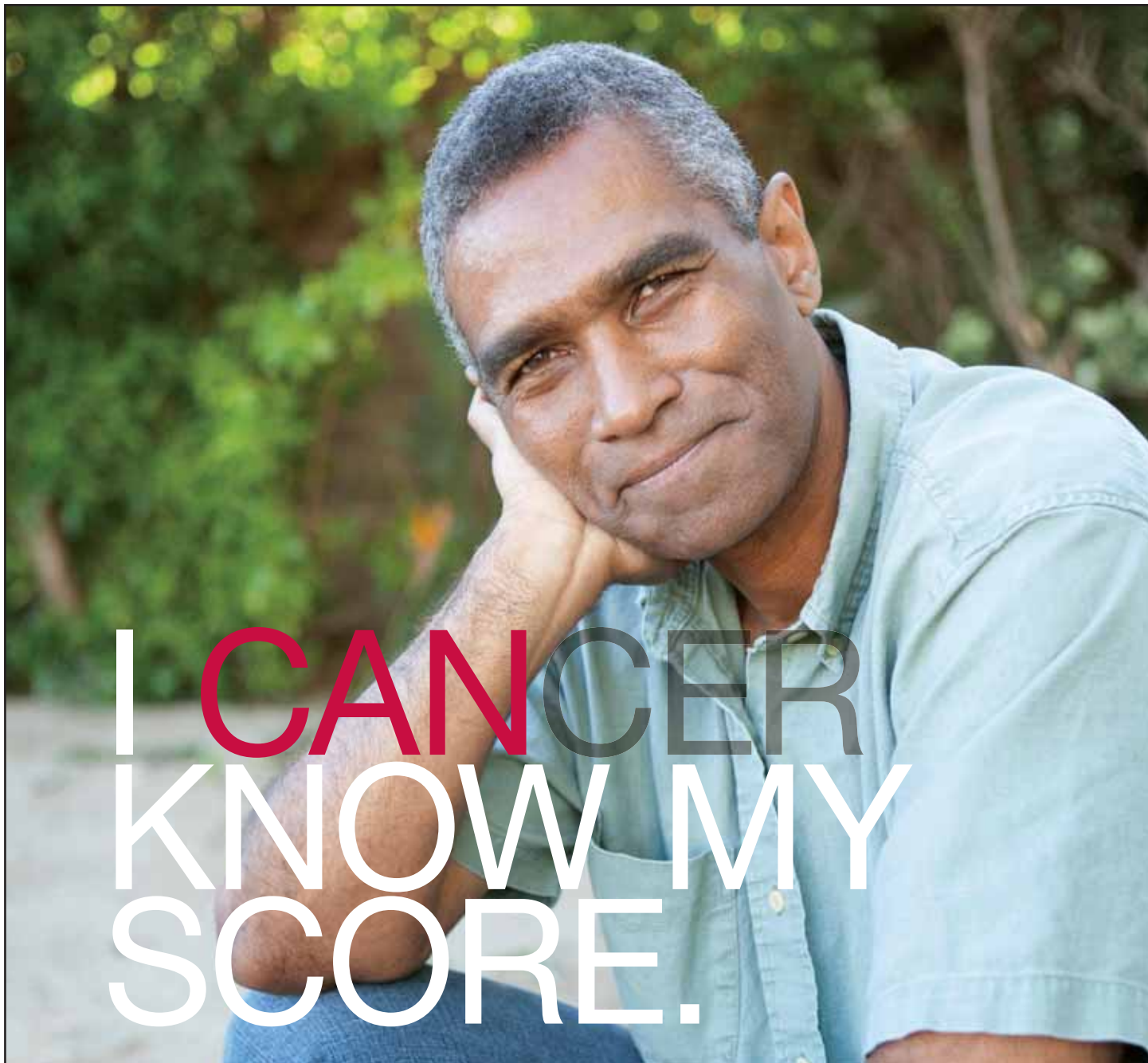
These events are at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center at 3921 Fabian Way in Palo Alto; other festival screenings are being planned in San Jose and Campbell. For details, go to [svjff.org](http://svjff.org) or call 800-838-3006.

In the literary world, **Kepler’s Books** continues its panoply of free author talks and readings. Upcoming events include a Sept. 20 evening of YA authors: Kendare Blake, Anna Carey, Michelle Gagnon and Stacey Jay Friday talking about antigoddesses, dystopian romance, sinister projects and blind princesses. Then local history is the topic of the night on Sept. 25, when Menlo Park author Nick Taylor, who teaches in the MFA writing program at San Jose State, speaks on his historical novel “Father Junipero’s Confessor.”

Kepler’s is at 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. 650-324-4321, [keplers.com](http://keplers.com)

### Books Arts Jam

Palo Alto’s Jamila Rufaro has a Stanford Ph.D. in education and a passion for creating and altering books to make new works of art.



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## Arts & Entertainment



YA author Ally Carter will speak at Kepler's Books on Sept. 19.

Her style is sometimes architectural and sometimes steampunky; viewers can check out her creations and others at the annual book arts jam on Oct. 19. At the Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [booksartsjam.org](http://booksartsjam.org)

### Books Inc

Author talks on tap at the Palo Alto store this month: Anthony Marra ("A Constellation of Vital Phenomena") on Sept 17; John K. Landre ("On the Way: Growth and Transcendence of Personal Consciousness") on Sept. 18; Pam Withers ("Jump-Starting Boys") on Sept. 19. At Town & Country Village, 855 El Camino Real. 650-321-0600, [booksinc.net](http://booksinc.net)

### Le French Film Club

The next screening: "Ce Que Le Jour Doit A La Nuit," a 2012 Alexandre Arcady film set in Algeria, to be shown Sept. 20. Film nights are social, with French-themed refreshments. 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. 408-761-8158, [lefrrenchfilmclub.org](http://lefrrenchfilmclub.org)

### Palo Alto International Film Festival

The festival — which screened about 75 feature films and shorts last year — is still planning its 2014 lineup. For details, keep

an eye on [paiff.net](http://paiff.net) or @paiff on Twitter.

### Silicon Valley African Film Festival

This short festival offers up feature films, shorts and works of animation in hopes of educating audiences about "the real Africa." Oct. 11-13 at the Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. 650-917-6800, [arts4all.org](http://arts4all.org)

### United Nations Association Film Festival

Now in its 16th year, the festival is scheduled for Oct. 12-27, with documentary screenings from various countries planned in Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and San Francisco and at Stanford University. This year's theme is "Individual to Universal," covering such topics as cyberbullying, human trafficking and LGBT refugees. [unaff.org](http://unaff.org) ■

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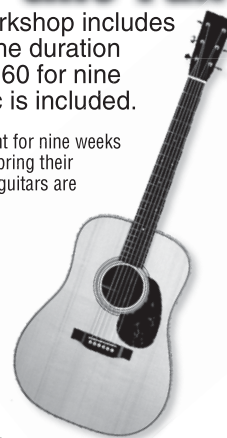
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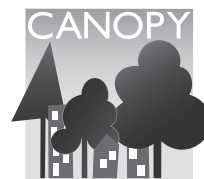


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## Home Front

**GLASS SALE ...** Palo Alto High School will hold its Fiery Arts Fall Glass Sale from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. on **Fridays, Sept. 13 and 20**, at 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto (near the Haymarket Theatre). More than 800 glass pieces, including pumpkins, pears and seashells, will be offered for sale, benefiting the school's Visual Arts Sculpture program and the Glass Studio. The event includes gourmet food trucks and live glass-blowing demonstrations. Information: PalyFieryArts@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/PalyFieryArts or http://palylink.paloaltopt.org/flyers/FieryArts-Sale913.pdf.

**TREE WALK ...** An arborist will lead a free tree walk through the Crescent Park neighborhood from 10 a.m. to noon on **Saturday, Sept. 14**, meeting on Lincoln Avenue, between University and Hamilton, Palo Alto. Expect to see London plane tree, tulip tree, ginkgo, fern pine, saucer magnolia, red horsechestnut, purple-leaf plum and others. Information: www.canopy.org.

**HOME AND GARDEN TOUR ...** The Mountain View Educational Foundation (MVEF) will present "Mountain View Home and Garden Tour 2013" from noon to 4 p.m. (last check-in 3 p.m.) on **Sunday, Sept. 15**. The tour will include four homes in the Martens and Cuesta Park neighborhoods. Tickets are \$25 until Sept. 13 online at mvef.ejoinme.org/hometour or \$30 at the door. Participants are encouraged to walk or bicycle the 1.25 mile route. Information: Alison Barnsley at 650-799-4927 or alison@mvef.org

**FREE FABRIC ...** The next FabMo free fabric distribution event is **Thursday, Sept. 19**, 4 to 8 p.m., **Friday, Sept. 20**, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and **Saturday, Sept. 21**, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are required, to help manage the crowds (email gather.fabrix@me.com with preferred date and time), but some drop-in hours are included. The distribution, with a requested donation, takes place at 2423 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Volunteer greeters and sorters are also needed. Information: www.fabmo.org

**SURVIVE REMODELING ...** Mollyanne Sherman, owner/lead designer of MAC Design, will offer

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Send notices of news and events related to real estate, interior design, home improvement and gardening to Home Front, Palo Alto Weekly, P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto, CA 94302, or email cblitzer@paweeekly.com. Deadline is one week before publication.

## A passion for pickling

*Hidden Villa class will teach how to make sauerkraut, pickled veggies and more*



Veronica Weber



Veronica Weber

Anna Cameron will be teaching her class on lacto-fermentation in the Duveneck house at Hidden Villa, demonstrating how to make fermented vegetables, including kimchi, sauerkraut and pickled peppers.

In Anna Cameron's lacto-fermented veggie class, she'll feature ingredients such as peppers, cucumbers, ginger, garlic, grape leaves and nasturtium pods to create a mixed vegetable crock, kimchi and pickled peppers, bottom right.

by Elena Kadvany

Anna Cameron arrives at an interview at Hidden Villa in Los Altos Hills anything but empty handed.

She brings a cardboard box full of farmers-market-fresh vegetables — zucchini, apples, onions, garlic, ginger, jalapeños — as well as red bell peppers from her own garden. Another box is stocked with different sized mason jars, each full of fermented items she's made, such as sauerkraut, kimchi, preserved lemons, pickled peppers. She sets the jars down next to several books: "Nourishing Traditions: The Cookbook that Challenges Politically Correct Nutrition and the Diet Dictocrats," "Wild Fermentation" and "The Art of Fermentation."

Cameron, who is teaching a class on home fermentation called "Pick a Peck! Lacto-fermented Veggies" at Hidden Villa on Saturday, Sept. 28, is a self-created queen of fermentation. Her class will teach others how to make

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## Pickling

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their own sauerkraut and pickled veggies at home from start to finish, beginning by choosing herbs and vegetables from the Hidden Villa garden and ending with jars full of good-for-you, delicious snacks.

Cameron, a spirited mother of two who lives in Santa Cruz, has been fermenting for about 10 years. She first got into it in 2002 when her 1-year-old son was sick and a homeopathic doctor suggested she read “Nourishing Traditions” by Sally Fallon, which details how to use whey — the liquid remaining after milk has been curdled and strained — to make fermented food and the health benefits of eating such food. She started out making pickles, using just salt and water, no vinegar, to make “classic, sour New-York-style deli pickles,” she said.

Since then, she’s taught herself how to can (not an easy feat), launched her own jam business (called Ladysmith Jams, the namesake of her mother’s birth town in Wisconsin) and began teaching canning and fermentation classes to share the knowledge she’s picked up along the way.

Though Cameron’s mother grew up on a dairy farm in northern Wisconsin where the family canned everything, only going to the store for sugar and coffee, her childhood in San Francisco and San Rafael didn’t include any canning or farm work.

“She was a full-time single mom,” Cameron explained, talking about her mother. “We didn’t can anything. I didn’t know

how to do that at all.”

But Cameron’s grandmother, her mother’s mother, still canned regularly, making her own jams and jellies.

“So my grandma Alice was still in there making jelly, and I feel like I kind of channeled her a little bit. This is in my lineage; this is something I can do. It just got lost for a generation, but we can bring it back. And that’s what so many people are doing. They’re going back into questioning our modern technology and kind of getting back into a slower rhythm, with food especially.”

Eating and making fermented foods is all about this return to roots and healthier eating, Cameron said.

What most people might refer to as pickling is formally called lactic acid bacteria fermentation, lacto-fermentation for short. Depending on what one is making, the process will involve some form of vegetables, filtered water and salt. In Cameron’s class, she will show two ways to ferment: a dry-salt method to make sauerkraut and a brine method to make a mixed-vegetable “crock.”

The sauerkraut begins with finely chopped cabbage — Cameron uses both red and green — layering salt to draw the water out.

“You want it to be a sea salt or a celtic salt or a pink salt,” she said. “One that doesn’t have anti-caking agents or iodine or preservatives in it. Because that’s going to work against what you want to have happen in here, which is the positive bacteria you want to grow.”

The salt interacts with lactic acid on the skin of the vegetables, spurning the



Anna Cameron looks over nasturtium pods at Hidden Villa, a source for one of her fermentation recipes.

creation of positive bacteria called lactobacillus. Lactobacillus is what people are after when they look for healthy probiotics, such as in yogurt. The bacteria helps convert sugars to lactic acid and is lauded for its anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer, probiotic and immune-boosting powers.

With fermented veggies, salt is also key in decreasing the presence of molds and yeasts that you don’t want, Cameron said. Some people might be wary of leaving a water, salt and vegetable mixture open to the air and out of the refrigerator for days at a time, but that’s what allows the positive bacteria to grow.

The flavor of sauerkraut is made with herbs and other additions; Cameron made one with apple and fennel seed the night before the interview.

The second method uses a separate brine to ferment vegetables instead of adding the salt directly. Cameron brought an example of one she made months ago with baby eggplant, jalapeño, garlic cloves, small peppers, grape leaves and dill. The veggies were all packed into a mason jar before Cameron poured a filtered water (no chlorine allowed) and salt mixture on top. The amount of salt that’s added — she recommends one-and-a-half to 3 tablespoons for every quart of wa-

ter — depends on one’s personal taste (or health) preferences.

Cameron does also teach a no-salt method for those who are sodium-averse or have health issues. This uses other spices that perform the same anabolic function as salt such as dill seed, celery seed, coriander or dried seaweed.

She made the point that although fermented items are high-sodium, they’re not meant to be eaten in huge quantities. They’re best served as condiments, salad toppings or sides.

“So you eat a little bit, but eat it all the time, because you’re then constantly replenishing that flora in your system,” she said.

She also thinks that today’s culture is a little bit too antiseptic, and we could all do with a little more bacteria in our systems.

“We are totally germ phobes. We are against bacteria. Anti bacterial everything! Conditioners and soaps and hand soap. So that kills everything. Even the bacteria that you want. Because we have been evolving with bacteria. We need bacteria to live.”

She said what exactly they make in class depends on what she gets from the farmers market that week and what’s growing in the Hidden Villa garden. After choosing some veggies and herbs from the garden — or maybe some nasturtium, whose seeds can be fermented into “fakey capers” and added to pickled mixtures — the class will head up to the Duveneck House kitchen to get started. ■

*Editorial Assistant Elena Kadavy can be emailed at ekadavy@pawebly.com.*



Some of Anna Cameron’s fermented recipes include apple fennel sauerkraut, left, preserved lemons, pickled mixed vegetables and chard stalks with jalapeños (in back).



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**Los Altos**

Total sales reported: **10**  
 Lowest sales price: **\$660,000**  
 Highest sales price: **\$2,700,000**

**Los Altos Hills**

Total sales reported: **2**  
 Lowest sales price: **\$2,595,000**  
 Highest sales price: **\$3,783,000**

**Mountain View**

Total sales reported: **17**  
 Lowest sales price: **\$490,000**  
 Highest sales price: **\$1,756,000**

**Palo Alto**

Total sales reported: **10**  
 Lowest sales price: **\$700,000**  
 Highest sales price: **\$3,060,000**

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**52 Marianna Lane** B. & Z. Abolmolu to Yap Trust for \$2,630,000 on 8/7/13

**Los Altos**

**492 Deodara Drive** Lim Trust to S. Bae for \$2,250,000 on 8/16/13; previous sale 5/91, \$375,000

**150 W. Edith Ave. #9** Bulard Trust to G. Vassileva for \$800,000 on 8/20/13

**1370 Ensenada Way** M. & J. Friesen to P. & K. Patel for \$2,325,000 on 8/16/13; previous sale 7/10, \$1,157,500

**1676 Grant Road** W. Weng to D. Nguyen for \$2,660,000 on 8/20/13; previous sale 3/10, \$1,015,000

**1350 Miravalle Ave.** Sako Trust to Urban West HCC Limited for \$1,800,000 on 8/20/13

**1219 Nightingale Court** Balazs Trust to H. Kotbagi for \$2,220,000 on 8/20/13

**1025 Rilma Lane** Paige Trust to D. & E. Walther for \$2,105,000 on 8/15/13; previous sale 10/91, \$455,000

**540 San Felicia Way** Meade Trust to B. Saik for \$2,075,000 on 8/19/13

**487 Tyndall St. #2** K. & A. Button to J. Hultberg for \$660,000 on 8/16/13; previous sale 6/06, \$545,000

**577 Van Buren St.** White Trust to D. & E. McElhinney for \$2,700,000 on 8/15/13; previous sale 4/06, \$2,909,000

**Los Altos Hills**

**12871 Atherton Court** M. Sheehan to A. Scott for \$2,595,000 on 8/20/13; previous sale 4/07, \$2,328,000

**11210 Hooper Lane** Gray Trust to C. Sun for \$3,783,000 on 8/21/13

**Mountain View**

**128 Ada Ave. #23** J. Cai to Y. Lin for \$746,000 on 8/21/13; previous sale 4/11, \$550,000

**1115 Ana Privada** Bracho Trust to M. Gordon for \$1,250,000 on 8/15/13; previous sale 6/00, \$855,000

**921 Barbara Ave.** Davis Trust to N. & S. Paymer for \$1,305,000 on 8/20/13

**1930 Cappelletti Court** D. Chen to W. & L. Rogers for \$1,285,000 on 8/16/13; previous sale 1/07, \$923,000

**1945 Cappelletti Court** J. & M. Ling to P. & G. Fontes for \$1,170,000 on 8/15/13; previous sale 2/07, \$900,500

**100 W. El Camino Real #42** M. Ho to K. Swaminathan for \$600,000 on 8/21/13; previous sale 7/07, \$589,000

**745 Glenborough Drive** Ertoz Trust to P. Fleig for \$1,590,000 on 8/20/13; previous sale 11/09,

\$1,157,000

**2356 Laura Lane** Slack Trust to E. Greenberg for \$1,050,000 on 8/16/13; previous sale 12/99, \$412,000

**1255 Marilyn Court** Erickson Trust to S. Jang for \$1,580,000 on 8/21/13

**1023 Morton Court** Williams-Ishii Trust to R. Salim for \$1,140,000 on 8/20/13

**968 San Marcos Circle** Gonzalez Trust to D. Holevoet for \$1,015,000 on 8/16/13

**3414 Shady Spring Lane** Clark Trust to Faerber Trust for \$1,756,000 on 8/16/13

**620 Tyrella Ave.** N. & E. Oimstead to S. & O. Kim for \$899,000 on 8/21/13; previous sale 1/07, \$885,000

**365 Tyrella Ave. #A** B. & C. DeZan to Keck Trust for \$490,000 on 8/20/13; previous sale 5/03, \$315,000

**2527 Westford Way** M. & D. Griego to A. Gruenstein for \$1,725,000 on 8/15/13; previous sale 5/89, \$585,000

**928 Wright Ave. #501** L. & S. Solbach to N. Ferris for \$751,000 on 8/16/13; previous sale 2/01, \$500,000

**2676 Yorkton Drive** Driscoll Trust to D. & A. Stutzbach for \$1,565,000 on 8/16/13

**Palo Alto**

**4013 Amaranta Ave.** Simmons Trust to A. Ganapathi for \$1,789,000 on 8/16/13

**611 Barron Ave.** D. Shon to Wong Trust for \$1,350,000 on 8/16/13; previous sale 6/10, \$990,000

**2450 W. Bayshore Road #7** L. & S. Hand to Y. Li for \$700,000 on 8/15/13; previous sale 6/90, \$185,000

**759 Gallen Ave.** Rutledge Trust to Frank Trust for \$1,662,500 on 8/21/13

**631 Georgia Ave.** Franey Trust to S. Yeung for \$1,910,000 on 8/19/13

**130 Iris Way** R. Wang to J. Lai for \$3,060,000 on 8/16/13; previous sale 3/12, \$1,350,000

**1550 Middlefield Road** Stewart Trust to J. Gu for \$2,450,000 on 8/15/13

**3481 South Court** Tsai Trust to Lemonnier Trust for \$2,595,000 on 8/16/13; previous sale 6/01, \$742,000

**2680 Waverley St.** J. & L. Vasquez to R. Wang for \$2,490,000 on 8/16/13

**463 West Meadow Drive** J. & B. Babcock to W. & V. Horiuchi for \$855,000 on 8/16/13; previous sale 4/02, \$485,000

**Redwood City**

**3436 Bay Road** S. Cornejo to C. & A. Barba for \$476,000 on 8/7/13

**31 Lido Circle** W. Chu to Y. Yu for \$880,000 on 8/5/13; previous sale 5/02, \$617,000

**404 Mendocino Way** L. Chu to Owen Trust for \$640,000 on 8/5/13; previous sale 10/09, \$590,000

**360 Mindanao Drive** P. Meacham to C. Fu for \$1,521,000 on 8/7/13; previous sale 3/98, \$652,000

**265 Nevada St.** C. Sundermeier to D. & E. Schanep for \$1,282,000 on 8/7/13; previous sale 9/05, \$1,030,860

**404 Palomar Drive** Simpson-Cervin Trust to J. Jung for \$1,101,500 on 8/7/13; previous sale 7/02, \$610,000

BUILDING PERMITS

**Palo Alto**

**620 Ashton Ave.** new two-story house (2,122 sf) with basement (1,144 sf), attached garage, porches, patios lightwells, two tankless water heaters, \$613,140

**3511 Ross Road** re-roof, \$23,700

**4280 Manuela Ave.** install skylight and ceiling fan in bedroom, \$4,000

**3120 Hansen Way, Bldg. 4** add four footings to support mezzanine, \$n/a

**2450 W. Bayshore Road** repair siding and trim due to dry rot, \$37,000

**537 Hamilton Ave.** demo one-story commercial building, \$n/a

**1844 Guinda St.** remodel kitchen, bathroom, \$17,600; re-roof garage, \$3,248; re-roof main house, \$18,192

**510 Seale Ave.** repair dryrot damage, \$1,875

**2355 Louis Road** remodel two bathrooms, \$10,000

**345 Hamilton Ave.** remodel first, fourth floor for existing tenant, \$800,000

**161 Primrose Way** install pre-manufactured spiral staircase, \$10,440

**332 Carolina Lane** re-roof, \$13,000

**398 Arboretum Road** install two illuminated signs, \$n/a

**2345 Waverley St.** re-roof, \$10,302; re-roof garage, \$2,833

**880 Arroyo Court** re-roof, \$11,120

**479 Martinsen Court** re-roof, \$20,000

**1470 Greenwood Ave. re-roof garage,** \$n/a

**3487 Ross Road** remodel bathroom, \$5,500

**2311 Columbia St.** remodel bathroom, new lighting, \$20,000

**3749 Klamath Lane** add two interior doors, \$200

**730 E. Meadow Drive** re-roof, \$17,650

**1330 California Ave.** add A/C, \$n/a; remodel family room, \$20,000

**1030 Palo Alto Ave.** add two skylights, upgrade windows, \$n/a

**563 Lowell Ave.** remodel kitchen, bath, add laundry, create closet, \$42,084

**3415 Hillview Ave.** VMWare: new office configuration for security office, \$68,000

**59 Tulip Lane** revise trellis, add fireplace, \$n/a

**540 Jackson Drive** re-roof house, \$15,000

**400 Hamilton Ave.** Wells Fargo Bank, install three illuminated wall signs, \$n/a

**160 Webster St.** remodel kitchen

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**Home Front**

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a one-session class called "Surviving Your Remodel Project" from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on **Thursday, Sept. 19**, at Palo Alto High School, Room 1706, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. The class will cover specific steps and resources. Cost is \$40. Information: 650-329-3752 or [www.paadultschool.org](http://www.paadultschool.org)

**GLUTEN FREE ITALIAN ...** Angelica Di Chiara will teach a two-session class, "Gluten Free Italian," from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on **Thursdays, Sept. 19 and 26**, at Palo Alto High School, Room 103, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Session I menu includes Garbanzo Beans Minestra, Curry Lamb with sweet potatoes, Southern Orange Salad and Surprise Dessert; Session II — Turkey Comfort Delight, Sautéed Artichoke Lemon

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**GARDEN IN THE MIND ...** Paul Lee, author of "There is a Garden in the Mind," will give a lecture and do a book signing from 2 to 3 p.m. on **Friday, Sept. 20**, at Filoli, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside. Lee's book deals with work and life of organic farmer Alan Chadwick, including the founding of Chadwick Garden at UC Santa Cruz. Fee, which includes same-day admission to Filoli, is \$35 for nonmembers, \$25 for members. Information: 650-364-8300 or [www.filoli.org](http://www.filoli.org)

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT ...** Folks at the Santa Clara County Vector Control District are recommending that gardeners make an effort to destroy the habitat of the Yellow Fever mosquito, *Aedes aegypti*, which has been seen in Menlo Park near the border of Palo Alto. This is a small, day-biting mosquito, which grows in fairly small receptacles of water commonly found around houses — bird baths, spare tires, buckets, potted plants with saucers, etc. Information: [http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/aquatic/aedes\\_aegypti.htm](http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/aquatic/aedes_aegypti.htm) ■

**Permits**

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en, \$51,000

**2465 Louis Road** replace four windows, three doors, \$9,097

**3275 Louis Road** re-roof, \$15,380

**541 Churchill Ave.** add laundry room, closets at entry, bedroom, \$20,100; upgrade electric service, \$n/a

**432 Spruce Lane** remodel bathroom, \$n/a

**2650 Birch St.** revise plumbing layout in garage, \$n/a

**3420 Hillview Ave. #B** EPRI: tenant improvement, bring bathroom core up to accessibility requirements, \$151,723

**228 Santa Rita Ave.** remove elevator, convert shaft to storage closets, revise bay window, \$n/a

**2341 Tasso St.** re-roof, \$16,500

**789 Holly Oak Drive** remodel bathroom, \$2,500

**3423 Alma Village Lane** gas line for barbecue, \$n/a

**1094 Tanland Drive, Apt. 204** remodel bathroom, kitchen, \$3,000

**1072 Tanland Drive, Apt. 102** remodel bathroom, kitchen, \$3,000

**228 Walter Hays Drive** demo pool, \$n/a

**432 High St., Unit 102** remodel kitchen, \$15,000

**230 Homer Ave.** FlipBoard: tenant improvement, \$135,000; shorten interior wall, \$n/a

**2050 Harvard St.** re-roof, \$10,000

**1711 Webster St.** add vehicle and trash enclosure gates, \$n/a

**311 Hawthorne Ave. Units 311-317** change window and entry door, garage doors, balcony and stair railings, add lights, \$147,447

**319 Hawthorne Ave. Units 319-325** change window and entry door, new porch railing, add lights, \$92,153

**327 Hawthorne Ave. Units 327-**

**339** change window and entry door, new porch railing, add lights, \$99,650

**245 Ramona St.** replace tile in shower, upgrade kitchen, \$4,000

**3476 Greer Road** re-roof, \$10,519

**401 Waverley St.** install four new quad electrical outlets at point of sale, \$n/a

**925 Waverley St.** replace kitchen cabinets, \$100,000

**300 Lowell Ave.** new deck and above-ground spa on dedicated circuit, \$n/a; addition, remodel, convert attic to living space, \$183,000

**4180 Park Blvd.** install new copper pipes, \$n/a

**1626 Madrono Ave.** remodel bathroom, laundry room, install new gas fireplace insert, \$13,500

**261 University Ave.** emergency repair: replace 100amp service panel, \$n/a

**3775 Nathan Way** demo pool, \$n/a

**862 Richardson Court** re-roof, \$19,000

**968 Elsinore Court** re-roof, \$14,250

**4162 King Arthur's Court** re-roof, \$10,800

**4020 Orme St.** replace water heater, \$n/a

**2740 Kipling St.** install furnace in attic, partial re-roof, \$15,000

**723 Garland Drive** demo house and garage, \$n/a

**318 Leland Ave.** replace two windows, change sliding glass door to French door, \$6,300

**885 Oregon Ave.** addition of partial wall, sliding closet doors in bedroom, \$500

**690 N. California Ave.** re-roof, \$13,500

**4010 Nelson Drive** re-roof, \$12,453

**2049 Dartmouth St.** re-roof main house, \$7,776; re-roof gazebo, \$500

**40 Kent Place** remodel kitchen, upgrade electrical, \$28,340

**3375 Kipling St.** re-roof, \$13,780

**2170 Dartmouth St.** remodel

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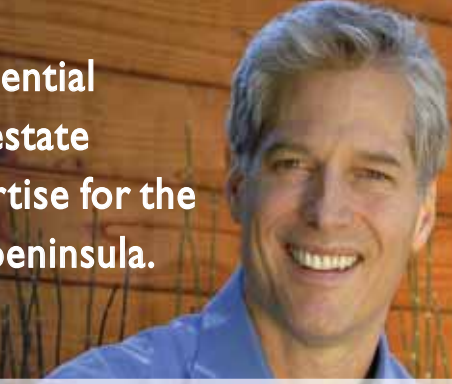
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- 2170 Princeton St.** remodel kitchen, relocate bathroom, update windows, upgrade electrical, new tankless water heater, \$95,000
- 1063 Amarillo Ave.** remodel house, add new trussed room and new clay tile roof, replace nine windows, replace furnace, add A/C, \$62,550
- 2415 High St.** remodel kitchen, \$15,000
- 789 Sutter Ave.** install solar, \$n/a
- 525 University Ave.** Norwest Venture, remodel offices, \$22,000
- 2518 South Court** re-roof, \$10,000
- 308 Lincoln Ave.** seismic upgrade, \$25,000
- 326 University Ave.** Pasta?: replace hood, exterior facade changes, \$20,000
- 2730 Greer Road** remodel kitchen, \$16,400
- 729 Charleston Road** remodel master bathroom, \$7,200
- 3650 La Calle** replace foundation slab at dining room, \$n/a
- 1450 Page Mill Road** Stanford: replace 4-ton gas unit on roof, \$n/a
- 221 Kipling St.** re-roof, \$9,000
- 3720 Redwood Circle** flush-mounted PV system, \$n/a
- 3920 Ventura Court** install receptacles, lights, switch, \$n/a

## RentWatch

# Must a tenant give out a Social Security number?

edited by Martin Eichner



**Q**My family and I moved to our apartment two years ago. We have paid our full rent on time, every month. Last week, the apartment manager said the ownership has a new policy that requires me to give

her my Social Security number. She said if I failed to do so, she would terminate my tenancy.

I don't have a Social Security number. My husband and I are undocumented immigrants from Mexico, and we aren't authorized to get Social Security numbers. I pay taxes using my Taxpayer I.D. number.

When I filled out the rental application two years ago, I gave my Taxpayer I.D. number, a copy of my pay stub and a copy of my consular I.D. I don't see why the owners need a Social Security number now, after two years of being good tenants. There are several Hispanic families in our building, and I think the owners

are trying to find out which families are undocumented. Can the apartment owner evict us now because I don't have a Social Security number or because we are undocumented?

**A**Under California law, housing providers are not allowed in most cases to ask about or demand proof of tenants' immigration status. They can't require proof of immigration status as a part of the application process, and they can't make it a requirement for staying in an apartment. However, a property owner is allowed to ask for the information or documents they need to verify the identity and financial qualifications of a rental applicant.

In your case, you gave the property owner several forms of financial documentation, so it looks like she had enough information to do a credit check and confirm your identity without a Social Security number. If the financial information was insufficient at the time of your application, we would assume you would have been notified at the time of your application. Instead the owners accepted your application and allowed you to occupy the unit.

In addition, you have already been living in the apartment for two years, so it is difficult to imagine any legitimate reason your landlord would need to obtain your Social Security number at this point in your tenancy. It may be the manager or owners suspect you are undocumented and are trying to intimidate you for some reason — perhaps you have asked for repairs. In a building with many Hispanic families, demanding a Social Security number or other proof of immigration status may be an indication of national origin discrimination. You should contact your local fair housing agency to obtain help to preserve your tenancy and respond to the owners' request for your Social Security number. ■

*Martin Eichner edits RentWatch for Project Sentinel, an organization that provides landlord-tenant dispute resolution and fair-housing services in Northern California, including rental-housing mediation programs in Palo Alto, Los Altos and Mountain View. Call 650-856-4062 for dispute resolution or 650-321-6291 for fair housing or email info@housing.org.*

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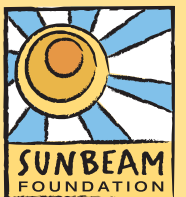
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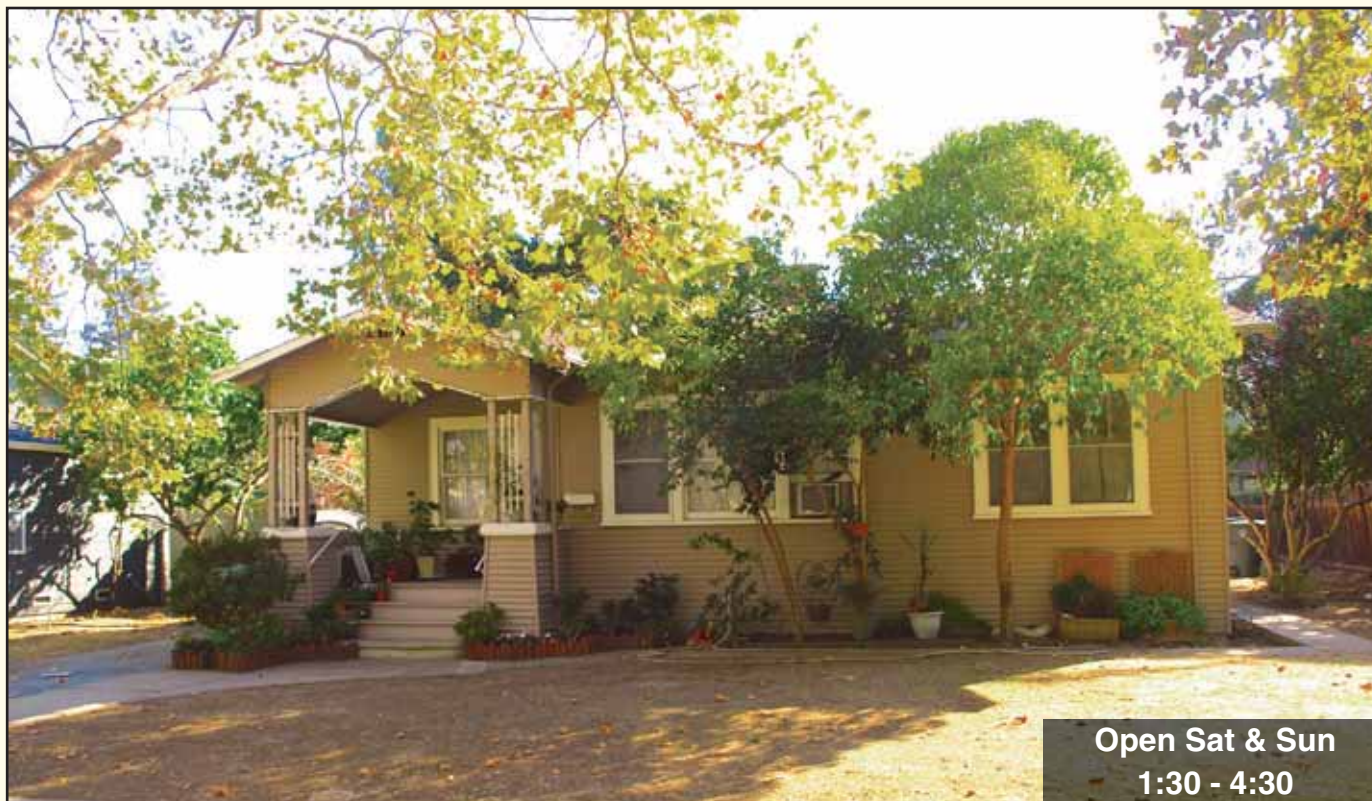
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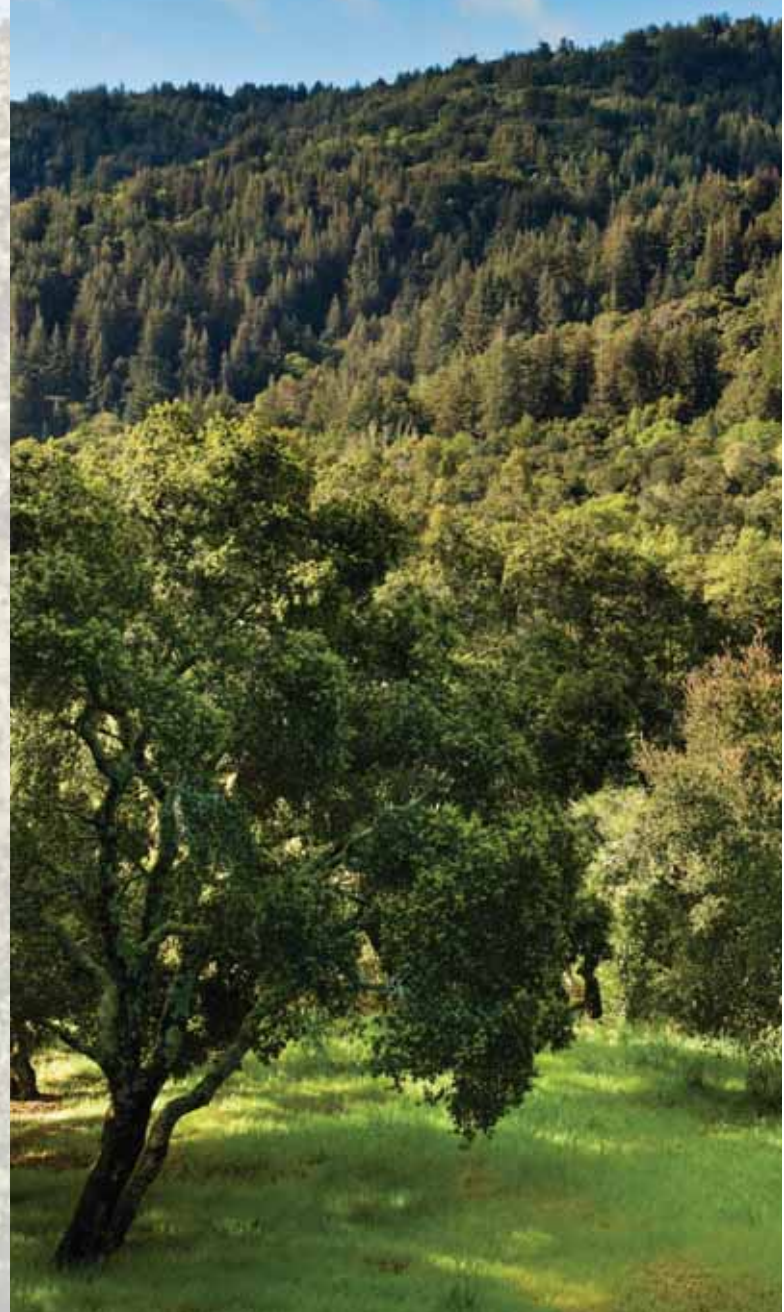
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## ATHERTON

### 4 Bedrooms

<b>79 Normandy Ln</b>	<b>\$3,398,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	323-7751
<b>73 Nora Wy</b>	<b>\$2,788,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	323-7751
<b>187 Atherton Ave</b>	<b>\$6,985,000</b>
Sun Intero Real Estate Services	223-5588

### 5 Bedrooms

<b>351 Stockbridge Av</b>	<b>\$7,925,000</b>
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111

### 6+ Bedrooms

<b>48 Linden Av</b>	<b>\$9,880,000</b>
Sun Deleon Realty	543-8500
<b>91 Mount Vernon Ln</b>	<b>\$5,388,000</b>
Sun atlistings	556-1502
<b>90 Broadacres Rd</b>	<b>\$5,850,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456
<b>19 Prado Secoya St</b>	<b>\$16,950,000</b>
Sun Intero-Woodside	223-5588

## EAST PALO ALTO

### 1 Bedroom - Condominium

<b>1982 W Bayshore Rd #135</b>	<b>\$388,000</b>
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

### 2 Bedrooms - Condominium

<b>1982 W. Bayshore Rd 138</b>	<b>\$589,000</b>
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456

### 3 Bedrooms - Condominium

<b>1982 W Bayshore Rd #120</b>	<b>\$688,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161

## FOSTER CITY

### 1 Bedroom - Condominium

<b>916 Beach Park Bl #68</b>	<b>\$419,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	328-5211

## LOS ALTOS

### 2 Bedrooms - Condominium

<b>106 2nd St # 2</b>	<b>\$999,000</b>
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161

### 4 Bedrooms

<b>1348 Fairway Dr</b>	<b>\$1,898,000</b>
Sat Coldwell Banker	941-7040
<b>733 Covington Rd</b>	<b>\$1,749,000</b>
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111
<b>196 Merritt Rd</b>	<b>\$3,395,000</b>
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111
<b>1720 Parkhills Av</b>	<b>\$1,998,000</b>
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111

### 5 Bedrooms

<b>1820 Austin Av</b>	<b>\$1,998,000</b>
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111

## LOS ALTOS HILLS

### 3 Bedrooms

<b>25700 Bassett Ln</b>	<b>\$3,300,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	941-7040

## FEATURED

### HOME OF THE WEEK



### 1982 W.BAYSHORE RD., #135 EAST PALO ALTO

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### 4 Bedrooms

<b>27464 Altamont Rd</b>	<b>\$4,196,000</b>
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111

### 5 Bedrooms

<b>11640 Jessica Ln</b>	<b>\$4,900,000</b>
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111
<b>12200 Winton Wy</b>	<b>\$3,725,000</b>
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111
<b>14440 Manuella Rd</b>	<b>\$4,380,000</b>
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111
<b>27950 Roble Alto Dr</b>	<b>\$4,250,000</b>
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456

## MENLO PARK

### 2 Bedrooms - Condominium

<b>2140 Santa Cruz Av #B105</b>	<b>\$549,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456

### 2 Bedrooms

<b>250 Newbridge St</b>	<b>\$465,000</b>
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

### 3 Bedrooms - Condominium

<b>300 Sand Hill Ci #202</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456

<b>14 Mansion Ct #714</b>	<b>\$2,495,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	851-2666

### 3 Bedrooms

<b>7 Helen Pl</b>	<b>\$3,275,000</b>
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456
<b>929 Valparaiso Av</b>	<b>\$1,995,000</b>
Sat/Sun Deleon Realty	543-8500
<b>2 Iris Ln</b>	<b>\$829,000</b>
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456

### 4 Bedrooms

<b>757 Harvard Av</b>	<b>\$1,565,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456

### 5 Bedrooms

<b>3617 Oak Dr</b>	<b>\$2,498,000</b>
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111

### 5.5 Bedrooms

<b>2189 Clayton Dr</b>	<b>\$3,995,000</b>
Sun Landmark Properties	(408) 313-1988

## MOUNTAIN VIEW

### 2 Bedrooms - Condominium

<b>278 Monroe Dr #22</b>	<b>\$529,888</b>
Sat 11-3/Sun 1:30-4:30 Coldwell Banker	851-1961

### 3 Bedrooms - Townhouse

<b>2545 W Middlefield Rd</b>	<b>\$895,888</b>
Sat/Sun 10-6 Classic Communities(888) 524-2232	

### 4 Bedrooms

<b>1176 Bonita Av</b>	<b>\$1,399,000</b>
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111
<b>101 Mansfield Dr</b>	<b>\$2,295,000</b>
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111
<b>2702 Saint Giles Ln</b>	<b>\$1,375,000</b>
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	941-7040
<b>463 Whisman Park Dr</b>	<b>\$1,130,000</b>
Sat/Sun Sereno Group	323-1900

### 5 Bedrooms

<b>2722 Saint Giles Ln</b>	<b>\$1,798,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	941-7040
<b>1224 Arbor Ct</b>	<b>\$1,645,000</b>
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	941-7040

## PALO ALTO

### 2 Bedrooms

<b>425 Hale St</b>	<b>\$1,695,000</b>
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161

### 2 Bedrooms - Condominium

<b>610 Middlefield Rd</b>	<b>\$1,080,000</b>
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456

### 3 Bedrooms

<b>355 Channing Av</b>	<b>\$2,995,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161
<b>558 Jackson Dr</b>	<b>\$1,895,000</b>
Sat/Sun Midtown Realty	321-1596
<b>2140 Princeton St</b>	<b>\$1,795,000</b>
Sat/Sun Midtown Realty	321-1596
<b>3396 Park Blvd</b>	<b>\$1,750,000</b>
Sat/Sun Keller Williams Palo Alto	454-8500

### 4 Bedrooms

<b>4301 El Camino Real</b>	<b>\$1,558,888</b>
Sat/Sun 10-6 Classic Communities(877) 332-0783	
<b>3994 Sutherland Dr</b>	<b>\$2,349,000</b>
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456
<b>2710 Ramona St</b>	<b>\$3,595,000</b>
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161
<b>561 Hilbar Ln</b>	<b>\$2,398,000</b>
Sat/Sun 1-5 Deleon Realty	380-1420

### 5 Bedrooms

<b>1820 Bryant St</b>	<b>\$4,100,000</b>
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111
<b>251 Lincoln Av</b>	<b>\$3,800,000</b>
Sat/Sun Keller Williams Palo Alto	454-8500
<b>2303 Cowper St</b>	<b>\$5,198,000</b>
Sun Sereno Group	323-1900

## PORTOLA VALLEY

### 3 Bedrooms

<b>2 Leroy Wy</b>	<b>\$1,498,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	851-1961
<b>190 Escobar Rd</b>	<b>\$2,828,000</b>
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111

### 4 Bedrooms

<b>451 Portola Rd</b>	<b>\$4,995,000</b>
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero-Woodside	206-6200
<b>21 Old Spanish Trail</b>	<b>\$1,395,000</b>
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456
<b>27 Old Spanish Trail</b>	<b>\$1,125,000</b>
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456

### 6+ Bedrooms

<b>316 Golden Hills Dr</b>	<b>\$5,400,000</b>
Sat/Sun 12-4 Coldwell Banker	941-7040

## REDWOOD CITY

### 2 Bedrooms

<b>703 4th Av</b>	<b>\$444,800</b>
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker	323-7751

<b>1052 8th Av</b>	<b>\$499,950</b>
Sat 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	529-1111

### 3 Bedrooms

<b>1870 Stockbridge Av</b>	<b>\$1,197,500</b>
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111
<b>234 Madison Av</b>	<b>\$799,000</b>
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161
<b>1292 Fernside Dr</b>	<b>\$929,000</b>
Sun 2-4:30 Oliver Luxury Real Estate	321-8900

### 4 Bedrooms

<b>1185 Marsh Rd</b>	<b>\$789,000</b>
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111
<b>531 Beresford Av</b>	<b>\$2,498,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	323-7751
<b>900 Nob Hill Rd</b>	<b>\$2,799,000</b>
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	529-1111
<b>978 Emerald Hill Rd</b>	<b>\$1,349,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	323-7751
<b>2470 Park Rd</b>	<b>\$1,788,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	323-7751

## SAN CARLOS

### 3 Bedrooms

<b>1201 Oak St</b>	<b>\$879,000</b>
Sat/Sun 2-4 Coldwell Banker	325-6161

## SAN JOSE

### 2 Bedrooms -

<b>880 Catkin Ct</b>	<b>\$379,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456

### 3 Bedrooms - Townhouse

<b>359 Bautista Pl</b>	<b>\$595,000</b>
Sat/Sun 1-5 Coldwell Banker	324-4456

## SANTA CLARA

### 3 Bedrooms - Townhouse

<b>2572 Knightsbridge Ln</b>	<b>\$529,000</b>
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	328-5211

## WOODSIDE

### 3 Bedrooms

<b>4255 Jefferson Av</b>	<b>\$1,998,000</b>
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	529-1111
<b>52 Morse Ln</b>	<b>\$1,595,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	851-2666
<b>50 Big Pine Rd</b>	<b>\$1,800,000</b>
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	529-1111
<b>255 Glenwood Ave</b>	<b>\$1,295,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	851-2666

### 4 Bedrooms

<b>240 Allen Rd</b>	<b>\$2,498,000</b>
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker	328-5211
<b>275 Josselyn Ln</b>	<b>\$8,900,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	851-2666
<b>2 Bridle Ln</b>	<b>\$5,295,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	851-2666
<b>3100 Woodside Rd</b>	<b>\$3,850,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	851-2666
<b>2145 Ward Wy</b>	<b>\$2,849,000</b>
Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111
<b>20 Big Pine Rd</b>	<b>\$1,425,000</b>
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	529-1111
<b>120 Summerhill Ln</b>	<b>\$2,495,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	851-2666

### 5 Bedrooms

<b>85 Roan Pl</b>	<b>\$2,495,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456
<b>418 Albion Av</b>	<b>\$5,885,000</b>
Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456
<b>245 Brookwood Rd</b>	<b>\$3,950,000</b>
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	529-1111
<b>580 Eleanor Dr</b>	<b>\$4,300,000</b>
Sun Keller Williams Palo Alto	454-8500

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operable via remote control; central vacuum system; central air conditioning; room-to-room intercom, CAT-5 network wiring; ready for home theater; pre-wired for security & surround sound system; and laundry chute. The secluded backyard with its lush, expansive lawn, blooming garden, and border of beautiful mature trees, creates a sense of serenity and wellbeing.

The moment you step into this exquisite home, you'll be overcome by its subtle loveliness and comfort. Elegant, welcoming, and perfect in every way, this home is a rare gem and a timeless delight.

**Offered at \$4,995,000**

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**Atherton** **\$5,850,000**  
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**Palo Alto** **\$4,995,000**  
By Appointment Only! Striking architectural features & designer materials! Incomparable 10 yr new English Tudor 7 BR/7.5 BA

Judy Shen BRE #01272874 650.328.5211



**Los Altos Hills** **\$4,250,000**  
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 27950 Roble Alto Dr Must see! This luxuriously appointed home is a private oasis of sumptuous comfort. 5 BR/5.5 BA  
Jackie & Richard Schoelerman  
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**Palo Alto** **\$2,995,000**  
Sun 1:30 - 4:30 355 Channing Av Downtown PA, 9 Years New! Walk to downtown PA. Many upgrades. HW floors, private yard. Sep studio is 3rd bd & bath. 3 BR/3.5 BA  
Susie Dews & Shena Hurley BRE #00781220 & 01152002 650.325.6161



**Woodside** **\$2,498,000**  
Sun 1 - 4 240 Allen Rd Must See! Extensively and beautifully remodeled home. Breathtaking view of forest and ocean. 4 BR/3.5 BA  
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**Portola Valley** **\$1,945,000**  
Sunny, architect designed home in a beautiful .98 ac woodland setting. Aprx. 6 min to 280. 4 BR/3.5 BA  
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**Palo Alto** **\$1,695,000**  
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 425 Hale St It's A Gem! Delightful bungalow close to town. Courtyard entry. Study/den. Large kitchen. Oak floors. 2 BR/1 BA  
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**Menlo Park** **\$1,565,000**  
Sun 1:30 - 4:30 757 Harvard Ave Allied Arts charmer! Eat-in Kitchen w/FR Formal LR/DR, Basement bonus room. Excellent MP schools. 4 BR/3.5 BA  
Karin Riley BRE #01725481 650.324.4456



**Woodside** **\$1,549,000**  
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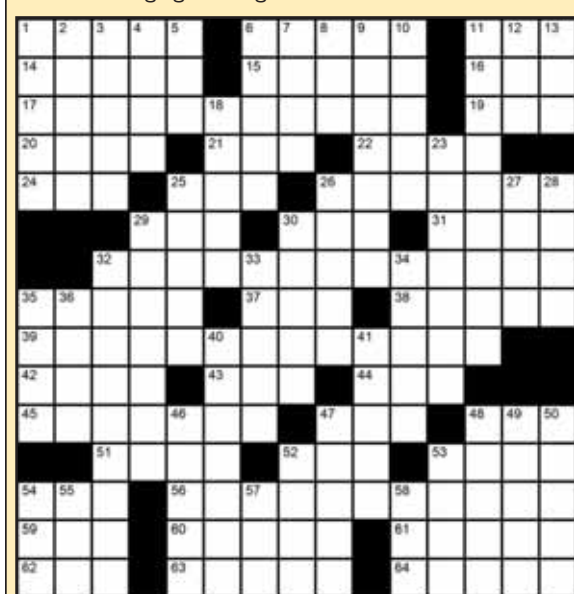
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- Across**
- Super guy?
  - Nigeria's capital since 1991
  - On the double
  - Adjust to fit
  - "What's Happening!!" role
  - Galena, for one
  - Following the "Whip It" band closely?
  - Put down the first card
  - Bar selections
  - Bumped into
  - Game played "with my little eye"
  - Fellas
  - Blogger Wheaton of interest to geeks everywhere
  - Where cats get chased
  - Film studio site
  - Fidel cohort
  - This, in Tijuana
  - Punk gymnast popular in the 1980s?
  - Telenovelas, in English
  - Joint owners' pronoun
  - Slot machine spinners
  - Hero with a black mask and a big chin?
  - Fisher of "Arrested Development"
  - Choose
  - Creator of M and Q
  - Manager's lists
  - Obama's mother \_\_\_ Dunham
  - Breakfast drinks, briefly
  - Like grapefruit juice
  - Award bestowed by Queen Eliz.
  - Thought
  - Norm on a golf course
  - What haters of Miley's August spectacle wanted from the media?
  - Compadre
  - Arctic dweller
  - Remains neutral?
  - 1980s "truly outrageous" cartoon
  - "Melrose Place" actor Rob
  - Shannon formerly of "SNL"
- Down**
- Bordello big shot
  - "21" singer
  - Baltimore player
  - Wall St. events
  - Mel with 1,860 RBI
  - "The Little Mermaid" role
  - Orion feature
  - Mentalist Geller
  - Gin flavoring
  - Nervous state
  - Tennis racket string material
  - "Forgot About \_\_\_" (2000 single featuring Eminem)
  - End-of-proof abbr.
  - "Jaws" resort
  - 11- or 12-year-old
  - What things could always be
  - Spock crewmate
  - Alex who starred in 2007's "The Water Horse" (anagram of LEET)
  - Opposite of "avec"
  - Rio de \_\_\_ (Buenos Aires' river)
  - Word after food or kangaroo
  - Powerful whirlpool
  - Plays over and over
  - Keyboard instrument
  - "\_\_\_ It Up" (Bob Marley)
  - Very, melodramatically
  - TV host Graham and boxer Ken, for two
  - Bay Area football player, for short
  - "Journey to \_\_\_" ("Sesame Street" feature)
  - Aids a criminal
  - "Island of the Blue Dolphins" author Scott
  - Singer whose surname is Kilcher
  - Unwilling to be talked down to
  - Boo-boo
  - \_\_\_-European languages
  - Brown bag staple, informally
  - "Chances \_\_\_"
  - Boy king of Egypt
  - Sister of Khloe and Kourtney

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**995 Fictitious Name  
Statement**

SU HONG EATERY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 581369  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Su Hong Eatery, located at 4256 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: A Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
DAVID D. KING, INC.  
4256 El Camino Real  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/11/96.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 5, 2013.  
(PAW Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 2013)

Bookshare  
Bookshare.org  
Martus  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 581476  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Bookshare, 2.) Bookshare.org, 3.) Martus, located at 480 California Ave. #201, Palo Alto, CA, 94306, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: A Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
Beneficent Technology, Inc.  
480 California Ave. #201  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/31/2004.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 8, 2013.  
(PAW Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 2013)

SCOOP MICROCREAMERY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 581620  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Scoop Microcreamery, located at 203 University Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: A Corporation.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
JUICED, INC.  
1734 W. El Camino Real #8  
Mtn. View, CA 94040  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Not Applicable.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 13, 2013.  
(PAW Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 2013)

PALO ALTO PSYCHOLOGY GROUP  
THE PALO ALTO PSYCHOLOGY GROUP  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 581567  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Palo Alto Psychology Group, 2.) The Palo Alto Psychology Group, located at 417 Tasso Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301, USA, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: Joint Venture.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
JASON ANGEL  
2515 Octavia Street #1  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
JENNIFER NAM  
2515 Octavia Street #1  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
JULIA AUSTIN  
2515 Octavia St. #1  
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Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Not Applicable.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 12, 2013.  
(PAW Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 2013)

TRAN SOOD LAW FIRM, A  
PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 582050  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Tran Sood Law Firm, A Professional Law Corporation, located at 2225 E. Bayshore Road, Suite 200, Palo Alto, CA 94303, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: A Corporation.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
TRAN SOOD LAW FIRM, A  
PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION  
1551 McCarthy Blvd., Suite 204  
Milpitas, CA 95035  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 01/01/2008.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 22, 2013.  
(PAW Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2013)

PALO ALTO ORTHODONTICS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 581777  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Palo Alto Orthodontics, located at 905 Middlefield Rd., St. #A, Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: A Corporation.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
JENNY YOO, DMD, MS, INC.  
905 Middlefield Rd. #A  
Palo Alto, CA 94301  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8/2/13.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 16, 2013.  
(PAW Aug. 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13, 2013)

EDIBLE URBAN FARM COMPANY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 581952  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Edible Urban Farm Company, located at 436 Lerida Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94024, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
EDIBLE URBAN FARM, LLC  
436 Lerida Avenue  
Los Altos, CA 94024  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: Not Applicable.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 21, 2013.  
(PAW Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2013)

ANANDA VALLEY FARM  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 581869  
The following person (persons) is (are)

doing business as:  
Ananda Valley Farm, located at 2171 El Camino, Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: A Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
ANANDA FARM  
2171 El Camino  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on: 7/23/2013.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 20, 2013.  
(PAW Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2013)

BAO LONG INTERNATIONAL TRADING  
SYSTEMS  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 582160  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
BAO Long International Trading Systems, located at 4294 Wilkie Way Apt.-D, Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
SHENG RONG MA  
4294 Wilkie Way Apt.-D  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: Not Applicable.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 26, 2013.  
(PAW Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2013)

CARE GROUP  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 252218  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Care Group, located at 2325 Armada Way, San Mateo, CA 94404, San Mateo County.

The principal place of business is in San Mateo County and a current Fictitious business name statement is on file at the County clerk-recorder's office of said County.  
This business is owned by: A Corporation.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
FINE PRIVATE LIVING  
2325 Armada Way  
San Mateo, CA 94404  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on Not Applicable.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 27, 2013.  
(PAW Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2013)

CYPRESS NATURAL MEDICINE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 581642  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Cypress Natural Medicine, located at 359 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: A Corporation.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
CYPRESS NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE, INC.  
359 Middlefield Rd.  
Palo Alto, CA 94301  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 1/30/06.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 13, 2013.  
(PAW Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2013)

INFINITE BEAUTY  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 581479  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Infinite Beauty, located at 267 University Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: A Corporation.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
NATURE'S ELITE, INC.  
3000 NE 30th Pl. #409  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: Not Applicable.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 8, 2013.  
(PAW Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2013)

BOXWERKS LLC  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT  
File No.: 582377  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Boxwerks LLC, located at 1332 Parkinson Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
BOXWERKS LLC  
1332 Parkinson Ave.  
Palo Alto, CA 94301  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: Not Applicable.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on September 3, 2013.  
(PAW Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2013)

LM DESIGN  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 582270  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
LM Design, located at 438 Chaucer Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
ELISABETH MALLOW  
438 Chaucer St.  
Palo Alto, CA 94301  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: 8/27/2013.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 29, 2013.  
(PAW Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2013)

LET'S GO TUTORING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 581711  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Let's Go Tutoring, located at 1319 White Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95051, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
PHILLIP LEE  
1319 White Drive  
Santa Clara, CA 95051  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: Not Applicable.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 15, 2013.  
(PAW Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 2013)

SAGE CREEK HORTICULTURE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: 582338  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Sage Creek Horticulture, located at 741 Josina Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
SUSAN STANSBURY  
741 Josina Ave.  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on: Not Applicable.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on August 30, 2013.  
(PAW Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 2013)

**997 All Other Legals**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
ERIC RAU  
Case No.: 1-13-PR-173106  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ERIC RAU.  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: GERALD S. RAU in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. The Petition for Probate requests that: GERALD S. RAU be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before

taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on September 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 3 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:  
/s/ Deborah G. Kramer Radin  
Kramer Radin, LLP  
280 Second Street, Suite 100  
Los Altos, CA 94022  
(650)941-8600  
(PAW Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13, 2013)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: NENG-MING WANG  
Case No.: 1-13-PR173134  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of NENG-MING WANG.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: KEVIN HSING-YI WANG in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. The Petition for Probate requests that: KEVIN HSING-YI WANG be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on October 2, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 3 Probate, of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California

law.  
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for Petitioner:  
/s/ John P. Golden  
Basye & Golden,  
160 Bovet Road, Suite 305  
San Mateo, CA 94402  
(650)345-3650  
(PAW Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2013)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
Date of Filing Application: September 3, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:  
The Name(s) of Applicant(s) is/are: CHACKTONG LOUIE, JANET H LOUIE  
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:  
2107 & 2111 El Camino Real  
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(PAW Sept. 13, 20, 27, 2013)



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C R O S S W O R D S



# Sports Shorts

**OF LOCAL NOTE . . .** Palo Alto High grad **Davante Adams** of Fresno State caught a five-yard touchdown pass in the Bulldogs' 41-25 victory over visiting Cal Poly on Saturday night. The TD reception gives him 10 straight games, dating to last season, where he caught at least one touchdown pass -- the longest such streak in the nation . . . Menlo School grad **Jerry Rice Jr.** made his debut with UNLV on Saturday, catching one pass for six yards during a 58-13 loss to Arizona. Rice originally attended UCLA before transferring . . . Palo Alto High grad **Grant Raffel** was named male Athlete of the Week at Williams College. Raffel, a freshman, led the men's golf team in his collegiate debut at the Bowdoin Invitational last weekend. On Day 1, he shot an impressive 76, the second-best score for the Ephs. The next day, he battled tough conditions to pull out an 80, leading to a two-day total of 156, a team best. His score of 156 earned him seventh place at the Invitational, just eight shots out of first place. "As a first-year, coming in to his first collegiate tournament, he had a great performance and really led the team," said Williams head coach Josh Hillman. "He finished seventh overall, which is a nice feather in his cap."

**ALL-AMERICANS . . .** The Stanford Water Polo Club was well-represented, both boys and girls, on the 2013 Junior Olympic All-American squads announced last week. For the boys, the Stanford 12-under squad that finished second in the Platinum Division place **Alexander Nemeth** and **Larsen Weigle** on the First Team, while **Jayden Kunwar** and **Sam Untrecht** made the Second Team. The Stanford 14-under team placed **Kyle Rumpitz** on Honorable Mention following a 12th-place finish. The 16-under squad that also finished second in the Platinum Division placed **Nick Bisconti** and **Nelson Perla-Ward** on the First Team plus **Jacob Pickard** and **Michael Swart** on the Second Team. The 18-under All-American team included **Will Runkel** of the Stanford Red team on the Honorable Mention squad. For the girls, Stanford's 16-under squad that finished seventh overall placed **Kristen Denney** and **Samantha Ackler** on the Honorable Mention unit. The 18-under team got **Caroline Anderson** on Honorable Mention, as well, following a 10th-place finish last month in Orange County.

## ON THE AIR

### Saturday

**Football:** Stanford at Army, 9 a.m.; CBS Sports Network; KNBR (1050 AM); KZSU (90.7 FM)

### Thursday

**Women's soccer:** St. Mary's at Stanford, 7 p.m.; Pac-12 Network

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After catching only one pass last season, junior wide receiver Devon Cajuste hauled in three passes for 64 yards, including a 40-yard TD reception, during Stanford's 34-13 season-opening victory over San Jose State last Saturday night. He'll be back in action Saturday morning at Army.

## STANFORD FOOTBALL

# Receiving corps in good hands

*Cajuste's effort in season-opening win offers solid expectations for the passing game*

by Rick Eymmer

Stanford junior wide receiver Devon Cajuste rarely watches television, let alone college football games. Growing up in Seaford, N.Y., it was easy enough to skip over Stanford games.

Cajuste knew what he wanted, though, when it came time to commit to college. His only serious decision was between Harvard and Stanford, and Cardinal coach David Shaw promised to give him a chance at wide receiver.

Every other school who approached Cajuste wanted him as a tight end. At an imposing 6-foot-4, 228 pounds, he would have fit right in.

Cajuste did not want to just "fit in." Instead, he wanted to stand out, which he does as a wide receiver.

Cajuste will be the starting wide receiver for the fifth-ranked Cardinal (1-0), when it takes on host Army (1-1) at West Point's Miche

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While other schools wanted to make him a tight end, Stanford gave Devon Cajuste a chance to play wide receiver.

# Palo Alto celebrates a special football anniversary

*Palo Alto High has played football for 103 years. During that time, the Vikings have compiled six perfect seasons. Only one of those teams, however, ever registered six shutouts in a single season. That came in 1963. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of that special season, 1968 Palo Alto grad Bo Crane chronicles the highlights.*

by Bo Crane

It was Oct. 4, 1963. With one minute left in the third quarter, the Cubberley Cougars scored a touchdown and extra point to go ahead of Palo Alto, 26-21. It was the third overall, and first league game, of the season for both teams. It also was the last time that year that any team would score against the Vikings.

In the fourth quarter, Paly scored following a fumble recovery and came away with a 28-26 victory. What followed was one of the most remarkable local high school seasons, as the Vikings shut out the rest of their opponents by scores of 28-0, 33-0, 39-0, 39-0, 39-0 and 27-0 to finish off a 9-0 campaign.

Hopes were high for the 1963

Paly football team under first-year coach Jim Fairchild. A year earlier, the team had begun with four shutouts but lost to Carlmont, 19-18, to share the championship of the South Peninsula Athletic League.

The day before the season began, the front page of The Palo

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# Trip to Texas offers Menlo a 'Friday Night Lights' experience

*Knights take away much more from their unique out-of-state excursion than just a tough 84-49 shellacking in season opener*

by Keith Peters

The big-screen movie "Friday Night Lights" from 2004 shined a big light on high school football in Texas. That was followed by a long-running and popular television series by the same name.

The Menlo School football team got a chance to be a part of that

real-life experience last weekend when it traveled to Texas to face San Angelo Central under the lights, albeit Saturday night.

"Great experience," said Menlo Athletic Director Craig Schoof, who made the trip. "Truly, Friday Night Lights. Boy, football is really king in Texas! Everyone in town was extremely friendly and

helpful."

San Angelo Central plays in the same district as Permian, Odessa and Midland, among others. All three schools were featured in the movie and TV series, with Permian being the focus of the story about the 1988 team that reached the 5A state finals before losing. Permian went on to win the state

crown in 1989.

Menlo, meanwhile, came away from its season opener with a resounding 84-49 loss and, perhaps, with a better appreciation of what Texas football is all about.

"We had a fantastic experience," said Knights' head coach Mark Newton.

But, as for the game . . .

"We set up four TDs for them with uncharacteristic turnovers," said Newton. "The last score of the game was a forward pass called a fumble that, if ruled a fumble, was not in San Angelo Central possession when the player went out of bounds. So,

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## PALO ALTO FOOTBALL 1963 ANNIVERSARY

### 50 years ago

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Alto Times covered a Birmingham funeral: "They did not die in vain," said Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., before grieving thousands buried three Negro girls killed in a bomb blast during Sunday school.

Through television, events occurring in Alabama no longer seemed so far away. The ending of the Civil War was not a century old and segregation still carried political weight in the South. Meanwhile, on the Peninsula, the presence of racially isolated neighborhoods indicated that inequality existed here, as well.

In September of '63, Paly opened in Oakland against Castlemont and, after trailing 13-7, won by 19-13 with senior fullback Marty Brill scoring two touchdowns. The next week, the Vikings crushed Blackford of San Jose, 33-7.

As Gunn High did not exist at the time, the following week was for the unofficial City Championship between Palo Alto's only two high schools — Paly, founded in 1897, and Ellwood P. Cubberley, opened in 1956 and named for a long-time Stanford dean.

During the previous season, Paly had only squeaked by Cubberley, 13-7. Going into the '63 game, Cubberley had one tie and one close loss to two San Jose high schools.

I was a member of the Jordan Junior High eighth-grade flag football team at the time and had been following Paly football for a few years. In recent years, the Palo Alto Times had printed out color team photos of the annual all-league players, such as Bob Twelvetrees, Lauri Capitelli, Hank Wilmer — clippings I kept and names that still reverberate with me.

It was the first week of October with clear skies, big leaves starting to fall and evenings beginning to cool. The Paly-Cubberley game was hyped in the sports pages of the Times, comparing position players and predicting the outcome. There was an anticipatory buzz about the game. Several of my eighth-grade teammates sought rides to the Paly field. I didn't go, but the paper said 4,500 attended.

Meanwhile, the front page of the Times that Friday carried the story that the United States was "running into problems" in Viet Nam (spelled as two words in those days). In two years, according to the article, American advisor deaths from hostile action were 59. How different this story would be in four years when the then-high school seniors were scheduled to graduate from college, losing their military draft student deferments.

That day, Oct. 4, 1963, Paly opened



Paly coach Bill Fairchild had perfect year.



Palo Alto quarterback Bill Lerch (12) guided the team to nine straight wins.

with an onside kickoff, recovered and scored a touchdown in four plays. Cubberley followed with its own touchdown, but missed the extra point.

Brill scored a short touchdown following a halfback Tim Barnes 53-yard run, but Cubberley scored two more touchdowns and Paly trailed at halftime, 19-14.

Though Brill missed the second half with a sprained ankle, the Vikings' offense maintained ball control for all but nine plays in the second half. Barnes gained 154 yards with two five-yard TD runs. Paly quarterback Bill Lerch completed 4 of 7 passes for 52 yards, ran for one extra point and passed twice for two more.

Following Paly's fumble recovery, a few plays later, Barnes punched over for the winning touchdown, followed by the extra point for a 28-26 lead. On defense, Lerch's interception of Cubberley quarterback Tom Kmetovic's pass ended the

Cougars' last drive as Paly ran out the clock.

Now exclusively against league opponents, Paly next played Menlo-Atherton with Barnes gaining 122 yards and scoring one touchdown. End Rick Bishop caught a fumble in midair and raced 35 yards for a touchdown during the 28-0 win.

Woodside, the following week, was expected to be a tougher match. Barnes got 130 yards and scored three touchdowns. Brill got 72 yards on 16 carries plus a touchdown and the Vikes rolled, 33-0.

Ravenswood fell the following week, 39-0. Barnes got 106 yards and returned a punt 57 yards, plus scored two other touchdowns.

In a 39-0 win over San Carlos in Week 7, Barnes scored on a 32-yard and a 64-yard pass reception.

Against Carlmont on Nov. 17, during a third-straight 39-0 victory, Barnes gained

166 yards and scored four touchdowns, two on runs over 20 yards.

That brought the season to the annual Little Big Game between Paly and Sequoia, scheduled for Thanksgiving Day.

The series began in 1915 when both schools played rugby. The first football game was in 1920. The game had, for decades, traditionally been played in Stanford Stadium the Thursday after Stanford and Cal played in the real Big Game.

On that Friday, Nov. 22, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. In my Jordan classroom, a television was brought in and we watched silently the bulletins, all the way to Walter Cronkite's somber announcement of the president's death. The Times, an afternoon paper, covered the shocking event.

The Big Game at Stanford was postponed a week. Lee Harvey Oswald was shot on live TV on Sunday. Kennedy's funeral was covered live on Monday.

By Wednesday, the sports page was back to the next day's Thanksgiving game. Sequoia was 6-2, having lost to nonleague opponent Bellarmine and to Woodside, by a touchdown each game.

In the Times' game preview of a position by position comparison, Paly halfback Tim Barnes, the best runner in the league, was considered a "toss-up" against Sequoia's Gary Beban, the best passer as a halfback in the Cherokees' antiquated single-wing formation.

After gaining 86 yards in eight carries, Barnes hurt his knee in the second quarter. Replacing Barnes was Dave Hinckley, who scored on a Statue of Liberty Play — plucking the ball from behind, off the quarterback's throwing position.

Thomson intercepted two of Beban's passes, returning one 98 yards. Lerch had five completions in six attempts while Beban was 7-of-23. Brill carried 19 times for 86 yards as Paly out-gained Sequoia, 409 yards to 172, and won 27-0, capping off six shutouts in a row and a perfect 9-0 season.

(Palo Alto would not have another unbeaten season until 2010, when it captured its first state championship while finishing 14-0).

Every one of the Paly starters in 1963 received some sort of all-league recognition.

That 1963 season saw the last year of the Kennedy administration, a historical year in the Civil Rights movement and also in the escalating Viet Nam conflict. In September, just prior to the high school football season, the Beach Boys had released what became their hit song, "Catch a Wave", with the lyric "catch a wave and you're sittin' on top of the world."

Fifty years ago, that's where the 1963 Palo Alto High football team wound up. ■



Palo Alto's 1963 team was one of the most successful in school history with a 9-0 mark.





# STANFORD NOTEBOOK

by Rick Eyrer

It's military week for the Stanford football team, which takes on Army on Saturday morning in West Point.

"We're playing against young men that are willing to do some of the things that we're not willing to do down the road," said Stanford head coach David Shaw said. "Our freedom is in their hands. We love them, we appreciate them."

The fifth-ranked Cardinal (1-0) has plenty of connections to the military, beginning with Shaw's father, Willie Shaw, who enlisted in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, serving in the mid-1960s, just as things were getting nasty.

"I have the utmost respect for our servicemen," Cardinal running back Tyler Gaffney said. "I've heard so much about West Point. They are all about details."

Stanford wide receiver Devon Cajuste has a sister who served in the army.

Stanford flew to New York on Thursday, allowing an extra day to adjust to the time change (the kickoff is scheduled for 9 a.m. PDT).

Shaw organized a bus tour to peruse the buildings on campus Friday for his players to learn about Army's history before playing near the banks of the Hudson River at Michie Stadium on Saturday.

"I'm going to be a tourist for a little bit," Shaw said of the hallowed ground on which officers of every rank have walked, including George Armstrong Custer, Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant. "I'm going to take pictures."

As for the game, Stanford's rush defense will be put to the test. Army led the nation in rushing last year, utilizing a triple-option offense.

"I respect what they do. I really do," Shaw said. "They're determined to do what they do and do it as well as they can do it. And they challenge you to stop it."

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Stanford safety Ed Reynolds has been named the Lott IMPACT Player of the Week in an announcement from the Foundation on Monday.

The 6-foot-2, 206-pound senior from Orange Park, Fla., had a team-high 12 tackles and one interception in Stanford's victory over San Jose State on Saturday night.

In recognition of Reynolds' performance, the Pacific Club IMPACT Foundation, sponsors of the Lott IMPACT Trophy,

will make a \$1,000 donation to the general scholarship fund at Stanford.

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Stanford's game against visiting Arizona State on Sept. 21 will kick off at 4 p.m., and will be broadcast live nationally on FOX.

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On the heels of its season-opening victory over San Jose State in front of a sold-out crowd of 50,424, Stanford ticket sales have continued at a rapid pace. As of Tuesday morning, all mini-plans are now sold out in addition to individual tickets for the Nov. 7 Oregon game being sold out.

Tickets for UCLA and Notre Dame previously sold out and only limited quantities remain for the Arizona State (Sept. 21, 4 p.m.), Washington (Oct. 5) and Cal (Nov. 23) games.

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The East Coast trip serves a couple of purposes. It allows players from the East to play in front of family and friends. It also serves recruiting, by allowing Stanford coaches to visit high schools and see potential recruits on both Thursday and Friday.

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Much is being made of Stanford's size advantage over Army.

"The problem is, a lot of times when you're going against smaller guys, the smaller guys are quicker," Shaw said. "It's hard sometimes for big guys to get down against guys that are smaller than them. We have to be ready for movement, a lot of slants and twists, and guys moving up front in different combinations."

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Shaw was pleased with Hogan's performance against San Jose State (17-27-207, 2 TDs, 0 INT), but said the quarterback was not too happy with a couple of passes that overshot their targets.

"It's excitement," Shaw said. "Devon's open in the corner, he got really excited and he launched that thing. Ty Montgomery had a double move and was splitting the safety and the corner, and he launched it. He got so excited."

"Just make the throw. He saw it, he read it, he did everything right until the throw. By coaching standards, he's still a freshman. He's only started six games. He hasn't started 12 games yet. We have to remember, he's still young."

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-- Dave Kiefer of Stanford Athletics contributed

## Receivers

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Stadium on Saturday at 9 a.m.

"Of all the schools who offered, Stanford was the only one willing to give me a chance at wide receiver," Cajuste said. "My dad always said not to let anybody tell what I could not do. I wanted to try the position."

Stanford has a history of giving under-sized (Ken Margerum, Troy Walters) and unconventional (Greg Camarillo, Ryan Whalen) athletes a chance at wide receiver. It has paid off for the Cardinal.

Cajuste, who caught his first career touchdown pass in Stanford's 34-13 victory over San Jose State last Saturday, seems to be the latest of the series — even though he's bigger than his predecessors.

"He's a freak athlete," Stanford running back Tyler Gaffney said. "Unfortunately he got hurt early in his freshman year. It was inspiring just to watch him work his way back."

He caught one pass for seven yards as a sophomore and then caught three passes for 64 yards, including a 40-yard scoring reception, in the win over the Spartans.

"You have to take steps," Cajuste said of earning his starting spot. "At first I wanted to be the scout team Player of the Week, then I wanted to play. Catching my first touchdown pass was the latest goal. I haven't thought about the next one yet."

Maybe he could think up a way of keeping the football following his next touchdown pass. He thought about it last week but erred on the side of caution.

He described the catch as "a normal catch in practice with Kevin Hogan. I wasn't nervous because I had practice that catch a million times. Why over think it?"

Cajuste knew he could be playing an important role this season and took it as an opportunity. He had been working toward this most of his football life.

"My sense of confidence went up," Cajuste said. "I knew I would play a key role and the idea was to have fun. Game day meant the same composure as practice. I trusted in Kevin to get me the ball and he trusted in me to catch it. It's very comfortable."

His father, Gregory, served in the Marines. He has a sister who served in the army. He knew he could trust what his father told him and developed a love for running because of him.

"For a while my dad could beat my dog ('Rocky') in a race," Cajuste said. "I got his speed. I always love to run. I'd randomly start racing down the block."

Cajuste figures he has an advantage over smaller defensive backs because of his size and speed. He wanted to play outside "for the glory of the big catch," he said.

He began playing football on the defensive side of the ball ("I was born on defense," he said) and as a freshman outside linebacker



Hector Garcia-Molina/stanfordphoto.com

After missing games with an injury last season, Ty Montgomery came out strong in Saturday's season opener, catching a 17-yard TD pass.

at Holy Cross High, he took matters into his own hands during one game.

"It was the fourth quarter with something like 1:35 left to play," Cajuste said. "I just decided to blitz on my own. I got the safety and it was the first time we'd beaten this team in a long time. I got yelled at."

Afterward, the coach asked him if he could catch.

"I said, 'I don't know, throw me the ball,'" he said. "That's how I knew I was a wide receiver."

Gaffney, meanwhile, said his neck and shoulders were pretty sore after gaining 104 yards and scoring a touchdown against San Jose State.

"It had been a while since I really hit anybody," Gaffney said. "It was reminded that football is a physical sport. It was a surreal experience but I was glad to be out there. I had every sort of anxious feeling before the game. I was nervous, I got goosebumps and I didn't know what to expect. After the first couple of plays it felt like I was back where I was supposed to be."

One of the big questions prior to the season was how long it would take Stanford's mostly untested wide receivers and tight ends to step up in the offense. Based on Saturday night's strong showing against San Jose State, they're off to a fast start.

Junior wide receivers Ty Montgomery and Cajuste combined for seven receptions for 143 yards and two touchdowns in the

season-opening victory at Stanford Stadium. Additionally, tight ends Charlie Hopkins and Luke Kaumatule each caught their first career passes, as did wide receiver Jeff Trojan.

Montgomery, hampered by a knee injury much of last season, looked like his old, explosive self. In the third quarter, he wouldn't be denied on a 17-yard scoring toss from Hogan, bulling over Spartan cornerback Jimmy Pruitt at the 9-yard-line. Montgomery also had a 36-yard kickoff return.

"I don't play this game for myself; I play this game for the rest of my teammates," said Montgomery. "So I want to lay it all on the line for all those guys."

Montgomery played in all 13 games as a freshman and caught 24 passes for 350 yards and two touchdowns. He also returned 27 kickoffs for 680 yards (25.2 yards per return) and one touchdown.

Last year, he hauled in 26 passes for 213 yards, but didn't score. His mantra for 2013 is simple:

"Be aggressive, physical, fast and quick, but not in a hurry," he said.

It showed on his touchdown Saturday night. Montgomery wouldn't be denied.

Montgomery said he wasn't nervous before the game, but wanted to show he is someone to contend with this year. All four catches came in the second half, including a 42-yarder on third down in the fourth quarter. ■

-- Mark Soltau of Stanford Athletics contributed





**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING  
of the City of Palo Alto  
Historic Resources Board [HRB]  
RETREAT**

**Please note—the venue has changed**

**9:00 A.M., Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at Lucie Stern – Community Room, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301.** Members of the public may attend and be heard under the “Oral Communications” portion of the agenda. Contact Diana Tamale for information about the retreat, at 650.329.2144.

**Steven Turner, Advance Planning Manager**

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**(TENTATIVE) AGENDA – SPECIAL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 - 5:00 PM**

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. Labor Negotiations

**STUDY SESSION**

2. Meeting with Assemblyman Gordon

**SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

3. Presentation of \$1.2 Million Donation Check from the Palo Alto Library Foundation Donation to the Main Library

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

4. Approval of BAO for State Homeland Security Grant Program Funds for Blue Card Command and Control Certification
5. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Contract C13149552 with Turner Construction, Inc., to Increase Compensation by \$785,000 for a Total Amount Not-to-Exceed \$1,485,000 for Additional Construction Management Services for the Mitchell Park Library and Community Center Project
6. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. C12144101 with WMB Architects, Inc. in the Amount of \$105,975 for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$284,961 for the City Hall First Floor Renovations Capital Improvement Program Project PE-12017
7. Approval of Amendment No. 20 to the Caltrain Shuttle Administration Agreement No. S0114750 with the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for Rail Shuttle Bus Administration to Extend the Term for Six Months and Add \$26,684 for a Total Not To Exceed Amount of \$2,903,928
8. Adoption of a Resolution Approving the 2014 Municipal Fee Schedule Amendments
9. Approval of Utilities Enterprise Fund Construction Contract No. C141541174 with DN Tanks, Inc. In a Not to Exceed Amount of \$340,000 for Repairs at Mayfield Reservoir
10. Approval of New Planning and Community Environment Director

**ACTION ITEMS**

11. Review of Economic Analysis reports for proposed Jay Paul project, located at 395 Page Mill Road and 3045 Park Blvd
12. Colleague’s Memo from Mayor Scharff, Vice Mayor Shepherd, Council Members Kniss and Price Regarding Traffic Demand Management Plan.
13. City of Palo Alto’s Response to the 2012-2013 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report - “The State of Public Safety Disability Retirement Rates In The County

**STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The City/School Committee will meet on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 8:30 A.M.

The Technology Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 4:00 P.M. to discuss a Workplan to Evaluate the Feasibility of a Citywide Fiber-to-the-Premise and Ultra High-Speed Broadband Connectivity in Palo Alto.

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 @ 7:00 P.M. to discuss: 1) Approval of Library Bond Oversight Committee Financial Report, 2) Approval of Fiscal Year 2013 Re-appropriation Request to be Carried Forward into Fiscal Year 2014, and 3) Cost of Services Study.

**Sports**

**PREP ROUNDUP**

**Good start  
for Paly  
volleyball**

*M-A, Gunn runners get cross-country seasons underway with victories*

**by Keith Peters**

**F**or Palo Alto girls’ volleyball coach Dave Winn, this week’s schedule appeared to offer the toughest back-to-back matches of the season in Presentation and Sacred Heart Prep.

The Presentation match would be a match-up of the Division I and II state champions of 2011 while last night’s showdown at Sacred Heart Prep provided a look at last year’s Division IV state runner-up.

For Winn and his Vikings, they achieved the first of their goals with a rousing come-from-behind 25-19, 13-25, 20-25, 25-21, 15-11 nonleague victory on Tuesday night in Paly’s gym.

“It was . . . AWESOME!” said Winn. “I was so proud of my team last night. They showed a lot of resolve and poise to withstand the storm of offense and defense that Presentation threw at us. Pres is a very good team, well-coached by someone I totally respect (Sue Dvorak) and they took it to us in the second and third sets.”

Freshman setter Jessica Lee received kudos from Winn as she produced 47 assists and 13 digs while guiding the Vikings.

“Jess Lee was incredible,” Winn said. “I had to keep reminding myself that she’s only a frosh. She played for Vision 14 Gold, which silver-medaled at JOs last season. So, she’s certainly had some big-time matches but, obviously, not at the varsity level . . . until last night.”

Senior Becca Raffel was the recipient of many of Lee’s assists as she produced 25 kills. Junior Jade Schoenberger added 11. Schoenberger added four aces while senior Keri Gee finished with 25 digs, with Raffel adding 17.

Down 13-7 in the fourth set, in a must-win, situation, Good sSchoenberger rattled off nine consecutive serves to pull Paly out of the tailspin and force a deciding fifth set. Both teams traded some nervous errors early on, but the Vikings never trailed in the final set on the way to a 15-11 clincher.

Palo Alto (6-1) hit .232 as a team and held Presentation to just .210 as a squad. The Vikings opened their season last weekend with a third-place finish at the Deer Valley Tournament.

Sacred Heart Prep, the defending Central Coast Section Division IV champ, saw its perfect season end Tuesday night in a 25-17, 25-11, 25-23 nonleague loss to Valley Christian. The Warriors are ranked No. 8 nationally

**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**



**Becca Raffel**

Palo Alto High

The senior outside hitter helped the Vikings’ volleyball team fashion a 5-1 record for the week with a total of 53 kills, 37 digs and eight aces that included a 4-1 third-place finish at the Deer Valley Tournament.



**John Wilson**

Menlo School

The senior water polo goalie came up with 19 big saves, many from point-blank range, to help rally the Knights from a 7-6 deficit to a 10-8 victory over rival Menlo-Atherton to open the PAL Bay Division season.

**Honorable mention**

**Bianca Batista**

Gunn water polo

**Victoria Garrick**

Sacred Heart Prep volleyball

**Keri Gee**

Palo Alto volleyball

**Maddie Huber**

Menlo volleyball

**Maddy Johnston**

Sacred Heart Prep water polo

**Avanika Narayan**

Palo Alto tennis

**Nick Bisconti**

Menlo water polo

**Andrew Daschbach**

Sacred Heart Prep football

**Jack Heneghan**

Menlo football

**Will Latta**

Priory football

**Cole March**

Sacred Heart Prep football

**James McDaniel**

Priory football

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by prepvolleyball.com and were coming off winning the championship at the Milpitas Spikefest I on the weekend.

Sacred Heart Prep (2-1) got 17 kills and 18 digs from Victoria Garrick, seven kills and three blocks from Ara Peterson and 28 assists from Natalie Marshall.

In other nonleague action:

Menlo-Atherton (1-1) got 20 kills from Pauli King and 17 from Alyssa Ostrow in a 25-22, 24-26, 24-26, 25-21, 15-12 come-from-behind win over visiting Los Gatos. Virginia Lane produced 33 digs for the Bears with Ostrow adding 21, Kaitlin Tavarez contributing 17 and freshman Kirby Knapp adding 10 plus 46 assists.

In Millbrae, Priory senior Marine Hall-Poirier had 15 kills, seven digs and five aces to pace the Panthers (2-0) to a 25-21, 25-17, 26-16 nonleague win over host Mills. Michaela Koval added 16 digs with Liz Schilling finishing with seven. Riley Gallivan had a solid match with 20 assist and seven digs.

In Palo Alto, Castilleja (4-2) got 13 kills from Jessica Norum and 12 from Sarah Rose in a 23-25,

27-25, 25-23, 25-19 nonleague loss to visiting Burlingame.

**Cross country**

The Menlo-Atherton boys and girls opened their league seasons with solid efforts Wednesday at the first Peninsula Athletic League meet, held on a 2.4-mile course at Westmoor High in Daly City.

The M-A girls won the team title in a tiebreaker after tying with Half Moon Bay, with 29 points each. The victory was decided by the No. 6 runner for each school. That turned out to be freshman Faith Dunn, who finished 19th for the Bears in 16:37. She finished ahead of Half Moon Bay’s No. 6, who was 26th.

M-A was led by the 1-2-4 finish by sophomore Madeleine Baier (15:16), senior Taylor Fortnam (15:29) and senior Annika Roise (15:36). Sophomore Cat DuPuy was 10th (16:13) and sophomore Elizabeth Muenzen took 13th (16:21). Half Moon Bay went 3-5-6-7-8 with its top five.

In the boys’ varsity race, Men-

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lo-Atherton (86 points) finished third behind Carlmont (24) and Half Moon Bay (55). The Bears were led by senior Zach Plante, whose third-place finish of 12:41 produced the second-fastest time ever by an M-A runner on that course. Junior Adam Scandlyn was 10th overall in 13:09.

On Tuesday, Gunn's Sarah Robinson opened her senior season with a dominating victory at the first SCVAL league meet of the year at Crystal Springs in Belmont.

Robinson toured the hilly 2.95-mile course in 18:30.2 to win overall honors. The meet held races in each grade category, with Robinson taking the senior race while running the fastest time of the day.

Gunn's Emily Aiken finished seventh overall in 20:10.5 and teammate Megan Kuhnle was 19th in 21:15.7 to help the Titans finish fourth in the overall team scoring with 91 points. Mountain View won the team title with 66. Palo Alto finished 10th with 265.

In the boys' combined results, Palo Alto freshman Kent Slaney was 14th overall in 16:59.4 and helped the Vikings to a fourth-place finish with 155 points. Gunn was fifth with 175.

**Girls golf**

Gunn remained unbeaten in the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League with a 198-248 victory over Lynbrook at Palo Alto Municipal on Wednesday. Senior Jayshree Sarathy led the Titans (3-0) with a 1-under 33 on the shortened layout. Junior Anna Zhou added a 39 after winning medalist honors Monday with a 35.

**Girls tennis**

Things are back to normal as the girls' tennis season unfolds, with the CCS playoffs returning to the four-singles, three-doubles format this postseason.

Menlo School and Palo Alto also have returned to their winning ways, not

that either team was lacking that in recent years.

The Knights opened their dual-match season on Wednesday with a 6-1 nonleague victory over Burlingame while the Vikings did the same with a 6-1 triumph over visiting Aragon.

Both Menlo (4-1) and Palo Alto (4-0) were coming off tournament performances on the weekend. The Knights finished fifth at the California Classic in the Fresno area after dropping a 4-3 decision

nonleague win over Menlo-Atherton. Paulette Wolak, April Chien and Celeste Woleshyn set the tone by taking the top three singles matches while the Gators' doubles tandems were equally impressive while sweeping.

In other tennis action Wednesday, Sacred Heart Prep dropped a tough 4-3 nonleague decision to host Carlmont. Kate Ackley won at No. 4 singles, 6-1, 6-4, for the Gators' only win there. The No. 2 doubles team of Allison Harman-Maddy Jones and the No. 3 tandem of Caroline Parsons-Lauren Trihy also won.

On Tuesday, Castilleja opened its home season with a big 6-1

Menlo School maintained its one-game lead over rival Menlo-Atherton in the early going of the PAL Bay Division season with a 19-7 dunking of visiting Burlingame on Wednesday.

**Boys water polo**

Nick Bisconti led the offense with six goals with Chris Xi adding five. Seven players scored for the Knights (2-0) and eight players had assists, while Andreas Katsis had five steals. Senior goalie John Wilson played just one quarter and had eight saves, with Spencer Witte finishing up with seven.

Also in Atherton, host Menlo-Atherton (1-1) swamped visiting Carlmont, 23-1, as Evan McClelland tossed in five goals. Sophomore Mostyn Fero and Demetri Herr each tallied four times and John Knox added three goals.

**Girls water polo**  
New head coach Paul Felton is off to a perfect start at Menlo-Atherton following his team's 17-7 swamping of visiting Carlmont on

Wednesday in PAL Bay Division action. Jessica Heilman led the Bears (2-0) with seven goals and now has 15 on the season.

Elsewhere in the Bay Division, Alex Zafran tallied six goals with teammates Anna Yu and Celia Aldrete adding three each as Castilleja (1-1) posted a 14-5 win over host Burlingame.

In the PAL Ocean Division, host Menlo School (2-0) got 17 saves from senior goalie Donya Dehnad in a 12-7 triumph over visiting Mercy-Burlingame. It was the

Knights' official season opener after earning a forfeit win over Capuchino last week.

Menlo took a 7-3 halftime lead and, ultimately, got goals from eight players. Kate Huneke, Audrey Flower, Anna Miller and Chloe Ebrahimian each had a pair of goals for the Knights.

The annual St. Francis Autumn Invitational will be held this weekend at St. Francis and Sacred Heart Prep. Castilleja, Palo Alto, Menlo-Atherton and Sacred Heart Prep are among the 16-team field.

Castilleja opens Friday against Clovis West at St. Francis at 2:40. Sacred Heart Prep will host Palo Alto at 1 p.m. Also in the Gators' pool Friday, M-A faces Los Altos at 1:50 p.m. The finals match will be Saturday at 4 p.m. ■



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# Stanford soccer newcomer is making herself right at home

*Taylor Uhl, the nation's leading scorer last season, has picked up where she left off at Minnesota and leads the No. 3 Cardinal women*

by Rick Eymier

Stanford junior forward Taylor Uhl, the transfer from Minnesota, has slipped into her role with the Cardinal women's soccer team seamlessly.

Uhl, who led the nation in scoring last year while playing for the Golden Gophers, has assumed the team scoring lead for third-ranked Stanford (4-0-1) with four goals on 17 shots and a success rate of .235, tops among anyone who has taken five or more shots.

That kind of production is reminiscent of the recent Cardinal teams that have reached the Women's College Cup (Final Four) each of the past five seasons.

Stanford hopes to continue refining itself when it hosts Iowa State (4-2) on Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Cardinal played without forward Chioma Ubogagu and

senior goalkeeper Emily Oliver in last Sunday's 3-0 victory over Maryland. Oliver also missed Stanford's 4-0 victory over Loyola Marymount.

Ubogagu, who has played with the U.S. women's national team program at Under-20 and Under-18, has yet to score on 12 shots but has recorded two assists for the Cardinal.

Freshman Jane Campbell, who became the first high school goalkeeper since Hope Solo to be invited to try out for the U.S. Senior National Team, started the past two games and has played in three. She has yet to allow a goal in over 214 minutes of play, recording nine saves. She came to The Farm as the nation's top prep keeper.

Stanford has outscored its opponents, 11-2, to date. Seniors Courtney Verloo and Sydney Payne,

junior Alex Doll, redshirt sophomore Haley Rosen and freshmen Stephanie Amack, Ryan Walker-Hartshorn and Megan Turner have all scored for Stanford.

Eight different players have also recorded an assist, with Verloo and Ubogagu the leaders, each with two.

Stanford has three nonconference matches, including Iowa State, before the Pac-12 Conference season opens over the final weekend of September. Stanford hosts St. Mary's next Thursday and visits Bay Area rival Santa Clara on Sunday, Sept. 22.

The Cardinal plays an 11-match, single round-robin conference schedule. Stanford travels to Colorado, Oregon, Oregon State, Washington and Washington State. Its home schedule is impressive, with fifth-ranked UCLA coming the second week

of October.

## Women's volleyball

Stanford is approaching its visit to Washington D.C. with more than competition on its collective mind.

"It's more than just getting to go there and play," Cardinal coach John Dunning said. "It's what we get to do while we're back there. It's an experience we will never forget. It's a worldly experience for all of us."

It will also serve to help the eighth-ranked Cardinal (2-2) get back on track after getting swept at the Big Four Challenge in Austin (Texas) over the weekend. Stanford dropped matches to No. 5 Florida, despite 21 kills from Rachel Williams, and to No. 2 Texas, the defending national champion.

Sacred Heart Prep grad Jesse

Ebner and Castilleja grad Lucy Tashman play for Yale, which Stanford plays on Friday morning at the Pentagon.

Stanford and Yale each had Pentagon connections, which is why they were invited to participate.

Stanford's student radio station, KZSU, will not be allowed to broadcast from the Pentagon for national security reasons.

Williams leads the team with 3.57 kills per set, followed by Brittany Howard at 3.50 and Carly Wopat at 3.00. Wopat leads the team with a .439 hitting percentage. Inky Ajanaku follows at .419.

Defensively, Stanford is holding opponents to an overall .152 hitting percentage while hitting .284 itself.

## Men's golf

Stanford opens its fall season with a trip to the Fighting Illini Invitational at The Olympia Fields in Illinois.

The three-day tournament opens Friday. Stanford junior Patrick Rodgers is coming off a successful summer of amateur golf, most recently concluding with helping the United States regain the Walker Cup from Great Britain-Ireland. ■

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## Menlo trip

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although the score wasn't close and the numbers were in another stratosphere, we did some things well."

Despite holding a 64-43 lead late in the in third quarter, San Angelo Central put their starters back in because, Newton noted, "they weren't comfortable with a 21-point lead and their second offense in the game."

"Honestly," said Schoof, "other than the first quarter of the game (a 50-13 lead for Central) and the couple of injuries we had — but it is football and those happen no matter who or where you play — there is nothing I would change. I am so glad I went."

Added Menlo quarterback Jack Heneghan, who wrote home after the loss:

"It was a very tough night and a disappointing game," he said. "Our guys fought hard the whole way and battled through a lot of adversity. We know what we need to improve on and we will get better from this loss."

Heneghan did his best to keep the Knights in the game as he completed 29 of 51 passes for a career-high 411 yards and four touchdowns. He also ran for two scores. The passing yardage reportedly is the most allowed by San Angelo Central in school history.

Heneghan now ranks No. 3 all-time at Menlo for single-game passing yards, trailing only Danny Diekroeger's 470- and 451-yard games in 2009. Heneghan's previous best was 393 yards last season.

The Knights got on the board at the 3:28 mark of the first quarter when Heneghan connected with Jack Marren for the first of their three touchdown connections.

The Knights spread the ball around as four players had at least 72 yards receiving, led by Graham Stratford (six catches, 123 yards), Peter Bouret (7-118), Marren (7-95) and Travis Chambers (8-72).

Menlo finished with 435 yards passing, which broke a record for Bobcat opponents.

Menlo, however, allowed 370 passing yards and 259 rushing yards while the 84 points is believed to be the most ever allowed by a Menlo team. The Bobcats (2-0) scored 71 points in their opener the previous week.

Prior to facing Central, Heneghan passed along some thoughts to Menlo's web site on how the trip was going:

"We have had a really great trip so far," he wrote. "We visited the school for lunch and a West Texas barbecue with (Central) for dinner. Hanging out with the other team's players has been fun and it's been great getting to learn about how they do football down here."

San Angelo Stadium has a video board, 17,500-person capacity and seating three-quarters around the bowl. Temperatures reached nearly 100 degrees last week in San Angelo and a crowd of nearly 8,000 was expected.

"Our players played incredibly hard and showed a tremendous amount of toughness and resiliency," said Newton. "In addition, along every step of the trip I received compliments about what fine young men they are and how respectful and polite they are to everyone. Overall, a huge success!"

Schoof, however, said it's very

unlikely the teams will meet again.

"It's not something you can do on a regular basis, due to missed school and cost," he said.

Schoof wasn't certain how much the game cost Menlo as he was awaiting final totals this week.

"They kick back half of the gate and I haven't gotten that number yet," he said. "They paid for bus, all meals and \$2,000 credit for hotel. So, basically, we had to cover air and about 75 percent of hotel cost. But, supposedly, Scotts Valley got a check for about \$18,000 from the gate last year."

Menlo also did some fund-raising prior to the game to help keep costs to a minimum.

Scotts Valley originally had Central on its schedule after making the trip to Texas last year, but had to cancel this time. A phone call from Scotts Valley head coach Lou Walters to Newton opened the door for the Knights to make the trip. Scotts Valley traveled to face host Central last season and dropped a 40-7 decision.

Menlo will be back in action Saturday night against visiting Mission (San Francisco) at Sequoia High at 7 p.m. ■

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