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More 'residentialists' declare candidacies for Palo Alto council

Barron Park neighborhood leader one of 10 candidates in growing field

by Gennady Sheyner

The race for the Palo Alto City Council got more crowded Tuesday as two more residents declared their intentions to run for a seat in November, raising the number of candidates to 10 and further underscoring community anxieties about new development.

Lydia Kou, a Barron Park resi-

dent with a history of civic activism and an affiliation with the watchdog group Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning, on Tuesday submitted her statement of intent to seek one of five open seats on the nine-member council and filed paperwork to form an election committee.

Kou, a Realtor at Alain Pinel

Realtors, joins a growing faction of candidates who say they are concerned about the effects of dense new developments on the city's neighborhoods. The group also includes Tom DuBois and Eric Filseth, members of the residents' group Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning.

Richard Wendorf, a downtown resident, also filed his statement of intent Tuesday, according to City Clerk Donna Grider. Wendorf, who lived in various churches and motels before moving into Alma

Place in 2002, told the Weekly he is interested in the city's "homeless situation" and opposed to "all the building that is going on."

In addition to DuBois, Filseth, Kou and Wendorf, the ballot will include Claude Ezran, a former member of the city's Human Relations Commission; retired high school teacher John Fredrich, who considers himself a slow-growth "residentialist" but isn't affiliated with Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning; College Terrace resident Seelam Reddy, a retired aero-

space engineer; and incumbent councilmembers Karen Holman, Greg Scharff and Mayor Nancy Shepherd.

Five candidates — DuBois, Filseth, Kou, Fredrich and Holman — come from different backgrounds and aren't officially a "slate," but their campaigns have plenty of overlap. DuBois, Filseth and Kou all vocally opposed the construction of a housing development on Maybell Avenue last year

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Veronica Weber

Nothing says summer like ... lemonade

Cefe Vergara-Tucker, 9, carries a jug of fresh-squeezed strawberry lemonade to his stand on Edgewood Drive after selling out the first batch to neighbors and friends on July 22. The quaff was 50 cents a cup.

EDUCATION

East Palo Alto youth program aims to build qualities for success

Summer lessons focus on the perils of secondhand smoke, the meaning of friendship

by Chris Kenrick

Curiosity, persistence, resilience.

After decades of teaching and mentoring at-risk youth, Anna Waring knows that kids armed with those qualities have a better shot at succeeding against the odds.

Under her watchful eye, several dozen sixth- and seventh-graders from East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park this summer are practicing those skills with breathing exercises, public speaking, video production, lessons in computer coding and "design thinking," and community projects.

This fall they'll fan out to middle schools from East Palo Alto to Portola Valley and Palo Alto — but in the afternoons they'll return for mentoring, tutoring and extra support from Waring's East Palo Alto program, Foundation for a College Education.

The foundation last year extended its reach to middle school students after 18 years of strictly focusing on high school and beyond. Since 1999, 140 students have graduated from the foundation's high school support program, with all of them enrolling in college. Eighty-five percent of

those either have graduated or are on track to graduate — more than triple the national rate for students of color.

School transitions can be tough for any kid, and some get "lost" as early as middle school, Waring said. "We're hoping to broaden our base of students who have successfully navigated middle school and are (academically) able to participate in a college-access program," she said.

"We also wanted to do something in the summer that's a lit-

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CONSERVATION

Wasting water? Here come the enforcers

With state levying \$500-a-day fines for water wasters, Valley water board backs \$500,000 conservation effort

by Elena Kadvany

The Santa Clara Valley Water District board of directors Tuesday night unanimously approved the hiring of up to 10 temporary water-conservation enforcers who will be charged with investigating water waste throughout the county.

The team of temporary hires, who could start enforcing water regulations in about a month, will not have the authority to cite people or issue tickets, however, water district spokesman Marty Grimes said Wednesday.

"They will be more of an educational resource to respond to complaints or reports that we get or that get referred to us of water waste," he said. "We'll go out and investigate and let people know what the rules are. If they're breaking them, we'll maybe offer referrals to services they might be eligible for, like a water-wise house call or a rebate program to replace some irrigation equipment."

The district's effort comes a week after the State Water Resources Control Board approved an emergency regulation to increase water conservation throughout the state. Starting Aug. 1, up to \$500-per-day fines will be issued to people caught using drinkable water to hose off sidewalks and driveways, watering lawns or gardens to the point of causing runoff, washing cars without a hose equipped with a shutoff nozzle and using potable water in fountains.

Grimes said the creation of a water-conservation enforcement team stemmed from the district's desire to "ratchet up our efforts"

to combat California's ever-worsening drought.

Santa Clara County has only cut its water use by 12 percent since last year, he said.

"Our target is 20 percent, so we have a long way to go. Obviously everything that we've done to date has not gotten us to the goal, so the board has been really interested in doing more."

"We have limited abilities to do things like mandate water restrictions, so this is one thing that we can do," he said.

Grimes said he also sees the temporary water enforcers as performing a service that resource-strapped cities and water companies — who also receive complaints or reports about water waste — cannot.

"Not only do we think we can help save water, it's also just helping empower people to do something because ... a lot of people are doing everything they can in their own water use, and they're now trying to help out by addressing the water waste that they see around them. They can't do it on their own, and water companies and cities don't have the staff to do it on their own, so we want to be a service to them to be able to follow up on these calls."

The district has never implemented a program like this before, Grimes said, estimating it will take about a month to recruit, hire and train the team of enforcers. The board voted 6 to 0 Tuesday to authorize a \$500,000 budget to support the program.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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We have a long way to go.

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— **Marty Grimes**, Santa Clara Valley Water District spokesman, on the need for county residents to cut water use by 20 percent over last year. See story on page 5.

Around Town

FOR THE BIRDS ... It's not only new developments' mass, density and modernity that Palo Alto residents decry; now it's also their lack of bird-friendliness. Numerous **Town Square** commenters on last week's cover story on architectural review are advocating for an ordinance to prevent designs that cause birds to fly into buildings. "Birds collide with windows that reflect trees, landscaping, or sky," wrote **Shani Kleinhaus** of the **Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society**. "There are ways to design buildings that are safer for birds." Other Town Square posters soon chimed in. "Please help Palo Alto to become a Bird Friendly city," Vi Sialia pleaded. Another sounded hopeful about the possibility of a bird-safety ordinance: "Utility and beauty are unfortunately within the domain of the property owners, but an ordinance about architecture that doesn't kill birds is something that the City could probably do."

SHIFTING WATERS ... A replacement for the damaged "bird bath" fountain at the northern end of Palo Alto's **California Avenue** has been in the works for almost six years, but the city's **Public Art Commission** last week authorized one more tweak to keep things in line with the changing plans for the area. The fountain's convoluted history began in 2008, when the commission sought and were denied \$190,000 from the City Council for a fountain to be created by artist Bruce Beasley. After locals clamored for a fountain that would make a "splashes water sound," among other preferences, the commission then decided on a more contemporary — and less expensive — fountain design in January 2011. "Confluence" by Mark Szabo would cost \$50,000, in addition to some public-works funds. Then the city's planning department began to roll out its **California Avenue Streetscape Project**, which prompted discussion on moving "Confluence" more into the center of a planned plaza to make the area more pedestrian-friendly and accessible. Meanwhile, new regulations for filtration systems and pooling fountains made it necessary to redesign "Confluence," taking away a basin and replacing it with rocks for falling water to splash on. These changes and other unpaid services added up to a grand total of \$22,513 in additional work

for Szabo to complete, while the subtraction of the basin rendered \$10,255 of work unnecessary. Last Thursday, the art commission unanimously approved the net \$12,258 of additional work.

BEST IN SNOBBYNESS ... Palo Alto likes to think it's the best at many things: going green, engineering innovation, beautiful open space, dining, education. Turns out Palo Altans are best at something else: being snobby. **Movoto**, a national real estate brokerage website (ironically co-founded by Palo Alto resident **Dan Lorimer**), has dubbed Palo Alto the No. 1 snobbiest small city in America (out of 10 total). "Locals are proud of where they live and aren't afraid to brag about it if it comes up in conversation (or even if it doesn't)," reads a Movoto post on Palo Alto's ranking. Movoto arrived at the rankings after analyzing median home price (the higher the better); percent of population with a college degree (the higher the better); and private schools, performing arts, art galleries and fast-food restaurants per capita (the more the better). Palo Alto, with the highest median home price (more than \$1 million on average, according to Movoto), the fourth highest household income, fourth highest percent of college grads (at 80 percent), high number of private schools and a "wide selection" of art galleries, easily came out as most snobby.

GOING NATIONAL ON BULLYING ... Palo Alto Mayor **Nancy Shepherd** joined more than 170 mayors across the country in signing on to **The BULLY Project**, an anti-bullying initiative launched by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and filmmaker Lee Hirsch, creator of the 2011 film "Bully." "Hirsch wants people to know that more than 13 million kids are bullied in America each year. Said Shepherd: "We have faced this issue on a local level in our community and know the importance of bringing together parents, students, schools, mental health professionals and others to form a system of support for our youth and teens that we call Project Safety Net." The Palo Alto school district recently spent more than 18 months developing new policies on bullying, prompted by a 2012 federal finding that the district's mishandling of an ongoing bullying case had violated the civil rights of a middle school student with disabilities. ■

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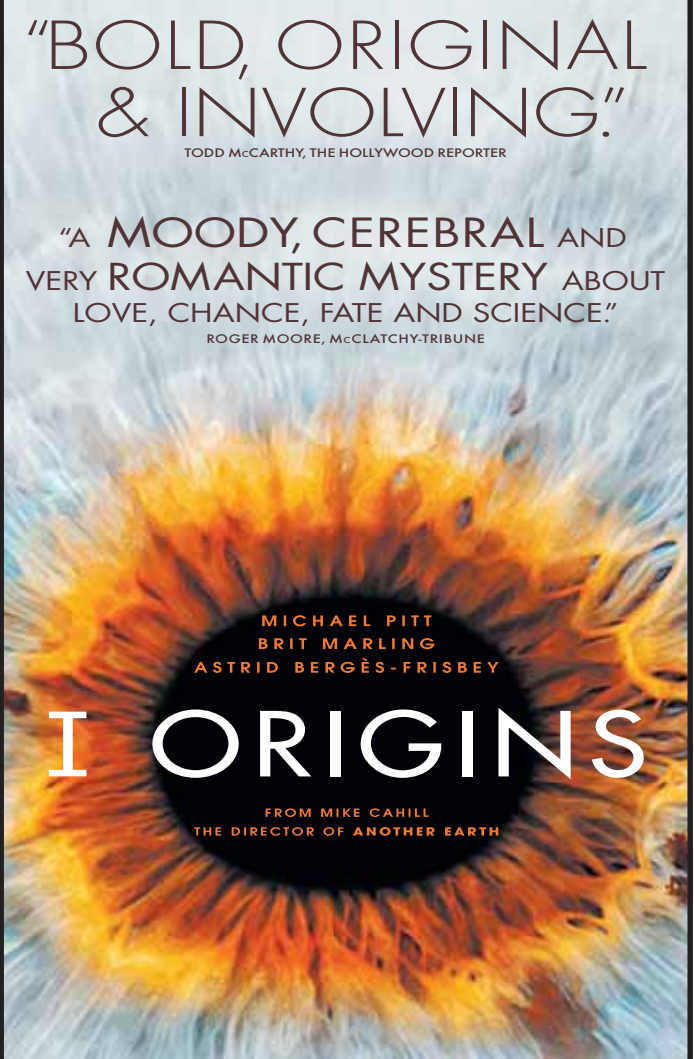
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INFRASTRUCTURE

'Wayfinding' program to bring signs, monument, to City Hall

City embarks on \$300,000 effort to make Hamilton Avenue building easier to navigate

by Gennady Sheyner

Visitors who have a hard time finding their way around Palo Alto City Hall will soon get plenty of help from the city, which is embarking on a \$300,000 effort to install a network of signs in and around its primary civic hub.

The ambitious sign program, which is part of a \$4.5-million effort to make City Hall more welcoming and inclusive, includes 21 separate signs, including building signs, freestanding signs and direction signs leading people to the Civic Center's underground garage. Among the most visible signs will be a new freestanding monument installed at the corner of Hamilton Avenue and Bryant Street. The gray aluminum sign will be 4 feet 6 inches tall and nearly 14 feet 10 inches wide and will feature the city's logo (the El Palo Alto redwood), the words "City of Palo Alto" and City Hall's address, 250 Hamilton Ave.

The building itself will also feature a prominent new entry sign: illuminated aluminum letters mounted over the front doors. The building's tinted-glass doors, which are currently barely distinguishable from the rest of the glass paneling the monolithic facade, will grow more conspicuous with the words "CITY HALL" hovering above them. A similar sign of the word "POLICE" will be installed in front of the staircase leading to the police headquarters on Forest Avenue.

The parking structure under the building will also become more prominent, with tall, slender freestanding signs directing pedestrians to the King Plaza staircases that lead underground and directing drivers to the garage ramps. There will be six garage signs, with three wall signs near each public entrance.

The master plan has already received some kudos from the city's Architectural Review Board, which reviewed the proposal on July 17 but did not vote on it. The board requested Public Works to provide more options about the sign directly in front of City Hall and to ascertain whether garages need be equipped with signs informing visitors about the electrical-vehicle chargers inside. The discussion will continue on Aug. 21.

Even so, board members were generally enthusiastic about the master-sign program, with Chair Lee Lippert saying he was "very excited" about the proposal and Vice Chair Randy Popp suggesting that the proposal can serve as a template for other sign programs throughout the city. Popp



Courtesy City of Palo Alto

One option for signage above the front doors of Palo Alto's City Hall features a dark outline of each cutout letter. The other option does not include the outline.

said he was "thrilled" about the clarity and logic of the proposed program.

"We struggle all the time in how to do signage in other city buildings," Popp said. "This to me looks like the solution."

The sign program is part of a broader renovation of City Hall, a \$4.5-million project that includes a refurbishment of the small Council Conference Room; the creation of a new public-meeting room next to the City Hall lobby; the relocation of customer-service representatives to the first floor; and a personnel shuffle involving six departments. The project, which began with a proposal to remodel the small conference room and gradually became a ground-floor makeover, was swiftly and unanimously approved by the council on June 16.

As part of the renovation, the city is also spending more than \$200,000 on new media art for the refurbished lobby — an interactive screen that will include photos, information about city services, news feeds and opportunities for visitors to provide feedback. Palo Alto officials have been soliciting proposals for more than a year and have gradually winnowed the artist-applicant pool from 107 to three.

Ultimately, after consultation with various departments, artist Susan Narduli was selected to create the lobby installation. Her

proposal, called "Conversation," will "activate the renovated City Hall lobby space, invite visitors to interact with the artwork, and offer a new and exciting art experience for visitors each time they visit City Hall lobby," according to a report that the city's Public Art Commission discussed on July 17. After a brief discussion, the commission unanimously voted to contribute \$25,000 from the city's Percent for Art budget for this project.

Commission Vice Chair Ben Miyaji, who took part in the selection process, said the goal is to make visitors feel "welcomed" at the City Hall lobby, which he compared to a "living room."

"(When) you come in, you want to be welcomed and feel like you're kind of at home," Miyaji said. "I feel this is what the project will do."

In addition to the public-art funding, the new-media project will be funded through the city's capital-improvement program and the \$150,000 for public art included in the City Hall renovation budget. Narduli will be gathering input from the community as part of her concept development, according to staff. She anticipates it will take about six to eight months before the artwork is ready for installation. ■

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Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council has no meetings scheduled this week.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to discuss reforms to the planned-community zoning process and consider revisions to the city's "build-to line" requirements for new developments. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30, in the Council Conference Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.



REAL ESTATE TRENDS

by Samia Cullen

The Danger of Overpricing Your Home

I received a call from a buyer telling me that he read in a local online paper that a house on a desirable street in Palo Alto dropped in price. He was wondering if this was true in this market. Well the answer is yes - a house in Palo Alto on a desirable street did have a price reduction. The fact of the matter is that even in Palo Alto and in our competitive market, an overpriced home will not sell unless the list price is in line with the fair market value.

While some sellers are tempted to list their property at a high price and test the market or negotiate down the price, this strategy often has the opposite result. As the house stays longer on the market, the house may develop a stigma that there is something wrong with the house and

thus is not selling. The seller will start receiving lowball offers and may end up eventually selling at a lower price than the fair market value.

Sellers, ask your agent to prepare a market analysis and price your home in line with the mid-range of the comparables. In this market it is safer to underprice than overprice your home. Visiting open houses is the most vivid way to get a reality check about what you're up against and what your home's strengths and weaknesses are compared with the other homes buyers will see.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Palo Alto to beef up emergency medical services

Fire Department's focus shifts with bigger ambulance fleet, new Strategic Plan

by Gennady Sheyner

With demand for emergency medical services on the rise, the Palo Alto Fire Department is preparing to add a fourth ambulance to its fleet and rebrand itself to reflect its changing role.

The city's paramedics operation, which has been in place for nearly four decades, was most recently expanded in 2013, when the department added a third ambulance. The additions reflect the growing number of ambulance transports and calls for medical

service in recent years, as the city's population has both increased and aged.

According to the city's 2013 Performance Report, a compendium of data about various departments, the number of ambulance transports (which includes both Fire Department vehicles and ambulances from outside agencies) increased from 3,005 in 2011 to 3,220 in 2012 and up to 3,523 in 2013. At the same time, the number of medical/rescue incidents has steadily grown from

4,521 in 2011 to 4,584 in 2012 and to 4,712 in 2013.

The expanding role of paramedics services is also reflected in the Fire Department's recently completed Strategic Plan, a big-picture document that evaluates the department's strengths and weaknesses; surveys community and personnel attitudes about department priorities; and proposes ways to improve.

The document, which was completed in late May, suggests that the community is well aware of the Fire Department's evolving role. When the department asked a broad group of external stakeholders (which included neighborhood leaders, business owners, civic groups and several reporters, including one from the Weekly) to rank eight department services in order of importance, "emergency medical services" ranked first, just above "fire suppression."

Following these two services, in order of preference, were technical rescue, fire prevention, hazardous-materials mitigation, domestic preparedness planning and response, public fire/EMS safety education and fire investigation.

Fire Chief Eric Nickel told the Weekly that he wasn't surprised to see medical response take precedence over fire suppression. He noted that emergency medical services are "about 70 percent of what we do" and that the department's paramedic program has enjoyed a good reputation over the past four decades. Palo Alto's chang-

ing demographics have made this function particularly important, as more seniors prompt more calls for medical help. Nickel noted that residents 65 and older make up about 17 percent of the city's population but use close to 50 percent of its ambulance services.

Nickel said that while the department remains as committed as ever to training for firefighting, the Strategic Plan further underscored the need to devote more resources to medical response.

To that end, the department will in January add a fourth ambulance to its fleet. Much like when the third ambulance was added, the new vehicle will be staffed by firefighters, many of whom are trained paramedics. Nickel said he's been working with labor groups in recent months to work out the details of how the employees' roles will change.

"We have some incredible talented paramedics who are probably some of the best in the field because of our affiliation with Stanford Hospital and because we've been a paramedic department for so many years," he said.

One of the goals is to reduce the number of responses from outside agencies, mainly Rural/Metro Ambulance, which handles medical-transport services when all of the Fire Department's ambulances are in use. Before the third ambulance was added in Palo Alto, Metro would come into town between 60 and 70 times per month, Nickel said, a number

that dropped to about 22 times a month with the addition. The goal is to bring the number to fewer than 10 trips a month, he said.

The city is also rebranding itself to reflect its broad range of functions, Nickel said. Department officials are considering, among other ideas, a new name for the department to reflect its more expansive role.

The new Strategic Plan, which covers 2014 to 2018, also notes areas in which firefighters believe the department can be improved, with "communications," "succession planning" and "retention challenges" all on the list. These findings reflect the recent period of turnover in the department, a result of both demographics and the city's efforts to cut benefits following the 2008 economic downturn.

Nickel said when he arrived in 2012, most of the middle- and upper-level managers in the department were "brand new" and many didn't have the benefit of executive training or further education to be prepared for leadership positions. He added that the department is implementing a "pretty aggressive and robust succession preparedness program" for leadership training, with high-level officials taking graduate-level courses to prepare them for executive roles.

Turnover is also expected to be an issue in the coming years, with 42 firefighters eligible to retire in the next five years. There are 110 sworn firefighters currently in the force. ■

CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council

The council did not meet this week.

Architectural Review Board (July 17)

385 Sherman Ave.: The commission discussed the proposed three-story development at 385 Sherman Ave. and voted to continue the discussion until Aug. 21. **Yes:** Lew, Lippert, Popp **No:** Gooyer, Malone Prichard
Signs: The board voted to continue its discussion of a master-sign program for City Hall to Aug. 21. **Yes:** Unanimous

Public Art Commission (July 17)

City Hall: The commission approved Susan Narduli as the artist for the City Hall new media art project and allocated \$25,000 from its budget for the project. **Yes:** Migdal, Miyaji, Olmsted Silverstein, Taylor **Absent:** Beard Ross, Kavanaugh, Tobak
Municipal Art Plan: The commission approved the Municipal Art Plan for fiscal year 2015. **Yes:** Migdal, Miyaji, Olmsted Silverstein, Taylor **Absent:** Beard Ross, Kavanaugh, Tobak
Confluence: The commission approved an addition of \$12,256 to Michael Szabo's contract for the sculpture "Confluence" at the new California Avenue fountain site. **Yes:** Migdal, Miyaji, Olmsted Silverstein, Taylor **Absent:** Beard Ross, Kavanaugh, Tobak

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Just two candidates pull papers for East Palo Alto council race

Incumbents Abrica, Rutherford intend to run for two open seats

by Elena Kadwany

The East Palo Alto City Council race has stayed relatively quiet so far, with only current council members Ruben Abrica and Donna Rutherford pulling nomination papers, according to City Clerk Nora Pimentel.

Both Abrica's and Rutherford's terms expire this November, opening up two seats on the five-member council. Councilmembers typically serve four-year terms.

Abrica has a long track record behind the dais, first serving for five years on the council in the 1980s after the city was incorporated in 1983 and again starting in 2004 for a two-year term. He was elected mayor in 2006 and again in 2008. He was most recently re-elected to the council in 2010. He also served 12 years on the

Ravenswood City School District Board of Education.

Abrica said he wants to focus on improving police services and public safety through continuing to "strengthen the community policing approach that we have started," he said Tuesday.

He said more immediately, he wants to help the city finish its process of hiring a permanent police chief. The position has been a revolving door since longtime Chief Ronald Davis left last November, with the third interim police chief hired in eight months in June.

Abrica also cited affordable housing, local economic development and government transparency as issues he's concerned about.

He said if re-elected, a priority of his will be "constantly remind-

ing (city officials) that we need to have a transparent and responsive City Hall that's open to the public. (This applies to) all officials, whether it's elected officials or management officials."

Additionally, he said, he plans to focus on speeding up the construction of a pedestrian-bicycle bridge across U.S. Highway 101.

"That's a high priority for me," said Abrica, who lives on the city's West side.

Rutherford, a longtime East Palo Alto resident, was elected

last December, filling a sudden vacancy left by then-Vice Mayor David Woods. She also served on the council from 2000 to 2008 and is a former mayor. She, too, was on the Ravenswood City School District Board of Education for 12 years.

Rutherford said when she was appointed to the council last year, she wanted to "make informed decisions that would keep the city moving forward."

Since then, she said, she has discovered new issues she wants to focus on, including the rise of

illegal garage conversions in East Palo Alto.

"Since more people have moved into this community and (there is) no place affordable to live, they are living in unsafe conditions," she wrote in an email. "I want to make sure the council does not let this issue fall by the wayside."

She also mentioned senior citizen and youth issues, but topping her priority list are public safety and the hiring of a new police chief, she said.

The terms of the other three council members — Mayor Laura Martinez, Vice Mayor Lisa Yarbrough-Gauthier and Larry Moody — expire in November 2016.

The candidate filing period for the Nov. 4 election is set to conclude at 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 8. ■



Ruben Abrica



Donna Rutherford

Council

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and took part in the successful referendum to shoot down the project, Measure D, in November.

Holman, the council's leading skeptic when it comes to new development and downtown growth, and Fredrich both supported the Maybell development but are otherwise opposed to dense buildings.

Underscoring the overlap in their positions, Holman was to join DuBois and Filseth at a private "meet the candidates" party Wednesday, July 23. Kou, for her part, said that even without a formal "slate," she is happy to join her colleagues from the nascent watchdog group in the council race and may join them for campaign events in the future.

"We do have a lot of priorities that are the same," Kou said.

Like Filseth, DuBois and Fredrich, she told the Weekly she is running because of her concern about growth and dense development, a trend that she believes will continue.

"I saw that a lot of residents' voices aren't being heard in terms of having more input in how the city's development goes and the identity of the city, as well as the recognition that we do have traffic congestion and parking issues," Kou told the Weekly. "There has to be a way to address the certain basic-foundation things before we pile on more dense buildings, commercial and office in particular."

A former owner of a video store, Video Regency, Kou has

been a familiar presence at City Hall over the years, often focusing on neighborhood issues and emergency preparedness. She was a leading organizer of Quakeville, a disaster-preparedness exercise that the city put together in 2010, 2011 and 2012. The events included campouts with simulated disasters that tested the residents' ability to respond.

For her volunteering efforts, Kou received an Achievement Award from the city in 2012, the same year that she was named by the Weekly as one of the city's "people of the year."

Kou was born in Hong Kong, lived in Sudan and Guam and moved to Palo Alto in 1988. A longtime Barron Park resident, she last year organized a series of cultural events aimed at celebrating diversity, including Lunar New Year and the Indian Holi festivals.

During the Measure D battle, Kou was one of many neighborhood leaders to oppose the council's unanimous decision to approve the Maybell development. At a June 2013 public hearing, she said that with "all the congestion City Council and staff have already created, it is irresponsible to increase zoning."

The growing slate of slow-growth candidates in some ways harkens back to the 1960s battles between "residentialist" and "establishment" council members, with one key difference: There is no one waving the "establishment" banner this time around.

The schism on today's council isn't so much ideological as a difference in tone and in degree of residentialist leanings. Like Hol-

man, Councilmen Greg Schmid and Pat Burt have been vocal in their criticism of development and often question city data on traffic and building density.

The rest of the council, while more willing to consider new proposals, has nevertheless been cautious about development throughout town and its impact on local neighborhoods. Unlike in the 1960s and 1970s, no one on the current council argues that the city should aggressively push for more development (other than a new police headquarters to replace the small and seismically unsound station inside City Hall); encourage greater density (except near transit hubs); welcome high-speed rail (all nine council members took a "no confidence" stance on the project); criticize Caltrain; or promote development on open-space preserves (aside from the proposed waste-to-energy plant in the Baylands' Byxbee Park, which continues to frustrate local conservationists).

Since the defeat of Measure D, the council unanimously suspended the city's "planned community" (PC) zoning, which grants developers exemptions in exchange for negotiated public benefits. And while some council members have been more open than others to relaxing the city's 50-foot height limit for new buildings, even they agree that this should only be done in close proximity to Caltrain stations. Scharff and Vice Mayor Liz Kniss have both criticized the planned-community process; and Councilman Marc Berman has largely voted with the majority and based his decisions on data rather than ideology.

The two council members who have been most open to new development, Larry Klein and Gail Price, will be stepping down this year, with Klein (who was considered a residentialist during the movement's heyday) being termed

out and Price choosing not to seek a second term.

Even so, the November election could further tip the scale toward the slow-growth camp at a time when the city is upgrading its land-use bible, the Comprehensive Plan. Nearly every non-incumbent candidate is talking about preserving the city's "quality of life" and protecting neighborhoods from traffic and parking problems resulting from growth. In a statement, Kou said her priorities will include "preserving the unique character of residential neighborhoods, addressing zoning and development with a responsible and sensible method, ensuring reliable

and sustainable infrastructure and adequate city services, and increasing government accountability and transparency.

"In the race to make Palo Alto 'world-class' in innovation, environmental leadership and technology, our leaders have often not considered the effect on residents," Kou said in a statement. "For many residents, Palo Alto has been the ideal town to call home and to raise children, myself included. So that current and future generations have that same opportunity, I want to ensure that residents' views are at the forefront in future decisions that affect their quality of life." ■



Lydia Kou



CITY OF PALO ALTO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Palo Alto City Council will hold a public hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or as near thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, to consider Comprehensive Plan Update – Discussion of Alternative Futures & Issues for Consideration in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR "Scoping" Meeting). The City will Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Update of its Comprehensive Plan. Staff will Summarize Input Received at Recent Public Meetings and Invite Comments and Suggestions from the Public and the City Council Regarding the Alternatives and Issues that Should be Included for Analysis in the EIR. (Note: After an initial presentation, comments, and discussion, this public hearing will be proposed for continuance to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 6, 2014.)

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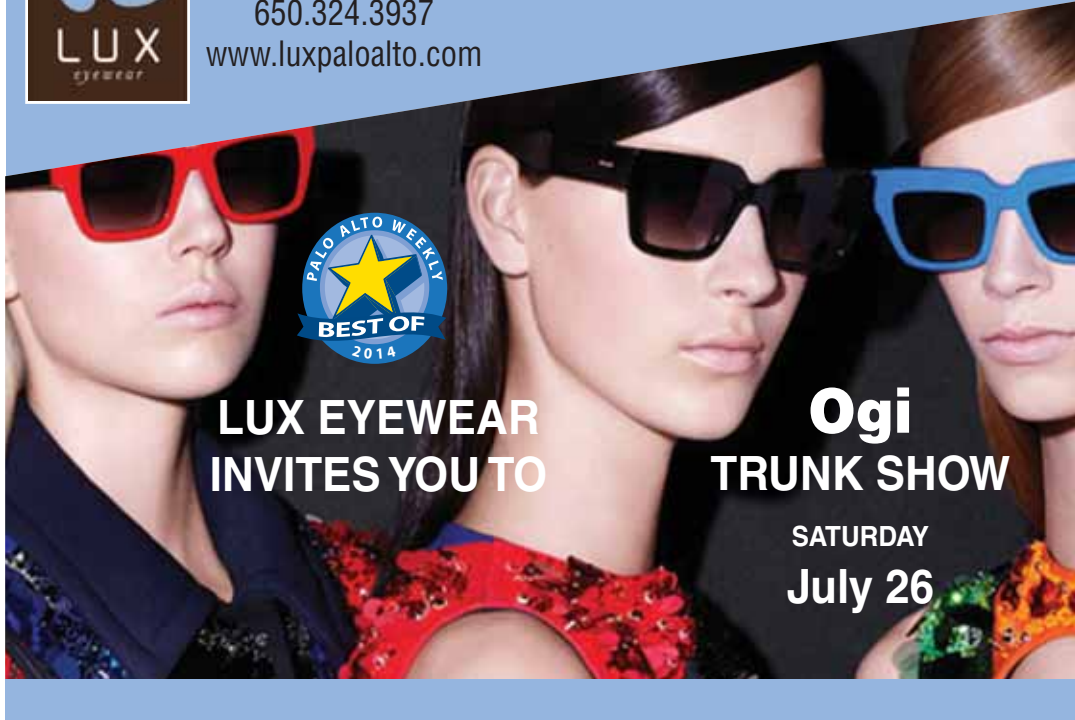
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Online This Week

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President arrives in Bay Area for local event

President Barack Obama flew into San Francisco International Airport Tuesday night for a short fundraising visit Wednesday in the South Bay. (Posted July 22, 1:05 p.m.)

Law professor nominated for state high court

Mariano-Florentino Cuellar, a Mexican-born Stanford Law School professor and former White House official, has been nominated for the California Supreme Court, Governor Jerry Brown's office announced Tuesday. (Posted July 22, 8:58 a.m.)

Dean of Grace Cathedral to join Stanford

The dean of San Francisco's Episcopal Grace Cathedral will become Stanford University's new dean for religious life, the university announced Monday. The Rev. Jane Shaw, a historian and theologian who has led Grace Cathedral since 2010, this fall replaces the Rev. William "Scotty" McLennan, who is stepping down. (Posted July 21, noon)

Video, police dog aid Palo Alto police in arrest

Palo Alto police arrested a Mountain View man early Saturday morning after he allegedly tried to steal a car from a driveway, repeatedly backing into another car before being confronted by a resident and fleeing. (Posted July 20, 9:45 p.m.)

Police searching for restroom photographer

Palo Alto police are searching for a man who allegedly reached under a dividing wall and photographed a woman while she was in a public restroom stall at Cubberley Community Center Thursday evening. (Posted July 18, 12:02 p.m.)

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Palo Alto VA employee alleges retaliation, gag order for flagging errors

Veterans agency says it cannot comment on case pending investigation

by Chris Kenrick

An inpatient pharmacy technician supervisor at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System's Palo Alto facility said he experienced retaliation and a gag order from his superiors after speaking up about errors and delays in delivery of medication to patients.

Stuart Kallio said he was placed on administrative leave in June after writing a string of emails to his superiors, beginning on Feb. 5, that described the pharmacy as being incompetent and led by uncaring management, with consequences to patient care.

Kallio, a veteran who served nine years in the Navy, was among 800 current and former VA employees and veterans who responded to a call from the Project on Government Oversight (POGO), a nonpartisan, independent watchdog group that champions good government reforms. POGO teamed up with the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America to put out a call for the stories following recent disclo-

tures of sometimes fatal delays in treatment at VA facilities across the country.

Kallio's story was among those detailed in a July 21 POGO report titled "Fear and Retaliation at the VA."

"Until we eliminate the VA's culture of intimidation and climate of fear, no reforms will be able to turn this broken agency around," POGO Executive Director Danielle Brian said.

Palo Alto VA spokesman Michael Hill-Jackson said the agency could not comment on Kallio's case pending an investigation, which he said is underway.

"As far as any patient safety issue, we take that very seriously and if anything is brought up we investigate every single report," including any allegation Kallio made, Hill-Jackson said. He said he did not know the outcome of the investigation of any of Kallio's specific allegations.

Kallio shared with POGO a series of critical emails that he sent up the VA chain of command,

eventually as high as Elizabeth (Lisa) Joyce Freeman, who served as director of the Palo Alto VA Health Care System until she left this month to become interim director of the VA's Southwest Health Care Network in Arizona.

In an email on Feb. 5, Kallio wrote to a superior, "In summation, patients are experiencing inordinate delays in their health-care as a result of your failure and refusal to comply with VHA regulations."

On Feb. 26, he wrote, "In essence, after all these years of suffering under gross mismanagement and wonton (sic) violation of VHA regulations, the processes utilized by the Pharmacy Service have steadily deteriorated and atrophied to the point that the Inpatient Pharmacy is in reality in a perpetual state of failure, failing to provide timely, quality care to veterans."

In an April 7 letter, the chief of the pharmacy service threatened

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A LONG TERM LEASE TO AVENIDAS

FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 450 BRYANT STREET, PALO ALTO

Notice is hereby given that the Palo Alto City Council will consider entering into a new lease for a City owned building at 450 Bryant Street with Avenidas, a provider of senior services to the community. Avenidas has been providing senior services at this location for the past thirty seven (37) years. This public notice is required according to City's Policy and Procedure Section 1-11/ASD – Leased Use of City Land/Facilities. A copy of this notice will be mailed to property owners and tenants within 300 feet of the subject property in accordance with Section 18.77.080(d) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC). The City Council will review and approve the final lease at a regular Council meeting in the next 120 days. The City will provide a second public notice thirty (30) days prior to the Council meeting to award the lease.

The terms of the lease will be similar to the current ones and will include a fifty (50) year term at the rental rate of one (\$1.00) a year. Avenidas will be responsible for the maintenance and operation of the property as well as their allocated utility costs. The City will grant a non-exclusive right to Avenidas to use twenty-five parking spaces in Lot C for the accommodation of parking needs for its clients.

For additional information, please contact Hamid Ghaemmaghami, Manager of Real Property, City of Palo Alto at (650) 329-2264, or email: hamid.ghaemmaghami@cityofpaloalto.com



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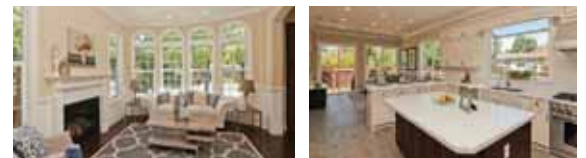
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636 Waverley Street [14PLN-00214]: Request by David Kleiman for Preliminary Parcel Map for a minor subdivision to establish two commercial condominium units and two residential units in the CD-C(P) zone district. Environmental Assessment: Exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Section 15315.

Hillary E. Gitelman
Director of Planning and Community Environment



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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
of the City of Palo Alto
Architectural Review Board (ARB)**

8:30 A.M., Thursday, August 7, 2014, Palo Alto Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Civic Center, 250 Hamilton Avenue. Plans may be reviewed at the Development Center at 285 Hamilton Avenue or online at: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/planningprojects>; contact Diana Tamale for additional information during business hours at 650.329.2144.

930 Emerson Street [14PLN- 00116]: Request by Hayes Group Architecture, Inc., on behalf of Emerson High, LLC for Architectural Review of the renovation of an existing building including a Design Enhancement Exception for a new parapet wall, and addition of a 759 square foot (sf) detached garage on a 11,250 sf site, to change the use from auto service to office use. Environmental Assessment: Exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Section 15311. Zone District: RT-35.

636 Middlefield Road [14PLN-00097]: Request by Steve Smith for Architectural Review of the construction of three detached residential units, demolition of the two existing dwellings, and retention of an existing building to continue the legal non-conforming office use within, on a 15,000 sf site. The project includes a Design Enhancement Exception for daylight plane encroachments, a side yard setback encroachment for a new ADA ramp, and to allow trash enclosures to be located closer than 75 feet from the front property line. Environmental Assessment: Exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Section 15303. Zone District: RM-15.

250 Hamilton Avenue [14PLN-00228]: Request by Omer Tzoore of Petra Systems for Architectural Review of a six month long test project consisting of the installation of nine new streetlight-mounted solar modules in the public right-of-way along El Camino Real. Environmental Assessment: Exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.

Amy French
Chief Planning Official

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Youth program

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tle more fun and creative. What sometimes happens to students is they forget that learning can actually be fun and interesting instead of drudgery. We want to instill that idea of learning as a fun activity."

The four-week summer STEAM camp (for "science, technology, engineering, art and math") begins promptly at 9 a.m. with campers spending at least 10 minutes on yoga mats for guided meditation and breathing exercises.

When the silence is broken, seventh-graders jump up and head into a computer lab to learn simple programming, using the Scratch programming language that makes it easy for kids to create pictures and games.

Sixth-graders recently brainstormed ideas for their community project in a class using principles of "design thinking."

Suggestions ran the gamut and included gathering celebrity testimonials to warn against the perils of peer pressure; educating pregnant moms about the dangers of smoking; and inventing robots that would pick up cigarette butts.

The group finally settled on finding solutions to secondhand smoke. They went to interview people at the public library and at McDonald's about the problem. Former East Palo Alto Mayor Sharifa Wilson visited to help them think of things they could do about it. Finally, they used materials at hand to create a proto-



Teacher Felicia Desher helps sixth-graders De'aveon Roberts, left, and Gerardo Gamino with their project designing packaging that discourages cigarette use at the Foundation for a College Education's STEAM summer camp.

'What sometimes happens to students is they forget that learning can actually be fun and interesting instead of drudgery.'

—Anna Waring, executive director, Foundation for a College Education

type of a vacuum that would suck up the bad air.

Every STEAM camper gets a turn at simple video production, with sixth-graders creating one-minute videos about their ideas on "culture" and seventh-graders making longer videos about things they love.

A seventh-grader named Ramie created a video about why he loves soccer. Another boy produced a cartoon video posing the question: "Can video games be addictive?"

Seventh-graders Jenny and Michelle teamed up to make a video about the meaning of "true friendship." True friendship means "they're always there for you. They've got your back no matter what, and they're like a sister,"

Jenny said. "Michelle always has been there for me no matter what, even though there was drama."

The four-week session has also included field trips to Bay Area places of interest: the Exploratorium, Kepler's, Google and Stanford University Hospital.

Before the camp's end this Friday, each student will give a presentation to the group, either on a poem they've written, a scene from a book they're reading, their community project or something about themselves.

"We're trying to introduce a comfort with speaking early on," Waring said. ■

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Palo Alto VA

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to suspend Kallio for sending a dozen emails “that contained disrespectful and inappropriate statements about your Service Chief” and others, including “VA Palo Alto Health Care System Leadership.”

In a response to the chief of pharmacy service defending himself three weeks later, Kallio said that patients were suffering “missed doses, late doses, wrong doses,” quoting hospital records of medication errors and copying Congressional overseers.

On May 29, the chief of pharmacy service informed Kallio he would be suspended from June 8 through June 21.

On the first day of his suspension, Kallio reiterated his complaints and accused the VA of retaliation in an email to Freeman.

“For almost two years now I have been communicating my concerns regarding the VAPAH-CS Palo Alto Division Inpatient Pharmacy up the chain of command up to and including your office,” he wrote. “Your response has been to unlawfully retaliate against me.”

Kallio cited a case in which a patient’s epidural drip of pain medication ran dry and another in which a chemotherapy drug that requires refrigeration was administered two and a half hours after its expiration and the patient developed a fever.

On June 20, the Friday before he was supposed to return to work, Kallio received notice placing him on paid administrative leave pending an investigation. The same day, he received a letter from the pharmacy service chief with the heading “Direct Order,” warning him not to discuss his case “with anyone inquiring outside of official representational role or management investigative capacity and who does not have a need to know.”

“As far as I am concerned, this

is a public safety issue and the public has a need to know,” Kallio told POGO.

Whether Kallio is right or wrong, POGO said, “punishing and trying to silence him sends precisely the wrong message for the VA. Furthermore the gag or-

The Palo Alto VA recently hosted a community meeting, lead by Freeman and Reps. Anna Eshoo and Jackie Speier, during which local veterans both decried and lauded the hospital. In June, Hill-Jackson defended the Palo Alto hospital against widespread

‘As far as any issue, we take (patient safety) very seriously and if anything is brought up we investigate every single report.’

—Michael Hill-Jackson, spokesman, VA Palo Alto Health Care System

der was placed on Kallio after his VA superiors could see that he was copying Congress on correspondence; it is against the law to attempt to interfere with a person’s communications with Congress.”

Kallio told POGO his suspension is unpaid and he is living paycheck to paycheck, with a heavy financial and emotional toll.

criticism about VA wait times nationwide.

“A lot of vets are concerned, of course, but not all VA’s are the same,” he told the Weekly. “That’s the message we’re trying to get out there: ‘If you’re in Palo Alto, you’re OK.’” ■

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING of the City of Palo Alto Historic Resources Board [HRB]

8:00 A.M., Wednesday, August 6, 2014 Palo Alto Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Civic Center, 250 Hamilton Avenue. Plans may be reviewed at the Development Center at 285 Hamilton Avenue or online at: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/planningprojects>; contact Diana Tamale for additional information during business hours at 650.329.2144.

221 Kingsley Avenue (the Fowler Mansion) [14PLN-00182]: Request by Max Keech on behalf of John H and Sybille A Pfluke Trustee for Historic Resources Board Review for proposed modifications to a brown-shingle Colonial Revival residence designated to the Historic Inventory in Category 2 and located in the Professorville National Register Historic District. The project would include relocation of the house on the site closer to Ramona Street and reorientation of the house so that the front entry would face Ramona Street rather than Kingsley Avenue. The project would also include a single-story 700 square-foot addition at the rear of the house, and a new foundation and basement. Environmental Assessment: Categorically Exempt from the provisions of CEQA, Section 15331. Zone District: R-1.

456 University Avenue (the Varsity Theater) [14PLN-00226]: Request by Sanjay Shirole on behalf of Palo Alto Theater Corporation for Historic Resources Board review of exterior and interior modifications to the existing building for a proposed eating and drinking/personal service/retail establishment, in a manner that would retain the character defining features of the building. Exterior modifications include placement of non-structural café-style seating, café equipment, string lighting in the courtyard, replacement building entry doors, a new, retractable glass storefront system and other minor alterations. Environmental Assessment: Categorically Exempt from the provisions of CEQA, Section 15331. Zone District: CD-C(GF)(P)

Steven Turner, Advance Planning Manager

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Dated this 18th day of July, 2014
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Palo Alto

July 16-21

Violence related

Battery 2
Domestic violence 1

Theft related

Commercial burglaries 2
Credit card forgery 1
Grand theft 3
Identity theft 1
Petty theft 8
Residential burglaries 1

Vehicle related

Abandoned bicycle 1
Auto theft 2
Driving with suspended license 6
Driving without license 1
Hit and run 4
Theft from auto 5
Vehicle accident/minor injury 3
Vehicle accident/property damage 7
Vehicle tow 2

Alcohol or drug related

Drinking in public 2
Driving under influence 2
Drunk in public 4
Open container 1

Miscellaneous

Firearm disposal 1
Found property 2
Lost property 1
Noise complaint/construction 1
Other/misc. 4
Psychiatric hold 4
Substance disposal 1
Suspicious circumstances 2
Terrorist threats 1
Vandalism 1
Warrant/other agency 7

Menlo Park

July 16-21

Violence related

Assault with a deadly weapon 1
Battery on police officer 1
Domestic violence 2

Theft related

Commercial burglaries 1
Identity theft 1
Petty theft 6
Residential burglaries 3

Vehicle related

Auto recovery 2
Driving with suspended license 9
Hit and run 1
Theft from auto 1
Vehicle accident/no injury 3
Vehicle tow 8

Alcohol or drug related

Drunk in public 1
Possession of paraphernalia 2
Under influence of drugs 6

Miscellaneous

Coroner case 2
Disturbing/annoying phone calls 1
False info to police officer 1
Found property 3
Info case 2
Juvenile problem 1
Lost property 1
Psychiatric hold 4
Trespassing 1
Vandalism 5
Warrant arrest 4

VIOLENT CRIMES

Palo Alto

University Avenue and Cowper Street, 7/17, 10:10 p.m.; battery/simple.

Embarcadero Road and East Bayshore Road, 7/18, 9:34 p.m.; domestic violence/violation of court order.

535 Ramona St., 7/20, 1:47 p.m.; battery/simple.

Menlo Park

1200 block Saratoga Ave., 7/17, 12:32 a.m.; battery on police officer.

10 block Maywood Lane, 7/17, 8:26 p.m.; assault with a deadly weapon.

300 block Sharon Park Drive, 7/19, 3:47 p.m.; spousal abuse.

200 block Oakhurst Place, 7/21, 1:46 p.m.; domestic violence/72-hour hold.

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Meryl Ray Longanecker

August 22, 1931 to July 17, 2014

Ray was born, and raised in Palo Alto. After attending Palo Alto High School he volunteered for the army in 1951 and became a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne. After being honorably discharged he continued to skydive recreationally and was part of a team that performed at the first Livermore air show. He married the love of his life, Sarah Harrison, in September of 1957. Together they started a family and a business. In 1959 the doors to Say Ray Foreign Auto Service were opened. Combining his passion and aptitude for anything mechanical and with his caring customer service made "the Shop" a success. The business continues to this day with his son, Peter, overseeing operations. An avid boater, Ray built with the help of his friends, a waterskiing haven on Quimby Island in the Delta. There he spent many good times during the summer with friends and family.

Ray is survived by his wife, Sarah, three children, Peter, David and Laura and seven grandchildren, Maxwell, Alex, Daniel, Robert, Jacqueline, Madeline and Katherine. His greatest love was for his family of which he was so proud.

Ray will forever be remembered as a kind and generous man with an infinite amount of patience and a love for life. His spirit will live on in all those that had the opportunity to know him.

The family would like to thank the caregivers at the Hospice of the Valley, and Heart to Heart Senior Care. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Hospice of the Valley or Alzheimer Research.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Life, which will be held on August 16, 2014, between the hours of 4:00 pm to 7:00pm, at the family home.

PAID OBITUARY

Betty Jean Danford Lockfeld

August 31, 1931 – July 8, 2014

Wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, "BJ" was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2000. On July 8, 2014, the disease overtook her at her home in Palo Alto, in the arms of her loving husband.

The second of three daughters, BJ was born in the small town of Bolivia, NC, on August 31, 1931, to Early and Blanche Danford. She married her second husband, Frank Lockfeld, in 1985.

BJ travelled extensively in France with her husband, visiting the vineyards and enjoying fine foods. Together they took great joy in classical music, theater, opera, and skiing. Taos Ski Valley was one of their favorite haunts for both skiing and music.

BJ was an excellent baker, and her friends will long remember her Linzer torte, birthday cakes, and shortbread. She was a master of all the textile arts. She worked looms, knitted, crocheted, and sewed any number of items of fine apparel for her family. She delighted in delicate needlepoint and cross stitch work. "The joy is in the making," she would say, as she gave away her craft.

BJ will be sorely missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband Frank, her sisters Earleen (Shorey) and Carolyn (Posch), son Max (Rosan), daughter Amy (Rosan Brown) and extended family Alex, Tim and Jessica Lockfeld, as well as six grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held privately. Contributions can be made to your favorite charity, or to Pathways Hospice Foundation, 585 North Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale CA, 94805.

PAID OBITUARY

Transitions

Births, marriages and deaths

Ed Arnold

Edward "Ed" Samuel Arnold Jr. — a longtime stockbroker who served as mayor and on the Palo Alto City Council during the city's politically tumultuous 1960s — died on July 6 following a period of declining health. He was 96.

He served on the council from 1961 to 1971, a harsh decade of a political split between so-called "establishment" versus slow-growth/no-growth "residentialists." He was on the establishment side.

Yet as a council member, he was consistently soft-spoken and often wove a twist of wry humor into his comments. He also wrote down and carefully edited his comments, holding them to a few main points he wanted to make.

He was born on April 3, 1918, in Findlay, Ohio. He studied government at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1940 after serving as editor of the campus humor magazine, *The Lyre*.

He met Margaret West on a blind date in Princeton, New Jersey. They were married on June 26, 1942, in Live Oak, Florida. He served in the U.S. Army medical service from early 1943 through the end of World War II, and he and Margaret settled in Palo Alto following the war, beginning their family.

Their four children are Heidi Arnold of Redwood City, Nancy Goodno of Seattle, Marti Alston of Detroit and James "Jas" Arnold of San Diego. He is predeceased by his grandson, Jesse, while his granddaughter, Meagan Olson, lives in San Diego. His wife Margaret died in 2011.

He was a stockbroker for a va-

riety of firms, including J. Earle May & Co., Mitchum Jones & Templeton and Kidder Peabody & Co., finally working as an independent investment adviser. He served on the board of governors of the National Association of Security Dealers, the predecessor to Nasdaq.

Many of his community activities preceded his 1960 decision to run for the City Council in the spring 1961 election — then held in odd years for the 15-member council. He served on the board of trustees for the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford and was an emeritus advisory board member for the Palo Alto Community Fund. He served as president of the Mayor's Council of Santa Clara County.

He also served as president of the Peninsula Kiwanis Club and was also active in the Cubberley High School PTA and the Palo Alto Girl Scout Council. He and Margaret were founding members of Covenant Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto. He was a member of the Palo Alto Club, and supported charities and causes focused on the study of multiple sclerosis, his church and several health organizations.

"I have been privileged to live and work in Palo Alto, and make a modest contribution to its city government," he said in his 1960 announcement in the Palo Alto Times. "As councilman I would hope to expand that contribution in an effective and intelligent manner."

Yet his three terms as mayor (1965 to 1966 and 1968 to 1970) were frustrating to him, marked by the council/community split on growth and later by disruptions by a radical pro-housing group, when "establishment" took on a broader countercultural meaning.

A memorial service for Arnold has been scheduled for noon Saturday, Aug. 30, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 670 E. Meadow

Drive in Palo Alto. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Palo Alto Community Fund, P.O. Box 50634, Palo Alto, CA 94303, and Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

— Jay Thorwaldson

Toni Conrad

Antoinette "Toni" Conrad, a longtime resident of Palo Alto and the Bay Area, died on June 23. She was 91.

She was born on Oct. 9, 1922, to Joseph and Dora Gattuccio, both immigrants from Sicily. She was raised on her family's orchards in the San Jose area. She graduated from Los Gatos High School in 1940 and went on to earn a nursing degree from San Jose State University and a master's degree in public health from the University of California, Berkeley.

After working as a nurse in San Francisco for years, she married Walter "Hank" Conrad in 1953. The couple moved to Palo Alto, where they raised their three children and lived for more than 50 years. She worked in Palo Alto as a nursery school teacher, school nurse and a teacher's aide in special education and hearing-impaired classes. Following some health problems, she moved to Gilroy to be near her daughter, Ann.

Her pastimes included playing tennis, tending to her garden and doting on children and animals.

She is survived by her son, Thomas (Sally) Conrad of Katoanah, New York; daughter, Ann (Robert) Barham of Gilroy; daughter, Susan (Timothy Pfeiffer) Conrad of Portland, Oregon; and three grandchildren, Noel, Julia and Emily.

A memorial service was held on June 30 at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto. Memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT FIRM

The East Palo Alto Sanitary District (District) is requesting proposals (RFP) from qualified certified public accounting firms to audit its financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The District previously requested proposals for this same purpose, but at its discretion, rejected all bids received and elected to reissue this RFP in an effort to obtain a wider pool of proposals. The District invites previous proposers to re-submit a proposal in response to this RFP. The District will look favorably on proposals submitted with experience auditing Special District agencies similar to us. Please contact the District office to obtain a copy of the request for proposal. The deadline for receiving proposals is August 8, 2014.

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Works to be exhibited at the Mobile Digital Art Summit and Exhibition include digital art by (left to right) Amy Hashim, Raheem Nelson, Linda Pahl and Claire Iris Schencke.

Mobile digital art goes mainstream

mDAC Summit and Exhibition showcase mobile-device artworks and techniques

by Sue Dremann

It's nearly anywhere in Palo Alto these days and one is bound to encounter that latest branch of human evolution, *Homo mobilis* — Mobile-electronics Man — hunched over digital devices.

Seemingly oblivious to their surroundings and hopelessly engrossed in what an outsider might observe as trivial pursuits, they may in reality be true artists in the midst of creating works. Fingers are their brushes, laying down colors with broad swipes across the digital screen; photographs become montages of mixed media in pencil, pen or pastel.

This is the new artistic mobile age, where technology stretches the boundaries of art — and art is literally at everyone's fingertips. A three-day event at the Pacific Art League, the mDAC — Mobile Digital Art Exhibition and Mobile Digital Arts & Creativity Summit — will give viewers and participants a chance to experience how far the boundaries between art and technology are expanding. The 80-artist, juried exhibition opens Aug. 1, and the two-day technology and creativity workshop begins on Aug. 2 with something for everyone from beginner to master.

"Our key vision is to teach art, no matter what the platform is," Seth Schalet, Pacific Art League's executive director, said. "We want to teach people to discover their creativity. Traditional art forms and digital art are both part of the same lineage in our view."

"We're here in the (Silicon) Val-

ley. Our goal is to leverage this technology. We want to teach corporate classes and workshops and to take art into the community and make it easier to engage."

The two-pronged approach of exhibit and workshops aims to spark creativity in everyone, regardless of their level technical or artistic ability. The exhibition, now in its second year, runs throughout the month. It is free to the general public. The Digital Arts and Creativity Summit, the first event of its kind globally, offers two days of workshops and lectures by renowned speakers in their fields from around the world. It is a paid event.

The summit offers 17 classes ranging from basic digital mobile drawing skills to art applications for oil and acrylic painters, making comics, caricatures, portraits, creative art collage, photo manipulation, printing and publishing mobile art and 3-D modeling and 3-D printing using programs and applications such as Sketch Book Pro, Paper 53, ArtRage, Art Apps, Procreate, iPad Animation and iColorama.

If it all sounds daunting, the subject matter is divided into two tracks: a mobile digital-art track that focuses on creation of digital artwork using key mobile art applications (apps), and a mobile creativity track that focuses on the creative aspect of mobile devices, including basic digital art creation, animation and 3-D printing. People can attend any session from either track based on their interest,

said Sumit Vishwakarma, founder of iPadtoArt.com and Mobile Art Academy, who is partnering with the Pacific Art League to put on the exhibition and summit.

With prices coming down for digital applications over time, the ability to make digital art available to everyone, Schalet said. And digital art can expand the horizons not only of people who consider themselves artistically talented but also of those who don't. Many people in technology use their creativity every day to write programs or develop computer products, but they don't necessarily consider themselves the "creative types." But mobile digital arts allow tech types to expand their definition of creativity in unexplored ways. Such exposure could also encourage people who thought they had no artistic ability to gain confidence and further explore the more traditional arts, said Schalet, who has a background in manufacturing data center equipment.

Vishwakarma has tapped into his own artistic talents through mobile devices. His inspiration can come at a moment's notice, he said. He creates art on an iPad and tablets using different applications; his fingers or a stylus are his brushes and pencils.

"If I want to draw in the train station, I can just take out my iPhone and sketch. You have a full studio in your hand," he said.

Vishwakarma's love of mobile digital art sparked him to found the Mobile Art Academy with

Education Director Caroline Mustard. The academy offers digital art classes for all ages and levels of ability, from toddlers to seniors, and offers free tablet-art workshops in public libraries and to local organizations.

Mobile digital art can especially benefit children, Schalet and Vishwakarma said.

"Kids can draw free from fear. In digital art, you can erase. It gives people the chance to experiment," Schalet said.

Digital art can inspire kids because it removes much of the frustration.

"Digital art allows you to draw in layers. If something goes wrong in that layer, you can delete it," he added.

And, Vishwakarma added, many apps "are less than the price of a coffee cup."

The exhibition offers a sampling of the range of techniques one can now use through applications, from watercolor to pastel, oil to pencil. The show attracted 720 submissions from 300 artists and from a dozen countries, including Canada and Singapore, Schalet said.

Because it is immediately transportable, digital art enables local venues such as the Pacific Art League to have a truly global exhibition that is representative of different cultures and socioeconomic levels — one that mirrors Silicon Valley's cultural diversity, he said.

Jurists were also surprised by the overall quality of the work, he added.

"The bar was very high. It was a tough call," Schalet said.

The jury panel included traditional and digital artists, a mix perhaps reflective of a growing acceptance of digital art as a "true art."

Schalet said digital art can be measured in some of the same ways as any art form: composition, level of detail, texture, for example. But there is something deeper that makes any work of art great art whether it comes off a microchip or a canvas, he said.

"In the end you ask, 'Does it speak to me?'" ■

Staff Writer Sue Dremann can be emailed at sdremann@pawekly.com.

What: Mobile Digital Art Exhibition and Mobile Digital Arts & Creativity Summit

Where: Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto

When: The Mobile Digital Art Exhibition opens Aug. 1 at 5:30 p.m. and runs through Aug. 31. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Mobile Digital Arts & Creativity Summit takes place Aug. 2 and 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Cost: Art exhibition admission is free; the mDAC Summit costs range from a one-day pass for \$129 in advance (\$149 at the door) to \$159 for both days (\$199 at the door).

Info: Go to mdacsummit.org or email info@mdacsummit.org.

Worth a Look



Courtesy of Rod Piazza

Rod Piazza and The Mighty Flyers headline the Redwood City PAL Blues, Arts and BBQ Festival on Friday, July 25.

Music

Blues and BBQ

Get ready to boogie at the 9th annual Redwood City PAL Blues, Arts and BBQ Festival, coming to Courthouse Square in downtown Redwood City on July 25 and 26.

This two-day extravaganza features some of the Bay Area's finest blues musicians and finger-lickin'-good barbecue. Blues harmonica player Rod Piazza and the Mighty Flyers headline this year's event, which includes live music and a family area with an arcade for children in addition to food and beverages. Performers include Golden State Lone Star Revue with Anson Funderberg, Little Charlie Baty and Mark Hummel; Deeva and the Blazers; Chicago- and Memphis-style blues; blues belter Ms. Taylor P. Collins and her seven-piece band; Tebo, performing a tribute to legend Howlin' Wolf; Danny Caron's Good Hands Organ Trio; Aki Kumar Blues Band; Rick Estrin and the Nightcats. The festival opens on Friday from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and runs through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Courthouse Square, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. Free. More information is available at redwoodcitypal.com/blues/.

Film

Jewish film festival

The San Francisco Jewish Film Festival returns to Palo Alto starting July 26 at the CineArts at Palo Alto Square with 27 films ranging from "The Secret Life of Uri Geller — Psychic Spy?" to "The Village of Peace," a documentary portrait of African-Americans who left their home in Chicago in the late 1960s to form a thriving community and refer to themselves as African-Hebrew Israelites.

This film series explores the multifaceted experience of the Jewish diaspora in fiction and documentary. Follow the corn-fed tradition of American football through "Touchdown Israel," a film about the 11-team Israel Football League, or revisit the Golden Age of Yiddish

cinema through the beautifully restored print of "Mamele," made for the film's 75th anniversary, starring Molly Picon, a Yiddish Mary Martin.

Additional films include "The Sturgeon Queens," "The Green Prince," "Regarding Susan Sontag," "Watchers of the Sky," "Run Boy Run," "Havana Curveball" and "Comedy Warriors," a film about five severely injured Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who bring their

life-altering experiences onstage, performing fiercely funny stand-up gold.

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Sex Tape **

There's a sequence early on in "Sex Tape" during which the married couple played by Cameron Diaz and Jason Segel try repeatedly to rekindle their sexual flame, only to be frustrated each time. That's a little like the experience of watching the only - sometimes - amusing R-rated comedy. Diaz's Annie, owner of the "Who's Your Mommy?" blog, recalls the days when she and her husband, Jay (Segel), were as frisky as jack-rabbits. Now that they're married with children (Sebastian Hedges Thomas and Giselle Eisenberg), Annie and Jay are too tired and over-scheduled to have sex more than once in a blue moon. But when a toy company for some reason decides to buy Annie's blog, she knows how she wants to celebrate: drop the kids at mom's and get down with Jay. When the pair fail to get their groove back, an idea occurs to Annie: they could film themselves. And so they do, but Jay — who works in radio — allows his complicated syncing app, and practice of giving away used iPads, to send the sex tape into the cloud where friends and family (and the mailman) can see their homemade porn. Thus begins a quest to find and erase all copies of the sex tape. Oddly, Annie and Jay's frantic journey into the night has basically one stop, after easy negotiations with friends Robby (Rob Corddry) and Tess (Ellie Kemper): the home of the CEO (Rob Lowe) who hasn't yet signed on the dotted line to buy Annie's blog. The oddly paced narrative eventually settles on another necessary journey and the unconvincing decision to break and enter (with kids in tow). The team of Segel and Nicholas Stoller rewrote Kate Angelo's screenplay, but none of the three writers brings much to the game in plotting, characterization or comic invention. Ironically, "Sex Tape" works best as a rather sweet look at a loving couple trying to keep its sex life active. *Rated R for strong sexual content, nudity, language and some drug use. One hour, 34 minutes.* — P.C.

Dawn of the Planet of the Apes ***

"Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" is the latest in a series of Hollywood action reboots which aim to transform a campy movie into a gloomy and serious film. "Cloverfield" director Matt Reeves' latest film, the second in a series of prequels to the 1968 classic "Planet of the Apes," follows this recent trend. In the original film, based off Pierre Boulle's "La Planète des singes," talking primates carry firearms, ride on horseback and appear in other scenarios designed to at least partially amuse viewers. In "Dawn," we also see apes talk while carrying guns on horseback, but their glowering faces are menacing. The film envisions the breakout of a virus that ravages most of humanity and leaves survivors scattered and largely disconnected from each other. The virus is the result of a drug, designed to cure Alzheimer's, that in 2011's "Rise of the Planet of the Apes"

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is used to genetically enhance the intellect of apes that serve as test subjects. The consequences of this drug are staggering. While a human community led by Dreyfus (Gary Oldman) lives in the ruins of San Francisco in near hopelessness, the apes enjoy near utopian prosperity under the leadership of the first genetically modified simian, Caesar (Andy Serkis). In his first leading role since "Zero Dark Thirty," Jason Clarke exhibits charisma as a virus survivor who must negotiate with the apes to bring electric power to the humans. The film's chief cinematic assets are its apes, portrayed by actors in motion capture suits, which

hunt deer, fight grizzly bears and speak to each other in sign. The film succeeds in disturbing viewers because it makes an effort to be plausible. The steps the apes take to acquire power from humans are logical and don't leave behind plot holes. The film plays off the threat terrorists groups pose in the Middle East and reveals how frightening social instability can be. *Rated PG-13 for intense sci-fi violence and brief strong language. Two hours, 10 minutes.* — C.A.

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A 520 Chef's Table main course includes smoked porterhouse with yucca hash browns.



Beignets were one of three desserts served at a recent 520 Chef's Table dinner.

Welcome to the chef's table

Monthly pop-up dinners at Palo Alto's Garden Court Hotel a charming experience

by Elena Kadvany

Passst. There's a room in Palo Alto where foodies gather once a month around a long, communal table to experience an intimate, specially curated meal. The menu is unique, different and unpredictable, entirely in the hands of the chef each time. People have been returning again and again for more.

The meal is served in a surprising setting: the Garden Court Hotel in downtown Palo Alto, which has no official restaurant (it is not affiliated with Il Fornaio, which occupies the large dining space on the first floor of the Cowper Street building). But it does have an official chef.

Clive Berkman, an experienced chef who hails from South Africa, came to the hotel by chance last year after helping out at an event. He's been in the kitchen ever since, in charge of the hotel's in-room dining and events (corporate dinners, weddings and the like). So these monthly pop-up dinners, which started in March, are meant as a platform to showcase his talents (and of course, bring more people into the hotel).

Dubbed 520 Chef's Table (a play on the hotel's address), these dinners are not a cheap treat. Tickets are \$155 (\$119 per person plus a 20 percent service fee and 8.75 percent state tax) and include a multi-course, one-night-only dinner along with a starter cocktail, wine pairings throughout dinner, in-

teraction with the chef and a 30-person cap to keep it "intimate." If you care about food and food experiences, you'll be getting your money's worth; otherwise, the price might not be right.

Berkman crafts a different dinner for the third Thursday of each month based on whatever might be inspiring him at the moment, oftentimes with a personal tilt. One month, it was dishes from the favorite places he's eaten around the world (South Africa, England, France and America).

This month, the menu paid homage to new foodie film "Chef," in which Jon Favreau plays Los Angeles chef Carl Casper, once hailed for being daring and ground-breaking but now creatively stifled by his restaurant's owner, who just wants him to "cook what works." Casper quits in a very public video that quickly goes viral, and he starts a food truck so he can cook the way he really wants to.

"He's a great chef; however, he's tied and constrained by the conditions in which he works," Berkman told the diners at the beginning of the July 17 dinner. "And all of a sudden he's taken to a place where he's freed from the burdens of having to live up to a certain standard ... with reviewers, reporters, with modern technology, where information can be immediate ... you can imagine the nervousness and how we feel being in an industry where we're always on stage."

Favreau's character purchases a

beat-up taco truck in Miami and drives it across the country, stopping to sling his new food (Cuban sandwiches, barbecue sliders, beignets, arroz con pollo) in New Orleans, Austin and back to Los Angeles.

Berkman — who also dreams of owning a food truck one day — said the film's message spoke to him, and he created a menu to further the story and meaning. He's owned or worked at restaurants in or near the cities Casper stops: Miami, New Orleans and Houston.

Upon entering the Garden Court Hotel's "Terrace Room" — a beautiful dining room with French doors that open onto an enclosed terrace — diners could choose from a weak Cuban mojito cocktail or wine. Appetizers were mini "reconstructed" Cuban sandwiches. These tiny summer-vegetable choux pastries filled with goat cheese and apricot chutney could not be more unlike the traditional flat bread Cuban sandwiches Casper makes on a panini press in his truck, but they were delicious. Who knew something of barely one-inch diameter could be so packed with flavor?

Everyone eventually found their seats at the farmhouse table. Each setting had two spoons, three forks, two knives, two wine glasses and print-outs of the menu, topped with a carefully folded white napkin topped with a tiny spring of lavender. Baskets of foot-plus-long savory bread sticks, hand-

braided by a member of the kitchen staff, were set out with small bowls of olive oil mixed with Berkman's own special spice mixture.

Perhaps the best part of 520 Chef's Table is hearing from Berkman himself. He came out with each course to talk about the dish and interact with guests. The amuse-bouche, the "Seven 'Cs' soup" with lobster, came with a delicate croquette, lonely in a large white bowl. Waiters doused it with soup made from curry, coconut milk, cumin, chili oil, corn and chives. It also came with a challenge: name all seven of the ingredients in the dish that start with the letter "C." The prize: a packet of Berkman's special spice mixture to take home. Diners quickly whipped out iPhones to make lists of ingredients.

Next up was roasted black cod from Half Moon Bay topped with jicama and on the side, tiny scallops, a roasted-pepper mojo sauce and small cubes of deep-fried bread pudding. Berkman talked about how the dish exemplified his "three Ts" model for cooking — taste, texture and temperature — with the fish served closer to room temperature than piping hot and the crunch of the bread cubes adding a texture contrast with the soft fish.

Berkman disappeared and then returned with a surprise before the second course.

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sert” between courses, he said.

Scoops of palette-cleansing blood-orange sorbet appeared, with a grilled nectarine hiding beneath — the perfect stop-gap between a seafood and meat dish.

“If I left you with the taste in your mouth ... of say, bananas, and then came right off that with tomatoes, your mouth (would) clench,” Berkman said. “Really great menus are the ones that flow into each other.”

As the first meat of the evening came out — fried quail with stewed black beans, rice cake and a plantain mousse — Berkman quickly warned that someone in the kitchen had been too generous with the salt shaker. The quail was incredibly salty; not inedibly so, but enough to overpower the meat or the spicing. The beans and rice cake were excellent, though, and plain enough to balance out the heavy dose of sodium.

The main course — a smoked porterhouse steak served with one long, snake-like purple bean; yucca hash browns, topped with roasted Brussels sprouts and pancetta; and a large piece of flash-fried chard — was grand. The meat was rolled out on a cart with a metal heat lamp and carved at the table. Berkman said he wanted it to be reminiscent of hotels he cooked at during the 1970s



Diners eat in a communal setting at the 520 Chef's Table dinner.

that would make an almost theatrical act out of serving meat. The meat was smoky, soft, sweet.

Wine and dessert, however, were disappointing. The two wines, a St. Supery sauvignon blanc from Napa Valley and J pinot noir from the Russian River Valley, were excellent and generously served throughout the dinner, but there was no mention of either one or explanation of how they paired with the food.

And though Berkman called dessert “the greatest course” of any meal, the three he served were nothing to write home about. A beignet was too soft, almost

under-fried and a chocolate lava cake and tres leches cake sadly underwhelming. Ironically, a lackluster chocolate lava cake is also Casper's downfall in “Chef.”

But it didn't matter, because everyone was enjoying themselves immensely. The whole table chimed in to sing “Happy Birthday” to one of the diners. Throughout the evening, strangers got to know each other over the food, lingering well past dessert and coffee.

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This year, more than 36,000 votes were tallied for the Weekly's Best Of. Winners were chosen in 101 different categories. The winners represent a wide spectrum of businesses in the community, including everything from Dry Cleaner (Charleston Cleaners) to Burgers (Gott's Roadside) and Nightlife (Nola). In addition, there are 22 standout businesses in this year's Hall of Fame (*see page 26*).

So go ahead and mingle. There's bound to be a new face or two as well as longtimers to applaud for their continued excellence and service to Palo Alto visitors and residents.

—Sam Sciolla

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Beauty Supply: Sephora, Stanford Shopping Center

Hall of Fame: Peninsula Beauty Supply, 250 University Ave.

Bike Shop: Mike's Bikes, 3001 El Camino Real

Bookstore: Books Inc., Town & Country Village

Hall of Fame: Kepler's Books and Magazines, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park

Boutique: Shady Lane, 441 University Ave.

Eyewear: Lux Eyewear, 1805 El Camino Real

Flower Shop: Michaela's Flower Shop, 453 Waverly St.

Gift Shop: Shady Lane, 441 University Ave.

Green Business: Whole Foods Market, 774 Emerson St.

Hall of Fame: Hassett (ACE) Hardware, 875 Alma St.

Hardware Store: ACE Hardware Menlo Park, 700 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park

Hall of Fame: Hassett (ACE) Hardware, 875 Alma St.

Home Decor & Furnishings: IKEA, 1700 E. Bayshore Rd., East Palo Alto

Jewelry Store: Shady Lane, 441 University Ave.

Men's Apparel: Macy's Mens, Stanford Shopping Center

Hall of Fame: Nordstrom, Stanford Shopping Center

New Retail Business: The Container Store, Stanford Shopping Center

Nursery/Garden Supply: SummerWinds Nursery, 725 San Antonio Rd.

Pet Store: Pet Food Express, 3910 Middlefield Rd.

Pharmacy/Drug Store: CVS, 2701 Middlefield Rd., Town & Country Village, 352 University Ave.

Hall of Fame: Walgreens, 2605 Middlefield Rd.

Shoe Store: Footwear etc., 463 University Ave.

Sporting Goods & Apparel: REI, 2450 Charleston Rd., Mountain View

Stationery Store: Village Stationers, 310 S. California Ave., 719 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park

Toy Store: Cheeky Monkey, 640 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park

Hall of Fame: Palo Alto Sport Shop and Toy World, 526 Waverley St.

Women's Apparel: Anthropologie, 999 Alma St.

Hall of Fame: Nordstrom, Stanford Shopping Center

FOOD & DRINK

Bagels: Izzy's Brooklyn Bagels, 477 S. California Ave.

Bakery/Desserts: Prolific Oven, 550 Waverley St.

BBQ: Armadillo Willy's, 1031 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos

Breakfast: Joanie's Cafe, 405 S. California Ave.

Burgers: Gott's Roadside, Town & Country Village

Hall of Fame: The Counter, 369 S. California Ave.

Burrito: Chipotle, 2675 El Camino Real

Deli/Sandwich: Ike's Place, 475 Via Ortega, Stanford

Hall of Fame: Village Cheese House, Town & Country Village

Dim Sum: Ming's Chinese Cuisine and Bar, 1700 Embarcadero Rd.

Grocery Store: Whole Foods, 774 Emerson St.

Hall of Fame: Trader Joe's, Town & Country Village

Happy Hour: Nola, 535 Ramona St.

Ice Cream/Gelato: Tin Pot Creamery, Town & Country Village

Milkshake: Palo Alto Creamery Fountain & Grill (Emerson/Hamilton)

New Food/Drink Establishment: Gott's Roadside, Town & Country Village

Pizza: Patxi's Chicago Pizza, 441 Emerson St.

Produce: Sigona's Farmers Market, 399 Stanford Shopping Center

Salad: Sprout Cafe, 168 University Ave.

Seafood: Sam's Chowderhouse, 185 University Ave.

Hall of Fame: The Fish Market, 3150 El Camino Real

Steak: Sundance the Steakhouse, 1921 El Camino Real

Takeout: Su Hong, 4256 El Camino Real

Yogurt: Yogurtland, 494 University Ave.

Hall of Fame: Fraiche, 200 Hamilton Ave.

RESTAURANTS

Ambiance: Evvia Estiatorio, 420 Emerson St.

Bar/Lounge: La Bodeguita del Medio, 463 S. California Ave.

California Cuisine: Calafia Café & Market A Go Go, Town & Country Village

Chinese Restaurant: Chef Chu's, 1067 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos

Coffee House: Coupa Cafe, 538 Ramona St.

Dining With Kids: California Pizza Kitchen, Stanford Shopping Center

French Restaurant: Left Bank, 635 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park

Fusion: Calafia Cafe & Market A Go Go, Town & Country Village

Hall of Fame: Tamarine, 546 University Ave.

Indian Restaurant: Darbar, 129 Lytton Ave.

Italian Restaurant: Osteria, 247 Hamilton Ave.

Latin American Restaurant: La Bodeguita del Medio, 463 S. California Ave.

Meal Under \$20: LYFE Kitchen, 167 Hamilton Ave.

Mediterranean Restaurant: Evvia Estiatorio, 420 Emerson St.

Mexican Restaurant: Reposado, 236 Hamilton Ave.

New Restaurant: Sam's Chowderhouse, 185 University Ave.

Outdoor Dining: Cafe Borrone, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park

Restaurant to Splurge: Evvia Estiatorio, 420 Emerson St.

Romantic Restaurant: Saint Michael's Alley, 140 Homer Ave.

Solo Dining: La Bodeguita del Medio, 463 S. California Ave.

Sports Bar: Gordon Biersch, 640 Emerson St.

Hall of Fame: The Old Pro, 541 Ramona St.

Sunday Brunch: Mayfield Bakery and Cafe, Town & Country Village

Hall of Fame: Saint Michael's Alley, 140 Homer Ave.

Sushi/Japanese Restaurant: Fuki Sushi, 4119 El Camino Real

Thai Restaurant: Thaiphooon, 543 Emerson St.

Vegetarian Restaurant: LYFE Kitchen, 167 Hamilton Ave.

Wine Bar: The Wine Room, 520 Ramona St.

FUN STUFF

Aquatic Center: Riconada Pool, 777 Embarcadero Rd.

Art Gallery: Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Dr., Stanford

Nightlife: Nola, 535 Ramona St.

Best Place for a Kids' Playdate: Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo, 1451 Middlefield Rd.

Lecture Series: Stanford Lectures

Palo Alto Park: Foothills Park, 3300 Page Mill Rd.

Place for Live Entertainment: Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd.

Place to Enjoy the Outdoors: Foothills Park, 3300 Page Mill Rd.

Wi-Fi Hotspot: Coupa Cafe, 538 Ramona St.

Place to go for a Run: The Dish, Stanford Ave. and Junipero Serra Blvd.

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Best Gym, Personal Trainer: Oshman Family Jewish Community Center

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ic pain. Also offered are corrective exercises, bone density screenings and lifestyle advice. 633 Menlo Ave., Suite 100, Menlo Park, 650-853-1800; healthlogicinc.com

Day Spa

The soothing sound of water, the steam of a sauna and a cold-water plunge are the perfect antidote to a stressful workday or ingredient for a weekend unwind at **Watercourse Way**. The multi-year Best Of winner, 2013 included, offers reasonable rates that make an hour-long hot tub soak or massage affordable for anyone. Try one of the specialized treatments: Zen Harmony with Japanese mint oils to stimulate the skin, Champagne Chocolate with a truffle body wrap, Moor Mud to open the pores and replenish the skin or a hot stone massage with warm oils to reconnect the body and spirit and a "salt glow" exfoliating treatment. 165 Channing Ave., Palo Alto, 650-462-2000; watercourseway.com

Dentist

Brush, floss, rinse and repeat. **Christine Hansen's** dental office standard of excellence has definitely been noticed due to the staff's expertise in restoring and enhancing the smiles of many with personalized care. Dental service also includes educating patients on preventive care. With this win under their belt, employees at Christine Hansen's dental office now have even more reason to smile. 416 Waverley St., Suite A, Palo Alto, 650-326-3290; christinehansendds.com

Dry Cleaner

Dresses, coats, pants and shirts, whatever it may be, **Charleston Cleaners** is equipped to handle

delicate clothing. Since 1985, Charleston's has brought award-winning service to the Palo Alto area, including alterations and a laundry service. Stains, loose seams and wrinkles will be nonexistent once out the door. 3900 Middlefield Road, 650-424-1113; charlestoncleaners.info

Fitness Classes

Ellen Burr Leonard has been raising the bar since opening her first fitness establishment in 1992. **The Bar Method** exercise classes help students tone and slim down their bodies while they complete a fun and challenging workout. The exercise techniques were fine-tuned with the help of a physical therapist, speaking to its mission of providing consistent quality to its patrons. #151 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto, 650-329-8875; paloalto.barmethod.com

Frame Shop

You're an adult now, and tape and push pins just won't cut it anymore. Luckily, **Aaron Brothers** has you covered with frames in a wide variety of sizes and styles at reasonable prices — a selection for which Palo Altans chose the store as 2014's best frame shop. The national chain also offers quality paper, canvases and art supplies, as well as custom framing services. So whether it's a piece gifted by an artist friend, or a frayed but coveted poster from your college days, the Bros. can help to make it look great and last. 1680 El Camino Real, Redwood City, 650-366-4266; aaronbrothers.com

Gym

The **Oshman Family Jewish Community Center** cemented its status this year as Palo Alto's most popular gym by offering wide menus of

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Best Fitness Classes: The Bar Method



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Frame Shop

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Palo Altans have long prized **University Art** as a one-stop shop for framing, art supplies and unique gifts. Though it has moved from its longtime home across from Palo Alto City Hall, the business now has its own building only 4 miles away in Redwood City. Loyal customers will have good reason to make the jaunt, with trusted art supplies, art classes and superior framing available, which residents have recognized with the Weekly's Best Of award for more than a decade. 2550 *El Camino Real, Redwood City, 650-328-3500; universityart.com*

Hair Salon

FIRST YEAR

Walk right in — or make an appointment — at this bustling hair salon whose international flair matches its worldly customer base at Stanford Shopping Center. Affordable, sophisticated and diverse, **Hair International** is so consistently popular with readers that it ascends this year to the Best of Palo Alto Hall of Fame. Owner Pam Decharo hires stylists from the world over. If you're lucky, you'll get a fascinating immigrant tale along with your new do. 232 *Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto, 650-324-2007; hairintl.com*

Hotel

SECOND YEAR

Nothing in the heart of downtown Palo Alto makes you say "Aaahh!" quite like the **Garden Court Hotel**. Refreshments both afternoon and evening in the lobby, a fresh and fragrant gardenia beside each bed, overhead rain showers, aerated spa-tubs, port and cookie service — it's the little touches that add up to big relaxation. And if it makes a difference to you to patronize businesses that support the community, you can rest assured: The Garden Court routinely offers its meeting rooms and other services to local civic groups. Yes, even your conscience can smile here. 520 *Cowper St., Palo Alto, 650-322-9000; gardencourt.com*

Men's Haircut

THIRD YEAR

See complete listing for **Hair International** above, under Hair Salon.

Shoe Repair

FIRST YEAR

That pair of very expensive boots sitting in the closet that haven't seen the light of day for months because of a destroyed sole can easily be repaired. **Midtown Shoe Repair** has been serving the Palo Alto area for years and this year has been inducted into the Best of Palo Alto Hall of Fame. As their motto says, "We fix anything; just bring it in." So go ahead. Those shoes have been in the dark way too long. The shop also sells luggage, handbags and shoe products. 2796 *Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, 650-329-8171; facebook.com* (search for *Midtown Shoe Repair*)

Skin Care

THIRD YEAR

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Meet the 2014 Hall of Fame

Their names have become ubiquitous in the Palo Alto area. Their products and services are relied on and enjoyed daily by locals. Their businesses are everyday stops in our daily lives and make us feel at home. They are the Hall of Famers.

Businesses who win Best Of awards five years in a row in a category join the elite Hall of Fame for three years, during which they do not appear on the Best Of ballot. This gives consistent winners extra recognition while also allowing other businesses a chance at taking first place in their category.



Best Fusion Restaurant
Tamarine
Michael Le,
sommelier, AGM



Best Hardware Store
Hassett (ACE) Hardware
Eric Hassett,
owner



Best Beauty Supply
Peninsula Beauty Supply
Margo Nunez,
district manager



Best Bookstore
Kepler's Books and Magazines
Jean Forstner,
Praveen Madan,
Amanda Hall,
managers

Beauty Supply

FIRST YEAR

For lotions and potions, endless nail colors, the best and latest shampoos, conditioners, hair tools, face care, make-up and more, head to **Peninsula Beauty Supply**. Drugstores might have similar options but nowhere near the same range nor helpful, patient employees willing to answer all your questions and help you make a smart, reasonable purchase. Peninsula Beauty Supply is a go-to for both standard and more unusual beauty care products, and that stock draws customers from beyond Palo Alto to its doors. 250 *University Ave., Palo Alto; 650-327-1454; peninsulabeauty.com*

Bookstore

SECOND YEAR

For the second year, **Kepler's Books and Magazines** is sitting comfortably on the Hall of Fame throne, known as the

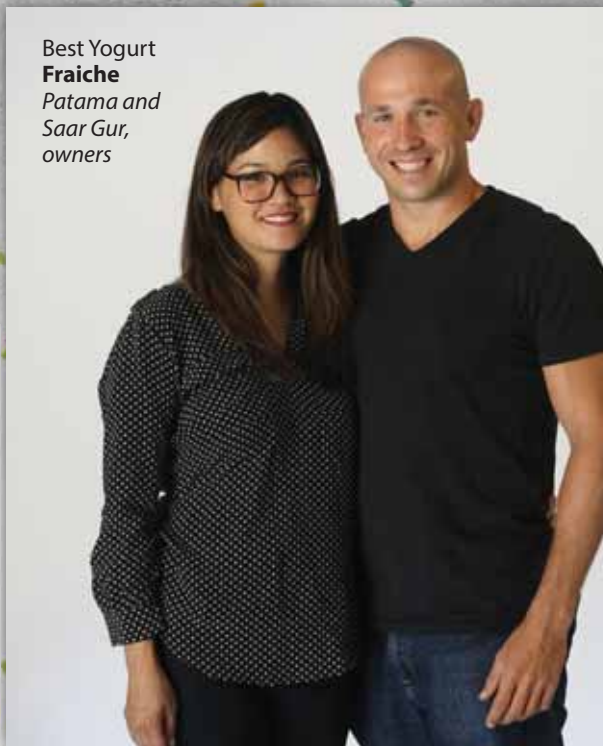


Best Sunday Brunch,
Saint Michael's Alley
Jenny and Mike
Sabina, owners,
and
CJ Hammer,
chef

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Best Yogurt
Fraiche
Patama and Saar Gur,
owners



Best Skin Care
SkinSpirit
Jane Yeh,
manager



Best Sports Bar
The Old Pro
Lisa and Steve Sinchek, owners

Best Toy Store
Palo Alto Sport & Toy World
Ed Hoffacker,
president



Best Hotel
Garden Court Hotel
Barbara Gross,
general manager



Best Hair Salon
& Best Men's Haircut
Hair International
Pam Decharo, owner



Not pictured:

Best Men's Apparel,
Nordstrom

Best Grocery Store,
Trader Joe's

Best Pharmacy/Drugstore
Walgreens

Best Seafood,
The Fish Market



Best Deli/
Sandwich
**Village
Cheese House**
Lindsay Hiken,
owner

premier destination for all things literary in the area. And there's more good stuff on the horizon: "We are looking forward to a lot of things this coming year — finishing up the store renovations; further building out the nonprofit Peninsula Arts & Letters with new programs, more funding, (and a) bigger team; continuing to enhance the in-store inventory of books; and an exciting new literary service we plan to launch in the fall," co-manager Praveen Madan said. The view from the staff's perspective sounds equally optimistic: For the first time since the bookstore relaunched in 2012, they received bonuses this year based on the number of hours worked. *1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, 650-324-4321; keplers.com*

Green Business

THIRD YEAR

Its name has changed, but the long-standing tradition of being at the forefront of sustainable practices continues at **Hassett (ACE) Hardware**, formerly known as Palo Alto ACE Hardware. The family-run business on Alma Street has long offered its customers a panoply of tools for greening up their homes, from fluorescent lightbulbs and non-toxic pesticides to biodegradable trash bags. The store also practices what it preaches by relying on low-flush toilets, using an on-demand water heater and, in a particularly bold gesture, installing a photovoltaic roof system that generates 95 percent of the store's annual electric needs. For these green efforts, Hassett (ACE) Hardware has been inducted by our readers to the sustainability "Hall of Fame." *875 Alma St., Palo Alto, 650-237-7222; hasssetthardware.com*

Hardware Store

SECOND YEAR

See complete listing for **Hassett (ACE) Hardware**, above, under Green Business.

Men's Apparel

THIRD YEAR

When it comes to apparel, **Nordstrom** is a fitting member of the Hall of Fame. Whether you're looking for skinny or straight fit jeans, Gucci or Lanvin dress shoes or a new wallet or watch, each department is stocked with friendly staff to help you find quality items that fit your needs. If that doesn't convince you, maybe the sports events that the store's televisions feature will. And don't forget to bring Rover, as the store is pet friendly. For women's wear, Nordstrom offers dozens of designer collections and specialty shops whose fashions can inject just the right "oo-la-la" into your wardrobe. *550 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto, 650-323-5111; shop.nordstrom.com*

Pharmacy/Drug Store

THIRD YEAR

Nestled firmly in Hall of Fame status, **Walgreens** is golden. It has adapted seamlessly to the rise of the smartphone with apps that allow people to print photos from their devices (prints can be picked up in about an hour at any of the Palo Alto locations) and easily order prescription refills by scanning the bar code on Rx labels for pick-up shortly thereafter. Walgreens also offers the convenience of a wide array of products, from household and grocery to personal care and wellness. *2605 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, 650-566-9723; 300 University Ave., Palo Alto, 650-326-3404; 4170 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 650-858-2007; walgreens.com*

Toy Store

FIRST YEAR

Become a kid again in the aisles of **Palo Alto Sport Shop & Toy World**, brimming with all the classics of childhood: bubbles, Legos, wooden train sets, paper dolls, scooters, kites, baseball gloves — even an old-fashioned gumball machine — plus newly popular items like Spy Gear and Goldie-Blox, an engineering toy for girls. Upstairs there's a whole section for serious swimmers, both kids and adults. The family-owned store also does a brisk summer business in beach sandals and hats. *526 Waverley St., Palo Alto, 650-328-8555; toyandsport.com*

Women's Apparel

FIRST YEAR

Nordstrom, see Men's Apparel, above.

Burgers

THIRD YEAR

Entering its third year in the Hall of Fame, the Palo Alto branch of the gourmet build-your-own-burger chain, **The Counter** remains a reliable favorite, with a menu filled with fresh and interesting choices — both for the main protein (try the bison!) and the locally sourced litany of toppings, like smoky chipotle aioli, housemade tzatziki, jicama, quinoa and kale. Besides burgers made to order, you can choose from one of many prefab options. Wash it all down with a premium cocktail, on-tap brew or build-your-own milkshake. *369 S. California Ave., Palo Alto, 650-321-3900; thecounterburger.com/paloalto*

Deli/Sandwich

FIRST YEAR

The Village Cheese House's generously sized sandwiches, top-notch ingredients and signature spread make it a longtime Palo Alto crowd pleaser. Established in 1959, it remains a favorite lunch spot for Paly and Stanford students. Build your own hot or cold sandwich from a selection of fresh breads, meats and cheeses, or go with the ever-popular Old Fashioned, keeping it simple with just bread, meat, Swiss cheese, pickles and signature spread. Yelpers rave about the roast beef and Havarti on Dutch crunch. *Town & Country Village, Palo Alto, 650-326-9251; thevch.com*

Grocery Store

SECOND YEAR

Complaints about **Trader Joe's** are few and far between, aside from the common kvetch that there aren't enough of them, even with one store each in Palo Alto, Mountain View and Menlo Park. If customers had their way, there'd be a TJ's on every street corner, spreading its spirited brand of food and fun. Where else can you get a bottle of Tunisian organic extra virgin olive oil, "reduced guilt" chunky guacamole, a tray of Trader Giotto's ricotta and spinach rigatoni, and dirt-cheap heirloom artichokes in one quick trip? And the staff is so good-natured, we don't even feel guilty giving in to temptation when it comes to all those gourmet chocolate confections they place near the registers. *140 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto, 650-327-7018; traderjoes.com*

Seafood

SECOND YEAR

There is literally something for everyone at **The Fish Market**, with hundreds of items categorized by sashimi and sushi, salads, appetizers oyster bar,

smoked fish from Farallon Fisheries, pasta, mesquite-grilled or pan-fried fish, as well as crab and lobster. Plan to spend time perusing the lengthy menu before considering the daily specials (recently: Cashew Crusted Rainbow Trout or Sauteed Saffron Mussels). Early birds can take advantage of the Early Catch menu, between 4 and 6 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, which offers six entrees, plus clam chowder or salad, for \$14. No substitutions or split plates. *3150 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 650-493-8862 (TUNA); thefishmarket.com*

Yogurt

FIRST YEAR

Some allege that frozen yogurt — along with cupcakes — is a dessert that's had its day. But **Fraiche Yogurt** doesn't try to be trendy; it just serves high-quality sweet treats (and beyond) for health-conscious Palo Altans. Just as perfect for breakfast as dessert (if you're a purist who thinks the combination of oatmeal and frozen yogurt is strange, think again), Fraiche delivers time and time again. Locals might remember Fraiche Palo Alto's previous location, making this larger corner space all the more enjoyable. Fraiche has also expanded its offerings in recent years, now slinging its own fresh-made Greek yogurt, baked goods, juices and some savory salads. *200 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, 650-838-9819; fraicheyogurt.com*

Fusion

SECOND YEAR

The flavorful and mixed textured cuisine at **Tamarine Restaurant and Gallery** has customers returning for more of their delectable intricate presentations. The work put into the rather stylish and savory dishes cannot go without notice. So pull up a chair and also admire the contemporary Vietnamese art while dining. *546 University Ave., Palo Alto, 650-325-8500; tamarinerestaurant.com*

Sports Bar

THIRD YEAR

Downtown Palo Alto has no shortage of bars, yet **Old Pro** continues to stand out as the neighborhood's top destination for unwinding, watching sports and ushering in the end of the workday with a cold pitcher and a hot slider. With its large menus, larger TVs, generous beer selection and a mechanical bull, the Ramona Street bar continues to win plaudits from readers, which voted to induct Old Pro into the city's "Hall of Fame." *541 Ramona St., Palo Alto, 650-326-2446; oldpropa.com*

Sunday Brunch

SECOND YEAR

Sunflower centerpieces and amber-tinted glass-oil candles couple home-spun charm with mellow romantic warmth during dinnertime at **Saint Michael's Alley**. The dining area exudes coziness through golden-toned paint and wood-and-wicker chairs, while white wall trimming and window edgings keep the room looking fresh and bright, day to night. Seating in the more trendy bar area provides a comfortable place to meet up for drinks and a bite to eat. "The bar area is more casual," a waiter said. "But we have people being romantic no matter where they're sitting." *140 Homer Ave., Palo Alto, 650-326-2530; weekend brunch served at 806 Emerson St.; stmikes.com*



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heart-pumping options to anyone looking to shed pounds, firm up or simply bask in the post-workout buzz. In addition to the usual gym trappings — dumbbells, treadmills, stationary bikes — the world-class facility offers two swimming pools, basketball courts, a steam room, personal trainers and more than 100 exercise classes, from Zumba and Pilates to cycling and cardio workouts. With a friendly staff and a clean, comfortable setting (including private showers), the JCC gym is a refreshing reminder that keeping a New Year's resolution doesn't have to be a chore. 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto, 650-223-8700; paloaltojcc.org

Hair Salon

There is no winner in the Hair Salon category this year, as the results were too close to call between four contenders. See the Hall of Fame winner for Hair Salon on page 26.

Hotel

Set on 16 acres within view of the Santa Cruz Mountains, the **Rosewood Sand Hill** has become a destination in the area; it celebrated its fifth anniversary in April. Community members as well as guests enjoy socializing at the hotel's lounge and Michelin-starred Madera restaurant, and for those who want to stay longer, the hotel is currently renovating its extended-stay villas with decks, improved yards and enhanced living areas. 2825 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, 650-961-1500; rosewoodhotels.com/en/sand-hill-menlo-park

Manicure/Pedicure

Set foot into **La Jolie Nail Spa** and experience instant relaxation beneath a gently arched ceiling,

Greek Revival architecture and warm-toned tiles and draperies. Each guest receives a hot neck wrap upon settling down in a luxurious massage chair, creating a soothing spa experience — and even a temptation to drift off to sleep. While La Jolie's steel pedicure basins ensure cleanliness, a multitude of spa manicure and pedicure treatments fit both express and leisurely time frames. It's the ideal place to request nail art as well, with two expert design technicians happy to adorn a nail or two with stunningly detailed floral patterns. 364 S. California Ave., Palo Alto, 408-424-9110; lajoliennails.com

Massage

Consecutively voted the best massage in Palo Alto for three years, the **Massage Therapy Center** is the local destination for top-notch rest and relaxation. Each advanced therapist has received a minimum of 400 hours of training on how to ease aching muscles, restore injured joints and minimize stress. Book a massage now, arrive early and enjoy the complimentary sauna and tea. 368 S. California Ave., Palo Alto, 650-328-9400; massagetherapypaloalto.com

Men's Haircut

Even in the heart of Silicon Valley, the luster of old school hasn't completely faded. The **President Barbershop** in downtown Palo Alto — which has been family owned and operated since 1949 — keeps on snipping, serving clean-cut looks not likely to go out of style anytime soon. The winner of previous Best Of awards in 2012 and 2013, the President offers the complete barber shop experience, with striped poles, push brooms and sports banter included. 490 University Ave., Palo Alto, 650-325-5229

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New Service Business

SoulCycle has sparked a passionate following by combining intense cycling, an upper-body workout and high-energy musical beats. This winner in Best Of's new service business category is no ordinary spinning class. Instructors come with big personalities and musical preferences of their own. Buy a session, put on your biking shoes and bring it on! 600 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto, 650-784-7510; soul-cycle.com

Orthodontist

Dr. Stacey Quo and her team at **Mid Peninsula Orthodontics** provide state-of-the-art treatment and a smile-worthy patient experience

from the first consultation to the final day of braces. Quo, now in her 20th year of practice, incorporates SureSmile technology, programming wire adjustments into an off-site robot that can bend wire more precisely than a human hand. Treatment time is in turn shortened by six months, and each patient receives a celebration — Martinelli's included — upon leaving braces-free. The office maintains an upbeat, supportive atmosphere with contests, weekly staff dress up themes, a kids' club for young patients and a family care program. 965 High St., Palo Alto, 650-328-1600; orthoquo.com

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Shoe Repair

Since 1979, the **Village Cobbler** has served Palo Alto in keeping its shoes shiny and in one piece. Today the business can repair shoe linings, soles and heels — as well as other items like luggage, handbags, belts or even baseball gloves. It also has a selection of sandals and flip-flops for sale from brands like Rainbow, Reef and Flojos. Maybe it's time to take that pair of battered dress shoes out of the closet, and see if the Village Cobbler can give them new life. *825 Emerson St., Palo Alto, 650-328-7698; villagecobblers.com*

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Best Boutique Gift Shop: Shady Lane

Travel Agency

AAA's Forest Avenue location has long served as a pivotal destination for locals looking to get away. The agency offers maps, discounts and expert advice to help maximize one's time and budget. Whether planning a family trip to Disneyland, booking a trans-Atlantic cruise or drafting an itinerary for a fortnight in Europe, AAA is committed to guiding travelers throughout the process. *430 Forest Ave., Palo Alto, 650-262-3870; calstate.aaa.com*

Value Hotel/Motel

The **Creekside Inn** has extended its stay in Best Of to a fourth straight year. The boutique hotel runs along Matadero Creek amid a charming thicket of gardens and oak trees. Visitors to the area or business travelers can retreat from the frenzy of Silicon Valley while enjoying easy access to Stanford University, Stanford Shopping Center and downtown Palo Alto. The hotel also boasts a heated outdoor pool, 24-hour fitness center and a rooftop patio. *3400 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 650-493-2411; creekside-inn.com*

Veterinarian

A mainstay in the area since 1964, **Adobe Animal Hospital** provides around-the-clock care and emergency services for pets. With more than 20 veterinarians, and at least one on call at all times, Adobe Animal Hospital offers both scheduled appointments and walk-in emergency support. It's no surprise that Adobe Animal Hospital has made it to Best Of again, since its services are relied on by many doting pet owners throughout the area. *4470 El Camino Real, Los Altos, 650-948-9661; adobe-animal.com*

Weight Loss Center

At **Weight Watchers Palo Alto**, staff offer expert advice and support to start community members on their journey to a slimmer, healthier body. A visitor can learn how to properly diet while consuming tasty meals, as well as design a concrete weight-loss plan that works for his or her personal lifestyle. Watch the numbers on the scale decrease with guided motivation and care. *weightwatchers.com*



Best Eyewear: Lux Eyewear

Yoga

You know a yoga studio is good when people flock to an almost sadistically challenging hot Pilates class week after week. Hot Pilates is only one of the many popular **Yoga Source** classes taught by quality teachers that know how to simultaneously push and calm beginner and advanced yogis alike. The Best Of winner offers Bikram, Vinyasa, Jivamukti (flow yoga plus chanting, music and a focus on enlightenment for the more spiritual customers), power and restorative yoga as well as heated "Hour of Power" (more upper body than Bikram) and yin yoga ("gentle" floor poses are held for up to five minutes at a time with the muscles relaxed — the ideal "yin" to the "yang" of more intense, muscle-working practices). *158 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, 650-328-9642; yogasource.com*

RETAIL

Beauty Supply

Sephora is the ultimate wonderland for makeup enthusiasts, beginning with its glossy displays and chic black-and-white color scheme. The store carries brand-name as well as Sephora store-brand beauty products for eyes, lips, face and body, plus a variety of nail polishes and a selection of makeup brushes and tools. Sephora's in-store beauty experts offer custom makeovers, consultations and personal shopping sessions by appointment and 15-minute transformations on a walk-in basis for a feature of choice. *355 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto, 650-327-5180; sephora.com*

Bike Shop

Nabbing its third consecutive Best Of award, **Mike's Bikes** is on a roll. Whether cyclists are looking for an upgrade or a repair, friendly and knowledgeable staff aim to put as many people in seats as possible. In addition to an extensive supply of components, clothing and accessories, Mike's Bikes features an impressive array of road, mountain, electric and BMX bicycles. *3001 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 650-858-7700; mikesbikes.com*

Bookstore

Local bookworms have much to feast on in the clean and well-lighted Town & Country shop, **Books Inc.**, which is part of a small Bay Area chain that brands itself "the West's Oldest Independent Bookseller." At a time when the bookstore industry is going through an existential crisis thanks to online competition, this bookstore remains relevant and popular thanks to its up-to-date selection of books and periodicals, its calendar of author readings and its book clubs. By fostering the social aspects of reading, Books Inc. has maintained its status this year as Palo Alto's most popular bookstore. *#74 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto, 650-321-0600; booksinc.net*

Boutique

Whether one calls **Shady Lane** a boutique, gift shop or jewelry store, it's the one-stop shop for finding that perfect gift — or self-indulgence.



Alice Deutscher has been showcasing local artists for more than 35 years. Jewelers offer intriguing takes on silver, gold, copper or pearl; woodworkers create works for holding that jewelry or even business-cards. Netsukes, blown-glass vases, recycled-glass housewares, exquisite scarves: It's entertaining just to browse — but very tempting, too. 441 University Ave., Palo Alto, 650-321-1099; shadylanegallery.com

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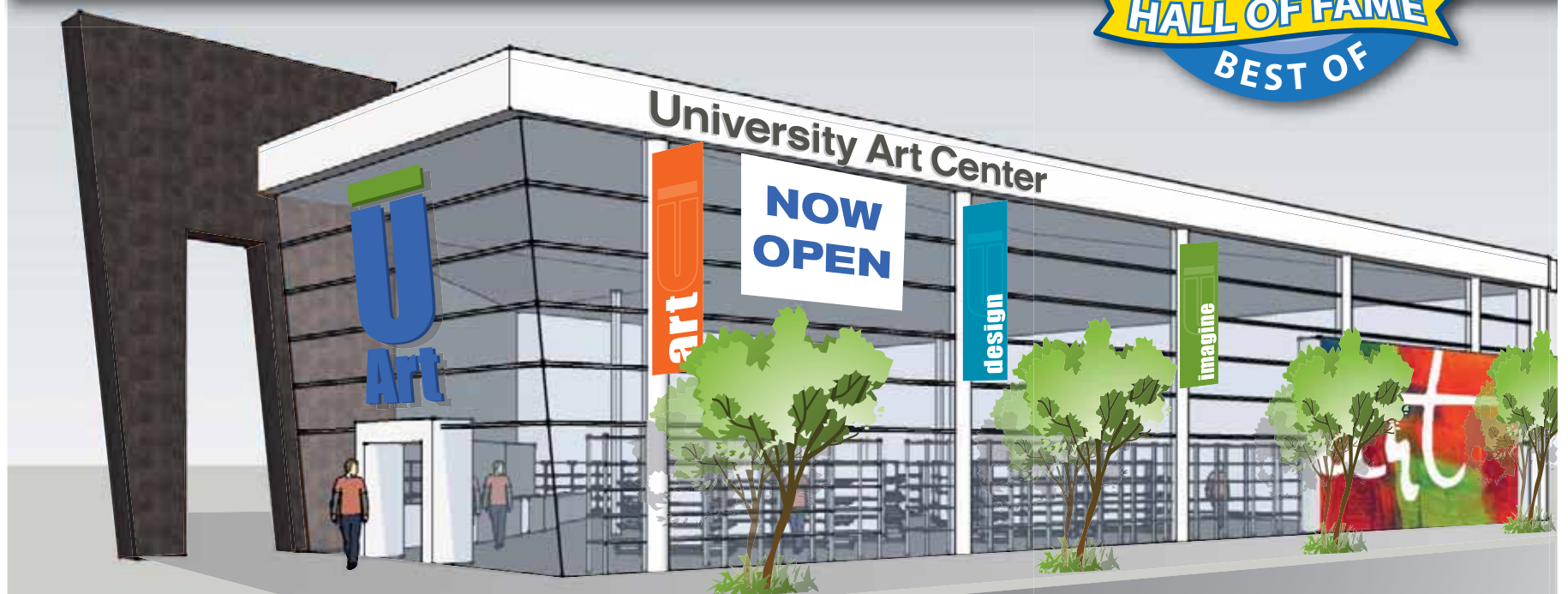
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Best Flower Shop: Michaela's Flower Shop

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Flower Shop

Since the 1980s, Michaela Dieffenbach has assembled boutonnières for prom-goers, bouquets for brides and arrangements for anniversaries in the skinny, pink building on Waverley Street in downtown Palo Alto, **Michaela's Flower Shop**. She and business partner Steve Wong, who met decades ago when the shop was known as Stapleton's, have dedicated their lives to helping people say "I love you" through all things flora. With pricing that fits the pocketbooks of even non-venture capitalists, the store is consistently cited by Weekly readers as the florist who really knows how to put petal to the metal, producing spectacular results. *453 Waverley St., Palo Alto, 650-321-5390; michaelasflowershop.com*

Gift Shop

See complete listing for **Shady Lane** under Boutique.

Green Business

When **Whole Foods Market** first opened its doors in downtown Palo Alto in 1989, few could have predicted that its stores would one day become choice destinations for lovers of organic produce and high-end delicacies nationwide. Today, the Emerson Street store is popular both for the quality of its offerings and for its eco-conscious practices, which this year garnered a "Best Of" award for being a top green business. Dubbing itself the "nation's healthiest grocery store," Whole Foods tries to take care of the environment by offering compostable packaging, purchasing wind-energy credits to offset its energy use and implementing aggressive recycling programs. When Palo Alto banned plastic check-out bags in 2009, Whole Foods didn't offer a word of protest for a simple reason: true to its mission as a green leader, it had already stopped using them voluntarily. *774 Emerson St., Palo Alto, 650-326-0539; wholefoodsmarket.com*

Hardware Store

For those looking to repair a faucet, install a ceiling fan or add to a toolbox, **ACE Hardware Menlo Park** is well-equipped to handle the job. "Customers walk in, and we solve their problems," manager Vasile Oros said. In addition to stocking shelves with tools, outdoor essentials, electrical equipment and more, the store offers repair and installation services. Recently, a gardening department was added next door, which, Oros said, has gotten "a really good response." *700 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, 650-325-2515; acehardware.com*

Home Decor & Furnishings

While people may joke about the challenges of putting together a Dagstorp or a Grundtal/Norrviiken based on those baffling pictorial instructions, Best Of voters were clearly willing to

overlook the blood, sweat and aggravating left-over parts when they voted **Ikea** the best place for home decor. And who could blame them? Nothing good comes without sacrifice, though your wallet doesn't need to in the case of the Swedish purveyor of both chic and cheeky trappings for one's humble abode. *1700 E. Bayshore Road, East Palo Alto, 650-323-4532; ikea.com*

Jewelry Store

See complete listing for **Shady Lane** under Boutique.

Men's Apparel

With a wide range of clothing and shoes to choose from in a variety of styles, **Macy's Men's Store** has once again been voted the best place to shop for men's apparel in Palo Alto. The store carries styles ranging from casual to dressy, and features a variety of brands including Levi's, Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren and more. The Men's Store's elegant layout — with its high ceilings and swooping staircase — make for an enjoyable shopping experience, and the staff, which includes experienced tailors, can help you find the right outfit for any occasion, all without breaking the bank. *300 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto, 650-326-3333; macys.com*

New Retail Business

The Container Store feels like paradise for those of us who fantasize about having a neat, orderly, even color-coded home. You can find nifty organizing tricks for your pantry, bathroom, office, laundry room and garage, plus all manner of boxes and baskets in every size and finish. If you're looking for something to store your stuff, it's hard to beat the choices in this new retail outlet, which replaced the old Andronico's at Stanford Shopping Center. *500 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto, 650-300-4879; containerstore.com*

Nursery/Garden Supply

Just because there's a drought, it doesn't mean one can't garden. At **SummerWinds Nursery**, gardeners and homeowners will find a full array of xeriscape plants that don't suck up water, and a choice of mulches to keep moisture in the soil. Readers have voted SummerWinds best many previous years, including 2013. Garden Coach professionals can visit the home to help choose the best foliage and flowers for every soil type and garden condition, from blazing sunshine to dense shade. Loyal customers earn discounts for future purchases. From landscaping the indoor environment to fruit trees, vegetables and flowers, visitors will be hard-pressed to leave without a wagonful of plants. *725 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto, 650-493-5136; summerwindscsa.com*

Pet Store

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plies to treats and biscuits. This pet store offers a product quality-assurance program that tests for lead and monitors ingredients to keep pets safe. There's a self-service pet wash, dog training and a community veterinary clinic offering affordable vaccines, de-worming, flea control and standard laboratory testing. 3910 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, 650-856-6666; petfoodexpress.com/stores/detail/palo-alto/

Pharmacy/Drug Store

Claiming this year's honor of best drug store, CVS continues to please patrons, in part by keeping up with the times. The chain is smartphone friendly, with apps that allow customers to upload and print photos from their devices (free, same-day pickup), schedule appointments for immunizations and scan bar codes to request prescription refills. And of course, the store also offers the convenience of all kinds of goods just at the corner, from household and nutrition to personal care and sexual wellness products. 2701 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, 650-330-0132; Town & Country Village, Palo Alto, 650-322-2554; 352 University Ave., Palo Alto, 650-324-3248; cvs.com

Shoe Store

Footwear etc., which specializes in pairs of things, has held the Best Of award for a couple of consecutive years. With its merchandise, the store aims to blend comfort and style. The knowledgeable and friendly staff helps to pair up customers with suitable shoes from top brands such as MBT, Mephisto, Clarks and New Balance. Whether you need running sneakers, dress shoes or a comfortable orthotic insert, Footwear, Etc. just might have what you need to make your feet happy. 463 University Ave., Palo Alto, 650-328-1122; footwearetc.com

Sporting Goods & Apparel

REI fell off the Best Of last year following three years in Hall of Fame status, but the sporting goods haven has climbed back to the top. The chain stocks gear for climbing, cycling, paddling, camping, hiking, snow sports and travel. REI's mission is to get people outdoors; and with helpful staff and affordable prices, when you walk out the door, you might have a canoe in hand. 2450 Charleston Road, Mountain View, 650-969-1938; rei.com

Stationery Store

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envelopes, to pens, notebooks, nametags and wrapping paper, Village Stationers on California Avenue never fails to fill the Palo Alto shopper's stationery needs, whether they're in the market for birthday presents or office essentials. With its clear and spacious interior, friendly service and expansive selection, it's a clear favorite among Weekly readers. And don't forget the Menlo Park location. 310 S. California Ave., Palo Alto, 650-326-7970; 719 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, 650-321-6920; villagestationer.com

Toy Store

Cheeky Monkey Toys is the store to visit, say readers, not just for children, but anyone young at heart. Its shelves are stocked with quality, interactive toys for people of all ages. Currently, favorite toys include the popular family game Set and the Shrinky Dinks 3-D Fairy Garden. Cheeky Monkey recently hosted a Creativity Can event, where children and adults were challenged to imagine, create and share, after being given cans and simple materials such as feathers and wood sticks. 640 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, 650-328-7975; cheekymonkeytoys.com

Women's Apparel

A "vintage feminine" vibe permeates Anthropologie, where you might stumble on a beaded sweater, a quaint quilt or a porcelain teacup that could've come straight from your great aunt's attic. A small book selection targets style and food, conjuring up kitchen savvy and icons of elegance like Coco Chanel and Audrey Hepburn. 999 Alma St., Palo Alto, 650-322-0435; anthropologie.com



Best Stationery Store: Village Stationers

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Best Bagel: Izzy's Brooklyn Bagels

FOOD & DRINK

Bagel

There's a reason why on certain days, **Izzy's Brooklyn Bagels** has a line stretching from the counter to the door. Its bagel selection ranges from the traditional (sesame, poppy seed) to the slightly whimsical (jalapeño, sun-dried tomato) and its choice of spreads includes flavors such as dijon garlic, Mexican salsa and Belgian orange chocolate. While bagels remain its popular staple, Izzy's also offers salads, pizzas and a wide and kosher selection of doughy goods, including knishes, pastries, babkas and challahs. 477 S. California Ave., Palo Alto, 650-329-0700; izzybrooklynbagels.com.

Bakery/Desserts

It's birthday month at the office: Who can resist the chocolate orange almond, the chocolate on chocolate or the carrot cake from **Prolific Oven**? The extensive menu, all made in-house daily, includes everything from classic French pastries (think Napoleons) to their "Ettie" cookie, made with ground almonds, orange peel and chocolate chips. There's nothing ordinaire about their cakes, with American-style (tuxedo, pineapple banana), French-style wonders (amaretto cream) and cheesecakes (pumpkin, tiramisu) to choose from. Recently added is the gluten-free blueberry cream: Prolific can even make gluten-free look (and taste) scrumptious. 550 Waverley St., Palo Alto, 650-326-8485; prolificoven.com.

BBQ

Though **Armadillo Willy's BBQ** in Los Altos has a modern feel — you order at a register, the food is served on metal trays and the red-and-white-checked table covers are plastic, not cotton — the smoky pulled pork sandwich, burger, spicy peanut coleslaw and beans certainly taste like Texas home-cooking, packed full of mouth-watering flavor. Though BBQ plates are worth the splurge, it's also possible to eat a tasty dinner for around \$10. Family-size orders are also available, which the cheeky menu claims will feed "4 guests or one NFL player!" Started in Cupertino, Armadillo Willy's has become a local empire, with eight locations in the southern Bay Area and catering services available. 1031 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, 650-941-2922; armadillowillys.com.

Breakfast

Breakfast is so good at **Joanie's Cafe** that they've decided to offer it at lunch and dinnertime as well. Choose from omelettes, crepes, scrambles or just plain eggs — all served with hash browns, home fries or fruit. Oh, and don't forget the pan-

cakes, waffles and French toast. My personal fave: the smoked salmon crepe with two eggs, smoked salmon, shallots, tomato, cream cheese and capers. Kick it up a notch with espresso drinks or a mimosa. 405 S. California Ave., Palo Alto, 650-326-6505; joaniescafepaloalto.com.

Burgers

Burgers and more burgers are the centerpiece at **Gott's Roadside**, Palo Alto Weekly readers' choice for best burger and best new food/drink establishment. But ahi burgers and turkey patties are available alongside the beefy varieties, as are fish tacos, chicken sandwiches, BLT sandwiches, soups and five salad options. Originating in St. Helena with added locations in Napa and San Francisco's Ferry Building, Gott's planted the flag in Palo Alto last year with an expansive, indoor-outdoor venue at Town & Country Village — an ideal spot for post-hiking, post-biking, post-game get-togethers. 65 Town and Country Village, Palo Alto, 650-326-1000; gotts.com.

Burrito

Life is certainly burritoful for **Chipotle**, which has wrapped up its third Best Of award in four years. Known for serving burritos with integrity, Chipotle supports and sustains family farmers, using meat free of antibiotics and added hormones whenever possible. And the food is delicious, filling and affordable. Walk alongside the counter as friendly staff members stuff your flour tortilla with rice (cilantro-lime), beans (black or pinto), meat (grilled chicken, carnitas, barbacoa or steak), guacamole, cheese, salsa and sour cream. 2675 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 650-462-9154; chipotle.com.

Deli/Sandwich

Outgoing staff and delicious sandwiches with interesting names (Al Bundy, Going Home For Thanksgiving, Menage A Trois) combined to net **Ike's Place** this year's Best Of award. Nestled in Stanford's engineering quad, lunch lines were often longer than the wait list for a d.school class. Sadly, despite snagging Best Of, we've seen the last of Ike's Place — at least this one on Stanford campus. Its contract expired in June, and the university's Residential & Dining Enterprises will fill the space. ilikeikesplace.com.

Dim Sum

Those delectable little pouches of steamed meat and vegetables, the soothing egg custards, the rice balls decorated to look like bunnies — there's dim

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Best Steak:
Sundance the
Steakhouse

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sum for every palate at **Ming's Chinese Cuisine and Bar** in Palo Alto. Roughly translated as "touch the heart," the bite-sized edibles were originally crafted as a complement to the more-important habit of sipping tea. Today, the ancient pastime lives on at the popular Baylands restaurant, where dim sum connoisseurs and newbies alike flock to fill their bellies, one delicious piece at a time. *1700 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, 650-856-7700; mings.com.*

Grocery Store

See complete listing for **Whole Foods Market** under Green Business.

Happy Hour

For late-afternoon deals on everything from Cajun-inspired bar bites to wine, beer and cocktails, the voters agree — **Nola** has the best happy hour in Palo Alto (Monday through Friday, 3 to 6 p.m., and 9 p.m. to midnight on Sunday). With multiple bars spread throughout the restaurant, it's easy to find a drink to enjoy in one of the various seating environments. There's the indoor bar, which has a cozy and lively atmosphere, with several TVs usually playing sports; the outdoor French Quarter-esque patio is great for larger groups to relax over drinks after a long day; and the upstairs balcony, which looks down into the courtyard and features plenty of private nooks, is perfect for lower-key conversation. *535 Ramona St., Palo Alto, 650-328-2722; nolas.com.*

Ice Cream/Gelato

It's a cold world for artisan ice creameries in Palo Alto, with a seemingly endless flow of them opening throughout the city in the past year or two. But **Tin Pot Creamery**, opened last summer by former Facebook pastry chef Becky Sunseri at Town & Country Village, has already made its sweet mark in a very over-saturated market. With flavors like salted butterscotch, lavender with blueberry swirl and Earl Grey tea, as well as delicious baked-good toppings made by Sunseri herself, Tin Pot consistently sets itself apart. Don't miss the ice cream sundaes — generous heaps of sweet goodness guaranteed to put you in a dessert coma. (Sunseri also managed to get the Town & Country space zoned to have a clean room in order to make all the organic ice cream in-house in small, creative batches.) *121 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto; 650-327-1715; tinpotcreamery.com.*

Milkshake

Simply put, there's nowhere else in Palo Alto like the **Palo Alto Creamery Fountain and Grill**. Some people might love the old-school diner décor (it's been there since 1923); others, the classic

grilled cheese, burger or giant baked goods. But the Creamery's claim to fame is easily the milkshakes. Cold and creamy, straight ice cream or malted, the always-generous serving of sweetness is brought to you still in the metal container it was made in — plus one of the restaurant's signature beveled glasses so you can serve yourself at your own leisure (don't worry, there's an extra long spoon, too, to access every last drop inside the tall metal blender cup). It's hard not to slurp the whole thing down at once. If you've never been, drop everything, head to the Creamery, cozy up in a vinyl diner booth and treat yourself. *566 Emerson St., Palo Alto; 650-323-3131; paloaltocreamery.com*

New Food/Drink Establishment

See complete listing for **Gott's Roadside** under Burgers.

Pizza

While "The Great Pizza Debate" rages on over whether the Big Apple or the Windy City makes the better pie, Palo Alto has made its voice heard by selecting again **Patxi's Chicago Pizza** as the best in town. Though admittedly the downtown restaurant — which operates eight other Bay Area locations, and a few others in Denver, Seattle and Santa Barbara — also makes thin-crust pizza, the menu calls the deep dish its "flagship pie." There is plenty here to please meat-lovers and vegetarians alike, with star ingredients in garlic-fennel sausage, marinated artichoke hearts, pesto and sliced mushrooms. Whether you choose the classic crust or the inch-deep wonder of cheese and toppings (pick me, pick me!), Patxi's is sure to leave you full and satisfied. *441 Emerson St., Palo Alto, 650-473-9999; patxispizza.com.*

Produce

Receiving an already opened package of dried mangos as a gift might raise some eyebrows (something this writer experienced), but knowing that it came from **Sigona's Farmers Market** makes it more understandable. And wow, so many choices — more than 250 kinds of artisan cheese alone — all fresh, organic and locally grown. The open-air market offers fresh-cut flowers, seasonal olive oils and microbrews and wine, in addition to fabulous fruits and vegetables. It can be hard to resist. *399 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto, 650-368-6993; sigonas.com*

Salad

Feel good and eat well at **Sprout Café** in a convenient, trendy downtown location. Start by selecting salad greens, followed by a choice of six ingredients from a smorgasbord of fruits and veggies, seeds, nuts, crunches and crumbles. Up it to premium status with avocado, kalamata olives, pricier cheeses or ingredients that require a bit more prep time. (Car-



melized shallots? Yes, please.) Protein options include chicken, steak, ahi tuna and furikake-crusting tofu. Top it off with a choice of nearly 20 dressings. To stray from the salad route, try Sprout's signature sandwiches, soups and small bites. Order ahead from the smartphone app to skip the long line — the place is wildly popular among health enthusiasts, vegetarians, working professionals and students. 168 University Ave., Palo Alto, 650-323-7688; cafesprout.com

Seafood

It didn't take long for Sam's Chowder House to win over Palo Altans. Less than a year after opening its second brick and mortar location on University Avenue, Best Of voters have declared Sam's the best seafood in town. Though the vibe of the restaurant is relaxed and casual, Executive Chef Robert Holt takes Sam's menu quite seriously — serving up delectable clam chowder, lobster rolls, fish and chips, and a rotating assortment of fresh, seasonal and often locally caught items. Co-owner Julie Shenkman said she thinks her restaurant's "New England style," which emphasizes natural flavors and super-fresh ingredients, is the secret. "There's really nothing like it in the downtown area," she said. 185 University Ave., Palo Alto, 650-614-1177; samschowderhousepa.com

Steak

Under a photo of Babe Ruth hugging longtime teammate Lou Gehrig, we sliced into our aged New York Strip steaks, releasing tantalizing juices and the promising smell of a soul-satisfying dinner. Sundance the Steakhouse — at once exquisitely sophisticated and comfortably folksy, with its signed baseballs and boxers' gloves encased in glass on the dark wooden walls — boasts slow-roasted prime rib, stylish salads, a range of seafood and poultry offerings and, of course, aged U.S.D.A. Prime steaks. The Babe, known for his appetite for steak (among, er, other things), would be proud. 1921 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 650-321-6798; sundancethesteakhouse.com

Takeout

Anyone who lives in the area and has never had Su Hong's locally world famous general's chicken, potstickers or dry sautéed string beans is committing a major culinary sin. That's a slight exaggeration, but not every city has quality Chinese takeout like Su Hong's. For those who get home late from work, are too tired to make dinner for the family or just want to treat themselves to some deep-fried, sizzling goodness, Su Hong is just a phone call away. 4256 El Camino Real, Palo Alto; 650-493-3836; paloaltosuhongeatery.com

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Yogurt

What do you do with **Yogurtland's** choice of 16 dessert-inspired flavors? Try almost all of them until you realize you really did fill that cup that seemed so absurdly large at first. The perils of self-serve. At 39 cents per ounce, Yogurtland hits the sweet spot between affordable and delicious. Real flavors and real ingredients distinguish its taste, while fresh cut fruit (yes, really, no bags here) sets its toppings apart from competitors. Yogurtland keeps it real by changing out two or three of the flavors every week and a half, with new arrivals often united by a common theme. *494 University Ave., Palo Alto, 650-326-3264; yogurt-land.com*

RESTAURANTS

Ambiance

Evvia Estiatorio has been serving fine Greek food in a sophisticated setting for almost two decades, managing to weather the constant storm of restaurant change that has caused many of its downtown neighbors to fall. Chef Mario Ortega, who came down to Palo Alto from Evvia's San Francisco sister, Kokkari, claimed in a recent interview with the Weekly that Evvia's consistent quality and signature dishes isolate the restaurant from competition. "We're not necessarily a restaurant that fights to keep up with the times or change ... to make it seem very different or new," he said. "We have certain things that we do (and) that's why people come here." For some, it might be the spanakotiropita or the insanely buttery, rich baked gigantes beans; for others, the arnisia paidakia (mesquite-grilled lamb chops with lemon-roasted potatoes) paired with a glass of "old world" Greek wine. The ambiance also can't be beat; it's just nice enough for special occasions but also comfortable enough for a business lunch or indulgent week-night dinner. *420 Emerson St., Palo Alto, 650-326-0983; evvia.net*

Bar/Lounge

La Bodeguita del Medio channels the neighborhood bar atmosphere of its Havana namesake with fresh seafood, traditional Cuban fare, specialty rum cocktails and fine cigars. Cuban melodies circulate through the airy, cabana-like dining room, accentuated with rustic tables and folk art. Take note of one of the enormous collections of rums and Collins glasses loaded with muddled mint and sugar, ready to hold La Bodeguita's signature cocktail. Drink in hand, head to the Cigar Divan, La Bodeguita's tobacco shop and smoking lounge, to enjoy a hand-rolled cigar from only the finest labels. It is

the only Bay Area establishment to offer Graycliff brand cigars, created by the private Torcedor (cigar-roller) to Fidel Castro. *463 S. California Ave., Palo Alto, 650-326-7762; labodeguita.com*

California Cuisine

A fresh take on California cuisine, dishes from **Calafia Café and Market A Go Go** boast natural and locally sourced ingredients selected by head chef Charlie Ayers. Previously a top chef at the Googleplex cafeteria, Ayers opened his own restaurant to "go public" with his vision of nutritious, sustainable, artisan-style cuisine at affordable prices. Calafia Café's farmhouse dining room, featuring a soft filament glow from exposed-bulb light fixtures, serves food in a relaxed format, while the Market A Go Go next door offers a salad bar and pre-made, grab-and-go items for both lunch and dinner. The restaurant and market offer a multitude of vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free choices. *130 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto, 650-322-9200; calafiapaloalto.com*

Chinese Restaurant

Chef Chu's has hosted the likes of Margaret Thatcher, George Bush the Elder and even The Biebster, whose photos are proudly hung — along with those of dozens more celebrities — on the walls of the celebrated Chinese food emporium. Known for specialty dishes like Mao Tai Quail Flambe and Eight-Treasure Duck and signature dishes like Baked Miso-Glazed Sea Bass and Sichuan Village-Style Clay Pot, Chef Chu's offers fare unusual enough to tickle the taste buds of adventurous diners. But traditionalists can eat heartily as well, chowing down on such Cantonese standards as Broccoli Beef and Tangy Lemon Chicken. *1067 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, 650-948-2696; chefchu.com*

Coffee House

There's often a line to order — and a bit of a scramble to get a quiet, corner spot — but it's worth the wait at **Coupa Cafe**, which offers single-estate, organic and fair-trade coffee from Venezuela, coupled with morning and French pastries and traditional Venezuelan fare. People may come because Coupa is a Wi-Fi hotspot, but they definitely stay for those Venezuelan specialties (including arepas, a sandwich facsimile made with cornmeal griddle cakes) and the chocolates, bonbons and truffles. Oh yes, and the amazing aroma. *538 Ramona St., Palo Alto, 650-322-0193; coupacafe.com*

Dining With Kids

Kids dropping while shopping? You can always take them to **California Pizza Kitchen**, with a zillion choices for kids 10 and under that includes com-



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plimentary drink refills — even of milk or chocolate milk. In addition to the ever-popular pizzas (Original BBQ Chicken, Hawaiian and traditional cheese, among others), you'll find Curly Mac 'n' Cheese (with edamame), three kinds of fusilli, crispy or grilled chicken and salads. Sweets are available with purchase of a kids' meal. And while they're waiting, kids can do a word search, sudoku, color by number, connect the dots and more. *136 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto, 650-325-2753; cpk.com.*

French Restaurant

Left Bank prides itself on its Mediterranean cuisine served in the atmosphere of a true French brasserie. Local diners appreciate its authentic cuisine, lively happy hour, handsome interior and outdoor sidewalk seating. Chef Brendy Monsada serves classic brasserie items, such as onion soup, escargot, steak frites and mussels, along with seasonal specialties such as heirloom tomato salad and sweet corn fricassee. The restaurant has been hosting "Tap Takeover" beer events during which a local brewery's offerings are served from all the restaurant's taps for a weekend. In May, the restaurant's fried-in-duck-fat French fries were named as one of the country's top 15 fries by People magazine. *635 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, 650-473-6543; leftbank.com*

Fusion

See complete listing for **Calafia Café & Market a Go Go** under California Cuisine.

Indian Restaurant

A consistent winner in its category, **Darbar** offers both northern and southern Indian cuisine. Can't decide what to order? Try the lunch buffet, with its sampling of four meat and four vegetarian dishes daily; come on different days to maximize choices. Still open to experimenting? At dinner, you can try the assorted chicken tikka, seekh kabob and Tandoori prawns appetizer, followed by Kheema Masala Dosa (crisp potatoes stuffed with ground lamb), Bengan Bhurtha (baked eggplant cooked with onion, tomato and spices) or Lamb Biriani (cubes of lamb cooked with lightly spiced nuts and rice). Still have room? Try Gulab Jamun (fried milk balls in rose-flavored syrup). *Delish. 129 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto, 650-321-6688; diginet.ws/cus1163/*

Italian Restaurant

An old favorite in downtown Palo Alto, **Osteria** serves wholesome, traditional Italian food in a cozy atmosphere. The restaurant's loyal customers adore the consistently dependable cuisine — and many have 20 years of Osteria memories to prove it. Seating is pretty snug, and you may bump elbows with your neighbors a few times, but many consider this cozy and consistent with the homestyle feel. Yelpers say it's like "grandma's cooking" and rave about the salmon carpaccio, papardelle and spaghetti carbonara. *247 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, 650-328-5700; theosteriaavanti.com*

Latin American Restaurant

See complete listing for **La Bodeguita Del Medio** under Bar/Lounge.

Meal under \$20

For those who love sustainable living, promoting local farms and eating delicious meals at decent prices, **LYFE Kitchen** is an essential stop. In the midst of the restaurant's light, modern decor, customers can enjoy a diverse menu (fish tacos, corn chowder and antipasto salad are a few plates) while feeling good about organic fruits and veggies and responsibly raised meats. With gluten-free choice and vegetarian dishes, customers of all types can enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner. *167 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, 650-325-5933; lyfekitchen.com*

Mediterranean Restaurant

See complete listing for **Evvia Estiatorio** under Ambiance.

Mexican Restaurant

There's always a buzz when you step into the cheerful high-ceilinged dining room of **Reposado**. Yet even when the place feels packed, the staff usually can squeeze you in. The trendy bar features booths, and there is a fabulous array of appetizers, including a plate of four different street tacos or three different ceviches. Full plates come with house-made tortillas and offer inventive twists on vegetables, chicken, seafood, steak, pork and tofu. *236 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto, 650-833-3151; reposadorestaurant.com*

New Restaurant

See complete listing for **Sam's Chowder House** under Seafood.

Outdoor Dining

A regular name in the Best Of awards, **Café Borrone** claims the title of best outdoor dining, which speaks to its appeal to the Menlo Park community and beyond. Opened by Roy and Rose Borrone, the restaurant is now under the guidance of their daughter, Marina, and her husband, Chef Josh Pebbles. "It has become an institution," Borrone said. "We take serving the community of guests and our staff seriously and have worked hard to continue to keep it fresh with new offerings while keeping the cafe favorites." Hot chocolate with real whipped cream and scones are breakfast staples, while soups, salads and Italian entrees round out lunch and dinner. And when not on tour, the All-Stars jazz band can often be found playing at the cafe on Friday nights. *1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, 650-327-0830; cafeborrone.com*

Restaurant to Splurge

See complete listing for **Evvia Estiatorio** under Ambiance.

Romantic Restaurant

See complete listing for **Saint Michael's Alley** in the Hall of Fame.

Solo Dining

See complete listing for **La Bodeguita Del Medio** under Bar/Lounge.

Sports Bar

Lifting a pint of suds at **Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant** gets an A-rating from Palo Alto customers, where hand-crafted, German-style beers are paired with delectable dishes such as coconut shrimp, house-made pizza, lobster and shrimp seafood tacos, ahi tuna and greens, flame-broiled ribeye steak, Marzen barbecue chicken, pasta dishes and burgers. If beer is not your thing, try the wines and cocktails. The restaurant offers everything from jovial sit-down dining to private and semi-private rooms seating 10 to 500 people. Year of the Beer events range from special happy hours to beer tastings and beer-and-food pairings. *640 Emerson St., Palo Alto, 650-323-7723; gordonbiersch.com*

Sunday Brunch

Wake up to **Mayfield Bakery and Cafe's** gourmet pastries and organic farm-to-table brunch menu. "We make ingredients the focus," head chef William Roberts said of the restaurant's local, high-quality ingredient sourcing. He consistently pushes culinary education in terms of both preparation and presentation — and his kitchen turns out food with confidence and expertise to show it. Brunch classics like the hotcakes, beef hash and French omelet are served year-round, while other entrées are seasonal, creating variety and "staying current" with Mayfield's partner farms, General Manager Alexis Estep said. Exposed wooden beams, sparkling white tile and an emphasis on natural light create an ambiance that is at once earthy and refined. Estep called it "casual elegance." And it's

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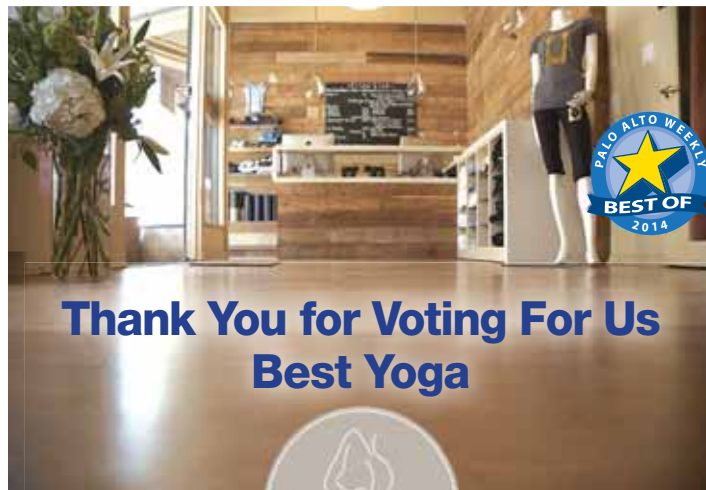
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kid-friendly, too. *Town & Country Village, Palo Alto, 650-853-9201; mayfieldbakery.com*

Sushi/Japanese Restaurant

Fuki Sushi pays attention to detail. With decor that gives the feeling of being transported to Japan, and a menu that carefully honors authentic traditions, it's little wonder that Weekly readers have identified the restaurant as the best place around for sushi. Lumi Gardner, general manager, believes her restaurant keeps guests coming back because of its focus on quality and refusal to bow to the more Americanized sushi trend of giant rolls filled with ingredients like cream cheese. "Sushi is supposed to be a bite-sized meat cuisine," she said. "That's the whole point!" *4119 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, 650-494-9383; fukisushi.com*

Thai Restaurant

Back from its three-year reign in the Hall of Fame, **Thaiphoo** edges out the competition with its Thai favorites, choice Pan-Asian dishes and inventive cocktails. Located in downtown Palo Alto, Thaiphoo's outdoor patio and stylish interior make for a joyous ambiance. Diners can enjoy everything from lamb to chicken, prawns and tofu in flavorful curries, coconut milk and other sauces made from scratch. The lunch menu also provides a variety of reasonably priced choices for those taking a well-deserved break from office chaos. *543 Emerson St., Palo Alto, 408-391-2880; thaiphooPALOALTO.com*

Vegetarian Restaurant

See complete listing for **LYFE Kitchen** under Meal Under \$20.

Wine Bar

Sitting down for a glass of wine at **The Wine Room** on Ramona Street downtown is less like being at a restaurant and more like lounging at a Tuscan villa with a great wine selection. The interior is filled with couches and plush chairs, creating an intimate setting to chat and snack on fine cheese, olives, charcuterie and chocolate truffles over a glass of white or red vino. The Wine Room is also available for private events. *520 Ramona St., Palo Alto, 650-462-1968; thepawineroom.com*


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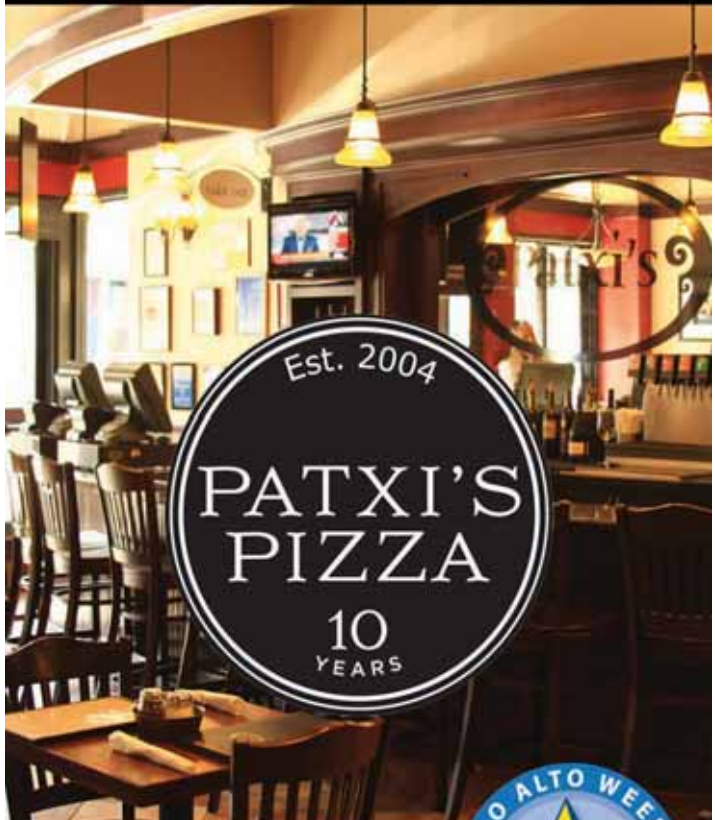

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from the urban environment into something elemental. This City of Palo Alto community pool has lap swims, recreation swims, swim lessons for all ages, fitness classes, camps, pool parties and special events. A separate children's wading pool has geysers, a circular waterfall, "Aqua-ducks" (water bicycles that squirt water), and a "beach" for infants. Both pools are 80 degrees. At \$2 to \$5, daily drop-in fees are a drop in the bucket. Memberships also available. 777 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, 650-463-4914; cityofpaloalto.org (search for "Aquatics")

Art Gallery

Cantor Arts Center is to Palo Alto art galleries as Claude Monet is to paintings of water lilies: by far the Best Of. Palo Alto may be better known for technology, but Cantor's breathtaking architecture houses a consistent array of high-quality, big-name exhibits. As with the best things in life, Cantor's admission is free. Through mid-August, in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Yosemite Grant of 1864, Cantor will feature an exhibition of 83 pieces by Carleton Watkins, America's most influential 19th-century landscape photographer. The collection captures stunning glimpses of the Northern Pacific Coast's wilderness sites. 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford, 650-723-4177; museum.stanford.edu

Nightlife

See complete listing for **Nola** under Happy Hour.

Place for a Kids' Playdate

A zoo in Palo Alto? Who knew. **The Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo** is a place where children come to explore, play and discover through kid-gear science exhibits and a small community of zoo animals, including bobcats, ferrets, hedgehogs, snakes and a giant tortoise. More than 50 species of animals delight and engage the young, and old, passersby, making the zoo a perfect place for a playdate, birthday party or family outing. The museum runs a science outreach program with local schools and community groups as well, creating even more opportunities for kids, their friends and their caregivers to go wild for science and nature. 1451 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, 650-329-2111; cityofpaloalto.org (search for "JMZ")

Lecture Series

It's hard to beat the magnetism of an elite university like **Stanford** when it comes to drawing speakers that will spark the imaginations of students, faculty and local residents. Recent years have seen visitors such as Ira Glass, Rachel Maddow and the Dalai Lama, and professors from various departments will

speak from time to time on engaging and timely topics. While students often get priority in seating (and better prices, when applicable), many lectures on campus are open to the public. *Stanford University*, 650-725-2787; tickets.stanford.edu

Place for Live Entertainment

Palo Altans have no shortage of live entertainment options, but for the third year running, Weekly readers have chosen the **Palo Alto Children's Theatre** as the best. That's no surprise to Judge Luckey, artistic director for the theater company. "It's a community treasure," he said, noting that Palo Alto is a family-oriented town and that the Children's Theatre is an ideal place for "adults and kids to experience the arts together in a community setting." Apparently the word has gotten around. Luckey said that his company's shows have been selling out regularly. 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, 650-463-4930; cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre

Palo Alto Park

Year after year, the Best Of is a walk in the park for **Foothills Park**. Sprawled across 1,400 acres, the park includes miles of trails with striking vistas of the Bay Area, a lake (fishing and boating allowed), picnic areas and a seasonal campground (May through October). Foothills Park is exclusive to Palo Altans, so be sure to bring proof of residency. Resident wildlife includes deer, coyotes and the occasional bobcat. 3300 Page Mill Road, Los Altos Hills, 650-329-2423; cityofpaloalto.org (search for "Foothills Park").

Place to Enjoy the Outdoors

See complete listing for **Foothills Park** under Palo Alto Park.

Wi-Fi Hotspot

See complete listing for **Coupa Cafe** under Coffee House.

Place to Go for a Run

Running the **Stanford Dish** is an exercise in pain and pleasure, with panoramic views of Stanford University, the San Francisco Bay and surrounding foothills offering the mind a generous respite from the painful grind of running up and down steep hills. The popular hiking destination has been gradually transformed in recent decades, with a paved pathway taking over what used to be dirt paths, but it remains as popular as ever, with locals and tourists flocking every day to get their exercise and take in the natural beauty of the Dish — both the sweeping scenes in the distance and the birds and squirrels rustling closer at hand. *Main entrance at Stanford Avenue and Junipero Serra*; dish.stanford.edu.



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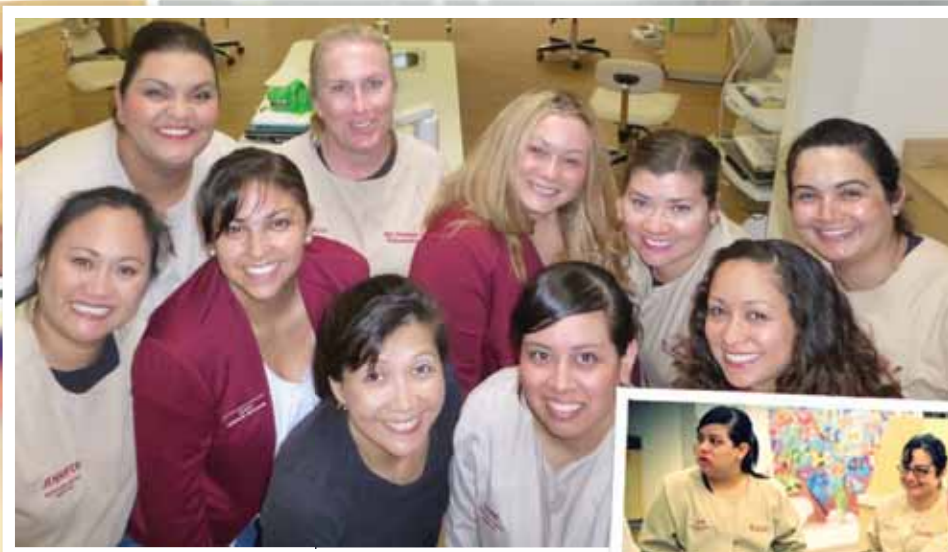
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Home Front

WORM COMPOSTING ... City of Palo Alto Utilities will offer a free “Worm Composting Workshop” from 10 a.m. to noon on **Saturday, July 26**, at the Cubberley Community Center, Room H-1, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Information (and registration): 408-918-4640 or Compost@aem.sccgov.org

CHICKENS AT THE LIBRARY? ... Melissa Morwood will teach a class on “Urban Farming with Chickens” from 4 to 5 p.m. on **Saturday, July 26**, at the Downtown Library, 270 Forest Ave., Palo Alto. Focus will be on learning the art of raising chickens and growing a vegetable garden. Meet Alice, the Buff Orpington hen. Information: cityofpaloalto.org, search “libraries”

MIDSUMMER CHECKUP ... UC Master Gardeners will offer a free talk called “Still Gardening in a Drought — A Midsummer’s Checkup” from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, July 30**, at the Los Altos Library, 13 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Focus will be on conserving water, irrigation options and practice assembling a drip irrigation system. Information: Master Gardeners at 408-282-3105, between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or mastergardeners.org

COOKING CLASSES ... Hands-on cooking classes at Sur La Table, 57 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto, include “The Quintessential Croissant” (**Saturday, July 26**, 10 a.m., \$69); “Learn to Cut Like a Pro” (Scott Tomelloso, **Saturday, July 26**, 2:30 p.m., \$59); “Date Night: Summer Chef’s Table” (Scott Tomelloso, **Saturday, July 26**, 6:30 p.m., \$79); “Vive le Macaron” (**Sunday, July 27**, 9 a.m., \$69); “Ice Cream 101: 4 Classic Flavors” (**Sunday, July 27**, 1 p.m., \$69); “Summer in Tuscany” (Scott Tomelloso, **Sunday, July 27**, 4 p.m., \$69); “Exploring Italy: Great Sauces” (Katherine Bowman, **Monday, July 28**, 6:30 p.m., \$69); “Preserving Summer” (Katherine Bowman, **Tuesday, July 29**, 6:30 p.m., \$69); “Vietnamese Cooking 101” (Katherine Bowman, **Wednesday, July 30**, 6:30 p.m., \$69); and “Summer Fiesta” (Katherine Bowman, **Wednesday, July 31**, 6:30 p.m., \$69). Information: 650-289-0438 or Cooking073@surlatable.com

COOKING, GARDENING AND MORE ... Registration for Fall Quarter at Palo Alto Adult School begins **Friday, Aug. 15**, with classes beginning **Sept. 8**. Information: 650-329-3752 or paloaltoadultschool.org ■

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 cblltzer@pawweekly.com. Deadline is one week before publication.



Eichler homes, such as this one on Louis Road, top, abound in the Palo Verde neighborhood; a car parked outside the Eichler Swim & Tennis Club, middle, is painted “Go Eichler!”; the Little Free Library kiosk, bottom, on the corner of Louis Road and Loma Verde Avenue invites people to exchange books.



Udita Banerjee, who stands in the open walkway leading to her house, searched for her Palo Verde Eichler for two years.

An Eichler enclave where neighbors know each other

by Christina Dong | photos by Ciera Pasturel

PALO VERDE

NEIGHBORHOOD SNAPSHOT

Take a bike ride down Louis Road in the heart of Palo Verde and you’ll notice a recurring motif. Geometric planes and simple silhouettes of Eichler houses, one after the other, under the comfortable tree cover.

Originally sold for about \$15,000, these homes coined by Joseph Eichler in the 1950s now sell for more than \$1 million. Eichler “brought the outside in” through skylights, retractable roofs and floor-to-ceiling windows combined with open floor plans. The unconventional design featuring low-sloping roofs and few street-facing windows became known as “California modern,” a subset of mid-century modern.

Lynn Drake, a resident of Palo Verde since 1997, is a happy owner of an Eichler, having renovated it in 2004 to update the kitchen, flooring and electricity.

Two doors down, newer resident Udita Banerjee’s home is in the midst of a similar renovation. She and her husband sought an Eichler home for two years — and bid on eight different houses — before sealing the purchase of their house on Louis Road in 2012.

“We love, love, love Eichlers, ... We’re really into light and the indoor-outdoor (idea),” Banerjee said in her sunlit living room. A book on Eichler homes rested on a table next to her.

Drake and Banerjee live across the street from Palo Verde Elementary, a center of the neighborhood community — dogs included. Banerjee brings her dog there on Sunday mornings to join a playgroup with other dogs 6 to 25 pounds, she said.

A block away is another neighborhood center — the Eichler Swim and Tennis Club, opened in 1958 with Eichler himself

cutting the ribbon. The club’s large swimming pool and four tennis courts make it a popular gathering place for families with school-age kids.

“All our friends are there,” Drake said of barbecue gatherings at the club every Friday evening.

Her two kids grew up swimming on the club team, the Eichler Gators, while Banerjee and her husband just became members.

The Eichler Club celebrated a grand reopening in June after long-awaited completion of a pool deck renovation project, including complete replacement of the deck, resurfacing of the pool, and construction of an ADA-approved wading pool. The project was featured on the Eichler Network website, a home base for Eichler enthusiasts.

“It took a lot of community volunteers to come together,” said

Drake, a member of the committee that selected the contractor and architects. The team sought an architect with appreciation for the club’s original Eichler architecture.

Residents also frequent Mitchell Park and Library, the Ross Road YMCA and Cubberley Community Center. A dog playgroup with larger dogs meets at Ramos Park each evening.

Knowing your neighbors, young and old, is an understatement in Palo Verde. Block parties liven up the streets during the summer months, and during Thanksgiving season, a group of neighbors organizes a 5K “Turkey Trot” fun run. Banerjee recounted the warm welcome she received as a new resident, returning home one day to find fruit and baked goods by her front door.

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BY APPOINTMENT



341 Flower Lane, Mountain View

Fantastic home at California Station is coming soon. This beautiful end unit townhouse is perfectly located at the edge of Chetwood Park, just minutes from the Light Rail, the clubhouse, downtown Mountain View, and Stevens Creek Bike Trail. With 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths and 1,625 square feet it is the largest of the townhouse floor plans in California Station. Remodeled kitchen, recently installed gorgeous engineered hardwood floors, plantation shutters, patio, deck, two car garage, and tons of storage are just some of the exciting extras in this great townhouse.

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- Living room with remote controlled Heat & Glo fireplace
- New appliances, water heater and Toto toilets
- Two car attached garage with expansive storage
- Low HOA dues include clubhouse, pool, and parks
- Approx. one mile to downtown Mountain View and Caltrain,
- Mountain View schools: Landels Elementary, Crittenden Middle, and Mountain View High (Buyer to verify enrollment)



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Palo Verde

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“It’s a strong neighborhood,” Drake said. “If (my kids) needed anything, they could knock on anyone’s door.”

“Everyone looks out for each other,” Banerjee added.

Neighbors can even borrow books from a small kiosk at the intersection of Louis Road and Loma Verde Avenue, part of the worldwide Little Free Library book ex-

change movement. “There are these amazing things we discover,” Banerjee said.

Palo Verde’s nearby shopping plazas and easy access to Highway 101 make it a practical location to live in as well. According to Drake and her family, the neighborhood is about half new families and half long-time residents.

“You get to know people in all walks of life,” Banerjee said. ■

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FACTS

CHILDCARE AND PRESCHOOLS: Palo Verde Kids’ Club, 3450 Louis Road
FIRE STATION: No. 4, 3600 Middlefield Road
LIBRARY: Mitchell Park Library, 4050 Middlefield Road
LOCATION: between Loma Verde Avenue and East Meadow Drive, Middlefield and West Bayshore roads
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: Palo Verde Resident’s Association, Boris Foelsch, borisfoelsch@gmail.com, groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/palo_verde_ra/info
PARKS (nearby): Don Jesus Ramos Park, 800 E. Meadow Drive; J. Pearce Mitchell Park, 600 E. Meadow Drive; Henry W. Seale Park, 3100 Stockton Place
POST OFFICE: Main, 2085 E. Bayshore Road; 265 Cambridge Avenue
PRIVATE SCHOOLS: The Girls’ Middle School, 3400 W. Bayshore Road
PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Palo Verde Elementary School, J.L. Stanford Middle School, Gunn High School
RECREATION: Palo Alto Family YMCA, 3412 Ross Road; Eichler Swim and Tennis Club, 3539 Louis Road
SHOPPING: Midtown Shopping Center, Middlefield Road and Colorado Avenue; also Middlefield Road at Loma Verde Avenue

HOME SALES

Home sales are provided by California REsource, a real estate information company that obtains the information from the County Recorder’s Office. Information is recorded from deeds after the close of escrow and published within four to eight weeks.

East Palo Alto

1580 Bay Road B. McJimsey to M. Cornelio for \$560,000 on 6/19/14
175 Green St. G. Phillips to A. & M. Herman for \$708,000 on 6/13/14; previous sale 3/10, \$365,500
1109 Jervis Ave. M. Garcia to R. Reyes for \$550,000 on 6/12/14; previous sale 9/90, \$165,000

Los Altos

1694 Clay Drive R. Dawson to Manea Trust for \$1,712,000 on 7/3/14
650 Covington Road D. & S. Alves to L. Sun for \$3,100,000 on 7/3/14; previous sale 1/03, \$850,000
425 E. Edith Ave. D. & D. Rockey to R. Hsieh for \$2,800,000 on 7/1/14; previous sale 9/09, \$1,622,500
1370 Harwalt Drive Blockhus Trust to C. & L. Blockhus for \$1,346,500 on 7/7/14
79 Los Altos Square Berland Trust to Simon Trust for \$1,140,000 on 6/30/14
1385 Montclair Court Chapman Trust to Methuselah Limited for \$1,455,000 on 7/3/14
1192 St. Anthony Court M. Klein to H. Huang for \$2,000,000 on 7/2/14; previous sale 6/96, \$725,000
512 Tyndall St. S. & G. Young

to Tranquil Teal Exchange for \$1,175,000 on 6/30/14; previous sale 1/11, \$741,000
10257 Vista Knoll Blvd. D. & R. Herda to A. Kher for \$2,001,000 on 7/3/14; previous sale 12/03, \$1,298,000

Menlo Park

1760 Altschul Ave. W. & R. Hodkowski to C. Baron for \$1,930,000 on 6/18/14; previous sale 5/04, \$1,041,000
111 Leland Ave. G. Siri to Z. Ling for \$1,640,000 on 6/13/14; previous sale 12/05, \$985,000
1117 Madera Ave. Molina Trust to Y. Huang for \$475,000 on 6/13/14; previous sale 2/09, \$260,000
931 Marsh Road Alba Trust to I. Balkhi for \$580,000 on 6/13/14
1337 Sherman Ave. Arnold Trust to Sherman Investment for \$1,800,000 on 6/18/14; previous sale 10/83, \$77,500

Mountain View

821 Alice Ave. S. Casaletto to J. Rinn for \$911,000 on 7/2/14
121 Avellino Way Tri Pointe Homes to A. & J. Li for \$1,360,000 on 6/30/14
1721 California St. #24 J. Harris to C. & D. Padilla for \$493,000 on 6/30/14; previous sale 2/11, \$315,000
1113 Clark Ave. H. & A. Sobhani to M. Reshadi for \$1,361,000 on 7/1/14; previous sale 6/06, \$789,000
505 Cypress Point Drive #231 P. & A. Saraf to E. Kiesler for \$457,000 on 7/2/14; previous sale 1/03, \$258,000
505 Cypress Point Drive #8 A. Dixit to H. Choi for \$440,000 on 7/7/14; previous sale 11/11,

\$219,000
1244 Farley St. C. & S. Castrejon to C. Young for \$1,500,000 on 7/2/14
100 Granada Drive F. Hindi to Fu Trust for \$970,000 on 7/3/14; previous sale 9/03, \$586,000
403 Magritte Way A. & K. Michaels to K. Agarwal for \$975,000 on 7/3/14
178 Martens Ave. S. Yong to E. & S. Chung for \$2,700,000 on 7/1/14; previous sale 4/12, \$931,000
280 Orchard Ave. #M H. & C. Chen to I. Yurddaser for \$906,000 on 6/30/14; previous sale 3/90, \$290,000
1893 San Luis Ave. S. & A. Walther to B. Sa for \$1,315,000 on 7/3/14; previous sale 6/00, \$555,000
2529 Sun Mor Ave. Mattson Trust to M. & M. Jayasimha for \$1,927,000 on 7/2/14

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1050 N. California Ave. Z. & P. Harrel to C. & C. Dibona for \$2,650,000 on 7/3/14
705 Lincoln Ave. P. Ofarrell to Di Trust for \$2,300,000 on 6/30/14; previous sale 8/04, \$802,000
3105 Louis Road Yu Trust to Louis Road Limited for \$2,000,000 on 7/7/14
3713 Ortega Court Goldstein Trust to G. Hu for \$2,600,000 on 7/3/14; previous sale 2/95, \$600,000
520 St. Claire Drive D. Nommellini to M. Jegatheesan for \$2,175,000 on 7/3/14
1167 Stanley Way Springer Trust to I. & R. Ohana for \$2,800,000 on 7/2/14
4237 Suzanne Drive D. & K. Quinn to Hofland & Rajdev Trust

SALES AT A GLANCE

East Palo Alto
 Total sales reported: **3**
 Lowest sales price: **\$550,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$708,000**

Los Altos
 Total sales reported: **9**
 Lowest sales price: **\$1,140,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$3,100,000**

Menlo Park
 Total sales reported: **5**
 Lowest sales price: **\$475,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$1,930,000**

Mountain View
 Total sales reported: **13**
 Lowest sales price: **\$440,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$2,700,000**

Palo Alto
 Total sales reported: **9**
 Lowest sales price: **\$1,630,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$2,850,000**

Portola Valley
 Total sales reported: **2**
 Lowest sales price: **\$1,500,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$1,875,000**

Redwood City
 Total sales reported: **11**
 Lowest sales price: **\$360,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$2,065,000**

Woodside
 Total sales reported: **2**
 Lowest sales price: **\$1,880,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$2,025,000**

Source: California REsource

for \$2,000,000 on 7/3/14; previous sale 3/83, \$130,500
2504 Webster St. M. O’Connor to M. & M. O’Connor for \$1,630,000 on 6/30/14
2514 Webster St. Jones Trust to J. Zhu for \$2,850,000 on 7/3/14

Portola Valley

119 Campo Road G. Nuyens to M. Vyvoda for \$1,500,000 on 6/17/14; previous sale 11/04, \$1,050,000
60 Joaquin Road T. Bailey to P. & K. Skrabo for \$1,875,000 on 6/19/14

Redwood City

2881 Blenheim Ave. J. Jiang to F. Cervantes for \$360,000 on 6/12/14; previous sale 9/10, \$153,000
705 Boardwalk Place M. & S. Goncalves to C. Xie for \$900,000 on 6/19/14; previous sale 7/04, \$650,000
1903 Chelsea Way Smith Trust to D. Batchelder for \$750,000 on 6/12/14; previous sale 12/04, \$640,000
6 Cirrus Court N. Lam to C. & P. Thompson for \$1,611,000 on 6/17/14
923 Glennan Drive N. Nayar to M. Nichols-Marcy for \$1,203,000 on 6/12/14; previous sale 8/05,

\$1,100,000
1519 Hopkins Ave. M. & L. McKane to E. & K. Olson for \$2,065,000 on 6/12/14; previous sale 11/11, \$1,400,000
289 Lowell St. Conlan Trust to M. Amend for \$725,000 on 6/19/14
1616 Maryland St. Parara Trust to N. Barreras for \$1,401,000 on 6/17/14; previous sale 11/77, \$83,000
209 Park St. T. Nakamura to S. & P. Dunn for \$810,000 on 6/17/14; previous sale 12/02, \$545,000
333 Rutherford Ave. Bridges Trust to K. McCavitt for \$963,000 on 6/13/14; previous sale 10/09, \$656,000
285 San Carlos Ave. C. Azumaya to M. Maasoumy for \$639,000 on 6/12/14; previous sale 12/05, \$625,000

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635 Patrol Road Rubin Trust to P. Sebekos for \$1,880,000 on 6/17/14; previous sale 10/13, \$1,635,000
590 Summit Springs Road E. & B. Zeff to N. & Y. Lazaro for \$2,025,000 on 6/19/14; previous sale 7/82, \$386,000

BUILDING PERMITS

Palo Alto

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4243 Ruthelma Ave. replace nine windows, change out three patio doors, \$9,605
2400 Hanover St. SVB: tenant improvement, \$100,000; expand coffee room on second floor, \$20,000
2076 Edgewood Drive remodel kitchen, bathroom, \$23,285
962 Van Auken Circle, re-roof, \$10,600
747 Loma Verde Ave., Unite A new patio deck, \$15,000
562 Thain Way remodel bathroom, \$4,000
3838 Mumford Place, replace windows, \$20,000
3000 El Camino Real Bldg. 2: ADA upgrades, \$48,073
536 Irven Court extend deck, \$n/a
764 Forest Ave. re-roof, \$15,000
3300 Hillview Ave. Finnegan: tenant improvement, \$189,000
544 Coleridge Ave. remodel bathroom, \$12,000
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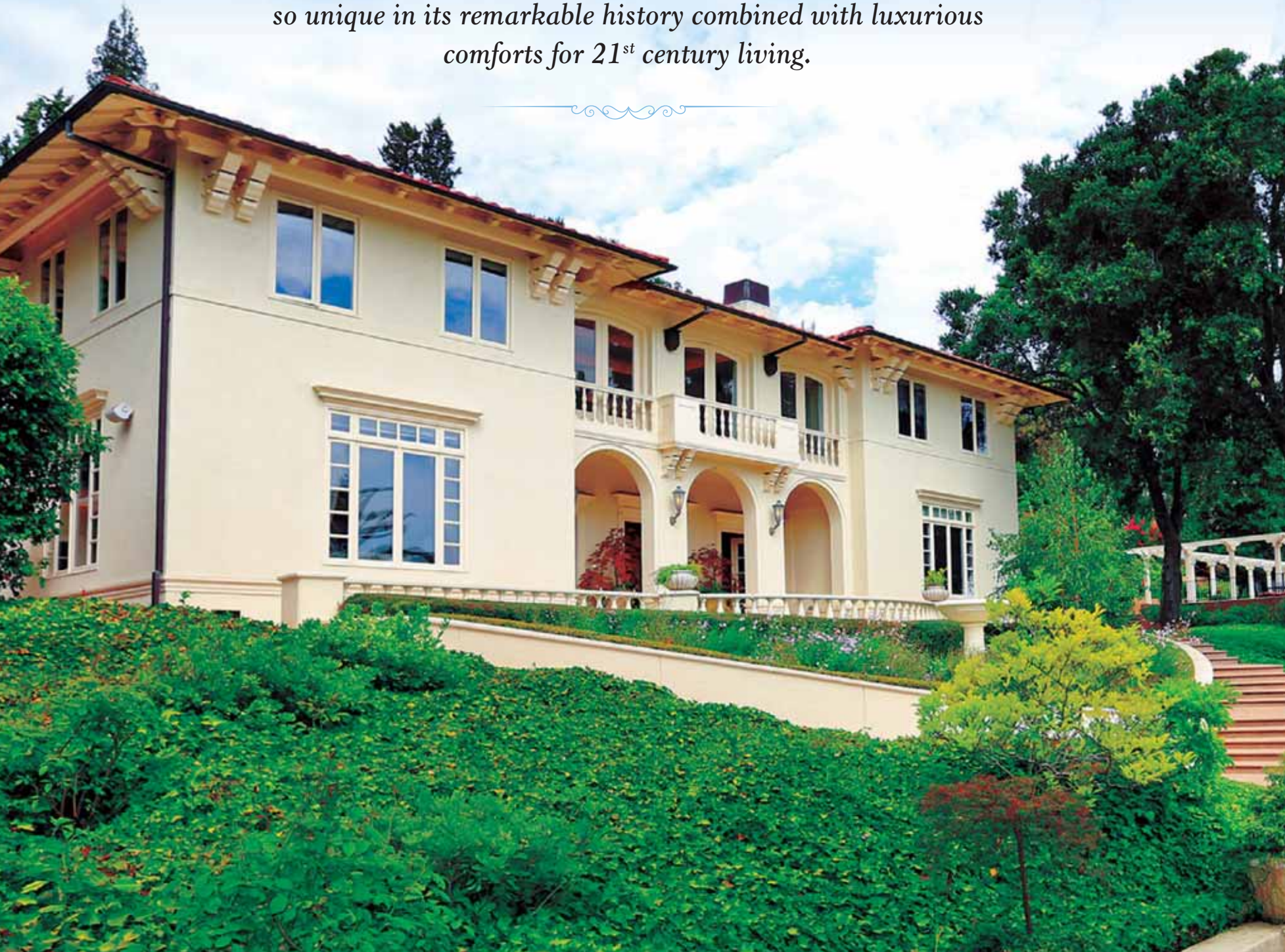
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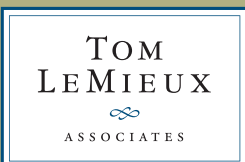
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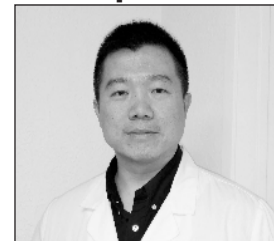
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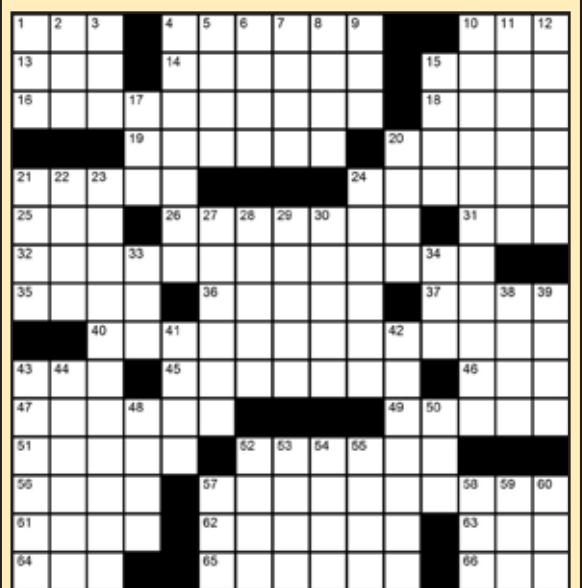
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Across

- 1 Type of garden with rocks
- 4 The Good Witch from "The Wizard of Oz"
- 10 ___ de mer
- 13 Get better, maybe
- 14 Tell on
- 15 She plays Liz on "30 Rock"
- 16 Chew toy on Batman's utility belt?
- 18 MIT grad, maybe
- 19 Sportscaster Dick
- 20 Like screwball comedies
- 21 System with paddles and a joystick
- 24 Explorer Juan Ponce ___
- 25 "Arrested Development" narrator Howard
- 26 Fish served in filets
- 31 Mad scientist who is the enemy of Action Man
- 32 Prof's admission that someone's helping him temporarily?
- 35 Soul great Redding
- 36 Swear like a sailor
- 37 Pulls a heist on
- 40 Halloween costume that includes big ears, dark clothing and a bunch of charts?
- 43 Digital camera variety, for short
- 45 They'll help serve your Earl Grey
- 46 ___ Hill (R&B group)
- 47 Container for stir-fried vegetables?
- 49 ___ Lateef of jazz
- 51 Get the engine humming
- 52 Takes more Time?
- 56 PG&E opponent Brockovich
- 57 Visit Vancouver, say?
- 61 Grub
- 62 Fill with passion
- 63 Put a spell on
- 64 Porker's pad
- 65 Raptor's grabbers
- 66 Wonder

Down

- 1 Turn sharply
- 2 Driving force
- 3 Paycheck line
- 4 Semi-frozen drink similar to an Italian ice
- 5 Petting zoo critter
- 6 "Let ___"
- 7 Widow of King Hussein
- 8 Manure
- 9 Ending for emir
- 10 Spoke indirectly
- 11 ___ Wat (Cambodian temple)
- 12 Voice box
- 15 Blue-green shade
- 17 That girl
- 20 Take a baby off the bottle
- 21 Jason's ship
- 22 Car horn noise
- 23 Like some sci-fi boots
- 24 In the most desperate way
- 27 Tended to a scratch
- 28 She came between Hillary and Michelle
- 29 Dos that get picked out
- 30 Backup group
- 33 Spicy General on a menu
- 34 Raw metal source
- 38 Dull person
- 39 Double-___ (Oreos variety)
- 41 Type of convertible
- 42 Uses of mentally-based propaganda, in CIA-speak
- 43 Shopping binges
- 44 Give a good staredown (not)
- 48 Groan-inducing jokes
- 50 Ensign's org.
- 52 Novelist Jaffe
- 53 List-ending abbr.
- 54 Picher Hideo
- 55 Bernanke subj.
- 57 "___ Smart" (like you, if you solve this puzzle?)
- 58 "Now I see"
- 59 "Do the ___" (soft drink ad phrase)
- 60 Double-bladed weapon

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File No.: 593504
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Palo Alto Soo Bahk Do, 2.) Palo Alto Karate, located at 1107 Trinity Lane, Palo Alto, CA 94303, Santa Clara County.
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The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
SOFUS A. MACSKASSY
1107 Trinity Lane
Palo Alto, CA 94303
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File No.: 593544
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
LUCINDA PIEPER
762 Hamilton Avenue
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File No.: 593190
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This business is owned by: An Individual.

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SANTIAGO'S HANDYMAN SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 594033
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Santiago's Handyman Services, located at 386 Roosevelt Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
JOSE SANTIAGO
386 Roosevelt Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/27/2014.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on July 9, 2014.
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 593670
The following person(s)/ entity (ies) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
WHITE PROPERTIES JOINT VENTURE
431 Burgess Drive, Suite 200
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FILED IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY ON: 11/15/2012
UNDER FILE NO.: 503553
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S)/ENTITY(IES): CAROLEE WHITE, Trustee
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JAMES S. HEATON, Trustee
2408 Rogue Valley Manor Dr. Medford, OR 97504
CHARLES H. HEYSER, Trustee
113 Mirabel Place
San Carlos, CA 94070
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY: Join Venture.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 27, 2014.
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GreatDay Media
GreatDay Publishing
GreatDay Tunes
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GreatDay Global Publishing
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 594084
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) GreatDay Records, 2.) GreatDay Media, 3.) GreatDay Publishing, 4.) GreatDay Tunes, 5.) GreatDay Music, 6.) GreatDay Songs, 7.) GreatDay Hits, 8.) GreatDay Global Publishing, located at 555 Bryant Street #873, 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):
GreatDay Records LLC
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Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above on 06/05/2014.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on July 10, 2014.
(PAW July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 2014)

BONDI BLUE, INC.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 593988
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Bondi Blue, Inc., located at 2625 Middlefield Rd. #258, 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):
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2625 Middlefield Rd., #258
Palo Alto, CA 94306
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/12/2014.
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REDOWA STRING QUARTET
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 594428
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Redowa String Quartet, located at 570 Glenbrook Drive, 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):
KEVIN HSU
570 Glenbrook Drive
Palo Alto, CA 94306
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on July 21, 2014.
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997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
Case No.: 114CV267440
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: MARIA SAINZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
CLARA MARIA DEGOIS, aka CLARA MARIA SAINZ, aka CLARA DEGOIS SAINZ to CLARA MARIA DEGOIS SAINZ.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: November 4, 2014, 8:45 a.m., Room: Probate of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.
A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PALO ALTO WEEKLY
Date: July 2, 2014

/s/ Aaron Persky
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PAW July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2014)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELIZABETH S. LYMAN
CASE NO. 1-14-PR174715
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ELIZABETH S. LYMAN
A Petition for Probate has been filed by TIMOTHY ROE LYMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara.
The Petition for Probate requests that TIMOTHY ROE LYMAN 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.
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A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on August 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept. 12 located at 191 North First Street, 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: Martin H. Steinley, Esq. (State Bar # 138754), Beamer, Lauth, Steinley & Bond, LLP, 401 B Street, Suite 1530, San Diego, CA 92101-4238, Telephone: (619) 235-6800
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Keith Peters

BASEBALL

A chance for Gunn to shine

Trio of ex-Titans leads Palo Alto Oaks into West Regional

by Ari Kaye

This past high school season was a tough one for the Gunn baseball program, as the Titans won only twice during a 30-game season and found themselves struggling in the tough SCVAL De Anza Division.

A trio of Gunn alums, however, hope to bring some respect to the program while competing for a championship this weekend.

Manager Greg Matson, pitcher Ricky Navarro and pitcher/infielder Graham Fisher are all members of a Palo Alto Oaks squad that just wrapped up its Western Baseball Association regular season with a 14-2 record, and are now set to host the five-team AABC West Regional tournament starting Friday.

"It's great having Gunn grads on the team," Oaks general manager Steve Espinoza said. "The Oaks have been here for 65 years and it's always nice to get (Gunn) guys joining us."

Matson and Navarro are veterans on this Oaks squad, having both graduated from Gunn in 2002. Matson has been a member of the Oaks' organization for the past 12 years, and been a player/manager of the team for the past three seasons.

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PRO TENNIS

Stellar field set for Bank of West Classic

By Rick Eyrer

With any luck, Stanford grad Nicole Gibbs hopes she won't get the chance to qualify for the Bank of the West Classic women's tennis tournament, which begins Monday at the Taube Family Tennis Center at Stanford.

Gibbs is competing in the USTA Kentucky Bank Tennis Championships in Lexington this week, with a possible wild-card entry into the US Open at stake. The semifinal round, slated for Saturday, conflicts with the Bank of the West qualifying tournament this weekend.

With one event remaining in the US Open Wild Card Challenge, Gibbs now leads in the standings with 88 points. She is followed by Julia Boserup (63 points), Oudin (48), Louisa Chirico (44) and Sanaz Marand (30).

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Dominika Cibulkova will return to defend her title at the Bank of the West Classic next week at Stanford.

Harjanto Sumaili

BABE RUTH BASEBALL

Palo Alto teams fall in NorCal State tournaments

by Andrew Preimesberger

With school just around the corner, the summer baseball season has come to a close for the Palo Alto Babe Ruth program as all three squads were eliminated in their respective NorCal State Tournaments.

The 15-year-old all-stars were the last to go, knocked out of the double-elimination tourney on Monday with a 6-1 consolation loss to East Sacramento at the Belmont Sports Complex.

"The season as a whole was fine," said Palo Alto head coach Bob Budelli. "We had to mix and match some of the kids, but the ones that came out were really hungry to play. They got some at-bats and some exposure and they did a nice job."

East Sacramento's Reid Nixon hit a two-run single just past the reach of

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“Being an older guy and having a full-time job, it’s kind of a release for me every Sunday,” Navarro said of what keeps him playing. “You don’t have to worry about work, just play baseball. It brings me back to when I was 13, playing Babe Ruth. It’s always good to have the Palo Alto name on your chest.”

Fisher is a newcomer to the Oaks. He’s back home for the summer after completing his first year playing baseball (and football) for Grinnell College in Iowa.

“Having Graham here is pretty special. It’s good to have another true Palo Alto guy on the team,” Navarro said. “We have a little more ‘pop’ in the lineup this year due to guys like Graham and some of the other players we’ve added.”

“I’m primarily used as a pitcher in college . . . so it’s nice to get to both hit and pitch here,” added Fisher, whose teammates nicknamed him “Thor” for his power at the plate and his long blonde hair. “It’s fun going out and playing America’s pastime.”

“This is a great organization. It gives quality semi-pro baseball to the people of Palo Alto. And, just giving opportunities to players like me and a bunch of other players who have graduated from college.”

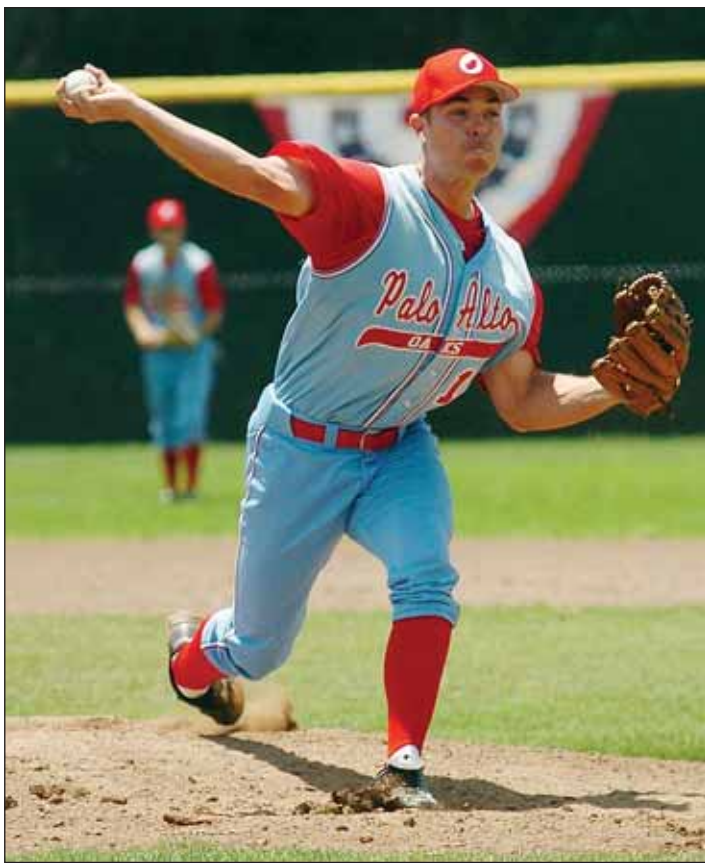
The Oaks’ excellent regular-season record was no surprise to followers of the team, as the Oaks have built themselves into a dominating force in the Western Baseball Association. The Oaks have won eight of the past nine WBA championships, and won three consecutive AABC West Regional championships from 2010 to 2012.

Last season, the Oaks once again went to the championship game of the West Regional hosted in Sacramento, but lost to Easton Elite of Los Angeles in the finals.

With the tournament based in Palo Alto this weekend, the Oaks hope to use the familiar surroundings of their home field — Baylands Athletic Center — to their advantage.

“There is definitely extra incentive hosting the tournament,” Navarro said. “When we host the tournament, we want to put on a show and win it. It’s our home turf; we have to protect that.”

The Oaks will be competing against four other teams from



Gunn High grad Ricky Navarro will provide depth for the Palo Alto Oaks’ pitching staff this weekend.

around California: the Easton Elite Dodgers and San Fernando Cardinals from Southern California, the Legends from the Sacramento area, and long-time rival Fontanetti’s from San Jose.

The tournament consists of a double-elimination format with the championship game scheduled for Sunday at Baylands Athletic Center at 10 a.m. A challenge game, if needed, will be played at 2 p.m.

Much like previous Oaks squads that have had success in the tournament, the foundation for this year’s team lies with its deep and talented pitching staff.

“You can never have enough arms,” Matson said. “That’s always a problem for teams, especially in tournaments like this.”

The Oaks have another incentive to bring home a regional championship this year, as Espinoza is retiring after 11 seasons running the Oaks.

“Steve’s first year (as GM) was my first year. We’ve both grown together, learned the game and learned each other,” Matson said. “It would be nice to take the West (title) and let Steve and some of the other veterans go out on a high note.”

Another issue facing the Oaks is whether or not they would compete in the AABC World Series

if they were to win the West Regional.

For whatever lies ahead for the Oaks, Matson is proud of what the team accomplished over the past decade.

“Seeing how far the program has come from when we started and didn’t even realize there was a tournament, to competing for the World Series every year, it’s a good feeling,” Matson said. “It’s nice to have a team like Palo Alto where not a lot of people from outside the area even knew we had a competitive team, and to turn it into a perennial powerhouse . . . It’s nice to set the goals that high.”

The Oaks’ first tournament game is against the Cardinals on Friday at Washington Park in Burlingame at 10 a.m. If they win that game, the Oaks would get an automatic bye to the third round on Saturday (4 p.m. at Baylands) due to the uneven number of teams entered in the tournament.

The championship game is Sunday at Baylands starting at 10 a.m. Should the undefeated team lose, a challenge game will follow at 2 p.m. At stake will be a trip to the AABC Stan Musial World Series from Aug. 6-10 in Farmingdale, N.Y.

For the Oaks, a regional title may be just as satisfying. ■

some runs on the board in the first inning with the bases loaded, but couldn’t capitalize. Palo Alto left eight men on base total, twice with the bases loaded.

“The big bats came up but nothing happened,” said Budelli. “It just wasn’t meant to be.”

Palo Alto got one back in the second inning when Angus Stayte roped a base hit up the middle, scoring Brian Tracy from second base and trimming the lead to 2-1.

East Sacramento gained more ground on Palo Alto in the fourth inning as Palo Alto made three

errors that led to two runs and a 6-1 lead for Sacramento.

“It’s tough when the kids are giving it their all out on the mound and they get errors behind them,” said Budelli. “We’re 15 years old, we don’t expect those kind of errors.”

The bats were silent after the third inning as Palo Alto couldn’t account for a single hit in the last four innings. East Sacramento starting pitcher Coulter Bristow allowed only four hits and one earned run.

“Today was real flat,” said Budelli. “Andrew Tam did a nice

Pro tennis

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Gibbs moved another step closer to playing in her third consecutive US Open main draw, capturing the USTA Player Development Women’s \$50,000 Classic with a 6-4, 6-4 win over No. 4-seeded Melanie Oudin on Sunday at the USTA Training Center West at StubHub Center in Carson.

The No. 2-seeded Gibbs, 21, is a two-time NCAA singles champion with the Cardinal and earned wild-card entry into the season’s first Grand Slam the past two years by way of those collegiate titles.

Should Gibbs remain in Kentucky this weekend, the Bank of the West Classic still will have plenty of talent when it gets under way Monday with sessions at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Tennis fans will just have to settle for world No. 1 Serena Williams, her older sister Venus Williams, or any of the other top players in the world entered.

In all, 10 of the top 20 players are in a field that rivals any before it. The Williams sisters, with four Bank of the West titles (two each) between them, are joined by defending champion and 12th-ranked Dominika Cibulkova, former champion and 10th-ranked Victoria Azarenka, 2012 Wimbledon finalist and fifth-ranked Agnieszka Radwanska, No. 8 Angelique Kerber, No. 11 Ana Ivanovic, No. 14 Sara Errani, No. 16 Carla Suarez-Navarro, No. 18 Samantha Stosur and No. 20 Andrea Petkovic.

Also among the entrants are No. 28 Garbine Muguruza, No. 30 Shuai Zhang, No. 33 Sabine Lisicki, and No. 34 Daniela Hantuchova. Former world No. 1 Venus Williams is currently ranked No. 25.

2014 Wimbledon champ Petra Kvitova has withdrawn due to an injury.

Sessions are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, with the quarterfinal rounds on Aug. 1 set for at noon and 8 p.m. The semifinal rounds (Saturday, Aug. 2) will be contested at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday’s final (Aug. 3) is slated for 2 p.m.

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job today; but the bats -- we couldn’t get two hits in a row today.”

In the sixth inning Palo Alto had the bases loaded again and had a chance the cut into the lead, but couldn’t find a clutch bat and the lead remained 6-1.

Said Budelli: “I told the kids, ‘The toughest part about all-stars — Little League and Babe Ruth — is the last game was always a loss, but remember what got you here. Remember the journey that got you here — remember the positive things.’”

Meanwhile, the long journey

Venus Williams, a seven-time Grand Slam champion, has entered to play in the Bank of the West Classic for the 12th time in her 20-year career. She made her professional debut at the event when it was located in Oakland.

The 34-year-old American owns 45 career WTA titles after winning at Dubai in February. She won titles at Stanford in 2000 and 2002.

Serena Williams, 17-time Grand Slam champion, won back-to-back titles here in 2011-12. Azarenka, a former world No. 1 player, won the title in 2010.

Ivanovic has won 14 WTA titles in her 11-year career, including a French Open championship in 2008, while Errani has captured seven titles. Suarez-Navarro claimed her first WTA title this year at Oeiras.

Stosur, the 2011 U.S. Open champion, returns to Stanford for the eighth time looking for her first-ever Bank of the West Classic title.

Petkovic, who reached the semifinal of the French Open, makes her debut at the Bank of the West Classic.

Gibbs, meanwhile, is working her way up the WTA ladder after a solid effort last week in Southern California.

It was a tight battle throughout in the final on Sunday with Gibbs holding a 4-2 lead in the second set, before the sole of her shoe came partially off. Admitting she started to “panic,” Gibbs fell down 4-all, 40-love with Oudin serving. Gibbs then played a solid point, was aided by an untimely Oudin double fault and ultimately broke back to serve for the match.

“Tennis is like that sometime,” said Gibbs, who won this event last year when it was held in Yakima, Wash. Without a spare pair of tennis shoes, Gibbs contemplated wearing running shoes, but opted for a tape job instead, which seemed to do the trick.

Gibbs, a resident of nearby Marina Del Rey, said she loved playing so close to home. “Just the title of the tournament, ‘Carson \$50,000,’ “ she said. “It’s so exciting to be at the place I train and have my community supporting me.”

Gibbs, who defeated fellow Stanford grad Kristie Ahn in the second round in Carson, faced Ahn again in Kentucky during Wednesday’s opening round. ■



Serena Williams

Babe Ruth

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Palo Alto shortstop Troy Siegler for a 4-1 lead in the second inning.

Palo Alto starting pitcher Andrew Tam got himself into early trouble when he gave up a double to Nixon, the first batter of the game for Sacramento. Logan Apino hit a double to left field over Aron Ecoff’s head, giving Sacramento the 2-0 lead after the first inning.

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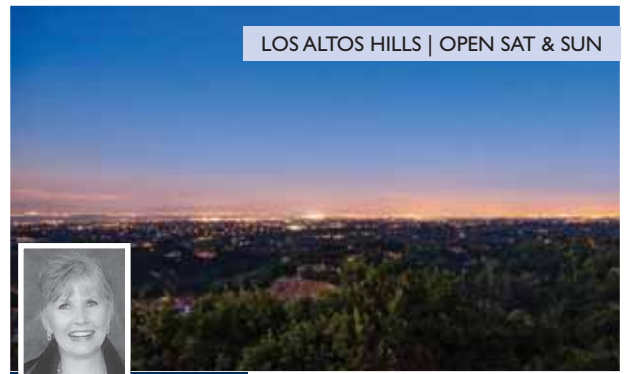


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