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Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

High demands set for new California Avenue garage

City Council to select design for new parking structure on April 3

by Gennady Sheyner

It doesn't take long for a visitor to California Avenue to confront the biggest problem facing Palo Alto's "second downtown."

By the time noon comes around, the business district's two garages are full, and lunch-seekers find themselves in a tedious contest with local workers and residents

for the area's scarcest commodity: parking spots.

The City Council will tackle the problem on Monday night, when it considers the city's next steps for building a new garage in the eclectic area. The new garage would occupy what is now a city-owned parking lot at 350 Sherman Ave.,

near Birch Street. Across from the new garage, on another city-owned lot, the city plans to construct a three-story public-safety building.

Both projects have overwhelming council support and each is included in the city's 2014 infrastructure plan, which is being funded by the city's hotel tax. Yet as the council moves ahead with the design process for the new garage, one question is weighing heavily on the minds of area merchants and city officials alike:

Will it be enough?

The council is set to choose one of four designs, each with its own pros and cons. The first option is the smallest of the bunch: a three-story garage with two basement levels, retail space on the ground floor and a total of 471 parking spaces. Because the retail space would require 20 parking spots dedicated to it, this option would result in a net gain of 129 public spaces (the existing parking lot has 322 spaces).

The second option would be

similar to the first but with an additional above-ground level. It would have 552 parking spaces, for a net gain of 210 spots.

The other two options would scrap the retail component and dedicate the entire building to parking. Option 3, which Public Works staff is recommending, calls for one basement level and four above-ground levels for a total of 522 spaces — a net increase of 200 spaces. The

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Veronica Weber

Rice is thrice as nice

Marcello Attardi, right, a third-grader at Escondido Elementary School, concentrates on stirring his pumpkin risotto Wednesday in JLS Middle School's cafeteria kitchen as he and 11 fellow young chefs compete in the 2017 Sodexo Future Chefs Challenge. The national "Top Chef"-style competition, organized by the district's consultant for student nutrition services, asked children to present their best "Healthy Comfort Food Recipe" and was judged by six district administrators. Attardi won third place for his risotto and received a bike as a prize.

ENVIRONMENT

Young man receives honor for his passion for trees

East Palo Alto man plants trees to beautify, improve hometown

by Sophie Pollock

Since his childhood in East Palo Alto, Uriel Hernandez has noticed significant change in his neighborhood's greenery — mostly thanks to his own work.

The seeds of that change were planted when Hernandez attended Menlo-Atherton High School. As a student, Hernandez observed that Atherton's landscape included more greenery, shade and nature than his hometown. Then, he spent four years at Middlebury College in Vermont, pursuing a degree in architecture

and history. While there, he experienced an ecosystem entirely different from that of the Bay Area.

"I got to walk around with all these beautiful trees, and I didn't necessarily realize it then, but something that affected me in college was the difference that having trees around you makes," Hernandez said.

Hernandez wondered what he could do about this "disconnect" between nature and developed areas. He wanted to change the notion of "nature as a destination" that he says exists here in the Bay Area.

The 24-year-old began volunteering with the Palo Alto nonprofit Canopy in 2014 because he saw that it was "engaging the new generation of kids" at the schools that he had attended only a few years before. Then, when the nonprofit received a grant through CAL FIRE in 2015, he filled in a temporary full-time position at Canopy. That evolved into his current position, as the community forestry coordinator, in which Hernandez educates local

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EDUCATION

Gunn High to get revised bell schedule this fall

Students critical of process, urge administration to address 'trust gap'

by Elena Kadvany

To provide time for new social-emotional learning curriculum and to bring Gunn High School into compliance with a requirement to provide students a minimum number of instructional minutes, the school will have a new bell schedule starting this fall, Principal Denise Herrmann announced in a message sent to staff and students Monday night.

The change is to the chagrin of many students who have said the schedule was revised with insufficient student input.

The administration has decided to change what is currently an optional, sparsely attended Thursday afternoon tutorial period into a mandatory "flex" class after brunch. In the fall, this time will be used once a month for freshmen and sophomores to learn a new social-emotional curriculum, including allowing students to meet with teacher-mentors as part of the new Titan Connect program. During the other weeks, students will use the time for academic purposes, such as to get extra help from teachers or catch up on homework. In the 2018-19 school year, this mandatory class will expand to include juniors and the following year, seniors.

This will double the amount of time students are spending in Titan Connect, Gunn's version of Palo Alto High School's teacher-adviser program, Herrmann told the Weekly.

Research and other schools' experience implementing social-emotional learning shows it is most effective in the middle of the school day, rather than at the end or in the morning, Herrmann

said. Only about 10 to 15 percent of students currently attend tutorial in the afternoons, according to the school.

The mandatory class will also help Gunn address its failure to provide sufficient, annual instructional minutes as mandated by the state. In February, Herrmann discovered that the school is 23 hours short of that requirement. The shortage was due to numerous special schedules, such as for standardized testing or finals and a lack of realization of the instructional deficit those caused, Herrmann said.

Paly also is short on instructional minutes by about 37 hours, according to Principal Kim Diorio. Paly's own bell-schedule committee, convened in the fall, is set to make a recommendation for a revised schedule later this spring. The committee is considering adding more time to advisory and a later start time, among other changes, Diorio said.

At Gunn, students said they recognize the need for a different schedule and fully support the addition of social-emotional learning but have criticized the process by which the new schedule was developed.

More than 500 students signed a petition that proposed a "compromise" schedule, urging the school to address a "large trust gap" between students and the administration.

"We, the students of Gunn, do not feel that our voices are being represented when decisions are made," the petition states. "Not only do we feel unrepresented, but we also see dysfunction in the decision-making process itself."

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Upfront

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



People are concerned that a restroom brings more people and allows them to stay longer.



— Liz Kniss, Palo Alto vice mayor, on adding public restrooms to city parks. See story on page 16.

Around Town

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION ...

It may not seem immediately apparent, but Palo Alto is now in the final stretch of an election season. There are no seats up for grabs, but residents are being asked to weigh in on whether the city can raise its storm drainage fees from the current level of \$13.03 per month for the typical home (or "equivalent residential unit") to \$13.65 per month. If it passes, the fee would pay for 13 new storm drain projects and for ongoing costs of maintaining and improving the storm drain system. As the administrator of the mail-only election, the city mailed out about 20,000 ballots to local property owners in February. As a property owner itself, the City is looking to cast its own vote in favor of the new fees — and it's looking to do so about 85 times. That, at least, is the proposal from Public Works staff and **City Manager James Keene**, who is asking the City Council for its authorization to cast approximately 85 yes votes, one for each parcel. Voting in favor of the measure, a report from Public Works states, is "consistent with the City Council's direction to submit the proposed fee to property owners," as well as with the city's procedures for mail ballot elections. But the proposal elicited a few heckles from the community. "I've got a well-built detached garage," one reader posted on Town Square. "Do I get two votes?" The council will consider the staff request at its April 3 meeting. Ballots are due by 5:30 p.m. on April 11.

A VIEW TO A HILL ...

Palo Alto's debates over housing typically center on downtown and California Avenue, the city's most dense and transit-friendly regions. In that sense, this week's City Council meeting was highly atypical. The council was charged with reviewing two separate housing projects: a three-home proposal in the **Triple El** neighborhood and a home that would be constructed on a hill overlooking the **Arastradero Preserve**. Each proposal had its detractors. Residents around the Triple El site at 900 N. California Ave. filed an appeal alleging that the city hadn't done proper outreach and protesting the property owner's plan to construct three basements.

Once Monday's meeting started, tempers had cooled after the property owner, **Greg Xiong**, modified the proposal to include only one basement. Xiong told the council that even though he is entitled to three basements, he wanted to show his "cooperative spirit." The council returned the favor with a unanimous vote of approval. Then came the Arastradero proposal, which pitted the property owner, **Guy Gecht**, and his supporting neighbors, against nature lovers. **Kim Acker**, who fell in the latter category, praised Arastradero as an easily accessible destination for people wishing to escape the congested atmosphere of Silicon Valley. But area neighbors praised Gecht for designing the house to have minimal impact and for including trees that his team said would largely obscure the structures from public view. The council then blessed the project with a unanimous vote, after adding additional requirements for trees and vegetation.

TV'S NEXT JUDGE ...

Former Palo Alto City Councilwoman **LaDoris Cordell** was the first female African-American to serve on the bench in Northern California. She's now taking her robe and gavel to the screen. She'll call the courtroom to order on Friday, April 7, when FOX's new reality show "**You The Jury**" premieres at 9 p.m. Lawyers who have represented celebrities will present their arguments on civil cases that touch on current issues such as free speech and gay rights. What will be different about the very public proceedings? The prosecution and defense will deliver their closing arguments while sitting across from the opposing attorney. Once all is said and done, Cordell won't give the final verdict, America will in the allotted five-minute time span before each episode ends. There's still a chance that a case could get overturned — if West Coast viewers' votes change the overall vote when tallied with the rest of the country. "The stakes are huge," host and former prosecutor **Jeanine Pirro** says in a 30-second promo for the new show. "Welcome to the new face of American justice." ■

HOUSING

City Council changes course on housing fees

Council members spar over best way to fund affordable housing

by Gennady Sheyner

In an unusual move that reflected Palo Alto's shifting political dynamics, the City Council reversed on Monday night its December decision to significantly raise the fees that office developers must contribute to fund affordable housing.

Instead, a divided council voted 5-4 to adopt a new schedule of affordable-housing fees for certain types of developments — including offices and hotels — that are far more modest than levels approved in December by the prior council. In most cases, the fees would still be higher than those currently on the books, however.

The vote followed the council's usual ideological division, with those favoring more city development voting to lower the fees for offices and those favoring slower city growth preferring the fee structure that was approved

in December. But with the pro-growth side now enjoying a narrow majority, it was their proposal that carried the day, with Councilman Adrian Fine leading the way.

The biggest change concerns office and research-and-development projects, which currently are assessed an affordable-housing fee of \$20.37 square foot. The council in December moved to raise it to \$60 per square foot, a decision that was informed by extensive studies by staff and consultants. On Monday night, the council's more growth-friendly wing, which consists of Mayor Greg Scharff, Vice Mayor Liz Kniss, Adrian Fine, Greg Tanaka and Cory Wolbach, reset the new office rate at \$35 per square foot.

The council also rolled back a December decision to raise the housing-impact fee for new hotels from \$20.37 to \$30 per square

foot, leaving it at its previous rate.

At the same time, the council raised the fees that would be charged for detached single-family homes from the previously approved level of \$50 to \$75 per square foot. For condominiums and attached single-family homes, the fee would be \$50 per square foot, the same level that was adopted in December.

The council's change of course on affordable-housing fees was made possible by the vagaries of its calendar. When the council approves an ordinance, it typically has to formally adopt it at a subsequent meeting on what is called a "second reading." Though the second reading is usually a formality, in this case it occurred in January, shortly after the new council was sworn in. Led by Fine and Tanaka, who was also elected in November, the council then moved to reopen the issue



The Tree House Apartments on Charleston Road in Palo Alto offer low-income housing and opened in 2012. They were built by the nonprofit Palo Alto Housing.

and take fresh votes, effectively nullifying the December ordinance before it ever had a chance to kick in.

Fine, who reviewed the ordinance last year as a member of the Planning and Transportation Commission, said he and others were worried that the city was moving too quickly on the fees and that it hasn't "reached the sweet spot" for encouraging fees without discouraging development.

"We don't want to use fees to punish development or halt office

growth," Fine said, making a pitch for lowering the approved office impact fee to \$35 per square foot.

While Fine crafted the bulk of the new motion, Scharff made a few significant contributions, including raising fees for single-family homes to \$75 per square foot. He also noted that a \$60 office fee is far higher than in any neighboring jurisdiction and

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EDUCATION

Teachers less satisfied than parents with longer kindergarten day

Survey shows 82 percent of instructors rated this year's teaching experience worse compared to past years

by Elena Kadvany

While the majority of kindergarten parents and elementary school principals are satisfied with the Palo Alto school district's new full kindergarten day, teachers are less confident in its efficacy so far, according to a report the district released last week.

Results from surveys, a teacher focus group and classroom observations conducted by the district's Research, Evaluation, and Assessment team provide an early snapshot of both successes and challenges in the first year of full-day kindergarten, which was rolled out in the fall at all 12 elementary schools.

Support for the longer day is strong among parents and principals, with 85 percent of parents reporting on a survey that they are either satisfied or strongly satisfied with the new program. All eight principals who responded to the survey reported satisfaction. About 40 percent of all kindergarten parents (306 of 743) responded.

In open-ended responses on the survey, parents said they felt full-day kindergarten provided a more "rounded-out day" with time for free choice, play, music, physical education and both academic and social development.

Teachers also said they

appreciate having free choice time on a daily basis and more flexibility in shaping their classroom schedules. Since the full day went into effect in October, teachers reported using the additional time mostly for free choice and play.

Only 44 percent of the 40 teachers who responded to the survey, however, said they are satisfied with the full-day model. Eighty-two percent rated their teaching experience as worse this year than in previous years.

Only about half of teachers said they believe full-day kindergarten is meeting its stated goals. (Goals listed on the district website include "more time for free choice, for play, for exploration, for social interaction, for connectedness, for language development, for singing, reading stories, for small group work, for outdoor activities, as well as more time to accrue social-emotional behavioral skills, including self-regulation, attentiveness, self-confidence, and interpersonal skills.")

Teachers reported several challenges: students' dropping energy levels (echoed by parents who said their children were more tired at the end of the day), classroom management, less prep time, less time to provide students in need

with targeted intervention and less small group instruction.

Parents and principals also said there is less small group time this year; before the adoption of the full-day program teachers referred to that time as the "gold standard" of the district's previous kindergarten model. All 31 teachers who wrote in an open-ended response section

of the survey noted a challenge with finding small group time.

"They're not getting more of us," one teacher said.

Teachers estimated they now spend about half of their time in whole-class instruction, 27 percent with small groups and 20 percent one-on-one.

In a focus group the district conducted with six randomly selected kindergarten teachers, teachers said they are relying more on whole-class instruction "because it is difficult to manage small groups with 20 children in the classroom," the report states.

With all students there for the full day, there is also less time for targeted interventions, the teachers reported.

"We're not doing what we set out to do," one teacher said. "We're not

meeting the needs of every kid."

The research team asked teachers to estimate the number of hours per week they spend on different activities. On average, teachers are spending the most time on literacy and language arts (26 percent of instructional time), followed by play/recess (16 percent), mathematics (14 percent), social emotional learning or behavioral skill development (11 percent) and free choice (9 percent). Less time is spent on art, science, social studies and PE.

While the district increased the number of instructional aide hours this year to help support teachers for the longer day, teachers reported there has been a "learning curve" in scheduling

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Adriene Guiriba, who teaches full-day kindergarten at Walter Hays Elementary School, helps a student sound out his vowels while he works on creating a story.

With some questions, school board supports reporting weighted grades

Board also approves week-long Thanksgiving break, OKs hiring of civil-rights investigator

by Elena Kadvany

Palo Alto school board members were generally supportive Tuesday night of a proposal to report both un-weighted and weighted grade point averages on high school transcripts, but had some questions about the mechanics of the change, including whether freshmen grades should be weighted and how the district should designate honors courses.

The board gave Superintendent Max McGee feedback on nine recommendations he issued on the topic last week. All members urged him to carefully consider and bring back a plan for how changes in

grade reporting would affect current students. Neither high school currently reports weighted averages on official transcripts, though counselors at Gunn write it into a section of the Common Application.

Not all board members — nor parents who spoke at the meeting — were comfortable with McGee’s recommendation against weighting honors courses for freshmen, expressing concern about issues of fairness for students who choose to challenge themselves in their first year of high school. (A freshman who takes an honors-level course might, for example, be in a class with sophomores or juniors and, under McGee’s proposal, would get a different grade point average than the upperclassmen.)

McGee argued that as a transition year, ninth grade is a critical time for students’ academic and mental well-being.

“and, frankly, to their long-term success,” he said.

The superintendent’s freshmen-weighting recommendation was driven by high school teachers and counselors who McGee said were “adamantly opposed,”

worrying that it would harm their mental health.

Some board members acknowledged that research does not clearly correlate weighted grades and stress. Nonetheless, trustee Jennifer DiBrienza pointed to a recent California Healthy Kids Survey data that found 23 percent of Palo Alto Unified ninth-graders had in the last year thought about taking their own life, 10 percent had made an actual plan and 17 percent said they were getting fewer than six hours of sleep per night.

“Does that have anything to do with weighted GPA? Maybe not,” she said. But “the evidence is clear we have more work to do in at least ninth grade ... in trying to create more balance and trying to create healthier lives.”

Vice President Ken Dauber said he wanted to rely on the advice of teachers and administrators who work with students on a daily basis.

“What our teachers and administrators are doing is designing an educational environment that works best for our students taken as a whole,” he said. “If we

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Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Groundwater Production and Surface Water Charges



Topic: Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Groundwater Production and Surface Water Charges

Who: Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors

What: Public hearings on proposed fiscal year 2017/2018 Groundwater Production and Surface Water Charges

When: April 11, 2017 at 1 p.m. – open public hearing
 April 13, 2017 at 6 p.m. – open house in South County;
 7 p.m. – continued public hearing in South County
 April 25, 2017 at 6 p.m. – close public hearing

Where: April 11 and April 25, 2017
 Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Room
 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118

April 13, 2017
 Morgan Hill City Council Chambers
 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (water district) has prepared an annual report on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies documenting financial and water supply information, which provides the basis for recommended groundwater production and surface water charges for fiscal year 2017/2018.

The report includes financial analyses of the water district’s water utility system; supply and demand forecasts; future capital improvement, maintenance and operating requirements; and method to finance such requirements.

The water district will hold a public hearing to obtain public comments on the report, which will be available at the hearing.

Based upon findings and determinations made at the public hearing, including the results of any protest procedure, the water district Board of Directors will decide whether or not groundwater production and surface water charges should be increased, and if so, to what level, in each charge zone or zones for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

All operators of water-producing facilities within the water district or any person interested in the water district’s activities with regard to protection and augmentation of the water supply may appear, in person or by representative, and submit comments regarding the subject.

For more information on the public hearing, please visit our website at www.valleywater.org, or contact **Darin Taylor** at (408) 630-3068.

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Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to meet in a closed session to discuss the status of the city’s contract negotiations with the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1319, and potential litigation regarding the Palo Alto-Stanford Fire Protection Agreement. The council will then discuss next steps toward constructing a public safety building and a garage on two city-owned parking lots on Sherman Avenue. The closed session will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 3. Regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. or as soon as possible after the closed session in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE ... The committee will consider making adjustments to the city’s refuse and water rates and approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Wastewater Collection Financial Plan. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

COUNCIL RAIL COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION ... The commission plans to appoint commissioners to its Ad Hoc Budget Committee; discuss the financial plans and proposed rate adjustments for the electric and gas utilities; and discuss the implementation of the Sustainability/Climate Action Plan. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD ... The board will consider approving 17,942-square-foot mixed-use building at 901 High St., featuring retail and 25 residential units; consider a plan to demolish an existing medical-office building at 400 Channing Ave. and to replace it with two two-story homes; discuss proposed design changes to a proposed 23,269-square-foot office building at 2555 Park Ave.; consider a proposal to demolish an existing building at 3877 El Camino Real and to build a commercial building and 17 residential units at the site; and hold a public hearing on a proposal to demolish two existing commercial buildings at 744-748 San Antonio Avenue and to build two five-story Marriott hotels with 294 units between them. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 6, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

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have a narrow analysis about who wins and who loses in terms of their GPA, I think we're driven inexorably toward not paying attention to the overall educational environment that our professionals are trying to design."

Parents and students who spoke at the meeting were overwhelmingly in support of weighted grades, including for ninth-graders. Laila Smith, a Gunn sophomore, said she felt more "secure" taking geometry honors her freshman year knowing it was weighted. Students and parents described the weight as a safety net that decreased rather than increased stress and rewarded students for taking more challenging coursework.

Only one speaker out of more than 30 spoke against weighted grades, urging the board to be leaders against a "fixation on a numbers-driven world."

Shounak Dharap, who graduated from Gunn in 2008, urged the board to "look at the spirit" rather than the letter of McGee's recommendations, which the superintendent said he made with reservations about exacerbating unhealthy pressure, competition and stress.

Parents also voiced opposition to McGee's recommendation that the district defer to the University of California (UC) system for which classes are designated as honors (and thus, weighted). This would mean several honors classes at both high schools, including geometry, chemistry and

others, would lose their weighting. McGee argued that using UC, a "credible" third-party system, would bring uniformity to the two high schools, which currently have different practices.

Parents worried this could disadvantage Palo Alto students

calendar, students and staff will have a full week off for Thanksgiving and start winter break on Friday, Dec. 22, among other changes. The district plans to survey students, parents and staff over the next two years before deciding on a final calendar.

'Filling a freshman's schedule with honors classes in an attempt to maximize weighted GPA is potentially counterproductive to students' well-being.'

— Superintendent Max McGee, Palo Alto Unified

competing against other high school students with more access to honors courses in the college-admissions process.

Board member Todd Collins and DiBrienza said they support using the UC's designation, while President Terry Godfrey and board member Melissa Baten Caswell said they would be fine with another independent, credible method.

McGee will return to the board with more information about how the reporting change would impact current students, his freshmen recommendation and more details about honors designations. The board will likely vote at its next meeting on April 18.

In other business Tuesday, the school board unanimously approved a revised school calendar for the next two years, pending ratification from the Palo Alto teachers union. Under the new

The board also took a next step in its compliance with a recently approved resolution agreement with the federal Office for Civil Rights: directing the superintendent to seek approval from the agency to hire an independent law firm.

The board unanimously supported a new recommendation McGee made Tuesday night to hire a firm, Philadelphia-based firm Cozen O'Connor, that will conduct Title IX investigations into past allegations of sexual harassment, misconduct and violence at the district's two high schools. The firm has investigated several high-profile sexual-misconduct investigations at colleges and universities in recent years, including at Baylor University, the University of Virginia, Amherst College and Occidental College. ■

Affordable

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called it "outrageous."

"I actually think the notion that we should make policy and incentivize not having office through a fee structure and not zoning is inappropriate," Scharff said. "What you want to do is be judicious and not move in a radical way. Going from \$20 to \$60 is a radical and not judicious movement in my view."

The four dissenting voters — Tom DuBois, Eric Filseth, Karen Holman and Lydia Kou — all supported sticking with the December changes. Once Kou's motion to do that failed, they made several other tries to adjust the fee schedule, with each attempt failing by the same 5-4 vote.

DuBois, in supporting the fees approved in December, argued that properties developed in Palo Alto

bring in a greater return on investment than in other cities. The city, he said, is facing the consequences of all these developments, and the higher fees will create opportunities for more affordable housing, an amenity that every council member agrees is sorely needed.

"I don't think the council should be focused on serving developers," DuBois said. "We should be serving voters; we should be trying to get affordable housing."

Holman made a proposal to raise fees for office developments to \$50 per square foot, but that, too, faltered by the 4-5 tally.

The slow-growth camp all took issue with making fees for detached single-family homes twice as high as for office developments. Filseth, Holman and Kou all agreed with DuBois that this sends the wrong message, with Kou calling Fine's proposal "disingenuous."

While unusual, the decision to

reverse an already approved decision wasn't particularly surprising in this case. Scharff, Kniss and Wolbach had all voted against the December ordinance, and Tanaka and Fine — their political allies during the November election — had each expressed concerns about it as members of the Planning and Transportation Commission.

For DuBois, Holman and Filseth, all of whom had voted in December on the new fees, the Monday vote was a disappointing reversal. Filseth called the new schedule worse than the one that was on the books before the December vote (and which — because of the lack of a second reading — is still on the books). Holman was blunt in her assessment.

"I think this really is a step backward," she said. ■

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Kindergarten

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and managing multiple aides in their classes. One teacher said aides should be better trained in, for example, specific kindergarten curriculum or the techniques of small-group guided reading.

Teachers made several recommendations for how to address the downsides, supported by the research team. The district should

provide more training for aides; consider "creative" ideas for providing small group time and maintaining differentiation; create daily free-choice time in the kindergarten schedule; address uneven class sizes across schools; and increase understanding among parents about the balance between free choice and academics in the new schedule.

To this date, only one kindergarten family has opted out of the full kindergarten day, according to the district. More than 720

students are currently enrolled in full-day kindergarten.

The elementary schools are continuing to monitor the impact of the longer day, particularly on the achievement and progress of low-income and minority kindergartners who would be categorized as "achievement gap" students. All schools adopted ongoing monitoring of the first cohort of full-day kindergartners as a goal in their Single Plan for Student Achievement reports. ■

News Digest

Billing error leaves city gas customers overcharged

About 15,000 utility customers in Palo Alto received an unwelcome surprise in their February bill: an overcharge on their gas bills that officials say was caused by a data-entry error.

The error affected nearly all of the roughly 20,000 residential customers, though about 5,500 of them were undercharged. The error related to the tier system that City of Palo Alto Utilities uses to assess payments. The billing system swapped the rates in the tiers, assessing customers in Tier 1 rates that should have applied to Tier 2 and vice versa, said Catherine Elvert, communications manager for Utilities Department.

The department is in the midst of sending letters to all impacted customers, informing them of the error. Residents should receive these letters a week before their adjustments appear in their April bills, she said.

The letter explains the error, informs residents of their credit or debit and offers an apology.

Elvert said the error was caught in mid-February and applied to the period between Jan. 1 and Feb. 13. Utilities took steps to ensure the correct rates were applied going forward from that date.

The department has also added verification steps to the data entry that resulted in the error to prevent future occurrences, Elvert said.

Elvert said the average customer who was overcharged was billed an extra \$15, with the maximum overcharge totaling \$45. For those who were undercharged, the average amount was \$25, she said. For about 500 customers, the total adjustment was less than a dollar, Elvert said. ■

— Gennady Sheyner

Project Safety Net announces new structure

After several years of leadership turnover and uncertainty about its sustainability, Project Safety Net, the Palo Alto youth well-being collaborative, has a permanent executive director and, now, a new organizational structure that its members hope will provide stronger oversight and coordination of its work.

Project Safety Net is entering its next phase — PSN "2.0," as Executive Director Mary Gloner describes it — with an executive board that will bring strategic direction and governance to an organization made up of more than 30 community organizations that work with youth, from the school district and city to local nonprofits.

Project Safety Net's new structure is known as the "collective impact model," a framework that has been used across the country to help organizations work together to effect social change. The organization's mission is to "develop and implement an effective, comprehensive community-based mental health plan for overall youth well-being in Palo Alto."

Among its efforts, it has supported the creation of the school district's suicide prevention toolkit; organized mental health awareness campaigns; worked to regularly involve more students in its work; helped coordinate last year's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) investigation into youth suicide in Santa Clara County; and formally partnered with new organizations such as Crisis Text Line, the Children's Health Council, San Francisco nonprofit Young Minds Advocacy and Stanford University's Center for Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing, among others. Project Safety Net also now has a permanent office at Cubberley Community Center in south Palo Alto. ■

— Elena Kadvany

'Understanding Islam' speaker series starts

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian is collaborating with the Commonwealth Club for an "Understanding Islam" series launching in Palo Alto on April 3.

"I've been feeling for some time it's important to have these discussions, the more I listen to what's happening on the national level," Simitian said in an interview with the Weekly.

The first panel on April 3 will explore the meaning of being Muslim.

The next forum on May 9 will be about politics and current events that affect how the United States understands Islam and Muslims.

The series finishes on May 22 with a talk on the meaning of being a Muslim woman.

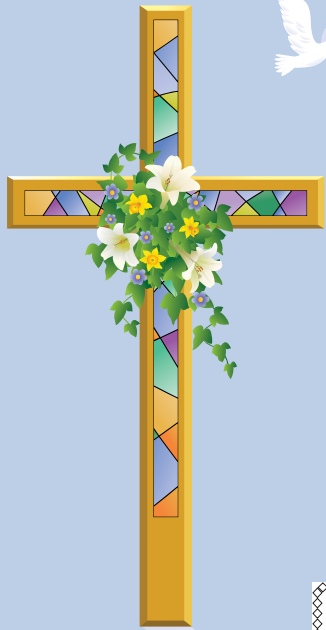
The scheduled panelists are Sumbul Ali-Karamali, author of "The Muslim Next Door," Jihad Turk, president of Bayan Claremont, an Islamic graduate school and Maha Elegenaidi and Ameena Jandali from the nonprofit Islamic Networks Group.

Commonwealth Club President and CEO Dr. Gloria Duffy said the event "will create a beneficial dialogue between those of the Muslim faith and others in our community, at a time when open and respectful communication in our society is most needed."

Each 90-minute panel starts at 7 p.m. The first one will be held at Lucie Stern Theater at 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, to accommodate a large number of people who have RSVP'd to the event.

Simitian will moderate the free event; seating is limited. RSVPs can be made by calling Simitian's office at 408-299-5050 or through the Commonwealth Club's website. ■

— Palo Alto Weekly staff



Peninsula Easter Services

Covenant Presbyterian Church



April 9 Palm Sunday
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship
 Procession of the Palms
 Cantata- *The Last Kingdom*
 Choir with Organ and
 Instrumental Ensemble

April 13 Maundy Thursday
7:30 p.m. Worship
 A Liturgical Drama and the
 Sacrament of the Last Supper

April 14 Good Friday
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae
 Scripture reading, music, and the
 extinguishing of the lights comprise
 this powerful service of remem-
 brance.

April 15 Holy Saturday 10:00 a.m.
 Children's Easter Egg Hunt
 Activities to Celebrate Easter

April 16 Easter Sunday
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
 On the Patio/Breezeway
 Sunrise meditation
 Breakfast follows

10:30 a.m. Worship
 A Celebration of the Resurrection of
 our Lord Jesus Christ with music,
 scripture, proclamation of The Word
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 11:30AM Easter Brunch



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Holy Week

Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday
 April 9 | 8:30 & 10:45 am

Maundy Thursday
 April 13 | 7:00 pm

Good Friday
 April 14 | 12:00 & 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil
 April 15 | 7:44 PM (Sunset)

April 16 | 8:30 and 10:45 am
 Easter Breakfast: 9:00 - 10:30 am

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MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 13
 6:00 pm Light Supper | 7:00 pm Word and Foot Washing

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14
 12:00 noon Stations of the Cross | 7:30 pm Procession of the Cross

EASTER VIGIL, April 15
 8:00 pm Fire, Word, Renewal of Baptism, Bread, and Wine

EASTER CELEBRATION, April 16
 9:00 am Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt
 10:30 am Festival Holy Communion



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Palm Sunday, April 9
 10:00 am University Public Worship - Palm Sunday
 4:30 pm Palm Sunday Catholic Mass

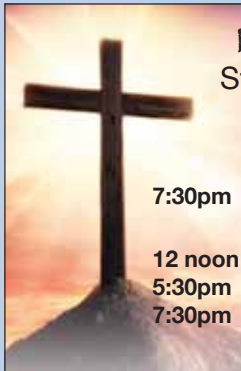
Good Friday, April 14
 12:00 pm Christian Interdenominational Service
 5:00 pm Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross
 8:00 pm Catholic Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 15
 8:00 pm Catholic Easter Vigil Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 16
 10:00 am University Public Worship
 4:30 pm Catholic Easter Mass
 10:00 pm Roman Catholic Easter Mass



Peninsula Easter Services



Holy Week & Easter at St. Bede's Episcopal Church

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Maundy Thursday, April 13
Eucharist with foot washing

7:30pm

Good Friday, April 14

12 noon Good Friday Liturgy
5:30pm Good Friday Liturgy for all ages
7:30pm Good Friday Liturgy with choir

7:30pm

Holy Saturday, April 15

Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, April 16

8:00am Eucharist with organ, trumpet & hymns
10:15am Eucharist with organ, trumpet & choir

11:30am Easter Egg Hunt
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❖ 2:00 to 3:00pm

Devotional Labyrinth Meditation

❖ 7:30 to 8:30pm

Tenebrae: The Office of Shadows

❖ 5:30am

Easter — April 16
Easter Vigil, Eucharist & Baptism

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❖ 10:00am

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

April 9 PALM SUNDAY

8am Holy Eucharist
10am Palm Procession & Eucharist

April 13 Maundy Thursday

5³⁰pm Light Supper
7pm Eucharist with footwashing

April 14 Good Friday

Noon Commemoration of the Passion
Veneration of the Cross
6pm Solemn Evensong of
the Burial of Christ

April 15 Holy Saturday

8pm Great Vigil of Easter
with Reception

April 16 Easter Sunday

10am Festival Eucharist
Music – The Whole Noyse Brass
Followed by
Egg Hunt & Easter Brunch

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9:00 AM (English)

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9:00 am (Spanish) 10:30 AM (English)

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10:30 am (English) 12:00 noon (Gregorian)

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Trees

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volunteers on how to preserve and expand East Palo Alto's urban forest.

"I try to foster a sense of stewardship, especially as a Bay Area native," Hernandez noted.

The Bay Nature Institute, an organization that celebrates the Bay Area's natural beauty, recognized Hernandez's leadership skills and hands-on work at Canopy and awarded him with the 2017 Youth Engagement Award on March 26. Each year, Bay Nature Institute honors individuals who have done significant work to protect the local ecosystems. Awards are divided into three categories: Conservation Action, Environmental Education and Youth Engagement. The Youth Engagement Award goes to someone 25 years or younger who is involved in conservation activities.

Hernandez was nominated by the executive director of Canopy,

according to Bay Nature's executive director and publisher, David Loeb.

"The combination of his work to create a healthier and more natural environment in East Palo Alto and his leadership skills and ability to mobilize communities to support that work make him deserving of this award," Loeb said of Hernandez.

Hernandez plans to plant 500 trees in East Palo Alto by 2020 through his initiative, Branching Out. So far Canopy and its volunteers have planted over 2,000 trees across the city. These trees provide a number of benefits for the community including cleaner air, reduced greenhouse gases, improved water quality, as well as some economic and social benefits.

Programs and volunteer events at Canopy include an education component in order to teach community members about what it means to plant a tree and the value of stewardship.

"Everyone loves the glory of planting a tree, but a lot of people don't want to do the dirty work,"



Uriel Hernandez, community forestry coordinator for the Palo Alto nonprofit Canopy, stakes a tree at JLS Middle School. He received a Bay Nature Local Hero Award this week for his work in East Palo Alto.

Hernandez said. "So whenever we have volunteer days I try to get people to see the value in that."

"It's in caring for a tree that you

make the act of planting it meaningful," said Hernandez when reflecting on the 20-year process of caring for trees.

Branching Out provides free trees to residents in order to get them more involved in their own community. Hernandez hopes to teach people how to select the right trees for the right place. The program acts as a community resource in a city that has other pressing issues.

"We do a lot of work in East Palo Alto because the city itself can't handle it. So that is when Canopy steps in to speak for the trees and do that work," Hernandez explained.

A lot of Hernandez's program aims to get kids excited about trees and nature. The Branching Out and Teen Urban Foresters programs try to empower youth to feel free to make the changes they want to see in society. Hernandez personally relates to this idea as he himself chose to work toward bettering his home community and working in a field he is passionate about.

The programs hope to encourage repeat volunteers and to inspire people to actively make changes in their community.

"I try to hammer home to these kids the impact trees and nature have on the community as well as on them as individuals," Hernandez said, adding that, as the current federal administration changes, it is crucial to take care of the things that are important to the community, on a grassroots level.

As East Palo Alto is becoming more and more developed, Hernandez hopes that people "keep the ecosystem in mind."

The Bay Area housing issues generate challenges for establishing a healthier urban forest. Cities like East Palo Alto are changing quickly, and some developers don't take the time to make the right decisions in terms of landscaping, he said. ■

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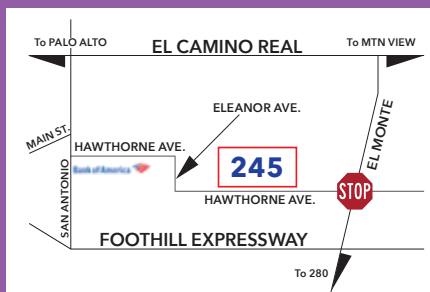
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Bid# 17-D-04-SSD: Student Services Division

Proposals **must** be received at the Student Services Department, 25 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306, by 5pm sharp on Wednesday, **April 19, 2017**.

All questions concerning the proposal should be directed to Dr. Brenda Carrillo by mail (25 Churchill Ave., Palo Alto, CA, 94306) or by email at bcarrillo@pausd.org.

BY Order of the Student Services Department of the Palo Alto Unified School District, Palo Alto, California.

Dated: March 31, 2017 & April 7, 2017

Garage

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fourth option, favored by many area merchants, would have two basement levels and four above-ground levels for a total of 636 spaces, a net increase of 314 spots.

Under every alternative, the entrance to the garage would be located along Sherman, west of Birch. Every option includes a “pedestrian arcade” along Jacaranda Lane, behind Antonio’s Nut House, and features a wide sidewalk along Ash Street that would be “partially underneath the second level of the structure, improving the pedestrian experience and potentially providing a public art opportunity,” according to a new Public Works report.

In past discussions, council members have expressed support for including retail and pedestrian-friendly elements in the new garage. But for the dozens of business owners who attended a March 8 meeting on the project, the main objective was simple: get as many parking spots as possible. When one speaker proposed getting rid of pedestrian areas and eliminating retail, he was greeted with a standing ovation.

Yet the fourth option, which provides the most parking spots, is also the most expensive — a key consideration at a time when the city’s construction costs for just about every project are going through the roof (the public-safety building, for example, was budgeted at \$57 million in the 2014 plan; today it is expected to cost \$75.3 million). The city estimates that the garage with two basements and four above-ground



California Avenue business owners favored at a March 8 meeting a garage design that would maximize the number of parking spaces, with two levels of underground parking and four above-ground levels. There would be 636 parking spaces in the garage, located between Birch and Ash streets, behind Antonio’s Nut House.

levels would cost \$34.8 million. Options 1, 2 and 3 would cost \$29 million, \$32.2 million and \$26.2 million, respectively.

Option 3’s comparatively lower cost is one of the reasons staff is leaning toward it. The staff recommendation also calls for developing pedestrian enhancements to the garage’s Birch frontage.

But from the urban design standpoint, this option’s lack of retail space is a huge drawback, said Michael Ross, an architect with RossDrulisCusenbery Architecture who is working with the city to design both the garage and the public-safety building.

“Arguably, having a street that you look down on that has storefronts on it is a positive thing — maybe it’s a restaurant or a cafe — as opposed to looking down and seeing a building like this, a parking garage that comes down to the

street,” Ross said at the meeting.

But for most of the merchants at the meeting, the need for parking trumped urban design considerations.

Even after staff noted that going deeper underground would incur significant costs, business owners still favored having two below-ground levels rather than one. Jack Morton, president of the California Avenue Business Association, acknowledged the high cost of construction but noted that the city’s most valuable asset is land.

“Yes, construction is expensive. But to have one story below ground is pennywise and pound foolish,” Morton said. “Definitely go down two stories. And if you use cutoff walls and other techniques, you can go down even further.” ■

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Bell

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The petition decries the fact that a Creative Scheduling Committee, whose 2015 recommendation ultimately led the school to shift to a new block schedule, has met infrequently this year and with little participation from students. There are about six teachers, one parent and three students still meeting as part of that committee, Herrmann said.

Despite its name, however, that group was not charged with making the recommendation on this year’s schedule change, Herrmann said. The decision was made by the school’s wellness team, which includes school counselors, wellness teachers on special assignment, the school’s wellness coordinator and other teacher and administrators.

The wellness team has been working since November to find a bell schedule that would provide regular, dedicated time for social-emotional learning, which was recommended by a districtwide committee in February.

The administration held one informational student forum in January and again last week, days before Herrmann was expected to announce the new schedule, to

solicit input. The school also sent a survey out to students and staff this month with four bell schedule options; the results indicated a “strong preference” for the one the administration ultimately decided to put in place, according to Herrmann.

Worried about the lack of student input, Gunn junior Advait Arun, who co-authored the online petition, conducted his own survey. Out of 373 respondents from all the grades, most said they prefer the current schedule and did not want it to change. The survey also found that 60 percent said they don’t trust the administration to listen to their voice. This number increases in the higher grades, Arun found.

In a separate survey conducted by Gunn’s student government body, many of the 88 randomly selected participants also urged against making another schedule change.

Arun said moving forward, more important than the schedule itself is the process by which future decisions are made at Gunn.

“If the petition is not going to work, so be it,” he said. “I want to bridge the trust gap.”

Some students are still smarting over other actions they felt neglected their input, including two years ago when zero-period academic classes were eliminated and this year when Gunn

implemented a new monitoring software on school-issued laptops.

Arun has been elected to serve as Gunn’s school board representative next year and said he hopes to use that role to improve communication between students, administrators and the school board.

He also hopes students who opposed the schedule change nonetheless will help make the new social-emotional curriculum a success.

Herrmann said she has met with every student who has asked to talk with her about the bell schedule. Her focus, however, is on the pedagogical arguments for social-emotional learning and the long-term impact of rolling that initiative out in the right way.

“Students are not education experts; they’re expressing their views from what they value and I completely understand that, but as the leader of a public school, I’m charged to use evidence-based practices and sometimes that’s not aligned with what some of the current students want,” she said.

“Sometimes it’s not about the popular choice, it’s what is going to make the biggest difference for the most students over the course of the next three to five years,” she added. ■

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CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council (March 27)

900 California Ave.: The council approved a proposed three-home development with one basement. **Yes:** Unanimous

670 Los Trancos Road: The council approved a proposed single-family home and guesthouse in the Open Space district. **Yes:** Unanimous

Affordable housing: The council approved an ordinance modifying the fees charged to developers to support affordable housing. The new fee structure raises the fees for office developments from \$20.37 to \$35 per square unit. **Yes:** Fine, Kniss, Scharff, Tanaka, Wolbach **No:** DuBois, Filseth, Holman, Kou

Council Policy and Services (March 28)

Hotline: The committee discussed the city’s fraud, waste and abuse hotline and recommended and made several changes to the hotline’s administrative policy, including added language that reaffirms the hotline’s applicability to contractors (not just city employees), explains the investigatory process and clarifies the city’s ability to use external investigators in some cases. **Yes:** Unanimous

Board of Education (March 28)

Tenure: The board approved permanent status for a list of certificated staff members in the new school year. **Yes:** Unanimous

OCR investigator: The board directed the superintendent to seek approval from the Office for Civil Rights to engage with law firm Cozen O’Connor for the first phase of investigations into past Title IX cases. **Yes:** Unanimous

Calendar: The board approved a revised calendar for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years, pending ratification from the Palo Alto Educators Association (PAEA). **Yes:** Unanimous

Gunn Central Building Project: The board authorized staff to award a \$19.6 million contract for construction of Gunn High School’s Central Building Project. **Yes:** Unanimous

Wireless refresh: The board authorized staff to award a \$899,861 contract for wireless technology refresh. **Yes:** Baten Caswell, Collins, DiBrienza, Godfrey **Recused:** Dauber

Parks and Recreation (March 28)

Foothills: The commission heard an update about the hydrology study on the Buckeye Creek, at the 7.7-acre site adjacent to Foothills Park. **Action:** None

Dog parks: The commission discussed the city’s ongoing efforts to build a new dog park. **Action:** None

Planning and Transportation (March 29)

Comprehensive Plan: The commission discussed its role in reviewing the updated Comprehensive Plan and considered the idea of creating subcommittees to review the document. **Action:** None

Offices: The commission held a study session on Palo Alto’s annual limit on office and research-and-development growth. **Action:** None

Online This Week

These and other news stories were posted on Palo Alto Online throughout the week. For longer versions, go to www.PaloAltoOnline.com/news.

Alleged cockfighting operation busted

Nearly 60 chickens were removed from an East Palo Alto property on March 23 after city police and Peninsula Humane Society officers discovered an alleged cockfighting operation — one of the largest in the county in recent years — and resulted in one arrest. (Posted March 30, 8:37 a.m.)

Landlord gets probation for harassment

An East Palo Alto landlord who harassed his tenants to try to get them to leave so he could raise the rent on their rent-controlled units received probation instead of jail time, the San Mateo County District Attorney’s Office said. (Posted March 30, 11:09 a.m.)

Auto burglary spree strikes Palo Alto

A string of smash-and-grab car burglaries occurred on Tuesday, March 28, the darkest night of the month, according to a Palo Alto police log. The windows of at least 11 vehicles were discovered smashed between 7:15 and 9:51 p.m. (Posted March 29, 8:17 p.m.)

\$5K grant for senior produce market

A new produce market for low-income seniors will be coming to the southern end of town through a \$5,000 grant from the Rotary Club of Palo Alto. (Posted March 29, 9:05 a.m.)

Battalion chiefs get raises

After more than a year of negotiations, Palo Alto has approved a new contract with four fire battalion chiefs — an agreement that will raise their salaries by about 15.5 percent while capping the city’s contribution for their health care costs. (Posted March 27, 8:22 p.m.)

Pulse

A weekly compendium of vital statistics

POLICE CALLS

Palo Alto March 22-28

Violence related	
Battery/simple	2
Theft related	
Bicycle/safekeeping	1
Burglary attempt/residential	1
Commercial burglaries	2
Grand theft	3
Identity theft	6
Petty theft	2
Residential burglaries	2
Vehicle related	
Abandoned auto	1
Driving w/ suspended license	2
Driving without license	3
Hit and run	2
Parking/driving violation	2
Theft from auto	17
Vandalism to vehicle	1
Vehicle accident/minor injury	5
Vehicle accident/prop damage	6
Alcohol or drug related	
Drinking in public	1
Driving under the influence	1
Possession of drugs	3
Under influence of drugs	1
Miscellaneous	
Animal/misc	1
B&P/misc	1
Casualty/fall	1
Concealed weapon	1
Disobey court order	1
Elder abuse	1
Found property	5
Lost property	1
Hate crime/misc	1
Missing adult	2
Missing juvenile	1
Penal code/misc	10
Psych hold	2
Psych subject	2
Terrorist threats	3
Trespassing	1
Vandalism	3
Warrant/other agency	1

Menlo Park March 22-28

Theft related	
Attempted theft	1
Fraud	4
Petty theft	2
Receive stolen property	1
Vehicle related	
Abandoned vehicle	2
Auto recovery	1
Auto theft	1
Bicycle theft	2
Driving w/ suspended license	5
Hit and run	1
Lost/stolen plates	1
Reckless vehicle	1
Theft from auto	1
Vehicle accident/injury	4
Vehicle accident/no injury	4
Vehicle tow	3
Alcohol or drug related	
Possession of drugs	5
Possession of paraphernalia	1
Under influence of drugs	1
Miscellaneous	
APS referral	1
CPS referral	3
Evading	1
Found property	9
Lost property	1
Malicious mischief	1
Mental evaluation	2
Missing juvenile	1
Resisting arrest	1
Warrant arrest	2
Warrant/other agency	7

VIOLENT CRIMES

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535 Ramona St., 3/23, 12:55 a.m.	Battery/simple
535 Ramona St., 3/24, 8:14 p.m.	Battery/simple

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Eufemia Flores Ignacio

Feb. 17, 1917 – March 23, 2017

Eufemia Flores Ignacio, 100, of Palo Alto, died peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on March 23, 2017. She was born in Cordon, Isabela, Philippines February 17, 1917, came to the United States after marrying Fred Ignacio in 1946, and was a resident of Palo Alto for 57 years. Eufemia worked 30 years as a floral nursery foreperson with the Iwasaki Nursery in East Palo Alto. In retirement she cared for her many young grandchildren in their toddler years. Femy touched many lives with her generosity and talent for bringing people together. An avid cook, she could prepare feasts for large groups of friends, be it bus tours and fundraisers for her various clubs, birthday luncheons for the entire department at daughter Angela's workplace, family gatherings at her home large and small, or just surprising a group with a platter of lumpia. Femy was also an active member in Filipino clubs and American Legion communities. She will be remembered best for her beacon of a smile and making others feel welcome, loved, then sent on their way with a "doggie bag". Husband, Fred passed away in 2012, age 103. They are survived by four children and their spouses Elvira and Conrado Aspiras, Betty and Robert Bailey, Arthur and Lisa Ignacio, and Angela and Bruce Hurlburt. Eufemia is also survived by nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Eufemia, the oldest of 6 siblings leaves behind two sisters, Remedios Domondon and Juana Ramos.



Friends and family were invited to the vigil on Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm, and the memorial service held on Thursday, March 30 at 9:30 am. Both were held at Cusimano Family Mortuary, 96 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View CA.

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David Scott Moberly

November 18, 1950 – March 9, 2017

Born Nov. 18, 1950, Sioux Falls, SD, son of Douglas and Catherine Moberly, died Mar. 9, 2017, peacefully at home in Palo Alto after a valiant 2 1/2 year fight against leukemia. Loving husband of Cheryl Besden, adoring father of Dan Moberly (Jenn) and Anya Rubin (Aaron), proud grandfather of "brave and fearless" Mina Rubin, brother of Carol Flower and Judy Kukuk, uncle of Brady and Taghe. David was a consummate engineer, collector, reader, movie fan, and consumer of chocolate. He was a thinker and a problem solver. He chose his friends carefully and was loyal to them. David was blessed to have Allen Baum as a devoted friend.

Please consider a contribution to Blood and Marrow Transplant Program, Stanford University, Stanford Development Services, PO Box 20466, Stanford, CA 94309, in honor of David or to American Society of Hematology.

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David Lee Korner

David Lee Korner fought a valiant seventeen-year battle with brain cancer but lost the fight on March 21 at age 59. He was courageous, ever optimistic, kind and always helpful – in other words, a real mensch.



The son of Hilda and Herbert Korner, brother of Peter, lived his life on his own terms, caring most for his family and friends, the welfare of others, the environment.

Wealth to him was in the loving relationships he had with his family, and the closeness he maintained with his many friends, rather than measured in dollars.

His friends were life-long relationships, from his early school years in Mill Valley, to middle and high school friends in Buffalo NY, to friends at San Jose State University where he earned his BA and M.S. He nurtured relationships at each place of employment including the Palo Alto Recreation Department, the Page Mill YMCA, iPass, Keller-Williams Palo Alto.

His family is overwhelmed with the love, support and outreach of so many who knew him. It has been a comfort to know that his personality and infectious smile positively affected so many people.

Dave's interests centered around health and fitness. He was a Hawaii Ironman finisher, a participant in local marathons, ran with friends each Friday at the Arastradero Preserve, a Brown Belt 1st degree, a hiker and outdoorsman at every opportunity.

His generous spirit led to his starting the Korner Family Scholarship at Fresno City College to help students with tuition and book expenses while pursuing careers as sign language interpreters. He learned to sign out of interest and often came to the rescue of non-hearing people in need of help. He volunteered at the Friends of the Palo Alto Library, an activity he genuinely looked forward to.

There will be a celebration of his life in late spring. Donations may be made to the Friends of the Palo Alto Library, Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Rd. Q, Palo Alto, CA 94303 or to the Korner Family Scholarship, Fresno City College, 390 W. Fir Avenue, Suite 300, Clovis CA 93611, attention Rico Guerrero, Executive Director.

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Warren M. Zuckert

Warren Zuckert died peacefully on March 22nd 2017 at the age of 95, from injuries sustained after falling while getting on a horse. He lived his life with infectious joy and passion. Among these passions were skiing, photography, fine California wines, travel, sports cars, aviation, classical music, and, of course, horseback riding. A lifelong equestrian, Warren loved to ride his beloved horses Lily, Star, and Shami on the trails at Webb Ranch.

Warren was a warm and generous man who greeted everyone with a beaming smile. He was a master storyteller and loved to regale his family and multitude of friends with humorous, entertaining episodes from his long, eventful life. Warren particularly liked to recount his experiences during WWII while serving as an Army Air Corps aircraft maintenance officer in the South Pacific. An engineer by profession, and a firm believer in the rational, scientific method, Warren was eternally curious about how things worked and why things happened. He was intensely proud of his grandson, Reed, who followed his path and also became an engineer.

Warren retained his rollicking and generous sense of humor to the end, observing to his rescuers, right after the accident, "Why couldn't this (accident) have happened after I finished my ride?"

His greatest love was his family: his devoted wife and soul mate of 67 years, Jane, his daughter Judi, (and her husband, Frank), grandson Reed, (and his wife Sara), and step-grandson Danny.

Memorial services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite charity or to the University of California Davis Center for Equine Health, in memory of Warren Zuckert. The Center for Equine Health address is 1 Shields Ave., Davis, CA 95616 or www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ceh/giving. Checks may be made payable to the U.C. Regents.

Happy trails, HaPa!

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Transitions

Births, marriages and deaths

Kenneth Arrow

Nobel Prize-winning Stanford University economist Kenneth Arrow died in his home in Palo Alto on Feb. 21. He was 95.

He was from New York City and earned a bachelor's degree from the City College of New York in 1940 and a master's degree in mathematics from Columbia University in 1941. From 1942 to 1946, he served as a weather officer in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

After the war, he returned to Columbia, where he received his doctorate degree, and then worked as a research associate and assistant professor at the University of Chicago before joining Stanford's faculty as an assistant professor of economics and statistics from 1949 to 1968, after which he left to teach at Harvard University for around 11 years. After teaching in Boston, he returned to the Bay Area and eventually became professor emeritus at Stanford in 1991.

In 1951, Arrow published the book "Social Change and Individual Values," an influential work that started the field of social choice theory. It explored what later became known as "Arrow's Impossibility Theorem," which addresses issues of collective decision making. It states that a group of people cannot make decisions that are reflective of the individuals' desires, other than in a dictatorship situation. Alvin Roth, a Stanford professor of economics said in a press release that the theory argues that there is no ideal voting system. In the same press release, Ross, a Nobel laureate, described him as "an Albert Einstein of economics."

In 1972, he, along with British economist Sir John Hicks, received the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences for his contributions to general equilibrium and welfare theory.

In addition to his academic accomplishments, he was interested in other subjects including politics, music, mathematics and Chinese art.

He was also vocal about social issues. In 1988, he wrote an open letter to then Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, challenging his stance on an "undivided land of Israel" and advocating for an

end to violence between Israelis and Palestinians. He also supported the Free South Africa Fund and challenged Stanford to rethink its ties with South African companies. Additionally, he co-authored academic papers and a book, "Nature," about climate change.

He served on Stanford's Faculty Senate and was a member of the board of directors for Hillel at

Stanford. He and his wife lived at Stanford before moving to a retirement community in Palo Alto.

He is survived by his sister, Anita Summers of Philadelphia; sons, David and Andrew, both of New York City; his daughter-in-law, Donna Lynn Champlin of New York City; and his grandson, Charles Benjamin Arrow, of New York City.



James Wilson Morrell

February 13, 1931 – February 28, 2017

James Wilson Morrell passed away suddenly on February 28, 2017, at the age of 86. He was the beloved husband of Marylyn Morrell for 64 years, as well as the beloved father of Martha Morrell and David Morrell, grandfather of Emily Trinkaus Carson, Sam and Madeline Trinkaus, and of Teo and Elias Morrell, father-in law of Peter Trinkaus (deceased), Kirsten Silva Gruesz and Jaime Tenedorio, and of his grandsons-in-law Daniel and Ted Tenedorio, and Zachary Carson.



He was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan to Evelyn and Wilson Morrell, lived in Detroit during World War II, and then returned to Kalamazoo in High School.

As a 19 year-old sophomore at Kalamazoo College, Jim met 17 year-old Marylyn at her freshman orientation. They were married 2 years later. Jim completed college as a History major the following year and was immediately inducted into the Army and sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky. The final 9 months of his 2- year military commitment were spent as an administrative clerk for General Creighton W. Abrams, who was heading a task force to develop the future role of American and Allied Armored Forces. Despite the General's urging, Jim left the military in 1955.

His first job was with Saga Administrative Corporation. Jim continued to advance in Saga, serving on all levels of line operations and was relocated to headquarters in Menlo Park, California in 1966. At Saga, he assumed a series of corporate administrative assignments, then as a Division Operating President from 1970 until 1977. In his final positions with Saga, he served as Executive Vice President, President and Chief Operating Officer, Vice Chairman of the Corporation, Chief Operating Officer and as a member of a three-person Office of the President.

In 1986, Saga was acquired by Marriott Corporation. Jim subsequently headed his own consulting organization that specialized in Organization and Personal Strategic Planning, and as President and CEO of a company that developed products for the visually impaired and blind (TeleSensory), and as CEO and President of the Saga Foundation, an NGO dealing with the problems of nuclear proliferation and the emergence and needs of undeveloped third world countries. He was a member of several Boards of Directors, including The Charles Schwab Trust Company, Simco Electronics, Symphony Medical Corporation, Foster Farms, Fabri-Kal Corporation, TeleSensory, and Connor Formed Metal Products. He also served as President of Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club. Jim gave back to the community where he served on the Board of Trustees of Kalamazoo College, for 18 years. He did strategic planning and served on the Board of the Resource Center for Women in Palo Alto, which Marylyn co-founded. Jim was a member of the Young Presidents' and World Presidents' Organizations. Participation in these organizations brought him a number of deep and lifelong friendships, and provided the opportunity to travel much of the world with Marylyn.

During the last years of his life, Jim worked on his memoirs. Using his skills in photojournalism, he left his family a ten-volume remembrance of his life and the people who had touched it. This is a cherished gift, and provides some solace to those he left behind.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes contributions in his name to Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan or Peninsula Open Space Trust. The family will hold a memorial service in near future.

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APRIL 12, 2017 AT 6:00PM

Action Items

1. 250 and 350 Sherman Avenue: The Planning and Transportation Commission Will Hold a Public Scoping Meeting on the Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report for the Replacement of Surface Parking Lots with a Public Safety Building and Parking Structure. Public Input is Encouraged. For More Information, Please Visit the Webpage at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=3339&TargetID=145> or Contact Matt Raschke at matt.raschke@cityofpaloalto.org
2. Review Draft Comment Letters to the City of Menlo Park and Mountain View for projects located at 500 El Camino Real (Menlo Plaza Project) and North Bayshore Precise Plan Amendment, Mountain View.

The Planning and Transportation Commission is live streamed online at <http://midpenmedia.org/category/government/city-of-palo-alto> and available on via cablecast on government access channel 26. The complete agenda with accompanying reports is available online at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/boards/ptc/default.asp>. For Additional Information Contact Yolanda Cervantes at Yolanda.Cervantes@cityofpaloalto.org or at 650.329.2404.

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Recreating Palo Alto's parks

New master plan shows a future city park system that will include more dog runs, restrooms and shared spaces

by Gennady Sheyner | photos by Veronica Weber

When Palo Alto's largest park officially opened to the public 60 years ago, child-sized gopher holes and tiny pedal cars were all the rage.

Named after former Mayor J. Pearce Mitchell, the sprawling park in south Palo Alto also featured a roque court, a miniature freeway, horseshoe courts and a metal climbing horse named "Picasso." Constructed between 1955 and 1957, the 18.5-acre park near East Meadow Drive was the city's response to the growth spurt of the 1950s, and its designer, Robert Royston, made every effort to cater to every age group — the picnicking families, the chess-playing seniors and the tiny humans who liked to pedal around on a miniature freeway.

Much has changed since those days. Palo Alto's population is older and more diverse; roque has gone out of vogue; and the word "autopia" is today more likely to connote rage and frustration than freedom and whimsy. No one could have predicted in the 1950s that seniors would flock to Mitchell Park, which has since been expanded to 21.4 acres, to play pickleball on the weekends or that the park would become home to the Magical Bridge, the region's first playground for children of all abilities.

Some things, however, continue to ring true. Palo Alto's population is once again growing at higher-than-expected rates, prompting competing demands for recreation space. City officials are once again scouring for possible sites they can buy and convert into parks. And the city's ever-evolving network of 32 parks and 4,165 acres of open space continues to delight even those residents who regularly grouse about things like traffic, housing, parking and airplane noise. In the most recent National Citizen Survey, 93 percent of the respondents said they had visited a neighborhood park within the past year and 89 percent ranked their park as "excellent" or "good."

To sustain and improve its park system over the next two decades, Palo Alto embarked four years ago on its most ambitious planning process in the past half a century. Informed by extensive surveys (including ones conducted online, at meetings and at parks), the Community Services Department and the city's Parks and Recreation Commission are now putting the finishing touches on the new Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation Master Plan. The City Council is expected to adopt it in late spring or summer.

Rob de Geus, director of Community Services Department, told the Weekly that, while residents generally praise the parks system, the new plan identifies significant gaps. Those include a lack of bathrooms; an insufficient number of dog runs; and residential neighborhoods with no park space within a quarter-mile of their homes.

The new plan aims to address these gaps and to prioritize the dozens of recreation projects on the city's wish list — including a new public gymnasium, adult fitness areas, community gardens and enhanced natural habitats.

Some projects will inevitably take longer than others. Major efforts, such as the redesign of Cubberley Community Center, the creation of a new Baylands Athletic Center near the Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course and the enhancement of a 7.7-acre site next to Foothills Park, remain unfunded and will likely take several years to design and construct. On others, including dog parks and park restrooms, staff hopes to move more quickly.

De Geus said that once adopted, the master plan will have the practical function of helping the city set its annual budget priorities. But the document will also have a valuable evangelical function. The hope, he said, is that the plan and its ideas will inspire the people of Palo Alto to get more involved in the park system, whether by enrolling in programs, volunteering or supporting fundraising campaigns for future improvements.

Implementation won't be easy or cheap, but de Geus stressed that the city has every intention of fulfilling the goals of the master plan. If that happens, here are five changes that local park users will see unfold over the next two decades.



Greg Dodge plays with yellow Labrador retriever Buster, pitbull Elle and Shorty, a rescue mix, at the Hoover Park dog run in Palo Alto on March 27.

Dogged persistence

Four years ago, when Palo Alto resident Howard Hoffman went to City Hall to speak in favor of building a new dog park, a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission gave him a suggestion: Get organized.

Hoffman, a proud owner of two chocolate labradoodles, did just that. In May 2013, he founded a grassroots group called Palo Alto Dog Owners, which today has about 400 members. They attend occasional meetings, exchange emails and lobby the City Council to build more play spaces for canines.

From Hoffman's perspective, the city's dog facilities fail miserably both in quantity and quality. All three of the city's dog parks are in south Palo Alto and only the 0.5-acre one at Mitchell Park is larger than the industry standard of 0.25 acres. The other two, at Hoover and Greer parks, are 0.14 and 0.12 acres, respectively.

"You can say there are three parks, but the one at Greer Park is a joke," Hoffman told the Weekly. "No one goes there. ... It's just a narrow run — there's no way dogs can play and exercise there. It's not much better than my backyard."

Hoffman's view that the city is neglecting its dog owners has plenty of adherents. In 2013, City Council members tried to include a dog park in the overhaul of El Camino Park, near the Menlo Park border, only to be rebuffed because of the site's proximity to San Francisquito Creek (under state law, dogs and the creek-inhabiting steelhead trout don't make for a healthy mix).

Since then, the city's leading champion of the cause has been the Parks and Recreation

Commission, which over the past two years briefly considered a shared-use dog park (which didn't fly; most people apparently don't want to share their fields with Fido) and evaluated other sites for new dog runs.

Hoffman acknowledged that he

New Palo Alto parks master-plan policy on dog amenities

"Actively pursue adding dedicated, fenced dog parks in multiple neighborhoods, equitably distributed between north and south Palo Alto. The size of the dog parks will vary but should strive to be at least 0.25 acres."

Park, Juana Briones Park, Kingsley Island Park, Peers Park, Robles Park and Werry Park. The policy also calls for improvements and expansions at the three existing dog parks.

Last August, as the parks commission prepared to unanimously support a policy to build more dog parks, Commissioner Ed Lauing — who is now serving on the Planning and Transportation Commission — voiced a prevailing sentiment when he said that there is now "a sense of urgency" on the topic.

Former Commissioner Jennifer Hetterly agreed and noted that the city has been talking about dog parks for at least a decade but hasn't made progress.

When it comes to the City Council, dog parks straddle the ideological divide. Karen Holman, a Havanese dog owner and the council's residentialist-in-chief, has long championed new amenities for canines. And Cory Wolbach, the council's most aggressive housing advocate, said last September that he fully supports going forward with new dog spaces.

Residents also tend to favor improved amenities for dogs and their owners, even if there isn't a strong consensus on a specific solution. A recent community survey showed 59 percent of respondents supporting making improvement to dog areas, while 43 percent said it would be inappropriate not to add dog parks.

Opinions vary when it comes to solutions, though. Dog owners who answered the survey naturally showed a much higher preference for additional dedicated off-leash dog areas, with

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The spreading empire

In November, a delegation from Palo Alto's Ventura neighborhood attended a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to lobby for the acquisition of a vacant 0.6-acre property owned by AT&T and located next to Boulware Park.

"It's all overgrown and not used except by sometimes vagrants as a toilet, which is not very pleasant," resident Angela de La Porta said of the lot.

Jonathan Brown, who chairs his neighborhood group's parks committee, stressed that the 1.5-acre, triangular Boulware Park is the "only park in our very large, populous and diverse neighborhood."

The time to act, he said, is now. "The community stands ready to help in any way necessary including with time, negotiations and funding," Brown said.

While the lot at 3350 Birch St. isn't on the market now, the fact that it's zoned for a "public facility" makes it particularly suitable for new park space. Rob de Geus, director of the city's Community Services Department, noted the neighborhood is densely populated and, as such, the city views acquisition of the site as a "potential opportunity" to expand Boulware.

The residents' thirst for more parkland isn't hard to understand. According to the city's new Parks, Trails, Natural Open Space and Recreation Master Plan, there are several areas of the city — in both the north and the south — where park space is inadequate for the needs of its residents.

to 72,286 by 2030, if the city retains its existing land-use policies, or to 77,100 under a forecast by the Association of Bay Area Governments.

The master plan recommends establishing a system in the city's real estate office that "identifies land being sold and reviews it for park potential, prioritizing review of land within park search areas"; creating long-term agreements for public parks with community organizations and institutions that own land; monitoring small properties adjacent to parks to allow for park expansion; and acquiring and developing "a new neighborhood park in each search area, starting with the most underserved areas and targeting a central and well-connected location to maximize access."

Five "park search areas" — neighborhoods where residents don't have access to parks or open spaces within a quarter mile of their homes — are identified in the master plan. Those five areas are in Crescent Park, Duvneck/St.



The City of Palo Alto has its eye on an empty lot at Chestnut Avenue and Ash Street, adjacent to Boulware Park, which is owned by AT&T. Both city staff and Ventura neighborhood residents think it would be a great addition to the 1.5 acre city park.

Francis, Midtown/Palo Verde, Old Palo Alto/Midtown (around the intersection of Oregon Expressway and Middlefield Road) and Barron Park.

If land does not become available, de Geus said the city can do more to spruce up walkways and bikeways to area parks.

In addition to filling the neighborhood gaps, the city also plans to make more substantive additions to its sprawling, green empire: The

Parks, Trails, Opens Space and Recreation Master Plan identified three "unique opportunities" to add sizeable properties to its green portfolio. Each is a recreation wild-card, with uses to be determined later.

One is a 7.7-acre site next to Foothills Park that was technically granted to the city by the Lee family in 1981 but remained off City Hall's radar until 2013, when the city received an offer from a

would-be buyer. Also in this category is a 10.5-acre site near the Baylands Athletic Center, an area that will soon become available for redevelopment thanks to the reconfiguration of the Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course.

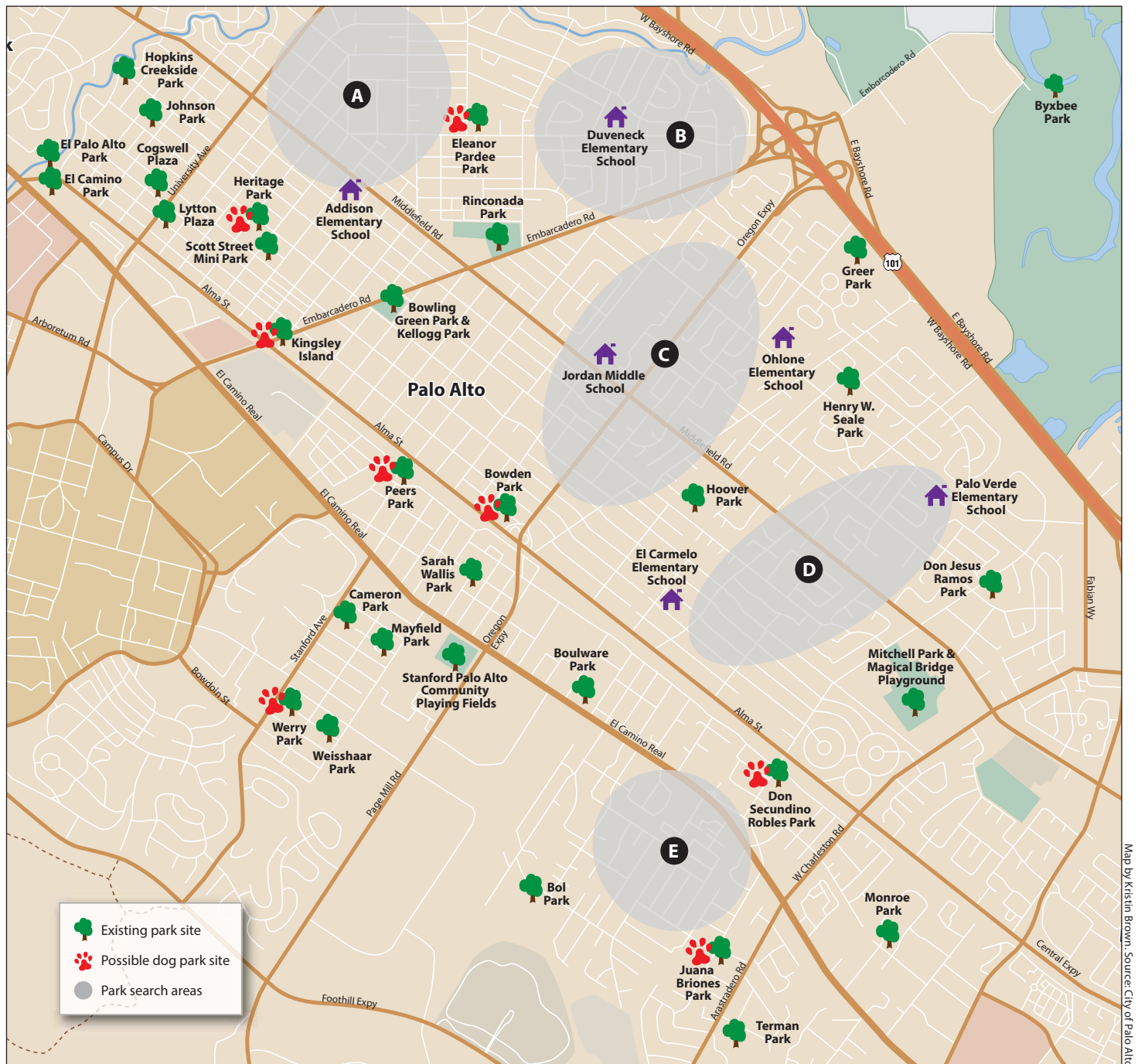
Finally, there is Cubberley Community Center, which is jointly owned by the city and the school district and which is about to undergo its own master planning process.

New Palo Alto parks master-plan policy on additional parkland

"Parkland should expand with the population, be well-distributed across the community and of sufficient size to meet the varied needs of neighborhoods and the broader community. Maximum service area should be one-half mile."

Overall, the city's current 174 acres of urban parkland translate to about 2.6 acres per 1,000 residents (this does not, however, take into account the city's roughly 4,000 acres of open space preserves). The new plan calls for achieving a standard of having 4 acres of park per 1,000 residents, a policy that was praised by City Council members Karen Holman and Tom DuBois during a recent discussion of the master plan.

To get there, the city will need to add at least 20 acres of urban parkland by 2030, depending on which population projections one uses. The city's current population of 66,800 is expected to increase



The City of Palo Alto is seeking to build more dog play areas and has identified eight parks where they could be located. Dog parks already exist at Greer, Hoover and Mitchell parks. The city's new parks master plan has also identified five areas in town where residents do not have a park within a quarter-mile of their homes, which falls short of the city's standard.

Survival of the fittest

For a sneak peek at Palo Alto's changing demographics look no further than the shimmering lanes at Rinconada Pool.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning, dozens of seniors from the pool's U.S. Masters Swim Club come to condition and train for upcoming races. On other mornings, the pool is dedicated to lap swimmers, some of whom have been coming for decades.

But as afternoon arrives, Rinconada becomes a magnet the city's bustling youth aquatics program, which has more participants than all of Palo Alto's youth and adult sports camps put together. In each of the past two years, the Community Services Department has had to do emergency hiring to meet the demand. Jazmin LeBlanc, a senior manager, noted last November that half of the youth swim lessons last year were full or had waiting lists.

This January, the City Council agreed to outsource the youth lessons to a private company, which would serve roughly double the number of children, from 5,500 to about 11,000 — a move aimed, in part, at more efficiently using a prized community asset. But it would also require different types of pool users to share the lanes. For swimmers like Richard Hermance, and many like him, this

isn't necessarily good news.

Hermance, a Rinconada regular for the past 35 years, was one of dozens of swimmers who attended a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting last November to express concerns about the new plan. Lap swimming, he said, "needs to be a dedicated activity using all of the lanes to best meet the needs of working people."

Gwen Fisher, also a lap swimmer, also voiced worries.

"Think about someone who says to a football team, a baseball team and a soccer team: 'You're all going to use the same turf for your practice.' ... It doesn't work," Fisher said. "Same with sharing of our pool."

Yet with the city's population growing and spurring additional demand for recreation services, sharing is becoming an increasingly central part of the city's recreation strategy, whether you're talking about swimming lanes, playing fields or neighborhood parks.

Part of this has to do with demographics. The city's new Parks, Trails, Natural Open Space and Recreation Plan notes that Palo Alto's populations of seniors and children have grown since 1980 and now make up 17 percent and 23 percent, respectively, of the city's total residents. By 2030, one half of all Palo Alto residents is expected to be 55 years

New Palo Alto parks master-plan policy on shared use of space

"Enhance the capacity, quality and variety of uses of the existing system of parks, recreation and open space facilities and services."



Jonathan Iles, second from right, and fellow lap swimmers at Palo Alto's Rinconada Pool take a quick rest as they share the pool with 11- and 12-year-olds enrolled in the Palo Alto Stanford Aquatics program (in background) on March 28.

or older, the plan states.

At the same time, the plan notes, these age groups "are, anecdotally, high users of parks and recreation facilities and services in Palo Alto."

The master plan thus places a premium on maximizing the use of existing facilities and ensuring that new ones are flexible enough to accommodate multiple needs. Doing so means, among other things, installing lighting at parks to allow usage until dusk; finding ways to "mitigate conflicts" between bicyclists, equestrians and hikers on the trails of the Pearson-Arastradero Preserve; and designing playing fields to accommodate "local organized sports and casual users with areas large enough for practice or play."

Already, the city has attempted

to navigate conflicting demands for space by revising its field-use policy, which had traditionally given exclusive priority to "non-select" groups (those that don't require tryouts) like the soccer organization, Palo Alto AYSO. After hearing concerns from other athletic groups, the city in 2013 changed its policy so that the main criterion for priority is the proportion of users who are Palo Alto residents. The new policy also includes a "round robin" system for allocating field use, though after hearing from the AYSO, the city agreed to allow competing groups to negotiate among themselves, thus obviating the need for a round robin.

Sometimes, the sharing occurs organically, with little city involvement. Consider pickleball,

a tennis-like game with paddles and a small net. Dozens of seniors flock on the weekends to Mitchell Park tennis courts, which they re-stripe with temporary tape to suit their purposes.

As the sport grows in popularity, the park's capacity to accommodate both users will be tested. In preparation of the new master plan, city staff has been fielding requests from pickleball players for dedicated courts. Community Services Director Rob de Geus said the city will do what it can to meet their needs.

"Given that particular sport and how it's increasing in popularity across our region and beyond, and given our demographics, we need to make sure we have some pickleball courts," de Geus said in an interview with the Weekly.

By the people, for the people

Last November, the Palo Alto City Council received a surprise visit from a famously hooded local resident.

It wasn't Mark Zuckerberg but Sequoia, a 28-year-old bald eagle who lives at the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo and who attended the meeting as part of a presentation about the zoo's impending renovation.

Minutes later, the council received another treat: an

announcement that Friends of the Junior Museum and Zoo was about to complete its \$25 million campaign to greatly expand the beloved Rinconada Park institutions — an effort that the group officially completed in February with the help of \$10 million of community donations and a \$15 million matching grant from the Peery Foundation.

Then-Mayor Pat Burt called

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Mary Mossman plays a game of bug hide-and-seek with her granddaughter Mia McGee, 3, at the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo's "Bzzzzz" exhibit.

Major recent private donations to Palo Alto parks and recreation

- Friends of the Junior Museum and Zoo:** \$25 million (2017)
- Friends of the Magical Bridge:** \$3.5 million (2014)
- Friends of Lytton Plaza:** \$750,000 (2009)
- Friends of Heritage Park:** \$200,000 (2007)

In addition, the nonprofit Friends of the Palo Alto Parks has sponsored numerous smaller projects at parks and in open space throughout the city.

When nature calls

It's hard to enjoy nature when nature calls and there's no room for relief in sight.

No wonder then that 81 percent of respondents to a recent Palo Alto survey rated adding restrooms to local parks as "important or very important," making toilets the most coveted new amenity. The Community Survey, which was conducted to inform the new Parks and Recreation master plan, indicated that local residents favored additional park bathrooms over water fountains (71 percent), seating areas (62 percent) or Wi-Fi access (which, contrary to Silicon Valley stereotypes, was deemed important by fewer than 20 percent of those who took the survey).

Heeding public opinion, the master plan identifies seven parks in which the city will "actively pursue" restrooms: Bol Park, Bowden Park, Eleanor Pardee Park, Johnson Park, Ramos Park, Robles Park and Terman Park.



Kids go for a spin at the Magical Bridge Playground, the region's first universal-access playground for kids of all abilities and disabilities, in Palo Alto's Mitchell Park.

always popular with parks' immediate neighbors. Consider downtown's Johnson Park. In 1994, the city was considering installing a restroom to accommodate basketball players who had taken to relieving themselves on front yards and in stairwells. Instead, after residents argued that the restroom would become a magnet for transients and a neighborhood survey showed nearly twice as many people opposed to rather than supporting the bathroom, the City Council decided to rely on informational fliers and ranger patrols to curb the basketball players' bad habits. (The solution may have addressed neighbors' problems but certainly ignored those of the athletes.)

Vice Mayor Liz Kniss, who served on the council in the 1990s before returning in 2012, alluded to the bathroom-related tensions during a September discussion of new restrooms. Kniss noted that at certain parks, particularly ones that are small and heavily used, "People are concerned that a restroom brings more people and allows them to stay longer."

"Maybe that's unneighborly, but I'm just sharing the kind of things that I heard," Kniss said, noting that several people had sought her out to tell her that.

The council, for its part, generally agreed with staff's proposed bathroom policy. Former

Councilman Marc Berman (now a state assemblyman) said last September that he gets "a lot of emails from friends who are apoplectic about the fact that we don't have restrooms in some of these parks." Councilman Cory Wolbach said he hears far more from people who want more bathrooms than from those who want fewer.

City staff plan to do extensive outreach before any restroom is built. But if the outreach fails to sway the neighbors, the new master plan could offer the council a powerful political cudgel against the opposition.

But restroom advocates worry nonetheless. Daren Anderson, the city's division manager for parks, open space and golf, said one question that comes up repeatedly at community meetings is: What happens if just a few people come out and say they don't want restrooms? Will you kill the idea?

Anderson said at the September meeting that the opposition will be heard but within the context of the master plan — which is exceedingly pro-bathroom.

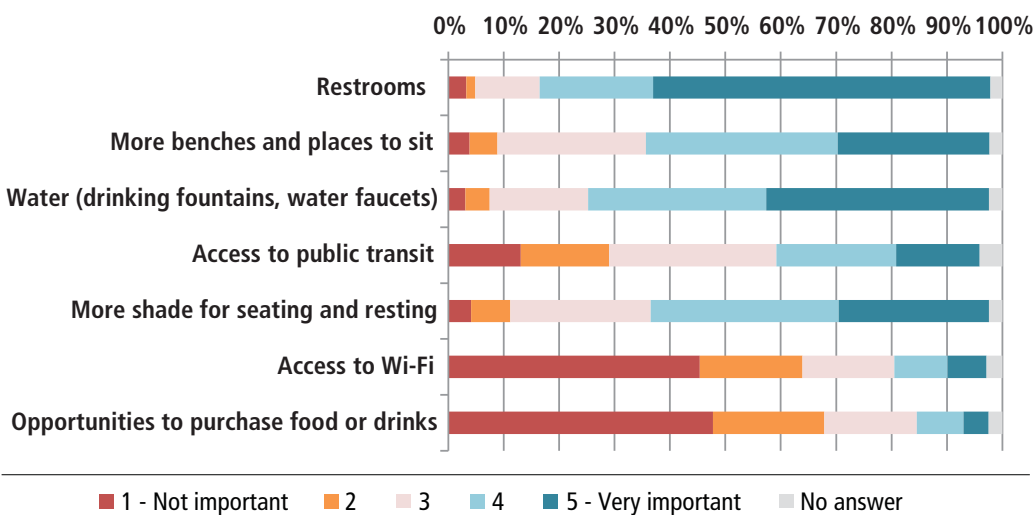
"When you have 700 people responding to a survey and a very large majority says, 'We want restrooms,' the voices of opposition will be heard in that context. ... We're coming to the table with a greater degree of outreach than we've ever done before."

New Palo Alto parks master-plan policy on restrooms

"The city will actively pursue adding park restrooms in parks that are approximately two acres or larger, have amenities that encourage visitors to stay in the park, have high level of use, and where there are no nearby public restrooms available."

The Community Services Department chose these parks using certain criteria: park size, level of park use, proximity to other bathrooms, and amenities that encourage visitors to stick around. Despite the endorsement from survey respondents, new bathrooms aren't

Respondents rank what would make parks more comfortable



A survey of more than 1,100 Palo Alto residents, workers and visitors in late 2014 revealed that the vast majority think that restrooms would be "very important" or "important" additions to the city's parks.

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Dogs

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66 percent saying these facilities are “appropriate or very appropriate.” For those without dogs, the number was only 30 percent, the survey found.

Neither group showed too much enthusiasm for having off-leash dogs share spaces with humans at play.

Since last fall, more proposals have come and gone. A dog run at Bowden Park along Alma Street now seems unlikely because a public art piece would have to be relocated. And two separate proposals for Pardee Park in the Crescent Park neighborhood were

shelved at the behest of tree advocates (apparently dog pee and oaks also don’t mix) and neighbors who protested having a dog run next to their fences.

There will no doubt be more setbacks as the city moves ahead in implementing its ambitious new dog-recreation policy. But given the new political support, Hoffman is far from disheartened.

“We have now a situation where even the new commissioners understand that dog parks are a priority; we have a planning document that says it’s one of the biggest needs in Parks and Recreation; and we have staff really committed to doing something,” he said.

By the people

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the expansion the largest project contributed by a nonprofit since the 1930s.

“This could have been something that was proposed as a 50-50 public-private contribution. And it’s not,” Burt said.

The zoo expansion is the most dramatic but hardly the only example of a private groups stepping up to pay for a recreation amenity. Mitchell Park’s universally accessible Magical Bridge playground, which opened in 2015, was made possible by a group of residents who launched the group Friends of the Magical Bridge and raised \$3.5 million (the city contributed the land and \$300,000).

The 2009 renovation of Lytton Plaza in downtown Palo Alto was partially paid for by Friends of Lytton Plaza, while the construction of the playground in downtown’s Heritage Park was buoyed in 2007 by a contribution of nearly \$200,000 from Friends of Heritage Park.

The bottom line is that Palo Alto has nowhere near the money it needs to pay for all the new dog runs, bathrooms and neighborhood parks that its parks master plan calls for. But with Friends like these, that’s not necessarily a deal breaker.

Private groups — along with higher fees for things like swimming classes at Rinconada and admission to the Junior Museum and Zoo (which is currently free) — are expected to play a critical role in the city’s implementation of the master plan. Even if the city’s General Fund shoulders a good share of the load, the master plan explicitly calls for pursuing private funding sources for “recreation programming, capital improvement projects and facility maintenance.”

The plan also aims to create “sponsorship programs” for potential donors and “engage

nonprofit friends groups to seek donor funding, including foundation grants, corporate giving and small and major philanthropic gifts by individuals, for priority projects.”

The reliance on private contributions is imbedded in the document’s implementation plan, which prioritizes the proposed near- and long-term programs in terms of urgency and costs. Nearly every major proposal — from enhancing sports fields and building a new gymnasium to redeveloping Cubberley Community Center and improving the 7.7-acre site that was recently annexed to Foothills Park — includes “outreach to the general community (or in the case of athletic fields,

to field users) for private donations” as a funding strategy.

“In collaboration with the Friends of Palo Alto Parks and the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation among other partners, Palo

Alto will develop a marketing campaign to engage members of the public to volunteer and contribute financially to the improvement and expansion of Palo Alto’s parks, open space and recreation programs,” the plan states.

Other funding mechanisms — including bonds, grants and park-impact fees — are also on the city’s menu. But given the city’s wealth of willing donors and the populace’s love for parks, fields and bald eagles, the master plan clearly reflects the city’s belief that the most valuable instrument for improving the community’s experience of parks and recreation is the community itself. ■

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About the cover: Girls in the Palo Alto Soccer Club perform drills and exercises on El Camino Park’s soccer field on March 27. The park is often fully booked for games and after-school clubs. Photo by Veronica Weber.

New Palo Alto parks master-plan policy on private partnerships

“Establish and grow partnerships and identify and cultivate potential park and recreation donors.”

Arts & Entertainment

A weekly guide to music, theater, art, culture, books and more, edited by Karla Kane

Science, songs and The Ten Thousand Ways

Local biologist and physicist find musical chemistry

by Karla Kane

By day, Trisha Stan and Greg Bentsen are a professor of biology and a graduate student working in quantum engineering, respectively. By night, they swap the lab coats for guitars and mandolins, writing and performing as an award-winning Americana and folk-pop duo called The Ten Thousand Ways.

Their mutual love of science and music brought them together a few years back when Stan (who earned her doctorate in immunology at Stanford University in 2014, then worked as a fellow in Stanford's Program for Writing and Rhetoric) invited Bentsen to be a guest physicist on the podcast she co-founded with a group of Stanford scientists: "Goggles Optional." The podcast is designed to share the latest scientific research in a lighthearted, understandable way, for an audience of scientists and laypeople alike. Stan has long had a knack for making science-themed parodies of popular songs, which Bentsen witnessed during his first guest spot, when she parodied Iggy Azalea.

"I discovered live on the air that she played music," Bentsen said in a recent interview. He, a longtime musician, quickly proposed that they join forces. Stan was unsure — until Bentsen impressed her with his Backstreet Boys impersonation. They then collaborated on a space-themed parody of the song "Falling Slowly" (from the film "Once") and found that Bentsen's guitar skills and vocal harmonies complimented Stan's voice perfectly.

"There was some chemistry that just hit. We kind of knew right away there was something special about the way that we worked together," Bentsen said. Soon the pair was meeting every weekend to work on songs, and while the science parodies were fun, they decided to try their hands at original music, settling into an Americana and folk-tinged style showcasing their ever-so-sweet harmonies.

As a science-parody band, they called themselves, alternately, The Shifty Paradigms or The Heisenberg Uncertainties.

"Those were great names," Stan said, "But we decided we should have a less nerdy name for the original music." Ultimately, though, they went with a band name that still carries scientific connotations. For that onerous decision-making process, the two went to a bar.

"Trisha, being the super-organized scientist that she is, brought a bunch of Post-It notes. We were going to write out all the names on Post-It notes and organize them all on the bar in front of us," Bentsen said,

None of that night's ideas proved satisfactory. The next day, Stan texted Bentsen a note of encouragement, reminding him of Thomas Edison who, after coming up with 10,000 unsuccessful versions of the light bulb, said, "Well I haven't found 10,000 ways to fail, I've just found 10,000 ways that didn't work." Then one or both of us was like, "Oh my God, that's the name!" Bentsen said. "Thank you, Post-It notes."

"And Thomas Edison," Stan added. "This is the most Silicon Valley band name story: We went to a bar with a bunch of Post-It notes and we 'ideated' and then we optimized and then we looked to Edison for guidance."

They tested and perfected their live sound at area open-mic nights.

"The open-mic circuit in the Bay Area is a great community of people who are really talented and supportive and encouraging of one another. It was really exciting to find out about this community," Stan said.

The band has played at coffee houses, cafes and art galleries, and joined the Palo Alto branch of the West Coast Songwriters group, from whom they've won several awards. On April 2, they'll play at Palo Alto coffee shop Backyard Brew.



Greg Bentsen and Trisha Stan formed The Ten Thousand Ways after meeting through the Stanford science community.

Stan was raised in rural Western Kansas, listening to country music and harmonizing with her sister. In third grade, she won a prize for an instrumental song she wrote about her pet chinchilla. Bentsen played guitar, drums and saxophone, and briefly considered majoring in music before falling in love with physics, but didn't consider himself a songwriter until recently.

"I hadn't taken it anywhere until Trisha and I met," he said. With The Ten Thousand Ways, he plays acoustic guitar and occasionally piano, while Stan usually plays mandolin and ukulele. Their sound is a blend of influences as well as voices, with Stan mostly gravitating toward acoustic,

harmony-driven acts such as Nickel Creek, Shovels and Rope, and The Lone Bellow. Both cited the now-defunct country-folk duo The Civil Wars as a strong influence.

"I love male-female 'cute' duos a lot. I think I love them even more since starting this duo," Stan said.

"I grew up listening to Boston and Styx and, obviously, The Beatles. I bring a little bit more of that rougher rock-and-roll vibe, which sometimes gets tamped out," Bentsen said. "But it's a cool combo."

They're currently in the process of recording their first E.P., working with several producers. With an abundance of songs written

over the past few years, they had to narrow it down to five for their upcoming debut recording.

"Again with the Post-It notes!" Stan laughed. "This time it was a sushi bar: We went and wrote out all our songs."

Once the recording is complete, the duo plans to make at least a small batch of CDs in addition to distributing it through digital channels such as iTunes and Spotify, with hopes of growing their fan base and supporting future endeavors.

"Each time you drop a new product you get another wave of interest — that kind of feels like

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The band, which performs original Americana and folk-tinged music, will perform at Backyard Brew in Palo Alto on April 2.



**CITY OF PALO ALTO
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There will be a **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference and site visit at 3:30 PM, Tuesday, April 11, 2017 Starting at the **Administration Office of Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto 94301**. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.

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Arts & Entertainment

Science, songs

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a businessy, gross thing to say," Bentsen said, apologetically.

"We're excited to have something tangible out in the world," Stan said.

Despite their dedication to their original music, the two still take pleasure in science-based song comedy, participating in "Nerd Nites" at venues including San Jose's Tech Museum of Innovation, and performing as the house band for Tested.com's live show at San Francisco's Castro Theatre and at "taste of science" events around the Bay Area.

The taste of science festival, a national event (formerly Pint of Science, its name in the U.K.), has a similar goal to the "Goggles Optional" podcast. It hosts fun-filled events at bars and restaurants with scientists presenting concepts in engaging, accessible ways (most of the volunteer organizers for the local branch are Stanford scientists).

At a recent taste of science fundraiser at Pieology in Palo Alto, The Ten Thousand Ways treated diners to several of their parody hits, including "Marty," an ode to Stanford's self-driving Delorean. The car is, appropriately, named after the main character in "Back to the Future," and the song, equally appropriately, is a parody of the song featured prominently in that film: "Johnny B. Goode" by the late Chuck Berry (or was it his cousin, Marvin?)

At this year's taste of science festival, coming up April 23-29, events will be held all over, including at The Patio in Palo Alto, where a Stanford anthropologist and NASA doctor will speak; Molly Magee's in Mountain View, which will host talks by a Stanford geneticist and sleep scientist; and Freewheel Brewing Company in Redwood City, where on April 26, in addition to talks on the power of mushrooms and an ancient beer recipe, The Ten Thousand Ways will provide a science lecture (including parody songs), followed by an extended set featuring their original music. Their topic, Stan said, will be the end of the world. "We'll talk about various apocalyptic scenarios and how we think the world might or might not end. And sing about it." ■

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What: The Ten Thousand Ways

Where: Backyard Brew, 444 California Ave., Palo Alto

When: Sunday, April 2, at 11 a.m.

Cost: Free

Info: For more information on The Ten Thousand Ways, go to thetenthousandways.com. For more information on the taste of science festival, go to tasteofscience.org/san-francisco. For more information on "Goggles Optional," go to gogglesoptional.com.



Courtesy of Stanford Live

Vikesh Kapoor believes honest songwriting transcends genre.

The ballad of Vikesh Kapoor

Singer-songwriter to perform at Stanford April 1

by Karla Kane

When Vikesh Kapoor made his debut album, 2013's "The Ballad of Willy Robbins," there were those in the music industry who weren't convinced that a bleak folk album about the tragedy of a working-class family would be the best career move for a new artist.

"The thing that I'm most proud about with that record is that I followed my initial vision," he said. "If you start compromising at that stage and you're not listening to yourself, are you really an artist?"

Though he may currently be classified as a folk singer-songwriter, Kapoor, who'll perform at Stanford University's new intimate cabaret space in Bing Concert Hall on April 1, is more concerned with meaning and message than the trappings of style.

"I feel like genre is just the wallpaper for something that's a lot deeper; what's being said is at the heart of the song no matter what, musically, is happening," he said.

And though he's only released one official album thus far, he's been musically inclined his whole life. Raised in rural Pennsylvania, the son of immigrants from India, Kapoor said, "I grew up in a really small town on a hill in the woods. I had to kind of keep myself entertained." He briefly took piano lessons but quit after performing

"Yankee Doodle" for his third-grade class, deciding he preferred playing by ear.

"I was interested in performing and exploring music in my own way, not becoming technically proficient," he said. "I think once I was a bit older and I actually had something to say, that turned into writing songs. It was the easiest way to express myself." He began composing and playing guitar around age 12, gaining influence from the New Wave and 1980s pop his older sister loved, then gravitating toward punk rock.

As a teen, he picked up a Johnny Cash record for 25 cents at a church swap meet, put it on his dad's turntable and poured over the lyric book. "I couldn't call Johnny Cash a folk musician but he was kind of who introduced me to music that said something," he said. Years later, Kapoor decided to try his hand at writing a topical folk song, "essentially, about being able to think for yourself despite what the media is telling you." The song ("Newspress Scare"), which came out on 7-inch vinyl, is now out of print, but it caught the ear of a colleague of the late radical historian Howard Zinn, of whose work Kapoor was a fan. The connection led to Kapoor singing an original song at Zinn's memorial service, an experience he called "quite the honor."

Kapoor eventually headed west and ended up in Portland, Oregon, where he spent two years crafting "The Ballad of Willy Robbins," which was loosely inspired by a newspaper article about a blue-collar family man suffering loss and indignity. The album, with its sparse style and incisive observations, has drawn comparisons to Woody Guthrie and Bob Dylan. On the first track, the melancholy and timeless-sounding "Bottom of the Ladder," he sings, "Well the days are dark like the peeling bark of a dying hemlock tree. Where the moon sets the sunrise forever I'll be forced to climb or else the same I'll forever be." To Kapoor, the acoustic arrangement best suited the subject matter and storytelling.

"I felt that folk instrumentation supported that vision, but for me, lyrics are the main concern," he said. "I conscientiously decided to write that first album within those realms. Folk music is the basis for a lot of other music so I figured, if I could write songs that could translate, then something's working."

Wary of being pinned down to a certain sound, Kapoor prefers to go where the song takes him. "I can't say that my next record is going to be a folk record," he said. "At this point the only thing I can be certain of is writing songs that

are honest to me and that I feel compelled to write."

Kapoor's now relocated to Los Angeles and also works as a freelance photographer. He recently returned from India, where he did documentary work for an NGO. "For me it's just a different mode of storytelling," he said of his two careers.

At his Stanford performance, which immediately follows sitar superstar Anoushka Shankar's earlier show in Bing's main auditorium, he'll play some new material as well as old. Since his album's release, he's toured extensively across the U.S. and Europe, playing with a range of other artists, from folk singers to garage rockers.

"That for me is a victory. I don't want to be restrained to a specific crowd," he said. "Genre is secondary to something bigger, and the acts I respect the most are the ones who can transcend." His gigs have run the gamut from "a backyard in Amarillo with more chihuahuas than people" to packed

theaters, and he takes delight in the diversity. Favorite venues include a castle in rural Ireland and Hollywood Forever Cemetery.

"I like places that are visually appealing and just sound good. You can get to that place in your body where it's not just an aesthetic thing, it's an immersive experience where you can get somewhere deeper — and a punk band in a grungy club is immersive in its own way too," he said. "That's what we hope when we go to a concert; we want to feel something more." ■

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What: Vikesh Kapoor

Where: Bing Concert Hall Studio, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford.

When: Saturday, April 1, at 10 p.m.

Cost: \$5-\$20

Info: Go to live.stanford.edu



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CITY OF PALO ALTO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Draft Environmental Impact Report has been prepared by the Palo Alto Department of Planning and Community Environment for the project listed below. This document will be available for review and comment during a minimum 45-day inspection period beginning March 27, 2017 through May 10, 2017 during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Development Center, 285 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

This item will be considered at a **public hearing** by the **Architectural Review Board tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 8:30 A.M.** in the Palo Alto City Council Chambers on the first floor of the Civic Center, located at 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

744-748 San Antonio Avenue [15PLN-00314]: Recommendation on Applicant's Request for Approval of a Major Architectural Review to Allow the Demolition of two existing commercial/office buildings at 744 and 748 San Antonio Avenue and construction of two five stories hotels (Courtyard by Marriott with 151 rooms and AC by Marriott with 143 rooms). The site will include surface and two levels of basement parking. Environmental Assessment: An Environmental Impact Report has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Zoning District: CS. For more information, contact the project planner Sheldon S. Ah Sing at sahsing@m-group.us

Hillary Gitelman,

Director of Planning and Community Environment

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Eating Out



Blanche Araj, the creator and host of a YouTube cooking channel centered on Middle Eastern cuisine, prepares pomegranate chicken in her Peninsula home.

A FEAST FOR ALL

by Anna Medina

Journalist-turned-cook hopes to make Middle Eastern cuisine accessible to all

Sumac. Allspice. Cumin. Rose flower water. Pomegranate molasses. These are some of the ingredients that Blanche Araj, local founder of food blog and YouTube cooking channel Feast in the Middle East, lists when asked what inspires her.

"Just pomegranate alone!" Araj gushes, dreaming up the possibilities: "I'm gonna put it in dressing, I'm gonna use it to marinate tofu, I'm going to thicken it for ice cream ... it's the ingredients that inspire me most."

Feast in the Middle East started seven years ago as a personal project of Araj's to document recipes from her mother and grandmother in a cookbook (which she hopes to publish in the near future). It later evolved into a blog and a YouTube cooking channel. She now has more than 25,000 subscribers over various platforms, more than 8,000 of which come from YouTube.

As part of her repertoire, Araj, whose ethnic background is Palestinian, includes classic Middle Eastern recipes, but she also incorporates twists thanks to her upbringing in San Francisco, her own vegetarian diet and her focus on nutritious food. Araj, who is also a Zumba instructor, said that she takes traditionally meat-based dishes such as kibbeh (usually ground meat mixed with bulgur wheat) and replaces the meat with lentils or sweet potatoes. Or, she might take a traditionally American dish like New York-style cheesecake and replace the cream cheese with labneh (kefir cheese widely used in the Middle East).

ShopTalk

by Daryl Savage



'EDUCATIONAL' HAIR SALON OPENS ...

There is now one less excuse for a bad hair day on Palo Alto's California Avenue. The April 1 official opening of **Spoke & Weal** at 334 California Ave. has seen to that. "We decided to open in Palo Alto because it is an amazing market that craves, wants and can afford excellence. And what we bring to Palo Alto is excellent work," said salon owner Jon Reyman. The shop replaces the 10-year-old **Legar Salon**, which closed earlier this year. Reyman said he wanted to start with a blank slate. "So we gutted the space, then renovated — a process that took only one month. We had a great contractor," he added. The new salon looks a lot like a minimalist work of art, punctuated with high-energy stylists dressed in black from head to toe. "We wear black to separate ourselves from the clients. And it makes for a cleaner, more uniform look," he said. Reyman and the stylists he trains have an unusual way of cutting hair, preferring to cut hair dry, not wet, with the client standing, not sitting. Calling it an interactive dry

cut, he said, "When your hair is dry, it tells me exactly what it needs." Reyman appears to be part stylist, part educator and part therapist. "I sometimes call myself a Hair-apist," he said. But Reyman, a master stylist with an impressive fashion resume, takes hair cutting very seriously. And the banter during the cut is not about how the weekend will be spent, or the newest restaurant in town, but rather, "It's all about the hair: its color, texture, style. I'm only as good as my last haircut because that's my business. I'm here to help. I'm a triage. You can look at me as your last hope," he said. A Reyman haircut is not cheap. Although he charges \$800, he said he has trained all his stylists with his techniques, "And cuts here begin at \$65," he said. Spoke & Weal has already seen success. Its first location opened in 2013 in San Francisco, then a second salon landed in New York, followed by Chicago, with Palo Alto coming in as the fourth shop in less than four years. Two more salons are scheduled to open this year.

are not documented. They are not found in culinary schools. They're quite rustic," she said. "I wanted to preserve them not only for my children, but I wanted to share them with the world, so that they could continue this rich culture, this rich culinary tradition."

Araj named her project "Feast in the Middle East" for more than just the catchy rhyme scheme. When she started the blog and videos in 2010, she said it was common to hear the sentiment, "Hope for peace in the Middle East."

"As you can see, here we are, I don't know how many years later, and we don't have peace in the Middle East; it's actually gotten worse. But the hospitality of the people there is still pretty resilient," she said.

For Araj, "Feast in the Middle East" spoke to that resiliency and hospitality that people to maintain in the Middle East. She said that she wanted to offer a different perspective.

"I wanted to keep this positivity alive there because everything presented in media is so depressing ... I wanted to show the human side of people there," she said.

For those looking to try their hand at some of Araj's dishes or who want to learn more about Middle Eastern cuisine, her YouTube channel is at youtube.com/blanchetv and her blog is at feastinthemiddleeast.com. ■

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STARBUCKS: MINUS ONE ... It was considered a major coup five years ago when Starbucks signed on to become a tenant in **Alma Plaza**. But alas, store employees said there were simply not enough customers to survive in the location. **Miki's Market** was the first to say goodbye four years ago. It was replaced by **Grocery Outlet**, which is not only thriving, but exceeding expectations, according to John McNellis, whose company, McNellis Partners, owns Alma Plaza. "We filled an obvious need for a low cost grocer in the City of Palo Alto," said McNellis. With seven other Starbucks store locations in Palo Alto, another one in the **Stanford Shopping Center** and **an additional one on the Stanford University** campus, along with a handful more Starbucks stores surrounding the borders of Palo Alto, it's a safe bet to assume customers will still be able to conveniently sip their lattes and Frappuccinos. Said McNellis, "We're sorry to see Starbucks go, but we're optimistic that we'll come up with an even better cafe for the neighborhood."

SPORTS SHOP CLOSURES FOR GOOD ...

After 87 years in business, the **Palo Alto Sports Shop and Toy World** plans to close its doors on Saturday, April 15. Owner Ed Hoffacker III was looking for another place to relocate the beloved family-owned business earlier this year, but decided to close up the downtown

shop on Waverley Street for good after other places were either too expensive or too small. The historic Birge Clark-building that opened in 1930 first sold toys, but later expanded its market to sporting goods, mainly swimming gear. While General Manager Eric Hager said it's been a sad time for the store, he feels that downtown now caters to 20-something techies and restaurants. "It's like the downtown that existed for the store is already gone," said Hager, an employee since 1992. It's hard to miss the red "Retirement Sale" banner that's been posted at the storefront since earlier this month, along with bright yellow signs promoting 40 percent off everything this week. Before the store tips it hat off, it's bringing back T-shirts from more than 20 years ago with the original logo and a classic "Ed Sr. says," graphic that will be in the store starting Friday, March 31, for a limited time. The building hasn't been sold yet, but offers are under consideration. —JP

After a nearly 15-year affiliation with the Palo Alto Weekly, Daryl Savage will be moving on to a new career as Community Outreach Specialist for the San Francisco FBI. Got leads on interesting and news-worthy retail developments? The Weekly will check them out. Email shoptalk@paweekly.com.

While she films most of her videos in the kitchen of her home in Silicon Valley, Araj has also gone out "in the field" to cover a Lebanese festival or interview a chef at a restaurant. One video explored how to navigate a Middle Eastern market; Araj's goal was to take the mystery and intimidation out of shopping in an ethnic grocery store.

Araj's videos, which are all under 15 minutes, are geared toward everyone, from the novice to the home cook to the experienced chef, she said. Her goal is to deconstruct and demystify Middle Eastern cuisine, providing an entry point for even the most inexperienced cook.

She explains how to make dishes like Palestinian maqluba, a savory upside down cake featuring layers of seared meat and vegetables, katayef, which are pancakes filled with nuts or cheese, and hashwa, a meat and rice based dish with aromatic spices. Some videos feature her family members, and a friend shoots and edits the videos for Araj. The rest — recipe experimentation, storyboarding and documenting the recipe — she does herself. To save costs, she sometimes shoots six episodes in one day, making sure to prep ingredients and scripts beforehand.

A native San Franciscan, Araj is a longtime journalist. She started as an intern at various news stations and went on to host her own independent film show at PBS, where she worked for a decade. She was also a high-tech reporter for Tech TV, an ABC contributor at a live show about Bay Area events and a political analyst for a show focused on news of the Middle East.

"So, you might be wondering, 'Why did I go from that to cooking, right?'" Araj said, smiling.

For Araj, the answer was simple: She wanted to be close to her children. After moving to Silicon Valley and having her second child, she "knew that something had to give," especially considering the work hours, commute and rigors of her job, she said.

So, she started a project for herself and her family.

"I wanted to preserve these heirloom recipes that were handed down to me, because these recipes are all word-of-mouth. They

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AGENDA-SPECIAL MEETING-COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 3, 2017, 6:00 PM

Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Employee Organization: International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 1319 Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6(a)
CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY—POTENTIAL LITIGATION, Significant Exposure to Litigation Under Section 54956.9(d)(2) (One Potential Case, as Defendant) – Palo Alto-Stanford Fire Protection Agreement

Consent Calendar

3. Approval of the Update of the Ten-Year Gas Efficiency Goals
4. Adoption of a Resolution to Join the World Health Organization's Age Friendly Global Network and the Santa Clara County Age Friendly Initiative
5. Authorization for the City Manager to Vote on Storm Water Management Fee Ballots Received for Parcels Owned by the City of Palo Alto
6. SECOND READING: Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 16.28 of the Municipal Code to Require Testing, Monitoring and Protective Measures for Temporary Construction-related Groundwater Pumping (Dewatering) (FIRST READING: March 7, 2017 PASSED: 9-0)

Action Items

7. Council Direction on the Parking and Retail Program and Related Zoning Changes Needed for the Public Parking Garage Component of the Public Safety Building and the new California Avenue Parking Garage Project at 250 Sherman Avenue and 350 Sherman Avenue, Respectively

AGENDA-COUNCIL RETREAT-SPECIAL MEETING-
RINCONADA LIBRARY
April 7, 2017, 2:00 PM

AGENDA-COUNCIL RETREAT-SPECIAL MEETING-
RINCONADA LIBRARY
April 8, 2017, 8:30 AM

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Finance Committee Meeting will be held in the Community Meeting Room on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM to discuss: 1) Finance Committee Discussion and Recommendation That Council Adopt (as Part of the Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Budget) a Resolution Amending the Residential Refuse Rates for Fiscal Year 2018 to Cover Program Costs and Keeping all Other Rates the Same; 2) Utilities Advisory Commission Recommendation That the City Council Adopt: (1) a Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Water Utility Financial Plan; and (2) a Resolution Increasing Water Rates by Amending Rate Schedules W-1 (General Residential Water Service), W-2 (Water Service From Fire Hydrants), W-4 (Residential Master-Metered and General Non-Residential Water Service), and W-7 (Non-Residential Irrigation Water Service) and Removing the Drought Surcharge; and 3) Utilities Advisory Commission Recommendation That the City Council Adopt a Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2018 Wastewater Collection Financial Plan

The Special City Council Rail Committee Meeting will be held in the Community Meeting Room on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 8:00 AM to discuss: 1) Continued Discussion & Direction Regarding Work Scope and Schedule.

Movies

OPENINGS



A suit-wearing briefcase-carrying baby (Alec Baldwin) pairs up with his 7-year-old brother (Miles Christopher Bakshi) to stop the dastardly plot of the CEO of Puppy Co. in "The Boss Baby."

War and pacifier

Alec Baldwin voices 'The Boss Baby'
★★★1/2 (Century 16, Century 20)

The current generation of animation artists draws inspiration from a long list of forebears, from Tex Avery to Ralph Bakshi, but a case could be made that no one has had a greater influence on the style of CGI-animated storytelling than Rube Goldberg, the San Francisco-born cartoonist known for dreaming up designs that the Random House Dictionary called "deviously complex and impractical." A Rube Goldberg machine always took the long route to its destination, not unlike "The Boss Baby" from DreamWorks

Animation.

Loosely adapted from Marla Frazee's 2010 children's book, "The Boss Baby" constructs an elaborate fable of hard-fought sibling rivalry overcome. The shortest distance between the two points of a child's fear and jealousy at a baby sibling's arrival and acceptance and love of said sibling would probably look a lot more like a "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" talk-it-out, perhaps gussied up with a gentle song. But the Goldbergian version takes a wild ride on corporate chutes and

ladders to get where it's going.

Like last fall's "Storks," "The Boss Baby" begins with an alternate-reality depiction of where babies come from. In a nifty sequence reminiscent of vintage Warner Brothers cartoons, and scored to Fred Astaire's rendition of "Cheek to Cheek" (cheekily so, given all the baby butts on display), heaven happily dispenses babies from an assembly line. A few are singled out for the executive track, and hence the Boss

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MOVIES NOW SHOWING

Beauty and the Beast (PG) ★★ Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
The Boss Baby (PG) ★★★1/2 Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Cat People (1942) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: 6:05 & 8:50 p.m., Fri. - Sun.
CHiPs (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Frantz (PG-13) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
Get Out (R) ★★★1/2 Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Ghost in the Shell (PG-13) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
I Walked With a Zombie (1943) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m., Fri. - Sun., 4:45 p.m., Sat. & Sun.
Kong: Skull Island (PG-13) ★★★1/2 Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
The Last Word (R) ★★ Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Lego Batman Movie (PG) ★★★1/2 Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Life (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Logan (R) ★★★ Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Nine Lives: Cats in Istanbul (KEDI) (Not Rated) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
North by Northwest (1959) (Not Rated) Century 20: Sun Click theater name for showtimes
Power Rangers (PG-13) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
The Sense of Ending (PG-13) Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.
Song to Song (R) Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.
T2 Trainspotting (R) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Wilson (R) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
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'Boss Baby'

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Baby (voiced by Alec Baldwin), a cubicle dweller who dreams of one day taking the top office in the baby biz.

As the Boss Baby explains, "Babies aren't getting as much love as they used to," so the home office conspires to compete against the threat of puppies. That's why the suitcase-toting corporate spy Boss Baby has been sent to live with the family of 7-year-old Tim (Miles Christopher Bakshi): Mom and Dad (Lisa Kudrow and Jimmy Kimmel) work for Puppy Co. and its dastardly CEO Francis E. Francis (Steve Buscemi). It's all enough to give the recently contented Tim hives, as the devious Boss Baby sucks all the attention.

After a strong start, "The Boss Baby" turns out to be fairly one-note in its humor, and not as lively as you would assume it would be. By settling into formula (like a plot point about a secret baby formula that grants eternal youth), director Tom McGrath finds himself in charge of another beat-the-clock action movie that puts emotional lessons into second position and comedy into third. The funniest stuff involves the Boss Baby's facial expressions as they ping-pong between cute (for Mom and Dad) and shrewd (for everyone else).

But the animation charmingly evokes an earlier era (despite some fresher references, the style is 1950s-ish), and Oscar winner Hans Zimmer turns in a winningly John Williams-esque score. The extremely silly plot has an "out" in a framing device by which adult Tim (Tobey Maguire) narrates. Add all-around strong voice work and a predictably sweet message about sharing the love, and it's all, as they say, good enough for government work.

Rated PG for some mild rude humor. One hour, 37 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

The following is a sampling of movies recently reviewed in the Weekly:

The Last Word**

In what's likely to be AARP's movie of the year, the Mark Pellington dramedy "The Last Word," Hollywood legend Shirley MacLaine gets top billing as a spiteful dowager — but one who's eminently redeemable. The star plays Harriet Lauler, a retired businesswoman with obsessive-compulsive personality disorder and a death wish. After a failed suicide attempt, Harriet decides that she ought to see to one last project: her legacy. And so she marches right down to the local paper and hijacks the one-woman obituary department, Anne (Amanda Seyfried). Harriet tells Anne, "You are going to help shape a legacy instead of just transcribing it." Lauler lays out four elements to a really great obituary: The deceased should be loved by their families; admired by their coworkers; have touched someone's life unexpectedly; ...And the fourth, that's the wild card. Using that outline, "The Last Word" pretty much writes itself. In spite of its heart-tugging ruthlessness, I'd be lying if I said "The Last Word" were without its simple pleasures. It's still fun to watch MacLaine ply her trade. *Rated R for language. One hour, 48 minutes.* — P.C.

Beauty and the Beast**

Disney's live-action animated remake of its 1991 classic "Beauty and the Beast," proves dispiriting. Director Bill Condon ("Dreamgirls," "Mr. Holmes") only manages to breathe life into the material when he diverges from the original film, as in the sumptuous bookends set in the pre- and post-curse castle of the French prince of swell hair (Dan Stevens). There, Madame de Garderobe (Broadway goddess Audra McDonald) sings a new number as the screen fills with gloriously costumed waltzers. Once the prince is cursed to live as a beast, his castle enchanted, and his attendants turned into furniture, not much changes about "Beauty and the Beast," except our enjoyment of it. The story's intact, Howard Ashman and Alan Menken's songs remain (with four nice-enough but narratively unnecessary new songs by Menken and Tim Rice), and there's still plenty to look at. But the tone is all wrong: the warmth is gone, and Condon's version of the spectacle feels cluttered, claustrophobic, and hurried in ways the original doesn't. So why should anyone see the remake? Beyond curiosity, I can't think of many compelling reasons. *Rated PG for some action violence, peril and frightening images. Two hours, 9 minutes.* — P.C.

"Logan"***

"Logan" marks the third and final solo film for the long-running Marvel Comics character introduced to screen audiences in the 2000 film "X-Men." Director James Mangold (who helmed previous installment "The Wolverine") returns, bringing with him a Western sensibility honed on his 2007 remake of "3:10 to Yuma." Screenwriters Scott Frank, Mangold and Michael Green take very loose inspiration from a comic book run known as "Old Man Logan," but only a few plot points carry over: a futuristic setting (in this case, 2029) that ages our hero, his mentor Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart) and fellow mutant Caliban (Stephen Merchant), and the notions of Logan having a child and a cross-country road trip to undertake. Beyond that, the writers give themselves the freedom to invent. And so "Logan" becomes an unconventional-family drama with three generations of mutants forced onto a road trip, although "Little Miss Sunshine" this ain't. *Rated R for violence, bloody images and language including sexual references. One hour, 43 minutes.* — P.C. (Reviewed Feb. 27, 2017)

"Get Out"***

The new horror picture "Get Out" is advertised as being "From the mind of Jordan Peele," and a beautiful mind

it is. Peele made his name as the co-creator and co-star of the racially themed sketch comedy show "Key and Peele." Now Peele makes a bold turn to horror, writing and directing what he calls a "social thriller" or, to state the obvious, "a horror movie that is from an African American's perspective." The result is an imaginative, classically styled paranoid thriller speaking directly to an African-American audience (and indirectly to a white audience) while remaining playfully accessible to everyone else. After five months of dating, it's time for young African-American photographer Chris Washington (a pitch-perfect Daniel Kaluuya) to meet the parents of his white girlfriend Rose Armitage (Allison Williams). The early movements of "Get Out" play the tension and comedy of coded racial language to the hilt, and were it "only" a comedy of mixed-race dating, "Get Out" would already be winning in the wittiness of its satire. Obviously, the film goes further: there's something sinister going on in Evergreen Hollow, and the story's satirical charge carries over into its horror. Despite its terrible implications, his film is entertaining as all "Get Out." *Rated R for violence, bloody images, and language including sexual references. One hour, 43 minutes.* — P.C.

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APPLICATIONS DUE: by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2017

Applications are now available for the City of Palo Alto's 2017-18 & 2018-19 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program years for Multi-Family Rehabilitation Projects and Public Facility Rehabilitation Projects only. The applications are for funding under the City's two-year funding cycle that includes FY 2017-18 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018) and FY 2018-19 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019). The City expects to distribute locally an estimated \$300,000 in funds for these two funding categories each fiscal year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the CDBG Program.

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The application submittal package must be received by the CDBG Program Office by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2017, in order to be considered for funding during the period that includes FY 2017-18 & 2018-19.

Applications are available at the City of Palo Alto Planning Division, City Hall, 5th Floor, 250 Hamilton Avenue, during regular office hours. Applications are also available on the City's website: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/pln/cdbg.asp>. To request an application or for more information please contact Eloiza Murillo-Garcia, Senior Planner at 650.329.2561 or via email at eloiza.murillogarcia@CityofPaloAlto.org.

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Home Front

FOOD FROM FARM TO TABLE ...

Hidden Villa will host a farm-to-table dining experience on **Saturday, April 1** during which guests can enjoy organic food that was grown and prepared on-site, learn about the farm's rich history and mission, view food preparation, and gather around a dramatic pork roast while enjoying local wine. All proceeds from the event go to support sustainable food programs at Hidden Villa. Weather permitting, the event will be held outdoors from 3 - 7:30 p.m. Register by going to hiddenvilla.org.

GAMBLE GARDEN EASTER EGG HUNT ...

On **Sunday, April 9**, Gamble Garden will host its annual **Easter Egg Hunt**. Eggs will be hidden in the gardens, and there also will be more than 20 animals at an on-site petting zoo. Arts and crafts, photos with the Easter Bunny and light refreshments will be offered. Go to gamblegarden.org/evebt/annual-easter-egg-hunt/ to register for one of three hunt times: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Gamble Garden is located at 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Children must be accompanied by a paying adult.

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The garage space features two alcoves that can be used as workspaces. Stoumen also laid in gas lines so that one space can be converted into a kitchen area with a stove if the space were to become a granny unit.



Above: The wide doors of the garage can open outward to the backyard garden. The space doubles as a home office and a potential granny unit. Left: A trellis made of rebar leads visitors into the backyard garden.

Creating living space

Garage-to-office conversion leaves room for future granny dwelling

by Carol Blitzler • photos by Veronica Weber

Architect Jon Stoumen is ready. Now that the Palo Alto City Council has decided to legalize turning garages into granny units, his newly designed office can easily be switched to a living unit.

But, Stoumen didn't start out so future-focused. He just wanted a decent office space near his 1920s Southgate home. His initial permit was to remodel the existing one-car garage, but once construction began, extensive termite damage was revealed.

"We had to tear it down. We

went back to the city," said Stoumen, and had to conform to new rules, including setting the structure 75 feet back from the front property line.

Luckily, the city allowed him to keep the garage near the property line — as long as he built fire protection into the wall and roof that was within six feet of that line.

Much of the property that Jon shares with his wife, O'Malley Stoumen, is consumed by gardens: mounds of fruits and vegetables, as well as greenhouses and a chicken coop. Before planting

tomatoes in one greenhouse, O'Malley shifted fencing to create a pathway for the chickens to go to town on the bugs.

The old asphalt driveway leading to the garage has been transformed into a pervious concrete section for parking two cars in tandem. Behind the gate the rest of the former driveway is now part of the garden, with a sculptural metal framing to support plants.

"We wanted to make every inch work to grow flowers and food," Jon Stoumen said, noting that any of the plants could be removed if someone wanted to actually park a car in the garage.

Today's garage is nearly the same size as the crumbling one, but the materials are eco-friendly and up to date.

"My idea was I wanted this building to look like a big pot. The roof is tile, window sills brick, walls are shingled, flat roof tiles," he said. "I think clay is so beautiful as it ages. It always looks better." The roof tiles also echo the tiles over the main house's front-porch overhang.

Within the garage/office, Stoumen added a bathroom with a standard toilet, an exceedingly narrow sink (from IKEA) and plumbing in the wall for a shower. He uses that space for a freezer now.

On March 8, the City Council threw its support behind encouraging more accessory-dwelling units (ADUs) when it approved a series of reforms that eliminate numerous existing barriers. Among the biggest changes that the council approved was the elimination of the "minimum lot size" requirement, which limited accessory-dwelling units to those lots that exceed the minimum lot size of their zoning district by 35 percent or more. Now, any lot, such as the Stoumen's, can include such a unit, regardless of size.

Palo Alto's ordinance also will allow the creation of "junior accessory dwelling units" — a bedroom that is converted into a dwelling unit (which must have a kitchenette and be no greater

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Real Estate Matters

Two parts of Palo Alto generally following same trend

Both north and south seeing slight drop in price and inventory, but 2017 looks promising

by Hadar Guibara

As a key part of my job selling real estate in Palo Alto, it's important to both document and analyze the local market and yearly comparative graphic data. For this column, I've concentrated exclusively on the years 2015 and 2016, and divided the entire Palo Alto residential market across all property types into two sections: North Palo Alto and South Palo Alto. Much of the data, as well as the anecdotal evidence, presented in this market summary is consistent with earlier predictions I presented to you at the very beginning of 2017.



Very slight differentials appear when comparing 2015 and 2016 median sales prices in South Palo Alto. From one year to the next, median sales prices decreased by 3 percent from \$2.3 million to \$2.23

million. The total volume of sales in South Palo Alto increased by 22.8 percent from \$459 million in 2015 to \$564 million in 2016. Inventory of homes for sale in South Palo Alto saw a slight uptick from approximately 256 new listings in 2015 to 296 in 2016.

North Palo Alto experienced an approximate 4.8 percent decrease in median sales prices from \$2.89 million in 2015 to \$2.75 million in 2016. North Palo Alto's total volume of sales increased by 2.4 percent from \$705 million in 2015 to \$722 million in 2016. Inventory of homes for sale increased from 283 new listings in 2015 to 298 in 2016.

All homes in Palo Alto experienced a rise in the number of days on the market (DOM). In 2015, the average DOM was about 18. In 2016, the average DOM was about 24. Properties are still selling very fast and this number is still very healthy, all things considered. Most Palo Alto listings continue to generate multiple offers, upwards of 10 or more for several properties I know of that have recently sold. Location, schools and proximity to work continue to be

the biggest drivers for those purchasing in Palo Alto. I am also still seeing foreign buyers, many from Asia, China and Hong Kong targeting investment property throughout the city.

What does all of this mean for the rest of the 2017 housing market? As noted in my earlier predictive column, I anticipate a 4-6 percent appreciation in all residential property prices. The short supply of new construction will continue to contribute to low inventory within the residential market as well. An anticipated increase in interest rates will also play a large role in what happens to home prices throughout the rest of the year. But, despite the possible surge in interest rates, lack of inventory will be the most influential driver of price appreciation this year. I'm counting on well-located, turn-key homes to remain highly desirable. ■

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Creating living space

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than 500 square feet), like a garage. The City Council also approved a laundry list of additional incentives, including ones that grant extra square footage to both types of units and relaxes parking requirements for accessory-dwelling units (currently, each unit is required to have two parking spots).

Stoumen built the unit's bathroom centered on the right side of the room, with desks in the niches on either side. But pipes in the bathroom wall can also someday accommodate a sink in a kitchenette. And a gas line was laid outside the building that could someday be connected to that kitchen.

For the flooring, Stoumen chose a variegated Chesapeake brick over a concrete slab with radiant heat. The bricks would have been too high for the floor, so he had them cut into three pavers, which were laid in a herringbone pattern.

The walls are tinted with a smooth finish, resembling Venetian plaster, and the ceiling is made of tectum, a wood-fiber material normally used in hockey rinks, he says.

There's plenty of storage in this architect's office, with ample space to park a car inside if one so chooses. The built-in birch storage units, again from IKEA, with butcher-block counter tops, run along one wall. Upper cabinets are dark to match the wide doors and Italian wood windows, including a tilt-turn window that provides cross ventilation as well as security.

One desk, "sized to approximate a work station," boasts matching built-in upper cabinets.

Stoumen was careful to create a pleasant work space that did not require air conditioning: Five skylights with operable screens bring in natural light as well as ventilation.

A large wooden table — with plenty of space to roll out architectural plans — dominates the center of the room.



A very narrow bathroom sink hides wall plumbing for a future shower.

"There's nothing here that isn't useful and practical. It's highly insulated," he says, adding that "I wanted it to be a workshop/office that someday could be a living dwelling — for a student, a caregiver, a nanny," and still have a car inside.

So what did he do with all the things that normally live in a garage? He built a shed that looks like a small greenhouse, in a back corner of the lot.

While most people think of buildings as having three dimensions — width, height and depth — Stoumen says he thinks of his office as having a fourth dimension of time, or "how it can be adapted as needs change." ■

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HOME SALES

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63 Watkins Avenue Chwak Partnership to Lieberman Trust for \$2,900,000 on 02/28/17; previous sale 02/28/2017, \$145,000

East Palo Alto

119 Lotus Way E. Arnold to T. Shiff for \$809,500 on 02/27/17; built 1954, 3bd, 1,740 sq.ft.

Los Altos

1696 Miller Avenue D. Deb to J. & H. Hartman for \$2,350,000 on 03/08/17; built 1973, 4bd, 2216 sq.ft.; previous sale 04/28/2000, \$1,010,000
502 Rosita Avenue M. Rodgers to Urban Pacific Homes for \$2,250,000 on 03/08/17; built 1960, 4bd, 2,042 sq.ft.; previous sale 09/1970, \$46,000

65 Solana Drive Hansen Trust to D. Abbott for \$2,815,000 on 03/09/17; built 1952, 3bd, 1,805 sq.ft.; previous sale 11/06/1995, \$100,000

490 University Avenue Dillon Trust to J. & A. Granbery for \$5,450,000 on 03/08/17; built 2000, 6bd, 4713 sq.ft.

391 Yerba Buena Avenue Hodges Trust to J. Krikheli for \$3,100,000 on 03/07/17; built 1949, 3bd, 2,093 sq.ft.

Los Altos Hills

26966 Beatrice Lane Pelton Trust to L. Kovacs for \$4,015,000 on 03/07/17; built 1967, 3bd, 2,569 sq.ft.

25755 Carado Court Precision Capital to Lagerling Trust for \$9,750,000 on 03/07/17; built 1900; previous sale 11/20/2012, \$1,730,000
26233 Dori Lane Briggs Trust to J. Mu for \$3,050,000 on 03/08/17; built 1963, 4bd, 2,425 sq.ft.

Menlo Park

410 9th Avenue S. & J. Watson to C. Smith for \$1,500,000 on 02/27/17; built 1932, 4bd, 1750 sq.ft.

1166 El Camino Real Delagnes Properties to El Camino Investors for \$3,400,000 on 02/28/17

1305 Elder Avenue N. & S. Shah to C. Chueh for \$3,550,000 on 02/27/17; built 1954, 3bd, 2,370 sq.ft.; previous sale 05/24/2013, \$2,312,500

147 Oak Court B. & C. Schmidt to E. & N. Rosseel for \$1,615,000 on 02/28/17; built 1959, 3bd, 1,330 sq.ft.; previous sale 09/15/2005, \$875,000

844 Partridge Avenue McClaffin Trust to A. Sugihara for \$2,300,000 on 03/02/17; built 1989, 3bd, 2,000 sq.ft.; previous sale 05/21/03, \$990,000
1025 San Mateo Drive Jalali Trust to Y. Li for \$6,698,000 on 02/27/17; built 2016, 5bd, 5,214 sq.ft.; previous sale 09/30/2014, \$2,610,000

685 San Mateo Drive Enan Trust to Jacobsen Trust for \$3,998,000 on 03/02/17; built 1951, 5bd, 2,800 sq.ft.; previous sale 10/29/2010, \$2,450,000

Mountain View

513 Burgoyne Street S. Lee to Shukla Trust for \$2,250,000 on 03/14/17; built 1950, 3bd, 877 sq.ft.; previous sale 02/19/2015, \$960,000

411 Chagall Street L. & L. Kearney to Diwanji Trust for \$1,300,000 on 03/09/17; built 2011, 3bd, 1,548 sq.ft.; previous sale 10/12/2012, \$702,000

87 Devonshire Avenue S. Pas-cal to J. Zhang for \$1,129,000 on 03/13/17; built 1983, 2bd, 960 sq.ft.

280 Easy Street #411 A. & K. Bryant to J. Fessard for \$737,000 on 03/09/17; built 1964, 2bd, 894 sq.ft.; previous sale 10/20/2010, \$300,000

3359 Milton Court Johnson Trust to Z. Yin for \$2,901,000 on 03/13/17; built 1990, 4bd, 3,293 sq.ft.; previous sale 05/18/1990, \$818,500

1639 Notre Dame Drive Nguyen Trust to Y. Luo for \$2,080,000 on 03/09/17; built 1954, 5bd, 1,848 sq.ft.; previous

sale 09/14/2012, \$1,455,000
457 Sierra Vista Avenue #4 Jagannathan Trust to F. Li for \$1,080,000 on 03/09/17; built 1985, 2bd, 1,113 sq.ft.; previous sale 09/25/2014, \$767,500

1098 Solana Drive B. Castle to Harrington Oaks for \$1,625,000 on 03/13/17; built 1951, 3bd, 974 sq.ft.; previous sale 05/10/1996, \$258,000

Palo Alto

880 Ames Court Craig Trust to Rangan Trust for \$2,325,000 on 03/07/17; built 1955, 4bd, 1,615 sq.ft.

855 Bruce Drive Poll Trust to T. Yan for \$2,550,000 on 03/09/17; built 1946, 2bd, 1,548 sq.ft.

926 Colonial Lane Corchado Trust to Ys Palo Alto for \$2,125,000 on 03/07/17; built 1954, 3bd, 1,218 sq.ft.

1408 Harker Avenue R. Mann to Y. Tsai for \$2,140,000 on 03/13/17; built 1948, 2bd, 842 sq.ft.; previous sale 05/04/2010, \$650,000

1665 Middlefield Road Pelovitz Trust to Burlingame Center Point for \$3,300,000 on 03/08/17; built 1940, 2bd, 1,852 sq.ft.; previous sale 09/17/1991, \$549,000

3400 Rambow Drive Joffe Trust to E. Joffe for \$2,325,000 on 03/14/17; built 1997, 4bd, 2,475 sq.ft.; previous sale 08/11/1998, \$855,000

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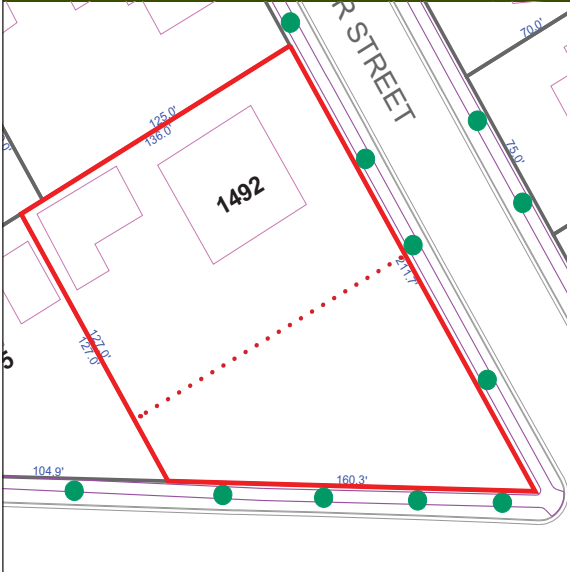
345 Golden Oak Drive R. & A. Espeseth to Easy Livin Partners for \$6,800,000 on 03/02/17; built 1999, 4bd, 3,902 sq.ft.; previous sale 05/08/2009, \$4,995,000

131 Mimosa Way D. & C. Cronkey to Carr Trust for \$2,900,000 on 02/27/17; built 1956, 4bd, 2,280 sq.ft.; previous sale 04/22/2010, \$1,660,000

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83 Tum Suden Way Navarro Trust to Nash Trust for \$3,015,000 on 03/02/17; built 1981, 3bd, 3,890 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/23/1987, \$575,000

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Exquisitely remodeled **4 bedroom/2.5 bath** home with exceptional finishes and attention to detail. Every room of the home enjoys a view of the peaceful garden or the western hills, harmoniously integrating exterior and interior beauty.

The living, dining and family rooms feature dramatic window walls and doors that open to an inviting deck spanning the rear of the home providing a perfect place for enjoyment of the western hills views.

The kitchen is sure to please the home chef! Furniture-quality cabinets have been enhanced with rich slab granite counters and new stainless steel appliances. The kitchen is bathed in natural light streaming through skylights set into the soaring vaulted ceiling. A stunning floor to ceiling window in the adjacent breakfast room frames views of the peaceful garden.

Renovated bathrooms feature luxurious stone counters and tiles as well as new lighting and plumbing fixtures.

Additional amenities include a **gym** with rubber floor, **swimming pool**, a **3-car garage** with built-in cabinets and a storage loft. The home is fully air-conditioned and recent renovations include ethernet in every room, new acacia wood flooring, new windows and sliding doors, and new interior doors.

Enjoy the natural beauty of Los Altos Hills as well as the convenience of being close to downtown Los Altos and Palo Alto. Home is located in the acclaimed Palo Alto Unified School District.

Living Area: 3,029 sq. ft. (Per Appraiser, Kimberly Townsend, unverified)
Lot Size: 1 acre (Per tract map, unverified)

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WOODSIDE \$5,750,000

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ATHERTON \$4,698,000

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14525 Miranda Road | 5bd/4.5ba
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2130 Booksin Avenue | 5bd/5ba
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2150 Dartmouth Street | 3bd/2.5ba
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PALO ALTO \$2,398,000

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Redwood City Sun 1 - 5 \$3,995,000
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Menlo Park Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,598,000
 1337 Sherman Ave Brand new West Menlo Park home offers comfortable & flexible living! 4 en-suite bedrooms 4 BR 4.5 BA
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Portola Valley Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,500,000
 450 Golden Oak Dr Mid-century home designed by Edgar R. Dethlefsen on 1.6 acres with western hill views. 5 BR 3 BA
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Portola Valley Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,395,000
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Menlo Park Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,295,000
 260 Santa Margarita Updated 2BD/2BA w/great room on 1/4+ sq ft lot; MP Schools. 2 BR 2 BA
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Sunnyvale \$1,988,000
 1209-11 Matisse Ct Desirable duplex in community center area. Minutes to Apple's new headquarters/campus. 5 BR 4 BA
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 228 Sand Hill Cir Wonderful & sunny end unit on quiet side of circ. Shows great w/walls of windows in the LR. 4 BR 2.5 BA
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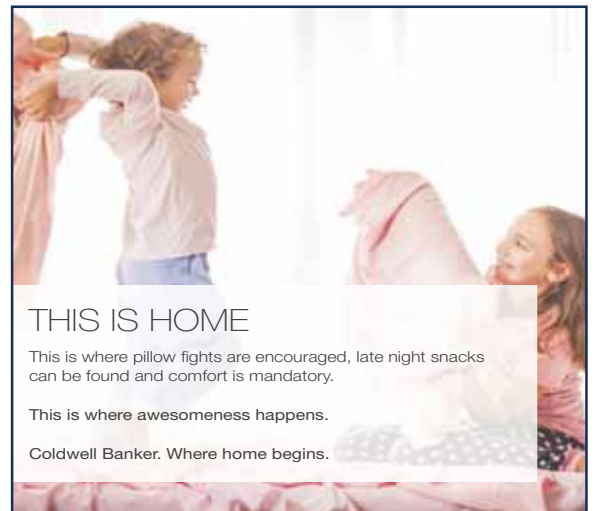
Woodside Sun 1 - 3 \$1,598,000
 145 Henrik Ibsen Rd Good horse property set on approx 5acs w/potential ocean vu. Home is filled w/charm. 4 BR 2 BA
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Redwood City Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,225,000
 1917 Oak Ave This remodeled ranch has charm, space and room to grow! Large lot and well for irrigation. 3 BR 1 BA
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Belmont Sat/Sun 1 - 4 \$430,000
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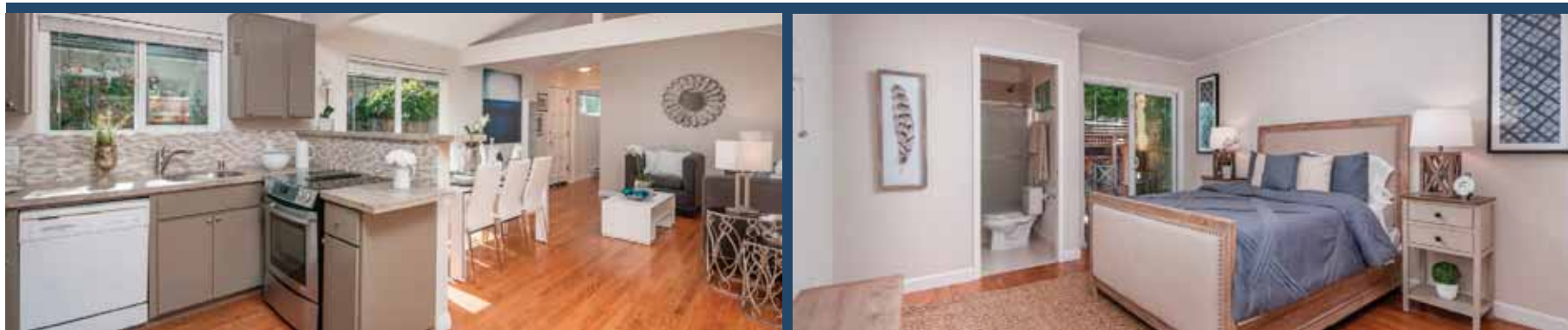
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Amenities: 4 Bedrooms, 2 full baths, Updated Kitchen w/large island, Separate Dining Room, Formal Living Room, Large Family Room with

access to arbored patio & spacious rear yard, attached 2 car garage, large Laundry / Storage Room, water-wise landscaping

Sought after Palo Alto Schools

STATS: Home: 1891 sq ft, Lot: 7645 sq ft
(Per county records)

ATTRACTIVELY PRICED AT: \$2,288,000



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EXCEPTIONAL SHARON HEIGHTS LOCATION

1040 Continental Drive, Menlo Park

This spacious 5 bedroom, 2.5 bath, and 3 car garage home occupies 2,910 sqft (per county) on a generous lot of 16,764 sqft (per county). The residence features a warm, welcoming interior complete with a marble floor entry and beautifully restored oak hardwood floors. The main level consists of open living/family/dining rooms and two wood burning fireplaces. A focal point of the home is the enormous bonus room right off of the kitchen overlooking the tranquil backyard with partial bay views. Two sets of oversized sliding glass doors open to a new redwood deck, large patio, and private backyard perfect for entertaining and relaxation. The upper level consists of four bedrooms including an expansive master suite with a walk-in closet and fireplace. Livable as is or update to your own personal taste and style. This original custom built home has been family owned since 1964 and is now on the market for the first time ever. Situated close to Stanford University, Stanford Shopping Center, Sand Hill Road venture capital centers, and excellent Menlo Park public and private schools.

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4 Bedrooms		
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355 Lloyd Park Ln	\$2,598,000	
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5 Bedrooms		
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6 Bedrooms		
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BELMONT

1 Bedroom - Condominium		
2201 Village Ct #7	\$430,000	
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HALF MOON BAY

3 Bedrooms		
212 Garcia Ave	\$1,325,000	
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LOS ALTOS

3 Bedrooms		
3787 Starr King Cir	\$1,800,000	
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LOS ALTOS HILLS

4 Bedrooms		
14525 Miranda Rd	\$4,595,000	
Sat/Sun	Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111
12742 Leander Dr.	\$3,600,000	
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13686 Page Mill Rd	\$5,975,000	
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6 Bedrooms		
12008 Adobe Creek Lodge Rd	\$5,988,000	
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1 Bedroom - Condominium		
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2 Bedrooms		
260 Santa Margarita Av	\$2,295,000	
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3 Bedrooms		
789 17th Av	\$1,098,000	
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755 Partridge Av		
Sat/Sun 1-5	Deleon Realty	543-8500

1785 Croner Av		
Sat/Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	941-7040

668 Partridge Ave		
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4 Bedrooms		
1120 Hobart St	\$3,495,000	
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28 Sneckner Ct		
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1337 Sherman Ave		
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5 Bedrooms		
1040 Hermosa Way	\$4,495,000	
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625 Hobart St		
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1040 Continental Dr		
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375 Santa Rita Ave		
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161 Willow Rd		
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MOUNTAIN VIEW

2 Bedrooms - Condominium		
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4 Bedrooms		
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4214 Juniper Ln		
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4244 Ruthelma Av		
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3239 Maddux Dr.		
Sun	Keller Williams Palo Alto	454-8500

5 Bedrooms		
818 Los Robles Ave	\$4,278,000	
Sat/Sun	Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

3341 Louis Rd		
Sat 12:30-4:30/Sun 1:30-4:30	Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

PORTOLA VALLEY

3 Bedrooms		
160 N. Balsamina Way	Call for price	
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120 N. Castanya Way		
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1319 Westridge Dr		
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5 Bedrooms		
450 Golden Oak Dr	\$3,500,000	
Sat/Sun	Coldwell Banker	851-1961

20 Cordova Ct		
Sat/Sun	Coldwell Banker	851-1961

REDWOOD CITY

3 Bedrooms		
2025 Nassau Dr	\$1,588,000	
Sat/Sun	Alain Pinel Realtors	529-1111

5 Bedrooms		
9 Colton Ct	\$4,295,000	
Sun 1-5	Coldwell Banker	851-2666

WOODSIDE		
4 Bedrooms		
145 Henrik Ibsen Park Rd.	\$1,598,000	
Sun 1-3	Coldwell Banker	323-7751

650 Woodside Dr		
Sat/Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	851-2666

618 Manzanita Way		
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Pets a Big Consideration for Home Buyers

When making decisions about buying, selling or renovating their homes, Americans, by and large, take their pets' needs into account, according to a new report from the National Association of REALTORS®. The 2017 Animal House: Remodeling Impact report found that 81 percent of respondents said animal-related considerations play a role when deciding on their next living situation.

According to the survey, 99 percent of pet owners said they consider their animal part of the family. Eighty-nine percent of those surveyed said they would not give up their animal because of housing restrictions or limitations. Twelve percent of pet owners have moved to accommodate their animal, while 19 percent said they would consider moving to accommodate their animal in the future.

REALTORS® who were surveyed indicated one-third of their pet-owning clients often or very often will refuse to make an offer on a home because it is not ideal for their animal. REALTORS® also noted 61 percent of buyers find it difficult or very difficult to locate a rental property or a homeowners association that accommodates animals.

"Pets are part of the family. I have seen

clients pass on a property that did not have sufficient space for their dogs. We must respect the emotional role an animal has in a person's life," said Denise Welsh, president of the Silicon Valley Association of REALTORS®. "A home purchase is a lifestyle choice and pets are part of one's life."

Fifty-two percent of all survey respondents said they had completed a home renovation project specifically to accommodate their animal. Of those who undertook projects, 23 percent built a fence around their yard; 12 percent added a dog door; and 10 percent installed laminate flooring.

A majority of surveyed animal owners (83 percent) indicated they own a dog, which helps explain the overwhelming popularity of dog-related renovation projects. Forty-three percent of those surveyed said they own a cat; 9 percent own a bird, reptile, amphibian, arthropod, small mammal, or miniature horse; 8 percent a fish; and 5 percent own a farm animal.

Information provided in this column is presented by the Silicon Valley Association of REALTORS®. Send questions to Rose Meily at rmeily@silvar.org.



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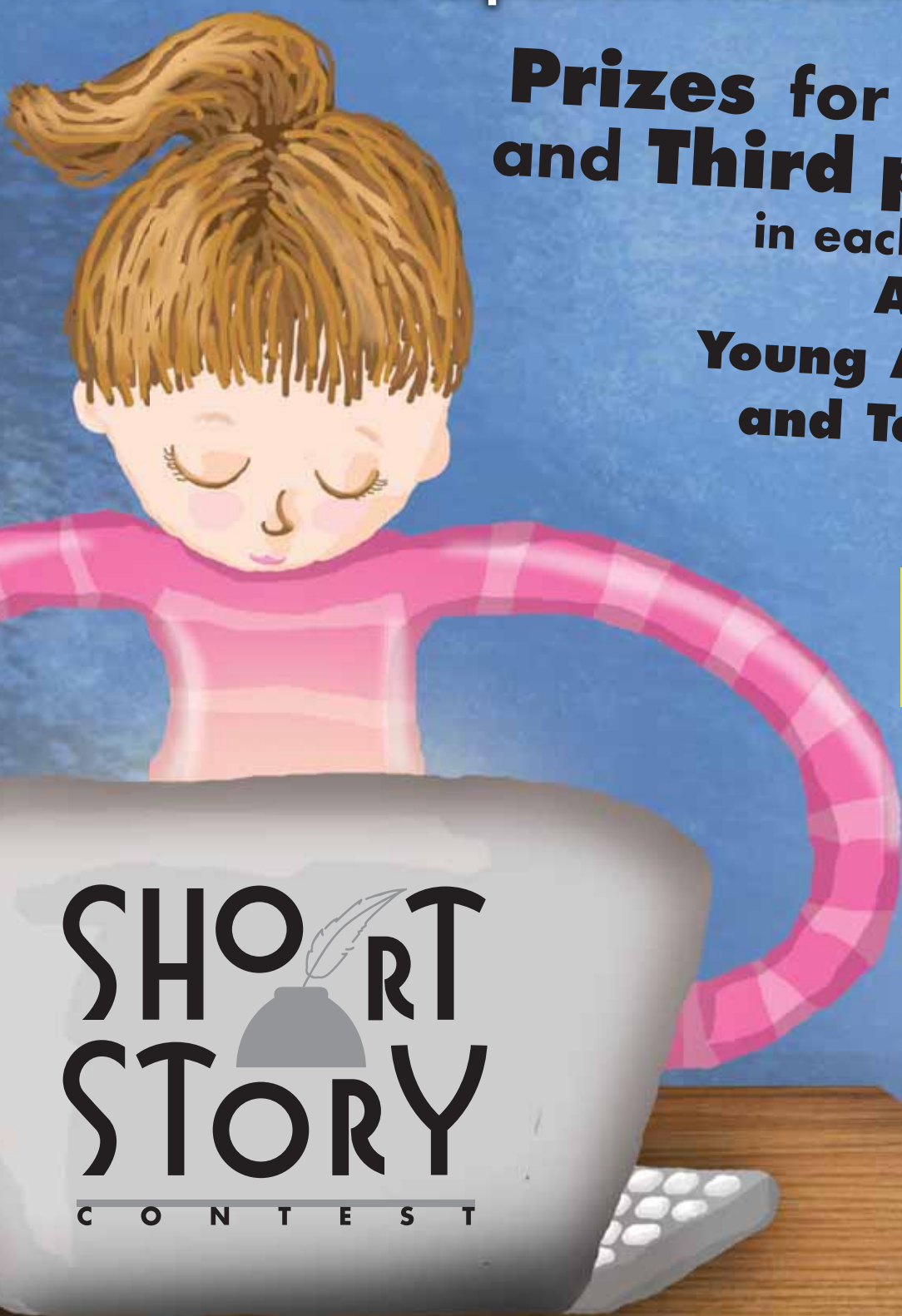
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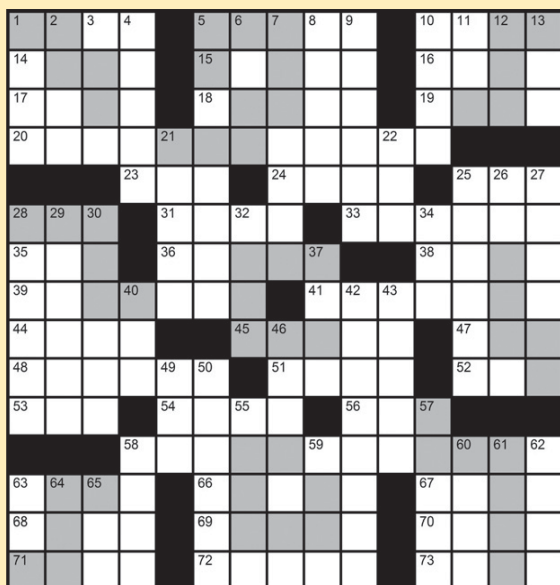


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Across

- 1 Super Mario ____
- 5 30-ton computer introduced in 1946
- 10 Gets hazy, with "up"
- 14 Au ____
- 15 ____ precedent
- 16 Film director Wertmuller
- 17 Obama education secretary Duncan
- 18 Exterminator's targets
- 19 Reunion invitee
- 20 Harden, like adobe
- 23 Neutral area between N. and S. Korea
- 24 Brockovich played by Julia Roberts
- 25 Battleship initials
- 28 ____ Lambert (recent viral answer to the pub quiz question "Who played Skyler White?" where the cheating team misread Anna Gunn's Wikipedia entry)
- 31 Hog, wild?
- 33 "No you didn't!"
- 35 Guns N' Roses frontman Rose
- 36 Hypnotized or anesthetized
- 38 Actress Taylor of "High Fidelity"

- 39 Highest-ranked tournament player
- 41 Facepalmsworthy
- 44 ____TASS (Russian press agency)
- 45 "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" author Mitch
- 47 Plumb of "The Brady Bunch"
- 48 Drops in on
- 51 Mr. Hoggett's wife, in "Babe"
- 52 ____ es Salaam, Tanzania
- 53 Italian writer Umberto
- 54 "Top ____ mornin' to you!"
- 56 "____ the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"
- 58 Historical medical book, or literally what's happening in this grid?
- 63 Johnson of TV's "Laugh-In"
- 66 Watch brand that means "exquisite" or "success" in Japanese
- 67 Norwegian royal name
- 68 Spinnaker or jib
- 69 ____ Rock Pete (Diesel Sweeties character)
- 70 Sushi ingredient
- 71 Coop denizens
- 72 "Carnival of the Animals" composer Camille Saint-____

- 73 Eponymous developer of a mineral scale
- Down**
- 1 Tattle
- 2 ____ avis (uncommon find)
- 3 Pig noise
- 4 Fine equine
- 5 Sports-channel-themed restaurant
- 6 Nair rival, once
- 7 "My package has arrived!"
- 8 September flower
- 9 Lieutenant killed by Iago in "Othello"
- 10 Taqueria dessert, maybe
- 11 Cruet contents
- 12 Wildebeest
- 13 "Stay With Me" Grammy-winner Smith
- 21 Infuse (with)
- 22 Sch. that's home to the Wildcats in Durham
- 25 American competitor
- 26 Trap liquid?
- 27 Sean played by Melissa McCarthy
- 28 Local

- 29 Far from drab
- 30 Texas city across the border from Ciudad Juarez
- 32 "____ pinch of salt ..."
- 34 Traffic sign warning
- 37 BBQ entree
- 40 ____ Lanka
- 42 They fall in line
- 43 "... ____ man with seven wives"
- 46 Area sheltered from the wind
- 49 "High ____" (Maxwell Anderson play)
- 50 Period of inactivity
- 55 "The Lion King" meanie
- 57 Typhoon, e.g.
- 58 Toothpaste types
- 59 Analogous (to)
- 60 A little bit of everything
- 61 Sound-barrier word
- 62 "Z" actor Montand
- 63 Pikachu's friend
- 64 Charlotte of "The Facts of Life"
- 65 Sn, in chemistry

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This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

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188 Kilmer Ave.

Campbell, CA 95008

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/08/17.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 14, 2017.

(PAW Mar. 24, 31; Apr. 7, 14, 2017)

MANY RIVERS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN627772

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Many Rivers, located at 165 Santa Rita Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara

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This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

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165 Santa Rita Ave.

Palo Alto, CA 94301

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/20/2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 20, 2017.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. FBN627638

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The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office.

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REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):

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THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY: A Limited Liability Company.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 16, 2017.

(PAW Mar. 31; Apr. 7, 14, 21, 2017)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

WILLIS W. NELSON
Case No.: 17PR180613

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of WILLIS W. NELSON; WILLIS WAYNE NELSON.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: THOMAS S. NELSON in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that: THOMAS S. NELSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 27, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in Dept:

12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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Attorney for Petitioner:
Phillip A. Bond
401 B St., Suite 1530
San Diego, CA 92101-4238
(619)235-6800
(PAW Mar. 17, 24, 31, 2017)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

REUEL VAN ATTA
Case No.: 17PR180660

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of REUEL VAN ATTA.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: RENN VAN ATTA in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that: RENN VAN ATTA 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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The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 12, of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191

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C R O S S W O R D S

Sports Shorts

ON THE COURTS . . . Stanford grad **Bradley Klahn** reached the finals of the ITF Championships of Calabasas on Sunday, where he fell to Germany's Sebastian Fanselow, 6-3, 6-2. Klahn, who returned to tennis after missing nearly two years to back surgeries, was a wild card in the tourney. He beat No. 6 seed Marcus Giron, 6-3, 6-2, in the semifinals. He and partner Connor Smith won the doubles title.

OF LOCAL NOTE ... Stanford freshman golfer **Albane Valenzuela** was involved in a bike accident on campus last week and is recovering from injuries. She had to withdraw from this week's ANA Inspiration at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage where she and freshman teammate **Andrea Lee** received amateur invitations to play in the LPGA Tour's first major championship of the year. "She spent several hours in the emergency room and suffered a concussion," said Stanford coach **Anne Walker**. "Her family has flown in from Switzerland to be with her and she is receiving daily treatment and care from Stanford Hospital and our athletic trainers." . . . Menlo College junior outfielder **Jordan Getzleman** was named Player of the Week in the Golden State Athletic Conference for the second straight week . . . The No. 9 Stanford (11-

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ON THE AIR

Friday

College women's basketball: NCAA national semifinals, Stanford vs. South Carolina, 4:30 p.m., ESPN2

College baseball: Oregon State at Stanford, 6 p.m., Stanford Live Stream

College softball: Utah at Stanford, 6 p.m., Pac-12 Bay Area

Men's college volleyball: UC Irvine at Stanford, 8 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

Saturday

College baseball: Oregon State at Stanford, 2 p.m., Stanford Live Stream

College softball: Utah at Stanford, 2 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

Men's college volleyball: UC San Diego at Stanford, 6 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

Sunday

College women's basketball: NCAA championship, 3 p.m., ESPN

College baseball: Oregon State at Stanford, 1 p.m., Stanford Live Stream

College softball: Utah at Stanford, 2 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

Women's college water polo: Stanford at California, 4 p.m., Pac-12 Bay Area

Monday

Curling: World championship, 6 p.m., NBCSN

Tuesday

College baseball: California at Stanford, 5:30 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

Thursday

College baseball: Stanford at USC, 6 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

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Junior **Brittany McPhee** (12) has been rising to the occasion during Stanford's run through the NCAA tournament. She's averaging 19.0 points, 5.8 rebounds, 3.8 assists, 1.5 blocks and 1.5 steals thus far.

Finally: all 'four' one and one 'four' all

Stanford women continue dancing their way through the tournament

by **Rick Eyrer**

Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer promises to show more of her dance moves should the Cardinal advance to the NCAA women's basketball championship game.

Senior **Karlie Samuelson** gave her a B-plus for her performance in the dance circle following Stanford's 76-75 victory over Notre Dame last Sunday in the Lexington regional final.

"I'm sure she'll get an 'A' at the Final Four," Samuelson said.

VanDerveer knows a thing or two about dancing, at least the basketball side of it. She's won 82 games in 'The Big Dance' and a couple more would be just fine with her.

Having survived a grueling schedule that included 16 games against 10 eventual NCAA tournament teams, VanDerveer has seen her teams rally from behind,

get knocked down and suffer devastating losses.

By the way, those 10 teams were 10-0 in the first round of the NCAAs.

The Cardinal, without much complaining, just kept getting up, dusting themselves off and go right back into the fray.

"We gave a great work ethic, great leadership and a cohesive team," VanDerveer said. "We don't have the best 1-on-1 players

in the tournament. But when you play as a team, look where we are."

The team concept bodes well for the Cardinal when it comes to crunch time. Which of Stanford's players are you going to try and take away with the game on the line?

The Cardinal has won with a balanced attack, featuring six different leading scorers and three

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STANFORD ROUNDUP

Forood reaches 400 career victories

Marquess looking for 1,600 baseball wins

by **Rick Eyrer**

Lele Forood took over women's tennis head coaching duties from her mentor **Frank Brennan**, who won 510 matches, an average of 24.25 wins a season, and 10 NCAA team titles during his 21 years at Stanford. The Cardinal reached the title match another four times under Brennan.

Taking over from a legend can be daunting but all Forood did was win a national title in her first year, with Stanford finishing

that season with an unlikely 30-0 record.

"Back in the fall, I could not foresee an undefeated season," Forood said at the time. "The fact that we were able to go undefeated in the Pac-10 (8-0) is a huge accomplishment. We came into this tournament with a mission and were able to keep our focus and take care of business."

It's been business as usual ever since, as Forood has guided

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Lele Forood addresses the crowd following her 400th career victory. Long-time associate **Frankie Brennan** is on the left.

Stanford roundup

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Stanford to eight NCAA titles through her first 16 years.

On Sunday, the eighth-ranked Cardinal beat visiting Hawai'i, 4-0, handing Forood her 400th career victory.

Forood, midway through her 17th season at the helm after serving as an assistant and associate head coach for the previous 14 years, improved to 400-38 (.913 winning percentage) in her career. She's also averaging 24.25 wins a season.

In addition to her national titles, Forood has also guided Stanford to 12 conference crowns, produced five NCAA singles champions, and five NCAA doubles champions.

The Cardinal (12-1) won its eighth in a row and remained unbeaten in nine matches at home.

Stanford plays five of its final seven matches on the road, starting with a visit to Utah on Friday at 12:30 p.m.

Baseball

Stanford coach Mark Marquess, who announced this would be his final season at the helm, needs one victory to reach 1,600 for his career.

That could come as early as Friday, when the Cardinal (14-6, 2-1) opens a home series with top-ranked Oregon State (21-1, 6-0) at 6 p.m.

Mitty grad Kris Bubic (2-3, 3.48) gets the starting nod against Beavers' Luke Heimlich (4-0, 0.42).

Stanford ace Tristan Beck, an All-American last season, has yet to throw a pitch this year. Bubic, who moved into the Friday night slot, has a team-leading 42 strikeouts in 31 innings. Last season, Stanford snapped a 12-game losing streak to the Beavers with a 6-0 win in the second game of the series. The Cardinal swept the 2010 series, but has lost the last six series and 16 of the last 18 games. Sunday's scheduled starter Chris

Castellanos shut out the Beavers in 6 1/3 innings last season and has a 2.92 ERA in 12 1/3 innings (3 appearances) against Oregon State. It has been nearly nine years since Stanford hosted the No. 1 team in the nation and the Cardinal took two of three against top-ranked Arizona State between April 4-6, 2008.

Stanford is 11-2 at home this year and has won 18 of the last 20 games played at Sunken Diamond.

Junior Quinn Brodey was a double from the cycle, freshman Will Matthiessen earned his first win and junior reliever Colton Hock moved up the Stanford baseball record books as the No. 15 Cardinal downed Long Beach State, 7-3, in a Tuesday matinee at Sunken Diamond.

Women's water polo

Two-time Olympic gold medalist Maggie Steffens scored a career-high seven goals and Stanford beat CSU Bakersfield, 19-2, at home on Saturday. Katie Dudley also had a hat trick for the Cardinal, which played its first game since March 12 after the team wrapped up finals for the winter quarter this week. The second-ranked Cardinal (15-1, 2-0 MPSF) plays at Cal in the Big Splash on Sunday at 4 p.m. in a game that will be televised by Pac-12 Networks.

Men's tennis

William Genesen struck again Wednesday, as he claimed his second career clinching point in as many matches in leading the No. 22 Cardinal to a 4-0 win over host San Diego State.

The Cardinal (10-4) cruised in doubles as Michael Genender and Sameer Kumar trounced Santiago Cevallos and Nicholas Mitchell 6-3 in the No. 2 position before Brandon Sutter and David Wilczynski matched the score at the three spot to take a 1-0 lead.

The Cardinal returns home for two Pac-12 matches this weekend with Arizona and Utah coming to the Farm. Match time against the Wildcats on Friday is 3 p.m. at the Taube Family Tennis Stadium. ■

championship will be held April 8 at Cal, followed by the NCAA championships at West Point beginning April 21. Stanford (12-2, 4-1 MPSF) is led by **Akash Modi**, who is a finalist for the Nissen-Emery Award, given annually to the top senior gymnast in the NCAA. One of the most decorated gymnasts in Stanford history, Modi is a 12-time All-American in the all-around (3), parallel bars (3), floor (2), high bar (2) and pommel horse (2). In addition, Modi has claimed NCAA titles in the all-around, high bar and parallel bars. He currently ranks first in the nation in all-around.

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Sports Shorts

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10, 6-8 MPSF) men's volleyball team plays its final regular season home matches at Maples Pavilion, hosting No. 5 UC Irvine (16-6, 10-5 MPSF) on Friday at 8 p.m. and UC San Diego (7-15, 3-11 MPSF) on Saturday at 6 p.m. Stanford ranks 14th nationally with 12.11 kills per set, while also appearing in the top 20 as a team in digs (8.78), assists (11.34) and blocks (2.20) per set. Individually, **Kevin Rakestraw's** .426 hitting percentage is ninth in the nation, while junior **Evan Enriques** is 11th with 2.40 digs per set.

Vaulting Ahead . . . The second-ranked Stanford men's gymnastics team completes its regular season Saturday, hosting No. 12 California at 4 p.m. in Burnham Pavilion. The Mountain Pacific Sports Federation



Erica McCall has had double-digit rebounds in eight of her last 10 NCAA Tournament games and double-doubles in five of her last nine.

Womens hoops

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players (Erica McCall, Brittany McPhee, Samuelson) averaging over 12 points per game for the first time since 2010-11 (Nneka Ogumike, Jeanette Pohlen, Kayla Pedersen).

In her last 14 games, Alanna Smith is averaging a team-high 14.1 points, 6.6 rebounds and 2.1 blocks.

Wherever you turn, there's going to be somebody with quality NCAA experience who has been there and done that. Seven of the current players have scored in double figures in at least one NCAA contest during their careers.

"We deserve what we're getting," Samuelson said. "We have no drama. We do it for each other."

That will be the mindset when Stanford (32-5) meets South Carolina (31-4) for a 5 p.m. tip-off Friday inside the American Airlines Center in Dallas.

South Carolina coach Dawn Staley was on the Virginia teams Stanford beat in the Final Four in 1990 and 1992 en route to its two national championships. Staley was also VanDerveer's point guard on the 1996 Olympic team which won gold in Atlanta.

"My team has worked hard all year," Stanford senior McCall said. "This is something we have discussed a lot. Tara will do anything for our team. We really want to get the championship for her."

McCall has recorded double-digit rebounds in eight of her last 10 NCAA tournament games and double-doubles in five of her last nine.

Samelson has made 30-of-51 3-pointers (.588) in NCAA tournament games the past two years combined.

"Our seniors could not be more perfect," McPhee said. "They are

the best leaders. They are willing to help and they never, never, give up on anyone. They are the first ones here and the last ones to leave."

Senior Bri Roberson thinks it all starts with VanDerveer, who has over 1,000 career victories stuffed into her resume.

"She told us that seniors set the example for everyone," Roberson said. "Seniors may be out having fun but this is what we wanted and this is where we are. Multiple times this team has shown resiliency."

Stanford has been down by at least seven points and come back to win six times this season, including in five of its last six games.

"This team I can use for the future to show what playing together can do," VanDerveer said. "To get here, we all had to stick together. The coaching staff sticks together. We don't let anything bother us. When we're healthy, anything can happen."

VanDerveer said the team always looks for good omens, such as beating Notre Dame on the same court in Lexington the last

time the Cardinal went to the Final Four.

Perhaps they need look no further than the women's volleyball team, a No. 6 seed with a bunch of young players led by an All-American senior, which won the national title in December.

McCall and volleyball's Inky Ajanaku are similar in that they each have a vivacious personality that works like a magnet to bring people into the fold. They are also two of the most competitive athletes when it comes time to take control on the court.

The volleyball title was unexpected because of the many freshmen on the team and because they lost a powerful player, defensively and offensively, due to a season-ending injury.

Both teams finished the Pac-12 season in a tie for second place, each with 15 wins, one game behind the leader, and both teams lost more often at home than they did on the road. And both teams needed to rally from big deficits to win the regional final and advance to the Final Four.

"I'd love it if this were a destiny thing," VanDerveer said. "This has been an incredible year and we want the best to be ahead of us." ■



Bri Roberson



Marta Sniezek is averaging 4.4 assists per game this season.



Karlie Samuelson is 30-of-51 on 3-pointers in tournament games the past two years.

PREP BASEBALL

A big baseball victory for the Gators

Palo Alto maintains control of the SCVAL

by Rick Eyrer

John Gardner started it with a two-out RBI single and it blossomed into a four-run inning as Sacred Heart Prep stunned host Carlmont, 5-1, in a Peninsula Athletic League contest Wednesday.

Gardner and Eric DeBrine each had two hits for the Gators (5-7-1, 2-1), who handed the Scots (10-1-1, 2-1) their first loss of the season. Schafer Kraemer drove in two runs.

Carlmont, ranked fifth in the Central Coast Section by Prep-2Prep, visits Sacred Heart Prep for a 4 p.m. game Friday.

Cole Spina (3-0, 1.99) did not allow an earned run on four hits. He walked one and struck out five in recording his first complete game of the season.

"Spina did a great job," Gators' coach Anthony Granato said. "He was locating with his fastball and was using his breaking ball and change-up effectively to keep them off balance. He's done a good job all year."

Carlmont scored its lone run in the third, though for a while it appeared that would be all the Scots would need.

After Gardner tied it, though, the Sacred Heart Prep bats came alive.

"They have a good staff and you have to commit to quality at-bats if you want to have a chance offensively," Granato said.

DeBrine, one of the leading scorers for the Sacred Heart Prep boys basketball team, has made a smooth transition to baseball. He's the team leader in batting average at .483 and is second on the team with 14 hits despite missing the first few games of the season.

"DeBrine is a good left-handed bat in our lineup as well as a solid left fielder," said Granato. "He's been playing with confidence and knows he can be a big contributor to our offense. He's a unique athlete because of his height and slim frame but is pretty smooth with his swing and movements."

He's also tied for third, with Nathan Fleischli, on the team with

five RBI. Junior catcher John McGrory and Kraemer share the lead with eight.

Kraemer (.395), Jack Molumphy (.342, .519 on-base) and Brendan Semien (.360, .543 on-base) have also been key contributors for Sacred Heart Prep.

Meanwhile, in the SCVAL, Palo Alto continues to roll along.

Ryan Chang added a two-hitter to his resume, pitching the Vikings to a 3-0 victory over visiting Homestead on Wednesday.

Palo Alto (12-3, 7-0) travels to Homestead in a 4 p.m. rematch Friday. The Vikings, ranked No. 11 in the CCS, maintain a two-game edge on No. 7 Los Gatos. The teams meet the week of April 10.

Chang (4-0) has thrown two consecutive shutouts and has allowed one run in his past 27 innings. He gave up 10 hits in a narrow, 5-4, victory over Sacred Heart Prep on March 2 and has allowed a combined 10 hits in his four starts since.

Chang struck out six and did not walk a batter for the second



Jack Molumphy is batting .342 and has a .519 on-base percentage for the Gators.

straight game. He retired 18 of the first 19 batters he faced and 21 of 24 overall.

On Tuesday, Menlo baseball held off San Mateo, 3-2, in a Peninsula Athletic League-Ocean Division game. The Knights (6-4, 3-0) travel to Menlo-Atherton on Thursday for a 4 p.m. game.

James Sullivan pitched a two-hitter and did not allow an earned run and Menlo-Atherton topped host Aragon, 5-2, in a PAL contest on Tuesday.

The Dons are ranked 21st in the

CCS.

The Bears (5-5-1, 2-0-1) host Menlo School in a 4 p.m. PAL game Thursday.

Daniel Heimuli, Nick Prainito and Oliver Biley each had two hits and drove in a run for M-A.

Also on Tuesday, Pinewood's Bo Fick pitched a two-hitter, recorded four hits, including a home run and two doubles, and drove in seven runs as the Panthers beat Alma Heights, 21-1, in a Private Schools Athletic League South contest. ■

PREP ROUNDUP

Track and field season hitting its stride

Local teams are poised for big efforts in CCS competition

by Glenn Reeves

Gunn has been blessed in recent years with elite girls distance runners. And while Joyce Shea, this year's top runner, is not at the level of a Sarah Robinson or a Gillian Meeks, runners who combined for multiple Central Coast Section and state championships, she is the kind of runner that coaches hold in high regard because she maximizes her natural ability.

Shea was a double winner Wednesday, taking the 1,600 in 5:19.91 and the 3,200 (11:26.16) to lead the Gunn girls to an 89-38 victory over visiting Lynbrook in a SCVAL track and field meet.

Shea doesn't have a lot of base 400 speed, but is so superbly conditioned that she is coming close to her 400 PR in the pace she runs for the longer races she specializes in.

Plumer believes the best is yet to come for Shea, a junior.

"She can definitely run in college," Plumer said. "She's suited for the 5K and the 10K."

Margaret Redfield is another top performer for the Gunn girls. She won the high jump at 5-2, took second in the triple jump and third in the discus against Lynbrook.

"She barely practices the discus and has still thrown over 80 feet," Plumer said. "Amazing athleticism. A silent superstar."

The high jump is Redfield's specialty. She's cleared 5-4, which

puts her in contention for a state meet berth.

Jonas Enders was a triple winner for the Gunn boys, winning all three distance events. He took the 1,600 (4:40.13) and the 800 in a PR time of 2:04.52.

"I told him, that's enough for the day," Plumer said. "You're going to run at Stanford this weekend."

But he said, "Don't you want me to run the 3,200? I think I can win all three and when will I have another chance to do that?"

So Plumer relented and let Enders run the 3,200. He won in 10:22.76, just ahead of Lynbrook's Hugo Wu (10:22.94).

The Palo Alto boys team improved to 3-0 in SCVAL competition with a fairly easy, 90-37, victory over visiting Milpitas on Tuesday.

The Palo Alto girls, however, needed some big points out of its group of distance runners to outscore the Trojans, 72-55. The Vikings had an overwhelming 35-1 advantage in the 400 through the 3,200.

Julie Doubson was a double winner in the 800 and 1,600. Zoe Douglas won the 3,200 and Titilola Bolarinwa, one of the top quarter-milers in the CCS, won the 400 in 1:00.33. Freshman Ella Ball followed Bolarinwa across the finish line in 1:01.34.

Bolarinwa has a best of 59.03 on the season.

"She is just learning how to run the 400," Palo Alto coach Michael Davidson said. "I have high

hopes for her. We're hoping for a sub-55 time by the end of the season."

Kent Slaney (4:39.28), Reed Foster (4:41.42) and Samuel Craig (4:42.32) swept the 1,600 without straining too much.

"They were saving some energy for the Stanford Invitational," Davidson said of the meet which takes place this weekend.

Menlo-Atherton coach Alan Perry was asked about his team's objectives this season.

"Our first big goal is a league championship for varsity boys and girls," Perry said. "And then qualifying as many athletes as possible for CCS."

If the results from Saturday's Firebird Relays are any indication, the Bears look to have a good shot at achieving those goals.

Terrance Matthews-Murphy placed high in three individual events to pace the M-A boys to a fourth-place finish.

Also a key contributor to the NorCal champion Menlo-Atherton football team, Matthews-Murphy placed third in the 100 (11.33), third in the 200 (22.66) and second in the discus (141-6). A sprinter who also takes part in a throwing event isn't completely unusual at the high school level, but doesn't happen often.

"To be as good as he is is pretty rare," Perry said.

Matthews-Murphy has a best of 155 in the discus. His time in the 200 at the Firebird was a PR by a half second. ■

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Zion Gabriel

EASTSIDE PREP BASKETBALL

The sophomore guard set a state championship record by making eight 3-pointers in Eastside Prep's 63-40 victory over Rolling Hills Prep in the state Division V championship game.



Sid Chari

MENLO TENNIS

The Knights' No. 1 singles player, the junior helped Menlo finish third at the prestigious National Invitational in Southern California last weekend. He won key matches in singles and doubles.

Honorable mention

Titilola Bolarinwa

Palo Alto track and field

Alexandra Chan

Menlo track and field

Corinne Charlton

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Anysa Gray

Priory track and field

Margaret Redfield

Gunn track and field

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