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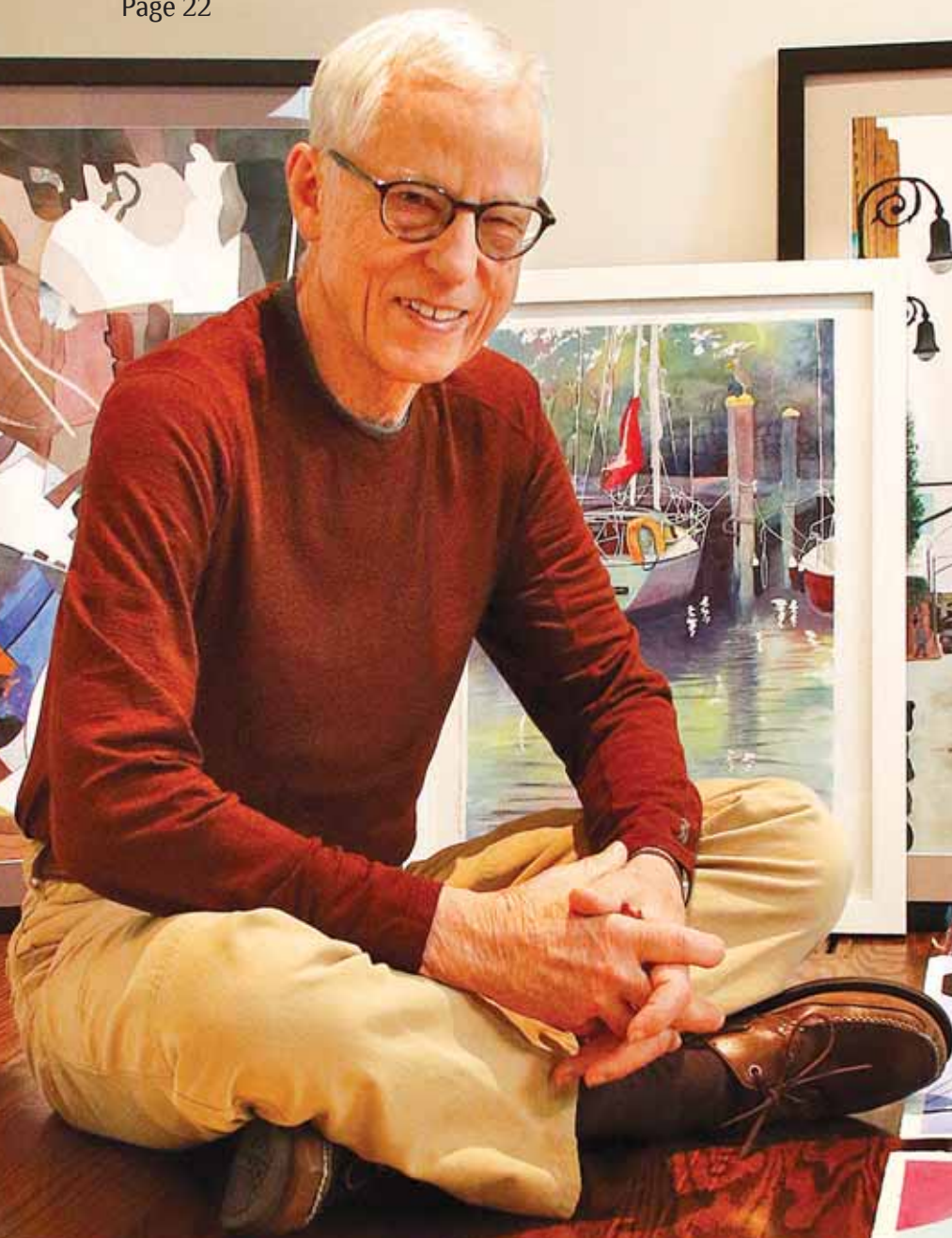
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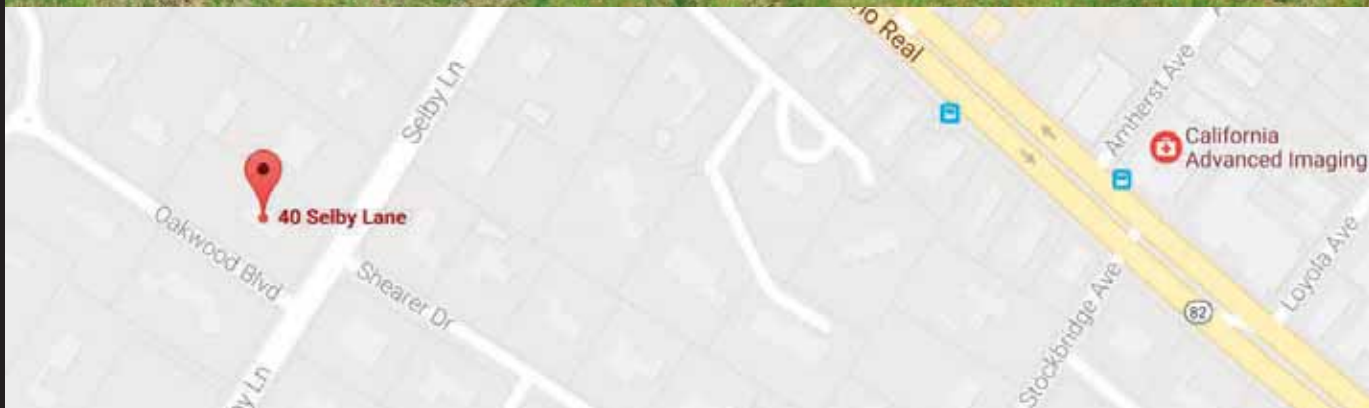


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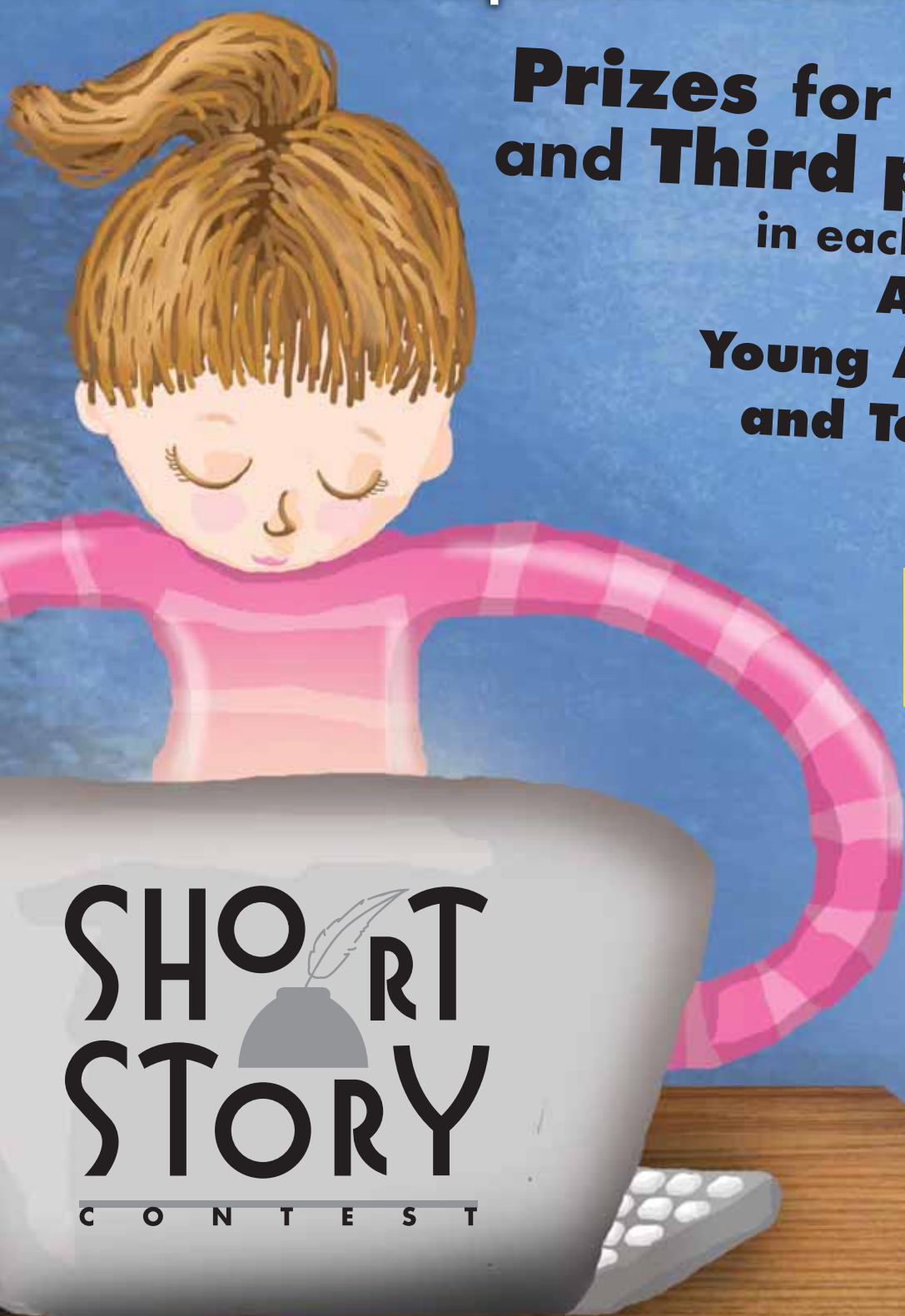
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Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

Study urges paid parking in downtown Palo Alto

City to consider parking meters, pay stations as ways to improve efficiency, raise revenue

by Gennady Sheyner

Sometime in the not-too-distant future, a visitor to downtown Palo Alto could be asked to pay for a scarce and coveted resource that for decades has been offered for free: a parking spot.

In the heart of downtown, around University and Hamilton avenues, parking meters would

be installed next to every parking spot. In the more peripheral areas, along Lytton and Forest avenues, pay stations at both ends of each block would receive visitors' parking fees.

Parkers would pay with credit cards or via their phones; parking enforcers would cruise around

with license plate readers; pricing incentives would replace time restrictions at downtown garages; and no one would talk about the "lime" and "coral" zones anymore.

That's the vision being offered by the city's newly released Downtown Parking Management Study, a long-awaited document that could spell a dramatic shift in downtown's parking policies. The City Council will review the document on Tuesday.

If the new vision is adopted, the

city's existing parking system — by which downtown is divided into four color zones, with three-hour parking limits in each zone — would be abolished. Instead, the area would be split into tiers, with parking in the more central area costing more than along the more distant blocks.

The recommendation to adopt paid parking is hardly surprising. In recent years, City Manager James Keene and planning staff have often talked about the need to charge for parking. Last December, during a

council discussion of a new downtown garage, Keene alluded to the impending downtown parking study and said he is "absolutely certain the recommendation we'll be making is a shift to paid parking."

The new report from the Department of Planning and Community Environment, which commissioned consultant Dixon Resources Unlimited to conduct the study, reaffirms this position. Given the

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Costumed commentary

Visitors to the Anderson Collection modern art museum at Stanford University take in the intricate details of buttons, beads and fabric that make up one of the eight sculptural "Soundsuits," created by artist Nick Cave, which offer commentary on current events. They are on display through Aug. 14.

Veronica Weber

DEVELOPMENT

Judge rules against developer in Edgewood case

Sand Hill Property owes City of Palo Alto nearly a quarter-million dollars

by Sue Dremann

Edgewood Plaza Shopping Center owner Sand Hill Property Company must pay \$248,250 in back penalties for leaving the shopping center without a functioning grocery store, Administrative Judge Lance Bayer ruled on April 2.

The decision comes after two days of testimony and arguments, which took place Feb. 13 and March 6, after Edgewood developer John Tze sought relief from fines of up to \$5,000 per day for allegedly violating the city's Planned Community

(PC) ordinance governing the property. Under the ordinance, Sand Hill is required to provide a grocery store on the property as a public benefit. Sand Hill has already paid the city \$630,500 in penalties.

Sand Hill's attorney, David Lanferman, had argued the PC ordinance does not spell out a guarantee for an *operating* grocery store and that enforcing a guarantee is "an illusory condition." But in a 12-page decision, Bayer found "without merit" Sand Hill's arguments that it is responsible only

for providing the building for a grocery store.

City of Palo Alto's lead attorney, Terence Howzell, had argued that the ordinance, which was revised in November 2013 after Sand Hill erroneously demolished one of the historic Joseph Eichler buildings, requires "the commercial property owner shall ensure the continued use of the 20,600-square-foot building as a grocery store for the life of the project." Bayer agreed that

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TRANSPORTATION

City to 'dig deep' on new California Avenue garage

City Council agrees to maximize parking and include two basement levels, despite higher costs

by Gennady Sheyner

S spurred by impassioned pleas from California Avenue merchants, the Palo Alto City Council agreed Monday night to dramatically increase the number of spaces in a new garage planned for the business district.

Despite numerous disagreements about the optimal design for the facility, the council coalesced around a four-story garage with an additional two underground levels and no space for retail. The garage, planned for a city-owned parking lot at Sherman Avenue and Birch Street, would have a total of 636 parking spaces. The net addition would be 315 spaces — roughly double the number that was envisioned for the garage two years ago.

The council chose this alternative from a menu of seven options, two of which included retail, in keeping with direction that the council provided in December 2015. The other five were all devoted exclusively to parking, though they varied by size and the number of underground levels.

If things go as planned, construction would commence next year and be completed by summer 2019. The city would then shift its attention to building a new public-safety building on another city-owned lot, across the street from the new garage.

By agreeing to scrap retail space from the garage plan, the council went along with the overwhelming sentiment from California Avenue's business community, where the idea of going not just "big" but "as big as possible" has been gaining traction in recent weeks. Owners of 20 businesses — including La Bodeguita del Medio,

The Cobblery, The Counter, Molly Stone's, Izzy's Bagels, Sundance the Steakhouse and Zombie Runner — co-signed a letter to the council this week, urging the council to include as many spaces in the new facility as it can.

Without sufficient parking, the letter states, customers will stop coming and employees will be forced to park in residential neighborhoods. The long-term stability of California Avenue, they wrote, requires a parking structure with two levels of underground parking and at least three or four levels above ground.

"Certainly, the cost of the new structure is significant, but this is a one-time opportunity to help alleviate the parking demand and make a forward-thinking capital investment in the future and continued success of our community and business district," the letter states.

Mike Meffert, a real estate agent who owns a building on California Avenue, made his case to the council in person. He has seen tenants over the years depart because of insufficient parking, he said.

"It's the capacity of parking spaces that we're looking for — not retail and not nice arcades," Meffert said.

The issue is becoming urgent with the impending rollout of the Residential Preferential Parking program in Evergreen Park and Mayfield, the neighborhoods surrounding California Avenue. Once the program goes into effect later this month, employees without parking permits will no longer be able to park on residential streets for longer than two hours.

Jennifer Allen, co-owner of PIP

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Upfront

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



We don't know what we're zoning for.



— Tom DuBois, Palo Alto councilman, on proposed parking garage. See story on page 9.

Around Town

SHAKY START ... Palo Alto officials know all too well by now that setting up a new residential parking permit isn't for the faint of heart. With residents and workers sparring over issues like permit allocations, zone boundaries and special exemptions for health care providers, designing a system that pleases everyone is a delicate — if not impossible — task. Implementing the system is no picnic either. This week, the City Council received a fresh report about the city's latest efforts to sell permits for its two Residential Preferential Parking programs — the brand new one in **Evergreen Park-Mayfield** and the evolving one downtown. As of Sunday night, the city had sold more than 3,000 residential permits downtown and 325 permits for the two neighborhoods around California Avenue, City Manager **James Keene** told the council. Employees in the California Avenue area recently became eligible to buy permits as well, with preference given to those on the garage waiting list and to low-income workers. On April 9, all other employees will become eligible for purchasing permits to park in the residential areas. So far, not everything has gone according to plan. Keene said the city's contractors have been struggling with the number of calls they've been receiving. Keene said staff has asked the company to fix the problem. The city also plans to provide additional support in the City Hall lobby. The city plans to begin enforcement in downtown on April 17 and in the Evergreen Park area on April 24, though there will be a few weeks of warnings before citations are handed out.

IT'S NOT GQ, BUT STILL ...

Palo Alto City Manager **James Keene** earned kudos from the City Council this week after he was named as one of the "Top 25 Doers, Dreamers and Drivers" by the magazine, Government Technology. So why was Keene, a folksy fellow known to quote **Bob Dylan** and **Emily Dickinson**, singled out as one of the nation's top IT drivers? The magazine praised him for his "fresh and thoughtful" ideas and cites an article he co-wrote with the city's Chief Information Officer **Jonathan Reichental**, identifying top

problems (including bureaucratic centralization and lots of hardware) and offering solutions (moving to the cloud, partnering with private companies). Mayor **Greg Scharff** announced Keene's award on Monday night, though he had some reservations about the name. "I was a little concerned that you were named one of the top drivers," Scharff said. "You need to ride your bike some more." Keene said his wife was more concerned about the "dreamer" part of the designation. "My wife over the years has said that she should've married a handyman, rather than a dreamer," he said.

WHEN TWO WORLDS COLLIDE

... A speaker series on "Understanding Islam" that kicked off in Palo Alto on April 3, offered real-life examples of what it's like to be a Muslim-American. The sold-out event at the **Lucie Stern Theatre** was moderated by Santa Clara County Supervisor **Joe Simitian**. Author **Sumbul Ali-Karamali** shared parts of her childhood growing up in Southern California, where she recalled a high school memory during Ramadan, when Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset for 30 days, and still had to run a mile for the Presidential Fitness Test. "I sucked it up," she said. **Jihad Turk**, president of the **Bayan Claremont Islamic Graduate School**, shed some light on how finding a place for the ritual five daily prayers can lead to strange encounters. As a college student in the early '90s when he attended a **San Francisco Giants** game, the time came around for the ritual and he and some friends found a quiet hallway to bow and prostrate as they usually did when an intoxicated lady came up to them and asked "Are you guys all right?" Islam Networks Group executive director **Maha Eigenaidi** honed it in when she explained how culture and religion interact with one another. She'll eat all sorts of food like Italian, Mexican and Middle Eastern cuisine, but won't eat pork or consume alcohol. She'll also still shop at **Macy's** or **Nordstrom**, but purchases modest apparel. "I don't have to buy my clothes or eat food from Muslim-majority countries. Culturally, I'm an American." ■

TRANSPORTATION

Menlo eyes separating Caltrain tracks from roads

Council chooses two options; an added third rail line to be studied

by Kate Bradshaw

The Menlo Park City Council is pursuing two options to separate Menlo Park roads from the Caltrain tracks.

One option would place Ravenswood Avenue in an underpass beneath the rail line. The preliminary estimated cost of that option is between \$140 million and \$190 million.

The other option would elevate the Caltrain tracks at three crossings: Ravenswood, Oak Grove and Glenwood avenues. Three of the five council members — Rich Cline, Catherine Carlton and Mayor Kirsten Keith — expressed support for this option at Tuesday night's council meeting. The preliminary estimated cost of this option is between \$280 million and \$380 million.

A third option that had been under consideration has been dropped. That would have separated only Ravenswood and Oak Grove (not Glenwood) from the Caltrain tracks at a preliminary estimated cost of between \$230 million to \$310 million. Councilman Peter Ohtaki said he preferred that lower-cost option.

"I think we need what we can get that has most likelihood of happening in our lifetimes," Ohtaki said, pointing out that the current administration in Washington,

D.C., is not likely to offer funding support for the project.

As part of the two options selected by the council, the possibility of an added third rail line, or a "passing" track, through the city will be examined.

While Menlo Park has a policy that it does not support a third rail line, the ongoing study that has produced the two options is funded, in large part, by a grant from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority via Measure A, a countywide half-cent sales tax. Consideration of a third rail track was made a condition of the grant.

Just how far that grant requires Menlo Park to go to plan for a possible third rail line is somewhat ambiguous. City staff has consulted legal experts, including Caltrain representatives, but not those from the transportation authority.

Carlton, Keith and Ohtaki voted to add a potential third track on the outside of the existing tracks, likely the east side, rather than between the tracks. People would board and exit trains from a central platform between the existing two tracks, rather than having the separate north- and south-bound boarding platforms that exist now.

That would minimize the amount the rail area would have to be expanded and would enable

simpler plans if a third rail line ends up not being necessary, according to staff.

That said, Menlo Park resident Steve van Pelt pointed out during a public comment period Tuesday night that if plans for a passing track move forward, Menlo Park will have to coordinate with neighboring cities to make sure those track lines connect; the city may not have much say where the third rail goes.

Cline said in a message to the Almanac that he supports whatever option will fit with neighboring cities' rail lines.

Councilman Ray Mueller did not vote on either measure because he said he does not support a third rail track through Menlo Park and wanted the council to meet in a closed session to talk about what exactly the legal requirements of the grant are with the transportation authority.

Cline said the project isn't the far-sighted, "50- to 100-year project" that staff claim it is.

"If we were to really consider this seriously as a 50- to 100-year project," he said, "we would be talking about tunneling (the tracks) right now."

"We're not being bold," he said.

Trains should go underground, not above ground, he told the council. Yet in his experience, he said, proposals for underground train tunnels "died at the dais every single time," mostly because they're very expensive, and funds are hard to come by.

"If we don't tunnel this route, we are fools," Cline later wrote in a message to the Almanac.

"Wouldn't it be fabulous,"

suggested Carlton, "if Menlo Park were to join with neighboring cities to somehow find a way to place a tunnel beneath the roadway and have a continuous bike and pedestrian path above the tracks?"

But she noted that her preference, of the options presented, was to study three crossing separations.

Menlo Park resident Chris Kilburn told the council that he lived in Boston during its "Big Dig" project, which was under construction between 1991 and 2006. He admitted it was a pain while under construction (and cost billions and took years more than expected), but since it has opened, it has transformed and reconnected the city.

Keith said she would "love" to put the rails underground, but added: "I don't see that happening. ... These are tough decisions. That's why nothing's been done for decades on this." ■

Staff Writer Kate Bradshaw writes for the Almanac, the Weekly's sister paper. She can be reached at kbradshaw@almanacnews.com.



A photo simulation of the intersection of the Caltrain tracks and Ravenswood Avenue in Menlo Park, looking east, shows the configuration if Ravenswood were to cross in an underpass below the tracks.

TRANSPORTATION

Palo Alto looks to bring public on board for 'grade separation' debate

City plans to launch outreach with a May 20 community meeting

by Gennady Sheyner

Faced with a new set of challenges and opportunities, as well as a transformed political landscape, the Palo Alto City Council's Rail Committee is embarking on a new direction.

Once a premier venue for criticizing California's proposed high-speed rail project, the four-member group is now dedicating its efforts to a far more popular idea: rebuilding the city's four rail crossings to fully separate Caltrain from local streets.

On Monday night, the City Council is scheduled to adopt a new charter for the committee, with a greater focus on reconfiguring the crossings with underpasses and overpasses, known as grade separation. And on May 20, the city plans to host a community meeting in which residents will be asked to weigh in on the best way to achieve this goal — an early step in what promises to be a long

and intense outreach process.

The Rail Committee, which consists of Chairman Tom DuBois, Mayor Greg Scharff and Councilmen Eric Filseth and Adrian Fine, approved the first phase in this process Wednesday morning.

The new charter won't shift the committee's focus so much as underscore its recent efforts and acknowledge the new political realities. On the one hand, both the high-speed rail system and Caltrain's electrification effort are now facing significant financial and political hurdles, including the federal government's recent decision to withhold from Caltrain an expected \$647 million grant for electrification. On the other hand, Santa Clara County's recently passed Measure B dedicates \$700 million for grade separations in Palo Alto, Mountain View and Sunnyvale — money that has brought a sense of hope and urgency to Palo Alto's

dreams to improve the railway.

At its recent meetings, the rail committee acknowledged both of these shifts when it unanimously endorsed a new charter and began to map the outreach process to get community buy-in for grade separations. So far, the process involves setting up a Technical Advisory Committee consisting of experts from various transit organizations (including the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and Caltrain), holding community meetings and working with Project for Public Spaces, a nonprofit that specializes in getting the public involved in designing large-scale projects.

The first big meeting will take place on May 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feedback from the workshop will be analyzed and used for crafting future steps. Concurrently, city staff will try to set up the technical committee and hold a meeting

to gauge feedback from partner agencies.

City Manager James Keene said Wednesday that the May event will give staff a good idea of the public's level of interest in grade separations, as well as give the city a chance to tap into the community's expertise.

The charter change, which the council is expected to approve on its consent calendar, doesn't entirely eliminate reference to high-speed rail. It does, however, signal that fighting the project is no longer a top priority. The preamble, which was proposed by Keene and accepted by the committee, states: "While the Committee in the past has focused on High Speed Rail, Caltrain grade separations and electrification will be the essential focus of the Committee for 2017-2018."

Members of the committee generally agreed at their March 22 meeting that the new guiding principles should clearly declare Palo Alto's strong support for Caltrain improvements; the city's desire to improve east-west connectivity and traffic circulation; its plan to "advocate strenuously" for Measure B funding and other external funding sources for grade separation; its desire to work with neighboring communities on this issue; and its support for Context

Sensitive Solutions, an intensive public-outreach process, for grade separations.

There was some debate, however, as to whether opposition to high-speed rail should remain the city's official position, which DuBois argued that it should, even if the project isn't likely to happen, and his three colleagues leaning the other way.

Fine noted that Palo Alto has always been clear about how it views high-speed rail, but that the situation has changed.

"I don't see it on the radar at the moment," Fine said. "I'm not sure how it helps us to bring it into this charter."

The committee ultimately agreed to retain some references to the city's opposition to high-speed rail, noting in one of its guiding principles that the project "should be terminated."

"If the project proceeds, CHSRA (California High Speed Rail Authority) should provide funding for affected cities to analyze potential impacts," the new guiding principles state. "Palo Alto believes that CHSRA should fund grade separations and should not commence service until they are complete." ■

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News Digest

Speed limits could rise on two sections of road

The City of Palo Alto could raise speed limits along two sections of East Bayshore Road in south Palo Alto and modify a few other streets to slow traffic down if the City Council approves of the proposal this summer.

A citywide traffic-speed survey found that several streets don't comply with California's 85th percentile rule, which requires speed limits to be set at the average speed of 85 percent of vehicles on the roadway. The law is designed to prevent law-enforcement speed traps.

The engineering and speed survey determined which roads were out of compliance and how the problem could be remedied. Staff held two workshops in early March seeking community input on proposed changes to slow traffic to comply with posted speeds, except for on two parts of East Bayshore Road where speeds would increase to 40 mph.

In north Palo Alto, modifications would be required on University Avenue from Middlefield Road to Woodland Avenue; Alma Street from University Avenue to Embarcadero Road; Embarcadero Road segments east of U.S. Highway 101, from 101 to Middlefield Road and from Middlefield to Alma Street. South Palo Alto changes would include speed limit raises on two segments of East Bayshore Road from Embarcadero Road to San Antonio Road; road modifications to reduce speeds on Middlefield Road from Oregon Expressway to the southern city limits; Coyote Hill Road from Page Mill Road to Hillview Avenue and Deer Creek Road from Page Mill Road to Arastradero Road.

Maps and information are available at: tinyurl.com/jlcoqwh. ■

— Sue Dremann

Fox researcher beseeches city to renew permit

City of Palo Alto officials have delivered bad news to Palo Alto's "Fox Guy," Bill Leikam: They are not renewing his permit to study the Palo Alto Baylands' gray foxes.

Leikam, co-founder of the Urban Wildlife Research Project, has studied the fox colony in the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve for eight years. But Daren Anderson, division manager of open space, parks and golf, told Leikam in a March 29 letter that he was getting too close to the animals, and as a result the foxes became too habituated to humans.

Anderson said in his letter that Leikam repeatedly failed to comply with his permit requirement to stay 75 feet away from the foxes, unintentionally contributing to their familiarity with humans. The contract expired on March 13; Leikam submitted a new contract, but that also was rejected, he said.

But Leikam denied he is the cause of the foxes' familiarity. The animals are habituated to humans because they are living in an urban environment where people are running, walking, biking and working in the vicinity, he said.

Anderson and Leikam met on Wednesday morning, April 5, to discuss the issue. Apparently some other staff members had questioned the scientific value of Leikam's work.

But Leikam came prepared with reports he has written and the backing of five other fox researchers — information of which Anderson was not previously aware, according to Leikam. Anderson agreed to take the information back to his boss for possible reconsideration of the permit, Leikam added. ■

— Sue Dremann

Principal leaving Jordan after one year

The principal of Jordan Middle School, Katie Kinnaman, will be leaving after one year on the job to move to Texas, she announced in an email to the school community on March 29.

Kinnaman, recently the principal of Gardner Bullis School in Los Altos Hills, also is a former Palo Alto Unified School District teacher; she was the school's third principal in as many years.

Kinnaman did not return requests for comment. In her message to the community, she said she will be relocating to Dallas, Texas, where her husband got a job.

In a memo, Superintendent Max McGee lauded Kinnaman for leaving a "sound legacy, despite her short time at Jordan's helm."

"She has such an upbeat, forward-looking persona that it really impacts the culture of the school and the community," he told the Weekly.

Kinnaman previously worked in the district as a special education aide, elementary school teacher and district-level teacher on special assignment before heading Gardner Bullis in 2013.

The district is conducting a "comprehensive" search for her replacement and is accepting internal and external applications, McGee said. He said he hopes to find someone who can follow in Kinnaman's footsteps and "who is going to stay for a few years, too."

McGee and Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Scott Bowers plan to meet with members of the Jordan community after spring break to discuss the "key qualities and qualifications that students, teachers, and parents want to see in the next principal," McGee wrote in his message. ■

— Elena Kadvany

NEIGHBORHOOD



Veronica Weber

The globe lights adorning the rooftop at College Terrace Center in Palo Alto (far left) have been left on at night, irking the neighbors.

Residents are glaring at lights atop College Terrace Centre

Neighbors say 'globe' lights shine into their homes, yards

by Sue Dremann

Globe lights on the rooftop of the new College Terrace Centre in Palo Alto are creating light pollution at night, which is affecting nearby homes and yards, according to the center's neighbors, some of whom are asking why the lights are being allowed.

The globes, which adorn the rooftop garden patio and gazebo at the newly built complex at 2100 El Camino Real, cast bright light as far as a block away, said residents on Yale Street.

Malcolm Slaney said the light is creating shadows in his backyard.

"The very fact that they are built into the rooftop garden, they are clearly overkill for task or safety reasons, (which) makes them objectionable. (The developers') application for the permit said that they would do as much as they could to keep office light from impinging on the neighborhood. That's good. But they have completely blown it on the rooftop globes. They could have

easily put a down-light in and been better neighbors," Slaney said in an email.

Pria Graves, another nearby resident, said the project's environmental analysis from October 2009 acknowledged the building had significant potential to create substantial light or glare and adversely affect day or nighttime views of neighbors. But the discussion focused on light emanating from inside the buildings,

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UTILITIES

Refuse rates set to rise this summer

City looks to increase rates for residential customers by 5 percent

by Gennady Sheyner

Garbage disposal is about to get a little pricier for Palo Alto residents.

The city is looking to raise residential rates by 5 percent in July as part of a three-year plan to match up revenues and costs. Refuse rates also increased rates by 9 percent in each of the past two years.

The three consecutive hikes were spurred by a cost-of-services study that showed that commercial customers were paying more than their fair share for refuse service, while residential customers were paying less. To comply with Proposition 218, which requires revenues to be proportional to costs, the city began to realign both commercial and residential rates. As part of the effort, residential rates will once again rise on July 1, while commercial rates will stay the same.

The 5 percent increase for residential customers will apply to all

four cart sizes, which range from 20 gallons to 96 gallons. Under the proposal, which the City Council's Finance Committee discussed Tuesday night, the monthly rate for the 20-gallon cart would go up by \$1.33, from \$26.48 to \$27.81. Rates for the 32-gallon cart, the 64-gallon cart and the 96-gallon cart would go up by \$2.38, \$4.77 and \$7.15, respectively.

According to a new report from Public Works, the proposed increase is smaller than what staff had in mind a year ago, when officials proposed an 8 percent rate hike this year. Since then, expense reductions by GreenWaste, the city's trash hauler, and by the Sunnyvale Materials and Recycling Transfer Station, where local refuse gets processed, prompted staff to revise its projections and recommendation.

With the new rate, Palo Alto customers will pay roughly twice the amount per month than their

counterparts in Menlo Park, where the least expensive rate is currently \$13.99. The new rate would also be well higher than the current rates in Mountain View (\$20.05) or Santa Clara (\$19.93), according to Public Works. It would, however, remain lower than in San Jose and Sunnyvale, which don't offer the option of a 20-gallon cart and where the least expensive rates are \$32.07 and \$38.23, respectively. ■

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TALK ABOUT IT
PaloAltoOnline.com

A conversation about increasing refuse rates is taking place on Town Square, the community discussion forum at PaloAltoOnline.com/square. Go there and search for "Refuse rates set to rise" to contribute your opinion and see what others are saying.

TRANSPORTATION

City plots next steps for new downtown garage

Five-story structure eyed on city-owned Waverley Street lot

by Gennady Sheyner

Days after they agreed to “go big” and “dig deep” on a new garage near California Avenue, Palo Alto officials are preparing to consider a similar move in the downtown area, where staff is banking on a new five-story structure to help solve the area’s dire parking problems.

Just like the earlier proposal, which the council approved on April 3, the new one could pit the City Council’s desire to boost parking supply against its commitment to zoning laws and height restrictions. The council is scheduled to weigh in April 11 on a garage that would occupy what is now a city-owned parking lot on the corner of Hamilton Avenue and Waverley Street. All three of the options proposed by Watry Design, Inc., the city’s consultants, call for a five-story structure. Two of the options wouldn’t have any basements; the main difference between them is that one would include retail space and the other wouldn’t.

The option without retail would have 303 spaces, for a net increase of 217 (the

existing lot has 86 spaces). The one with retail would have 291 spaces — a net increase of 205. This includes, however, the 16 spaces that would be required by law to support the new retail establishment.

The third and most ambitious option would have one underground level and a capacity for 351 spots, for a net increase of 265.

Much like with the California Avenue garage, more spots would necessarily mean more city spending. In this case, the basement option would push the price tag for the new garage to \$22.5 million, according to city staff’s projections. The other two options carry price tags of \$18.4 million (without retail) and \$19.3 million (with retail).

No matter which option is selected, the downtown garage would add a bulky, 50-foot-tall structure to one of the city’s most bustling and economically vital areas. The garage, like the one planned for the California Avenue area, will exceed “public facility”

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Cal Ave garage

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Printing, was one of several speakers Monday who urged the council to think more comprehensively about the parking’s effects on businesses.

“We business owners have been given slight consideration as to how a lack of parking affects us and, ultimately, our community when businesses leave,” Allen said. “Because we will leave.”

The Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce also weighed in on the larger parking facility. Chamber CEO Judy Kleinberg encouraged the city to pursue the greatest parking capacity possible and argued that parking space should not be sacrificed for things like retail or a pedestrian arcade. A garage with two underground levels, she argued in a letter, would go further in addressing California Avenue’s biggest problem and also help the city’s bottom line.

“The added permit parking on the subfloors would provide a steady revenue stream for garage maintenance, as well as other city needs,” Kleinberg wrote. “This is a far more sustainable strategy to obtain city revenue than a retail space that many believe would not be successful in this location while wasting precious parking space and at the same time requiring over a dozen parking spaces for its own use.”

While the vast majority of speakers at the council meeting called for maximum parking, not everyone felt that way. Irene Au, a resident of Evergreen Park, encouraged the council to think about design, aesthetics and “quality of life.”

“More parking spaces in the garage at the expense of ground-floor retail and pedestrian-friendly design are not going to solve the parking issue — there will always be an imbalance between cars and available spaces even if you have 100 more spaces in the garage,” Au wrote. “More parking will invite more traffic into the area and does not solve the systemic issue of transit in the area.”

Several council members agreed that having some retail at the site would be a benefit to the district. Council members Karen Holman and Lydia Kou both supported exploring a design with a small retail component on the building’s edge. Their proposal failed, however, to sway the rest of the council.

Despite some quibbles, the council overwhelmingly sided with the merchants. The biggest disagreement was over whether the new facility should have five above-ground stories and one basement level or four stories and two basement levels.

Each option has its benefits and drawbacks: The four-story option would be shorter and thus less noticeable — at 36 feet, it would be about 11 feet shorter than the five-story version. But with the two underground levels, it would cost \$34.8 million — roughly \$4 million more than the five-story option because of the high cost of digging basements.

Those who supported the four-story garage argued that it’s worth spending the extra money to ensure

the building won’t tower over other structures in California Avenue.

Those who favored the five-story facility pointed to the lower price tag.

Vice Mayor Liz Kniss, who was in the latter camp, called the five-story garage a “middle of the road” alternative in terms of cost (the estimates for the different design ranged from \$26.2 million to \$34.8 million) and a “good compromise.”

“Even though I’m hearing that these buildings may loom, this is in an area where many buildings are above 40 feet,” Kniss said, alluding to the nearby Santa Clara County Courthouse, which is 65 feet tall, and the new Visa building, which is 45 feet.

Her proposal faltered by a 3-6 vote, with only councilmen Greg Tanaka and Cory Wolbach joining her. The entire council then voted to support the four-story design with two basement levels, an option that was championed by Mayor Greg Scharff and Councilman Eric Filseth.

“I think we ought to stretch and dig deeper,” Filseth said. “Spending an extra \$4 million to keep it lower so it doesn’t loom over Antonio’s Nuthouse — I think in the long run we’ll find that’s money we’ve spent well.” ■

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Palo Alto Unified School District

Notice is hereby Given that proposals will be received by the Palo Alto Unified School District for bid packages:

Contract Name: Palo Alto High School Building 500 Library Modernization

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: Consist of but not limited to: Entire building modernization to renovate the building as a new library with mezzanine level along with counseling offices, college career center, classrooms, and student activities center. The project will include underground utility work, site work, concrete, cabinetry, mechanical, plumbing, fire protection, electrical, data, and fire alarm systems.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20111.6 only prequalified bidders will be eligible to submit a bid for this Project. See contract documents for further information.

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.

Bid Submission: Proposals must be received at the District Facilities Office building **D**, by **11:00 AM, Tuesday, May 02, 2017**.

PREVAILING WAGE LAWS: The successful Bidder must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the Project, and related requirements contained in the Contract Documents.

This Project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Compliance Monitoring Unit (“CMU”) of the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.3 and subject to the requirements of section 16450 et seq. of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall furnish certified payroll records directly to the Labor Commissioner weekly and within ten (10) days of any request by the District or the Labor Commissioner in accordance with section 16461 of the California Code of Regulations. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, of the Labor Code. The District shall withhold contract payments as described in the LCP, including applicable penalties when the District and Labor Commissioner establish that underpayment of other violations has occurred.

Bidders may examine Bidding Documents at Facilities Office, **Building “D”**. Bidders may purchase copies of Plans and Specifications for **\$500.00** at **ARC Document Solutions, 1100 Industrial Road, unit 13 San Carlos, CA 94070** Phone: (650) 631-2310 | Email: sancarlos@e-arc.com

All questions can be addressed to:

Palo Alto Unified School District
25 Churchill Avenue, Building D
Palo Alto, CA 94306-1099
Attn: Lori Larson
Phone: (650) 329-3927
Fax: (650) 327-3588

CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council (April 3)

Parking: The council directed staff to pursue a four-story garage with two levels of underground parking at a city-owned parking lot on Sherman Avenue. The vote was unanimous after a different proposal, for a five-story garage with one level of basement parking, was voted down 3-6, with Kniss, Tanaka and Wolbach supporting it. **Yes:** Unanimous

Council Finance Committee (April 4)

Refuse: The committee discussed and recommended approving the city’s plan to raise refuse rates by 5 percent on July 1. **Yes:** Unanimous

Council Rail Committee (April 5)

Grade separation: The committee approved the first phase in the city’s outreach plan to solicit community feedback on grade separations. **Yes:** Unanimous

Architectural Review Board (April 6)

400 Channing: The Architectural Review Board and the Historic Resources Board jointly discussed a proposal to demolish a one-story medical building at 400 Channing Ave. and to construct two, two-story homes at the site. Each board voted to continue the project, with the ARB asking the applicants to provide a tree-protection plan, a better landscaping plan and information about potential impacts of dewatering in constructing basements for the site. **Yes:** Unanimous

901 High St.: The Architectural Review Board and the Historic Resources Board jointly discussed a proposal to build a 17,942-square-foot mixed-use building with retail and 25 residential units on a vacant lot. The HRB voted 4-1, with Kohler dissenting, to find the project compatible with the requirements of the SOFA2 district. The ARB then voted to continue the project and request that the applicant revise it to either shift parking underground or to redesign the ground floor to provide better screening between the building and the surface parking lot. **Yes:** Unanimous



Peninsula Easter Services

Inspirations
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To inquire about
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paweb.com
or call 223-6596.

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Weekly**



Join Us for Easter!

Community Breakfast
8:30-10:00am, Fellowship Hall
Early Church: Small Group Gathering
8:30-9:30am, Chapel
Communal Worship Service with Brass
10:30-11:30am, Sanctuary
Children's Easter Egg Hunt
11:30am-12:00pm, Courtyard

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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PALO ALTO

- ❖ 6:15pm **Maundy Thursday — April 13**
Monastic Supper & Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar
- ❖ Noon to 2:00pm **Good Friday — April 14**
A service focused on "The Adversaries and Companions of Jesus"
- ❖ 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
- ❖ 8:00 to 9:30am *Festive Breakfast & Family Easter Activities*
- ❖ 10:00am *Festive Holy Eucharist*

600 Colorado Ave, P.A. (650) 326-3800
www.saint-marks.com

**Holy Week & Easter at
St. Bede's Episcopal Church**
2650 Sand Hill Rd, Menlo Park
www.stbedesmenlopark.org

- 7:30pm** **Maundy Thursday, April 13**
Eucharist with foot washing
- 12 noon** **Good Friday, April 14**
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
- 8:00am** **Easter Sunday, April 16**
Eucharist with organ, trumpet & hymns
- 10:15am** *Eucharist with organ, trumpet & choir*
- 11:30am Easter Egg Hunt
Nursery available 10-11:30am



CHRIST CHURCH

The Episcopal Parish of Portola Valley & Woodside

Sunday April 16: Sung Eucharist @ 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

815 Portola Road, Portola Valley; tel. (650) 851-0224
www.ccpvw.org



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Egg hunts on both days!



Grace Lutheran Church

3149 Waverley Street • Palo Alto, CA 94306 | www.gracepa.org | 650.494.1212

Holy Week

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)

Easter Sunday

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

Staffed child care available at all services.

Alleluia!

Holy Week Services

April 13 6:00 pm Seder Dinner
April 14 Noon & 7:00 pm Good Friday Services
April 16 9:30 am Easter Festival Service

Children's Easter Egg Hunt
after the service!



Bethany Lutheran Church

1095 Cloud Avenue, Menlo Park

650.854.5897 www.bethany-mp.org

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

555 WAVERLEY STREET, PALO ALTO, www.asaints.org



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

*No matter who you are
or where you are in your
faith journey,
you are welcome!*



EASTER
APRIL 16, 9 & 11AM

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 14, 7PM

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3505 Middlefield Rd.
Palo Alto, CA 94306

CITY HALL

City of Palo Alto payroll on the rise

Salary data shows a 3 percent increase in overall compensation in 2016

by Gennady Sheyner

Despite a small dip in employee headcount, the City of Palo Alto's payroll went up by 3 percent in 2016, an increase that was fueled in part by rising pension expenses, according to staff.

The city spent \$165.9 million on employee compensation in 2016, according to salary data released by the Administrative Services Department this week — an increase of about \$4.8 million from 2015. According to David Ramberg, assistant director of Administrative Services, the city's rising pension obligations contributed to about \$2.1 million

of the increase.

Another factor is the contracts that the city signed over the past three years with its labor unions — agreements that coupled regular annual salary increases with "market adjustments" that aim at bringing local salaries up to levels in comparable jurisdictions. These trends helped raise the city's overall spending on compensation despite a slight drop in the overall number of positions. Ramberg said the city had 1,546 paid positions last year, 15 fewer than in the year before.

Though expenses continue to rise, the increase was more

modest in 2016 than in either of the two prior years. Last year, the city reported an \$11.8 million increase in expenses, about \$6 million of which was attributed to a calendar quirk that occurs once every 11 years (it adds an extra pay period). The year before, the city's payroll grew by \$9.5 million over the prior year.

The list of the city's top earners in 2016 is a mix of high-level managers, public-safety veterans and department heads. City Manager James Keene tops the list with a total of \$317,909, which includes his regular salary of \$296,596 and \$14,111 in

Top 5 earners

City of Palo Alto's highest paid employees in 2016

James Keene	city manager	\$317,909
Molly Stump	city attorney	\$286,770
Ed Shikada	assistant city manager and utilities general manager	\$280,295
John Pars	fire department EMT	\$270,489*
Adrienne Moore	police sergeant	\$255,315*

* Includes overtime pay of more than \$100,000. Source: City of Palo Alto

"cash out" pay, which pertains to expenses related to vacations, holidays, professional development and "excess management reimbursement."

Keene is followed on the list of top earners by City Attorney Molly Stump (\$286,770), Assistant City Manager and Utilities General Manager Ed Shikada

(\$280,295), Fire Department EMT John Pars (\$270,489), police Sgt. Adrienne Moore (\$255,315), Fire Battalion Chief Ryan Stoddard (\$253,312), Chief Financial Officer Lalo Perez (\$248,632), recently retired Police Chief Dennis Burns

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Peninsula Easter Services

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO
 305 N. California at Bryant • (650) 327-0561 • www.fbcpaloalto.com

April 9, 10AM Palm Sunday Service
 April 13, 6PM Soup Supper followed by Communion Service
 April 14, 12-3PM Good Friday, Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation
 April 16, 10AM EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION
 11:30AM Easter Brunch

Join Us For Easter
 Easter Sunday, April 16
 6:30 am in the Memorial Garden
 8:30 am* & 10:30 am* in Church with Festival Choir
 *Indicates child care available

330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park (650) 326-2083
www.trinitymenlopark.org

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

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
 HOLY WEEK 2017**

**8:30 PM EASTER VIGIL
 SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017**
 St. Albert the Great 1095 Channing Ave.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017:

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT
 1095 Channing Ave.
 9:00 AM (English)

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
 3233 Cowper St.
 9:00 am (Spanish) 10:30 AM (English)

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
 751 Waverley St.
 7:30 am (English) 8:45 am (English)
 10:30 am (English) 12:00 noon (Gregorian)

**Stanford Memorial Church
 Holy Week & Easter Services**
 All are welcome!

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

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 remembrance.

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 and Communion. Bring fresh flowers for the Easter Cross.

Rev. Dr. Margaret Boles
 Covenant Presbyterian Church,
 670 E. Meadow Dr., Palo Alto 94306
 (650) 494-1760
www.CovenantPresbyterian.net

Edgewood

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two Palo Alto municipal codes (18.01.080 and 18.38.020) and two city ordinances (5150 and 5224) “unambiguously” require the developer to provide and use the building as a grocery store, meaning an operational one.

In exchange for a grocery store as one of the public benefits, Sand Hill built and sold 10 homes on the property. Tze testified on Feb. 13 that the company grossed about \$30 million from the homes, which sold for about \$3 million each.

Initially, the company was not able to build and sell the homes until a grocer was signed to lease the property and the store opened. Sand Hill signed grocer The Fresh Market, which opened in June 2013, but the East Coast-based chain pulled out of California, including at Edgewood, one year and nine months later. The 20,600-square-foot building at 2170 West Bayshore Road has remained vacant since March 13, 2015.

Tze claimed The Fresh Market’s 10-year lease agreement allows for the market to “go dark” and remain as a tenant in good standing. There was no provision

for Sand Hill to take over nor provide or use the premises as a grocery store if The Fresh Market pulled out, he said. Sand Hill continues to receive \$33,000 per month rent. The Fresh Market controls the terms of any sublease, he said. Tze and commercial Realtor Cushman & Wakefield have reached out to between 65 and 70 prospective grocers without success, he added.

Bayer noted during the March 6 hearing that the developer had not provided him with a copy of the lease agreement. Sand Hill’s own actions in negotiating the lease terms made it significantly more

difficult to replace the grocery store, he wrote in his decision. The city also provided “substantial evidence” that it had given Sand Hill a reasonable opportunity to provide a replacement store — more than one year and eight months, Bayer concluded.

Daily fines against Sand Hill have escalated over time, from \$500 to \$5,000 as of last Nov. 30. The council stayed additional fines after Jan. 8 until the matter could be heard by the administrative judge, but their accrual was ongoing.

Bayer said that based on the totality of the circumstances and in accordance with the municipal code the penalties are justified and there will be no reduction. The decision may be appealed in Santa Clara County Superior Court within 20 days.

“We are pleased to see the City’s position upheld and sustained and would hope the property owner could turn all his attention to getting a grocery

store in at Edgewood Plaza and upholding the commitment to the community,” City Manager James Keene said in a statement to the Weekly about the ruling.

Matt Larson, director of public affairs at Sand Hill Property Company, asserted his firm is doing just that.

“We are focused on finding a grocery tenant, and we should have something to announce on that front soon,” Larson said.

Residents who live in the neighborhood surrounding Edgewood Plaza — Duveneck/St. Francis — applauded the ruling.

“Our neighborhood is encouraged that the city won its case against Sand Hill. We hope Sand Hill will now offer excellent incentives to a new grocer so we can all shop again at Edgewood Plaza and put this behind us,” Carla Carvalho, Lenore Cymes and Jeff Levinsky said in a statement. ■

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Stanford Children's Health

Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford



**Teen Transitions:
A class for 13–14 year olds and their parents**

Join us for an interactive learning program on teen relationships with peers, family and others with discussions focusing on conflict resolution, respect for self and others and healthy decision-making strategies.

Saturday, April 22: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in Menlo Park

Thursday, May 11: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in Campbell

Mothers of Sons: The Joys and Challenges of Guiding Your Son through Adolescence

Robert Lehman, MD, co-creator of the “Heart to Heart” program will host an evening just for mothers of adolescent sons. This seminar is a primer for mothers on the changes a boy experiences in adolescence and how mothers can help guide them.

Friday, April 28: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Dads of Daughters:
The Joys and Challenges of Raising Teen Girls**

Julie Metzger, RN, creator of our “Heart to Heart” program, hosts an evening for fathers who seek understanding and open communication with their pre-teen and teenage daughters.

Monday, May 1: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Smart Sendoffs: Off-to-College Health Guidance for Students and their Parents

The Division of Adolescent Medicine at Stanford hosts an interactive learning experience for high school seniors and their parents, focusing on issues that may arise during the college years.

Sunday, May 21: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



To register visit:
classes.stanfordchildrens.org
or call (650) 724-4601.

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.

Man charged with attempted murder

A Redwood City man will face premeditated and attempted murder charges in the savage beating and stabbing of a father in front of the victim’s teenage daughter at an East Palo Alto apartment, a San Mateo County Superior Court judge ruled on Tuesday, April 4. (Posted April 5, 10:18 a.m.)

Police look into prowling reports

Palo Alto police are investigating two prowling incidents that they say occurred on Sunday night in residential neighborhoods around California Avenue, including a case in which a stranger was caught trying to look through closed blinds into a woman’s bedroom. (Posted April 3, 1:44 p.m.)

Man sentenced for elder abuse

A 24-year-old East Palo Alto man was sentenced to a year in jail and three years probation for attacking his grandfather and police with a stick last year at his grandparent’s home, prosecutors said Friday. (Posted April 3, 8:30 a.m.)

Vandals strike post office

Palo Alto’s Main Post Office has two large broken windows after a vandal or vandals threw a large object into them, a U.S. Post Office spokesman said. (Posted March 31, 1:48 p.m.)

Residents protest Amazon, Facebook

Chants of “Jobs for EPA!” and “Hey hey, ho ho, racial profiling has got to go!” rang out Thursday night in front of 2100 University Ave. in East Palo Alto, where Amazon plans to occupy 200,000 square feet of offices and add 1,300 employees. Some drivers honked their approval, while others, some looking down from double-decker bus seats, remained silent. (Posted March 31, 12:39 p.m.)

Audit: Taser investigation flaws

Palo Alto’s independent police auditors are raising concerns about an investigation involving a man who was pulled over last year for speeding and then engaged in a physical struggle with officers before being subdued with a Taser, according to a new report. (Posted March 31, 9:53 a.m.)

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Downtown garage

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zoning designations by exceeding requirements for lot coverage, density and setbacks.

But while the council has traditionally opposed development proposals that conflict with the zoning code, the council agreed during its California Avenue garage discussion on Monday night to make an exception for parking structures. There was some debate about the best way to do it, with Council members Tom DuBois and Karen Holman favoring granting exceptions for specific projects and the rest of the council supporting changing the “public facility” zone to accommodate garages on a citywide basis.

Holman argued that changing the zone for a particular project is “a really bad precedent and a really bad concept.” DuBois agreed and said the city hadn’t evaluated all the “public facility” zones throughout the city and thus does not know the impacts of the change.

“We don’t know what we’re zoning for,” DuBois said.

Mayor Greg Scharff took the opposite view and noted that garage constructions are relatively rare (there hasn’t been one on more than a decade). At the same time, the council has often spoke out against granting variances for private developments.

“What we’re saying is that we’re going to want to zone for what we want — parking garages,” Scharff said, shortly before the council voted 7-2 to revise “public facility” zoning.

One issue that could divide the council on the downtown garage is mechanical lifts, which create more parking spaces by using platforms that stack cars vertically. For the California Avenue facility, staff did not recommend installing lifts, stating that they would add both cost to the project and inconvenience to future users. Vice Mayor Liz Kniss, the council’s chief proponent of mechanical lifts, argued that more should have been done to analyze the technology and directed staff to fully study this option for the downtown garage.

A new report from Public Works suggests that adding mechanical lifts may not be the best fit for the downtown garage either. The cost to provide a small incremental parking increase (about 27 extra spots on the ground floor) is high, the report states, and the technology would require training for users.

“Parking demand typically peaks around lunchtime and dinner time and is short term,” the report states. “Mechanical parking does not accommodate this type of peak demand very well. Building height restrictions also limit the efficiency of most mechanical and robotic parking concepts.”

Both the downtown and California Avenue garages were included on the council’s 2014 infrastructure plan, which is largely funded by proceeds from the city’s hotel tax. ■

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Upfront

Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to meet in a retreat to discuss effective governance with the city's executive leadership team. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 7, at the Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Road.

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to meet in a retreat to discuss effective governance with city council-appointed officers. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 8, at the Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Road.

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to meet in a closed session to discuss existing litigation, *Ferreira v. City of Palo Alto* and the city's property negotiations over the downtown post office. In its regular meeting, the council will give staff direction about a new downtown garage and discuss the new Downtown Parking Management Study. The closed session will begin at 5:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11. Regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. or as soon as possible after the closed session in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ... The commission will hold a scoping meeting for environmental assessments of the proposed public-safety building and parking garage at 250 and 350 Sherman Ave. and review the city's letters to Menlo Park and Mountain View pertaining to the Menlo Plaza Project and the North Bayshore Precise Plan Amendment, respectively. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

Parking

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council's approval, within a few years, paid parking is expected to start generating net revenues, which the city could use to support the fledgling Palo Alto Transportation Management Association, a nonprofit charged with reducing the percentage of downtown employees who drive to work alone.

The nonprofit, city staff wrote, has been "implementing pilot programs testing incentives that could encourage commuters to leave their cars at home." A stable funding stream could allow the group to "scale the successful pilot programs to reach more people," the report states.

"Staff believes paid parking holds great promise as a more up-to-date approach to parking management for a vibrant commercial district than the current 'coral zone' time-restriction system and would provide a potential funding source for transportation-demand-management solutions to address the root cause of parking problems and traffic congestion," the report states.

The three-tiered system would create different rates for on-street meters. Prices would vary between \$1.50 and \$2.50 per hour, with the highest rates reserved for those meters in the core of downtown, a region labeled as Tier 1. The goal of the varied parking rates, the study states, is to ensure sufficient turnover, such that areas are generally 80 to 85 percent full, an industry ideal.

"This will make parking a more convenient experience for downtown visitors and may also reduce congestion from drivers circling for a parking space," the study states.

The study also recommends that the city actively monitor downtown's parking levels over time, possibly with the help of parking-space sensors, and adjust both on- and off-street parking rates accordingly. If an area that is now 80 percent parked up sees an increase, prices could be increased by 25 cents per hour to encourage turnover. Conversely, if parking spaces are now more than 80 percent filled, and then that level falls, prices could be reduced by 25 cents to encourage more parking. If the city were to use time limits for different areas, parking limits could be adjusted up or down by 30 minutes as an incentive.

For those looking to stay longer, the city's garages or parking lots may prove to be a cheaper option. Unlike today, parking would neither be free nor limited to two or three hours. Instead, visitors would be able to park for four hours at a rate of \$1 per hour. After that, the rate would shoot up to \$2 for every 15 minutes — a pricing strategy meant to encourage vehicle turnover and discourage long-term parking for those without permits.

Dixon's recommendations were informed by extensive parking-occupancy surveys, conducted during three different periods (May, September and October) and during four times of the day

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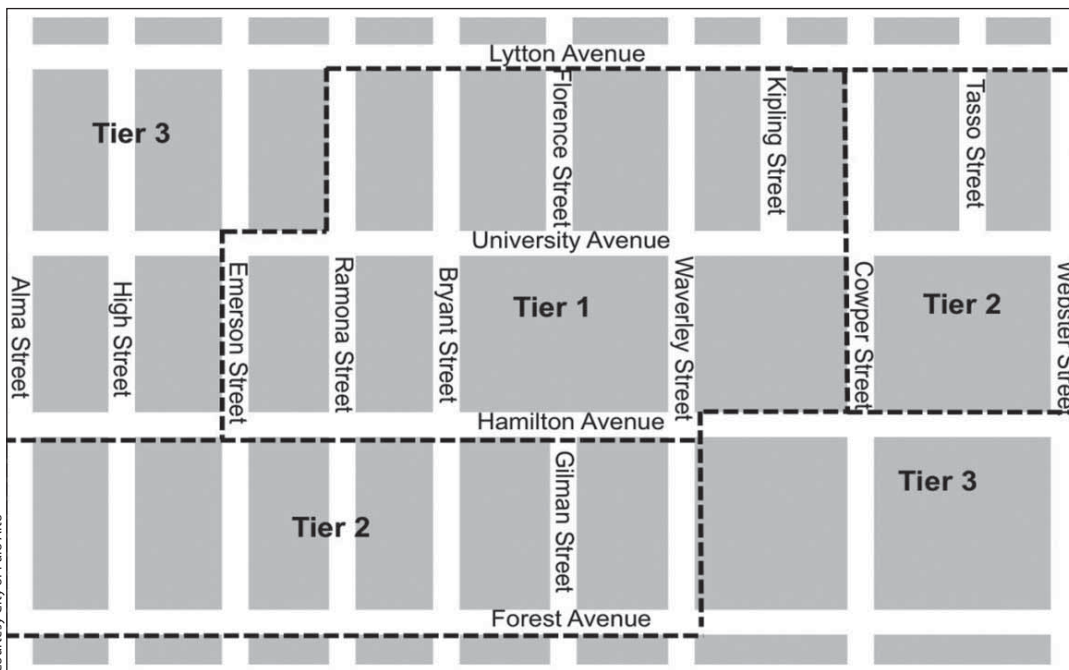
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The City of Palo Alto is exploring a new parking system downtown: People would pay varying fees to park their cars in three different zones, with the most expensive zone located in the core area of downtown. On-street parking in Tier 1, for example, would cost \$2.50 for the first hour, but parking in tiers 2 and 3 would start at \$1.50 per hour.

(morning, afternoon, mid-afternoon and evening). The data was used to determine which blocks had the highest levels of parking and, as such, warranted the highest rates. The study area was bounded by Lytton Avenue to the north, Webster Avenue to the east, Forest Avenue to the south and Alma Street to the west; it does not include downtown's residential neighborhoods, which are governed by the recently implemented Residential Preferential Parking program.

The surveys indicated, among other things, that the vast majority of drivers follow downtown's color-zone rules, and a relatively small proportion of them (between 6 and 8 percent) jump between multiple color zones to extend their stay downtown.

"While the number may not seem significant, there are still a few hundred vehicles hopping between color zones throughout the day, causing further congestion and impacting parking availability," the study states.

Though city staff may be bullish about paid parking, not all of downtown's denizens are. As part of Dixon's outreach, it found that some business owners have "expressed their concern that paid parking may discourage people from visiting downtown because there are other nearby shopping destinations with free parking."

"While this may be true for some consumers, there is a segment of the population that may be more likely to go downtown and pay for parking if it means that parking is easier and quicker to find," the study states. "It is important to recognize that parking is a limited and expensive resource, especially in a vibrant downtown like Palo Alto, and paid parking can help maximize this resource through strategic rate structure and technology enhancements."

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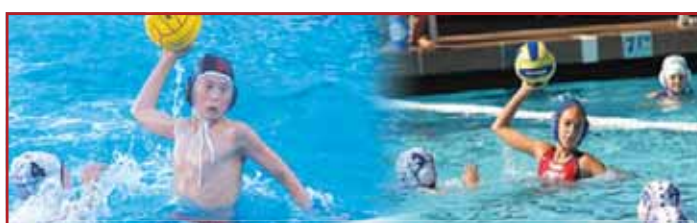
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Lights

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not the rooftop garden perched 30 feet above the ground.

Graves said she mentioned at the time that the proposed remedy only dealt with internal building lights.

"The lighting for the vegetated roof area and gazebo ... will be a visual nuisance to the adjacent and nearby residences and must be addressed," she wrote.

In a later letter to the city's Architectural Review Board, she said, she noted the potential for noise and light from the patio. City senior planner Russ Reich reportedly told Graves that the patio is not intended for night use and would only be accessible during the normal business hours of the office space, she said.

Slaney filed a complaint in December about the lights through the mobile PaloAlto311 app.

In response, Reich wrote that he has been been working with the building owners to address the issue.

"The project has not yet passed its final inspection and addressing the lighting is on the list of issues they must correct," he wrote.

For the time being, Slaney said the lights appear to have been turned off recently, but neither he nor Graves have heard how or when the problem will ultimately be fixed.

Reich said in an email to the Weekly on Thursday that since Slaney's December complaint the developer has been exploring a number of solutions to lower the intensity of the lighting.

"They are looking at reducing the number of LED strips within each light fixture and adding a light shield. ... They also are planning to modify the system such that the globe lights will go off when the grocery store closes each night." ■

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Salary

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(\$248,596) and Fire Department EMT Paul Schultz (\$245,321).

The salaries of the four police and firefighters on the list were significantly bolstered by overtime pay, which in all cases comprised more than \$100,000 of their total salaries, according to city data. (Burns, who as a department head did not receive overtime pay, is an exception.)

The data also shows a steady increase in the number of employees receiving more than \$200,000 in total compensation. In 2016, 34 employees made the list, up from 23 in 2015 and from 19 in 2014. ■

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Kathleen Brady Hefner

February 20, 1945 - March 28, 2017

Resident of Palo Alto

Kathleen Brady Hefner, was born to John Thomas Brady and Kathleen E. Brady on February 20, 1945. She passed away on March 28, 2017 in Palo Alto, CA. Her husband Joe and son David were by her side at the time of her death.

Kathy was a wonderful and adoring wife to Joseph Hefner and a proud devoted mother to her son, David Hefner.

Kathy was born in Bronx, NY where she was raised with her two older sisters Marilyn Mulhall and Diana McKeon. In 1977 Kathy moved to Palo Alto and married her husband Joe. Their son, David was born in 1980. Kathy worked in the pharmaceutical industry as a human resource director, most recently at Roche Bioscience until she retired in 2003.

Kathy was an excellent story teller, often leaving people in stitches with her spot-on impressions. She will be missed by her family and friends on the East and West coast.

Services have been held. In lieu of flowers, the family of Kathy Hefner requests that donations be made to St. Elizabeth Seton School, 1095 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto, 94301. www.setonpaloalto.org.



PAID OBITUARY

Pulse

A weekly compendium of vital statistics

POLICE CALLS

Palo Alto

March 29-April 4

Violence related

Battery 2
Domestic violence 3

Theft related

Credit card forgery 2
Grand theft 2
Identity theft 4
Petty theft 7

Vehicle related

Abandoned bicycle 1
Auto theft 1
Bicycle theft 3
Driving w/ suspended license 3
Driving without license 5
Misc traffic 1
Parking/driving violation 1
Theft from auto 9
Vandalism to vehicle 1
Vehicle accident/mnr injury 8
Vehicle accident/prop damage 3
Vehicle tow 2

Alcohol or drug related

Drinking in public 7
Driving under the influence 1
Drunk in public 4
Possession of drugs 3
Possession of paraphernalia 2

Miscellaneous

B&P/misc 2
Dependent adult abuse/emotion 1
Found property 4
F&W/disposal request 1
Lost property 2
Muni code/misc 1
Outside investigation/misc 1
Penal code/misc 8
Psych hold 3
Psych subject 4
Suspicious circumstances 3
Unattended death/misc 1
Vandalism 2
Warrant/other agency 7

Menlo Park

March 29-April 4

Violence related

Battery 1
Spousal abuse 1

Theft related

Fraud 2
Grand theft 1
Petty theft 5
Receive stolen property 1
Shoplifter in custody 1

Vehicle related

Auto recovery 2
Auto theft 1
Bicycle theft 2
Driving w/ suspended license 6
Hit and run 4
Theft from auto 1
Vandalism 2
Vehicle accident/ mjr injury 1
Vehicle accident/mnr injury 2
Vehicle accident/no injury 9
Vehicle tow 2

Alcohol or drug related

Driving under the influence 2
Drunk in public 1

Miscellaneous

APS referral 1
Assist outside agency 1
Domestic disturbance 2
Found property 3
Information 4
Lost property 3
Mental evaluation 1
Missing adult 2
Suspicious circumstances 2
Violation of parole 1
Warrant arrest 5
Warrant attempt 1
Warrant/other agency 10

VIOLENT CRIMES

Palo Alto

Forest Avenue, 3/29, 8:34 a.m.; domestic violence/assault.
33 Encina Ave., 3/29, 9:28 a.m.; battery/simple.

Everett Avenue, 4/01, 11:43 a.m.; domestic violence/battery.

West Charleston Road, 4/03, 8:13 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.

300 University Avenue, 4/03, 5:55 p.m.; battery/simple.

Menlo Park

1100 block Henderson Avenue, 3/29, 10:14 p.m.; battery.

Spousal abuse, 4/02, 5:02 p.m.; spousal abuse.

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Transitions

Daniel Arthur Logan

Palo Alto resident Daniel "Dan" Logan died on March 3 due to complications from pneumonia. He was 72.

Born in Carmel on March 31, 1944, he graduated from Salinas Union High School in 1962 and received a bachelor's degree in history from Stanford University in 1966. In 1969, he obtained his master's degree in social work from George Williams College in Downers Grove, Illinois. With an interest in history, social justice, geography and genealogy, he was a lifelong student, continuing to take classes at Stanford until the week before his death.

Social justice was the theme of his career, starting in the '60s when, as a student volunteer, he traveled to Mississippi to register voters. Later, in the '70s and '80s, he was involved in helping divert young adults from the penal system. Also in the '70s, he served as the executive director of the urban services branch of the Greater Kansas City YMCA and, later, as vice president for financial development. In 1991, he moved to Palo Alto and became the executive director of the Palo Alto Family YMCA, where he served until he retired in 2006.

During his career at the Palo Alto Y, he raised more than \$10 million in his efforts to make it a more inclusive place for low-income individuals. In 1992, he received the Fundraiser of the Year Award from the North American YMCA Development Organization and in 2005 the Lifetime Achievement Award from the YMCA of the Midpeninsula. After retiring, he wrote guest editorials for the Palo Alto Weekly and served as a volunteer at the Y.

He traveled extensively throughout the world, visited all 50 states and once won a bet by sleeping at least one night in each of California's 58 counties. He treasured the annual family camping trips to Yosemite and loved music, amassing a collection of hundreds of 45 rpm records and restoring and playing an antique organ.

His family described him as "always a participant and never a spectator," despite overcoming physical challenges and adapting to a wheelchair for the last 14 years, following an accident.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, the former Christine Ann Austin of Neosho, Missouri; son, Eliot Joseph Logan; daughter, Cheryl Annette Logan; son-in-law Salvador Jorgensen; grandchildren, Milo Alexander and Carmela Marie Jorgensen; brothers, Bruce Logan of Rocklin, Charles Logan of Sutter Creek; sister, Carolyn Logan Fisher of San Rafael and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

A memorial service was held at



Grace Lutheran Church in Palo Alto on April 1.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in his memory may be made to the YMCA of Silicon Valley Logan Family Endowment Fund at loganfamiliesfund.org or to a favorite charity.

Mary Sammon Renalds

Mary (Molly) Renalds, a Palo Alto resident for 28 years, died March on 27 in Alamo surrounded by family members. She was 93.

She was born in Stamford,

Connecticut, to Irma and William Sammon and married Otis (Bud) Renalds in 1946. They moved to Palo Alto in 1956, where she and her husband raised eight children. She was a devout Catholic and was an active community volunteer for many nonprofits throughout the Bay Area over a period of more than 45

years. Her entire life was devoted to serving those less fortunate and underprivileged, her daughter Amy said, and her faith was an integral part of her daily life. "Life is good" was her motto, and she lived it daily.



She tutored at Costaño Elementary School in East Palo Alto and, after moving to San Jose in 1984, worked through her parish to make baby blankets for low-income mothers, a volunteer activity she continued for years.

When she later moved to San Ramon, she started the Blanket Buddies as a way to get involved with the community and made blankets for the homeless and other needy families. She received a Jefferson Award for Public Service in 2008 for her volunteer work.

The family appreciates the loving care of Alamo Villa and Bruns Hospice House of Alamo. Her favorite charities were Bruns Hospice House, Loaves & Fishes and Kids & Science First

Family Foundation.

She is survived by her children, Pam (Greg) Hugo of Alamo, Jill (Mike) Jones of San Ramon, Nancy (Wayne) Kirks of Lebanon, Oregon, Mark (Suzi) Renalds of McMinville, Oregon, Jim (Anne) Renalds of Saratoga, Amy Renalds of Bend, Oregon, Julie (Phil) Renalds of Oakland and Michael (Jacquelyn) Renalds of Portland; 14 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. She is also survived by her older sister Irma Mirante. She was preceded in death by her brother, Roger; sisters, Marsha and Joan; and her husband, Bud, who died in 1994.

Her ashes will be interred next to her husband at Golden Gate Cemetery in San Bruno. A private family service was held.



Palo Alto Unified School District

Contract No. 17-CEA-01-M

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: The work includes, but is not limited to: Exterior and Interior Lighting Retrofit. Bidding documents contain the full description of the work.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit at 8:30 a.m. on April 18, 2017, at the M.O.T. Dept. (Maintenance Corp Yard), 85 Churchill Ave., Palo Alto, CA: **Barron Park, Duvneck, Escondido, Fairmeadow, Grendell Preschool, Juana Briones, Ohlone, Palo Verde, Nixon and Walter Hays.**

Bid Submission: Proposals must be received at the District M.O.T. Office located at 85 Churchill Ave., by 2:00 p.m. on April 27, 2017.

PREVAILING WAGE LAWS: The successful Bidder must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the Project, and related requirements contained in the Contract Documents.

Palo Alto Unified School District will maintain a Labor Compliance Program (LCP) for the duration of this project. In bidding this project, the contractor warrants he/she is aware and will follow the Public Works Chapter of the California Labor Code comprised of labor code sections 1720 - 1861. A copy of the Districts LCP is available for review at 25 Churchill Avenue, Building D, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

- 2.1. A pre-job conference shall be conducted with the contractor or subcontractors to discuss federal and state labor law requirements applicable to the contract.
2. Project contractors and subcontracts shall maintain and furnish to the District, at a designated time, a certified copy of each payroll with a statement of compliance signed under penalty of perjury.
3. The District shall review and, if appropriate, audit payroll records to verify compliance with the Public Works Chapter of the Labor Code.
4. The District shall withhold contract payments if payroll records are delinquent or inadequate.
5. The District shall withhold contract payments as described in the LCP, including applicable penalties when the District and Labor Commissioner establish that underpayment of other violations has occurred.

Bidders may examine Bidding Documents at the M.O.T. office. Bidders may purchase copies of Plans and Specifications at **Palo Alto Unified School District, MOT Dept., 85 Churchill Ave., Palo Alto, 94306, phone (650) 329-3726.**

All questions can be addressed to:

Palo Alto Unified School District 85 Churchill Avenue, MOT Dept. Palo Alto, CA 94306-1099
Attn: Ron Ellis
Phone: (650) 329-3726 Fax: (650) 325-6736



Palo Alto Unified School District

Contract No. 17-R-01-M

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: The work includes, but is not limited to: multiple roofing repair projects. Bidding documents contain the full description of the work.

Mandatory job walks will be on April 19, 2017, starts at 1:00 p.m. at the PAUSD District Office, 25 Churchill Ave., Palo Alto:

1. **PAUSD, District Office**, 25 Churchill Ave., Palo Alto, CA.
2. **Jordan MS**, Main Office, 750 N. California Ave., Palo Alto, CA.
3. **Nixon Elementary School**, Main Office, 1711 Stanford Ave., Palo Alto, CA.

Bid Submission: Proposals must be received at the District M.O.T. Office located at 85 Churchill Ave., by 3:00 p.m. on April 27, 2017.

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Editorial

Return of the parking meter

Palo Alto considers shifting to paid parking on downtown streets, lots and garages

In 1947, at a time when downtown Palo Alto was bustling with retail stores serving the everyday needs of local residents, the city decided to install parking meters on University Avenue and some side streets.

It was an easy way to provide a new revenue stream for a growing town, a practice that was becoming commonplace in other mid-sized suburban communities.

But by the early 1970s, downtown was in serious decline. The success and novelty of Stanford Shopping Center, opened in 1955 and with vast amounts of free parking, had overshadowed downtown as the region's retail center. The city removed the parking meters as part of a strategy to make downtown more competitive and attractive to shoppers. (This was long before restaurants dominated downtown store fronts.)

That policy — of providing free parking for time-limited periods — has remained virtually unchanged for the last 45 years except for the creation of Palo Alto's four often-mocked and misunderstood color zones, designed to make it possible for a shopper to re-park in a different zone without getting ticketed.

Now, after more than 40 years of free parking, the city has just completed the most extensive analysis ever undertaken of its parking issues downtown. Two companion consultant reports are hot off the presses — one laying out the current conditions and the other containing recommendations for a dramatic overhaul of the city's parking strategies. With more than 150 pages, they are rich in data.

The consultant, Dixon Resources of San Diego, strongly recommends that all parking downtown be converted from free to paid, with technology-enabled adjustable pricing and time limits that reflect the parking supply and demand in different areas of downtown.

Under the system proposed, higher hourly rates would be charged for on-street parking in areas of greatest demand, and lower rates would be set for less impacted streets away from downtown's central core and for city parking lots and garages.

The concept is to use pricing to influence behavior, with the goal of moving all-day or multi-hour employee parking into garages by setting those prices lower than street parking, essentially the opposite of the current system, which provides two or three hours of free parking and results in hundreds of cars being moved by employees to evade ticketing or purchasing permits.

The consultants recommend single-space "smart" parking meters, capable of accepting credit cards and mobile payments, on University and Hamilton avenues and the side streets connecting them. Pay stations — kiosks at which parkers pay — would be used on other streets and in parking lots.

Through this pricing strategy, more short-term parking will become available as all-day parkers will have to either find alternative ways of getting to work or migrate to less expensive parking garages. Most expensive, the consultants recommend, should be the permits to park all day in the nearby residential neighborhoods.

The reports recommend that on-street parking be limited to two or three hours depending on the location, with hourly rates of \$1.50 in areas of lower demand and \$2.50 in the most congested areas. Off-street parking in lots and garages would have no time limit, and the initial hours of parking would be charged at a lower rate than additional hours. It suggests off-street hourly rates of \$1 to \$1.25 for the initial three or four hours, increasing to \$2 per 15 minutes thereafter up to a maximum of \$24.

While it recommends retaining the new reduced-price employee permits for low-income workers, it suggests that regular permit prices be greatly increased from the current \$466 (only \$2 a day) to be more in line with other cities with similar parking demands.

There is a lot to digest in the excellent work done by the consultants, and the community will get its initial opportunity to further understand the suggested strategy at a special City Council meeting next Tuesday evening. That night the council will also be reviewing the staff's recommendations for a new five-level parking garage on the existing city parking lot on Hamilton Avenue across the street from the Post Office, which would add more than 200 spaces.

The consultants also point out the pressing need for better city administration of parking and use of modern technology, including possibly including license-plate readers to make enforcement more efficient.

We hope the City Council enthusiastically supports these initiatives, which cap years of discussion and are consistent with adopted city policy to expand supply, create incentives to reduce solo driving, reduce the impacts on surrounding residential neighborhoods and fund a transportation-management program to encourage people to use transportation alternatives. ■

Spectrum

Editorials, letters and opinions

This week on Town Square

Town Square is an online discussion forum at PaloAltoOnline.com/square

Palo Alto to 'dig deep' on new Cal Ave garage

Posted on April 4 by Bill Conlon at 11:19 a.m., a resident of Old Palo Alto

I patronize many stores and restaurants on California Avenue and worked there for many years. The parking shortage was always most severe at lunchtime, when people drove in from the Stanford Research Park. But the two existing parking lots and two parking garages plus street parking, plus the Caltrain lot, plus some private lots (Mollie Stone's) plus the county government lots have handled the retail on the avenue for decades.

So this is really about enabling developers to justify high rents for more buildings in the district. 315 more parking spots means 315 or more employees in surrounding buildings, which means more traffic and congestion on the surrounding streets, which are already extensively backed up. This means more pollution and longer commutes. I would really like to see an Environmental Impact Report.

And the cost is both outrageous and very likely optimistic, based on past practice. The huge pit will require extensive and costly dewatering, which will undermine the underground infrastructure and foundations of the old buildings on California Avenue, necessitating their demolition and replacement. But that's the point isn't it?

Support for new housing in Bay Area rises

Posted on April 4 by Kevin Burke at 1:03 p.m., a resident of the Crescent Park neighborhood

These polls are spoon fed to people, and the results are always what the developers want.

Developers want more housing here because we've underbuilt for decades and, as a result, rents and housing prices are really high. Young people also want more housing because we've underbuilt for decades and, as a result, rents and housing prices are really high. It used to be feasible to buy a house in Palo Alto for three times the median area income. Now that number is eight to 10 times, at least. Young people are fed up with paying half their income in rent.

We've seen over the past year in San Francisco and in places like Denver that building lots of new

housing lowers rent prices. Rent is down 5 to 9 percent from the 2015 peak, as new housing supply has come online.

No need to imply conspiracy theories to understand why those two groups want the same thing.

Letters

Lack of affordable housing

Editor,

California ranks as the toughest state in the nation for first-time homebuyers, who typically would be in the millennial age bracket of 18 to 34 years old. The Palo Alto

City Council has just decided to increase "impact" fees charged to new projects. The proposal is to charge \$20 per square foot for hotels, \$35 per square foot for offices and \$50 per square foot for new residential projects. That would add \$75,000 to the cost of a modest 1,500 square foot home.

We have to ask: "What kind of crazy, mixed up thinking would lead anyone to believe this is a good idea?"

John Paul Hanna
Crescent Drive, Palo Alto

Renaming schools

Editor,

May I suggest "Public School #1," "Public School #2," etc., as non-controversial names for renaming Palo Alto schools?

Barbara Hunter
Laurel Avenue, Menlo Park

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Guest Opinion

A year later, the question remains: What's happening with Cubberley?

by Alison Cormack

It's been one year since the Palo Alto Unified School District superintendent and the Palo Alto city manager signed a Cubberley Futures compact, committing to a collaborative effort and a creative design process for this shared space. But there is no sign of the road map that was promised for last fall, let alone concrete plans for what could be built.

It's been four years since the Cubberley Community Advisory Committee delivered its comprehensive report. But there is no sign of the needs assessment it strongly recommended as the crucial first step in the process.

Who owns Cubberley?

Cubberley was built in 1955 as a high school and closed in 1979 due to declining enrollment and financial issues. The school district owns 27 acres at Cubberley and the city owns eight, with the lease between the school district and the city expiring in less than three years.

The lengthy backstory of the shared ownership has its roots in the city helping the school district during a difficult financial period by making significant annual payments for a covenant not to develop, and also includes a land swap of the Terman site.



How is Cubberley used today?

After offering to purchase part of Cubberley and being refused, Foothill College, a large tenant for decades, has left the building.

Cubberley has become a temporary home for whichever organization is rebuilding — first the Mitchell Park library, now Avenidas, and next the Junior Museum & Zoo.

There are also softball, soccer, tennis, and basketball games, the Friends of the Palo Alto Library monthly book sale, music and dance practices and performances, language classes, child care and after-school educational programs, artist studios, religious and cultural services, a variety of wellness programs and other nonprofits. These organizations offer a wide array of opportunities and services for kids, seniors and everyone in between, making Palo Alto a better place to live, play and learn.

Since this site is jointly owned by the school district and city, I decided to attend the February session of the monthly city/school meeting. In preparation, I printed out the Cubberley Community Advisory Committee's detailed, 823-page report.

Now that I've read most of it (I confess to skimming the many leases with signatures of city managers and school superintendents from long ago), I am struck by the dire need for a concerted effort to better utilize the space and modernize the buildings. This need has been well-known for decades — in fact, a master plan was produced in the early 1990s but never implemented.

Some of this sounds familiar to me and my friends from our work on the library bond in 2008 — a decrepit building in south Palo Alto from the 1950s with no air conditioning, high maintenance costs, and poor use of the space. As the facilities subcommittee reported in 2013, "The 57-year-old facility is run down and energy inefficient, and its current layout wastes valuable space and is neither designed for, nor well suited to, modern school or community programming."

It's easy to get lost after you park your car or lock your bike because the layout is confusing and the signage is nonexistent or outdated. The grass fields are uneven and frequently flood. The roofing maintenance required is extensive and expensive. Walking down the halls to get to the bathrooms is a balance exercise because the walkway slopes so steeply toward the street. Frankly, the condition of the buildings is poor and only getting worse.

What's changed?

The school district is not going to need this site for a high school in the foreseeable future. Many of the community organizations currently renting at Cubberley offer important services and would find it difficult to locate and/or afford space elsewhere in the city. Playing fields continue to be in high demand.

Housing of all kinds understandably dominates the city's political agenda (currently, the waitlists for affordable housing in Palo Alto range from 500 to 1,000 people at each property, and it can take from five to 15 years to get called for a

spot). Clearly, the time has come to look deeply and boldly at what we need, what we have and what needs to change.

The city/school committee put this topic on its April agenda with the hope and expectation that the city manager and school superintendent would come and jointly share the work that is being done and the plan for dramatically improving this space, the largest piece of publicly owned land in the city. Hopefully, they will hold the meeting at Cubberley so they can get a better sense of the problem.

I know, from personal experience, that it will take years of work to create a space that works for everyone. A task list for this project will likely include: Complete a robust needs assessment with community input, host a creative design charrette, develop a reasonable plan, build a strong implementation team, find the right financing, and then execute the plan. Continuing to put off this necessary work because it is difficult is simply poor management of this important community resource.

The city and the school district should have already started working on this challenging and exciting project, but it appears that the answer to my question about what is happening at Cubberley is, nothing — and that's a shame. ■

Alison Cormack chaired the \$76 million library bond campaign in 2008, has lived in south Palo Alto for 20 years, and has been a Palo Alto Unified School District parent for 15 years. She can be reached at alisoncormack@gmail.com.

Streetwise

What's been your experience with finding parking in Palo Alto?

Asked on California Avenue in Palo Alto. Question, interviews and photographs by Sophie Pollock.



Beryl Mell
Retired Veterinarian
Ortega Drive, Los Altos Hills

"It is getting harder and harder, especially with all the permit parking; it's becoming a big problem."



Geegee Billy Graham
Housewife
Ano Nuevo Avenue, Sunnyvale

"It can be very hard, and it takes a long time to look for."



Stan Freedman
Retired
San Antonio Road, Palo Alto

"So far I've lucked out, but I can see it's tough."



Lynn Mannix
Retired Psychotherapist
El Cajon Way, Palo Alto

"Depends on the time of day, but at around noon parking is always horrible."



Joe Thieman
Attorney
Fife Avenue, Palo Alto

"It depends on the part of town, but University Avenue tends to be pretty bad, and California Avenue has slowly gotten more congested."

Senior Focus

AGING TECH TITANS ... People sometimes can be patronizing with older folks when it comes to technology, said CBS tech journalist **Larry Magid**, citing a young clerk he recently encountered who seemed surprised at his familiarity with Facebook. "It got me thinking," Magid told an audience at Mitchell Park Community Center in Palo Alto last month. "Who do you think invented the smartphone? How old are they now? Inventors of this technology are now themselves seniors. **Bill Gates** is 61. **Steve Jobs** would be 62. **Steve Wozniak** is 66, old enough for Medicare. It's pretty amazing when you think that many people our age have really grown up with and are comfortable with technology." Magid was in Palo Alto on March 25 as part of an all-day conference, "**Living Better with Technology**," sponsored by nonprofit senior agency Avenidas.

SENIORS SETTING GOALS ... Setting goals isn't just for the young. P.A. Moore, who has taught goal-setting to all age groups, will offer a workshop on the subject on Friday, April 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Participants will be challenged to think about unfulfilled dreams and will draw up goals for the long, intermediate and short term. \$20. Pre-registration required at Avenidas.org.

WRITING LIFE STORIES ... Published author and teacher Phyllis Butler offers assistance in the writing of personal memoirs and family history on Tuesday afternoons at **Little House**, 800 Middle Ave., Menlo Park. \$20 for a drop-in session, or \$60 for a series of four. Ongoing. For more information, contact Butler at 650-326-0723.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT ... Christina Irving of the **Family Caregiver Alliance** will moderate a panel discussion of Lewy Body dementia caregivers on Wednesday, April 19, 2:30-4 p.m. at Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Free. In addition, Avenidas social work manager Paula Wolfson moderates a free, drop-in support group for caregivers of all types every Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Wolfson at 650-289-5438.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT ... Neurologist James Tetrad of the **Stanford Movement Disorders Center** will discuss medications for treating Parkinson's disease motor symptoms — what's old, what's new and what's in the pipeline on Wednesday, April 12, 2-3:30 p.m. at Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. The free talk is sponsored by the **Stanford Parkinson's Outreach and Caregiver Support Program**.

LUNCH AND CONCERT ... The **Music at Noon Community Tuesdays** series at the Oshman

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Living Well

A monthly special section of news & information for seniors



Veronica Weber

Stuart Silverman is the creator of a five-session seminar aimed at helping people make a smooth transition from work to retirement.

Retirement 101

Businessman's failure at leaving work behind leads to new mission

by Chris Kenrick

Retirement. The very word can evoke extreme emotions: freedom, fun and purpose, for some; a depressing and unremitting downhill slog, for others.

Stuart Silverman aims to get those feelings — and everything in between — out on the table in the first session of his five-part course on the subject, which he began offering for free last year at Palo Alto's Mitchell Park Library and the nonprofit senior agency Avenidas.

"Retirement and Your Next Stage of Life" stems from Silverman's "failure" at his own attempt at retirement when he turned 67 two years ago. The Palo Alto resident said he struggled to leave behind his decades-long career in business consulting, which he had loved.

He did some traveling with his wife, Terry; reorganized his office; and then asked himself, "What next?"

He realized he couldn't answer that question.

"I didn't have a lot of leisure activities or hobbies, and I began to realize the difficulty I was having moving to the next stage," Silverman said. "I thought that others might be experiencing the same thing. Because I'd been around startups and entrepreneurs so much, I think that way, and I thought, 'Maybe there's an opportunity here.'"

He read books on retirement and interviewed about 20 friends and friends of friends.

"I realized that most of the information out there was around finance," he said. "There wasn't a lot that dealt with the integrated, overall life aspect to retirement, and that's what I was looking for."

Silverman used his research to pilot a class that looked at people's emotional attitudes toward retirement. That grew into a comprehensive five-week course that covers everything from lifestyle concerns and encore careers to finances and customizing a personal road map — all with the purpose of addressing a plethora

of retirement concerns.

"The minute you say you're retired, people always ask you what you're going to do," said a "blissfully retired" trial lawyer during one of Silverman's recent classes. "We need answers for that."

A retired tax preparer, also in the class, said, "My wife asks me every day, 'What are you doing today?' It annoys me. I have these little answers, but I'm looking for structure these days."

Even people who are merely contemplating retirement express anxiety at the thought. One woman in Silverman's class said she's worried about losing her sense of purpose when and if she retires. Without the metrics and milestones of employment, she wondered, "How do you measure success?"

A longtime engineer said the idea of retiring scares him.

"I'm very bad at transitioning, and when I think about retirement I don't know what I'll be doing," he said.

Financial anxieties are also on

the minds of retirees, with a few in Silverman's class wondering whether they'll be able to stay in the Bay Area.

"I don't want to be financially foolish, but I don't want to be afraid," said a woman who noted that her own mother, a single parent, had outlived her money.

In the course of five sessions, Silverman said, he hopes participants can work through their fears and come away with action plans to address unresolved issues.

"I want people to know that it's natural to feel a sense of anxiety," he said. "But the fact that many of us will live 10 or 15 years longer than our parents means we could have another 20 or 30 years to live."

"Because of that time, we have to make sure we have a purpose and meaning and that we don't outlive our money and that we maintain our health during this long period of time."

Jim Stinger, a guest speaker at one of Silverman's classes, recounted some lessons from his own retirement in 2005. After



Stuart Silverman helps Esther Fan use a retirement calculator at his retirement-planning class at the Mitchell Park Library in Palo Alto.

working for more than three decades as a research engineer at HP, Stinger began taking introductory watercolor classes at Avenidas, an interest he'd always had but never had time to pursue.

Overcoming some early difficulties, he is now producing regularly and even selling some of his paintings.

"You have to persevere if it's something you think you might be passionate about," Stinger said. "I now have something that's very meaningful to me."

A longtime Kiwanis Club member, Stinger recommended volunteering or serving on a nonprofit board to "help bridge that gap from work to retirement. If you're not already volunteering or doing activities outside of work, start doing it if you can."

Silverman said he particularly wants people to leave his course with personalized road maps that go beyond general knowledge about retirement.

He asks participants to rank

themselves from one to 10 on 17 different metrics he calls "success factors" for retirement, including health; finances; flexibility; relationships; life purpose; leisure activities; and attitude.

To get people going, he shares his own not-so-perfect self-assessment on the rankings.

In the final session, participants discuss what they've learned.

"When I signed up, I was hoping to get a few details about retirement, but what I didn't expect was that I'd receive several valuable, life-changing lessons," said Palo Alto children's book author Su-Ann Kiser, who took the course in February with her husband, Kevin.

Among those lessons: "Conquer your fears and seek out tools and skills to overcome them. It's never too late to reinvent yourself. And, a goal without a plan is just a wish."

Silverman said everybody has different issues they're working on.

"One person already had a

significant caregiving need they had to work on; another person realized they needed to continue to work, and their action plan was to come to grips with that and be comfortable with it," he said.

"As far as leisure activities, people were going to try a couple of things they'd never done before," he said. "The whole point is I want people to take action and do a few things to start growing."

With his own budding "encore career," Silverman has taken steps to gain credibility, earning certification as a retirement coach and attending boot camps on aging at the University of North Carolina and Stanford University.

Several months ago, he began facilitating a retirement discussion group at Avenidas.

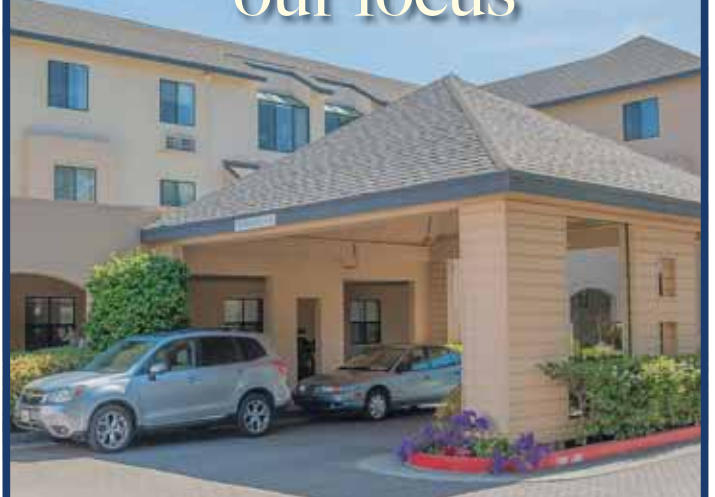
He hopes to expand his course to more nonprofits, as well as to corporations, but plans to continue offering it for free at the Mitchell Park Library. The next

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Jim Stinger works on a watercolor painting during an "Art From the Heart" painting class. Stinger, who turned to painting after retiring and now sells some of his work, helped motivate other retirees as a guest speaker at Jim Stinger's retirement seminar.

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Stuart Silverman talks to Dr. Eva Weinlander, a guest speaker for the health and wellness session of his retirement-planning seminar, which covers a variety of retirement issues.

Retirement 101

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five-week class will meet there on Monday evenings beginning Sept. 11.

“There are many parts to retirement, and it’s not simple, and there are potholes along the way,” he said. “People need to be aware of all the other aspects besides finances. The next stage should be a fun, positive adventurous 20 to 30 years of our life, not a downhill spiral to the couch. It’s very important that we try things and not be afraid to fail.” ■

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About the cover: Jim Stinger found his passion for painting after retiring 10 years ago. He recently spoke to participants in Jim Stinger’s retirement program about how he found purpose after leaving the workforce behind. Photo by Veronica Weber.

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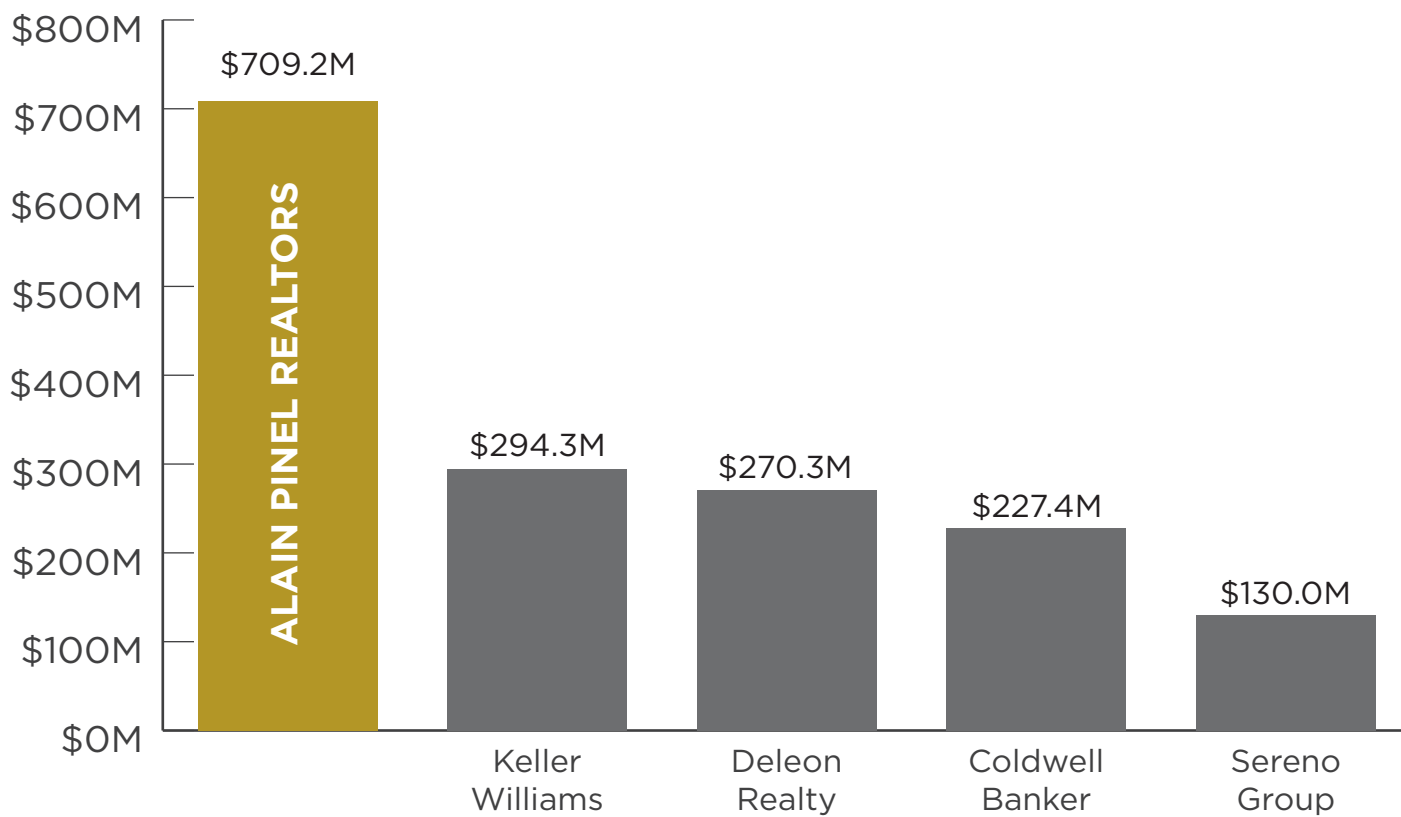
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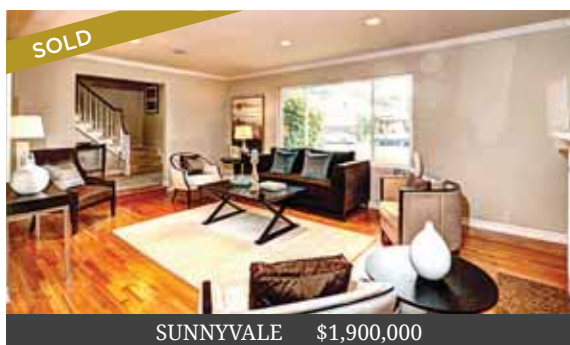
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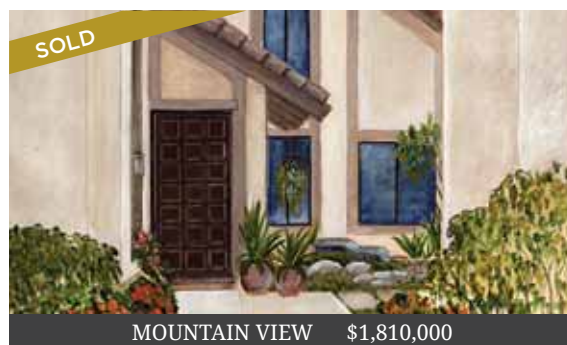
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A weekly guide to music, theater, art, culture, books and more, edited by Karla Kane



Courtesy of EarFilms



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EarFilms audience members are given comfortable blindfolds so they can better focus on sound.

EarFilms founder Daniel Marcus Clark serves as the show's on-stage narrator.

HEARING - IS - BELIEVING

EarFilms transforms
Bing Concert Hall Studio
into an auditory dreamland

by Karla Kane

What: "To Sleep To Dream" by EarFilms
Where: Bing Concert Hall Studio, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford.
When: Friday, April 7, through Sunday, April 9 (five performances; see online for schedule)
Cost: \$15-\$50
Info: Go to live.stanford.edu and earfilms.com

Remember, if you can, the feeling of being a child, closing your eyes and listening to a captivating bedtime story; the way in which it could spark your imagination and take you on a journey to another world. This weekend, Stanford University's Bing Concert Hall Studio will host several performances by EarFilms: an immersive, audio experience that melds gripping storytelling with three-dimensional surround sound, with the goal of offering audiences a vivid way to engage their ears and imaginations. It's an antidote, creators say, to a world overrun by screens and visual input.

"Reading is something that's always such an imaginative experience ... seeing the movie version is always sort of disappointing," EarFilms founder Daniel Marcus Clark said. "The opportunity we get of adding sound (into storytelling) is that you can kind of land in a moment, a very definite moment that's happening."

When you attend a performance of "To Sleep To Dream" (the particular EarFilms show coming to Stanford) you're given a special, "very comfortable," blindfold to help you focus. A meticulously designed and mixed soundtrack creates a multidimensional, "hyper-real" listening environment. Footsteps sneak up behind you; music soars; characters seem to live and breathe all around you. Imaginations are activated in the darkness of the venue.

"You're led into the experience of the

story," Clark said, "and what happens over the next 90 minutes is kind of down to you."

The story of "To Sleep To Dream" is a haunting one, set in a dystopian society in which dreaming is outlawed. Dreamers join an underground resistance movement and embark on a magical journey through the subconscious to reclaim the power of dreams and imagination for all.

To Clark, working with sound rather than optics opens up more creative possibilities.

"It's an interesting sense because — and this is my own opinion — we're at a point where we're so used to visual bombardment that it's become a little bit dulled," he said. "Gone are the days of the train coming toward the screen causing people to run, but sound still gets a jump. Working with sound alone, there's still space to trick the mind and create a real illusion."

Sound, he said, is both emotionally and physically visceral, "literally waves that pass through you that cause the water in you to vibrate."

He recalled his own attachment to the characters brought to life by EarFilms.

"We had a very funny moment when we were making the show, mixing one of the scenes," he said. The team decided to take a break midway through working on a scene in which a character was walking around his flat. "We stopped and he was halfway across the apartment — I think he was putting on his trousers. I remember

feeling a great responsibility for the character (during the break) — 'He's still there waiting!'"

The show, which has toured around the U.K., Australia and the U.S. to critical acclaim, can work in a variety of spaces, as long as the crew is able to deaden the room, creating an acoustically neutral setting for the speakers and sound system.

The EarFilms team worked hard to create as robust an experience as possible for listeners, with all the elements carefully designed, through trial and error, to be most effective. The goal, Clark said, is to get people to "just give over to their imagination," which involves fine-tuning the language used in the storytelling, the technical integration of sounds and the timing and balance between sound effects, narration, music and "space to imagine," Clark said.

Clark, who's long been interested in experimenting with storytelling, music and technology, founded EarFilms in his native England. With his sonorous voice and British accent, he also serves as the live narrator of EarFilms' events, interacting with the pre-recorded soundtrack, acting as a bridge between the audience and the story. And though the precise execution of the soundtrack means that Clark's narration must be fairly tightly scripted, he said there's still a bit of room to experiment. "It's fascinating how just changing the timing slightly can change

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Algorithm and rhyme

Artificial intelligence takes on songwriting

by Karla Kane

Rodgers and Hammerstein. John and Taupin. ALYSIA and MABLE? Perhaps you haven't heard of those last two yet but, thanks to the work of a local computer scientist and her team, musicians of the near future may be utilizing artificial-intelligence systems like them to help the creative process along.

Dr. Margareta Ackerman, an assistant professor at San Jose State University, will give a free, public lecture on her algorithmic songwriting systems at Stanford University's Center for Computer Research in Music and Acoustics (CCRMA) on April 13.

"I come from a background of being both a computer scientist and musician, and I had trouble composing," Ackerman said. "When I discovered computational creativity — the idea of a computer as a collaborator — I came up with a system that could collaborate with me on writing melodies that I could then sing."

That system is ALYSIA (Automated LYrical Songwriting Application), which generates and suggests melodies based on human-provided lyrics. A second system she's developing, MABLE — "I like to give them girls' names; they're my daughters," Ackerman explained with a smile — develops lyrics in collaboration with humans. (MABLE stands for MexicA's BaLLad machinE, as it was originally used in conjunction with the storytelling system MEXICA, and is a joint project with Professor Rafael Pérez y Pérez of Mexico's Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana and Ackerman's student Divya Singh.)

To work with ALYSIA, the user inputs lyrics one sentence at a time. ALYSIA then generates multiple suggestions for melodies (played back on a computerized piano and written out in musical notation). ALYSIA also ranks its melody choices based on what it thinks best. "Best," of course, is in the ear of the beholder.

"This whole topic of valuation is huge in computational creativity," Ackerman said. "In a lot of pop songs, you hear a lot of the same notes repeated over and over again, sometimes even the same rhythm. The hook is usually more interesting," she said. With ALYSIA, "highly repetitive melodies get punished."

While artificial intelligence creating music is not new, Ackerman said what makes ALYSIA special is its understanding of human language. "It's learned the relationship between words and syllables and melodies and individual notes. That's what makes our research original, that marriage between natural-language processing and music generation," she said of the system she's created in collaboration with data scientist David Loker and student Christopher Cassion. Many of ALYSIA's songs so far have been made with Ackerman's own lyrics, although she's created one using an Emily Dickinson poem (recordings of their songs can be heard at mayaackerman.info/ALYSIA.html).

While its knowledge base is mostly informed by contemporary pop songs, Ackerman said it can be used in other genres as well. Recently, the system was trained on Puccini opera, creating a system Ackerman calls ROBOCCINI. Her colleague James Morgan wrote Italian opera lyrics and collaborated with the system to create a new aria, which will be performed as part of San Jose's Paseo Public Prototyping Festival.

ALYSIA learns by constructing a predictive model. Ackerman likened it to a child learning to classify different types of animals.

"They see a lot of data, mom and dad show them cats and dogs and tell them how they should be called, and then over time the child is able to do the labeling themself," she said. "Machine learning makes this very explicit: you feed it data, and then it constructs a model. What it actually tries to do



Dr. Margareta Ackerman develops algorithmic songwriting systems, which create melodies and lyrics in collaboration with human musicians. She'll speak at Stanford University on April 13.

is predict the next note, except then we can agree with it: 'Yes you did it right! What should be the next one?' And it guesses and we agree with it again. Once a model is constructed, it can generate as many melodies as we want."

She said she hopes to have a version of ALYSIA ready for public use by the end of the summer.

"I think it can help musicians on a large scale," she said, particularly new musicians, or those in the electronic-music genre. "It's difficult to compose original melodies."

Purists might scoff that writing melodies via computer seems like cheating, but humans already use computers for music creation in a number of ways. Ackerman sees her systems as another weapon in an artist's arsenal and a true collaborator, akin to working with a fellow band member or producer.

"There is this mammoth search space of melodies out there. It's enormous. We could never search all of it, and we don't need to," she said. "For somebody who's a novice, or even for somebody experienced, they need some help exploring. When we sit by the piano, that's what we're doing. It's like a band member saying, 'why don't we try something like this?'"

For Ackerman, who was born in Belarus and raised in Israel until moving to Canada at 12, her work with algorithmic songwriting is a perfect way to combine her passion for arts and sciences.

"I think I was born to be an artist, to be honest. I kind of got derailed and fell in love with computer science as a teenager and really missed the arts," she said. She found her way back into music while working toward her doctorate, when her husband began taking opera-singing lessons.

"I was like, 'that's supposed to be me!' I spent the last two years of my Ph.D learning to sing opera," she said. "I kind of lived parallel lives ... I loved what I was doing but suddenly there was something I loved maybe even more."

A conference in San Diego, where she learned about the computational creativity community focused on the intersection of computers and art, changed her life.

"I thought instantly, 'I need to make myself a collaborator, to help me write songs,'" she said.

Ackerman believes ALYSIA could be quite useful to composition students. "It's sort of like ... training wheels," she said. "At first I would get a melody and nothing would come to my mind except the boringest music ... Now, I get to a certain measure and I think, 'I know what I want here,'" she said.

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EarFilms

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the audience's experiences."

Clark said each listener responds to the audio stimuli in different ways.

"It's always extraordinary hearing how differently each audience member's imaginations work. There was a naive thought at first that everyone imagines visually. Actually, what we're discovering more and more is that we all imagine differently. All our internal worlds work differently," he said. Some audience members have asked if scents were released into the room, the scene so vividly set by the audio that their senses of smell were tricked. Others have been sure the room's temperature was adjusted to match the story's setting.

"We had a group of dancers when we did a showcase in New York. You could see their shoulders all moving, they had this kinesthetic response," Clark said. He wonders if the ways in which the show engages people's senses and imaginations differently is connected to "how we learn and how we see the world. It brings up a big, wider question."

He considers EarFilms part of the continuum of storytelling traditions, from ancient epics, to the golden age of radio, to podcasts.

"We feel really strongly that we're continuing a tradition that's gone on a very long time," he said, harkening back to the "magical time" in which families in days of old would gather around the wireless to follow a favorite story. "The only thing we've added to that is extreme technology and blindfolds." ■

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Algorithm

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ALYSIA and MABLE have collaborated as well. Ackerman and Singh recently created a song with both systems called "A Beautiful Memory." And while the systems themselves may eventually be able to create music fully independently, for Ackerman, it's the collaboration between human and machine that's most thrilling.

"Where things click is where a human singer sings computer-composed music. That's the merging of worlds that I enjoy," she said. ■

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When: Thursday, April 13, at 5:30 p.m.
Cost: Free
Info: Go to ccrma.stanford.edu/events/margareta-ackerman-algorithmic-songwriting and mayaackerman.info/ALYSIA.html

Worth a Look



Karla Kane

Public art 'Flora from Fauna'

Redwood City, which was named one of the best places to see public art in 2017 by the New York Times, is gaining another set of whimsical murals in its art-loving downtown. Bay Area science illustrator and fine artist Jane Kim has started work on "Flora from Fauna," a series of small murals depicting creatures offering passersby bouquets of chrysanthemums. The murals will be located on the exteriors of the Arthur Murray dance studio, Cafe La Tartine, Polam Credit Union, Marshall St. Garage (870 Jefferson Ave.) and on a concrete bench near City Hall.

Fine art

'Beyond the Obvious'

Palo Alto's EcoCenter (2560 Embarcadero Road), a community resource for environmental education, will host an exhibition of abstract and semi-abstract artwork inspired by the natural beauty of the Baylands: "Beyond the Obvious: Abstract and Semi-Abstract Work From Nature," from April to June. The 20 artists involved are members of "Artists Beyond Obvious," a group which meets weekly. The EcoCenter is open to the public Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the first and third Saturdays of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Go to evols.org/ecocenter.

For a good cause

Refugees benefit concert

Stanford University's Memorial Church will host a benefit concert in support of the humanitarian organization International Rescue Committee (IRC), which helps those affected by the global refugee crisis, on Saturday, April 8, from 7-9 p.m. Led by poet Farhan Kathawala (of Stanford's Spoken Word Collective), the event will include performances by campus a cappella group Talisman, the 10-piece Stanford Middle East Ensemble (playing a blend of traditional and classical music from Egypt, Syria, Iran and Turkey), plus individual student performers of music, dance, comedy and poetry. Tickets are \$5-8 and all proceeds go to IRC. The event is sponsored by Stanford's Muslim Student Union in partnership with other campus organizations. Go to events.stanford.edu/events/680/68075/.

Film

Val Lewton film festival

The Stanford Theatre (221 University Ave., Palo Alto) will present the classic horror films of producer Val Lewton (including "Curse of the Cat People," "Bedlam," and "The Leopard Man"), Fridays-Sundays throughout April (see online schedule for exact show times). Lewton was a master of creating a sense of suspense and dread in his low-budget-but-enduringly atmospheric films. Admission to the Stanford Theatre is \$7, which includes both daily features, plus live music on the Wurlitzer organ between screenings. Go to stanfordtheatre.org.

Concert

Palo Alto Philharmonic

The Palo Alto Philharmonic will premiere a trumpet concerto by composer-in-residence Lee Actor, performed by trumpet soloist Guy Clark, at a performance on Saturday, April 8, at 8 p.m. at Cubberley Theatre, 400 Middlefield Road. Actor is the recipient of several composition awards and has released a number of albums. The concert will be preceded by a discussion at 7:30 p.m. Also featured in the program will be Carl Nielsen's "Maskarade Overture" and Jean Sibelius' Symphony No. 2. Tickets are \$10-\$22. Go to paphil.org/pages/concerts/orch4.php and leeactor.com.

Artist Jane Kim paints a fox in downtown Redwood City, part of her new "Flora from Fauna" series of murals.

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Kabobs and Pupuseria's bean and cheese pupusas served with rice, slaw and beans.

Once upon a time, about 30 years ago, there was a doughnut shop in a strip mall in Mountain View. The people of the town were happy with it, but then they started to crave something savory. Many customers were of Salvadoran descent, and they began requesting pupusas, those thick, griddled masa cakes stuffed with melted cheese and other ingredients. Why not use the kitchen during the day to make pupusas, suggested a customer, since the doughnuts were always made in the wee hours? The owners readily agreed.

The townspeople were happy, but then the neighborhood started to change. Many of the Salvadoran customers moved away. Nobody seemed to want doughnuts, either. Business was slow, and new owner Rashami Mulge, who had taken over from his aunt and uncle, needed to make a change. About eight months ago, a customer had an idea. He was a chef who used to work at a Persian restaurant, and he offered to make

kebabs. Mulge liked the proposition, so he took doughnuts off the menu and set up his kitchen with one chef preparing Persian kebabs and the other chef preparing the Salvadoran dishes. He renamed the space Kabobs and Pupuseria.

Good news apparently travels slowly because the restaurant was nearly empty during several weekend visits. That's unfortunate because the pupusas are excellent, and the kebabs are just as good as the ones served at a sit-down restaurant but for half the price.

Maybe people are having trouble finding it? A behemoth Cost Plus World Market a few doors down dwarfs the restaurant. When you do walk inside, you might not immediately notice that it has some nice aesthetics. That's because two giant self-serve refrigerators command your focus. They're filled with bottled drinks, including Mexican sodas and horchata. Look beyond these eyesores to discover two-toned wooden tables that complement brown and cream striped walls.

Walk up to the a beige mock-marble counter to place your order. Behind the smudged Cassio register, a large menu has been tacked to the wall, flanked on both sides by pictures of nearly every item. Stop yourself from making any negative judgments about a restaurant that shows pictures of its food. As you scan the menu, ask yourself: "Am I in the mood for Persian kebabs or Salvadoran food?" It's a trick question because the answer is both. Order a medley of items for your table to share, made easy because pupusas and kebabs are available a la carte or as a plate with rice.

Try the chicken thigh kebab (\$12.99), its bone-in meat succulent with blistered edges that hint of citrus. A yogurt marinade keeps it moist. The Cornish game hen (\$14.99) and chicken breast kebabs (\$12.99) suffer from a bit of dryness, just in their end pieces, but a quick squeeze of a lemon wedge will solve the problem. Soft basmati rice, tinted yellow from saffron, comes with your kebab, as does a forgettable salad of iceberg lettuce, tomato and raw onion. In typical Bay Area style, you can also order your kebabs wrapped in a tortilla as a burrito (\$6.99).

Chicken also proves to be a great choice on the Salvadoran side of the menu. What's listed as a chicken stew (\$11.99) is actually a chicken thigh lounging in a rust-colored gravy that's a bit thicker than enchilada sauce. The chicken flakes off the bone effortlessly, ready to be dragged through the sauce that's flavored with dried red chiles. Like all the Salvadoran plates here, this one comes with rice speckled with a few carrot and green pepper bits and refried beans that tend toward the runny side.

A chicken soup (\$12.99) is not as satisfying as the stew, namely because of the lack of vegetables in the huge bowl of broth. As is the Salvadoran custom, the

chicken comes on the side where most people order it grilled, though you can also opt for it fried. You can eat it separately or shred it into the soup. At some restaurants, you need to add it to the soup because the chicken is too dry on its own. Not here. The grilled version is perfectly tender. Both the soup and stew come with a stack of earthy Salvadoran tortillas. These are just like pupusas without the filling. Somehow each one manages to stay hot from the top of the stack to the bottom.

Definitely order some pupusas (\$2.75) for the table. There are seven types to choose from, filled with melted Monterey Jack cheese and ingredients like zucchini, beans or locoro, a type of edible flower. Unlike pupusas found elsewhere, these don't leave an oozy pile of cheese grease on your plate. (Don't mistake these for diet food either. Pupusas are naturally heavy.) Eat them with the accompanying curtido, a cabbage slaw whose vinegary bite will vary slightly depending on when you visit, but does its job of cutting the grease. You'll also receive a bowl of thin, watery salsa that always accompanies pupusas but never seems to taste like much, no matter where I've tried it.

The person working at the counter may or may not offer you a bottle of chutney with your food. Owner Mulge is Indian, and his aunt makes a murky chile-infused oil that will burn off your tongue should you try more than a drop. But you absolutely should try a drop. It has a touch of sweetness despite all the fire and goes beautifully with the pupusas and chicken soup, since the Salvadoran food is characteristically mild.

If your palate runs salty, try an order of fried yucca with chicharrones (\$9.99) for the table. Yucca is a starchy vegetable similar to a potato. The chef cuts it into squat pieces, thicker than a steak fry, and deeply fries

them until they turn light gold. The texture is starchier, firmer and not as buttery as a potato, but this is much softer than some other versions. Scattered around the yucca are soft, moist pieces of pork just the right size for popping into your mouth. The pork is too salty to eat on its own and must be combined with the yucca and curtido.

A side of sweet fried plantains (\$6.99) can also counteract the sodium. These pan-fried relatives of the banana are creamy inside and even better when you dip the slices into your cooling dish of crema (similar to sour cream).

Despite serving two cuisines very well, Kabobs and Pupuseria doesn't always hit the mark. Falafels (\$8.99), which are not specific to Persian cuisine, taste as if they've been microwaved rather than fried. A Salvadoran chicken tamale (\$2.50) steamed in banana leaves was mushy with almost no chicken inside.

Aside from a few misses, this doughnut shop turned pupuseria and kabob restaurant produces remarkably good food despite an unlikely concept.

"Everybody is so skeptical until they come and try it, and they love it," Mulge said.

I believe him. ■

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After taking over his aunt and uncle's restaurant, Rashami Mulge set up the new kitchen with one chef preparing Persian kebabs and another preparing Salvadoran dishes.

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Movies

OPENINGS



Michael Caine, left, Morgan Freeman and Alan Arkin star in "Going in Style."

No points for 'Style'

Three Oscar winners serve comfort food

★1/2 (Century 16 & 20)

It's tempting to refer to "Going in Style," the 2017 remake of Martin Brest's 1979 bank-caper comedy-drama, as "pabulum," in the sense of being "insipid, simplistic or bland." The irony, though, is that pabulum primarily refers to a nutritious (if unappetizing) foodstuff, and the new "Going in Style" has precisely the opposite character, since it qualifies — especially for seniors — as comfort food with no nutritional value.

In this polished but hollow remake, written by Theodore Melfi ("Hidden Figures") and directed by Zach Braff ("Garden State"), three old codgers often kibitz about how they've earned the right to be able to enjoy their pie in their old age (and be able to afford it whenever they wish). The pie serves as a more suitable metaphor for "Going in Style" 2017: a tasty treat — if you like pie — of empty calories, enjoyable in the moment but hardly healthy. On that level, "Going in Style" proves short-term functional.

A heavyweight trio of Oscar winners play the codgers, which gets this "Going in Style" as far as it was going to go. Joe (Michael Caine) faces foreclosure on the home he's bought for his daughter (Maria Dizzia) and granddaughter (Joey King of Braff's "Wish I Was Here"), while his buddies Willie (Morgan Freeman) and Albert (Alan Arkin) share a house by financial necessity. At the film's outset, they all become victimized

by the new economy, when their pension dissolves following the acquisition of the steel company where they worked for decades.

Add to this Willie's late-stage renal failure and you have the recipe for desperate urgency that enables Joe to hatch a crazy plan. The trio will rob a bank

that, in a twist of ethical convenience, has some responsibility for enabling their financial plight (and, in a broader sense, that of many middle- and working-class Americans). Given modern security measures, this plot makes for

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AGENDA-SPECIAL MEETING-COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 11, 2017, 5:00 PM

Action Items

1. Approval of 2015-16 Public Improvement Corporation Financial Statement

AGENDA- SPECIAL MEETING-COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 11, 2017, 5:05 PM

Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY-EXISTING LITIGATION, Subject: Ferreira, et al. v. City of Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Superior Court, Case No. 16CV289765, Authority: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, CALIFORNIA, Government Code Section 54956.8, Property: U.S. Post Office, 380 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto 94301, Negotiating Parties: City of Palo Alto and United States Post Office Under Negotiation: Purchase and Lease: Price and Terms of Payment

Consent Calendar

4. Approve Updated City of Palo Alto Debt Policy
5. Approval of a Water Enterprise Fund Professional Services Contract With Cal Engineering & Geology for a one Year Term With a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$139,213 for a Geotechnical Investigation and Assessment of the Existing Subgrade of the Mayfield Reservoir (WS-11004)
6. Approval of Urban Forestry On-call Services Contract Number S17165735 With Davey Resource Group for Review and Inspection of Planning and Development Applications in a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$200,000 Annually for a Three-year Term
7. Request for Authorization to Increase the Existing Contract for Legal Services With the Law Firm of Renne Sloan Holtzman Sakai by an Additional \$100,000 for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$195,000
8. Adoption of an Updated Rail Committee Charter and the Guiding Principles
9. Selection of Applicants to Interview on April 26, 2017 for the Human Relations Commission, the Library Advisory Commission, the Public Art Commission, and the Utilities Advisory Commission

Action Items

10. Council Direction on Parking and Retail Program and Related Zoning Changes Needed for the new Downtown Parking Structure Located at Existing Surface Parking Lot D at 375 Hamilton Avenue
11. Receive Results of a Downtown Parking Management Study and Provide Direction to Staff on Next Steps

Inter-Governmental Legislative Affairs

12. Staff Recommendation to Approve Sending a Letter Supporting the State's Latest Regional Traffic Relief Plan

Movies

'Going in Style'

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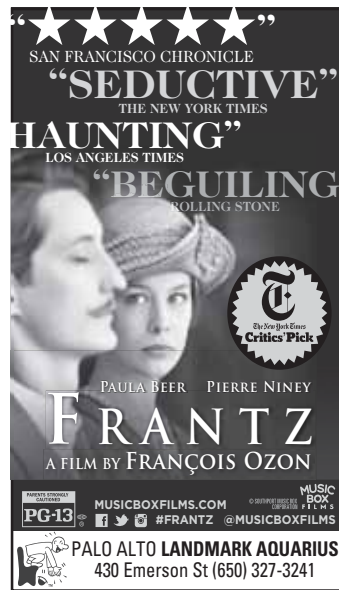
an even harder sell in 2017 than in 1979. And so the trio must enlist a "lowlife" (John Ortiz) to plan the heist in exchange for a no-risk cut.

As for the risk facing the old friends, Joe points out that, in the worst case, they'll wind up with "a bed, three meals a day, and better health care than we get now." So far, so tolerable for this "Grumpy Old Men" with guns, complete with star chemistry and Ann-Margret as the aging but desirable sexpot (here paired with the grumpiest, Arkin). But Melfi and Braff turn down a blind alley when they stage an insultingly stupid grocery-store robbery for cheap laughs at the expense of our heroes.

This tenaciously populist, unreasonably optimistic feel-good fantasy fully embraces comedy, covering its ears and braying "Nah nah nah!" to drown out the original film's darkness, realism and genuine emotion. It's another sign of the times that Hollywood thinks we can no longer handle the original story line. Quippy old farts, okay. Bank heist, hell yes. Interpolated pot-dispensary sequence, of course. Consequences, fuggedaboutit.

Rated PG-13 for drug content, language and some suggestive material. One hour, 36 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



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

Boss Baby ★★1/2

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 this 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. Heaven happily dispenses babies from an assembly line. A few are singled out for the executive track, and hence the Boss Baby (voiced by Alec Baldwin), a cubicle dweller who dreams of one day taking the top office in the baby biz. 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. But the animation charmingly evokes an earlier era and Oscar winner Hans Zimmer turns in a winningly John Williams-esque score. *Rated PG for some mild rude humor. One hour, 37 minutes.* — P.C.

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). 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 it. 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.

MOVIES NOW SHOWING

Beauty and the Beast (PG) ★★

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Bolshoi Ballet: A Hero of our Time (PG) Century 20: Sunday

The Boss Baby (PG) ★★1/2 Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Case for Christ (PG) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Clue (PG) Century 20: Sunday

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.

Gifted (PG-13) Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

Going in Style (PG-13) ★1/2

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Kong: Skull Island (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Leopard Man (1943) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 6:10 & 8:55 p.m., 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.

Power Rangers (PG-13) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Seventh Victim (1943) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m., Fri. - Sun., 4:45 p.m., Sat. & Sun.

Smurfs: The Lost Village (PG)

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

T2 Trainspotting (R) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Your Name (PG) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Zookeeper's Wife (PG-13)

Century 20: Fri. - Sun. Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Aquarius: 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto

(For recorded listings: 327-3241) tinyurl.com/Aquariuspa
Century Cinema 16: 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View
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Century 20 Downtown: 825 Middlefield Road, Redwood City
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CineArts at Palo Alto Square: 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto
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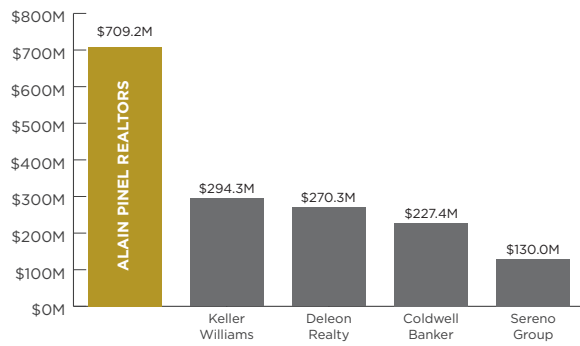


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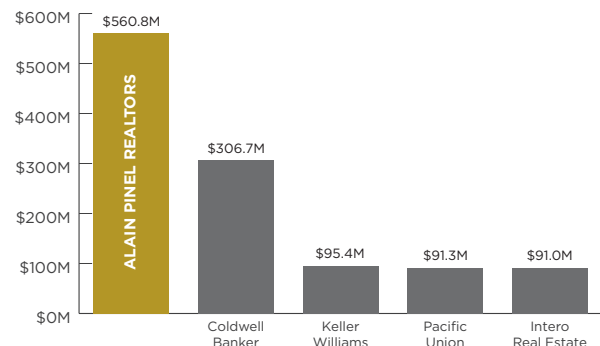
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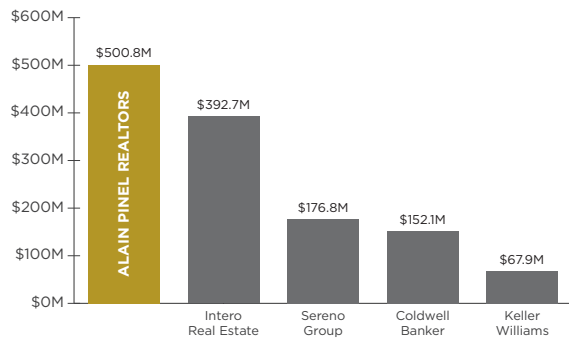
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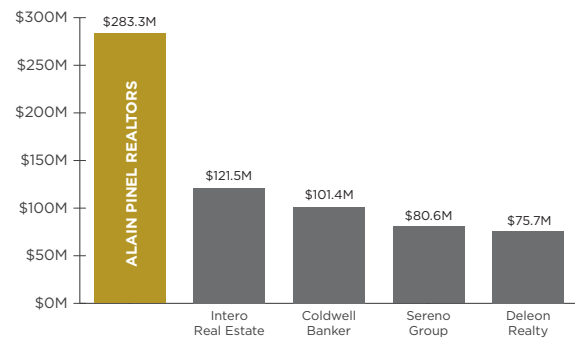
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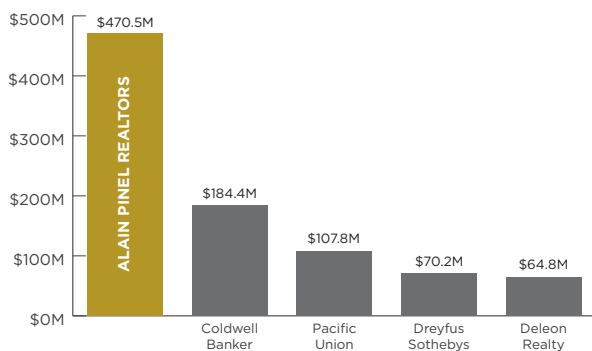
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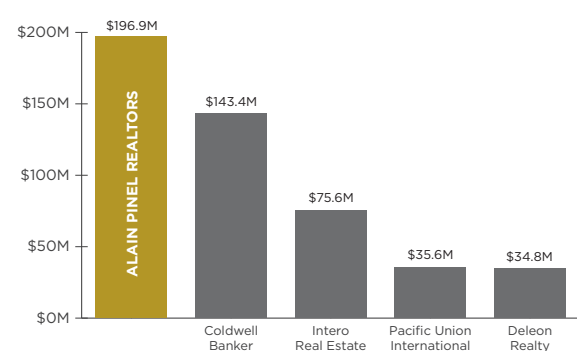
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A weekly guide to home, garden and real estate news, edited by Elizabeth Lorenz

Home Front

KEEPING THE MAMMALS OUT

... Lyngso Garden Materials will host "Vertebrate Pest Control in the Garden" on **Saturday, April 15**. The class will demonstrate how to use non-poisonous abatement techniques to prevent four-legged critters like black-tailed deer, pocket gophers, moles, rats and squirrels from destroying your garden and gobbling up the fruits of your labor. Topics will include trapping and creating barriers and deterrents. Master Gardener Janice Moody, who is leading the class, at one time maintained six acres in Pescadero using gopher and deer abatement techniques that she will share in the class. Co-presenter Nancy Grove gardens on the Midpeninsula with a focus on waterwise perennial plantings, small fruit orchards and raised beds. To register, go to lyngsovertebratepestcontrol.eventbrite.com. The class will be from 1-3 p.m. at Lyngso Garden Materials, 345 Shoreway Road, San Carlos.

SECRETS TO GREAT TOMATOES

... Common Ground Garden will hold a workshop on growing tomatoes taught by retired master gardener and owner of All Things Edible **Nancy Garrison**. Learn which tomatoes have great flavor, reliable production and are able to hold up under regular garden conditions. Garrison also will talk about trellising methods, and soil preparation. The class will be held **Saturday, April 29**, from 2-4 p.m. at Common Ground Garden, 687 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. For more information, go to commongroundgarden.org.

NATIVE PLANT CLASS ...

"Maintaining Native Gardens," will be offered **Saturday, April 29**, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Mitchell Park Community Center's El Palo Alto Room at 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Sherri Osaka will teach participants about native plant maintenance. To register, go to bawsca.org/classes_2.php?id_evnt=90.

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Winding roads like these are common in Portola Valley and other rural towns. Buyers should be sure they are comfortable with the street their home is on, which may have limited access to trucks or emergency vehicles.

Buyers in Woodside, Portola Valley and La Honda have a different set of "issues"

by Elizabeth Lorenz



Narrow bridges and horse crossings are common obstacles when driving on the country roads of Woodside.

Having grown up in rural Vermont, Debora knew she'd always live in the country. In 2000, she moved to a home on Old La Honda Road, and after several moves, still lives in the hills above Silicon Valley's "flat lands," as she calls them.

The main shock that many new buyers may discover if they haven't done their research is that most homes in Woodside and Portola Valley and along Skyline Boulevard from Woodside to Saratoga are on septic systems rather than the public sewer system. There also are other "issues," like whether a home is located on a road that is windy or straight, narrow or wide, or if it's OK that it takes 10-15 minutes for emergency help to arrive after a 911 call.

For Debora (who asked that her last name not be used), the main draw to living in the hills is "the feeling of not having neighbors, you have your privacy." She and her husband live on more than five acres with a 180-degree view of the San Francisco Bay — which makes up for any inconveniences caused by landslides, street closures and other storm-related problems.

"If buyers understand the hills, then this is a minor inconvenience," Debora said.

Erika Demma, a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker in Woodside who helps clients buy and sell rural properties, said

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buying land farther from the urban centers of Silicon Valley can be refreshing, but “it comes with a lot of things buyers need to know.”

The main piece of education for buyers is learning about septic systems, which are underground tanks that collect the home’s sewage and percolate it underground. “Percolation tests,” “leech fields,” and other terms are common parlance for country dwellers. Nothing flushed except toilet paper, and nothing down the kitchen sink other than water.

The main thing when looking at country property, Demma said, is to see if it already has utilities. It’s a big process to buy a raw piece of land and get utilities and water brought to it. If the property is on Skyline Boulevard, for example, the power hookup might be a mile down a driveway to the main power pole.

The other issue, Demma said, is terrain. “If you have more than a 35 percent slope (the town of Woodside) is not going to let you build.” To help clients, she gives them a hefty packet of information from the town they are interested in so they know exactly what the building rules are.

In 2016, Realtor Margot Lockwood sold 11 lots in the Woodside and Portola Valley areas, none of them buildable. Most were tiny, and bought by adjacent homeowners hoping to preserve their

unobstructed views.

If there’s already a home on a property, Lockwood said, it’s helpful because there is an existing square-footage footprint there. You can’t add bedrooms, but you can remodel the existing home. The issue is the capacity of the septic system, which is set by the number of bedrooms in the home.

“From my experience in buying a piece of land, the septic is probably the most challenging thing,” Lockwood said. Prospective buyers also should make sure the land is stable and there are no hazards on it.

Most sellers, Lockwood said, won’t sell homes or land in rural areas with a contingency to get building plans approved. “I just make sure in my disclosures that I let people know that they’re taking their chances.”

It’s most important to go to the city and county before close of escrow to find out the building options for the property you want to buy.

Other things to consider are that some small sections of Woodside, such as The Glens, are on a sewer line, but not all homes in The Glens have opted into it. If a buyer purchases such a home and wants to add a sewer hookup, it can cost \$100,000, Lockwood said.

While nearly all of the hills are connected to PG&E’s electric power grid, cable television and the Internet are more tricky. Portions of Skyline subscribe to a



The rural atmosphere, seclusion and sweeping views of the San Francisco Bay often draw residents from Silicon Valley’s “flat lands” up to the surrounding hills of Woodside, Portola Valley and La Honda.

local Internet provider as the major ones don’t have good coverage. Even Dish Network and Direct TV are not necessarily available in rural areas.

Cell phone coverage is very sporadic as well, so Lockwood emphasizes getting to know one’s neighbors.

She said often it can take years for approvals to wind their way through towns or counties for building permits. One listing she had in La Honda, she said, was on the market for two years (which is very typical for hills homes, as

opposed to only a few weeks in the denser suburbs).

“I thought, ‘no way the thing is ever going to get built.’ They had red-legged frogs (an endangered species), and they also had a creek. The (septic) leech line had to be a good distance from the creek.”

She drove by the property recently, and there was a house on it. “How they did it, I have no idea.”

Buyers in this situation, she said, have to be “super, super persistent.” A real estate agent does, too, as it’s not uncommon for one

property to go in and out of escrow three times, if buyers decide against completing a sale.

Still, many kinds of buyers are attracted to this “country” kind of living. Lockwood recently sold a home to a couple who had lived in Palo Alto but wanted to retire to the hills. Another client was a tech executive who was buying property for a second home. When all is said and done, she said, “there’s a tranquility to it.” ■

Elizabeth Lorenz is the Home and Real Estate Editor and the Palo Alto Weekly.

HOME SALES

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

Atherton

4 Surrey Lane Charney Trust to A. Husain for \$5,315,000 on 03/03/17; built 1912, 4bd, 3,360 sq.ft.; previous sale 09/27/2016, \$5,500,000

Los Altos

53 Bay Tree Lane Tompkins Trust to Pelton Trust for \$2,300,000 on 03/17/17; built 1972, 2bd, 1,840 sq.ft.

671 Benvenue Avenue S. & J. Dormady to Y. Zhao for \$4,700,000 on 03/16/17; built 2012, 5bd, 4,817 sq.ft.; previous sale 11/02/2012, \$3,150,000

257 Covington Road Nesmith Trust to M. Borla for \$6,100,000 on 03/20/17; built 1958, 5bd, 5,027 sq.ft.; previous sale 05/04/2012, \$3,745,000

44 Dior Terrace Palmer Trust to W. Palmer for \$3,020,000 on 03/16/17; built 1966, 4bd, 2,314 sq.ft.

167 Garland Way B. Hao to Tal-lapragada Trust for \$4,201,000 on 03/20/17; built 1948, 2bd, 1,417 sq.ft.; previous sale 01/20/1993, \$600,000

1730 Peachtree Court Henderson Trust to Chen Trust for \$2,550,000 on 03/17/17; built 1956, 3bd, 1,524 sq.ft.

471 South Clark Avenue A. & G. Toth to Hindawi Trust for \$6,750,000 on 03/20/17; built 2010, 5bd, 5,185 sq.ft.

407 Yerba Buena Avenue Wallace Trust to W. & J. Lochridge for \$3,200,000 on 03/17/17; built 1952, 4bd, 2,525 sq.ft.

SALES AT A GLANCE

Atherton

Total sales reported: **1**
Sales price: **\$5,315,000**

Los Altos

Total sales reported: **8**
Lowest sales price: **\$2,300,000**
Highest sales price: **\$6,750,000**
Average sales price: **\$4,102,625**

Los Altos Hills

Total sales reported: **2**
Lowest sales price: **\$2,700,000**
Highest sales price: **\$4,980,000**
Average sales price: **\$3,840,000**

Menlo Park

Total sales reported: **6**
Lowest sales price: **\$500,000**
Highest sales price: **\$3,354,000**
Average sales price: **\$1,525,500**

Los Altos Hills

27400 Elena Road W. Li to M. Amarnath for \$2,700,000 on 03/17/17; built 2000, 5bd, 3,825 sq.ft.; previous sale 03/15/2010, \$1,800,000

26985 Orchard Hill Lane S. & M. Whang to T. Zhang for \$4,980,000 on 03/15/17; built 1965, 4bd, 3,182 sq.ft.; previous sale 11/02/2007, \$3,280,000

Menlo Park

770 17th Avenue J. & A. Weatherston to S. Stern for \$1,074,000 on 03/08/17; built 1938, 2bd, 790 sq.ft.; previous sale 02/26/2014, \$675,000

1049 Almanor Avenue Bogue Trust to David Crouch Custom Homes for \$975,000 on 03/08/17; built 1946, 4bd, 1,700 sq.ft.

1060 Cambridge Avenue Eddie Trust to E. Chien for \$2,330,000 on 03/09/17; built 1940, 2bd, 1,880 sq.ft.; previous sale 07/08/1987, \$325,000

1394 Carlton Avenue P. Hernandez to Y. Wang for \$920,000 on 03/03/17; built 1951, 3bd, 980 sq.ft.

2140 Santa Cruz Avenue #B209 H. & I. Rogers to T. & M. Vahdatpour for \$500,000 on 03/06/17; built 1978, 1bd, 660 sq.ft.; previous sale 05/06/2013, \$317,500

69 Yale Road Johnston Trust to V. Tsotadze for \$3,354,000 on 03/03/17; built 1936, 2bd, 1,260 sq.ft.; previous sale 03/24/2005, \$500,000

Mountain View

1961 Amalfi Way Shea Trust to Tiwari Trust for \$5,430,000 on

Mountain View

Total sales reported: **7**
Lowest sales price: **\$960,000**
Highest sales price: **\$5,430,000**
Average sales price: **\$2,140,286**

Palo Alto

Total sales reported: **12**
Lowest sales price: **\$1,601,000**
Highest sales price: **\$7,060,000**
Average sales price: **\$3,100,250**

Woodside

Total sales reported: **1**
Sales price: **\$561,000**

Source: California REsource

\$1,035,000 on 03/17/17; built 1988, 2bd, 1,147 sq.ft.
255 South Rengstorff Avenue #52 Keister Trust to J. Vancampen for \$960,000 on 03/17/17; built 1965, 3bd, 1,292 sq.ft.; previous sale 11/02/2005, \$508,000

Palo Alto

101 Alma Street #903 Waldron Trust to M. Levinthal for \$1,870,000 on 03/17/17; built 1960, 2bd, 1,479 sq.ft.; previous sale 12/28/1995, \$325,000

654 Arastradero Road M. Poray-Heyrowski to R. Padmanabhan for \$2,150,000 on 03/17/17; built 1900, 2bd, 1,050 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/19/1985, \$151,000

532 Channing Avenue #302 Breslow Trust to M. Moore for \$2,215,000 on 03/16/17; built 1981, 3bd, 1,973 sq.ft.

961 Channing Avenue Glenn Trust to L. Lee for \$1,642,000 on 03/20/17; built 1924, 2bd, 960 sq.ft.; previous sale 07/09/1993, \$266,000

735 Coastland Drive K. Hwang to Muma Trust for \$2,900,000 on 03/21/17; built 1947, 3bd, 1,414 sq.ft.; previous sale 12/27/2012, \$1,455,000

3424 Cowper Court J. Chang to Galley-La Limited for \$3,700,000 on 03/21/17; built 2006, 5bd, 3,853 sq.ft.; previous sale 11/29/2012, \$2,400,000

1111 Emerson Street Stewart Trust to S. Nitzan for \$3,100,000 on 03/17/17; built 1903, 4bd, 1,840 sq.ft.

2895 Emerson Street Fan Trust to X. Wang for \$4,300,000 on 03/20/17; previous sale 11/13/2013, \$1,910,000

185 Forest Avenue #2B K. Washington to K. Zhang for \$1,601,000 on 03/20/17; built 1981, 2bd, 1,334 sq.ft.; previous sale 11/03/2015, \$1,465,000

3530 Greer Road Ingels Trust to A. & A. Gironsky for

\$3,610,000 on 03/21/17; built 1958, 4bd, 2,492 sq.ft.
1425 Harker Avenue Hassine Trust to X. Jia for \$7,060,000 on 03/20/17; built 1995, 5bd, 3218 sq.ft.; previous sale 04/07/1995, \$501,000

155 Walter Hays Drive Simons Trust to G. & R. Batta for \$3,055,000 on 03/16/17; built 1950, 3bd, 1,698 sq.ft.; previous sale 09/07/1988, \$476,000

Woodside

40 Big Tree Road Rugg Trust to D. & C. Perrone for \$561,000 on 03/03/17; built 1946, 1bd, 810 sq.ft.

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1551 Walnut Drive Temporary power.

880 Ames Court Tear off existing roofing and install felt. \$16,000

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595 Bryant St. Replace boiler on 2nd floor.

578 Maybell Ave. Remove/replace gas water heater

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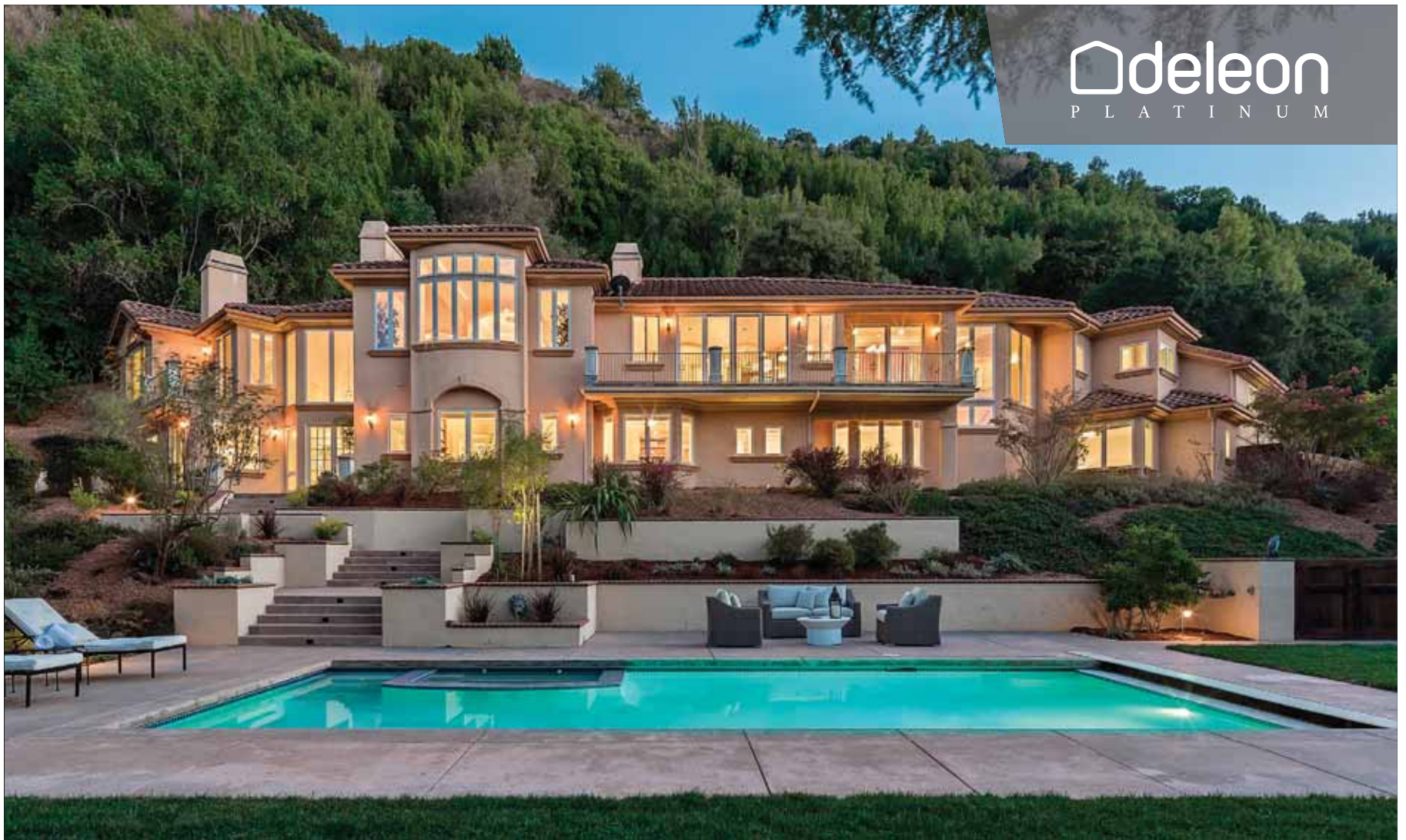


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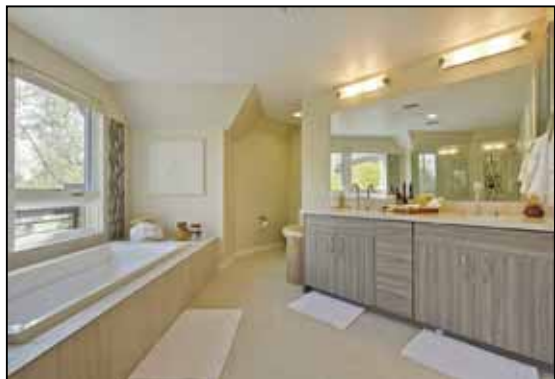
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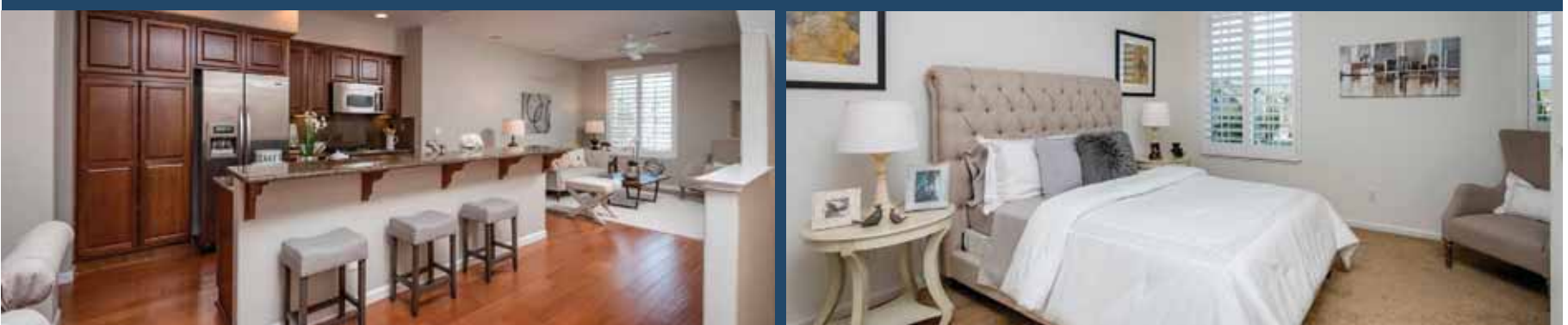


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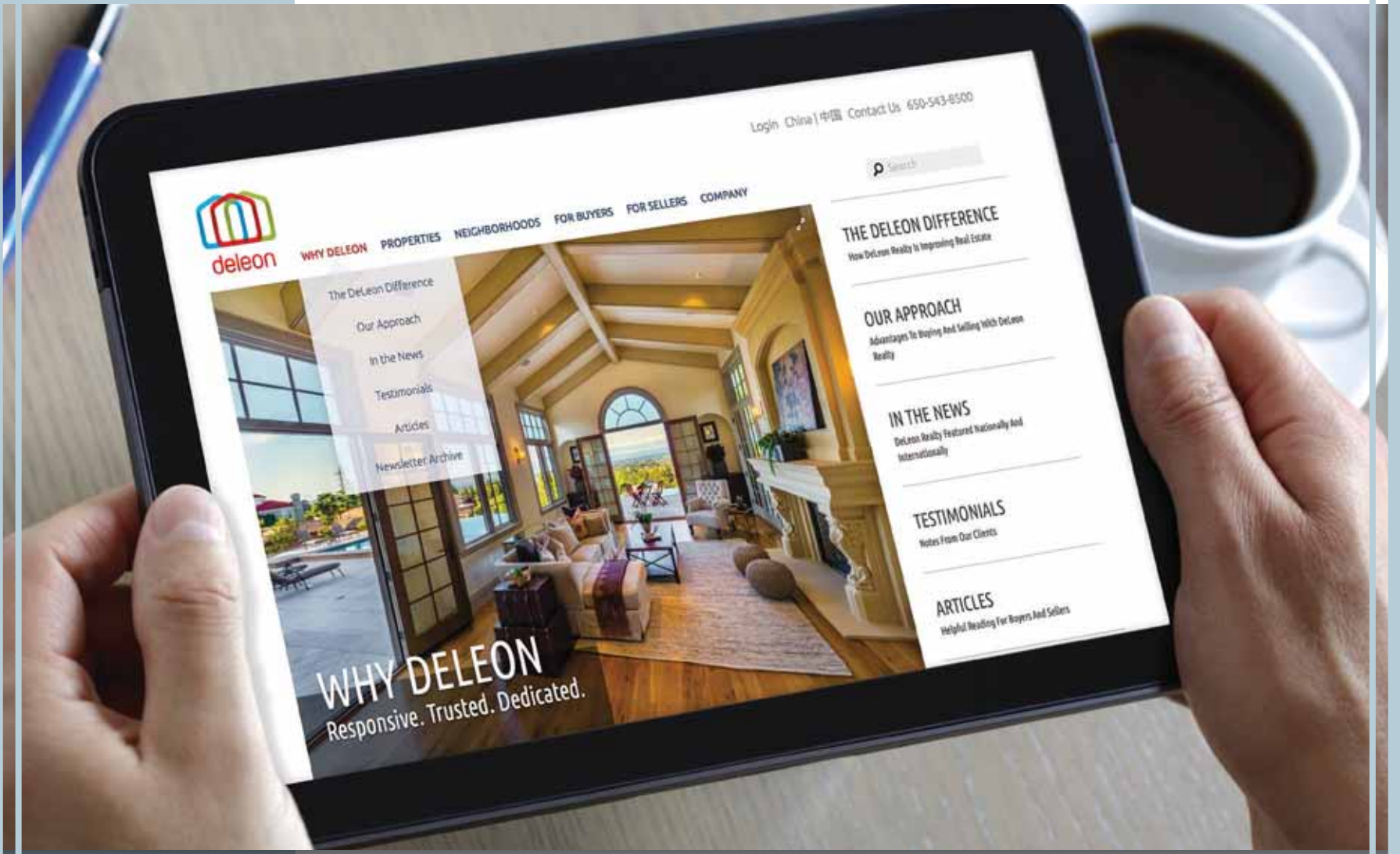
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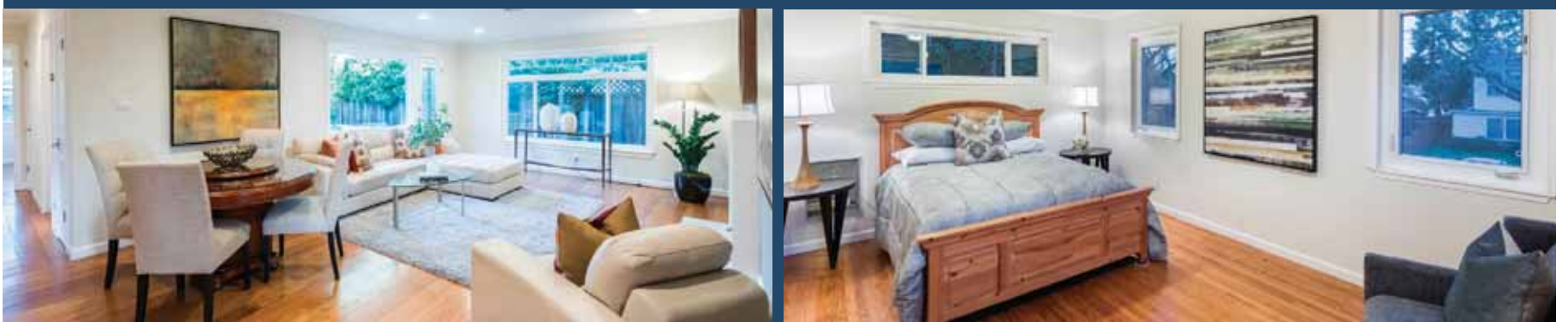


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2038 El Sereno Av	\$2,598,000	
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2140 Santa Cruz Av #A102	\$850,000	
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3 Bedrooms		
668 Partridge Ave	\$2,498,000	
Sun	Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111
628 Harvard Av	\$2,080,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	324-4456
839 Marsh Rd	\$1,188,000	
Sat/Sun	Golden Gate Sotheby's Realty	847-1141

3 Bedrooms - Townhouse		
2262 Sharon Rd	\$1,249,000	
Sat/Sun	Coldwell Banker	323-7751

4 Bedrooms		
228 Sand Hill Cir	\$1,698,000	
Sat/Sun	Coldwell Banker	324-4456

5 Bedrooms		
625 Hobart St	\$6,800,000	
Sun	Coldwell Banker	324-4456
161 Willow Rd	\$2,798,000	
Sun 1-5	Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

MOUNTAIN VIEW

2 Bedrooms - Townhouse		
461 Bedford Loop	\$1,288,000	
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608 Hope St	\$2,098,000	
Sat	Midtown Realty	321-1596

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3 Bedrooms		
3861 Corina Way	\$2,450,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Paper Lantern Realty	919-3725

4 Bedrooms		
3239 Maddux Dr	\$3,198,000	
Sun	Keller Williams Palo Alto	454-8500

2368 Santa Ana St		
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3190 Emerson St		
\$2,988,000		
Sat/Sun 1-5	Deleon Realty	543-8500

2711 Kipling St		
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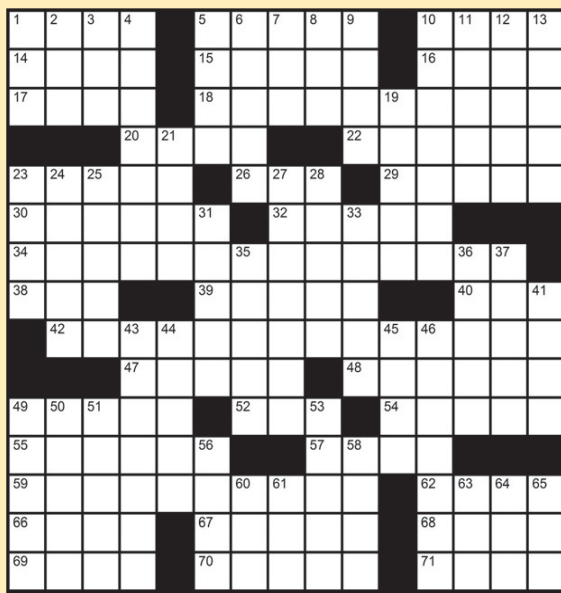
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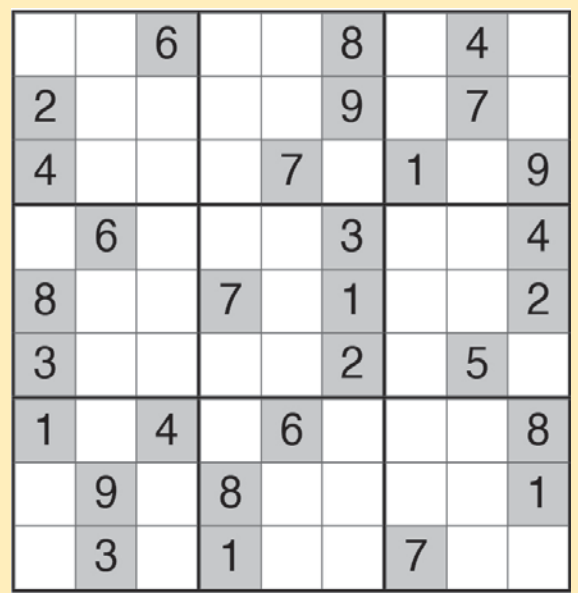
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
REUEL VAN ATTA
Case No.: 17PR180660
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **REUEL VAN ATTA**.
A Petition 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.
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.
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C R O S S W O R D S

Sports Shorts

HONOR, HONOR . . . Stanford's **Mackenzie Little**, women's javelin winner at the Stanford Invitational, was named Pac-12 Women's Field Event Athlete of the Week. Little, a sophomore from New South Wales, Australia, threw 182-5 for the No. 2 throw in NCAA Division I this year to win the competition for the second consecutive year. The reigning Pac-12 champ came within 1'5" of the Stanford school record held by four-time Pac-12 champ **Brianna Bain**. It was Little's longest throw since making her collegiate debut at the Stanford Invitational last year, when she went 183-4. She went on to dominate the Pac-12 Championships, winning by 30 feet, and placed seventh at the NCAA Championships. On Saturday, Little will attempt to repeat as the Big Meet winner, when the Cardinal takes on Cal in the 123rd renewal of their rivalry. Stanford has dominated the women's javelin in the annual duel, winning for the past 14 years in that event. Little is Stanford's best chance to make 15. Admission is free at the Cobb Track and Angell Field. Field events begin at 2 p.m. and running events at 3:15 p.m. . . . Stanford senior **Akash Modi** was named Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Gymnast of the Week The Cardinal closed out the regular season in a dual meet against No. 12 California where Modi claimed event titles in the all-around (87.650), floor (15.250), pommel horse (14.550) and parallel bars (15.400) to help propel No. 2 Stanford to a sweep of the Golden Bears in team and individual event titles. Modi has earned 18 individual event victories against NCAA teams this season: all-around (5), parallel bars (5), floor (3), pommel horse (4) and high bar (1). This is Modi's fifth MPSF weekly award this year. The Cardinal finishes his career with a total of 15 awards.

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ON THE AIR

Friday

College women's lacrosse: Stanford at Colorado, 2 p.m. Colorado Live Stream

College softball: Stanford at Arizona, 6 p.m., Arizona Live Stream

College baseball: Stanford at USC, 7 p.m. Pac-12 Networks

Saturday

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

College softball: Stanford at Arizona, 3 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

Women's college water polo: Stanford at USC, 5 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

Sunday

College softball: Stanford at Arizona, noon, Pac-12 Networks

Tuesday

Women's beach volleyball: California at Stanford, 4 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

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Michael Genender keeps his focus as Stanford prepares to host USC at noon Friday. If the match is delayed due to rain, it will be played indoors at the Broadway Tennis Center in Burlingame at 6:30 p.m.

Stanford prepares for signature weekend

The 19th-ranked Cardinal can take a big step forward against USC, UCLA

by Rick Eyrer

There will be some considerable changes to the Pac-12 Conference men's tennis standings once the dust settles after this weekend. Stanford, currently ranked 19th in the ITA poll, stands to gain the most. It could very well define the Cardinal's season.

The four teams currently tied for the conference lead, No. 5 USC, No. 10 UCLA, No. 12 California

and Stanford, converge on Northern California for matches Friday and Sunday. Together they own an 8-0 Pac-12 mark and a combined 58-16 overall record.

Stanford, which dominated conference play while current coach Paul Goldstein played for the Cardinal, is trying to regain that swagger.

Stanford (12-4, 2-0) has won 17 conference titles, the last in 2015. The Cardinal has also won

17 NCAA championships, none since 2000. Stanford had never gone more than three years without a national title between 1973 and 2000.

These days, getting to the Sweet 16, like the Cardinal did last year, is cause for celebration. The goal remains a return to national prominence.

There's a standard to maintain at Stanford despite the national drought. The Cardinal have won

five conference titles in the past 17 years and has suffered through two (2) losing seasons in the last 45 years.

Stanford enters the weekend on a four-match winning streak and it owns a 10-1 mark at Taube Family Tennis Center, where it hosts USC (19-3, 2-0) at noon Friday and UCLA (13-4, 2-0) at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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PREP SPORTS

M-A and Menlo: A tale of two title streaks

Knights win 21st straight league title, Bears title streak reaches nine

by Glenn Reeves

Menlo School boys tennis coach Bill Shine made a point of using all four of his seniors in singles on Wednesday. After all, it was their final home match and there's more to the program than keeping streaks alive.

Mark Ball, Marco Volpi, Ryan Fischbach and Will Borie helped the Knights clinch their 21st consecutive league title with a 7-0 victory over visiting Priory in a West Bay Athletic League match.

Even more impressive, Menlo (18-2, 12-0) also extended its state record to 252 consecutive league victories.

Both streaks have lasted a lifetime, at least if you're a player.

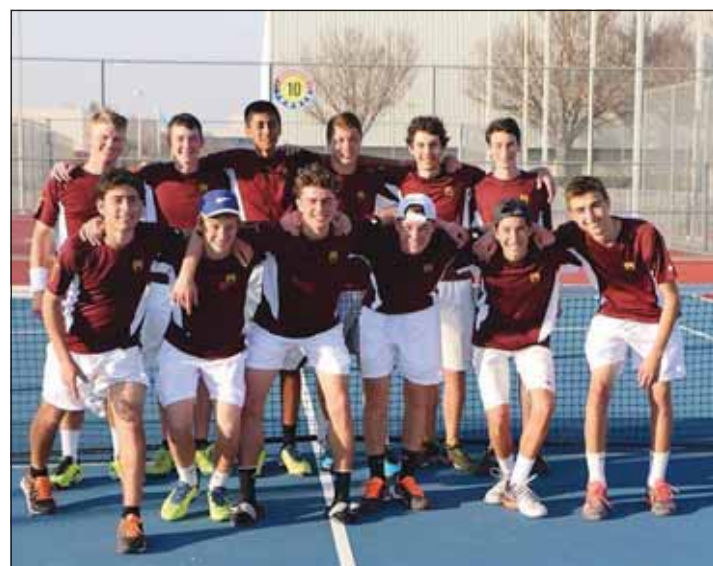
Shine has insisted that it won't bother him in the least should either streak end.

He just wants the current players to know they're every bit as important to him now as the players who were around when the streak started.

Only The King's Academy (by injury default) and Sacred Heart Prep (the doubles tandem of Will Texdo and Jack Stone) were able to take a game from Menlo during the league season.

It may not be so dramatic at Menlo-Atherton, where the boys team clinched its ninth consecutive Peninsula Athletic League title as second-place Carlmont (11-3, 10-3) has three losses and one remaining match.

The Bears (16-4, 12-0), who



The Menlo-Atherton boys tennis team clinched its ninth straight title and will look to finish the PAL undefeated.

have two remaining matches, may have the more interesting story.

Menlo-Atherton has an impressive streak of its own. The Bears are 124-1 during their span of nine titles. The streak dates to the final three matches of 2008.

Players on the current M-A roster were just entering their tween years when the streak started.

For the record, singles players Casey Morris, Tim Berthier, Jeffrey Jorgenson and Jake Andrew all won their matches in straight sets, with Berthier's 6-3 win the closest.

Sacred Heart Prep's doubles teams of Max Comolli-Alex

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Lindsay Radnede/Stanford Athletics

Maggie Steffens leads Stanford and is second in the MPSF in scoring.

STANFORD ROUNDUP

Top two water polo teams set to meet

No. 1 USC hosts No. 2 Stanford on Saturday at 5 p.m.

by Rick Eyrer

Stanford has a unique rivalry with its California counterparts the Golden Bears, USC and UCLA, each as intense as the other. It doesn't vary much among the range of varsity sports the schools offer.

And then there's women's water polo. No two teams have dominated the sport like No. 2 Stanford (16-1, 3-0) and the top-ranked Trojans (25-0, 3-0), who meet Saturday at USC's Uytengus Aquatics Center at 5 p.m.

The match will be televised on Pac-12 Networks, with U.S. national water polo team staffer Greg Mescall and Stanford grad Chris Dorst on the call.

Either USC or Stanford has been in each of the 16 NCAA championship tournaments held to date. They've combined to win nine national titles and finished as the national runner-up on 11 other occasions.

Over the past seven years, the Cardinal has won four titles and the Trojans have won three.

The last time either team lost has been to each other. The Trojans beat Stanford, 10-9, in overtime of the title match of the Barbara Kalbus Invitational at the end of February.

The Cardinal beat USC, 9-8, in the 2015 national semifinals. The defending national champion Trojans have won an NCAA-record 52 straight since, including Stanford five times.

USC and Stanford bring together six of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation top 10 scorers. USC's Stephanie Haralabidis leads the way with a 2.88 per game average (72 overall). Stanford's Maggie Steffens is next at 2.71 (46).

The teams also have four of the conference's top five ranked goalies. Trojans' Victoria Chamorro tops the list with a 3.00 GAA. Cardinal's Julia Hermann (4.17) and Gabby Stone (4.28) rank third and fourth.

You want offense? USC averages 16.24 goals a game and the Cardinal average 14.94.

You want defense? The Trojans allow 3.92 goals a game and Stanford allows 4.29.

You want coaching? USC's Jovan Vavic and Stanford's John Tanner are two of the most decorated in the business. Stanford is 31-32 all-time against the Trojans.

The Cardinal gathered some momentum the last time out. Stone tied a career high with 15 saves and the Cardinal held No.

5 Cal to a season-low goal total to win Sunday's Big Splash in Berkeley, 8-2. The two goals for the Golden Bears were the fewest Stanford has allowed to a top-5 opponent since it beat No. 4 UCLA, 8-1, on April 6, 2013. Steffens and Makenzie Fischer each had hat tricks for Stanford while Madison Berggren chipped in a pair of scores.

Men's gymnastics

Akash Modi and the second-ranked Stanford men's gymnastics team begin the postseason Saturday at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation championships in Berkeley. Meet time is set for 4 p.m. at Cal's Haas Pavilion.

The Cardinal (13-2) is seeking its fifth conference title and its first since 2011. Stanford also won the MPSF championship in 1993, 1995, and 2009. The Cardinal went on to win the NCAA Championship in all five seasons.

Stanford has been ranked No. 2 in the NCAA all season. The Cardinal has broken the 420-point mark five times this season, as well as posting an incredible 432.050 against top-ranked Oklahoma.

In addition, Stanford has finished first in every meet except its head-to-head against the Sooners and reigning Olympic Champion Japan.

The Cardinal finished its regular season with a final dual against No. 12 Cal and swept every team and individual event title.

Modi completed his home career at Burnham Pavilion with four event titles in the all-around, floor, pommel horse and parallel bars, which earned him CGA and MPSF Gymnast of the Week honors.

The Cardinal also elevated as a team posting season-high scores in floor (73.600) and parallel bars (71.500).

Baseball

Fresh off the milestone victory for coach Mark Marquess, career No. 1,600, No. 20 Stanford heads to Los Angeles for a three-game set with USC. The first Pac-12 road series of the year begins Thursday with each of the first two games on Pac-12 Network.

Stanford took two of three from the Cardinal at Sunken Diamond last season for its first series win over the Trojans since 2013.

Since the shift to one series a year against USC in 2008, Stanford has won six of the nine series, though USC has taken two of the last three.

Stanford is 6-6 against USC since Dan Hubbs became head coach of the Trojans in 2013.

Junior Mikey Diekroger, a Menlo Park grad, is 6-for-11 (.545) with seven runs, four doubles and a home run in three career games against USC.

Freshman Daniel Bakst has a 10-game hitting streak. It is the longest of the season for a Cardinal and third-longest since 2015 for Stanford (Beau Branton 11 in 2015 and Quinn Brodey 14 in 2016 have had longer streaks).

Junior Matt Winaker has played in 91 straight games and junior Quinn Brodey has started 87 consecutive games for the Cardinal.

Perhaps it was only fitting that Stanford baseball coach Mark Marquess won his 1,600th career game against California, where one of his former players, David Esquer, is coaching and carrying a briefcase around like his mentor.

Esquer played shortstop for one of Stanford's College World Series championships in 1987-88.

Tuesday, Marquess beat Esquer's Bears, 8-4, to achieve yet another milestone victory in a long, decorated career.

"It's special," Marquess said, "I've been very fortunate to be at one place all this time, which is great. But the coaches don't play, the players play. I've been very fortunate that we've had great players come here and I'm very proud of that. It's really about the players. There are so many that went into those wins, a lot of them sitting in the dugout here. I'm just very blessed, very fortunate."

Women's tennis

The Stanford women's tennis team completed a sweep of its weekend road trip, downing Colorado, 4-1, on Sunday and continues its road swing on Friday with a 1:30 p.m. contest at Oregon.

The Cardinal (14-1, 6-0 Pac-12) extended its winning streak to 10,

its longest stretch since winning the final 10 matches last season en route to its 18th NCAA title.

After claiming the doubles point for a 1-0 lead, Emma Higuichi and Melissa Lord put Stanford on the verge of clinching with a pair of 6-0, 6-0 victories.

Colorado (9-8, 1-5 Pac-12) picked up its only point at the No. 1 spot, where Nurla Ormeno Ruiz defeated Caroline Doyle 6-0, 6-4.

"That is the furthest we have extended a Stanford team in our time in the Pac-12," Colorado coach Nicole Kenneally said. "To beat Stanford in both No. 1 singles and doubles in the same day is a stepping stone for us. It is great to be in the Pac-12 conference because the level of competition is that much better."

Emily Arbuthnott made it official with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Kyra Wojcik on court four.

The Cardinal, which owns sole possession of first place in the Pac-12 and with its only loss coming on the road at top-ranked Florida, has seemingly gained momentum everywhere except for the national rankings.

After matching a season-high No. 4 ranking three weeks ago, Stanford has suddenly tumbled six spots in the poll. Oddly enough, the slide comes during a stretch in which the Cardinal has won five in a row in dominant fashion. Adding to the confusion, two opponents Stanford has already beaten (No. 7 Vanderbilt, No. 9 Oklahoma State) continue to check in with higher rankings. The computerized rankings are now generated weekly, taking into account each team's best wins.

While the rankings mean little in early April, there is definite incentive to finishing as high as possible in the poll. Stanford very much wants to end the season ranked among the nation's top 16, typically recognized as the cutline for NCAA hosting duties.

So, the only solution is to keep winning matches, and the Cardinal will look to make it 11 in a row with a victory on Friday against No. 37 Oregon (11-7, 4-2 Pac-12) in Eugene. Stanford will play three of its final five

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Stanford tennis

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California (15-5, 2-0) hosts the Bruins on Friday and Trojans on Sunday.

This weekend could have a profound effect on Stanford's future prospects. The Cardinal showed they can beat quality teams like then-No. 6 California, in a non-conference affair, and No. 8 Texas in consecutive matches.

A late February trip to Los Angeles showed the Cardinal it still had work to do in dropping non-conference matches, 4-3, to USC, and, 4-2, to UCLA.

A rivalry 50 years in the making, the Trojans lead the series 68-60 dating to 1967. The earlier loss

was despite winning the doubles point. Sameer Kumar (13-8 overall, 8-4 duals) and reigning Player of the Week David Wilczynski won in singles, but the Trojans ultimately prevailed.

The Bruins own a 69-58 advantage in the all-time series, again winning four singles matches to erase Stanford's doubles point. Only Brandon Sutter was able to take a win in singles at the No. 6 position.

The Cardinal has some momentum, recording shouts in each of its past three matches.

Wilczynski, a junior, recorded his 32nd dual-match win (53 overall) last week and needs eight more to become the 38th member of the 40-plus dual meet win club. Goldstein is fifth on that list

with 84 wins.

Wilczynski has won six straight and is 13-2 in dual meet play. Sutter and William Genesen have each won five in a row and combine for a 16-4 duel meet mark. The doubles team of Sutter and Wilczynski are also on a five-match winning streak.

Tom Fawcett is Stanford's top player. The 6-foot-5 junior ranks 17th nationally, ahead of USC's Brandon Holt (19) but behind UCLA's Gage Brymer (15).

Following the weekend, Stanford finishes the regular season on the road, with matches at Washington, Oregon and California.

The Pac-12 championships begin April 26 and the NCAA tournament opens May 12. ■



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Stanford's David Wilczynski is on a team-best six-match winning streak heading into weekend play against USC and UCLA.

OF LOCAL NOTE



Erica McCall, a two-time All-Pac-12 selection, is one of only four players at Stanford with at least 1,300 points, 900 rebounds and 190 blocks.

Stanford's McCall to attend WNBA draft

She'll be joined by Pac-12 players Kelsey Plum and Sydney Wiese

by Rick Eymers

Stanford senior Erica McCall is one of 10 women's basketball players who have been invited to attend the WNBA Draft 2017 presented by State Farm on Thursday, April 13 at Samsung 837 in New York.

McCall, a two-time All-Pac-12 selection, is one of only four players at Stanford with at least 1,300 points, 900 rebounds and 190 blocks, joining Jayne Appel, Chiney Ogumike and Val Whiting, all of whom played professionally.

McCall earned AP All-America honorable mention recognition and was named the Pac-12 Tournament Most Outstanding Player.

McCall is one of three Pac-12 players who will participate at the live event, to be aired by ESPN2, who will provide coverage and analysis of the first round beginning at 4 p.m.

Washington's record-shattering Kelsey Plum, the Associated Press National Player of the Year, and Oregon State's Sydney Wiese, a four-time all-Pac-12 selection, will join McCall.

Plum set the NCAA women's record for career points (3,527) and points in a season (1,109 in 2016-17).

She ranks second all-time, male or female, in NCAA history for career points, behind Pete Maravich's 3,667.

Plum is a two-time All-America first team selection, a four-time all-Pac-12 selection, Naismith College Player of the Year, and Wade Trophy winner as the NCAA Division I Player of the Year. She also finished her career as the NCAA women's all-time leader for free throws made (912), breaking a 33-year-old record.

Wiese finished her career as the Pac-12's all-time leader for

three-pointers made (373).

She earned AP All-America third team recognition after being named an AP All-America honorable mention.

ESPN2 will air the second and third rounds starting at 5 p.m. Coverage of the entire draft will also stream live on WatchESPN and the ESPN app.

Girls volleyball

The Red Rock volleyball club 15-1 team went through last weekend undefeated. The club, formerly associated with Paye's Place, is based in Redwood City but brings together talented players from around the Bay Area.

Among the players competing with Red Rock 15-1, coached by Dwight Crump, Bobby Walton and Danielle Gatt, are Sacred Heart Prep freshmen Reagan Smith and Elena Radeff, Palo Alto freshman Amelia Gibbs and Menlo Park resident Lauren Harrison, a freshman at St. Francis.

Club volleyball generally picks up a few weeks after the high school season ends. Red Rock

has been competing at various tournaments since the California Kickoff in mid-January.

This past weekend was part of Power League No. 2. Power League No. 3 comes up next weekend, followed by the Far Western Qualifier.

It all leads to the Junior Nationals in late June, should club teams qualify.

General

Filmmaker Diane Quon, whose two daughters attended Stanford, produced the documentary 'Cliff, Superfan!', that made its television debut on Pac-12 Network and Pac-12 Bay Area on Tuesday.

The short film tells the unique story of Clifford Hayashi, who has attended more than 4,000 Stanford games in a span of 22 years.

The documentary will be shown at the Vero Beach Wine & Film Festival in June.

The film also had a screening at the Wisconsin Film Festival recently. It was screened at the Big Muddy Film Festival in Illinois in February. ■



The Red Rock 15-1 club volleyball team went undefeated in last weekend's Power League No. 2. Team members include Sacred Heart Prep's Reagan Smith (12) and Elena Radeff (21).

Stanford roundup

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regular-season matches away from The Farm.

Individually, the Cardinal continues to cruise along, with every member of its singles lineup earning a ranking while two doubles teams are also ranked.

Melissa Lord (21-2 overall, 12-1 duals) is Stanford's highest-ranked player at No. 19 while Emma Higuchi (24-3 overall, 13-0 duals) is the Cardinal's winningest player. Meanwhile, nobody is hotter than Emily Arbuthnott (18-2 overall, 12-0 duals), who is riding a 15-match winning streak with her last loss coming on Jan. 13.

The Cardinal's top-ranked doubles team is Caroline Doyle and Lord (9-5 overall, 6-2 duals) at No. 32.

Men's golf

Stanford looks to defend its team title at the Western Intercollegiate in Santa Cruz on Saturday and Sunday. Held at the renowned Pasatiempo Golf Club, the Western Intercollegiate is one of the longest-running men's golf championships in the United States. The tournament is hosted by San Jose State.

Maverick McNealy set a Western Intercollegiate record in 2016 with a 16-under 194, breaking the 54-hole tournament's best mark by five strokes. Runner-up Aaron Wise's 14-under 196 would have been a tournament record, yet Wise lost by

two strokes to McNealy. Trailing Oregon's Wise by one shot entering the final round, McNealy played hole Nos. 6-10 in 5-under to pull ahead. He wrapped up with a 6-under 64 for his 10th collegiate victory. The individual title helped Stanford post its first team victory on the season. The Cardinal shot 9-under 1,041 in the play-six-count-five format.

Women's lacrosse

The Cardinal resumes conference play this week as it sets to face No. 6 Colorado on the road Friday. Game time is set for 2 p.m. PT at



Elizabeth Cusick

Kittredge Field in Boulder, Colo.

Last week Stanford (7-3, 1-0 MPSF) had its six-game win streak snapped after coming out unscathed from a hard-fought 10-9 win over Harvard before falling 15-12 to the Yale Bulldogs.

The Buffs (11-1, 3-0 MPSF) are currently on a tear this season with the only loss on the schedule coming from No. 4 Stony Brook last weekend.

CU is led by Darby Kiernan with 31 goals on the year, which ties her for 6th in the MPSF. Another major factor is senior goal-



Maverick McNealy

keeper, Paige Soenksen who is currently ranked second in the MPSF in goals against average (7.39) and third in save percentage (.562).

Friday's game marks the seventh time the Cardinal has faced CU with Stanford holding a 6-0 record. Stanford faced the Buffs twice last year winning both the regular season game 12-10 and its MPSF semifinal game 11-6. All-time against the Buffaloes Amy Bokker is a perfect 6-0.

The Cardinal returned five of its strongest offensive threats last year in Kelsey Murray, Anna Salemo, Kelly Myers, Elizabeth Cusick and Dillon Schoen.

This year, Stanford is ranked 10th in the NCAA in scoring offense with a 14.90 average. Leading the way is Elizabeth Cusick with 26 goals, followed by All-American Kelsey Murray with 25. ■

Sports Shorts

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MEMO FROM THE OAKS ... Menlo College softball players **Sarah Reyes** and **Victoria Cervantes**, who helped the Oaks win their past 10 games, were honored by the Golden State Athletic Conference on Monday. Reyes was named Player of the Week and Cervantes earned Pitcher of the Week, the first time either player has received such recognition and they are also the first softball players from Menlo to be honored this season. ... Menlo College's **Elijah Noel** qualified for his second event at the NAIA track and field championships on his final attempt in the triple jump at the Stanford Invitational.

Noel's triple jump was 47-8 1/2, a personal best by a foot and a half. Noel finished in third place overall against a great field, which included Oaks' **Jonathan Munkholm**, who had already secured his spot at Nationals in the triple jump. Munkholm finished fifth with a mark of 46-6 3/4. The Oaks return to competition this weekend at the Chico Twilight and Distance Carnival. The two-day event begins Friday.

KICK IT AROUND . . . Kick for Charity is a nonprofit summer soccer camp for kids. All our profits go to the East Palo Alto Kids Foundation. The camp is for kids ages 6-12 and will be held the weeks of June 12th and 19th. More information will be forthcoming.

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Saturday, June 3
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Prep roundup

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Harper and Will Texido-Alex Lane pushed their M-A counterparts, Camillo Sauressig-Zach Ostrow and Chris Iyer-Theo Novak at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles, respectively, the most competitive of any of the matches.

Morris and Andrew each possess the tennis DNA of former Stanford All-Americans.

Morris, who signed to play at Claremont next year, is the son of former NCAA singles champion and four-time All-American Linda Gates (1982-85).

Andrew's mom, Gunn grad Stephanie Savides, was Gates' teammate with the Cardinal and earned All-American recognition in 1987.

"We played against each other in high school and I stayed with her on my recruiting trip," Savides wrote in an e-mail about Gates, who prepped at Burlingame. "It's fun for us having boys on the same team."

Boys lacrosse

Sacred Heart Prep welcomed one of Utah's newest high schools to California earlier this week, beating visiting Corner Canyon of Draper, 11-5, in a nonleague game.

Jack Crockett was particularly welcoming, scoring six goals and recording an assist. Teddy Vought and Kevin Tinsley each added a pair of goals and an assist.

The Chargers (3-7) are spending their spring break in the San Francisco Bay Area and also have games scheduled at Piedmont, Bellarmine and Piedmont Hills before returning home.

Sacred Heart Prep (7-4) is doing a little traveling of its own, going to Redwood for a 4 p.m. game Friday and then returning to Marin County for a game in San Rafael against Marin Academy next Thursday.

Wilson Weisel added a goal and two assists for the Gators, who also host Corona del Mar on Tuesday.

Elsewhere, Woodside downed host Sequoia, 18-10, in a PAL match.

Menlo dropped a 12-6 decision to De La Salle in nonleague action Tuesday at home.

Menlo got a pair of goals from senior Charlie Ferguson, in his first game of the season, and junior Brody LaPorte, who also had an assist.

The Knights (3-4 overall) next play Los Gatos in a nonleague game at Cartan Field at 4 pm on Friday.

Baseball

Cole Spina threw a two-hitter but lost, 1-0, to visiting Terra Nova in a Peninsula Athletic League Bay Division game Wednesday.

Terra Nova's Tony Zamagni and Nate Rumb combined on their own two-hitter to hand the Gators (5-9-1, 2-3) their second consecutive 1-0 setback, both at home.

Sacred Heart Prep travels to Pacifica for a 4 p.m. game against Terra Nova (8-3, 3-2) on Friday.

Schafer Kraemer and Jack Molumphy collected the Gators' lone hits.

Menlo-Atherton turned Tuesday's key PAL Ocean Division game Tuesday against first-place Half Moon Bay into a rout, beating the host Cougars, 13-0.

"We put it all together," first-year M-A coach David Klein said. "Pitching, hitting ..."

The Bears (6-6-1, 3-1-1) scored four in the first, three in the third and then five in the fifth to make it a real blowout.

James Sullivan pitched five shutout innings, allowing five hits and two walks while striking out three.

"We lost our best pitcher, Chris Liang, to an arm injury," Klein said. "So it's really good to see Sullivan stepping up as our No. 1 pitcher."

Carter Hughes and Johnny Eisenstat combined to pitch the last two innings.

Players up and down the lineup and off the bench all contributed to the offensive onslaught.

"It was a great team effort," Sullivan said.

Nick Prainito, Sullivan and Nick Cronin -- the 3-4-5 hitters in the lineup -- had two hits apiece. Sullivan and Cronin also had two RBI each.

Later in the game, Klein went

to his bench to make sure everyone got in the game. And his pinch hitters did a great job, going a combined 3 for 4 with three walks. Michael Pariseau drilled a two-run single and sophomore Jake Wang hit an RBI double.

This is the first season as head coach for Klein, a former standout catcher at M-A.

"I want to build a championship culture here," Klein said. "I don't see any reason why we shouldn't make CCS playoffs every year. This is a huge school. A lot of athletes come through here. I'm excited and energized to change the culture."

Elsewhere, Menlo lost its PAL-Ocean Division game, 6-3, to host South San Francisco on Tuesday.

The Knights (7-5 overall, 4-1 PAL-Ocean) took a 3-1 lead in the second but South City rallied in the sixth.

Sophomore Justin Nam tripled for one of his two hits for the day.

Boys golf

Luke Peterson shot a 1-over 37 to lead Sacred Heart Prep past The King's Academy, 205-268, on Monday at Sharon Heights CC.

The Gators return to links on Tuesday, April 18, with a visit from Crystal Springs Uplands at Palo Alto Hills CC at 3:30 p.m.

Finn O'Kelly came in with a 40, followed by Anderson Page at 42 and both Bradley Oliver and Anikait Bhardwaj with 43s. Holland Sutton finished with a 45.

William Yao recorded a 43 as TKA's top golfer.

Despite never having played the Marin Country Club course, the Menlo boys' golf team took second place in the Mustang Invitational on Monday.

The Knights finished with a 329 behind only Tamalpais, which scored a 318 in the 10-team tournament hosted by St. Vincent of Petaluma.

Menlo senior Rohin Chandra, junior John Weingart, and sophomore Seth Pope all had two birdies during their rounds. Charlie Hsieh, a sophomore, had two birdies and an eagle on the par-5 seventh hole.

Weingart shot a team-best 77.

Girls lacrosse

Menlo-Atherton rallied from a second-half deficit to top host Mitty, 13-7, Tuesday in a West Bay Athletic League Foothill Division contest.

The Monarchs took the lead at the start of the second half. The Bears (8-3, 3-1) scored eight straight goals to seal the game.

Grace Tully and Annie Payne each scored four goals for Menlo-Atherton. Freshman Audrey Koren recorded the final goal for the Bears, who play at Saint Francis on Friday at 7 p.m.

Menlo sprinted to an early lead en route to a 15-5 victory over visiting Sacred Heart Prep on Tuesday.

The Knights (7-2 overall, 4-0 WBAL) host Mitty at 5:30 pm Friday to complete the first round of league play.

Sacred Heart Prep hosts Castilleja at 4 p.m. Friday.

Against the Gators, the Knights built an 8-0 lead midway through the first half.

USC-bound senior Sophia Donovan poured in a game-high five goals. Sophomore Sophie Scola had four assists, including on the final goal when she forced a turnover, picked up the ball and fed freshman Page Wolfenden with 19 seconds left.

Junior Abby Wolfenden, sophomores Abby Doll and Charlotte Swisher each scored twice for

Menlo. Menlo edged SHP on draw controls with senior Allison Liddle winning four.

The Knights also maintained a 12-3 edge on ground balls. Senior Alena Stern made six saves for the Knights.

Cam Gordon led the Gators (4-6, 2-2) with three goals. Allison Carter added a goal and three assists.

Carter had three goals in Sacred Heart Prep's 10-7 win over Marin Catholic on Saturday. Emma Briger had 10 saves.

Saint Francis knocked off Castilleja, 16-8, in another game.

Taylor DeGroff scored three goals, recorded an assist and had seven draw controls to lead Castilleja.

Anika Adzich (2 goals, 1 assist, 3 draw controls) and Gabriella Nightingale (1 goal, 1 assist, 2 draw controls), Jordan Jackson (1 goal) and Makee Anderson (1 goal) also contributed.

Softball

Jolie Kemp hit a two-run home run to help break open a close game Tuesday and Castilleja beat host Notre Dame, 12-9, in a West Bay Athletic League game.

The combination of two singles and a triple from the Sandhu sisters, Simran, Meher, and Kareena, produced an additional three runs for the Gators (4-8, 1-4). ■

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Claire Lin

PALO ALTO SWIMMING

The junior sprinter was a double winner in Palo Alto's victory over Los Gatos. She has top times in both the 50 and 100 free.



Cole Spina

SHP BASEBALL

Spina did not allow an earned run in throwing a four-hitter in the Gators' 5-1 victory over previously undefeated Carlmont.

Honorable mention

Titilola Bolarinwa

Palo Alto track and field

Zoe Lusk

Palo Alto swimming

Annie Payne

Menlo-Atherton lacrosse

Joyce Shea

Gunn track and field

Claire Traum

Castilleja track and field

Grace Zhao

Palo Alto swimming

Ryan Bair

Sacred Heart volleyball

Ryan Chang

Palo Alto baseball

Aaron Kuo

Palo Alto swimming

Alex Liang

Palo Alto swimming

Terrance Matthews-Murphy

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Andy Zhou

Gunn golf

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