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Upfront

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Rate hikes aim to shake up Palo Alto's parking scene

Drivers face sharp fee increases for permits at downtown and California Avenue garages

by Gennady Sheyner

The start of a new fiscal year rarely causes a stir in Palo Alto, where a healthy economy has helped the City Council invest in new bike boulevards, fire stations and garages without cutting any services.

But while residents are unlikely

to see earth-shattering changes on July 1, when fiscal year 2018 begins, commuters to downtown and California Avenue could be in for an eye-popping shock.

As part of the budget the City Council is set to approve on June 27, annual parking-permit fees

for California Avenue lots and garages would go up by 145 percent, from the current level of \$149 to \$365. The cost for a day-parking permit in the California Avenue district also would rise precipitously: from \$8 to \$25.

In downtown, things would get even pricier, with the fee for an annual garage permit going up from \$466 to \$730. The additional fees, according to staff, will be used to support the downtown

Palo Alto Transportation Management Association (TMA), the new nonprofit charged with getting people to stop driving to the business district solo.

Employees who buy permits to park on adjacent residential streets won't be spared from the increases. Downtown's Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) employee permit will cost as much as a garage permit. In Evergreen Park and Mayfield, the

two neighborhoods near California Avenue, the cost of an employee parking permit would rise to \$365, though this increase wouldn't be implemented until the current pilot RPP concludes next March 31. The new permit prices represent a paradigm shift in the city's approach to paying for transportation improvements, with a greater-than-ever reliance

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Hangin' in the heat

With temperatures soaring this week, teens take refuge at the pool at the Palo Alto Eichler Swim and Tennis Club on Wednesday.

TRANSPORTATION

City to crack down on El Camino RVs

Enforcement of 72-hour parking ordinance to begin in coming weeks for parked motor homes

by Sue Dremann

Nearly 50 recreational vehicles lining El Camino Real in Palo Alto along the Stanford University border will soon be told to move along if they've been parked there for more than 72 hours, city officials said.

In recent months, residents of nearby neighborhoods and others passing along the thoroughfare have noted an increase in the number of the large vehicles along the west side of the street between Medical Foundation Drive and Serra Street.

El Camino Real is a state-owned highway. It's not uncommon for a few motor homes to take up residence along its curbs, but now there are at least 48, not

including the SUVs and vans, occupying the roughly one-mile stretch. Some motor-home owners said they also own cars used for daily transportation, which are also parked on the street.

Palo Alto's municipal code section 10.36.030, which complies with state law, prohibits leaving a vehicle parked on a city street, alley or public lot for 72 consecutive hours or more. A vehicle is considered parked or standing if it has remained inoperable or has not been moved at least a half-mile.

In the next few weeks, the PAPD will place flyers on the vehicles as a warning, and vehicles that don't move will be given a

tow warning, said Claudia Keith, City of Palo Alto spokeswoman.

RV owners interviewed by the Weekly on Wednesday said enforcement has been lax until now because there aren't many businesses on that side of the street whose owners would complain. Stanford University open space and fields are adjacent. The vehicle dwellers said they have not heard of the planned enforcement.

Some said they would take it in stride and simply move the required distances; others said they thought that many RV owners would move on because they don't

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ZONING

Music school faces possible shutdown

Palo Alto's code enforcement targets New Mozart for violating zoning rules

by Gennady Sheyner

For more than a decade, the New Mozart School of Music has helped Palo Alto's aspiring pianists unleash their inner Wolfgang Amadeuses.

Now, the school is facing the music: The city's code-enforcement officials determined last month that the school's very existence violates the city's zoning code, and it must now shut down one of its locations.

New Mozart, which specializes in private lessons and focuses on children, has been leasing classrooms at the First Baptist Church in the Old Palo Alto neighborhood since 2005. It wasn't until early 2016, however, that the city's planning staff made a determination that the school is not considered a "permitted use" there and sent New Mozart a notice of violation.

Initially, the city and the school tried to resolve the issue by having New Mozart apply for a conditional-use permit. In January, attorney Charles S. Bronitsky submitted on behalf of the school a letter requesting such a permit so that the school can continue to operate in the R-1 (single-family residential) zone.

The school — which offers lessons in piano, violin, viola, guitar, flute, saxophone and singing — provides a "significant benefit to the community as it offers after-school music education to young students, most of whom live in Palo Alto," Bronitsky wrote. He also argued that the school does so "in a way that is not disruptive of the residential nature of the neighborhood" and that it actually enhances the neighborhood by providing the service.

Not everyone feels this way. Last

Wednesday, several residents who live near the church attended a City Planning and Transportation Commission hearing on New Mozart to offer their thoughts on how the school affects the neighborhood. Sarah Burgess, who lives around the corner from First Baptist, told the commission that having a school operating in the church is causing traffic and parking problems.

"It's easy to say, 'It's just a few students,' but for most of the students who come, their parents drop them off and wait during lessons, sitting in the car and reading," Burgess said.

Margie Kane, who also lives near the church, said that between 4 and 6 p.m., there are cars parked all along California Avenue. The conditions, she said, are "an accident waiting to happen."

"They park on the corner and block visibility for drivers," Kane said.

In April, city staff notified New Mozart that its application for a permit was denied. The decision, according to the letter, was based on staff's determination that New Mozart is not providing sufficient parking and hasn't provided evidence to support its assertion that the church's parking stalls are actually available for the school's use.

In addition, staff had determined earlier this year that the music school is considered a "personal service" rather than a "private education facility," which means that it is not eligible to set up shop in a residential neighborhood even with a conditional-use permit. The zoning code allows private academic

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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I don't consider a hopscotcher an offender. I consider them a victim of a poor system.

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— **Michael Alcheck**, Planning and Transportation Commission chair, on downtown parking regulations. See story on page 5.

Around Town



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ART EXCELLENCE AWARDS...

Three public art installations have received awards this month from nonprofit **Americans for the Arts**. The pieces were among 49 works created in 2016 from across the country selected out of 325 entries. **Susan Nardull's "Conversation,"** which is in the City Hall lobby, is an interactive display where the public can send comments and images through a touchscreen and online at conversationpaloalto.org that allows for public dialogue in real time. **Aaron Lee Benson's "Running Wall,"** at King Plaza last fall, was a "functional bench connected to a rippling low wall" that snaked around trees, and connected to "a circular sculptural element at the other end of the installation," according to a city news release. **"Tabula,"** by **Charles Gadeken** and **D.V. Rogers**, is a light installation that changes colors and shows seismic data collected by the **U.S. Geological Survey** on display at 385 Sherman Ave. (Visa). "Three out of 49 is quite an impressive accomplishment, and is a testament to this city's and community's enthusiastic support for art in public places," City Manager **James Keene** said in a statement.

LEADER OF THE PACK...

It's been another banner year for **Safe Routes to School**, a partnership between the city, the school district and the **Palo Alto Council of PTAs** that focuses on getting more students to bike. According to the latest bike counts, the percentage of students at both Gunn and Palo Alto high schools was at about 44 percent in 2016, comparable with the prior year and far above where it was a decade ago, where only 24 percent and 22 percent of the students at the two schools,

respectively, rode their bikes. The City Council, which heard the report about the program Monday night, had nothing but praise for planners, school officials and parent volunteers who'd helped make the program such a success. In addition to passing a special resolution in honor of Penny Ellison, a longtime champion of the school program, council members briefly debated which of them does the most biking. Vice Mayor **Liz Kniss** and Councilwoman **Karen Holman**, both prolific walkers, took themselves out of the running early, while avid bicyclists Councilmen **Eric Filseth** and **Greg Tanaka** were at the front of the council peloton. Councilman **Cory Wolbach**, a Gunn grad (Class of '99), said that when he was in school, riding the bike was "decidedly uncool." Back then, 180 students were bicycling to school, according to the traffic counts (last year, the number was 838). Councilman **Tom DuBois**, who grew up in Ohio, acknowledged that unlike some of his colleagues, he didn't bike to school. "Growing up, going to school, I didn't bike, I trudged through the snow uphill both ways," DuBois said. If bicycling is now cool, as the council suggested, then Tanaka (who regularly rides a bike to City Hall for meetings but who changed things up this week when he rode in on a skateboard), easily took the mantle of coolest councilman in the room. "When I was in high school, it really was up on the hill and my house was on (another) hill," Tanaka said. "So I literally biked uphill both ways, with downhill part of the way."

STRATOSPHERIC SALE...

Things are certainly crazy in Midpeninsula real estate, but after awhile it's easy to gloss over the many \$4 million sales this week, except for a home at **1107 Cowper St.** that sold in May for \$30 million, as reported by **Santa Clara County**. The two-story **Professorville** home on nearly an acre has six bedrooms, seven bathrooms and is 7,550 square feet. Parts of the home were built in 1997, according to the county. It also has a finished basement, 16 rooms, a pool, a pond and a mother-in-law unit. ■

EDUCATION

Board eyes ways to save high school positions

Grant from the governor's office could fund five full- and part-time positions at Gunn

by Elena Kadvany

There could be relief ahead for two high school volunteer coordinators and five clerical staff at Gunn High School who recently received lay-off notices due to budget cuts.

On Tuesday night, school board members directed Superintendent Max McGee to find other areas in the budget for savings to restore the volunteer coordinator roles, given their low cost — \$11,000 for each school's position.

While the fate of the Gunn clerical staff still hangs in the balance, a one-time \$1.7 million grant from the California governor's office that could be approved before the end of the month may be used to restore the roles, staff said Tuesday night. McGee committed to using those funds, if approved by the governor, to fund the five full- and part-time positions at Gunn. (The district has applied for and received these discretionary funds for the past two years and typically used it to fund Common Core State Standards implementation and textbook adoptions, Chief Budget Officer Cathy Mak told the Weekly on Wednesday.)

Gunn staff have turned out to the last two board meetings to protest the layoffs, describing the five positions — typist clerk, computer lab assistant, academic technology specialist, account clerk and attendance/secretary — as essential to the school's operations and to students' educational experiences. Cutting these five positions amounts to about \$250,000 in savings, according to the district. Staff and parents have also urged the board against cutting the part-time volunteer coordinators, who they said play a key role in managing high numbers of volunteers at the high schools.

On Tuesday, Gunn staff proposed the board use reserve fund dollars that have been allocated but not yet spent to reduce class sizes to keep the positions

for the next school year, arguing the investment would have a more meaningful impact on students' experiences. While McGee voiced support for this suggestion, board members did not.

Board members said they were concerned about the potential impact of cutting the positions but reiterated that any decisions should be made by the schools rather than from the dais.

"It's in the staff's court and superintendent's court to say whether this is, across the district, the most reasonable place to make a cut," Board Vice President Ken Dauber said. "If the answer to that is 'yes,' we are where we are; if the answer to that is 'no,' we will be in a better place."

Board member Jennifer DiBrienza worried that despite the worthiness of supporting the high school positions, all schools have struggled with this year's budget cuts, but not all have come out in force to board meetings to make their case for a particular investment.

"I would love us to look at whether or not we can think creatively to backfill some of these temporarily," she said. "If we're doing that, I don't want it to stop at Gunn."

Board President Terry Godfrey also cautioned that the budget shortfall is "not a short-term problem," so any approach should take a longer-term view of how to fund the positions or reassign their responsibilities in the coming years. Assuming the district gives no raises to teachers and staff next year, the district is still projecting a deficit of about \$800,000, she said.

"Trying to figure out how to fit

things in for one year — we can do that if we're trying to bridge to something else, but it's not like things look rosier for next year," Godfrey said.

The board ultimately approved the 2017-18 budget in a 5-0 vote.

On Tuesday, the board also unanimously renewed contracts with, and thus gave satisfactory performance evaluations to, all of its law firms except one — Lozano Smith — and supported a staff recommendation to issue a request for proposal (RFP) for the services that firm has provided the district. They postponed evaluating Lozano Smith until the RFP process is completed.

The board also unanimously authorized staff to take the next step forward on a major remodel of Addison Elementary School — to submit a design to the Division of the State Architect for approval. The remodel is being funded by an anonymous private donor.

The Addison project also recently took on a new feature: a proposal to build an inclusive Magical Bridge playground at the campus. On Tuesday, the board supported a staff recommendation to apply for a \$300,000 grant from Santa Clara County to fund the playground, with a commitment that the district will match the grant.

The board also voted to commit to providing inclusive playgrounds at all elementary schools as the district develops its next facilities master plan and a future schools bond program. ■

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Could it be the Quan?

Graduates of Stanford University perform a dance routine as they participate in the "Wacky Walk" prior to Commencement on June 18. Read coverage of the Stanford ceremony on PaloAltoOnline.com.

News Digest

Southgate parking program gets green light

Southgate's drive to ban Palo Alto High students and staff from parking on its narrow streets finally crossed the finish line Monday night, when the City Council voted to create a Residential Preferential Parking program in the neighborhood next to the school.

By a 7-0 vote, with Mayor Greg Scharff and Councilman Adrian Fine absent, the council agreed to make Southgate the latest residential neighborhood to adopt a program that limits parking for non-residents. Under its provisions, cars that don't have permits will be limited to two-hour parking on weekdays. Because permits only will be distributed to Southgate residents, the days of Paly cars taking over the streets should come to an end in October, when the program is scheduled to take effect.

Much like in downtown, Evergreen Park and Mayfield, the Southgate program was sparked by a petition from residents, who launched the effort about two years ago. Since then, planning staff had issued its own survey to the neighborhood, which showed 74 percent support for the program among respondents.

Unlike the downtown and Evergreen Park programs, which the council crafted after extensive discussions and public hearings featuring crowds of concerned residents, the Southgate program was approved relatively quickly and with little fanfare. Only two people spoke in favor of the program and no one opposed it. ■

—Gennady Sheyner

City banks on cameras to help deter suicides

As Palo Alto's system for keeping pedestrians off the Caltrain tracks evolves, city officials are shifting their focus from human monitors stationed at the tracks to computer monitors broadcasting camera footage at a distant site.

The City Council approved on Monday night a \$1.4 million contract with the company G4S Secure Integration to design a video-management system (expected to take six months) that would transmit footage to be monitored at a remote location. This is a shift for the city's TrackWatch program, which launched in 2009 in response to a cluster of teenage suicides and which was initially staffed by volunteer "track watchers."

In November 2009, the city began hiring security guards to monitor the tracks in seven-hour night shifts. At first, the guards were stationed at the Charleston Road and East Meadow Drive crossings. Later, it added Churchill and California Avenue stations; the Alma Street crossing at the northern end of the 4-mile corridor; and modified contracts to require security guards to provide 24-hour service.

Now, the city is looking to replace security guards with a system that detects intrusion on the corridor with visible and thermal infrared cameras. The city began using such a system last summer on a pilot basis when it installed an "intrusion detection system" at the East Meadow Drive grade crossing. A Community Services Department report notes that evaluation of this system has shown this technology to be "superior to human monitors." ■

—Gennady Sheyner

Driver killed in collision identified

The driver of a Ford Mustang killed in a three-car collision that closed a major thoroughfare in East Palo Alto on Friday afternoon has been identified.

Palo Alto resident Jose Diaz-Galaviz, 49, died at the scene, the San Mateo County Coroner's Office confirmed on Sunday.

The collision involving a Ford Mustang, Lexus and white utility van occurred in the area of University Avenue and Kavanaugh Drive around 2:50 p.m., police Cmdr. Jeff Liu said.

Police said Diaz-Galaviz was turning right from Kavanaugh Drive heading toward Palo Alto when the car collided with a Lexus that was heading down University Avenue, toward U.S. Highway 101.

A white van heading down University Avenue and about to turn left on Kavanaugh was nicked, but the driver was fine and didn't need hospital treatment, according to Liu. The airbags were deployed from both vehicles; broken glass was seen on the street.

A passenger in the Mustang and two people in the Lexus were transported to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, according to Liu.

Police are still investigating the cause of the crash and potential traffic violations.

The Mustang sustained significant damage, with the driver pinned to the front seat by the car door that ended up on the passenger's side, Menlo Park Fire Protection District Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said in a statement.

The Mustang's passenger had moderate injuries and neck and back pain.

University Avenue was closed in both directions at the intersection through the evening commute and reopened at about 8 p.m. ■

—Palo Alto Weekly staff

Correction

The June 16 article "Leadership exodus will reshape district" incorrectly stated that Palo Verde Elementary School will have a new principal in the 2017-18 school year. Ohlone Elementary School and Greendell Schools will have new principals in the fall. An accompanying graphic failed to note that Kathleen Meagher was the district's director of elementary education until the end of the 2013-14 school year; Barbara Harris was named to the post in June 2014. The Weekly regrets the errors. To request a correction, contact Editor Jocelyn Dong at 650-223-6514, jdong@paweekly.com or P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto, CA 94302.

Parking

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on employees to foot the bill; a new appetite for bringing local rates up to market standards; and a greater emphasis on paying for programs that discourage driving.

By raising prices for garages, the city is also looking to address the phenomenon of workers buying permits and keeping them in their back pockets for occasional use, leaving some garages on downtown's periphery underused even as the area's commercial core gets packed with cars on the weekdays. Making the garage permits more expensive, the thinking goes, will ensure that those who pay for them will actually use them on a regular basis.

To start addressing these problems, city staff brought to the council's Finance Committee on May 18 a proposal to set annual permit fees in the California Avenue district (where the Weekly's office is located) at \$280 and in downtown at \$560 as part of a "phase-in." Planning Director Hillary Gitelman called the change the first phase of "what will probably be two or three increases over the course of the next several years."

Chris Yi, senior management analyst at the city's Administrative Services Department, told the Finance Committee that a "major overhaul" of fees in the coming year will "better align fees with cost to provide service, as well as for various parking-related initiatives and projects."

Gitelman cited a study that was released earlier this year by the consulting firm Dixon Resources Unlimited, which recommended bringing permit prices closer to market levels.

Dixon surveyed other cities and concluded that the "cost of Palo Alto's annual employee permit is far below neighboring cities' in the region."

"In several cases, the City's current cost is less than half of other cities of similar size and structure," the report stated.

In Berkeley, for example, an annual public permit is \$1,800; in San Mateo, annual employee permits cost up to \$960; and in Sausalito, the figure is \$1,044, according to Dixon.

The Dixon study makes a case for bringing the prices for both on- and off-street parking closer to market levels. The pricing of parking, the study states, "is related closely to the supply and demand of available spaces."

"In many cities, parking on-street is not in significant demand," the study states. "Parking in Palo Alto, on- and off-street is starkly the opposite, however."

"Demand for parking is constant in both arenas," the study states.

During the May 18 budget hearing, city staff acknowledged the magnitude of the proposed change, as well as the anxieties it may stoke. The

TRANSPORTATION

Higher parking-permit fees draw sharp reactions

Palo Alto workers unhappy with proposed 60 to 300 percent increases in permit prices

by Shawna Chen

Palo Alto employees and businesses responded mostly negatively Wednesday to the city's proposal to significantly increase parking-permit fees, with one banker calling it "absolutely outrageous" and others saying the move would cause financial and logistical hardships.

The City Council is set to approve on June 27 a 2017-18 budget that would shift transportation costs to employees, raising annual parking-permit fees for California Avenue lots and garages from \$149 to \$365 and for downtown Palo Alto's garages from \$466 to \$738. The cost for a day parking permit in the California Avenue district would also increase from \$8 to \$25.

In addition, new permit programs in downtown and California Avenue's adjacent residential neighborhoods — which eliminated the free, all-day parking that workers enjoyed until recently — would also see fee increases.

The additional fees for downtown would be used to support the Transportation Management Association (TMA), a nonprofit aiming to reduce the number of solo drivers commuting to work. It is unclear how additional fees for California Avenue would be allocated.

Currently, some businesses are covering permit costs for their employees; others aren't. Many of the employees who choose not to pay for parking permits themselves instead move their cars every two or three hours in accordance with parking time limits.

committee nonetheless decided that the city should go beyond the staff recommendation and raise employee fees even higher (conversely, permits for residents in the two RPP programs would remain at \$50 each).

Finance Committee Chair Eric Filseth said that while he understands the issue of "sort of springing a big shock on people," the money would be invested in transportation. He noted that if the city waits a year to adopt a higher fee, it would "leave a few hundred thousand dollars on the table that could be spent on the TMA this year."

Councilman Adrian Fine agreed and called raising fees to fund the Transportation Management Association the "right philosophy." He acknowledged, however, that the TMA will take some time to actually become

effective. This means the city will have to find a balance between "ratcheting this up slowly or somewhat fast."

In the end, the committee voted 3-0, with Greg Tanaka absent, to recommend the steeper increases, which will allow the city to contribute about \$480,000 toward the transportation nonprofit this year.

In the downtown area, the funding will help the nonprofit expand its commute services, which currently include offerings of Caltrain Go Passes and Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Eco Passes for eligible employees and subsidies for Lyft and Scoop, a carpooling service. The TMA has a target of changing the commuting behavior of 450 downtown employees in 2017, which according to its estimate constitutes 8 percent of the area's solo

driving commuters. It's less clear, however, how the transportation funding will be used in California Avenue, which does not have a transportation association.

While the city is preparing to build a garage on California Avenue, the new facility is being funded by proceeds from voter-approved increase to the city's hotel tax. As the Finance Committee voted last month to recommend the higher fees in both districts, Keene noted that the city will have to "think about the logic" of raising California Avenue rates and come up with "additional directives" to make sure the funds are used for the same purpose as in downtown.

The proposed hikes are already causing anxieties in the two business districts (see sidebar on page 8), with some employees emailing

she'd be happy to take public transportation, bike or walk. But she doesn't.

Her employer currently pays for her parking permit, but she said there is no guarantee that this will continue if parking-permit fees increase.

If her employer decides that the cost is too much to cover, she would not pay for a permit herself.

"It'd be too much of a percentage of what I make," she said.

The option to carpool or use public transportation is also unavailable to Robyn Del Fierro, director of downtown's Citi Private Bank, because of the nature of her job, which requires out-of-office visits to her clients at various times throughout the day.

"This increase hurts the working population who not only pay the parking permits each year but also support the local businesses with our discretionary dollars," she wrote in an email, describing the proposal as "absolutely outrageous."

Driving a car, said Faso, is not just about commuting. She uses her car to run various errands throughout the day.

If the city increased parking-permit fees by 5 or 10 percent at a time, allowing workers to adjust, maybe they would be more receptive, said Devin Blake, employee of paint store Benjamin Moore on California Avenue. But as the fees are, they just cost too much for workers.

"We get paid a certain amount, and that's to live," Blake said. "Not to park."

Though Del Fierro may be forced to pay the increase, she said she will make a conscious choice to spend her discretionary dollars elsewhere and will encourage her company to do the same.

"For those of us who have the privilege of working in Palo Alto, this announcement definitely does not feel like we are valued by this city but rather

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How much does parking cost?

Around the Bay, several cities are charging much more for annual parking permits in their downtown areas than Palo Alto is.

- Berkeley \$1,800
- Mountain View \$326
- Palo Alto \$466
- San Mateo \$360-\$960 (depends on location)
- Sausalito \$1,044

Source: Dixon Resources Unlimited

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eliminating free parking throughout downtown by exploring the installation of parking meters or pay stations, consistent with by Dixon's recommendations.

The council didn't go so far as to officially approve paid parking, but members directed staff to return with a "parking management plan" that will almost certainly include paid parking as a central component (staff is tentatively scheduled to present the plan to council's Finance Committee on Aug. 15).

The plan also will likely eliminate (as Dixon recommended) downtown's existing color-zone system, which grants drivers two hours of free parking per given zone. Once that happens, the days of "hopscotching" from zone to

zone to avoid parking tickets and permit fees will come to an end.

During the April discussion, Fine called the switch to free parking a "tragedy-of-the-commons problem."

"People don't have an incentive to take transit if they can park downtown for free," Fine said, asserting that paid parking is a vital way to manage parking.

Not everyone, however, is convinced that sharply raising parking rates will solve downtown's parking problems without creating new ones. Mayor Greg Scharff pointed to the retail and restaurant workers who would have a hard time affording the new rates. During the April hearing, he urged staff to create a different rate for low-income workers.

Michael Alcheck, chair of the city's Planning and



File photo/Veronica Weber

Annual permits to park in lots like this one along Sherman Avenue in the California Avenue business district could go up nearly 150 percent - to \$365 - under a city proposal.

Transportation Commission, made a similar proposal last week, during the commission's discussion of the Dixon study. Alcheck said he is skeptical about "general restrictions that make it harder for our restaurants and retail establishments to find accommodations for their employees."

"Anyone that's working in downtown and has to hopscotch

— we need to help them," Alcheck said. "I don't consider a hopscotcher an offender. I consider them a victim of a poor system."

During the council hearing in April, Keene acknowledged the experimental nature of the city's approach. The city, he said, is "dealing with the fact that there are all these moving pieces and

we don't quite know what to do."

"We're running experiments right now, some of which are already telling us clearly that we have to change our ways," Keene told the council. "We should get more comfortable with being able to incrementally move along."

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Ben Hacker

A long line of RVs and trailers sit idly along a nearly one-mile stretch of El Camino Real in Palo Alto, along the Stanford University border.

RV

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want to be hassled.

The ticketing is part of a larger plan that city staff are working on: The city's Community Services Department requested Santa Clara County social service case-workers to do outreach to the vehicle dwellers to assess their status and direct them to resources or remind them about the 72-hour ordinance, Keith said. Caseworkers have already reached about one-third of the vehicle dwellers, she said.

The city's Transportation Division also plans to install signs regarding the 72-hour ordinance, she added.

Social services outreach workers recently contacted Bob Lochridge, a 72-year-old retired tech worker who has lived in his RV for 10 years and moved to El Camino in January. He said he owned a self-hypnosis studio on California Avenue in 1969 and has lived

in Palo Alto since 1967. Palo Alto is his home, and he doesn't want to move far away from the place where he is moored, he said.

Lochridge lived on a boat in prior years, including in Alviso and Redwood City, and at the now-closed Palo Alto Yacht Harbor. Since returning to land living, he has spent time in his RV and also with female friends in homes mostly in San Jose.

Lochridge said he would comply with the law.

"It is what it is. It won't impact me. This thing starts right up, and I can just move to another part of El Camino Real. But I can't speak for all of my neighbors. I think most people won't feel as casual as I do about it," he said.

The vehicle dwellers said they don't know why there seem to be more RVs. Lochridge speculated it might be that some people want to be near the Opportunity Center at 33 Encina Ave., which provides services to homeless persons. He personally does not use the Opportunity Center, he said.

Another RV resident said that parking enforcement isn't going to solve the problem. A contractor, he moved to Palo Alto a few months ago after parking in San Jose.

"I ran up \$1,000 in tickets. Even when you move every 72 hours they still ticket you," he said.

He was pragmatic about any impending enforcement by Palo Alto police.

"How am I going to feel? It's their land and they can tell you what to do," he said.

Eric John Diesel, a real estate investor, mathematician and neuroethicist who lives in his SUV, suggested the city should ask Stanford University graduate students to conduct a study of where the vehicle dwellers lived a year ago and two years ago to try to understand if the numbers have really increased and perhaps why, he said.

Diesel has owned multiple properties in the area and said he was the victim of alleged financial fraud. He now eschews living in one place.

He is against forcing the RVs to move. Many of the vehicle dwellers are already in desperate circumstances and have medical or other issues, he told the Weekly.

"If the city makes it even harder to live than it already is, it's just being cruel," he said.

"The slightest harassment, such as having their vehicle-home ... impounded ... or even getting a costly ticket, can completely destroy the life of a vehicle dweller, who is already living at the edge of existence, homelessness, and despair," he said in a follow-up email.

Instead, to solve the issue of concentrations of vehicles, local cities should take a regional approach and work together, he said. By providing parking zones up and down the Peninsula, they would spread out the RV population, making it less visible.

People who live in vehicles tend to congregate near food and basic amenities, such as showers, so opening up parking areas with access to amenities would help keep the RVs and other vehicles out of residential neighborhoods, he said.

Keith said that Palo Alto is looking into a broader solution: City Manager Jim Keene has been in touch with other city managers to discuss the problem.

"This is clearly not just an issue in Palo Alto," Keith said.

In addition to the city's planned outreach and parking enforcement, Keith said the city responds to specific complaints about abandoned vehicles through a phone hotline: 650-329-2258 or by email at tinyurl.com/yaj2vqrc, which accepts messages 24 hours a day. Callers concerned about a vehicle should provide a description of the vehicle, location, license plate number and how long it has been parked, according to the city's website. ■

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Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to approve the fiscal year 2018 budget, along with rate schedules for the gas, electric and fiber utilities. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to discuss the redesign of the Junior Museum & Zoo, consider an exterior interpretive exhibit at the Baylands Nature Center and get an update on the city's aquatics program. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, at the Community Meeting Room, 250 Hamilton Ave.

COUNCIL RAIL COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to meet at 8 a.m. Wednesday, June 28, at the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ... The school board has tentatively scheduled a special meeting for Wednesday, June 28, 3 to 5 p.m. at the district office, 25 Churchill Ave.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to review the survey results for the Cowper/Coleridge traffic safety pilot project. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION ... The commission plans to elect a new chair and vice chair; hear a presentation on "Analytics on Demand," and hear an update on the library collection. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

CITY OF PALO ALTO
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 250 Hamilton Avenue,
 Community Meeting Room
 July 6, 2017 at 3:00PM

Action Items

PUBLIC HEARING / QUASI-JUDICIAL. 689 Los Robles Avenue [16PLN-00436]: Request for a Director's hearing for consideration of an Individual Review Application Approval That Allows the Demolition of an existing structure and construction of a new Two-story Single Family Residence and a detached one car garage. Environmental Assessment: Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(a). Zoning District: R-1. For additional information please contact the project manager Emily Foley at EFoley@m-group.us.

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Veronica Weber

Music teacher Olga Mandrigina leads student Karthik Rajamani in his private viola lesson at the New Mozart School of Music in Palo Alto on June 21. Mandrigina has been teaching private music lessons at the school, located at the First Baptist Church, for more than five years.

Mozart

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schools, community centers, outdoor recreation services and day care centers in single-family zones, some of which require a conditional-use permit.

Christine Shin, the founder and director of New Mozart, said she was surprised by the city's decision to penalize the school, which she said has always tried to be a good neighbor. They keep the school's windows closed during hot days to limit noise, for example, out of courtesy to neighbors.

Shin said the city's decision to deny her a permit caused her to do some "soul searching" about the school's future.

"I seriously had to think about closing down," Shin said, citing the school's small profit margins.

Ultimately, she found a possible location at a brand new building fairly close to the present site. The rent, she said, would be roughly four times what the school has been paying at First Baptist Church. To make the deal work, she had to put up her house as collateral, Shin said.

She also noted that as tenants in a new building, the school would have to draw up tenant-improvement plans, get the needed city building permits and complete construction, she said. All told, the process could take six months.

The Planning and Transportation Commission sympathized with Shin, even as it unanimously affirmed staff's findings that the school violates the zoning code. Both Commissioner Eric Rosenblum, whose child attended New Mozart, and Chair Michael Alcheck said the school should be given a reasonable length of time to move.

Rosenblum asked staff to allow for an "amicable transition

period, whereby the kids don't have disruption in lessons and the tenant can move on to a new facility in a smooth way." Alcheck said he would encourage the City Council "to do everything possible to help this business succeed in this city, and if not in this city, in any city with close proximity to this place."

At the end of its discussion, the commission unanimously voted to include an amendment requesting that City Manager James Keene and the city's code enforcement officers be "lenient" with time to facilitate a "smooth transition."

The commission's request seems to have had a desired effect. Shin said Thursday morning that in conversations with the planning department, city officials verbally agreed to the six-month timeframe New Mozart had requested. The night before, Bronitsky was informed that the extension comes with some conditions, including a provision that the school ensure that cars don't idle outside the church, Shin told the Weekly.

"It's turning out to be a much happier situation, and I'm really happy that they are being reasonable and will give us more time," Shin said.

New Mozart isn't the only tenant at First Baptist that could fall under the ire of code enforcement. The church on June 15 finally submitted a list of its other tenants — following repeated requests from the city. According to the list, which was obtained by the Weekly, tenants include (among others) the iSing Girl Choir (with an average class size of 20 students); regular dance groups; a Persian culture art and reading class; the Peninsula Peace and Justice Center (which will close its office at the church at the end of this month); the Peninsula Macrobiotic

Community (which suspended its weekly dinners at the church last month); and a psychiatrist and two psychologists who counsel teenagers.

City planning staff acknowledged in the April letter that the city had not determined whether it's actually New Mozart that is causing the "insufficient queuing space" and "excessive noise" at the site (of the school's nine music rooms, eight are used for one-on-one lessons and only one is used for group lessons). But the letter also noted that this use, "in conjunction with other non-permitted uses, is resulting in noise, traffic and parking concerns that may be impacting the safety, general welfare and convenience of adjacent residents."

In addressing the commission last week, Pastor Rick Mixon of First Baptist Church, attributed the controversy over the music school to "an outdated code that doesn't recognize the reality of church life in this area, at this point in time."

"We're a small congregation with a very large public building that we're responsible for keeping up," Mixon said. "We don't have the resources to do that without renting our space or sharing our space."

While the transition appears to be settled for New Mozart, the council is still scheduled to affirm staff's denial of the music school's conditional-use permit on June 27. The item appears on the council's "consent calendar," which means it would be voted on as part of a long list of items without any discussion.

If the council opts to pull the item, it would have to schedule a separate hearing on it at a future date, said Project Planner Claire Hodgkins. ■

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Watercourse Way, hopes the city will push for a solution that benefits both residents and businesses.

"Continuing to raise permit costs for employees could force people to find jobs elsewhere, negatively affect an important and vibrant downtown area and,

ultimately, make employees feel unwelcome in downtown Palo Alto," he said in an email. ■

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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.

Bill could allow Caltrain sales tax

State legislation introduced Wednesday would allow Caltrain to seek voter approval for a new sales tax to help cover capital and operating costs. (Posted June 21, 4:53 p.m.)

City's water, refuse rates to rise

The drought may be over, but Palo Alto's water forecast shows rates going up every year for the next decade, starting with a 4 percent increase that will kick in on July 1. (Posted June 20, 5:11 p.m.)

Report looks at Stanford's Title IX process


In the first 15 months of a new Title IX adjudication process at Stanford University, campus officials have formally investigated 36 sexual-violence cases, four of which resulted in a finding of responsibility and consequence for the offending student. (Posted June 18, 8:51 a.m.)

Cubberley vision moves ahead

After years of discussions, an effort by city and school officials to redevelop Palo Alto's sprawling Cubberley Community Center made some concrete progress this week when both sides endorsed a path for crafting a new vision for the 35-acre complex. (Posted June 16, 12:55 p.m.)

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CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council (June 19)

Rates: The council approved a 4 percent increase to water rates and a 5 percent increase to refuse rates. **Yes:** DuBois, Filseth, Holman, Kniss, Kou, Wolbach **No:** Tanaka **Absent:** Fine, Scharff
Southgate: The council approved a Residential Preferential Parking program for the Southgate neighborhood. **Yes:** DuBois, Filseth, Holman, Kniss, Kou, Tanaka, Wolbach **Absent:** Fine, Scharff

Board of Education (June 20)

Legal services: The school board renewed contracts with all of its law firms except Lozano Smith and approved associated budget increases. **Yes:** Unanimous

Budget: The board approved the 2017-18 budget. **Yes:** Unanimous

Addison: The board authorized staff to submit plans for the Addison Elementary School project to the Division of the State Architect for approval and to apply for a county grant to build a Magical Bridge playground at the campus. The board also stated a commitment to providing inclusive playground at all schools as part of the district's next facilities master plan and bond measure. **Yes:** Unanimous

Resolutions: The board waived its two-meeting rule and approved two resolutions that allow the state to seek state funding for construction projects. **Yes:** Unanimous

Smart Boards: The board waived its two-meeting rule and authorized spending \$195,000 to replace projectors for existing district Smart Boards. **Yes:** Unanimous

Technology purchase: The board waived its two-meeting rule and authorized staff to purchase technology from Apple, Dell and D&D Security. **Yes:** Baten Caswell, Collins, DiBrienza, Godfrey **Inspection contract:** The board waived its two-meeting rule and approved not-to-exceed contract amounts for inspection consultants for Palo Alto High School's new athletic center. **Yes:** Unanimous

Recused: Dauber
fs3|Hodges contract: The board waived its two-meeting rule and authorized staff to enter into a contract with firm fs3|Hodges in an amount not to exceed \$677,840 for bond program management in 2017-18. **Yes:** Unanimous

Board of Education retreat (June 21)

Retreat: The board discussed district goals and board governance at a retreat. **Action:** None

Board of Education policy workshop (June 22)

Policies: The board approved changes to the following policies: tobacco-free schools, certification, assignment, evaluation/supervision, teacher aides/paraprofessionals, Title I program improvement schools, admission, professional standards, student use of technology, earthquake emergency procedure system and free and reduced price meals. **Yes:** Unanimous

Historic Resources Board (June 22)

Stanford: The board discussed Stanford Research Park's framework for historical preservation. **Action:** None

Permits

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penalized without much representation," she said.

Tyler Hanley, administrator at downtown bath-house spa

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POLICE CALLS

Palo Alto
June 14-20

Violence related

Battery	1
Domestic violence	2
Family violence	1

Theft related

Commercial burglaries	1
Grand theft	3
Petty theft	3
Residential burglaries	1

Vehicle related

Abandoned auto	1
Attempted theft from vehicle	2
Auto recovery	1
Auto theft	1
Bicycle recovery	1
Bicycle theft	4
Driving w/ suspended license	3
Driving without license	1
Hit and run	2
Misc. traffic	3
Parking/driving violation	4
Tampered vehicle	1
Theft from auto	9
Vandalism to vehicle	1
Vehicle accident/minor injury	3
Vehicle accident/no injury	1

Vehicle accident/prop damage	10
Vehicle tow	1

Alcohol or drug related

Driving under influence	2
Drinking in public	2
Drunk in public	3
Open container	2
Possession of paraphernalia	1
Sale of drugs	1

Miscellaneous

Disobey court order	1
Found property	1
Internet scam	1
Lodging	2
Lost property	5
Misc. penal code violation	1
Missing juvenile	1
Missing person	1
Outside investigation	2
Psychiatric subject	3
Threats	1
Unattended death	1
Vandalism	1
Warrant/other agency	2

Menlo Park
June 14-20

Violence related

Assault	1
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Theft related

Fraud	3
Petty theft	2
Possession of stolen property	1
Residential burglaries	1

Vehicle related

Abandoned auto	1
Bicycle theft	3
Driving w/ suspended license	8
Hit and run	4
Report taken	1
Theft from auto	1
Vandalism to vehicle	3
Vehicle accident/injury	2
Vehicle accident/no injury	3
Vehicle tow	2

Alcohol or drug related

Drunk in public	1
Possession of drugs	3
Possession of paraphernalia	1

Miscellaneous

Adult protective SVC referral	1
Concealed weapon	1
Coroner case	1
Court order violation	2
Disturbance	1
Found property	2
Gang validation	1
Juvenile problem	2
Located missing person	2
Lost property	1
Mental evaluation	6
Missing juvenile	1
Outside assistance	1
Resist arrest	2
Suspicious circumstances	1
Threats	1
Trespassing	1
Verbal disturbance	1
Vandalism	3
Warrant/other agency	9

VIOLENT CRIMES

Palo Alto

Boyce Avenue, 6/14, 10:30 a.m.; family violence.

500 block Ramona Street, 6/15, 11:30 a.m.; battery.

Kingsley Avenue, 6/18, 5:06 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.

North California Avenue, 6/18, 9:51 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.

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1400 block San Antonio Street, 6/18, 12:45 p.m.; assault.

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Births, marriages and deaths

David N. Daniels

Palo Alto resident David N. Daniels died on May 26. He was 82.

Born in Palo Alto on Aug. 30, 1934, he was raised in Santa Rosa and Santa Barbara.

He attended medical school at Stanford University School of Medicine, where he specialized in psychiatry and worked for the Department of Psychiatry, and Behavioral Sciences at the Stanford University Medical Center and the Veteran's Administration Hospital before opening his private practice in Palo Alto, where he would go on to help thousands of clients.

He viewed therapy as equally important to medication management and was an adjunct professor at Stanford's School of Medicine, co-author of "The Essential Enneagram," co-author of "Violence and the Struggle for Existence," co-founder, with Helen Palmer, of standardized Enneagram training and the Enneagram Association in the Narrative Tradition and founder of the International Enneagram Association.

He enjoyed biking, swimming, tennis and the outdoors. He was a commissioner and coach of AYSO soccer, active in Neighbor's Abroad, and a volunteer docent and philanthropist for the David C. Daniels nature center through the Midpeninsula



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Husband, father and grandfather, he is survived by his wife of 62 years, Judy, of Palo Alto; children, Denise of Palo Alto and John ("JD") of San Jose; grandchildren, Dylan of San Jose, Kaitley of San Jose and Mac of Palo Alto; and sister, Dana of Palos Verdes. He is predeceased by his youngest son, David.

A memorial service for friends, colleagues and family will be held June 30 at 11 a.m. at St. Raymond Catholic Church, 1100 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park.

Donations in his memory may be made to Midpeninsula Open Space Trust at openspace.org/daniels.

Carol Elizabeth Cobb Brigham

Carol Elizabeth Cobb Brigham, a resident of Palo Alto since 1971, died on May 29 in her Palo Alto home. She was 88.

She was born on May 11, 1929, in Fresno to Bessie Bryant Cobb and Lloyd Stanford Cobb. She earned her bachelor's degree in social science from Stanford University in 1951 and became a buyer for The White House Department Store in San Francisco.

A Giants, 49ers and Stanford football fan, she loved to read, attend the theater, watch movies, complete crossword puzzles and



travel the world with her husband, William (Bill) Brigham.

She met Bill in San Francisco when he was stationed on Treasure Island in the U.S. Marine Corps. They married in 1954. That year, the couple moved to Norman, then to Ponca City, Oklahoma, where they lived and raised their five children until 1971. Her early years of marriage were devoted to raising her five children. She became a Camp Fire leader for her daughters, supported her sons as a Boy Scout Den Mother, volunteered for Allied Arts and perfected her cooking skills.

The family moved to Stanford when her husband became a professor in petroleum engineering at Stanford University.

A Life Master several times over, she was an accomplished bridge player, and her husband was her primary bridge partner. She played at the Palo Alto Bridge Center for several decades, traveling to bridge tournaments around the country with friends.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, raising her children and watching her grandchildren and great-grandchild grow up.

She is predeceased by her husband, Bill, who died in 2004; brothers, Charlie and Lloyd (Biff); and mother and father, Bessie and Lloyd Cobb.

She is survived by her daughters, Nancy Blattel, Laurie Jester and Sarah Fletcher; sons, Bill Brigham and David Brigham; 10 grandchildren;

three step-grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A memorial luncheon will be held at the Stanford Faculty Club on July 8 at 12:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The William E. Brigham Memorial Award Fund, Department of Petroleum Engineering, Stanford University or to the American Heart Association.

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Editorial

The cannabis contradiction

Voters declared pot legal, but city officials seek to limit state law's impact — because they can

Palo Alto voters left no doubt about their views on the legalization of recreational marijuana use when they went to the polls last November.

Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, received support from two-thirds (66 percent) of Palo Alto voters, the second largest margin among Santa Clara County cities (Mountain View was first with 68 percent) and well above the 56 percent statewide vote approving the measure.

Any candidate receiving 66 percent of the vote would be considered to have won by a landslide.

Yet the Palo Alto City Council's Policy and Services Committee voted 3-0 (Wolbach, Kou and Kniss) last week to endorse the city attorney's recommendation to adopt a local ordinance designed to at least temporarily pre-empt the state from issuing any licenses for commercial cannabis activities in Palo Alto.

If passed by the full City Council after its summer break, all commercial cannabis enterprises except delivery services would be prohibited, including retail sales, dispensaries, commercial cultivation and warehousing within the city limits. Under the proposed ordinance, the only exception would be state-licensed delivery services, which would be permitted to make deliveries of marijuana within the city limits.

Without such an ordinance, under Proposition 64 the state could begin issuing licenses for retail stores and other commercial cannabis activities starting on Jan. 1, 2018. (The City Council adopted a similar prohibition on medicinal marijuana dispensaries in 1997 after California voters legalized it with the passage of Proposition 215 in 1996. That ban remains in effect.)

While there is justifiable caution about relinquishing regulatory authority to the state on Jan. 1, the community's strong support of Proposition 64 should prompt the city to actively work to implement the law rather than block it and to resolve any concerns as soon as possible. Blocking the implementation of Proposition 64 simply because it can disrespect the clear wishes of the voters.

It is particularly inappropriate for the proposed city ordinance to prohibit the backyard cultivation of cannabis plants for personal use, as expressly permitted in Proposition 64. This provision has nothing to do with the impending state regulation of commercial activities and no justification is offered in the staff report except the illogical statement that "to avoid confusion and preserve local control, the committee may want to recommend that council add an express prohibition of all outdoor marijuana cultivation."

Last October, just a week before Proposition 64 passed, the council passed an emergency measure prohibiting outdoor cultivation. Since the right to grow up to six plants for personal use was to take effect immediately upon passage of the proposition, the city wanted to pre-empt the law, ban outdoor cultivation and defer until after the outcome of the election a discussion on the merits of allowing backyard plants.

Now, instead of allowing the ban to sunset as planned this November, the city staff proposed an indefinite ban on outdoor cultivation. To its credit, the council policy committee pushed back and is instead recommending a simple extension of the ban through 2018. Without saying so explicitly, the staff and committee are trying to make a distinction between growing six plants indoors, which the city has no legal power to control, and growing them in the backyard, which it is allowed to prohibit under Proposition 64.

We find no justification for this regulatory overreach. The council's responsibility should be to implement its provisions except where uncertainties or concerns exist over the state's impending regulatory scheme.

Under Proposition 64, indoor cultivation of six plants, possession of up to an ounce of dried cannabis flowers and eight grams of concentrate by adults over 21 for recreational use in their own homes became immediately legal upon passage of the measure.

But in a Catch-22, all commercial activities, including the buying and selling of marijuana, do not become legal until Jan. 1, 2018. As a result, it is currently legal for adults over 21 to consume cannabis and grow six plants in their home but illegal to buy it in any form (or grow it in their backyard.) Therefore plants or seeds must come in the form of gifts from medicinal cannabis users.

Palo Alto officials need to embrace the new law, not resist it. Residents should be able to grow six plants in their backyards instead of indoors if they wish without the city's interference, and city officials should focus their attention on successfully implementing the will of the voters rather than using legal strategies to block it. ■

Spectrum

Editorials, letters and opinions

Avoiding unsatisfactory consequences

Editor,

The Weekly Editorial is correct in that Castilleja School has not shown much respect for the surrounding neighborhood, and the neighborhood is pushing back. With all the contentious discussion going on, it's time for a reset.

How about this: Stanford owns over 10,000 acres of prime valley and foothill real estate. Approximately 1,250 acres is zoned for academic purposes. I suspect that Stanford would be willing to provide 10 acres for a totally new and larger Castilleja campus on the condition that the existing Castilleja campus be made available for Stanford to build faculty and staff housing.

The present Castilleja site is about six acres. The new housing would no doubt be a mix of single family and town houses. This is more in keeping with the character of the neighborhood than an expanded Castilleja. This would even let Castilleja increase enrollment to 550 or more students. (The county, which controls zoning at Stanford, might even be willing to add the 10 acres to Stanford's Academic Preserve.) It's worth noting that both public high schools and two elementary schools in Palo Alto are on Stanford-owned land.

This avoids the total disruption to Castilleja's academic functioning that would be caused by the present proposed demolition and construction over three to five years — not to mention the probable parent displeasure with classes held in temporary classrooms and the surrounding construction noise and dirt.

This solution avoids all the unsatisfactory consequences of the current major expansion plans for Castilleja.

Joe Rolfe
Emerson Street, Palo Alto

If only it were that simple

Editor,

On June 9, you published an article suggesting we reduce CO2 emissions by purchasing hybrid or electric cars. If only it were that simple. Hybrids, for example, have their quirks: You don't get the fuel efficiency that hybrids are capable of until the engine warms up. You have to drive at least a mile or two to do that. Someone who mostly makes very short trips to pick up some food might do better

by purchasing a cheaper vehicle and using the extra cash to install insulation or a more efficient heater in his or her home.

As a second example, previously there was a suggestion to change building codes to require electric heating, again to save the environment. Unfortunately, there is a limited supply of "clean energy" and if you use additional electricity for heating, the difference is made up by using generators powered by burning fuels. It is more efficient to burn fuel for heating than to burn it to run an engine — a consequence of the second law of thermodynamics (read up on Carnot engines for an explanation) — so the suggestion would actually hurt the environment in spite of good intentions.

Bill Zaumen
Clara Drive, Palo Alto

Who is going to pay?

Editor,

I have been on the Stanford medical faculty since 1965 and have both watched and participated in many of the changes during these 52 years. Although my base of activity was at the "Big House" I saw patients in consultation at the "Con Home," the predecessor of the present Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford (LPCH@S), and the present Children's Hospital itself. The plans for the new LPCH@S, which you recount in your edition of June 16, are truly imaginative, spectacular and mind-boggling. But who is going to pay for all of this?

I am not referring to the construction itself, but more specifically to the daily room rate, family-oriented comforts and frills, care in the ICU, operating room charges and the like. Medicaid

doesn't cover daily expenses for a patient in the hospital. Who picks up the slack — private medical insurance, cash-pay patients, philanthropists?

How one calculates the charge for a day in the hospital remains a mystery. I have tried to dissect it on several occasions. Is it related to the cost of such a day or to a figure negotiated with a third party payer or to the best-guess estimate of the hospital CFO?

The cost of medical care continues to skyrocket. This trend cannot continue indefinitely. Someone smarter than I is going to have to solve that one.

James B. D. Mark, M.D.
Cristo Rey Drive, Cupertino

A chilling summary

Editor,

Cherrill Spencer's chilling summary of the nuclear threat here and worldwide (Palo Alto Weekly Guest Opinion, June 16) was ample testimony to the worldwide nuclear weapon bureaucracies that have enabled the buildup of obscenely large numbers and the destructive power of nuclear weaponry, which should have faded away decades ago when such weaponry and delivery systems became outsized for little Earth.

In her factual account, she could have mentioned too, for the uninformed and for terror's sake, that up to 192 W88 warheads (common to the U.S. stockpile and each around 35 times the destructive power of the Hiroshima bomb) can be carried on one submarine and is something your arms can go around — a country destroyer in itself.

Stan G. Scott
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Off Deadline

Management of pain may be new frontier for 'virtual reality'

by Jay Thorwaldson

Virtual reality — the creation of a seemingly real environment via computers and headsets — has been floating around for decades, especially on the Midpeninsula where some key originators resided.



But when Jaron Lanier, then of Menlo Park, came up with the term “virtual reality,” he may have been focused more on the experiential aspects of the sensation such as, say, riding a banana into outer space. Similarly with local resident Doug Engelbart, an early explorer of virtual reality, sans banana but with a clear scientific-exploratory bent.

Yet an entirely new world, virtually speaking, may be opening up at Stanford University as a multidisciplinary team moves further into exploring how virtual reality (commonly known just as VR) can help reduce or eliminate what is commonly considered as physical pain: real, physical pain, so-called, even if sometimes based on a psychological or perceptual foundation.

When NBC nationally broadcast a short account of the Stanford study last month, a surge of inquiries flooded in, according to two of those cited in the news report: researchers Kim Bullock,

M.D., and Andrea Stevenson Won, Ph.D. Both are working with a multidisciplinary team within Stanford's Division of Pain Management, directed by Dr. Sean Mackey, to explore how using virtual reality can relieve types of chronic pain.

Bullock as an undergraduate studied with V.S. Ramachandran, best known for his research on treating “phantom pain” of people with amputated limbs and using mirror-illusions to affect the brain's perceptions of pain — a rudimentary form of virtual reality.

“Yes, it's really sad,” Bullock said of the flood of inquiries following the NBC national report. Her sadness was because many of those who called about being part of the Stanford research studies using VR couldn't be helped, either because they didn't fit current study guidelines or their pain was not treatable through virtual reality. For instance, VR doesn't work for pain from an actual injury, such as a broken leg, she said.

She said people interested in being part of research studies should be going through a pain clinic or a psychiatrist or psychologist. The highly regarded Stanford Pain Clinic contact number for patients and referrals is 650-498-9111.

Bullock had one correction to the NBC segment: She does not consider herself a “pain specialist.”

“I don't really treat pain. I'm a neuropsychiatrist. I treat mental illness and research the psychosomatic bodily symptoms that sometimes go along with pain,” she said in a joint telephone interview with Won.

Bullock is the founder and director of Stanford's Neurobehavioral and Virtual Reality clinics and laboratories. Her primary research is creating “novel clinical trials using virtual immersive technologies and somatic symptom-related disorders,” according to the Stanford Medical Center website.

Inspired by her early studies with Ramachandran, she said she “discovered some wonderful things that Andrea is doing” and wanted to “apply virtual reality to treat pain in people with neurological symptoms.”

“What Kim is doing is really novel,” Won interjected, noting that Bullock will be collaborating with Mackey this summer on research called the “Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Study.”

Bullock credited Won with bringing advanced VR technology into an office environment so it is accessible to researchers and patients in the study.

“One thing that's really exciting about what Kim's doing is that it's starting to get at the idea of what is it about virtual reality that can help with different kinds of pain,” Won said. She said it has long been known that distractions

can help with managing pain levels, and there's no better distraction today than through the world of virtual reality.

Bullock's work “is getting to the root causes” of types of pain, she said.

Both agreed that the use of virtual reality is akin in some ways to the use of hypnosis in treatment of pain.

“It's a prosthetic for our imagination,” Bullock said of VR. “It may have a lot of biological correlates to hypnosis, and we have known for a long time that pain can be alleviated by distraction.”

VR also can help provide skill training, enhance learning and teach mindfulness or distraction for individuals involved, she said.

An important process in the rehabilitation of some patients, such as stroke victims and those experiencing phantom-limb pain, is “remapping the brain” in terms of how it responds to sensory perceptions. That's also called “cortical remapping” and involves one area of the brain being turned off and replaced.

Bullock cited an example of such remapping: When one experiences pain, “the body is telling you, ‘Let's slow down — don't move that arm.’” That creates a feedback loop in which the brain thinks if a limb is not moving it is a really serious matter so one better not move the painful area.

The use of VR can often break that cycle.

“We go to a virtual cycle rather than a vicious cycle,” she said. ■

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'It's a prosthetic for our imagination.'

—Kim Bullock, neuropsychiatrist, Stanford University

Streetwise

What advice would you give to our graduates at Stanford and at the high schools?

Asked at Mitchell Park Library in Palo Alto. Question, interviews and photographs by Elinor Aspegren.



Vipul Jain
Software engineer
Roosevelt Circle, Palo Alto

“Keep the connections you have now alive.”



Loretto Ponce de León
Stay-at-home mom
Portola Avenue, Palo Alto

“There's multiple ways to get what you want. Some things won't work out, but persevere.”



Sara Gilman
Elementary school librarian
Greer Road, Palo Alto

“Consider a trade as well as a four-year education.”



Kristine Marino
Pharmaceutical representative
Warren Way, Palo Alto

“Be out in life.”



Ryan Hess
City librarian
Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park

“Education is important, but there's a lot to learn outside of school, so take time to do that.”

Arts & Entertainment

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

Pop-culture-palooza

Chris Hardwick debuts ID10T festival in Mountain View

by Yoshi Kato



Mikim



Paul Sobata

Electronic-music star Girl Talk will perform at the ID10T festival.

Comedian and television host Chris Hardwick will present a new, multimedia festival in Mountain View this weekend, bringing together his love of comedy, music, books and tech.

As a veteran of comedy and music festivals, talk/game show/podcast host and comedian Chris Hardwick has participated in and attended many of these gatherings. But there hasn't been one yet that brings together the many interests he has as an omnivorous pop-culture enthusiast. So he created the ID10T Music Festival + Comic Conival, which debuts Saturday and Sunday (June 24-25) at the Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View.

With Hardwick credited as its creator and host, ID10T has been marketed as a combination of "music, comics, gaming, comedy, technology and pop culture." Headliners include alternative rock favorites Weezer, electronic musician Girl Talk, Michael Che of "Saturday Night Live," musical comedy duo Garfunkel & Oates, Dan Harmon ("Rick & Morty," "Community"), Wil Wheaton ("Big Bang Theory," "Star Trek: The Next Generation"), writer Brenden Fletcher ("Gotham Academy") and comic-book artist Babs Tarr ("Batgirl of Burnside"), with a plethora of other famous names and faces on the bill.

"Bonnaroo is great. Outside Lands is great. SF Sketchfest is, I think, my favorite comedy festival in the country," Hardwick said, by phone from Southern California. "I like Bumbershoot, which was the first music festival I ever did comedy at. And a handful of years ago I did standup at Coachella, which is also great. But when I go to these festivals, I don't see a lot of stuff when I'm walking around the exhibitor booths that really resonates with me," he went on to admit. No souvenir "friendship bracelets, tie-dyed sweatshirts" or flower crowns for the host of the new game show "The Wall" and the AMC post-"Walking Dead" wrap-up talk show "Talking Dead."

"I always wondered, 'What would I want to be able to walk around and see?' That was the hypothesis: You could see panels early in the day, and you could walk around the exhibitor booths and see a lot



Sean Murphy

Pop-rock band Weezer is one of the ID10T festival's headlining music acts.

of great local makers and artists and comic book people," he said.

"And then you could go see the comedy tent and the music," he continued. "There's also EDM and cosplay."

ID10T is being co-produced by SGE (which has presented the Oddball Comedy & Curiosity Festival and The Cure's Curiosa festival) and Live Nation, with input from SF Sketchfest.

"Everyone specializes in different areas, and I don't think I would have just done a festival by myself if SGE hadn't come to me and said, 'Hey, we'll provide the infrastructure to make this happen,'" he said.

"I know that they can do it because I know how many tours they produce. And I actually did the Oddball Comedy tour with them," he recalled. "You see what happens when you're all passion and no infrastructure: You become the Fyre Festival" — the ill-fated upstart event that infamously left patrons stranded on the Bahamian island of Great Exuma in April.

As for why this considerable undertaking is debuting in Mountain View and not somewhere in Los Angeles, Hardwick revealed that it was a question of demographics and

both internal and external infrastructure.

The Entertainment Capital of the World has so much going on at any given point that it can be difficult for fans to come out to events (even the famed San Diego Comic-Con is out of town.) SoCal's traffic issues still eclipse greater Silicon Valley's, too, making it tricky at times to draw huge audiences, he observed.

"People in L.A. are spoiled, because there are just so many options," he said. "And the Bay Area is great. I come up and perform as often as possible. I mean, I shot my comedy special (2016's "Funcomfortable") in San Francisco.

"It has a good vibe, and it's a good area. People are literate and articulate and, I feel, like-minded," he said with a chuckle. "Sure, why wouldn't you do a festival of this nature in Google's parking lot?"

Hardwick has performed at the Shoreline (which is probably more in Google's back yard) and raves about its accommodations. The massive south parking lot will house a majority of the attractions, from the Comedy Tent and ID10T Festival Tent/Mad Decent Dance Stage, to the Artists' Alley and Artisan Marketplace. Music on

the main amphitheatre stage is scheduled to start at 3:40 p.m. on Saturday and 3:30 p.m. on Sunday.

"It just felt like the right place for the thing that I wanted to create," he said. "The Shoreline had all of the things that we needed — parking, a big stage for music, a place for the comedy tent and ample room for the exhibitor booths — the Comic-Con element."

Looking back at Hardwick's career, it's easy to see why he's the perfect person to conceive of and launch the ID10T festival. The "@midnight" comedy/game-show host was a chess champion in junior high school and a comedian before being a DJ on "the World Famous KROQ" alternative station in Los Angeles, acting in films and the musical "Rock of Ages" and writing for San Francisco-based "Wired" magazine.

"It used to be you could only be defined by one thing. It's not like that anymore," he noted. "We're in an era where everyone's defined by a lot of things. People who like comic books are people who like 'Harmontown' and 'Mystery Science Theater 3000,'" he said, referencing two of the festival's live events. "They also like music and, obviously, comedy."

With social media providing bridges between members of once-niche communities, ID10T has the potential to become the real-life extension of those connections.

"I just really wanted to create a community. This festival represents a hodgepodge of all the different things I'm into," Hardwick concluded. "And I hope other people will also be into those things, too, and come out to enjoy themselves." ■

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What: ID10T Music Festival + Comic Conival

Where: Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View

When: June 24-25

Cost: \$65-\$99.50; two-day general admission lawn for \$110; children 10 and under free with paid adult admission

Info: Go to id10tfest.com/

REVIEW THEATER

Mrs. Robinson 'graduates' to the stage

Palo Alto Players present hilarious adaptation of iconic '60s story

by Janet Silver Ghent

A young man comes home from college, where he's succeeded brilliantly. Tops in his class. Graduate-school scholarship. Boastful parents. But Benjamin Braddock (Max Tachis), incongruously dressed in a diving suit, won't leave his bedroom. He can't bring himself to go downstairs to greet the congratulatory guests who will inevitably fawn over him and ask about the future he doesn't want to face. Plastics? Forget it.

Meanwhile, the diving suit comes off, and the seductive Mrs. Robinson (Betsy Kruse Craig), the wife of his father's law partner, sidles into Benjamin's bedroom and orders him to unzip her flaming red dress, revealing lacy black underwear and slinky stockings. An affair is inevitable, but all hell breaks loose when Benjamin's parents order him to date Mrs. Robinson's chaste daughter, Elaine (Michelle Skinner).

This is "The Graduate," Terry Johnson's stage adaptation of Mike Nichols' award-winning 1967 film, which is in turn based on an obscure 1964 novel by Charles Webb. The Palo Alto Players production, the show's first time on the Peninsula, borrows from both film and novel, adding new elements as well, according to director Jeanie K. Smith. It continues through July 2 at Palo Alto's Lucie Stern Theatre.

No red Alfa Romeo Spider zooming up and down the coast. No poolside barbecues or jilted boyfriend banging on a window overlooking a wedding ceremony.

Instead, on a spare set designed by Nikolaj Sorensen, with just nine actors, the drama lies in the delivery — perhaps more comic than in the film, but nonetheless with undertones of angst.

The play is "a different animal from either the book or the film but very faithful to both," said Smith. "The humor is there — some of it is hilarious — but some underlying themes come through in the stage version" that are less apparent in the film: alienation not only of young people but their parents as well.

Supporting characters hint at backstories barely touched on in the film. Mr. Braddock (Shawn Bender) disparages his ditzzy wife (Raegen Raymond-Bruner), whose prissy hairdo and unflattering floral garb — kudos to costume designer Kathleen Qiu — play up her cluelessness. Meanwhile, Skinner as Elaine reveals comedic talents in a drunken dialogue with her mother. In addition, the cuckolded Mr.

Robinson (Mark Novak) demonstrates a breadth of character missing in the film role, delivering a performance ranging from heartbroken to furious.

Those of a certain age will inevitably draw comparisons with the film, which netted an Oscar for Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft. The Simon & Garfunkel soundtrack brings back memories of that more-innocent era. But the understated Tachis and the flamboyant Kruse Craig bring new interpretations to the roles, with gestures and expressions that often reveal more than the words themselves, particularly when words fail them.

Each, in their own way, is at loose ends. Benjamin can't cross into adulthood. He's clear on what he doesn't want — to be like his Southern California parents and their affluent friends, whom he calls "grotesque." But after a short trip to discover "real people," he returns disillusioned, finding them tolerable only when he's drunk. As for Mrs. Robinson, alcohol and extramarital sex mask her discontent.

In 2017, some elements from "The Graduate" seem as dated as coats and ties at a barbecue. Today young people rarely marry right after college — or even before — and unhappy upper-middle class couples are less likely to stay together to watch their children graduate. Although people might look askance at a young man's affair with an older married woman, they would be unlikely to take him to a psychiatrist or call him "a degenerate." And the slapstick ending, albeit different from the film version, left this reviewer shaking her head.

But some things haven't changed. Coming-of-age and midlife crises continue, and continue, creating aha moments for contemporary audiences. ■

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What: "The Graduate"

Where: Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

When: Through July 2, Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. with post-performance talkback; Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m.

Cost: \$25-\$52, with senior, military and student discounts

Info: Go to paplayers.org or phone 650-329-0891



Mrs. Robinson (Betsy Kruse Craig) tries to seduce Benjamin (Max Tachis) in Palo Alto Players' "The Graduate."

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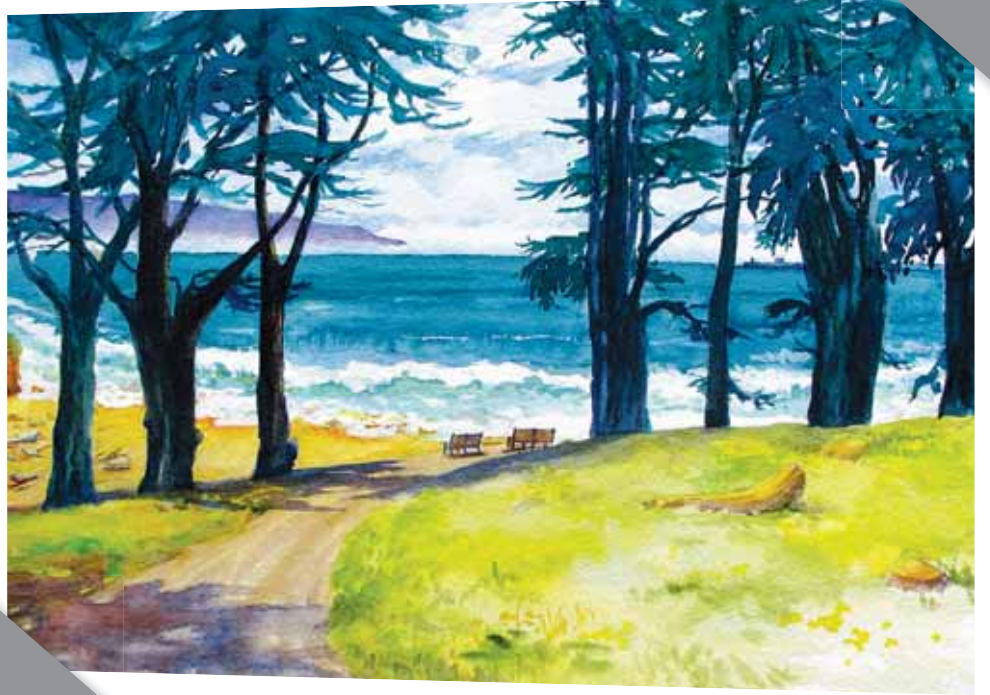
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A post-match fireworks show will take place from approximately 9:40PM until 10:00PM.

For more information, go to the San Jose Earthquakes web site at www.sjearthquakes.com

Worth a Look



Fine art

Watercolors by Carol Mead

A career retrospective featuring the watercolor paintings of Carol Mead will be on display through June at Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. The exhibition features Mead's new depictions of the California coast and surrounding landscapes as well as a retrospective of her earlier work from her travels in France and a nostalgic look at the Mendocino coast in the 1970s. The gallery is open Monday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Go to viewpointsgallery.com.

Benefit concert

'25th Annual Benefit Jam for Cystic Fibrosis Research Incorporated'

A quarter-century ago, longtime Palo Alto resident Gary Masching organized a party and backyard concert to benefit cystic fibrosis research, in honor of a neighbor's son. Held at his Eichler home, the donation-based event became an annual tradition, involving dozens of local bands and musicians and raising more than \$50,000. After Masching's landlord sold the Eichler and Masching moved out to Boulder Creek, friend Tony Pratt decided to carry on the legacy and this year will be presenting the concert at the Peninsula Yacht Club (1536 Maple St., Redwood City) on Sunday, June 25, from noon to 6 p.m. Musicians from a variety of genres will be featured, including Caesar & The Dreaded Truth (reggae), Buffalo Chips (country rock), John Henry's Farm (Americana) and many others, and there will be food and a no-host bar. With the yacht club and its surrounding "Docktown" neighborhood itself

endangered due to development interest, the long-standing benefit concert's future is uncertain. Admission is free, and donations are tax-deductible. Go to facebook.com/events/419867381732750/.

Youth theater

'Like, Like Like?'

Local youth-theater company "A Theatre Near U" will present its latest original production, the comedy "Like, Like Like?," through July 1 on the second stage at Mountain View's Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. The show involves a high school's madcap competition for the title of homecoming queen, involving student identity swaps, mummified swamp rats, raging teen hormones and a baby bald eagle. The cast is made up of teens from around the Bay Area. Performances run Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$17-\$22. Go to atheatrenearu.org. ■

— Karla Kane

Above: Carol Mead's watercolor paintings, such as "Twin Lakes Park," are on display right now at Viewpoint Gallery in Los Altos.

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Eating Out

Pretty on the outside

British Bankers Club has visual appeal but food is astray

Patio dining for the British Bankers Club spills into the Menlo Center plaza that's shared with Cafe Borrone and Kepler's Books. Note: BBC management refused a request from the Weekly to photograph the food and interior of the restaurant.

by Dale F. Benton

Dining at the new British Bankers Club in Menlo Park was like finally getting a date with the prom queen. You looked forward to it and when you drove up, she looked enchanting, but within a few minutes you realized she had nothing interesting to offer. She was a superficial beauty, all glam and no depth.

Rob Fischer, who owns Peninsula Creamery, Reposado and Gravity Wine Bar in Palo Alto and Scratch in Mountain View, put loads of money and nearly three years into refurbishing British Bankers Club. The result is visually inviting. The handsome brick building, constructed in 1925, has housed a bank, the Menlo Park City Hall, the police department and jail, with the public library upstairs. Most recently, it was a busy bar and restaurant of the same name that closed several years ago after two employees were arrested for sexually assaulting two women in an upstairs room and its liquor license was suspended.

In the spacious main dining room, the huge windows have been accentuated and a long wood bar highlights an opposite wall. The kitchen is glassed in so it's visible, but you can't yell at the chef. The space is decidedly minimalist, with a

black-and-white tile floor, a mesh divider that separates the bar from a grill, wood-top tables, upholstered chairs and a long upholstered banquette that lines the two walls under the windows.

The space's mezzanine has been expanded, an ideal space for gatherings. Best of all is the rooftop bar and grill, a snazzy spot that opens to the public at 4 p.m. and is also available for private parties. If that isn't enough, there is patio dining in the plaza shared with Cafe Borrone and Kepler's Books.

The menu had me salivating: 10 starters, a half-dozen soups and salads, 10 entrées, a half-dozen tempting desserts, and a solid list of libations from beer and wine to tequilas and single malt scotches. All of the elements were there. Alas, the food was not.

Cornmeal fried oysters (\$16) was a concoction of deviled egg gribiche sauce (made of capers, egg, Dijon, olive oil and vinegar), pancetta jerky and frisée salad. Why the pancetta was made into a jerky is a mystery, because it was unchewable. The vinaigrette over the frisée was too salty, a recurring problem on many dishes. The oysters were so over-fried, I didn't recognize them as oysters. They could have been clams, shrimp, mussels, anything. They were bone dry, over-breaded and underwhelming.

The smoked salmon deviled eggs (\$15), with salmon caviar, radish, frisée salad, sherry vinaigrette, fried capers and dill, simply needed something to breathe life into them. There were too many similar flavors and textures. It was a pretty dish but utterly bland.

The asparagus fries (\$15), breaded with parmesan and parsley, were a worthwhile appetizer. The spears were fat and crisp, neither over-breaded nor overcooked. The accompanying lemon mascarpone and Aleppo pepper dipping sauce was spicy, cool and creamy.

House-made ricotta gnocchi (\$16) swam in a cacio e pepe broth (black pepper and salty pecorino cheese) with charred onion and a pesto sauce that made the dish excessively salty. Globes of salty pesto were dotted over the delicate gnocchi and broth. If that wasn't enough, more cheese had been grated over the top, adding still another layer of saltiness. It was difficult to know if the gnocchi were good. All I can report is that they were pillowy, not rubbery, and I drank a lot of water.

The slow-cooked Corvina sea bass (\$29) came with zucchini noodles, white truffle oil and roasted tomato-lemon ragout. The ragout was the only item on the plate with flavor. The

presentation was appealing, the portion generous, but the fish was overcooked, bone-dry, flavorless and not worth eating. The zucchini noodles were loads of fun, though.

Not every selection was off-target. The mushroom and foie gras agnolotti (\$25) was a hit. Agnolotti are small, stuffed pasta squares, like ravioli. At the British Bankers Club, they came as oversized rectangles filled with creamy mushrooms. The slice of foie gras was perfectly cooked and the truffle in the truffle-parmesan cream didn't stifle the other ingredients. It was a well-executed dish.

For dessert, the roasted pear gingerbread cake (\$8) was luscious, with a cap of cinnamon crème anglaise and whipped crème fraîche. The apple streusel buttermilk cake (\$8) was a lovely dish of frangipane, crème anglaise, kumquats and whipped cream.

The chai panna cotta (\$8) was served with baklava rollups and honey yogurt, drizzled with spiced vincotto (grapes slow-simmered until syrupy). The flavors were good but the panna cotta was more like thick yogurt than the light, silky custard it should have been.

Service was attentive if impersonal, though at lunch one day, I wasn't three bites into my appetizer when the entree arrived.

The waiter tried to slide it on the table despite seeing I was still eating the first course. I sent it back. There was no excuse, since there were but a half-dozen diners in the restaurant.

British Bankers Club has all the elements of a destination restaurant, but the back of the house is a problem. It seems as if the kitchen is following recipes without any idea how the finished products should taste. It was food by rote rather than food with emotion.

Dinner for two, one glass of wine each, with tip, averaged \$175. ■

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AGENDA-SPECIAL MEETING-COUNCIL CHAMBERS June 27, 2017, 5:00 PM

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Seven On-call Consulting Services Contracts Totaling \$1.9 Million Over a Three-year Term (Approximately \$630,000 per Year) to Provide Continued Support for Application Processing, Environmental Review, Historic Evaluations, and Long Range Planning Projects in the Department of Planning & Community Environment
- Approval of a Contract With Graham Contractors, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,386,065 for the FY 2018 Preventive Street Maintenance CIP Project PE-86070, Thermoplastic Lane Marking and Striping CIP Project PO-11001, and University Avenue Parking Improvements CIP Project PF-14003, and Authorization for the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute Related Change Orders Not-to-Exceed \$138,606 in Total Value
- Approval of a Purchase Order With Folsom Lake Ford in the Amount of \$304,651 for the Purchase of Eight 2017 Ford Explorer Police Patrol Vehicles
- Approval of a Contract With JJR Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$655,651 for the FY 2017 University Circle Concrete Repair, Capital Improvements Program Project PE-86070, and Authorization for the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute Related Change Orders Not-to-Exceed \$65,565 in Total Value
- Approval of Contract Number C17161815 With Granite Construction Company in the Amount of \$8,649,191 for the Construction of Neighborhood Traffic Safety and Bicycle Boulevard Improvements Along; Amarillo Avenue, Bryant Street, East Meadow Drive, Montrose Avenue, Moreno Avenue, Louis Road, Palo Alto Avenue, and Ross Road, Consistent With Approved Concept Plans and the City's Adopted Bicycle + Pedestrian Transportation Plan and Approval of an Appropriation Budget Amendment in the Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvement Fund
- Approval of Contract Number C18167839 With Anderson Pacific Engineering Construction, Inc. in the Total Amount of \$1,129,700 to Construct the Secondary Clarifiers No. 3 and No. 5 Mechanisms Replacement Project at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant - Capital Improvement Program Project WQ-80021, and Authorization for the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute Change Orders Not-to-Exceed \$102,700 in Total Value
- Approval of a Contract With SimplexGrinnell, Inc. in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$250,185 for the Repair of the City Hall Fire Sprinkler System, and Authorization for the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute Change Orders in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$17,235 in Total Value
- Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement Between the City of Palo Alto and Intermedix, for Ambulance Service Billing, for a One-year Period Through September 30, 2018, With the Option to Renew for Four Additional One-Year Periods Through September 30, 2022 for the Amount of \$160,000 per Year, Not-to-Exceed \$800,000
- Approval of Contract Number C17168057 With Carbon Activated Corporation in the Total Amount of \$105,809 for the Installation and Supply of Anthracite and Sand for the Dual Media Filter Project at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant, and Authorization for the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute Related Change Orders Not-to-Exceed \$9,619 in Total Value
- Approval of Agreement No. C17168334 Between the City of Palo Alto and the Midpeninsula Community Media Center, Inc. for Cablecasting and Web Streaming Services From July 1, 2017 Through June 30, 2018, in the Amount of \$135,000, With two One-year Options to Extend (for a Potential 3 Year Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$405,000)
- Approval of a Purchase Order With Owen Equipment in the Amount of \$477,330 for the Purchase of a 2017 Freightliner Combination Single Engine Sewer Cleaner and Approve Budget Amendments in the Storm Drain Fund and Vehicle Replacement and Maintenance Fund
- Adoption of a Resolution Summarily Vacating Public Utility Easement at 144 Kellogg Avenue
- Adoption of a Resolution Determining the Proposed Calculation of the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2018
- Adoption of Fiscal Year 2018 Investment Policy
- SECOND READING: Adoption of an Ordinance Requiring Expedited Permitting Procedures for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (AB 1236) (FIRST READING: June 12, 2017 PASSED 9-0)
- QUASI-JUDICIAL: 305 N. California Avenue [17PLN-00015]: Request for a Hearing on the Director's Tentative Denial of a Conditional Use Permit for Operation of the new Mozart School of Music at an Existing Church Facility. Environmental Assessment: in Accordance With the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15270 CEQA Does not Apply to Projects Which a Public Agency Disapproves. Zoning District: R-1 (10,000)
- Approval of a Contract With Canopy for \$395,130 for a Three-year Term to Support Palo Alto's Urban Forestry Programs, Assist With Implementation of Programs Within the Urban Forest Master Plan, Improve the Canopy in South Palo Alto, and Educate the Public About Trees

Action Items

- PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, Including Adoption of Operating and Capital Budgets and Municipal Fee Schedule; Adoption of the Following Resolutions: 1) Approving the FY 2018 Electric Financial Plan; 2) Adopting an Electric Rate Increase and Amending Electric Rate Schedules E-1, E-2, E-2-G, E-4, E-4-G, E-4 TOU, E-7, E-7-G, E-7 TOU, and E-14; 3) Approving the FY 2018 Gas Utility Financial Plan; 4) Approving the FY 2018 Wastewater Collection Utility Financial Plan; 5) Adopting a Dark Fiber Rate Increase and Amending Dark Fiber Rate Schedules EDF-1 and EDF-2; 6) Approving the FY 2018 Water Utility Financial Plan; and 7) Amending Resolution 9671 to Modify Permit Fees for the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program and Finding the Action Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act; and Amending Salary Schedules for the Management and Professional Group, the Services Employees International Union, and the Limited Hourly Group

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Special City Council Rail Committee Meeting will be held in the Community Meeting Room on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 8:00 AM to discuss: 1) Receive and Review Rail Program Briefing Paper from May-June 2017; 2) Connecting Palo Alto: Rail Program Community Workshop #1 Written Report; 3) Summary of Previous Rail Studies and Schedule for Other Grade Separations on the Peninsula; and 4) Review Draft Rail Program Circulation Study Scenarios and Provide Recommendations.

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... Outdoor enthusiasts shouldn't have any difficulty finding sportswear or other related accessories at **Stanford Shopping Center**. The mall is getting ready to open a new major outdoor-lifestyle retail site — its third over the past 15 months. **Timberland** is completing an interior build-out on a new 3,508-square-foot space near the Garden Walk across from J. Crew and is expected to open in early August. This comes two months after Canadian apparel and equipment manufacturer **Arc'teryx** opened its first California retail store next to AllSaints on May 19. Alameda-based **North Face** also opened a new store at Stanford in April 2016. The Timberland brand is already sold in the mall at Macy's and Nordstrom, but the new site will be an independent Timberland store. The New Hampshire-based company manufactures rugged outdoor gear — footwear, apparel and accessories for adults and children, as well as industrial work wear — that is sold at more than 260 stores worldwide. Its retail stores include signature elements like a "boot wall." — L.T.

FAST TONY'S CHICKEN OPENS

... Local chef **Tony Nethery** was set to open **Fast Tony's Chicken** this week at Town & Country Village in the space vacated by Tava Kitchen in January. The fried chicken restaurant is the inaugural participant in a mentoring program that locally born Asian-fusion chain **Asian Box** recently launched to help up-and-coming chefs avoid the mistakes and replicate the good decisions its founders made when they first started the business, CEO **Frank Klein** said Tuesday. He and others from Asian Box have been coaching Nethery through the ins and outs of opening a restaurant. "Fast Tony's Chicken is a classic yet updated take on the chicken shacks of the South," states a description Klein provided. "Having grown up in Texas eating his grandmother's 'brown bag or cast iron' fried chicken, Tony is now bringing his family recipes to you." Nethery, a second-

generation Mexican-American, became a cook after serving in the U.S. Navy. He went on to work in the kitchens of Mark Miller (who has won a James Beard award) and Douglas Rodriguez, a well-known Miami chef. The takeout-only restaurant (there is no inside seating in the relatively small space but some tables outside) will serve a fried chicken sandwich (\$9) with Mary's Free Range Chicken, coleslaw, pickles and Duke's Mayonnaise, a 100-year-old cult-favorite mayo made in South Carolina. Diners also can order pieces of the chicken with pickles and rolls, among other menu items. The restaurant is located at 855 El Camino Real, suite 162 (next to Belcampo Meat Co.). — E.K.

THE PASSING OF PIEOLOGY

... Fast-casual custom pizza chain **Pieology** has suddenly closed its Palo Alto location. A sign recently appeared in the windows that states: "This location is closed." Pieology opened at 2305 El Camino Real almost two years ago. In an emailed statement, Pieology President Mike Nolan described the closure as one of the "smart, strategic decisions" the business has made to "progress and better the company. It is without question that as industry trends change and business goals evolve, focused and disciplined decisions become crucial to success," he said. "Over the course of the next year, we will be evaluating our market position and store performance to streamline the Pieology portfolio." He did not immediately respond to a question about whether there was anything in particular about the Palo Alto market that led to the closure and if Pieology plans to close other locations. Most of the national franchised chain's outposts are in southern California, though there are others scattered throughout the Bay Area. — E.K.

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Movies

OPENINGS



Transformers and humans go to war in "Transformers: The Last Knight."

Less than meets the eye

Fifth 'Transformers' clangs around for 2 1/2 hours

1/2 (Century 16 & 20)

Only the "Transformers" franchise could make the threat "Millions will die" utterly weightless. "Transformers: The Last Knight," Michael Bay's fifth movie about shape-shifting alien robots, tries to whip up tension by having some character or other remind us every five minutes that "The whole world's at stake," unless a few choice humans can ally with a few good Autobots and save the day.

But Bay makes it very, very difficult to care. Rather than

thinking or feeling anything, Transformers fans will be too focused on the ADHD spectacle — filmed with IMAX 3D cameras, don'tcha know — while anyone else who stumbles onto this movie will gladly welcome the world's end if it also means this interminable movie's end.

"The Last Knight" postulates plenty about the roles of Transformers in human history, beginning with a prologue set in Dark Ages England and featuring a

drunken Merlin negotiating with aliens. The sequence sets the tone for the numbing, clanging mega-action that is the franchise's stock in trade. Mark Wahlberg returns as unlikable, thick hero Cade Yeager, Texan inventor on the skids and good buddy to the Autobot called Bumblebee (among other robot jocks). As the plot lumbers on about Yeager being the "last knight," on a quest to recover an

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MOVIES NOW SHOWING

47 Meters Down (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

All Eyez on Me (R)
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Band Aid (Not Rated) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Beatriz at Dinner (R)
Century 20: Fri. - Sun. Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

The Book of Henry (PG-13)
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie (PG)
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Cars 3 (G) ***
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Duvvada Jagannadham (Not Rated)
Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (PG-13) **1/2
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Hero (R) Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

It Comes at Night (R)
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Letters from Baghdad (Not Rated)
Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

The Major and the Minor (1942) (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: 5:40 & 9:15 p.m., Fri. - Sun.

Megan Leavey (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Mummy (PG-13) *1/2
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

My Cousin Rachel (PG-13) Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

My Neighbor Totoro (G)
Century 16: Sunday Century 20: Sunday

Paris Can Wait (PG) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales (PG-13)
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Rough Night (R)
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Sullivan's Travels (1941) (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m., Fri. - Sun, 3:55 p.m., Sat. & Sun.

Transformers: The Last Knight (PG-13) 1/2
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Tubelight (Not Rated) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

The Wedding Plan (PG) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

What Ever Happened to Baby Jane? (Not Rated)
Century 20: Sunday

Wonder Woman (PG-13) ***
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

★ Skip it ★★ Some redeeming qualities ★★★ A good bet ★★★★ Outstanding

Aquarius: 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto
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Century Cinema 16: 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd.,
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'Transformers'

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ancient staff of power, Wahlberg's muscles and eyes appear to be in a competition to see which can bulge more.

Though surely it's not what he had in mind when he studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, Sir Anthony Hopkins yells "Shut up!" a lot as Sir Edmund Burton, a cheeky expert in Transformers history. And of course, there's a "Bay Watch" babe outfitted in skintight clothes: Laura Haddock's Oxford professor Viviane Wembly. The \$260 million production also throws money at Josh Duhamel, Stanley Tucci, and John Turturro to reprise their franchise roles, not to mention robot-voicing John Goodman, Ken Watanabe, Omar Sy, and Peter Cullen, as beloved noble blowhard Optimus Prime.

One is meant to practice willing suspension of disbelief to consume a movie like "Transformers: The Last Knight," but the

persistent idiocy of the enterprise keeps intruding on that task. Set aside the "Da Vinci Code" bull and consider Goodman's bearded robot (you read that right), who chomps on a robot cigar and growls, "I love violence." Or the robot whose knuckles sport robot bling. Or the fact that several of the robots remain jive-talking ethnic stereotypes.

Ever the jingoist, Bay stays resolutely Military-Industrial Uncomplicated, evoking the dusty heartland and positioning soldiers in front of a giant American flag. You won't have heard the word "bitch" so much since the last Bay movie you watched (even Hopkins slings it). Despite the theme that "Magic does exist" ("It was found long ago. Inside a crashed alien ship"), "The Last Knight" is all mirthless jokes and thrill-less mayhem.

Rated PG-13 for violence and intense sequences of sci-fi action, language, and some innuendo. Two hours, 29 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

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

Cars 3 ★★★

Pixar's "Cars 3" gets the franchise back on track with a story that U-turns to the heart of the 2006 original. This time, champion race car Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) faces stiff competition from smack-talking Jackson Storm (Armie Hammer), a sleek, custom-built "Next-Gen" Piston Cup Racer. After a series of losses, Lightning begins to wonder: is it time to retire? It's a bumpy road, and soon Lightning's being encouraged by Rust-Eze's new owner Sterling (Nathan Fillion) to "cash in" and become a "brand" through product endorsements. It'll all come down to the Florida 500: if Lightning wins, he can keep racing for Rust-Eze. If he loses, he's done. "Cars 3" sets up the expectation, then, that it is a latter-day "Rocky" story, a comeback journey for an aging competitor who's still got life left in him. That's not wrong, but it turns out that what "Cars 3" is really about is the role of a great teacher, or mentor. The turns of the final race cleverly integrate both halves of the movie into a surprisingly satisfying whole, another entertaining and meaningful G-rated win for Pixar. *Rated G. One hour, 49 minutes.* — P.C.

The Mummy ★1/2

"The Mummy" is the first movie in Universal Pictures' "Dark Universe" planned series of films that will revive Frankenstein's monster, Dracula, the Wolf Man, et al. on the theory that what worked before will work again. This time around "The Mummy" has a big budget but a conspicuously hollow script. The film's Mummy thrill-ride action sequences (plane crashes, explosions, rolling vehicles), are a reasonable facsimile of the big dumb fun we expect in June, but whenever the movie opens its big dumb mouth and begins babbling, the audience is liable to feel as cursed as the sadly generic characters. Very long story short: awakened-evil-ancient-princess mummy (Sofia Boutella) wants to give human form to god of death; curses Tom Cruise; wreaks havoc. Very long story shorter: You can keep this "Mummy" under wraps. It's disposable, and "Dark Universe", not surprisingly, looks like a very expensive mistake. *Rated PG-13 for violence, action and scary images, and for some suggestive content and partial nudity. One hour, 50 minutes.* — P.C.

Wonder Woman ★★★

Although the origin story of Wonder Woman shifts from World War II to "the war to end all wars" for the

new film from Warner Bros. and DC Entertainment, the phrase "why we fight" leaps to mind to describe the hero's first solo cinematic outing. Wonder Woman's journey takes her from sheltered idealism through hard-won hard truths about so-called "mankind" to a heroic purpose with promise of future adventures. When American spy Steve Trevor (Chris Pine) crashes his plane in the waters around the "paradise island" of Themyscira, he must answer for mankind to the Amazons who live there. Princess Diana (a.k.a. Wonder Woman) has trained for the contingency of invaders but couldn't fully prepare for the horror of war. Diana determines to accompany Trevor into the outside world, where he plans to put the kibosh on the chemical weapons program while she intends to put an end to war with a swing of the "Godkiller" sword. The film has its failings — it falls into a few bland narrative stretches, fumbles over its cardboard villains, and ends with the usual dull clash of titans — but the very existence of "Wonder Woman" makes a much-needed feminist statement in the crowded superhero space. *Rated PG-13 for sequences of violence and action, and some suggestive content. Two hours, 21 minutes.* — P.C.

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Home Front

SUCCULENT SUCCESS ... "The Art of Succulents for Gardens, Big and Small," is a class offered on **Saturday, June 24**, at Lyngso Garden Materials in San Carlos. Create a centerpiece for your patio with succulents, or reuse an object as a container for a succulent. The clinic will include hands-on instructions on making tabletop planters. Participants are encouraged to bring their own unusual containers to the class. Limited number of succulents will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own as well. Instructor Melvin Harrington is a landscape supervisor at San Francisco International Airport. To register, go to <https://lyngsoartofsucculents.eventbrite.com/>. The class is from 10 a.m. to noon at Lyngso Garden Materials, 345 Shoreway Road, San Carlos.

SEWING SESSION ... Do you have a project you need to finish but don't have access to a machine? The Mountain View Public Library will hold a "Sew Sew" session on **Monday, June 26**, 6:15-8 p.m. The library has four sewing machines (model: Baby Lock Grace and/or Baby Lock Rachel) and one serger (Baby Lock Imagine) that are available for use within the library. Each machine is available for one session (1 hour, 45 minutes) and reservations are highly recommended. Library staff are available to assist with the machines, but sewing instruction is not provided. Sewing machines are equipped with new needles and a variety of accessories (zipper foot, buttonhole foot, etc.) The library has a limited supply of donated thread and notions. If you need a specific item, bring it. You may use your own machine at the sewing tables if space allows. For more information, call Candace Bowers at 650-903-6877

GARDENS OF EATS ... Tickets for Common Ground Garden's annual **Edible Garden Tour** fundraiser (July 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) are on sale now. To register, go to commongroundgarden.org.

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

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DO-IT-YOURSELF

Head outside for summer parties

Let your guests leave with a memory

by Nicole Macuil
photos by Veronica Weber



As the days get longer and warmer, it gets easier to entertain outside. Sometimes when you throw a party, it's fun to offer your guests favors to take home to remember what a great time they had at your party.

If your event has a theme or if it's a children's birthday party, it is best if your favor matches your theme. Some easy ideas for party favors: if it's an ice-cream party, how about a Mason jar filled with colored sprinkles? For a

pool party, each guest can take home a pair of flip-flops, maybe some sunglasses or a bucket and shovel. Bath bombs are great for a spa party.

If you're hosting a little girls' birthday party, a summer fiesta, a tea party, or maybe a bridal shower, you could make your own headbands and give them as favors.

My favorite kind of party favors are those that you can use or wear after a party. Flower headbands are a great favor for many different

themes. They are really easy to make and customizable to match your party, and the best part is your guests can wear them over and over and remember what a great time they had.

You can put the finished headbands in a basket at a check-in table as guests arrive, or hand them out as they leave. You will be sure to get a wow from your guests.■

Nicole Macuil lives in Palo Alto and is the owner of wishesandwows.com, a party-planning platform.



MATERIALS NEEDED:

- 1/2-inch headbands pre-wrapped with ribbon.
- Hot-glue gun/hot glue.
- Silk flowers with stems removed; silk leaves if you want them.
- Felt (either to match the flowers, or green to look like leaves).
- You will also need fabric scissors.



Isabella Jimenez-Macuil, 3, models how the headbands will look when you are done.



1 Cut the felt into small circles (about a half inch in diameter); the felt circles will back the flowers.



2 With the hot glue gun, attach the silk flowers, one at a time, to the top of the headband, starting from one side (make sure to leave enough room for around the ears).



3 Cover your felt circle with hot glue and immediately place it around the back and sides of the headband, covering the back of your flower (this will hold your flowers in place).



4 Attach leaves under the flowers before you attach the felt circles.

SALES AT A GLANCE

Los Altos

Total sales reported: **8**
 Lowest sales price: **\$1,801,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$4,720,000**
 Average sales price: **\$2,989,125**

Los Altos Hills

Total sales reported: **3**
 Lowest sales price: **\$3,161,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$6,450,000**
 Average sales price: **\$4,620,333**

Mountain View

Total sales reported: **4**
 Lowest sales price: **\$615,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$1,850,000**
 Average sales price: **\$1,182,625**

Palo Alto

Total sales reported: **11**
 Lowest sales price: **\$950,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$30,000,000**
 Average sales price: **\$5,847,637**

Portola Valley

Total sales reported: **1**
 Sales price: **\$2,700,000**

Source: California REsource

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.

Los Altos

100 1st Street #106 Stanford University to J. & K. Ryoo for \$1,900,000 on 05/18/17; built 2015, 2bd, 1,395 sq.ft.; previous sale 03/27/2015, \$1,430,000
622 Covington Road Vonogas Trust to

Goldsilverisland Homes for \$2,360,000 on 05/16/17; built 1950, 3bd, 1,185 sq.ft.
2256 Deodara Drive Carter Trust to A. Alon for \$1,801,000 on 05/23/17; built 1960, 3bd, 1,794 sq.ft.

144 East Edith Avenue Morangio Trust to Z. & C. Attar for \$3,775,000 on 05/17/17; built 1978, 4bd, 2,562 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/03/2014, \$2,676,000
1400 Fallen Leaf Lane A. Deklerk to A. Frederick for \$2,575,000 on 05/17/17; built 1954, 4bd, 2,334 sq.ft.; previous sale 02/28/2001, \$1,295,000

498 Los Ninos Way Los Ninos Venture to G. Kirmani for \$4,720,000 on 05/16/17; built 1952, 3bd, 1,749 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/23/2015, \$2,600,000
250 Marich Way Solorzano Trust to R. & K. Patel for \$3,807,000 on 05/18/17; built 1946, 3bd, 2,896 sq.ft.; previous sale 04/26/2006, \$1,731,500
296 Ramon Drive K. Chang to H. Ding for \$2,975,000 on 05/23/17; built 1993, 4bd, 2,557 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/19/2001, \$1,140,000

Los Altos Hills

26856 Almaden Court M. Leonov to Cong-Tian Trust for \$4,250,000 on 05/16/17; built 1996, 5bd, 4,523 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/17/1999, \$2,800,000
12010 Elsie Way Murthy Trust to S. Ng for \$6,450,000 on 05/23/17; built 1999, 5bd, 4,992 sq.ft.
12360 Priscilla Lane Chawla Ventures to Chawla Trust for \$3,161,000 on 05/18/17; built 1959, 3bd, 2,344 sq.ft.; previous sale 02/03/2015, \$3,350,000

Mountain View

201 Ada Avenue #46 Casebolt Trust to C. & T. Kintana for \$1,505,000 on 05/23/17; built 1987, 3bd, 1,750 sq.ft.; previous sale 09/15/1993, \$309,000
183 Del Medio Avenue #215 M. Chalant to P. Pineau for \$615,000 on 05/17/17; built 1962, 1bd, 756 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/16/2015, \$577,000
255 South Rengstorff Avenue #106 K. Wang to Liu & Yu Trust for \$760,500 on 05/16/17; built 1965, 2bd, 935 sq.ft.; previous sale 08/06/2014, \$548,000
1414 Todd Street Cyc Trust to J. Hu for

\$1,850,000 on 05/18/17; built 1952, 3bd, 1,032 sq.ft.; previous sale 05/17/2017, \$2,025,000

Palo Alto

689 Arastradero Road M. Taub to Arastradero Land for \$2,750,000 on 05/18/17; built 1933, 3bd, 1,629 sq.ft.; previous sale 01/30/1998, \$805,000
2320 Byron Street D. Lee to A. Tummalapalli for \$4,000,000 on 05/18/17; built 1937, 3bd, 1,850 sq.ft.; previous sale 11/19/2012, \$2,450,000
1107 Cowper Street Stevens Trust to Jones Trust for \$30,000,000 on 05/18/17; built 1997, 4bd, 7,550 sq.ft.
1509 Edgewood Drive Goumas Trust to C. Liu for \$6,158,000 on 05/17/17; built 1953, 4bd, 3,029 sq.ft.; previous sale 08/30/1996, \$730,000

309 Emerson Street Swasti Limited to R. & M. Case for \$3,125,000 on 05/16/17; built 1996, 3bd, 1,968 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/13/2013, \$2,700,000
1830 Guinda Street R. Zhu to Y. Zhu for \$2,910,000 on 05/18/17; built 1947, 3bd, 1,556 sq.ft.; previous sale 05/12/2014, \$2,828,000
720 Kendall Avenue Roe Trust to G. Feng for \$2,501,000 on 05/23/17; built 1949, 3bd, 1,088 sq.ft.

3158 Middlefield Road M. & A. Fransson to D. Liu for \$950,000 on 05/16/17; built 1963, 2bd, 998 sq.ft.; previous sale 05/23/2014, \$780,000
1247 Pitman Avenue M. Entenmann to Valluru Trust for \$5,250,000 on 05/16/17; built 1940, 3bd, 2,532 sq.ft.
2779 Ramona Street Blue Trust to S. Fu for \$3,500,000 on 05/16/17; built 1949, 4bd, 2,059 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/23/2009, \$1,527,000

3427 Ross Road F. Riccardi to N. Tang for \$3,180,000 on 05/18/17; built 1998, 4bd, 2,218 sq.ft.; previous sale 01/31/2003, \$1,200,000

Portola Valley

120 North Castanya Way Welch Trust to D. Weirich for \$2,700,000 on 05/05/17; built 1953, 3bd, 1,860 sq.ft.; previous sale 04/19/2012, \$1,570,000

BUILDING PERMITS

395 Page Mill Road Interior office demolition non-structural first floor, partial ceiling rework, existing lighting and mechanical (13,000 sf). \$90,000

1050 Page Mill Road Deferred submittal for site lighting

855 El Camino Real, Suite # 18 Sweaty Betty, deferred submittal for structural plans of shelves and fixtures

3401 Hillview Ave. Install two dual-head electric vehicle charging stations in a parking garage.

725 Center Drive New addition (30 sf) and remodel existing guest bathroom (48 sf) and bathroom upstairs (50 sf). \$12,000

1160 Fulton St. Revision to include new shower in detached garage, will no longer be sink and closet space as previously approved.

1300 Oak Creek Drive Reroof lower roof area. \$175,700

373 Shasta Drive Install heat pump, ductless, new electrical breaker. \$7,715

3655 Middlefield Road Residential re-roof. \$5,000

2675 Middlefield Road, Suite# C Teaspoon: tenant improvements, use and occupancy. Install partition walls, wash area, water heater in storage area, drain, hot & cold water supply, covering for trash enclosure. Total area of work 754 sf. \$85,000

1087 Fife Ave. Residential 200amp panel replacement, 125 amp subpanel, 50amp circuit and five new lights in bedroom

826 fielding Drive Residential addition (220 sf) and remodel (253 sf) demolish attached storage (79sf) scope of work includes removing existing fireplace. \$80,000

760 San Carlos Court Revision to add wood deck (446 sf), 2nd deck (112 sf)

2865 Park Blvd. "Park Plaza: new three-story mixed-use building with one level underground parking. Area of underground garage 104,000 sf. Commercial warm shell on the first floor (47,000 sf) and residential on the second and third floor (101,500 sf) 82 residential units. Permit originally issued for foundation only. Remainder of structure under review and was opened for those departments which still had comments at issuance of foundation-only permit.

2147 Amherst St. Residential reroof of detached garage. \$1,000

2147 Amherst St. Residential reroof of main house. \$20,233

795 La Para Ave. Temporary power pole

180 El Camino Real, space #151 Use and occupancy and retail tenant improvement 436sf for "Penhaligon's London". \$195,000

385 Sherman Ave. Replacement switch component at main cabinet

2041 Oberlin St. Electrical repair per code enforcement. Replace fuse box surface mount.

195 Page Mill Road Tenant improvements and use and occupancy for new tenant "eshares" 11,080 (suites 101 and 103) sf scope of work includes constructing open office area, meeting rooms, break rooms and storage area. \$915,075

707 Webster St. Replace subpanel (100amp) no change or alterations to fire-rated walls

4082 Orme St. Residential addition (637 sf) and remodel (167 sf). Master-bathroom remodel and convert workshop and storage to conditioned living space. Converted new area includes workout / study / library and bathroom. \$64,000

1417 Pitman Ave. Residential re-roof, new plywood with composite shingles \$18,000

1544 Dana Ave. Re-roof. \$11,942

3805 Louis Road Add air-conditioning units to the scope of work

221 Kingsley Ave. Change retaining wall planter fence adjacent to spa to a masonry 8-foot-high retaining wall with water feature, revise the trellis anchoring, and revise the outdoor fireplace footing.

970 Paradise Way Detached rear cottage: tear off tar-and-gravel roof and install new roof. \$3,800

195 Page Mill Road Tenant improvements and use and occupancy for new tenant "wavefront" to occupy Suite 102 on first floor, 10,310 sf. Scope of work includes construction of office spaces and four conference rooms, break room, three private offices and six phone rooms, storage and server room, and large open office area. \$851,400



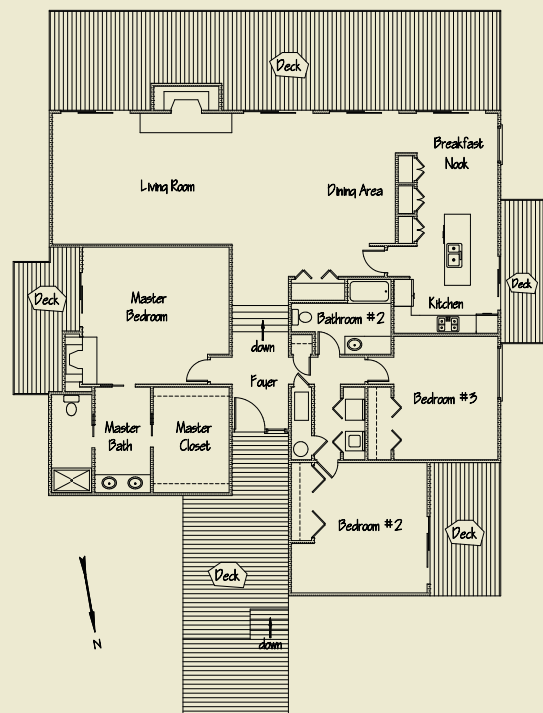
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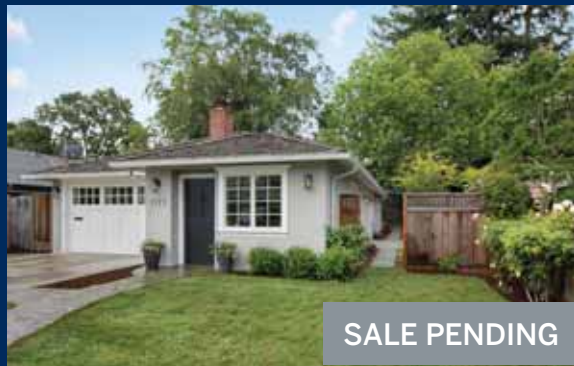
525 Center Drive, Palo Alto

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152 Melville Avenue, Palo Alto

\$5,250,000 | 152MELVILLEAVE.COM



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1171 Orange Avenue, Menlo Park

\$2,398,000 | 1171ORANGE.COM



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14700 Manuella Road, Los Altos Hills

\$3,800,000 | 14700MANUELLA.COM



Post Modern Masterpiece, Woodside

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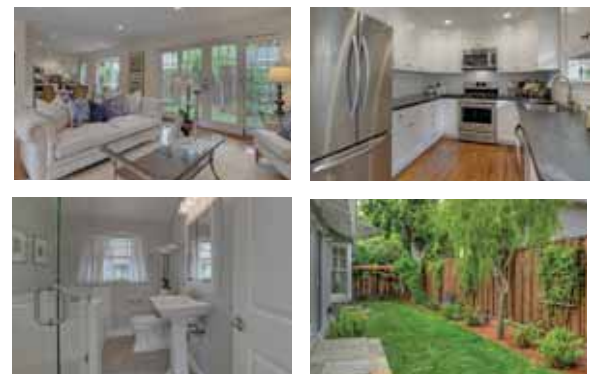




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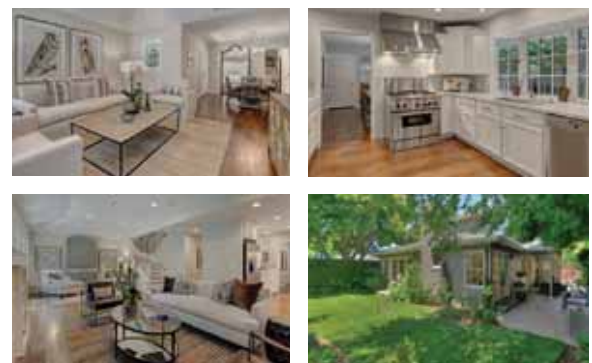
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Offered at \$2,488,000



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OPEN SAT 6/24 & SUN 6/25 1:30-4PM



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Located on 10,192 sq.ft. of flat lot in the premium Midtown Palo Alto neighborhood, this single family home offers endless possibilities with a great opportunity to update the house with your own taste with finishes of your choice or rebuild your dream home (upto 3,797 sq.ft. per Palo Alto City guidelines - buyer to verify).

This 4bed/3bath home offers 1,906 sq.ft. across a light-filled, open floor plan with amazing features including elegant laminate floors, recessed lights and fresh paint with designer colors. Gourmet kitchen offers beautiful skylight, hardwood floors, breakfast nook with custom pendant lights and freshly painted cabinets with new contemporary fixtures. The bedrooms are flexibly designed to fit a variety of uses. Living room is accented with a high ceilings and full wall of windows

overlooking beautiful backyard. Outside, the resort-inspired grounds immersed in natural privacy feature mature trees that enhance the secluded setting and offer the ultimate for recreation and entertaining with a sparkling pool. Excellent amenities include brand new roof (30 year warranty) and 2-car garage with ample storage.

This private, yet close-in, location provides convenient access to Midtown Shopping Center, Palo Alto Downtown, parks, libraries, major commuters' routes and Silicon Valley employers and other everyday conveniences. Exceptional Palo Alto schools are also within close proximity including Palo Verde Elementary, Ohlone Elementary, JLS Middle, Palo Alto High schools (buyer to verify/confirm eligibility and availability).

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

CA REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN630828

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This business is owned by: A Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
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Stanford, CA 94305

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/24/2006.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 9, 2017.
(PAW June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 2017)

M & M ARTS
MOVE WITH MEG
MAQQAM
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN630908

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Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
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(PAW June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2017)

AMBER BRIDGE PARTNERS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN631051

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This business is owned by: Married Couple.

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Palo Alto, CA 94303
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Palo Alto, CA 94303
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(PAW June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2017)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
TIMOTHY COLLINS
Case No.: 17PR181267

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of TIMOTHY COLLINS. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: TIMOTHY COLLINS, JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that: TIMOTHY COLLINS, JR. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

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

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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San Jose, CA 95113
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(PAW June 23, 30; July 7, 2017)

Answers to this week's puzzles, which can be found on page 44.

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ALL-AMERICAN HONORS . . .

Sacred Heart Prep rising senior **Jack Crockett** was named to the Northern California Region All-American boys lacrosse team by US Lacrosse NorCal chapter. In addition, Crockett was one of three locals named to the Under Armour Underclass All-American All-American Lacrosse team. He is joined there by Menlo School's **Brody LaPorte** and Woodside resident **George Pike**. They are among the 22 players selected out of a group of 240 who tried out. . . . Menlo-Atherton senior **Anders Chiang** was named US Lacrosse NorCal's Bob Scott Award winner, given to a player in each Area who goes above and beyond in service to his team, school, and community. Sacred Heart Prep's **Mo Ryan** was named Assistant Coach of the Year.

THE NET GAME . . .

Atherton resident **CiCi Bellis** reached the quarterfinals of the Mallorca Cup in Spain after beating Germany's Mona Barthel, the fourth seed, in three sets. Bellis plays Kristyna Pliskova on Friday . . . Stanford grads **Nicole Gibbs** and **Carol Zhao** each won first-round matches at the Southern Lifestyle Development Classic in Baton Rouge.

GROUNDNED . . .

Stanford junior **Hayley Hodson**, who was named the No. 1 national recruit by Volleyball Magazine and PrepVolleyball.com out of high school has medically retired from the sport of women's volleyball.

RUNNING WILD . . .

Stanford's track and field team will be represented by six athletes at the U.S. Track and Field Championships in Sacramento, which runs through Saturday. Stanford's **Harrison Williams** will compete in the decathlon while **Valerie Allman** brings the second-best qualifying in the discus. **Olivia Baker** in the women's 800, **Rebecca Mehra** in the 1,500, **Vanessa Fraser** in the 5,000 and **Lena Giger** in the shot put are also entered. **Christina Aragon** qualified in the 1,500 but scratched. Former Cardinal athletes entered include **Chris Derrick** in the men's 5,000 meters (**Garrett Heath** scratched from the event) and 10,000 meters, **Jessica Tonn** in the women's 5,000, and **Kori Carter** in the women's 300 hurdles.

ON THE AIR

Friday

USATF Track and Field: U.S. Championships, 7:30 p.m., NBCSN

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Stanford rising sophomore Erin Voss has competed at the U.S. Olympic trials but this is her first trip to the U.S. championships.

USA SWIMMING

Championships mean different things

Olympians in a less stressful situation the year after; others get a chance to shine nationally

by Elinor Aspegren

Olympians Katie Ledecky, Simone Manuel and Lea Neal are among the several members of Stanford's NCAA championship women's swimming and diving team who are gearing up for the United States Championships, to be held in Indianapolis beginning Tuesday and running through Saturday, July 1.

There's significantly less pressure placed on swimmers the year after competing in the Olympics.

For others, the summer is a first step in qualifying for international competition. In addition

to qualifying for the World Championships, July 14 to July 30, in Budapest, Hungary, results at the Phillips 66 Nationals also qualify individuals for the U.S. rosters for the World University Games and FINA World Junior Championships, set for Aug. 23 to 28 in Indianapolis.

Outside of the Olympic Games, the International Swimming Federation (FINA) World championships are the sport's largest international competition.

Cardinal sophomore Kim Williams hopes to reach the finals at the U.S. Championships, but

does not expect to qualify for the World Championships.

"Training throughout this quarter with people who I know have those goals in mind of going to Budapest this summer, it's just inspiring to work with them every day," Williams said. "It makes you want to work a little harder, even though my season might be ending after trials, it's definitely a cool culture to be a part of."

According to Williams, training for U.S. and World Championships differs from normal training not only because of pool length -- collegiate pools

are typically 25 meters, whereas championship pools are 50 -- but also because of the training style. Typically, she says, training works in increments; it is broken up by a meet, but championship training is continuous.

Stanford freshman Erin Voss added that, "you always have something to look forward to," as the meet is scheduled at the same time every year.

Williams noted the feeling behind normal training differs because of the heightened stakes of

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STANFORD BASEBALL

He's safe at home

Esquer returns to his playing, coaching roots

by Glenn Reeves

Once David Esquer had been officially announced as the new Stanford baseball coach, as the successor to Mark Marquess, it all made sense. If continuity was what Stanford was looking for in a replacement for Marquess, who retired after 41 years as head coach, it would have been hard to find a better fit.

Esquer, a former walk-on at Stanford who was the head coach at Cal the past 18 years, embodies many of the same values, traits and characteristics as Marquess, an individual known for his hard-working, beyond reproach, nose-to-the-grindstone, moral exemplar attributes.

And Esquer, like Marquess, certainly won't be using the position as a stepping stone to somewhere else.

"It isn't a 41-year contract," athletic director Bernard Muir joked. "But we want some longevity in our program and I think he brings stability."

"Following a legend can be difficult at times. He's comfortable in being who he is, having his own style," Muir continued. "I'm looking forward to having him bring an exciting brand of baseball to Sunken Diamond and having the goal of playing this time of year in Omaha."

Esquer was asked at a recent press conference at Stanford what he learned from his association



David Esquer was named Stanford's baseball coach. He takes over from mentor Mark Marquess.

with Marquess:

"Anyone who played him would point toward a couple of things," Esquer said. "Number one, work ethic, daily effort, living up to the standard he set. That's where it starts. And then the importance

to being a good role model."

Esquer served as an assistant at Stanford and Pepperdine before taking over as head coach at Cal in 2000.

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Palo Alto Babe Ruth title up for grabs

Final four teams to compete for title this weekend

by Rick Eyrer

After 14 games of grueling competition, the Palo Alto Babe Ruth League has come down to its Final Four. By early next week, only one team will be left standing.

The Palo Alto Babe Ruth League playoffs open Friday with the top four teams participating in a double-elimination tournament at Baylands Athletic Center.

No. 1 Sundance (12-2) and No. 4 Ada's Café (7-7) open the tournament at 5 p.m. Friday. No. 2 Goetz Brothers (11-3) and No. 3 Palo Alto Oaks (8-6) follow at 8 p.m.

The Oaks are the defending city champs, beating Ada's Cafe in last year's title game.

Ada's and Sundance split their regular-season series, with Ada's winning their last meeting, 8-6, on Saturday. Sundance won, 4-2, in their first meeting.

Sundance's Aidan Everett led the league in three categories,

including ERA (1.17), stolen bases (13) and runs scored (23).

Everett is one of four different pitchers who have thrown against Ada's. He tossed two perfect innings, with four strikeouts, to earn the save in the team's first game. Dean Casey got the win with five solid innings.

Ada's used three different pitchers against Sundance, all with good efforts. Ben Ferrick, Ben Estrada and Henry Knoll combined for a 1.08 ERA against Sundance.

Ada's Kyle Mostofizadeh hit .571, tied for second in the league with Goetz Brothers' Owen Crevelt, behind Goetz Brothers' Ronan Donnelly (.607).

Mostofizadeh also finished second to Crevelt in RBIs, 19-18. Sundance's Kylen Liu led the league with 22 hits.

Goetz Brothers swept the series for the Palo Alto Oaks, with three different pitchers combining for 21 strikeouts in 12 innings.

Trevor Leon was 4-for-6 with five runs scored in two games against the Oaks.

Alex Morgan had the best success for the Oaks, pitching three scoreless innings with three strikeouts against Goetz.

Leon also led the league in three categories: wins (5), WHIP (1.09) and strikeouts (36). Leon was second in runs scored with 22.

Oaks' Brodey Crowley was second in ERA (1.91) and tied for second in wins (3) with teammate Sam Cleasby among others.

Nine of the top10 pitchers in ERA are on one of the four playoffs teams along with the top six hitters for average.

The tournament continues with games at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and 6:30 p.m. Monday.

The championship is scheduled for Tuesday at 5 p.m., with an if necessary game to follow immediately after. ■



David Elinson/Stanford Athletics

Stanford Olympians (left to right) Lia Neal, Simone Manuel, Maya DiRado (retired), Katie Ledecky.

Swimming

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what you're training for.

"In World, you're training to qualify for something bigger (than Stanford) -- you're training to qualify to represent the United States," she said.

Despite apparent pressure, Stanford's Lia Neal, who graduated this past Sunday, said that the U.S. Championships and World Championships are less stressful than the Olympics.

"Since the Olympics are the ultimate sporting event, especially for four years going into it," she said. "The year following the Olympics is always a little more relaxed."

Neal, who earned a bronze medal at the 2012 London Olympics and silver in last year's Rio Olympics in the 400-meter freestyle relay, said that she hopes to make the World Championship team, as well as swim a personal best. She wants to "bring her potential into fruition" and break down the obstacles she creates for herself, she said.

Voss said training with Olympians like Neal, Ledecky and Manuel is an amazing opportunity.

"Just having a team that's so talented and being able to be pushed in practice by them. It for sure makes me a better swimmer," she said.

Ledecky is a world record holder and Olympic gold medalist and Manuel is an Olympic gold medalist. Both will also swim in Indianapolis.

Stanford coach Greg Meehan doubles as the World championship coach.

This will be both Voss' and Williams' first U.S. Championship Trials. They have, though, each competed in the U.S. Olympic Trials. Williams has been twice, once as a 15-year-old and once as a college sophomore.

Following graduation, Neal said that she plans to continue swimming and said that it feels less like an obligation.

"The main takeaway for me after being done with my collegiate career, and having gone to two Olympics, is just to really enjoy what I'm doing now," she said.

Prelims begin each day of competition at 6 a.m., (PDT), followed by finals at 3 p.m.

The winner of each Olympic event will claim an automatic spot on the World team roster. A complete team selection procedure is outlined at usaswimming.org.

Twelve hours of television coverage from Phillips 66 Nationals will be aired by NBC Sports Group with nightly broadcasts on NBC Sports Network and Universal HD and four hours of coverage on NBC on July 1 and 2.

Additional Stanford swimmers attending the U.S. Championships are Leah Stevens; Megan Byrnes; Katie Drabot; Ella Eastin; Lindsey Engel; Sacred Heart Prep grad Ally Howe; Alex Meyers; and Allie Szekely.

Stanford sophomore True Sweetser is a candidate for the world team on the men's side. ■

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2017 District 52 Majors 12-year-old All-Stars

Palo Alto American

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Russell Filter
Andre Hyrkin
Simon Illouz
Kelvin Jiang
Walter "Carson" Leclerc
Ethan Lin
Michael Mora
Samuel Papp
Siddharth Shashi
Nicholas Shieh
Brody Simison
Ethan Wong
Manager: Anton Papp

Palo Alto National

Joshua Dawson
Dominic De Feo
Elias Duncan
Rowan Felsch
Sean Hogan
Colin Lee
Tommy Leong
Kylie Liu
Jackson Martin
Calvin Qian
Alex Rojas
Zack Silver
Richard Soliman Jr.
Nicolas Teng
Manager: James Duncan

Menlo-Atherton

Carr, Colton
Durham, Cyrus
Haven, Matt
Hurwitz, Chase
Jones, Sawyer
Phillips, Davis
Randall, Michael
Riedel, Gabe
Roberts, James
Shinn, Alessandro
Williams, Jackson
Young, Brady
Manager: Jeff Phillips

Alpine-West Menlo

Bei, Henry
Bianchi, Jake
Eyre, Evan
Ha, Samuel
Lamm, Ben
Meehan, Salvatore
Norris, Sam
Palmer, Noah
Peters, Ryan
Rogers, John
Siegel, Jacob
Wilfrid, Jasper
Zaharias, George
Manager: Tito Bianchi

Ravenswood

To be announced

Saturday

Palo Alto American vs. Menlo-Atherton at Burgess Park, Majors Field, 3 p.m.
Alpine-West Menlo vs. San Carlos at Holbrook-Palmer Park Field, 3 p.m.
Palo Alto National vs. Foster City at Burgess Park, Majors Field, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday

Ravenswood vs. Pacifica or HMB at Burgess Park, Majors Field, 10 a.m.
M-A or PA American vs. RC or SM American at Burgess Park, 12:30 p.m.
PA National or FC vs. Alpine-WM or San Carlos at Holbrook-Palmer, 12:30 p.m.
M-A or PA American vs. RC or SM American at Burgess Park, 3 p.m.
PA National or FC vs. Alpine-WM or San Carlos at Burgess Park, 5:30 p.m.



Rick Eyrer

Last year, Menlo-Atherton won five straight games after losing its opener. They are the host team this year.

David Esquer

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"This is a dream come true to get this opportunity," Esquer said. "This is where I grew up, where I started."

Esquer marveled at the response he has received from the Stanford community since being named head coach.

"I am overwhelmed by the support from my Stanford brothers," Esquer said. "I didn't think my phone texts could go over 100, but they did."

The process of being named head coach at Stanford came about so quickly that Esquer

hadn't quite prepared himself to make introductions to his new players or properly bid farewell to his former team at Cal.

"The challenge is to gracefully exit and say good bye to 35 players and then introduce myself to 35 more players and give them a little sense of who I am," Esquer said.

Marquess won over 1,600 games in his legendary career at Stanford. The 52-year-old Esquer had a record of 525-467-2 at Cal and led the Golden Bears to the College World Series in 2011.

"This is the one place that could pull me away from where I was," Esquer said. "I plan to retire here. This will be my last stop."

Esquer was a three-sport star in high school at Palma in Salinas, but wasn't recruited by Stanford. He recalled his first encounter with Marquess:

"I asked, Mr. Marquess, when are tryouts?" Esquer said. "I soon learned nobody called him Mr. Marquess."

Esquer ended up not having to go through tryouts -- a fortunate circumstance as he later found out. As an assistant coach he was in charge of running those tryouts and discovered just how remote the chances were of anyone making the team through the tryouts.

Esquer not only made the team, but became the starting shortstop on the 1987 team that won

the national championship. The experiences of that team are still vivid for Esquer and something he hopes to replicate as head coach.

"It's hard not to remember Paul Carey's grand slam," Esquer said of the blast that brought the Cardinal from three runs down in the 10th inning against LSU. "But most of all I remember the fierce competitors I played with, the Ed Spragues, the Jack McDowells. The Ruben Amaros. "That's what I've been chasing as a head coach, that kind of magic," Esquer said. "The players played beyond their level of ability. That atmosphere, that synergy set the standard for what I'm after." ■



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David Esquer as a player on the 1987 College World Series team.

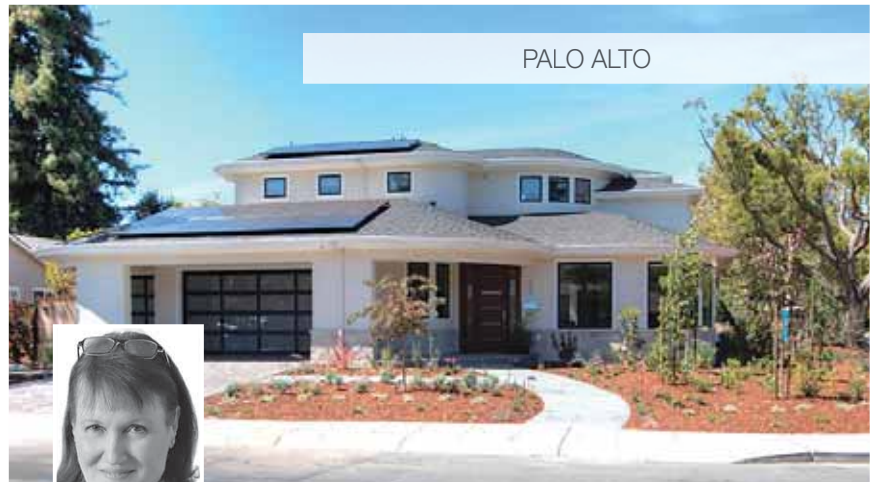


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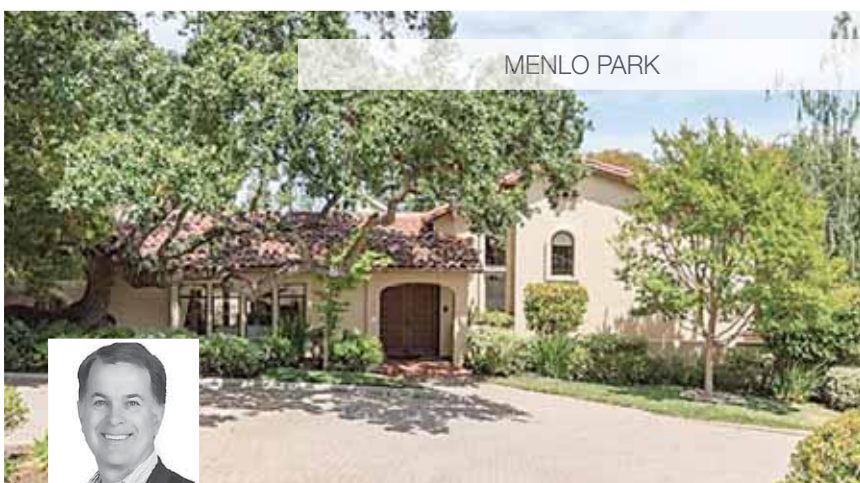


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