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With costs rising, City taps breaks on new waste facility

New approach calls for relying on other communities, slowing effort to build plant in the Baylands

by Gennady Sheyner

When Palo Alto voters went to the polls in 2011 to “undedicate” 10 acres of parkland in the Baylands, they had a clear goal: to enable the city to manage its own organic waste.

The campaign leading up to the Measure E vote became a clash between two environmentalist

factions, with proponents arguing that constructing a local plant would be the most sustainable course of action and opponents countering that the Palo Alto Baylands would be a poor location for a new industrial waste operation and that a more regional solution should be pursued.

The former resoundingly won the political battle in 2011, when 65 percent of the voters supported reserving the 10-acre site at Byxbee Park, next to the Regional Water Quality Control Plant, for the facility that would convert waste into energy.

But six years after the vote, it increasingly looks like the latter faction is winning the war. City officials are scaling down their plans, exploring technologies that would have a smaller footprint

and increasingly looking to other communities for solutions to local waste problems.

In July 2016, Palo Alto began to ship its curbside compostables — food scraps and yard trimmings — to the new Zero Waste Energy Development Facility in north San Jose, where a dry anaerobic digestion facility turns them into energy.

When it comes to sewage waste, the City Council earlier this year approved a haul-out facility that will allow Palo Alto to dry its

sewage and truck it elsewhere for processing — a far cry from the plant that Measure E envisioned.

If the shift from local to regional waste disposal seems somewhat counter to Measure E — which was launched in preparation for the 2012 closure of the city’s landfill at Byxbee Park — it is. The measure stated: “Ceasing local composting will cause significant environmental impacts, as Palo

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Ben Hacker

Becca, a pit bull mix, sits in her outdoor kennel at the Palo Alto Animal Services shelter on East Bayshore Road.

ANIMALS

Nonprofit poised to run Palo Alto animal shelter next year

‘Letter of intent’ in the works with Pets In Need

by Sue Dremann

A Redwood City-based nonprofit could take over management of the Palo Alto Animal Shelter as soon as next January, city staff and a spokesman for the group Pets In Need confirmed this week.

The City of Palo Alto plans to bring a “letter of intent” to the City Council on Aug. 21, the next step in transferring the shelter’s operations from the municipality to the nonprofit, a plan that’s been in the works since last fall.

The letter of intent will outline the scope of operations, the city’s and the nonprofit’s roles, and a fundraising plan for a possible new facility.

Under the agreement, Pets In Need will continue all current shelter services for the next three to five years. Two other groups — the Friends of the Palo Alto Animal Shelter and Palo Alto Humane Society — could potentially be involved with fundraising and educational programs, city staff and the nonprofit group said.

Assistant City Manager Ed Shikada said exact details of the letter are still being finalized, particularly related to financing any renovations of the 45-year-old building at 3281 East Bayshore Road or conducting a feasibility study for a new building.

Not included as a Pets In Need responsibility will be animal-control services, which will continue to be handled by the police department. Animal control officers, their vehicles and equipment will be paid for by the city, Shikada said.

The letter of intent is not a binding agreement, but it offers a timeline for developing a management agreement between the nonprofit and city, which the nonprofit hopes will be completed and approved by the council in the next few months, Pets In Need spokeswoman

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TRANSIT

Palo Alto set to approve new shuttle plan

City Council considers adding south Palo Alto route, modifying existing lines

by Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto’s effort to expand and re-invigorate its small shuttle program could speed ahead later this month, when the City Council approves a transit plan that includes a new route in the southern half of the city.

But even with the council’s full support, the ambitious plan still has to overcome a major barrier before it becomes a reality: uncertainty over how the city will pay for the new service.

The proposal to expand the shuttle program is a central component of the new Palo Alto Transit Vision Plan, which includes a new South Palo Alto Shuttle running between California Avenue and the VA Palo Alto Health Care System, modifications to the existing Crosstown and Embarcadero routes and a greater push to market the free service. The City Council is scheduled to approve the plan on Aug. 14, the first meeting after its summer recess.

While riders won’t have to pay fares to ride the buses, for the city the shuttle program is anything but free. Adding the South Palo Alto Shuttle with a 30-minute frequency is expected to cost about \$625,107 annually, while the expanded Crosstown and Embarcadero routes would cost \$864,118 and \$376,902, respectively. Collectively, the three shuttles are expected to cost about \$1,866,127 annually, according to a report from the Department of Planning and Community Environment.

The proposed shuttle-system expansion is part of Palo Alto’s broader effort to reduce the

number of people driving solo around town, thereby easing traffic congestion. It is also a way to adjust to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority’s new transit plan, which calls for increasing the frequency of buses along its primary corridors and reducing service to the county’s more peripheral areas. In Palo Alto, this would result in the 522 Express bus on El Camino Real running more often and the elimination of the 88 bus, which would be replaced by the 288 and primarily operate during the start and end of Gunn High School’s daily schedule.

With VTA’s plan, the percentage of Palo Alto residents who live within a quarter mile of a bus line will drop from today’s rate of 74 percent to 61 percent. If the city’s shuttle plan comes to fruition, the percentage would go up to 77 percent.

Palo Alto officials have been calling for the VTA to provide some funding to make up for the drop in service. But in approving the transit plan on May 4, the VTA’s board members didn’t commit any funding for local shuttle programs. Instead, the board directed its staff to work on a “framework for working with cities.”

Now, the city’s best bet for getting county funds for local shuttles appears to be Measure B, a transportation measure that county voters approved last November and that includes \$500 million in the “transit operations”

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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What the city does with its
waste is more important than
where it does it.

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—Phil Bobel, assistant director of Public Works,
on scaling down the city's planned waste facility.
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Around Town

DOG IN DISTRESS ... Palo Alto resident **Hsinya Shen** is usually greeted by her dog **Mele** after a long day of work, but she couldn't find her furry friend when she came home on the evening of July 26. Shen called Mele's name and heard the pooch's cries from next door, tucked near a tree at a home under construction on Tennyson Avenue. There was no structure on the neighboring property, just a large hole where a home once stood. "If anyone ends up on that lot, it's very difficult to get out," Shen said. "There's no stepping ground and somehow my dog got into their yard." Shen and a neighbor tried to reach the dog, but a narrow walkway and Mele's refusal to move from her spot blocked their path. "There's no space on either side of the lot for walking," Shen said. The dog likely escaped through one of the loose wooden panels on the fence earlier in the day. Without any safe means to reach her adopted 4-year-old mutt, Shen took her neighbor's advice and called 911. A dispatcher fielded the call through the Police Department and Animal Control before the Fire Department responded around 6 p.m., **Capt. Marcus Arana** said. He, along with two firefighters, **Nate Heydorff** and **Sheila Donovan**, carefully made their way to Mele along the narrow pathway, avoiding the 10- to 12-foot-deep hole. The dog, who appeared to be a little anxious and frightened, was secured on a green leash and led back to the front of the property, where she was reunited with her owner. The roughly 60-pound pup, a mixed poodle and chow dog, had tears in her eyes, Shen said. Arana, who owns a golden retriever named Kelsi, empathized with the dog owner. "If I was at work and something happened to my dog, hopefully the fire department would be able to come out and assist her," he said.

a new report, prices have gone through the roof in recent months, thanks in part to recruiting challenges and the regional push toward higher wages. Given these challenges — as well as the city's effort to improve performance of its vendors — the City Council is preparing to approve on Aug. 14 a new janitorial contract that would sharply raise the costs of servicing 43 buildings, including libraries, park restrooms and garages. The five-year, \$10.6 million contract with the firm **SWA Services Group** is 30 percent above the staff's estimate. It would raise the cleaning costs by \$1.2 million in the first year alone. One reason for the high cost is a shift in priorities. A report from Public Works notes that in striving for lower costs, the city saw staffing gaps, poor supervision, low wage rates and insufficient supplies and materials, which led to "cleaning issues throughout the City." Cost still played a role in the current evaluation criteria, but the bigger factor was "quality, performance and effectiveness" of the services. Also, unlike the other two bidders, SWA proposes to pay its workers \$15 per hour from the get-go, rather than wait until 2019, when this rate becomes the city's minimum wage.

BUS DEPOT CLOSURE ...

Commuters can expect delays while the **Palo Alto Transit Center bus depot** is temporarily closed from Monday, Aug. 7 through Thursday, Sept. 21. The 45-day shutdown will allow construction crews to replace damaged concrete for new sidewalks and curbs, which city officials say will help improve pavement for the highly frequented area. Local public transportation agencies have drawn up plans to accommodate passengers in the interim. The **Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority** and **SamTrans** will move their bus stops across El Camino Real to Quarry Road near the Stanford Shopping Center. The work also is impacting the **Stanford Marguerite Shuttle**, which is warning passengers to expect longer rides and, if possible, take an earlier or later trip to avoid delays. More information can be found at <http://bit.ly/2v1eN4s>. ■

SWEEPING CHANGES ... Keeping public buildings clean isn't just a dirty business, it's an increasingly expensive one. That's what Palo Alto leaders learned in recent months, as they went out to bid on a new janitorial contract for City Hall and other facilities throughout the city. According to

LAND USE

Developer seeks a pass from city's retail law

Lund and Boyd Smith say former home of Pet Food Depot is not viable for retail

by Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto's recently adopted retail-preservation ordinance will be put to the test on Aug. 14, when the City Council considers whether to give an exception to a developer who's been struggling to find a new tenant for his vacant Portage Avenue building.

The property at 425 Portage Ave., in the Ventura neighborhood, was most recently occupied by Pet Food Depot. The shop closed down earlier this year and, under the city's new law, the owner is required to replace it with another retail use.

But on June 29, the city received requests from Boyd and Lund Smith of D&B Properties, urging a waiver to this requirement and arguing that finding a retailer for this building is an impossible task.

Located on a road connecting El Camino Real and the Fry's Electronics parking lot, the property is adjacent to offices and industrial businesses. Across the street is the Equinox gym and parking garage.

According to materials provided by the developers, the property attracted inquiries from at least 11 prospective tenants or brokers

over the past year.

Three of them — AltSchool, The Learning Experience and C&W Services — were disqualified because they did not comply with the retail ordinance. The remaining eight — a list that includes a cafe, a rock climbing gym, an art gallery and a restaurant — all dropped out either because of inadequate parking or because they felt the location wasn't retail-friendly (in some cases, both reasons applied).

The waiver request from Lund and Boyd Smith is the first that the city has received since it approved the retail-preservation law on a permanent basis in March, though it likely won't be the last. A report from the Department of Planning and Community Environment notes that it is "unclear if this proposed waiver request will encourage others to similarly seek relief from the retail preservation ordinance."

In making his case for the exemption, Lund Smith argued that the 9,129-square-foot building is not viable for retail because of site constraints and existing parking that "make our building suited for warehouse, not retail." The site's location, he wrote, has

surrounding uses that "lack retail vibrancy, accessibility and visibility" and the building's design "is unsuitable to support a retail use."

"We have marketed our space since March of 2016, and retail businesses have again and again shown no interest in our warehouse building," Lund Smith wrote. "For this building, Palo Alto's retail preservation ordinance has created a vacancy that does not serve public safety or appeal for the area. Instead, the vacancy allows for potential homeless trespassing, vandalism and criminal activity."

For the council, the request presents a conundrum. Last August, council members unanimously rejected a similar plea for an exemption from Michael Morris, whose family owned the building at 100 Addison Ave., which once housed Addison Antiques (the longtime retailer moved out in 2015).

Despite arguments from Morris that the area is ill-suited for retail (particularly since its neighbor, Anthropologie, moved to Stanford Shopping Center last year), the council refused him the waiver.

"The retail protection of ground-floor space won't have any effect if we just grant exceptions when someone complains," Councilman Tom DuBois said at the time.

In this case, however, planning staff are encouraging the waiver. In a July 5 letter to Lund Smith, Planning Director Hillary Gitelman concurred with the developer's finding that the area is ill-suited for retail. She tentatively approved the request for a waiver, a decision that will now go to the City Council on "consent calendar." That means the decision will become final unless three council members choose to remove it from the calendar and the entire council then votes to deny the developers' request.

Heghnar Balian, whose father, Hrair Tashjian, owned Pet Food Depot, concurred in a February letter to the City Council that the Portage building is a poor retail site. The family moved the business from a nearby location on El Camino Real to 425 Portage Ave. after Equinox moved into the former site. Since moving there, the business has struggled to survive in the warehouse building, with sales dropping by about 45 percent. Ultimately, this led Hrair Tashjian to close down the shop.

"Despite our landlord's help in reduced rents and despite our making every effort to make the business profitable, retail just doesn't work here," the letter from Tashjian and Balian states.

Ironically, the one factor that may help the developer is the fact that the retail operation at 425 Portage Ave. was illegal in the first place. The site is zoned

service commercial, which is intended for services that "may be inappropriate in pedestrian-oriented shopping areas, and which generally require automotive access for customer convenience," according to the report from planning staff.

The report notes that retail services "were never authorized by the City at this location and could not have been approved based on the lack of on-site parking to support the land use." The site includes nine parking spaces, while the zoning code requires at least 24 spaces for retail at this site.

"Adoption of the retail preservation ordinance required the subject location (to) remain as retail even though it was never developed, intended or approved to be a retail use," Gitelman wrote in the July 5 letter, explaining her decision to approve the waiver.

Prior uses for the property were warehouse- and storage-related, according to the city. These are precisely the types of use that Lund and Boyd Smith hope to see in the future, if the waiver is granted. It's also what city planners expect to see at the site, particularly since office use is not allowed on the property because of a lack of on-site parking, according to the staff report.

"Redevelopment is also a possibility, and any new project would be subject to applicable codes with provisions to ensure adequate parking, compatible design and appropriate pedestrian access," the report from the Planning Department states. ■

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Transit

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category. Earlier this year, City Manager James Keene and Mayor Greg Scharff each submitted a letter to the VTA asking the county to use this money for local shuttle programs like the one Palo Alto is hoping to expand.

"This new funding stream offers the opportunity to provide enhanced mobility options to many of the areas where the Next Network Draft Plan (the VTA's plan) proposes the reduction or elimination of fixed-route service, including Palo Alto," the letter states. "A substantial portion of this funding should be made available to local agencies to provide local shuttle service and other innovative last-mile first-mile transportation options."

According to the new report from the planning department, the city plans to seek Measure B funding as well as any other sources that become available. The city is also evaluating a new "transportation impact fee," which could fund shuttle infrastructure but would not take care of the operational costs, the report states.

To get at the Measure B funds, the city will be competing not only with other cities but with

VTA itself. Because the county agency both administers the Measure B funds and runs its own bus service, it's far from certain how much funding — if any — the city will actually see. The uncertainty is heightened by the fact that the VTA board is dominated by San Jose members and has no representatives from Palo Alto.

If the city finds the money to implement the new plan, a new South Palo Alto Shuttle would run between California Avenue and the VA Palo Alto Health Care System complex on Miranda Avenue, with special runs in the morning and afternoon hours between Palo Alto High School and the California Avenue Caltrain station. The new shuttle would also serve schools and other destinations along Colorado Avenue, Louis Road, Fabian Way, East Charleston Road, West Charleston Road, Arastradero Road and Miranda Avenue, according to staff.

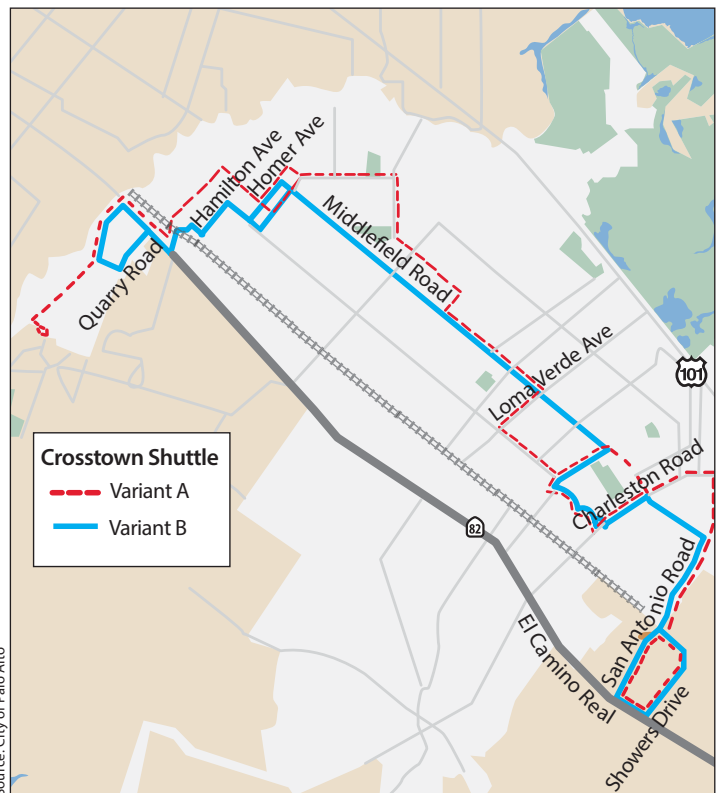
The new route would help offset the VTA's elimination of the 88 line, which covered some of the same ground. So far, the VTA has generally supported the city's plan to move ahead with an expanded shuttle program, particularly when it comes to the South Palo Alto Shuttle and the Embarcadero Shuttle.

The agency did have some

concerns about the proposal to expand the frequency of the Crosstown Shuttle, which will be sharing Middlefield Road with VTA's new 21 line. The city's new transit plan considers two different alternatives for the Crosstown route. Under one (known as Variant A), the shuttles would run primarily on Middlefield and thus complement the VTA bus, resulting in 15-minute headways (that is, time between buses) all day long along Middlefield if both services are taken into account. Under Variant B, shuttles would deviate from Middlefield to serve libraries, community centers and schools, according to the staff report — resulting in greater coverage but less frequency.

While the council has yet to pick between these two, the VTA has expressed concern that under Variant A, the new Crosstown Shuttle may drag down the ridership numbers for the VTA bus and cause it to be discontinued.

"While the VTA generally supports strategies that consolidate service along major corridors in order to provide more frequent service, we are concerned that the Crosstown Shuttle's free fare would negatively impact ridership on Route 21, which may cause Route 21's productivity to fall below our minimum standard and therefore



An expansion of Palo Alto's free shuttle service is planned, which would include lengthening the Crosstown Shuttle route. The City Council has two choices, shown here, for the longer route. In addition, a new South Palo Alto Shuttle has been proposed.

be a candidate for discontinuation," Carolyn Gonot, the VTA's interim director for planning and program development, wrote in a

June 22 letter to the city. ■ Staff Writer Gennady Sheyner can be emailed at gsheyner@paweekly.com.

Waste

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Alto will have to haul yard trimmings and food waste to locations outside the City for disposal or composting, thereby generating greenhouse gases and depriving Palo Altans of both yard trimming

drop-off and local compost.”

The main driver for a new approach is economics. The cost estimates for the type of wet anaerobic digester that many Measure E proponents had favored in 2011 have skyrocketed, going from about \$57 million at the time of the vote to about \$75 million, according to a March report from

the Public Works Department.

And as prices have gone up, ambitions have gone down. Staff had previously explored building anaerobic digesters with thermal hydrolysis (a process that allows more energy extraction). A June report on the city’s infrastructure projects notes, however, that these facilities were “put on hold” because of the potential expense. Now, the city is taking a closer look at cheaper technologies.

One is gasification, a process that uses high temperatures and controlled amounts of oxygen to convert organic waste into gas. Last month, Silicon Valley Clean Water, a wastewater-management agency, unveiled a gasification facility of this sort at its facility in Redwood Shores as part of a 10-year contract with the Italian firm BioForceTech.

Another option is pyrolysis, a process that exposes organic waste to high temperatures without oxygen and which, in addition to energy, produces a product called biochar.

“Anaerobic digesters were put on hold due to the high cost of anaerobic digesters with thermal hydrolysis. Staff will re-evaluate long-term solids treatment options after completion of the sludge dewatering and truck load-out facility, with key alternatives to include emerging technologies such as pyrolysis and gasification. Evaluation will also include other anaerobic digestion options,” the June report stated.

Phil Bobel, assistant director of

Public Works, said that while the city hasn’t exactly pivoted away from anaerobic digestion, the new curbside composting pickup and rising cost estimates have changed the conversation. The sentiment today, Bobel said, is that *what* the city does with its waste is more important than *where* it does it.

“We’re trucking our yard trimmings and our food scraps to dry anaerobic digesters in north San Jose, so we take care of two of the three products very close to home in exactly the fashion Measure E hopes,” Bobel said.

He acknowledged that this falls short of the Measure E goal of processing organic waste in a city-run plant but noted that the San Jose facility is only 15 miles away. City staff is now of the belief that the greenhouse-gases produced by trucking the materials are “really minor.”

Cedric de La Beaujardiere, a Measure E proponent who served on a blue-ribbon committee that worked with staff on a long-term solutions for organic waste, shares that view, though he also said he is a bit disappointed by the city’s piece-meal approach to planning for a waste-to-energy facility and with how long it is taking the city to make progress.

De la Beaujardiere said the committee’s biggest goals was to get food waste out of the landfill. In that sense, the curbside-compostables program and the city’s use of the north San Jose plant

have been a success.

“Changing what we’re doing is the biggest single benefit,” de La Beaujardiere said.

Peter Drekmeier, former mayor and one of the leaders of the Measure E campaign, said the city probably would’ve been in a “better place” had it been able to move faster. Given the hot economy and high construction prices, staff’s decision to hold off on the new plant is understandable, Drekmeier said.

“All the construction companies have a full plate and are able to charge top dollar,” Drekmeier said.

But despite his disappointment, Drekmeier noted that the city has achieved great progress since the measure. Palo Alto no longer trucks food waste to a landfill in Gilroy and city leaders are still considering a local solution, even if it’s not the one Measure E proponents had initially favored.

“There’s still a chance we’ll find a better technology that’s cheaper, or the economy will change,” Drekmeier said.

If there is one achievement that both environmentalist camps have embraced since 2011, it’s the City Council’s decision to retire the city’s sewage-sludge-burning incinerators, a major source of greenhouse-gas emissions, and replace them with a “haul-out facility” at the water-treatment plant.

Drekmeier called the recommitment of the incinerators a “huge benefit to the community.” Emily Renzel, a former vice mayor, leading conservationist and vehement opponent of Measure E, concurred and said she looks forward to the day the incinerators are retired. She still hopes, though, that the city will be able to pursue a long-term local solution for waste without infringing on Byxbee Park.

For her, the length of time that it’s taking the city to solve its waste problems could portend the ultimate victory. The 2011 measure states that the council may rededicate any portion of the 10-acre site not used for waste treatment back to parkland 10 years after the measure’s passage. With no plans for a new plant in sight, time appears now on her side.

The new dewatering and truck haul-out facility is scheduled to be completed in fall of 2019, and Bobel said staff will wait until that facility is up and running before reaching any decisions on what type of plant to construct. This makes it virtually impossible for the city to have an advanced treatment plant built on the Measure E site by November 2021, the Measure E deadline.

“I’m hopeful we will get that land rededicated, since it was essentially undedicated for the specific purpose of this conversion technology,” Renzel told the Weekly.

Renzel isn’t exactly celebrating the city’s change of course since 2011, noting that it still remains to be seen exactly what type of technology the council adopts. But she fully supports the staff’s cautious approach to choosing the right waste-to-energy technology.

“Everything I’ve seen so far suggests they’re going on a reasonable course of action,” Renzel said. ■

Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council will not meet this week.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ... The school board will hold a study session to discuss the district’s 2017-18 goals. The meeting will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 8, at the district office, 25 Churchill Ave.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to review the Context Sensitive Solutions alternatives analysis plan for the rail program, as well as the problem statement, goals and performance measures for the community conversation about grade separations; and continue its discussion of the Comprehensive Plan update, with a focus on Land Use and Transportation elements. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 9, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

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Animal

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Alexandra Baggs said.

Palo Alto's shelter takes in approximately 500 domesticated animals annually (dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs and others) from Palo Alto, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, plus about 1,000 injured and sick wild animals. Staff transfers wildlife to the San Mateo County-based Peninsula Humane Society facility in Burlingame; Pets In Need would continue that contract, Baggs said.

The shelter's future has been under discussion since 2012. The City of Mountain View, which contracted with Palo Alto Animal Services for 18 years, dropped its contract in November 2011 in part because of the facility's aging amenities and a cheaper contract with the Santa Clara-based Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority.

The facility needs seismic retrofitting, and Palo Alto staff estimated at that time that a new shelter would cost about \$7 million. The City of Mountain View did not want to be responsible for that expense, officials said in 2011.

The departure cost the City of Palo Alto dearly, as Mountain View had been contributing \$450,000 annually to the shelter operation. According to a 2015 auditor's report, Palo Alto Animal Services was experiencing a net loss of \$900,000 annually. The audit also found the shelter's challenges are "unlikely to be resolved if it continues operating as solely a city-managed function without a significant increase in general fund subsidy, donations, and/or revenue-generating contracts."

Palo Alto could save \$200,000 in the first fiscal year by outsourcing to Pets In Need, with greater savings expected in the following years, said Khashayar "Cash" Alaei, city senior management analyst and the project's lead executive.

"It's fair to say that the amount of specific savings is an open question," Shikada said. "We may decide the personnel savings would be put into the new building."

The future of current employees of the animal shelter is up in the air. While the City is consulting with the employees' union, Service Employees International Union, Local 521, Shikada said, some might be offered employment elsewhere in the city and others could conceivably be hired by Pets In Need. Still others may retire, he said.

Pets In Need was chosen by the city as an operator following two requests for proposals from potential operators. The two entities signed a mutual cooperation and support agreement on March 29, which directed Pets In Need to assess program and facility needs, develop a site analysis and conceptual designs for a new building, and create an initial plan for raising private contributions for a new shelter.

Shikada and Baggs said a new facility might be built on another city parcel. The former Los Altos Water Treatment Plant at 237 San

Antonio Road near the Baylands is a possibility, Shikada said. The property was included in a May 2012 study of potential sites for the shelter. Palo Alto acquired the property after the City of Los Altos ended its own water-treatment operations and partnered with Palo Alto through the Regional Water Quality Control Plant.

Baggs said Pets In Need has developed three possible concepts for a new facility. The smallest is 12,000 square feet — more than double the existing square-footage. It would have classrooms for educational programs, a conference room, an expanded medical facility, and modern and spacious kennels for the animals.

Scottie Zimmerman, president of the Friends of the Palo Alto Animal Shelter, said her organization plans to "fully support" the letter of intent. Pets In Need has a good track record for placing shelter animals and its programs include low-cost services for seniors with pets and a mobile spay-and-neuter surgical van, she said.

The Friends group would work with Pets In Need on raising funds for a new shelter, she added.

"Our hope is to raise funds

quickly. We've got a lot of people in Palo Alto who love the animal shelter. It will take \$10 million or more, and it won't be huge, but it will be modern and progressive," she said.

The letter of intent also discusses potentially having an office and classrooms available for the Palo Alto Humane Society and its educational curriculum. The 109-year-old organization is currently located on Haven Avenue in Menlo Park.

The Palo Alto Humane Society, which does not run an animal shelter, focuses on animal-population control through spay and neuter vouchers, programs to help people manage veterinary costs, education on the humane treatment of animals, animal-related disaster preparedness, and animal-welfare public-policy advocacy, according to its website.

Carole Hyde, executive director of the Palo Alto Humane Society, said her organization intends to support the letter of intent.

"If we can be part of the center, I think that will strengthen the programs," she said.

The organization has explored ways it could help the Palo Alto shelter for several years, she added. Fundraising could be an

important contribution.

"Our name is so established that we could be an asset," she said.

Shikada indicated there's a place for both the Friends group and the Palo Alto Humane Society in the shelter's future.

"Both can and will have roles with educational programming. Our interest is not to have duplicate programs" with Pets In Need, he said. ■

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CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council

The council did not meet this week.

Utilities Advisory Commission (Aug. 2)

Electricity: The commission discussed Palo Alto's distributed energy resources and potential for integrating them into the utility's distribution system. The commission also discussed the development of the Electric Integrated Resources Plan for the 2019-2030 horizon. **Action:** None

Architectural Review Board (Aug. 3)

Junior Museum Zoo: The board discussed the proposed expansion and reconstruction of the Junior Museum and Zoo at 1451 Middlefield Road and continued formal approval to a later date. The board generally liked the latest plans but expressed some concerns about proposed metal siding and the building's facade along Middlefield. **Action:** None

Online This Week

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

Brock Turner judge hires Trump consultant

Aaron Persky, the Santa Clara County judge facing a recall measure next year in the wake of his controversial sentencing of former Stanford University student Brock Turner, has hired a political consultant who worked as the Arizona state director for Donald Trump's presidential campaign. (Posted Aug. 3, 9:40 a.m.)

Heidelberg looks to join City's 'sister city' family

Heidelberg, a city of gothic churches, a sprawling castle and Germany's oldest university and library, is about to become Palo Alto's newest municipal sibling. The Municipal Council in Heidelberg voted unanimously on June 29 to enter into a "sister city" relationship with Palo Alto. (Posted Aug. 3, 8:35 a.m.)

City looks to pick new police chief this fall

If you're a decisive, high-energy visionary with a strong command presence, proven success in dealing with unions and the stamina to thrive in a demanding environment, Palo Alto wants to hear from you. (Posted Aug. 1, 4:07 p.m.)

Martial arts instructor convicted of rape

The co-founder of a martial arts studio that was once located in Palo Alto was convicted of rape on Friday, a Santa Clara County prosecutor said. Jorge Alberto Tejada, 41, was found guilty of one count of felony forcible rape for a 1993 attack on his then-15-year-old female cousin. (Posted July 31, 4:52 p.m.)

Man sentenced for EPA murder

Miguel Angel Rivera Jr. of Menlo Park was sentenced to 35 years to life in state prison on Friday after having pleaded no contest to second-degree murder in connection with the October 2012 shooting death of Christopher Baker, a member of a rival gang, in East Palo Alto. (Posted July 31, 2:10 p.m.)

Suspected arsonist arrested

A man who allegedly started four small fires near downtown Palo Alto late last week has been arrested, police said Monday. (Posted July 31, 8:39 a.m.)

First Person: Camilla Olson, serial entrepreneur

Camilla Olson defies the norms. She relishes taking on big challenges and has a proven record of overcoming them as a successful serial entrepreneur. Olson talks with Lisa Van Dusen about what motivates her. Watch the video interview at paloaltoonline.com. (Posted July 30, 9:12 a.m.)

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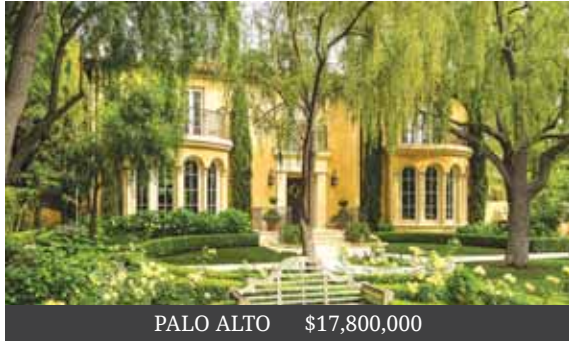
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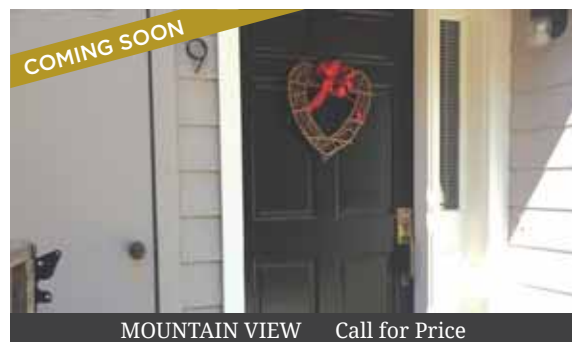


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Editorial

Serious or mollifying?

FAA report raises hopes on airplane-noise reduction, but with a long and uncertain time table

The good news is that a long-awaited response to recommendations made eight months ago by a “select” committee of elected officials appointed by local Members of Congress suggest an acknowledgment by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that the South Bay’s air traffic noise problems are real and can’t be ignored.

The bad news is that the FAA says little can change for at least two more years because of the agency’s drawn-out processes for modifying current practices.

With the FAA under attack by President Donald Trump, it remains to be seen whether real change is in the offing or if the response is just a way to get the local congressional delegation and critics off the agency’s back.

The report, which makes City of Palo Alto staff reports seem poetic by comparison, exhibits little effort to communicate in plain English, is filled with jargon inaccessible to even the most informed reader and reflects the intensely bureaucratic nature of the FAA. Its 10 pages of text and 39 pages of “response” tables read more like an interagency technical memo than a document written for public consumption.

Much is nearly impossible to decipher, such as this typical paragraph: “In accordance with the Phase One document (see the FAA’s Phase One Report 2.a.ii), 99 percent of aircraft flying the STTIK departures are within 1NM of the SSTIK waypoint, as per the procedure. Without ATC intervention, pilots are flying the SSTIK procedure as designed. NCT will continue to reinforce no intervening with aircraft until after the SSTIK waypoint to personnel through training and briefings.”

In many cases, the FAA’s response to the select committee’s recommendations states that solutions lie with more training and briefings of air traffic controllers rather than revisions to formal rules, but the agency wouldn’t agree to implement noise measurement practices that could create greater accountability for achieving improved results from these trainings.

Nevertheless, the response document in its entirety amounts to significant progress, in theory.

The FAA said it will move forward with changing the arrival flight path to San Francisco Airport from the south over the Santa Cruz mountains back to one more similar to what was in place historically and at higher altitudes.

It says it has already made changes to reduce the number of late-night flights crossing populated areas and will develop new rules that move these approaches over the bay as much as possible.

Perhaps of most benefit to Palo Alto residents, the FAA says it will look at ways to disperse arrivals bound for SFO so that fewer plans are funneled over a major navigational “waypoint” located above and south of the intersection of Willow Road and U.S. Highway 101. It said, however, that increasing the minimum altitude for flights at that waypoint to 5,000 or more feet was “not feasible.”

But the big question is whether any of these seemingly positive developments will actually get implemented given the upheaval in progress at the FAA. The five-year term of the current Obama-appointed FAA Administrator, Michael Huerta, whom Rep. Anna Eshoo and other local congresspersons have tried for years to influence, will expire in January. Trump will then appoint a new administrator who is likely to focus on carrying out Trump’s plan to privatize the air-traffic-control system. Trump has been a harsh critic of the agency and recently said personnel “didn’t know what the hell they were doing.”

Fortunately, a highly motivated and informed group of citizens who have organized over the last few years around this issue will cause Eshoo and other local officials to keep pressing the FAA on its follow-through.

Perhaps the most immediate and important action item is to form a new permanent interagency group of elected officials from cities in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties who would meet regularly with the leadership of San Jose and San Francisco airports and the FAA. This was a top recommendation of both the select committee, which was chaired by Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, and of Eshoo and newly elected congressmen Jimmy Panetta and Ro Khanna.

San Mateo County has had its “SFO Roundtable” for many years and although it has no real power, it does provide a formal mechanism for airport, FAA and city officials to seek solutions to noise problems from arrivals and departures at SFO.

Selfishly and shamefully, that group has consistently barred participation from Santa Clara County cities to avoid having to address how SFO air traffic impacts this region. We therefore hope for the earliest possible formation of the proposed new South Bay group so whatever momentum has been achieved with the FAA isn’t lost and there is a continuing forum to work on the noise issue. ■

Read the article about the report: tinyurl.com/FAAreport0717

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No consequences for mistakes

Editor,

I noticed a horizontal drilling machine at the corner of Loma Verde and Middlefield Road in 2007. The operators told me that the machine pulled fiber-optic cable up to 1,000 feet without trenching.

Then, our sewer line became permanently clogged. My plumbers showed me that the sewer pipe had been hit, cracked open and filled with dirt. Lying inside the cracked pipe were two fiber-optic cables. The city inspector told us the city does not do horizontal drilling; independent contractors do that work for the city. We could file a claim, but the city would do nothing.

Palo Alto’s policy is to deny all claims unless a lawsuit is brought. The city may have authorized the drilling, but it was a contractor who damaged the sewer line. Lawyers told us that a lawsuit would cost several thousand dollars, and the city could bury us in denials.

I noticed other front yards dug up for sewer line replacement, many probably caused by the horizontal drilling authorized by the city.

Rip-off No. 1: The city crushes sewer lines with the horizontal drilling that it authorized, forcing citizens to retrench their front-yard sewers at great expense.

Rip-off No. 2: The city hires Hydromax to find the damage the city authorized; HydroMax fails to inspect more than half of the homes in jeopardy and gets paid anyway.

The city still does not know how many sewer and gas lines are in danger.

If this happened in the business world, the city people would all be fired, and Hydromax people would be in jail. Instead, we read excuses: The Hydromax contract was hard for city employees to understand; the city has learned lessons; and the city was not familiar with this kind of project.

How about: The city needs better employees?

Michael Wasylyshyn
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On code enforcement

Editor,

The July 14 articles by Genady Sheyner on code enforcement were excellent. Thank you for his analysis of this important issue.

And thank you, Winter Delenbach, for reporting CC Restaurant Supply and staying involved until the violation was cited. Also for encouraging residents to become involved in making the code-enforcement system work. Residents are indeed Palo Alto’s eyes and ears; we all need to work together to keep Palo Alto lovely and special. Using the 311 system does not require a smartphone — just some time.

I hope others will report issues like clogged storm drains, overgrown vegetation blocking sidewalk use, weeded private property, water waste due to excessive irrigation, City tree concerns and perceived zoning violations.

The article “Enforcement

reflects the community” detailed code-enforcement challenges in navigating between existing zoning codes and resident’s concerns. From the latest city survey, many residents feel current code enforcement is inadequate.

Perhaps Karen Holman, also quoted in your articles, can lead the City Council in efforts to remedy current zoning code “loopholes.” The example of Gracie Jones’ Gluten Free Bake Shop also serving as Asian Box’s corporate headquarters is such a mismatch in code. It allows Asian Box to meet the letter but not the meaning of the code.

I am pleased Harriet

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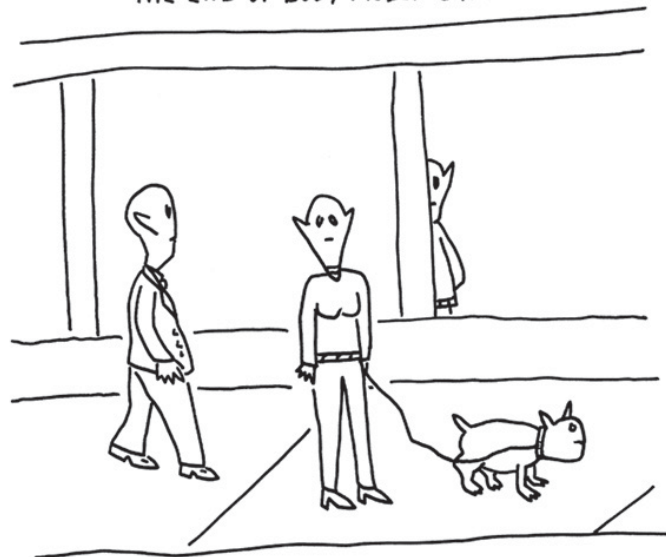
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Guest Opinion

Judge Persky: Why you need to resign

by Barbara Slone

Dear Judge Persky: As a survivor of a brutal sexual assault, I am writing to suggest that it is not too late, nor will it ever be too late, for you to do the right thing: resign.

It is not easy for me to go public with my experiences of molestation and sexual assault. In elementary school, an escaped mental patient sexually molested me in the vine-enshrouded kindergarten yard of Green Gables School (now Duveneck) in Palo Alto. As a teenager, my music teacher sexually molested me, and some years later, I fought off an attempted rape by a man twice my size.

The profound effects of these events remain with me to this day, yet I have remained virtually silent about my experiences. For too long, victims have been made to feel shame for the shameful acts of the perpetrators. The recent arrest in Palo Alto of a guitar teacher suspected of sexual abuse told me that I could no longer remain silent about events of abuse in my own life.

I always knew that sexual assaults were prevalent, but I never imagined how prevalent: When I started discussing this subject with other women, I was shocked by how many of them had their own stories of sexual abuse and assault. I

hope my actions help another woman do what she needs to do and come forward as well.

Please consider that I, and other millions of survivors of sexual assault, never get a break from the haunting and hurtful memories surrounding these tragic and life-changing events. As the judge in the Brock Turner sexual assault case, you had the ability to consider and reject the Probation Department's suggestions for leniency, and arrive at a punishment that reflects the extreme gravity of Turner's actions. You chose not to.

For those readers of this open letter who are unfamiliar with the details of the Brock Turner case, here is a bit of background. Turner was a member of Stanford's swim team, and on Jan. 18, 2015, sexually assaulted an unconscious young woman behind a dumpster near a campus fraternity party. A jury convicted Turner of three felonies: assault with intent to commit rape of an intoxicated or unconscious person, sexual penetration of an intoxicated person, and sexual penetration of an unconscious person.

Turner never expressed remorse or took responsibility for his crimes, and he lied to the court about his substance abuse history. The minimum term was supposed to be two years in state prison, and the prosecution demanded a six-year sentence. During the sentencing phase, the victim (referred to as "Emily Doe") read her 12-page statement setting forth in great detail the horrific effect of Turner's crimes.

Emily's statement seemed to have had no impact on you, and you proceeded to sentence Turner to probation and a few

months in county jail; he was out in three months. You must have thought that a promising young athlete like Turner deserved a second chance, even though he denied Emily a second chance for a normal life. You, alone, made this decision, which says to all women, mothers, fathers, grandmas, grandpas, brothers, and sisters of Emily Does throughout the world that sexual assault survivors don't matter. I hope that at some time in your life you will sit down and listen to the personal stories of women who have endured the brutalities of sexual assault.

The Turner case is not an isolated incident but rather shows your pattern of bias in favor of college athletes, or other white or upper-class defendants who were accused of sexual and domestic violence.

You allowed the introduction of highly prejudicial evidence in the civil case brought against a group of De Anza College baseball players accused of gang-raping an unconscious teenager. You bent over backwards to make sure that serious domestic violence convictions didn't interfere with the college football careers of Ikaika Gunderson or Keenan Smith, both of whom chose to disregard the pathetically lenient terms of their probation. You sentenced Cisco Systems engineer Tony Chiang to a few weekends in jail for brutally beating his fiancée. On the other hand, you sentenced Raul Ramirez, an immigrant who apologized and expressed extreme remorse for sexually assaulting his female roommate, to three years in prison.

You have shown over and over that you do not understand how harmful this kind of

violence against women is. You do not get it.

Have you considered that your resignation could redeem you somewhat, and provide at least partial amends to all of the women who have been damaged by your sentencing decisions, not to mention all the future victims following in Emily's footsteps? Men will continue to sexually assault women into eternity, but if more judges meted out just punishment for these crimes, fewer women would fall victim to sexual predators like Brock Turner. If Emily Doe had been your daughter, would you have been OK with a judge sentencing Turner to only six months in jail (reduced by three months)?

You now stand at a crossroads and this is the perfect time for you to leave the bench. You can apologize to Emily Doe and all those who support her by working for change around rape culture. The alternative for you is your very likely recall, which will net you a life of living in shame. The choice is yours, but being the optimist that I am, I am confident that you will see the virtue in doing the right thing.

Judge Persky, please resign now.

In the event that you decide to continue to fight the recall action, I will be donating additional funds to recallaaronpersky.com. I will also be encouraging all those who feel you are unfit for office to send money and to vote to have you recalled.

Enough is enough. ■

Barbara Slone is a lifelong Palo Alto resident, an artist, a peace activist and an advocate for children. She and her two sons are Palo Alto High School graduates.



Letters

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Richardson will be conducting an audit of code enforcement. The timing is perfect; I look forward to reading her findings. Thank you again for your articles.

Rita Vrhel
Channing Avenue, Palo Alto

Not the city of love

Editor,
Ironic that the issue re: the Summer of Love reports the city crackdown on those pesky community-supporting outreach activities that Palo Alto churches are giving a home to with low rents. They benefit all concerned and meet the mission of a church — especially in a city with high rents and low space availability. But rules are rules right?

What will it be next — the Hotel de Zink for the homeless that uses Palo Alto churches? There must be a way for the City

Council to have some compassion and flexibility in its problem-solving. Example (same issue): St. Francis of Assisi Church in East Palo Alto hosting Facebook's mobile farmers market to meet a community need. Downright radical!

Cheryl Branco
St. Francis Drive, Palo Alto

Curbing the impulse

Editor,
The City is suffering from a blight of public signage. New signs have proliferated. Most of them are ugly, and virtually all obscure attractive buildings and landscaping. Many serve no purpose.

Here are some examples just from my Community Center neighborhood:

The approach to the beautiful northern façade of Rinconada Library is defaced by a row of 8-foot-tall blue signs announcing various parking restrictions. The same information is clearly

painted on the pavement and could be painted on the curb.

An even more raucous and redundant display of parking admonitions dominates the entrance to Walter Hays School.

The southern view of the Rinconada complex, from Embarcadero Road, is cluttered with large vertical banners hung along poles announcing that the Art Center has "exhibits" and "classes." The banners are faded, and their main message is an anxious boosterism of the kind associated with cities in decline.

New directional signs seem to crop up weekly, pointing people toward a school or the zoo or a "bike boulevard." It is hard to understand why such signs should be increasing at a time when cellphone map functions have virtually eliminated the need for them.

Then there are new traffic signs. Some have safety rationales, but many seem superfluous. Take the intersection of

Guinda Street and Addison Avenue, a quiet corner previously marred only by stop signs on the east and west approaches. The City has recently added a total of eight large and loud signs to the north and south approaches warning drivers over and over to watch out for pedestrians.

The City needs to curb this impulse to plaster its messages indiscriminately at the expense of visual amenity.

William H. Simon
Parkinson Avenue, Palo Alto

Why gas leaf blowers are illegal

Editor,

It is important that our community understand the many reasons why gas-powered leaf blowers are illegal in Palo Alto.

They are extremely noisy, harming the peace and quiet of our community and damaging the hearing of the people using them.

They are extremely highly polluting. In fact, running a gas

leaf blower for 30 minutes creates more emissions than driving an F-150 pickup truck 3,800 miles! (Reference: edmunds.com/car-reviews/features/emissions-test-car-vs-truck-vs-leaf-blower.html)

These emissions are detrimental to our health and the health of the people who use them.

I encourage everyone to help preserve the quiet and cleanliness of our community and the health of our gardeners by not using gas-powered leaf blowers. We should encourage our neighbors to do the same.

We might consider leaving the leaves in place (they make great compost) or switching to an electric blower or even a rake, and make our neighbors happy!

If one sees a gas leaf blower in use, they can call the police non-emergency line at 329-2413, and the police can cite the violator. Reporting the exact address of the violation is helpful.

Elaine Haight
Cowper Street, Palo Alto

Transitions

Births, marriages and deaths

Margaret Hill

Longtime Palo Alto resident Margaret Silver Hill died on July 27. She was 98.

She was born in San Francisco on Jan. 28, 1919, and raised in Palo Alto, where she graduated from Palo Alto High School in 1937. She married Albert Andrew Hill in July of that year.

She and her husband resided in

Palo Alto most of their lives, in a home they built after World War II. They had two sons, A. Alan Hill (Jeanette) and Ronald S. Hill (Donna).



Her husband devoted his life to politics and public service, and her son Ron served his country as a naval aviator and officer.

After her children were grown, she became well-known for working in the office of Palo Alto high schools, where she enjoyed several generations of students and staff.

She was a member of the Palo Alto Eastern Star, and she and her husband enjoyed many road trips

in their Airstream trailer and later in a motor home.

At the age of 92, she moved to Drake Terrace, a retirement home in San Rafael, where she enjoyed lunch outings, bingo and baking cookies with fellow residents. Her family said that she was a source of good spirit to the community.

She was predeceased by her husband, Al, and her sons, Alan and Ron. She is survived by her two daughters-in-law, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at Alta Mesa Cemetery in Palo Alto.

Contributions may be made to Hospice by the Bay in her memory at hospicebythebay.org/donors/donate-now.

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A weekly compendium of vital statistics

POLICE CALLS

Palo Alto

July 26-August 1

Arson related

Arson 3

Theft related

Grand theft 4

Identity theft 1

Petty theft 2

Residential burglaries 3

Shoplifting 2

Vehicle related

Abandoned Auto 1

Abandoned Bicycle 1

Auto arson 1

Auto theft 2

Bicycle theft 1

Driving with a suspended license 3

Hit and run 1

Lost/stolen plates 1

Parking/driving violation 2

Theft from auto 9

Vehicle accident/minor injury 7

Vehicle accident/prop. damage 8

Tampering 1

Alcohol or drug related

Drinking in public 2

Driving under the influence 1

Drunk in public 6

Possession of drugs 2

Possession of paraphernalia 1

Miscellaneous

Civil standby 1

Found property 7

Lost property 2

Misc penal code violation 2

Missing person 1

Outside interest 1

Psychiatric subject 3

Vandalism 3

Warrant/other agency 1

Menlo Park

July 26-August 1

Violence related

Battery 2

Theft related

Commercial burglaries 1

Fraud 1

Petty theft 3

Residential burglaries 1

Vehicle related

Abandoned auto 1

Abandoned bicycle 1

Bicycle theft 2

Driving with suspended license 5

Hit and run 3

Parking/driving violation 1

Theft from auto 2

Vehicle accident/injury 2

Vehicle accident/no injury 2

Alcohol or drug related

Driving under influence 2

Drunk in public 1

Possession of drugs 5

Possession of paraphernalia 1

Miscellaneous

CPS referral 1

Disturbance 4

Found property 1

Info case 2

Lost property 3

Outside assistance 1

Probation violation 1

Psychiatric subject 1

Search 1

Suspicious circumstances 2

Warrant arrest 7

VIOLENT CRIMES

Palo Alto

El Camino Real, 7/27, 5:30 a.m.; arson.

Palo Alto Avenue, 7/28, 4:23 a.m.; arson.

Homer Avenue, 7/28, 5:33 p.m.; arson.

Louisa Court, 8/01, 7:53 p.m.; family violence.

Menlo Park

Bayfront Expressway/University Avenue, 7/26, 2:22 a.m.; battery.

Willow Road, 7/27, 6:44 a.m.; battery.

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Anne L Broderick

February 10, 1939 - July 27, 2017

Anne Little Broderick died peacefully surrounded by her loving family members on July 27th, 2017. She wished all farewell and joined her beloved husband, Lou Kavanau, who was impatiently awaiting her return after his own journey ended in 2014. Anne bid adieu to the many people who expressed their gratitude for her friendship during a recent party in



early July to affirm she was not dead yet. She will be most remembered by her friends for her indomitable spirit to persevere and her poise in the face of adversity, and her children will remember her for the enduring examples of love, integrity, nurturing and achievement that resulted in the useful neuroses typically found in successful individuals.

She was born on February 10th 1939, in Forest Hills, New York, and graduated secondary school from Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich Connecticut. She went on to complete a bachelors and masters degree in Economics at Arizona State University, as well as a masters degree in Counselling Psychology at Santa Clara University. After a successful career in administrative management in the high tech industry, Anne began a second career as a private psychotherapist and executive coach, consulting for large employers in the Bay Area.

Anne married William Broderick in 1959, with whom she had three children, Peter, Lisa and Laura. After Bill died in 1984, she married Lou Kavanau in 1987 and acquired three additional children, Marci, Corrie, and Tracy, from his previous marriage. She subsequently enjoyed the company of seven grandsons, and she readily admitted that grandparenting was way more fun than parenting.

The family will hold a small memorial at the secret family tree within an unnamed local state park, where several of the Broderick clan members have been returned to the earth. The family asks only that Anne be remembered during election cycles by voting for intelligent, articulate, honest politicians who represent what is best for the country.

PAID OBITUARY

John Donald Mitchell

November 15, 1947 - July 20, 2017

John Donald Mitchell died peacefully in Turlock, CA on July 20, 2017. John died as a result of complications from a stroke, which he had suffered 9 months earlier during a trip to Barcelona, Spain.

Born in Turlock to Helen June (Cassell) and John Mitchell on November 15, 1947, John was the fourth generation of Mitchells to grow up in Livingston, and the third of four children.

John attended CSU Stanislaus where he earned a BA and Teaching Credential. Majoring in Political Science, John was always passionate about politics.

John enjoyed a long and successful math teaching career - 35 years in Livingston, 2 in Atwater, and 7 in Palo Alto. Along the way, he positively impacted thousands of young people who benefited not only from his skill as a teacher, but also from his wit, humor, and compassion.

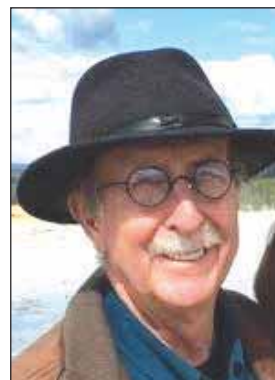
He met his wife JoAnne in 1995, and they merged their families of three sons each, a daughter, and an extended family on the East Coast into a loving blended family. JoAnne, from the Bay Area, and John, from the Central Valley, wound up weaving their individual versions of California into a new tapestry. JoAnne came to know and love The Valley, and John found a welcome reception for his progressive politics and as a math teacher at Palo Alto High School.

John was moved by the intense curiosity of his Bay Area students when they were exposed to the agricultural contributions that came from his roots in the Central Valley. He realized that people wanted to know where their food came from, so he created a special program to connect students from Palo Alto to his farming community in the Central Valley.

Always a progressive and free thinker, nothing pleased him more than a robust political discussion. He was an accomplished saxophone player, and loving pet owner. Leon and Maggie will miss him dearly.

John is survived by his wife JoAnne; his three sons Rashad, Jamaal (Caroline), and Jawaad (Jennifer); his three stepsons Brian Dexter, Adam (Johanna) Dexter, Kevin Dexter, and stepdaughter Jennifer Dexter; his ten grandchildren; his sister Julianne Mitchell and his brother Joe Mitchell.

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CHEKHOV'S FARCICAL FEAST

With 'The Many Faces of Farce,' Stanford Repertory Theater poses serious questions about funny business

by Gennady Sheyner

When Anton Chekhov's play "The Anniversary" opens, we are confronted with Kuma Khirin, a bitter bookkeeper at a corrupt bank, kvetching about the infinite injustices of life.

He is complaining about his long hours, his coughs, his aches and his inflammations. Then there's his "scoundrel" of a boss, who will soon be publicly reciting a report filled with fraudulent numbers.

Soon thereafter, we meet that boss, Andrey Shipuchin, who takes a break from accepting an award for the bank's 50th anniversary to complain about the dreaded return of his young and talkative wife.

I'm glad she's coming, Shipuchin tells Khirin, but would be gladder if she only stayed another couple of days with her mother. He shivers and complains about his dancing nerves: "They are so strained that I think the very smallest trifle would be enough to make me break into tears!"

These are the types of problems — big and small, unusual and all-too-familiar — that fill Chekhov's farces, dizzying one-act plays that may have more in common with episodes of "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and "Veep" than with his longer, loftier works — the likes of "The Seagull" and "The Cherry Orchard."

Here, the world is populated with petty people doing selfish things while insulting one another, and complaining about everything under the Moscow sky. This, as JAY-Z might say, is a world of 99 problems. Or, as Russian dramatist Vsevolod Meyerhold put it: a world of 33 swoons.

For Meyerhold, a correspondent and disciple of Chekhov, the farces were serious business. In 1935, five years before he was arrested, tortured and executed under Josef Stalin's Great Purge, Meyerhold put on an experimental adaptation of three Chekhov farces — "The Bear,"

"The Proposal" and "The Anniversary" — as part of a performance called "33 Swoons," a title that refers to the number of times people swoon in the three plays.

The Meyerhold work was a critical flop during the era of realism, when glorifying communism was all the rage (his theater was shut down in 1937). Alex Johnson, associate artistic director of Stanford Repertory Theater (SRT), hopes for a better result this month, when the theater company begins its run of "The Many Faces of Farce," featuring a production of the three Chekhov farces, followed by a piece based on "33 Swoons."

Johnson is no stranger to Chekhov, having both directed and acted in some of his classics (he recently directed "Uncle Vanya"). Now, he is looking forward to reviving the farces, which were commercial hits for Chekhov in 1890s Russia but have "faded out of view" in today's theater scene even as Chekhov's longer pieces continue to be widely performed and studied.

One of the missions that SRT embraces, he said, is "finding works and presenting works that otherwise would not get an audience," whether for commercial reasons, reasons of fashion or logistical problems (it just doesn't make sense, he said, for most companies to do a lot of 20-minute plays).

In staging the farces, one of the challenges that any theater company must overcome is mastering the comic timing. Playwright John Mortimer once defined farce as "tragedy played at about 120 revolutions a minute," and that description seems apt when we watch portly, irritable Ivan Lomov in "The Proposal" whine about his many pains ("I suffer from palpitations... At this very moment my lips are trembling, and there's a twitch in my right eyebrow").

But while these farces are more concerned with the multitude



Raquel Orendain Shrestha

Stanford Repertory Theater's "Many Faces of Farce" production offers three one-act Chekhov comedies and an adaptation of Meyerhold's "33 Swoons."

of common maladies than with weightier questions about the Russian soul or the meaning of love, Johnson sees a common thread: what he calls Chekhov's "360-degree vision of people."

"The farces are silly and fast-paced, but they still are depicting recognizably human people," Johnson said. "They are not cartoon people, which is one of the things that's wonderful to rehearse."

They also like to bicker, nag, lie and make a quick ruble. "The Bear" revolves around a crude landowner named Grigory Smirnov, who's come to collect his debt from Elena Popova, a grieving widow with an excellent set of Smith and Wesson revolvers.

Nothing here is sacred; much is profane. Smirnov, ever the misogynist, mocks Popova's grief and proclaims that there are no faithful women, though he then pivots to support gender equality just so that he can challenge Popova to a duel.

In "The Anniversary," Khirin and Shipuchin are desperately trying to fend off both Shipuchin's frivolous wife and an old woman named Nastasya Merchutkina, a wife of a civil servant who is demanding restitution of her husband's salary and who won't take no for an answer no matter how many times she is told she is in the wrong place.

A scuffle between a sexist man and a stubborn woman is also at the heart of "The Proposal," which pits Lomov (the evening's undisputed swooning champion) against Natalya Stepanovna, a neighbor's daughter whom he hopes to marry. Alas, the "proposal" gets hijacked by angry arguments over who owns a particular patch of land

and a better hunting dog.

For Meyerhold, the petty pains and trivial conflicts featured in these farces point to a more profound malady: the insipid nature of Russia's intellectual elites in the late 19th century. The swoon, he wrote, was a "manifestation of neurasthenia" — a symptom of lethargy and weak will. It was his insistence on focusing on these human shortcomings, rather than Soviet glories, that led to his demise.

By juxtaposing the two productions, SRT wants to both explore the nature of comedy and build for the audience a connection, through Meyerhold, between Chekhov's time and now, Johnson said. The production aims to explore the way in which farce and political circumstances intersect, "the way in which humor can be dangerous" and the way in which the creative elements that Meyerhold employed in the 1930s continue to help dramatists tell stories today.

For Johnson, Meyerhold represents the two-sided coin most artists have to deal with — the choice between what is commercially viable (and politically acceptable) and what is artistically satisfying. He hated Soviet realism and refused to follow the form, opting instead to create new forms.

The flip side of the coin, Johnson said, is a vision of the theater as an "almost utopian place," Johnson said.

"The vision where we can create a paradise in a theater or in a classroom and we can model in that small space the future of a better world, that's something Chekhov cared deeply about and it's something that we at Stanford Repertory Theater care deeply about," Johnson said.

The timing for this farcical resurgence — and the serious conversations it was designed to provoke — may be particularly auspicious. We live, after all, in an era where anti-heroes are the TV stars, where Alec Baldwin and Melissa McCarthy win Emmys for skewering the president and his chief spokesman, and where the president himself welcomes chaos and regularly takes to Twitter to complain about all things big and small.

These parallels aside, Johnson wants the audience members who attend the shows to consider broader and weightier questions about the role of comedy and the choices artists have to make to stay true to themselves and to those around them.

"One of the things any artist is grappling with now is: What is the social responsibility of being an artist? This is something Meyerhold took very seriously and so did Chekhov, and it produced very different results for them," Johnson said. "We've been asking: What is our obligation to artists in 2017, in a world increasingly aware of problems and increasingly aware of the limited ways in which these problems can be addressed?" ■

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Arts & Entertainment

Playing mantis

'The Notorious B.U.G.'
explores human gender norms
from an insect's perspective

by Karla Kane

"Being the mantis is very liberating," playwright Marjorie Hazeltine said. "I have a lot of friends who have such complex relationships with their bodies, and so much shame and self-loathing. The mantis would never do that. She would be, like, 'My arm works? Great! If my legs work, great!'"

The particular praying mantis in question is of the species *Illumantis ginsburgae*, named after Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. When Hazeltine read about the 2016 entomological discovery, she was fascinated — and inspired. She'll debut her new one-woman show, "The Notorious B.U.G.," at the Dragon Theatre Aug. 14.

"The show, in a nutshell, is about a nonhuman, non-gendered creature being thrust into a human-gendered world," Hazeltine said. "It's trying to be this convergence of real science and my actual interest in the insect itself, and then this other completely fictional made-up narrative that's exploring human social interactions."

Yes, the play is written from the point of view of the praying mantis, a year after she's named in honor of Bader Ginsburg, a beloved hero to many feminists. Being in the spotlight leads the mantis to try and make sense of — and fit into — human society.

Hazeltine first learned about the mantis from her then-roommate.

"She and I just started joking about how this praying mantis' life would have changed from a life of anonymity to now being linked to this really powerful woman," she said. "And for some reason we were thinking she'd have a really hard time with clothing and meeting gender norms; we were joking about if she would go to a nudist colony, and if she would get fan mail and people would mistake her for Ruth Bader Ginsburg." The ideas stuck with her. "I started thinking about myself, and my own gender construction through the lens of this mantis," she said.

The real *Illumantis ginsburgae*, native to Madagascar, was plucked from obscurity by Case Western Reserve University graduate student Sydney Brannoch, who studied a specimen of the species at a museum in Paris. Brannoch and her supervisor, Gavin Svenson, found that the species could be identified solely by examining the female genitalia. This goes against the practice throughout much of the history of science, in which only



Marjorie Hazeltine's "The Notorious B.U.G." looks at human gender norms from the perspective of an insect.

male specimens were considered useful. They named the newly discovered species in honor of Bader Ginsburg in part because of her reputation of fighting for gender equality (they also saw a resemblance between the neck of the insect and the lacy jabot collar Bader Ginsburg wears over her robe).

Hazeltine said she's very interested in the history of science. She also has a lifelong appreciation for insects, thanks to her entomologist grandfather.

"There have been a lot of theories about why (female) mantises eat their mates. That seems to be a big fixation," she said of what is probably the most widely known mantis fact. "I think a lot of scientists have gotten trapped in thinking of it in really human terms, because that would be so horrible or so barbaric. And I just think those narratives don't work at all in the scientific world." Mantises, she pointed out, have a very short life cycle and, interestingly, males can keep on mating even without their heads.

"One of the great theories that just cracks me up is that scientists thought the males couldn't mate when they have their heads on, that there was something inhibiting them in their brain," she said, laughing. "And, just, the parallels with (human) narratives around sex, I think are so funny."

In the play, the mantis struggles with this very issue.

"She keeps getting these letters from Ruth Bader Ginsburg's office asking her to try to better represent the name, and she's really trying," she said. "And that's one of the things that Ruth Bader Ginsburg keeps asking, 'Please stop ripping men's heads off. Please stop eating them.'"

In her efforts at fitting in with human gender norms, the mantis tries to understand fashion, and even gets a breast augmentation. "She keeps butting up against a lot of frustration and rules that seem really rigid and yet are elusive and keep slipping past her," she said. She takes pleasure in experimental jazz music, and also enjoys the songs of the late rapper the Notorious B.I.G. — a reference from which the play takes its name (Fans of Bader Ginsburg have taken to cheekily calling her the Notorious R.B.G.).

"She is bigger than most males," Hazeltine pointed out about her mantis, and understands the hip-hop star's desire to brag about his size. Hazeltine said that from researching the play, she's come away from the project with even more admiration for Bader Ginsburg than she had previously. And the insect, she added, is pleased by her name's connections to both justice and rapper.

Hazeltine may be most familiar to audiences as an actor, performing with many local theater companies (next up is "The Crucible" in Los Altos). By day, she's an English teacher, with a degree in performance studies. She's written about Iraqi refugee narratives, and a show called "My Femininity the Musical," about her own struggles with meeting gender expectations.

For "The Notorious B.U.G.," Hazeltine is utilizing Dragon Theatre's "Monday Night Play Space" option, which allows artists to use the theater to debut new work (admission is donation based).

A one-person show comes with challenges, she said, such as making sure to keep the tone active, not like that of a stagnant lecture.

She's been experimenting with costume elements (green foam pool noodles are involved) to capture a bit of the mantis' unique movements and look, and plans to solicit audience feedback after the Aug. 14 performance for future revision, with hopes to perhaps submit it to a Fringe Festival in the future.

"I don't know what the grand takeaway will be for the audience but it's been really helpful for me, just as a gendered person, to try and navigate some of the things I've been concerned with," she said. "I just want gender to seem weird to people. Just make it strange." ■

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What: "The Notorious B.U.G."

Where: Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City

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Aly's on Main is an upbeat restaurant on a downbeat Redwood City street. Just a block away from the hubbub of Broadway, it sits on a street so subdued it seems almost abandoned, with an automotive parts store, a vacuum cleaner repair shop and a community donation depot a few steps away. Of course, all that will likely change, and soon, as Redwood City continues to reinvent itself in a major way.

A lot already has changed in the three years since Aly's opened. Established by chef Michael Mazaffari and named after his wife Alison, the couple created a place committed to sustainable food practices, using organic ingredients from local sources. Those are pretty much catchphrases these days, as the rest of the restaurant world has adopted the locavore approach. Though the menu changes seasonally, and sometimes weekly, Aly's holds fast to its original concept of using local, organic, sustainable ingredients for its sophisticated take on California cuisine.

While the plate-glass façade seems retro and not especially inviting, all that changes once you cross into the open space inside. Under a sky-high ceiling, distressed brick walls, wood floors and tables, and ambient accent lighting that slowly changes hues make the interior warm and appealing. The bar is especially attractive, with bottles displayed on mirrored shelves and arty-looking barstools illuminated by cobalt-blue lights. The effect is dampened somewhat by two large screens showing different sports channels. Both the scale of the TVs and the content choice feel at odds with the general welcoming vibe the restaurant strives to maintain.

And welcoming really is the effect, from the sincere greeting when you enter to the polished and personal attention of the wait

staff, who carefully explain ingredients and inquire about patron preferences before enthusiastically endorsing dishes or cocktails.

The menu emphasizes seasonal, organic and local ingredients in selections that range from classic renditions to downright inspirations. On one visit we started with dates stuffed with warmed Cambozola cheese (not local) and wrapped in prosciutto (\$10), a beautiful presentation and a satisfying combination of salty and sweet, creamy and chewy. Another winner was the beet salad (\$10), a gorgeous blend of red and yellow beets topped with fennel and unified by a creamy goat cheese dressing, stained pink from the vegetables.

A dinner selection of duck confit (\$24) showcased a golden brown leg and thigh served on black rice with a cherry reduction in port and a side of carrot, broccoli and parsnip, one of each.

The hamburger (\$16) is a labor of love: Mazaffari grinds locally raised, grass-fed fresh meat in-house, then tops the patty with sharp cheddar and caramelized onions. Mazaffari follows a meticulous system established by Michelin-starred chef Heston Blumenthal of The Fat Duck in England, which involves three separate grinds and salting and rolling the meat before slicing. Served with crisp fries and thick, cumin-scented ketchup, the burger clearly illustrates the difference between organically raised beef and the flavorless ground filling generally found between buns.

Elsewhere on the menu, several dishes use different ingredients to work a similar riff that showcases high-quality proteins, handled skillfully and enhanced with carefully construed supporting flavors. The result is a polished, detail-conscious restaurant that still feels like a comfortable neighborhood joint, albeit one with an organic premise that



Top: Eight stools stretch down the bar at Aly's on Main in downtown Redwood City.
Inset: The cheeseburger is made from locally raised, grass-fed meat ground in-house.

pervades the owner's fundamental philosophy. All poultry, eggs and meat are organic, seafood is wild or sustainably raised, no modified oils are used in the kitchen and even the furniture is made from reclaimed wood.

Aly's offers a well-edited list of regional wines, by the glass and bottle, as well as beer on tap. It also boasts some enticing custom cocktails, such as the Boulevardier (\$12), a bourbon-based Negroni, and the Ring of Fire, composed of tequila, Chartreuse, ginger liqueur and pineapple habanero syrup. Boosted by housemade tinctures and bitters and served in a hefty rocks glass, these cocktails were smooth and splashy, though a tad skimpy for the price.

The dessert menu featured bread pudding (\$9) — three dense slices topped with candied kumquats and dollops of whipped cream. While lovely to look at, the dessert was a disappointment, with no real flavor other than the tang of the citrus. Our server responded with supreme professionalism and immediately took the order off our bill.

Mazaffari has a long background in the restaurant business, with stints at Chez Panisse and Stars before a sidetrack into the engineering world. Now he's back in the kitchen, and taking the concept of farm-to-table very seriously.

There are some aspects that could be

refined — our fabulous server was nowhere to be found when it was time to pay the tab, the sidewalk façade is simply too sterile and the banquettes show a bit too much wear and tear. But those are quibbles. What really matters is that a restaurant's offerings are well made and the dishes are well balanced and well crafted, whether the ingredients are locally sourced, organic, sustainable or not. With a few caveats, Aly's does just that, and quite well. ■

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TEAVANA TO CLOSE ...

Starbucks has decided to shutter Palo Alto's only **Teavana** shop over the coming year, along with all 378 other locations that it operates throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada. The company said in a July 27 press release that the tea stores are under performing. Starbucks has not released specific closing dates for each store, but the **Stanford Shopping Center** site will likely close by spring 2018, according to an employee. The decision to close the Stanford location comes only a year after Teavana relocated from the center's El Camino Real entrance to a redesigned and bigger site closer to Quarry Road. Starbucks said the approximately 3,300 employees affected by the closures will have opportunities to apply for positions at Starbucks stores. — S.C.

HOTEL NOBU? ... Nearly three weeks after the much-anticipated opening of high-end Japanese restaurant **Nobu** at **The Epiphany Hotel** in downtown Palo Alto, the hotel announced July 26

that it will now also be managed by **Nobu Hospitality group**. The Hamilton Avenue hotel still remains under the ownership of Oracle founder **Larry Ellison**, but Nobu Hospitality — a company founded by chef **Nobu Matsuhisa**, actor **Robert De Niro** and Hollywood producer **Meir Teper** — will assume management on Oct. 2. The hotel has been managed by Joie de Vivre, a boutique hotel chain based in San Francisco. The 83-room hotel will be "rebranded" as the "Nobu Hotel Epiphany," a press release states. Ellison, who purchased The Epiphany in 2015, previously partnered with Matsuhisa to build a hotel on the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu. There also is a Nobu at the Lanai, Hawaii, Four Seasons, which Ellison owns. "The hotel will continue to maintain its individuality and distinct character while benefiting from Nobu's operating culture and philosophy," Trevor Horwell, chief executive officer of Nobu Hospitality, said in the release. Under the new management, the Palo Alto hotel will offer "exclusive Nobu amenities" like 24-hour room service from the restaurant and priority reservations for hotel guests. Nobu Palo Alto, the first northern California location for the global restaurant group, officially opened its doors on July 7. — E.K.

DUMPLING CITY TAKES OVER ... **Valencia Asian Market**, a casual Asian-fusion eatery

that opened on El Camino Real in Palo Alto in 2015, has shuttered and been replaced by a restaurant serving handmade dumplings and dim sum. The owner of Valencia Asian Market, **Zen Bunchien**, said he closed on June 30 after struggling to respond to numerous code enforcement complaints filed by **Palo Alto Fit**, a private personal training company above the restaurant at 3487 El Camino Real. Complaints related to issues like noise and smoke, he said. Bunchien said he's hoping to reopen in Palo Alto and is "looking for a location every day." Valencia Asian Market, also known as VAM, served fusion tacos, dim sum, milk tea and other Asian dishes. Valencia Asian Market's replacement, **Dumpling City**, opened earlier this month. The menu includes a range of traditional dumplings with fillings like pork, chicken, shrimp, lamb and vegetables as well as dishes like five-spice marinated beef and tofu salad. Noodle soups and vegetable dishes are on the menu but not yet available, employee Bo Niu said last week. — E.K. ■

Compiled by the Weekly staff; this week written by Shawna Chen and Elena Kadvanly. Got leads on interesting and newsworthy retail developments? The Weekly will check them out. Email shoptalk@paweekly.com.



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CITY OF PALO ALTO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared by the Palo Alto Department of Planning and Community Environment for the project listed below. In accordance with CEQA Guideline Section 15073, this document will be available online for review during a 30-day circulation period beginning **August 4, 2017 through September 5, 2017** at <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/rinconadaplan>. If you need assistance, please visit the City's Development Center during the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. M-F at 285 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

Written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be accepted until **5:00 PM on September 5, 2017** in the Planning and Community Environment Department offices on the fifth floor of City Hall or comments may be e-mailed to Amy French at amy.french@cityofpaloalto.org.

This project is scheduled for consideration by the public at a community meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Junior Museum and Zoo located at 1451 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94301 and a Parks and Recreation Commission public hearing on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Palo Alto City Council Chambers on the first floor of the Civic Center, located at 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

The City of Palo Alto is proposing to replace the 9,000 sq.ft. Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo (JMZ) with a 15,033 sq.ft. JMZ zoo and educational building. The conceptual Rinconada Park Long Range Plan (RPLRP), intended to guide park renovations over a 25 year period, is also now subject to environmental review, since the RPLRP west end park improvements are associated with the JMZ project. The existing JMZ facility is a two-story structure; the replacement one-story JMZ building will be constructed during the first phase of the project; a second phase would add a small, 3,600 sq.ft., two-story building on the JMZ site near the park within five to ten years. The Phase 1 project includes a reconfigured parking lot for improved circulation and safety, new pedestrian and bike pathways, plaza entryway, lighting, landscaping, and playground re-siting on city-owned property zoned for public facilities.

Hillary Gitelman,
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Abby Quinn, left, Edie Falco and Jenny Slate star in "Landline."

Phone home

'Landline' takes a comic look at once and future families

★★★ (Guild Theatre)

Beginning at the end of Labor Day Weekend 1995, the comedy "Landline" quickly packs its characters into a car for the ride home from a family country house. A sing-along to Steve Winwood's "Higher Love" hints at the trouble ahead, when elder daughter Dana mishears the lyric "Bring me a higher love" as "Break me a higher love." Her babbled explanation of how love needs to break someone in a way prophesies the road ahead, with its roadblocks and detours to romantic and familial harmony.

Dana is played by the great Jenny Slate, who also starred in co-writer/director Gillian Robespierre's "Obvious Child." Slate cements her status as a kind of later-day Lucille Ball, gifted in

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physical comedy and possessed of a dithering combination of smarts and free-flowing emotion. Dana's fiancé Ben (Jay Duplass) may just be her soulmate, but a crisis of faith sets in, leaving her vulnerable to the overtures of her old friend Nate (Finn Wittrock).

Meanwhile, Dana's teen sister Ali (Abby Quinn) kicks it with her first boyfriend (Marquis Rodriguez). She's prone to acting out, which only intensifies when she finds evidence that her father, Alan (John Turturro), is cheating on her mother, Pat (Edie Falco). Naturally, this news also makes Dana's feet considerably colder. Is this her future? Is monogamy even possible, or is long-term love doomed to fail?

In broad terms, "Landline" tells a familiar story (or stories) in a conventional way. But Robespierre and co-writer Elisabeth Holm get plenty right in the details. For starters, she has fun revisiting the 1990s, without indulging nostalgia. How quickly we forget pay phones, disk drives and mixtapes as elements of daily life. Pop culture peppers the characters' conversations in a realistic way, from Hilary Clinton's pink suit to Lorena Bobbitt's way of the knife and Helen Hunt's apparent camel toe on the once-upon-a-time Must-See-TV sitcom "Mad About You."

"Landline" can feel like a sitcom as well, but wackiness is kept to a minimum (the exception that proves the rule: a brief appearance by a woman named Table, who's taken a vow of silence), and the script deftly avoids certain pitfalls, like turning Ben into a sad sack who's obviously not good enough for our hero (a.k.a. the "Ralph Belamy") or painting Alan as an irredeemable jerk. Instead, "Landline" evinces a consistent curiosity about women's life choices and their understandable fears of what's really going through men's minds.

Believable characters, relationships, and dialogue go a long way to making the film a consistently enjoyable ride. Ultimately, the characters of "Landline" must ground themselves in whom to trust and how much, from the family we can't choose to the person we can.

Rated R for sexual content, language and drug use. One hour, 33 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

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A Midsummer Night's Dream (1935) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Sat. & Sun.

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Atomic Blonde (R) ★★1/2 Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Baby Driver (R) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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The Dark Tower (PG-13) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Despicable Me 3 (PG) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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Lady Macbeth (R) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Landline (R) ★★★ Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

The Little Hours (R) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) (R) Guild Theatre: Saturday

Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets (PG-13) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

War for the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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

Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Sat. & Sun.

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

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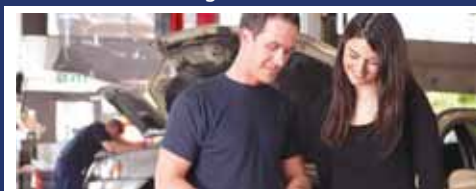
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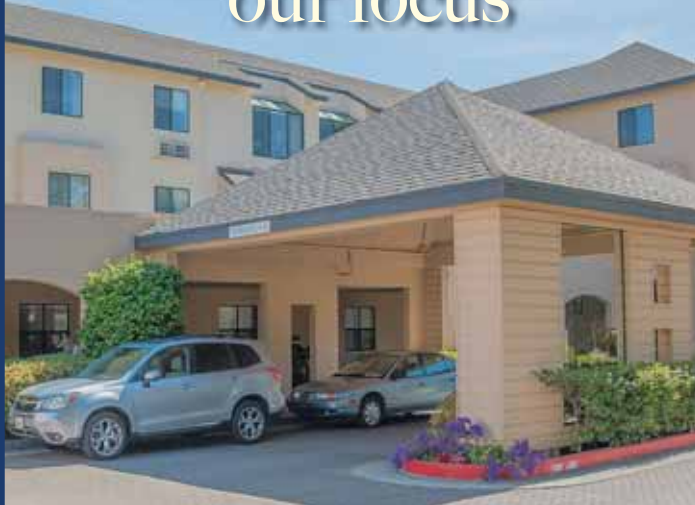
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Living Well

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Eve Melton, left, and Janet Creelman, both residents at Channing House apartments, enjoy the new terrace gardens on the second-story roof of the senior living complex. Creelman was one of five residents who steered the Garden Terrace Committee planning out its design and implementation.

ROOMS with a VIEW

Channing House transforms rooftop into terrace garden

by Chris Kenrick | photos by Veronica Weber

Residents at Channing House in Palo Alto soon will be able to enjoy the outdoors from the building's rooftop. The retirement community is set to open two new terrace gardens this month as part of a major renovation of the second floor.

The rooftop gardens are a welcome addition for residents of the massive, block-long complex, which has been short of outdoor garden space since opening its doors in the early 1960s. Channing House residents now will be able to step off their elevator and onto turf adorned with large pots of roses, grape vines, lavender, thyme and pomegranate, lemon, lime, palm and olive trees.

Space became available for the gardens — as well as for 16 new apartments and new common areas for Channing House residents — in late 2015 when the assisted-living residents and skilled-nursing patients previously occupying Channing House's second floor were moved to a newly constructed Health Center adjacent to the main building and connected by an indoor corridor.

Workers gutted the entire second floor, said Kim Krebs, who worked on the renovation project and is now marketing director at Channing House. The renovation was completed in three phases: first, the apartments, which were occupied last year; second, the common area — which includes medical offices, a beauty salon and activity rooms — and finally, the rooftop gardens.

The new open-air gardens extend to each end of the second floor and are divided in the center by the indoor common areas.

The garden project was a longtime dream of some residents, who formed a committee to help make it happen. Three members, who worked for years, were recently joined on the project by a couple — both professional botanists — who moved to Channing House last year.

“One of the things we all think about as we leave our own homes is leaving our gardens behind,” said

Lee Newman, who led the residents' committee.

When Newman and her husband, longtime Palo Alto residents, were choosing among potential senior communities about five years ago, she said she was attracted by a large architect's drawing of Channing House's anticipated second-floor garden — “a very nice garden area with a big fountain and all kinds of people doing various things on the deck.”

Initially, a landscape designer engaged by Channing House encouraged the residents to “think big,” prompting Newman to go out and get a book on New York rooftop gardens and dream of the possibilities. But the grand hopes were dimmed after engineers warned of weight-bearing limits to the Channing House rooftop.

“The challenge turned out to be just the structural limitations of the space — it was never really meant to hold super gardens and large parties,” Krebs said. “Having the input and buy-in from the structural engineers was crucial to make sure we had safe environments.

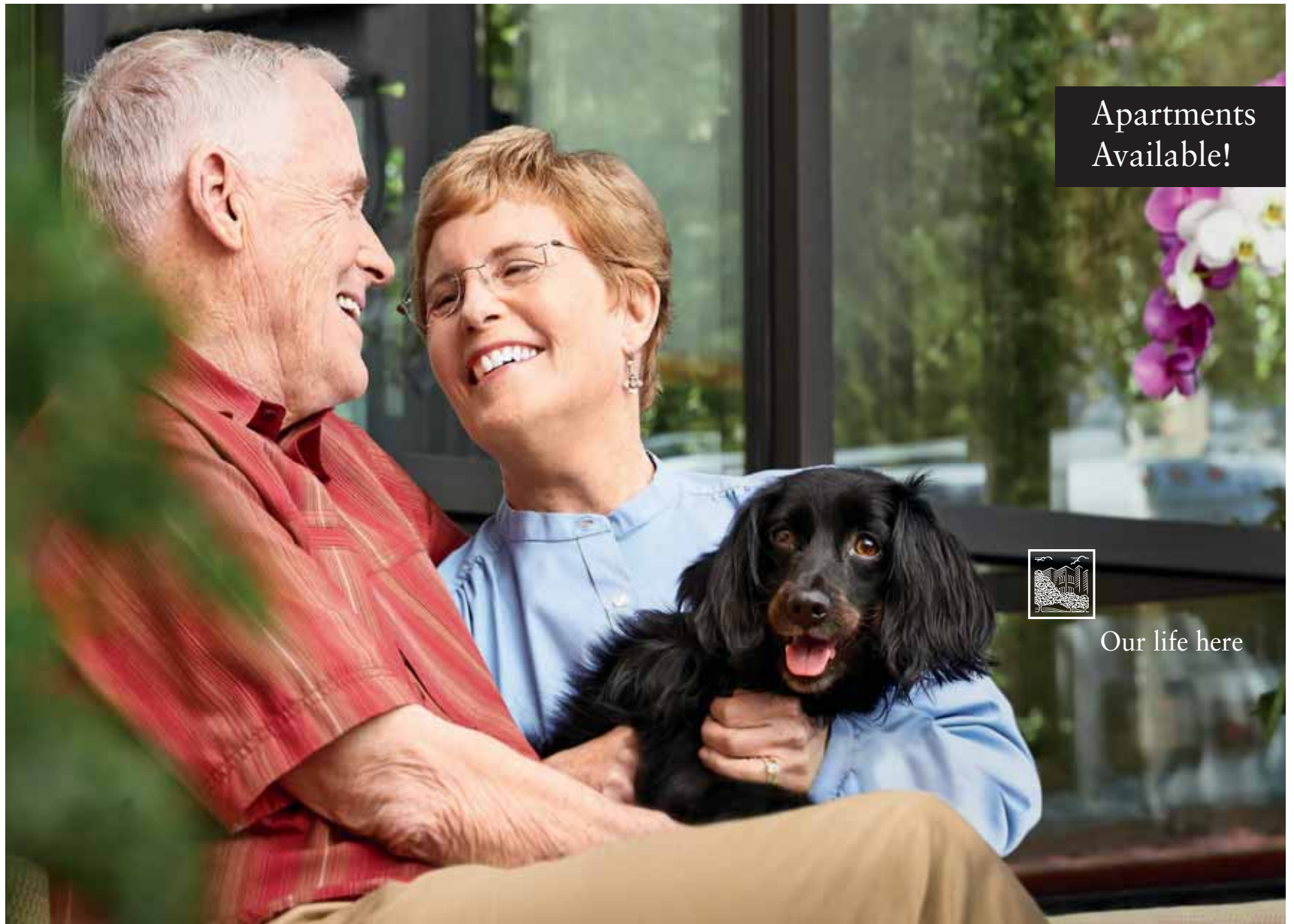
They had to do some inserting under the surfaces to shore up the weight load,” she said.

Committee members pressed ahead with a scaled-down version, ultimately engaging San Francisco landscape architects Smith & Smith.

The resulting rooftop gardens — visible from above from all west-facing residents of Channing House — include pathways lined by the potted plants and surrounded by artificial turf. The gardens also feature small fountains, grape arbors and seating.

“Ever since I moved to Channing House, I've taken care of the outside plants of one kind or another,” said 8-year resident Janet Creelman. Creelman, who keeps many potted plants on her own balcony and has worked on maintaining plants in the front parking lot of Channing House, also has cared for the plants of residents who have died or moved away.

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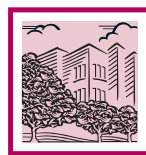


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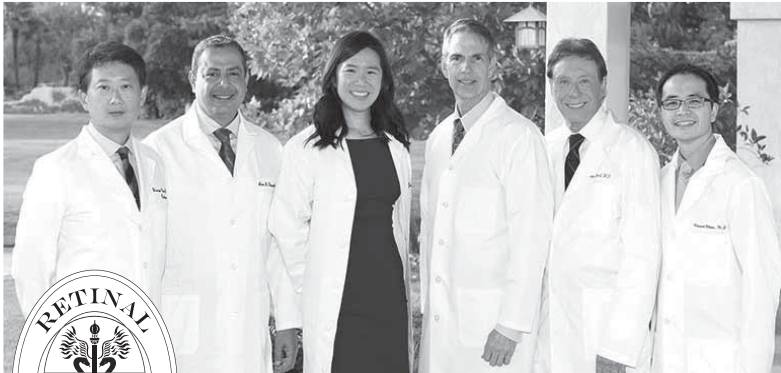
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Janet Creelman and Phil Meyerson, both residents at Channing House apartments, sit and talk under the arbor in the new rooftop terrace gardens, which will officially open once a tile path is installed, most likely within a month or so.

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“So when they formed a committee, naturally I was on it,” she said. “We worked with two or three different landscape designers and finally we found these people from San Francisco. They’re very good, and they gave us a very good plan.”

“It’s really fun just digging in the dirt,” said committee member Joan Jack, who also has cared for potted plants around Channing House. Jack said the new terrace gardens will transform an area that was previously just a flat off-white rooftop.

The new gardens will be professionally maintained, Krebs said.

As with any project designed by a committee, “the final result does not necessarily represent everyone’s views,” Newman said. “But I think most people will be pleased with the fact that they have something green outside. We have something living outside and something that will seasonally change outside, and I think that’s just a healthy part of retirement.

“As we age and our life becomes smaller and more confined, to be able to look out and, in our case, to actually be able to walk yourself or take a wheelchair or a walker out and be outside is just a real plus,” she said. ■

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- Aug 3**
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- Aug 4**
Presentation: "The Role of Older Adults in the Design Process for Stanford's Assistive Technology Course"
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- Wine Appreciation: "French Wine Dominance"**
3-4:30pm @ Avenidas. RSVP required. Call 650-289-5400. Bring your glass. \$12/\$15.
- Aug 7**
UNA Film Festival "The Linguists"
2-3:30pm @ Avenidas. Free.
- Aug 8**
Avenidas Walkers
10am – every Tuesday. Call 650-387-5256 for trailhead info or to schedule. Free
- Aug 9**
Parkinson's Support Group
2-3:30pm @ Avenidas. Call Robin Riddle @ 650-724-6090 for more info. Free.

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- Aug 10**
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- Aug 14**
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- Aug 18**
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Calendar of Events

- Aug 22**
Avenidas Walkers, 10am – every Tuesday. Call 650-387-5256 for trailhead info or to schedule. Free
- Aug 23**
Blood Pressure Screening, 9:30-10:30am @ Senior Friendship Day, 4000 Middlefield Road. Drop-in, free.
- Book Club: The Door by Magda Szabo**
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- Aug 24-25**
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Senior Focus

CHANGES AT AVENIDAS ... Due to the upcoming renovation and expansion of its downtown facility at 450 Bryant St., **Avenidas will temporarily move its programs to Cubberley Community Center** at 4000 Middlefield Road. The last day of most downtown classes and programs will be Friday, Aug. 11. Avenidas will be closed Aug. 24 - 25 for the move. On Tuesday, Sept.

5, Avenidas plans to begin its fall schedule at Cubberley. The agency said it expects to be at Cubberley about 18 months before the Bryant Street expansion is completed, and plans to offer nearly all of its current activities, on their usual day and at their usual time, at Cubberley.

CHANGES AT LA COMIDA ... After many years downtown, La Comida, the **hot-lunch program for seniors**, is moving its five-day-a-week service to **Stevenson House**, the senior housing complex at 455 E. Charleston Road. The new arrangement, which begins Sept. 1, reflects a one-year

agreement between La Comida and Stevenson House. Meanwhile La Comida continues to search for a permanent home after parting ways with Avenidas, whose downtown location — due to close later this month for renovation — was its home in recent decades.

SUPPORTING FAMILY CAREGIVERS ... The more than 5 million Americans who have Alzheimer's Disease are cared for primarily by unpaid family members, says Dolores Gallagher Thompson, a Stanford clinical psychologist and research professor. In fact, there are about **15 million unpaid family members**

who provide 18 billion hours of care, economically valued at about \$230 billion. Gallagher Thompson told the Stanford Center on Longevity's Sightlines Project. "We are facing a situation where, if the family caregiver is not given support and encouragement and if we can't figure out interventions to help them do their work well and continue to thrive in their own quality of life, we are going to face a severe economic problem as well as have an emotional toll on everyone concerned," said Gallagher Thompson, whose research includes ways to reduce stress on caregivers.

SKIN CANCER SCREENING ... Palo Alto Medical Foundation dermatologist Karen Han will be available to check on **areas of concern on the skin** on Wednesday, August 16, 10 - 11 a.m. at Avenidas. Free. Appointment required. Call 650-289-5400 to book a spot.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS ... Registered nurses will offer **free blood pressure screenings** on Thursdays, Aug. 10 and Aug 17, 10 - 11:30 a.m., in the Avenidas lobby. No appointment required. The Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View, also offers free blood pressure screenings on Fridays, Aug. 11 and Aug. 25, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. No appointment needed.

ALZHEIMER'S SCREENING ... The Mountain View Senior Center offers **behavioral screenings** on the fourth Wednesday of each month, including Aug. 23, from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Appointment required. Call 650-903-6330 to reserve a spot. The session involves a behavioral analysis, not a medical screening. ■

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Home Front

HANDS-ON ART ... The Palo Alto Art Center will host its "Summer of Photography Family Day," 2-4:30 p.m., **Sunday, Aug. 6.** There will be hands-on art activities for kids and families and an opportunity to explore the creativity of photography and see the Art Center's exhibition: Michael Light: Planetary Landscape. Art activities are appropriate for children ages 5 and up. The Palo Alto Art Center is located at 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto.

BREW YOUR OWN ... On **Saturday, Aug. 12,** the city of Palo Alto Library will host a talk on how to brew beer for those interested in making homemade beer. The informal presentation is intended to help demystify the home-brewing process and teach participants about different beer styles. Registration is encouraged but not required. For more information, contact Alison de Geus at alison.degeus@cityofpaloalto.org. The event will be held at the Mitchell Park Library's Midtown Room, 4050 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

TOMATO EXTRAVAGANZA ... On **Saturday, Sept. 9,** 9:30 -11:30 a.m., Gamble Gardens will host its 5th annual "Tomato Extravaganza," where participants can bring their extra tomatoes, share new and heirloom varieties with other tomato enthusiasts and taste tomato dishes. Your tomato harvest wasn't so abundant? Come anyway and learn the secrets of growing good tomatoes from Ella Ancheta, Gamble's Garden Manager for the past eight years. The event is free but the garden asks that attendees register at gamblegarden.org. Gamble Garden is located at 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto.

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@pawebky.com. Deadline is one week before publication.

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The nearly finished carving is no longer just a tree, but alive with turtles, seals and whales.

CARVING LIFE FROM A DEAD TREE

Palo Alto couple's hazardous acacia turns into beautiful yard art

by Sarah Mason | photos by Ben Hacker

Last fall, Palo Alto resident Michele Gibson was biking down Arastradero Road when she passed by S.P. McClenahan tree service's offices. She stopped and went in to inquire about a black acacia tree in her backyard, just outside of her kitchen window, that needed to be cut down before stormy weather approached.

Gibson and her husband knew the tree needed to be cut down for safety reasons — it could fall on the house or nearby wires — and they wanted to see what their options were.

When an arborist suggested saving part of the tree and keeping it in their yard, Gibson contacted local woodcarver Tualau Tauheluhelu, who was excited to carve something beautiful out of the Gibson's tree trunk.

"It was happenstance or fate, and it just seemed like the right thing to do," Gibson said.

The Gibsons spent time talking to Tauheluhelu, who has been carving for 44 years. Tauheluhelu told the Weekly he was inspired by the fact that the couple are both scuba divers and enjoy the ocean. He let the sea inspire him for this piece, carving turtles, whales, dolphins, and birds into the trunk.

In a 2012 Weekly feature, Tauheluhelu (pronounced Tow-hay-loo-hay-loo) modestly did not call himself a master, but his accomplishments are many. He has done custom carving throughout the world, including stints in Rome

and Florida. He carved 27 sculptures for Trader Vic's restaurants, and his carvings are at Disney World in Florida. He said he will carve anything and will go anywhere to carve. Among his repertoire are bears, land tortoises and birds. "I do big fish — big marlins. I've carved a lot of dolphins and pelicans."

For the Gibson's black acacia project, he began by looking at the grain of the wood — the colors and the way the tree is shaped. Tauheluhelu said black acacia wood is his favorite because it is similar to the rosewood that is found in Hawaii. The grain of the wood is the most important part and is particularly beautiful in black acacia.



A sea turtle climbs up the carving as fins of fish emerge along the edges.



Master carver Tualau Tauheluhelu uses power saws and other tools to get the piece shaped, followed by smaller hand tools like this chisel, to create the finer details of the carving.

"The longer you keep something from an acacia, the better it looks. A piece like this is out of this world, with the grains and everything. When it's done it looks a lot better than any wood that I know," he said.

From a distance, Tauheluhelu's tools could be heard as he chipped away at each piece of wood to make the scales, fins and feathers of each animal in the carving.

He uses large and small tools to make the sculptures he envisions in the wood. To start the Gibson's carving, he took larger pieces of

wood away with a chainsaw, and then carved the animals out with a set of chisels. He finished the piece by using a power grinder and sander.

When Tauheluhelu first saw the trunk, he could see that it was mostly rotten inside. So, with the inside of the sculpture hollowed out and the rotting part removed, he used the outer part as a platform to work with. The carvings dance around the outside of the trunk, adding difficulty that only a seasoned woodcarver would be able to handle.

Tauheluhelu, who finished the piece in June, worked on it two days a week for eight months, only interrupted by rainy weather.

Originally from Tonga, where he learned to carve, Tauheluhelu moved to Hawaii and carved there for 17 years before moving to the Bay Area two decades ago and carves often as he can, about five hours a day, six days a week.

He said that art such as this can cost upwards of \$50,000 to \$60,000. "I want to do the best I can and make it neat; the money isn't what I'm after," Tauheluhelu said.

"This is really unusual for us; my car is less expensive than this," Gibson said. ■

Sarah Mason is a former intern at the Palo Alto Weekly.

HOME SALES

Home sales are provided by California REsource, a real estate information company that obtains the information from the county recorder's offices. Information is recorded from deeds after the close of escrow and published within four to eight weeks. San Mateo County statistics should be available next week.

Los Altos

793 Campbell Avenue M. Johnson to S. Mavinkurve for \$2,940,000 on 06/27/17; built 1948, 4bd, 2,305 sq.ft.; previous sale 07/18/2003, \$1,007,000

1401 Garthwick Drive Clement Trust to D. Vecht for \$2,800,000 on 06/23/17; built 1958, 3bd, 1,914 sq.ft.

985 Hayman Place R. & K. Smith to Huang Trust for \$3,200,000 on 06/23/17; built 1975, 4bd, 2,343 sq.ft.; previous sale 10/19/2010, \$1,655,000

1555 Kensington Circle Vansciver Trust to M. & R. Ying for \$3,351,000 on 06/23/17; built 1956, 3bd, 1,962 sq.ft.

23151 Mora Glen Drive Dooling Trust to Del Mar Protea Trust for \$3,255,000 on 06/23/17; built 1959, 5bd, 3,792 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/27/1985, \$590,000

672 North San Antonio Road Wood Trust to R. Shen for \$1,205,000 on 06/28/17; built 1960, 2bd, 1,077 sq.ft.; previous sale 04/30/2002, \$450,000

1220 Patlen Drive Wolff Trust to M. Lu for \$2,755,000 on 06/28/17; built 1965, 4bd, 2,375 sq.ft.

1039 Riverside Drive Devaughn Trust to Whitehead & Dawson Trust for \$3,150,000 on 06/22/17; built 1951, 3bd, 2,133 sq.ft.; previous sale 03/06/1980, \$215,000

981 St. Joseph Court Mendoza Trust to P. & J. Cook for \$3,900,000 on 06/27/17; built

SALES AT A GLANCE

Los Altos

Total sales reported: **10**
Lowest sales price: **\$1,205,000**
Highest sales price: **\$3,900,000**
Average sales price: **\$2,895,600**

Los Altos Hills

Total sales reported: **2**
Lowest sales price: **\$4,200,000**
Highest sales price: **\$4,275,000**
Average sales price: **\$4,237,500**

Mountain View

Total sales reported: **11**
Lowest sales price: **\$635,000**
Highest sales price: **\$2,650,000**
Average sales price: **\$1,818,455**

Palo Alto

Total sales reported: **16**
Lowest sales price: **\$818,000**
Highest sales price: **\$5,100,000**
Average sales price: **\$2,888,313**

Source: California REsource

1953, 4bd, 3958 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/23/1986, \$430,000
24327 Summerhill Avenue Brentlinger Trust to Bourgan Trust for \$2,400,000 on 06/22/17; built 1950, 4bd, 2,349 sq.ft.

Los Altos Hills

12011 Hilltop Drive F. & K. Mosleh to Johnson Trust for \$4,200,000 on 06/26/17; built 1948, 3bd, 3,422 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/01/2012, \$2,900,000
26634 Snell Court J. Troedson to R. Zhou for \$4,275,000 on 06/28/17; built 1927, 3bd, 2,488 sq.ft.

Mountain View

227 Ada Avenue #L N. & D. Whynott to Y. Li for \$1,300,000 on 06/26/17; built 1982, 3bd, 1,460 sq.ft.; previous sale 07/20/2005, \$700,000

470 Anza Street Bennett Trust to B. Hamilton for \$2,400,000 on 06/23/17; built 1955, 3bd, 1,753 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/28/1994, \$425,000

1107 Boranda Avenue X. Huang to G. & Y. Thomson for \$2,650,000 on 06/23/17; built 1997, 4bd, 2,857 sq.ft.; previous

sale 05/28/2015, \$2,100,000
2006 Carol Avenue D. Mullis to S. Yong for \$1,900,000 on 06/23/17; built 1947, 2bd, 825 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/13/1997, \$429,000

505 Cypress Point Drive #69 Currell Trust to R. Nor for \$635,000 on 07/03/17; built 1971, 1bd, 662 sq.ft.; previous sale 04/04/1997, \$123,500

1880 Miramonte Avenue R. Landefeld to A. Koinov for \$2,488,000 on 06/23/17; built 1965, 4bd, 2,557 sq.ft.

736 Muir Drive Muccio Trust to Chen Trust for \$2,240,000 on 06/26/17; built 1969, 2,673 sq.ft.

167 North Whisman Road J. Linardi to E. Linardi for \$1,350,000 on 06/26/17; built 1954, 3bd, 1,642 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/16/2011, \$800,000

362 Shelby Drive Nowacki Trust to B. Chueh for \$1,580,000 on 07/03/17; built 1998, 3bd, 1,375 sq.ft.; previous sale 02/26/1999, \$418,000

1086 Solana Drive D. & M. Sneider to Z. Hou for \$2,150,000 on 06/28/17; built 1952, 4bd, 1,519 sq.ft.; previous sale 03/25/2011, \$1,098,000

928 Wright Avenue #108 Arikan Trust to M. White for \$1,310,000 on 07/03/17; built 1980, 3bd, 1,414 sq.ft.; previous sale 10/29/2012, \$680,000

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2188 Byron Street A. & M. Dwight to J. Muller for \$5,100,000 on 06/30/17; built 1936, 5bd, 3,257 sq.ft.

325 Channing Avenue #117 R. & E. Miller to Rosendin Trust for \$3,195,000 on 06/23/17; built 2004, 2bd, 2,100 sq.ft.; previous sale 07/06/2012, \$1,950,000

2058 Edgewood Drive S. Hart to R. & R. Tyagi for \$2,500,000 on 06/26/17; built 1956, 4bd, 1,610 sq.ft.

4250 El Camino Real #A201 Green Trust to T. Marqueling for \$818,000 on 06/23/17; built 1983, 1bd, 885 sq.ft.; previous sale 08/13/2003, \$360,000

26 Erstwid Court Kohatsu Trust to J. Wang for \$3,000,000 on 06/23/17; built 1950, 3bd, 1,949 sq.ft.

800 High Street #201 Burbank Trust to Mcglothlin Trust for \$1,900,000 on 06/28/17; built 2006, 2bd, 1,174 sq.ft.

3433 Kenneth Drive Dingler Trust to D. Collins for \$2,450,000 on 06/22/17; built 1957, 4bd, 3268 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/1972, \$38,000

2793 Kipling Street R. & K. Cicero to Lulu Play for \$3,050,000 on 06/23/17; built 1949, 4bd, 1620 sq.ft.; previous sale 09/28/2006, \$900,500

4088 Laguna Way L. & V. Johnson to E. Johnson for \$1,400,000 on 06/26/17; built 1952, 2bd, 1,584 sq.ft.

2742 Louis Road Berardi Trust to Hummingbird Place Limited for \$4,155,000 on 06/22/17; built 1996, 5bd, 2,899 sq.ft.; previous sale 12/02/2003, \$1,500,000

3198 Maddux Drive Z. Gao to M. & I. Berson for \$3,250,000 on 06/23/17; built 1952, 3bd, 1,069 sq.ft.; previous sale 10/23/2014, \$380,000

628 Middlefield Road Burgess Holdings to Banyan Trust for \$3,000,000 on 07/03/17; built 1915, 3bd, 1,500 sq.ft.; previous sale 09/06/2013, \$1,650,000

755 Northampton Drive Ehrlich Trust to Phumbhra Trust for \$4,500,000 on 06/28/17; built 1948, 5bd, 2,395 sq.ft.

410 Sheridan Avenue #217 O. & K. Shelef to M. Green for \$1,470,000 on 07/03/17; built 1977, 2bd, 1293 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/23/2016, \$900,000

3981 Sutherland Drive Delonay Trust to M. Kokkengada for \$2,550,000 on 06/26/17; built 1951, 3bd, 1,443 sq.ft.

2250 Waverley Street Ross Trust to G. & J. Bischooping for \$3,875,000 on 06/28/17; built 1929, 3bd, 1,962 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/23/2011, \$2,575,000

BUILDING PERMITS

539 Jefferson Drive Residential reroof with new polyurethane foam. \$18,000

180 El Camino Real Suite #119

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1690 Channing Ave. Remove existing shake/wood roof; install new sheathing; install new asphalt shingles. \$10,925

425 Alma St. Unit #109 Remodel kitchen and two bathrooms(210 sf). \$16,500

290 El Dorado Ave. Revised location of staircase to below-grade patio

821 Richardson Court Deconstruction of single-family residence (1584 sf) with attached garage (462sf)

951 El Cajon Way Sewer line replacement approx 25 feet from wall to city meter.

880 Lincoln Ave. New addition to dining room (66 sf), remodel kitchen (150 sf), remodel dining and living rooms (450 sf). \$32,906

170 Hawthorne Ave. Revised structural connection basement to floor joist.

3894 Corina Way Residential sewer line spot repair on private property. Replace less than 10-feet of bad pipe.

152 Tennyson Ave. Residential bathroom remodel within footprint (60 sf) for hallway bathroom. \$7,500

4226 Ponce Drive Sewer line spot repair

475 Cambridge Ave. Install photovoltaic canopy structure and associated photovoltaic system. Scope of work includes 3 dual-head electric vehicle chargers. \$255,000

180 El Camino Real, Suite #359 Clarification anchorage for transformer and approval letter from electrical engineer.

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- If an email or a telephone call seems suspicious or "off," refrain from taking any action until it can be independently verified as legitimate.
- If your email has been hacked, immediately contact all parties to all of your upcoming transactions and inform them of the possibility of this fraud.
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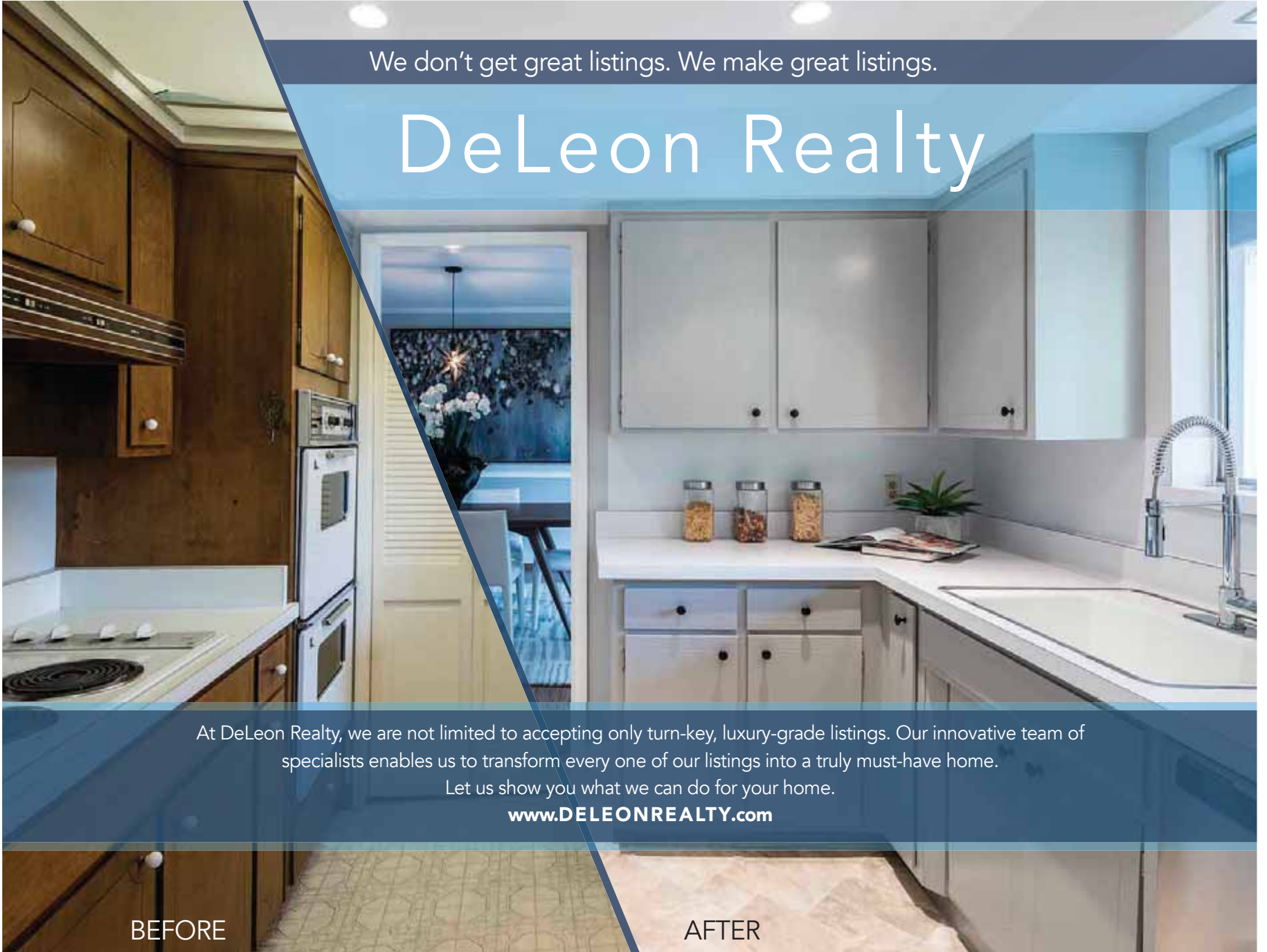


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This week's SUDOKU

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Answers on page 45. www.sudoku.name

- Across**
- 1 "Get outta here!"
 - 5 Windshield attachment
 - 10 Be boastful
 - 14 "No can do"
 - 15 Beginning of Caesar's boast
 - 16 Gutter holder
 - 17 VicuOa's land, maybe
 - 18 Recycled iron, e.g.
 - 20 B-movie bad guy who emerges from the deep
 - 22 Sound heard during shearing
 - 23 Those, in Tabasco
 - 24 Food drive donation
 - 27 G.I. entertainers
 - 30 Olive ____ (Popeye's love)
 - 32 "The elements," so to speak
 - 34 Pastries named after an emperor
 - 38 "Eric the Half-____" (Monty Python song)
 - 39 Decisive statement
 - 42 "Beloved" novelist Morrison
 - 43 Happening in L.A. and N.Y. simultaneously, maybe
 - 44 "Queen of Soul" Franklin
 - 47 Liq. ingredient
 - 48 157.5 deg. from N.
 - 49 Late Pink Floyd member Barrett
 - 50 Start to matter?
 - 53 Tuna type
 - 55 "I'm gonna do it no matter what!"
 - 60 They might appear when right-clicking
 - 63 Shearing stuff
 - 64 "Moby Dick" captain
 - 65 Bear with patience
 - 66 Good poker draws
 - 67 Star of "Seagulls! (Stop It Now!): A Bad Lip Reading"
 - 68 Word on an empty book page
 - 69 Zilch
- Down**
- 1 Eats dinner
 - 2 Gnaw on
 - 3 Ineffable glow
 - 4 Large digit?
 - 5 Daunted
 - 6 ____ Domani (wine brand)
 - 7 ____ asada
 - 8 Build up
 - 9 Subatomic particle with no strong force
 - 10 It's served in the video game "Tapper"
 - 11 Maze runner
 - 12 Director DuVernay of the upcoming "A Wrinkle In Time"
 - 13 Shaving cream choice
 - 19 City east of Phoenix
 - 21 City SSW of Kansas City (that has nothing to do with bribing DJs)
 - 24 Biblical ark measures
 - 25 Giant concert venues
 - 26 Tattooist's tool
 - 27 Baltimore Colts great Johnny
 - 28 Very tasty
 - 29 Played before the main act
 - 31 "Stay" singer Lisa
 - 33 Bagpipers' caps
 - 35 Leave off

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File No.: FBN631474
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12352 Priscilla Ln.,
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The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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An Individual.
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Palo Alto, CA 94303
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1551 Sunrise Dr.

Gilroy, CA 95020
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(PAW Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2017)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
MARTIN GEROTWOL
Case No.: 17-PR-181450

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

The Petition for Probate requests that: PETER JGNAZ GORDON and NINA ELISABETH GORDON 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.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on September 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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Desmond B. Tuck, Esq.
177 Bovet Road, Suite 600
San Mateo, CA 94402
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(PAW July 21, 28; Aug. 4, 2017)

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

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Sports Shorts

Stanford grad **Maggie Steffens** advanced from a record pool of 543 school nominees and remains eligible for consideration for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award. From the original group, conferences and an independent selection committee chose 145 student-athletes to continue their candidacy for the award, which honors graduating female college athletes who have exhausted their eligibility and distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate careers in academics, athletics, service and leadership. Steffens is one of 58 to have competed at the Division I level and the only water polo player among the 145 nominees. Steffens has twice been recognized as the world's best, winning FINA Women's Water Polo Athlete of the Year honors in 2012 and 2014 in addition to being named Olympic MVP in 2012 and 2016 after gold-medal winning performances with the United States.

SOFTBALL IS CALLING . . . Stanford softball coach **Jessica Allister** announced that Cardinal grad and former teammate **Tori Nyberg** has been named the pitching coach at Stanford. **Jessica Merchant** also joins the Cardinal from Minnesota, where she coached alongside Allister for the past seven years. Nyberg served as the coach at Dominican University last year.

DIVING IN . . . Stanford Diving's **Francesca Noviello** achieved a first-place finish in the preliminary round of the 14-15 girls platform during the USA National Diving Championships at Ohio State. Noviello accumulated a top score of 282.70. She was followed by Sara Haggerty of West Chester Diving, who finished with 277.70 points, and by Meghan Wenzel of Centennial Diving at 274.00 points. In the 16-18 girls 3-meter, Menlo-Atherton grad and incoming Stanford freshman **Mia Paulsen** finished eighth with a score of 399.70 and Menlo Park resident **Clare Greenlow** was ninth in 397.25.

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WTA Tennis: Bank of the West Classic, 2 p.m., ESPN2

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Atherton resident Catherine "CiCi" Bellis came from a 1-5 deficit to beat Veronica Cepede Royg, 7-6 (3), 6-2, Thursday and advance into Friday's quarterfinal.

BANK OF THE WEST

Bellis becoming 'Belle of the West'

44th ranked Atherton resident finds comfort, support at Stanford

by Rick Eyrer

She doesn't need to click her ruby shoes three times, Catherine "CiCi" Bellis already knows there's no place like home.

The 18-year-old Atherton resident is fast becoming a favorite daughter of the Bank of the West Classic fan base.

It was here last year where Bellis reached her first WTA quarterfinal and it was here two years she was greeted with open arms after becoming a household name by winning her first round match at the 2014 U.S. Open, when she

was 15 years old.

She reached her second straight quarterfinal by beating Paraguay's Veronica Cepede Royg, 7-6 (3), 6-2, on Thursday morning.

She'll meet either No. 2 seed Petra Kvitova or Kateryna Bondarenko on Friday.

Bellis' win over Cepede Royg was particularly satisfying given she had lost her previous meeting with her and was down, 1-5, in the first set before winning five straight games and then earned the set in a tie-breaker.

It's performances like this that will continue to endear Bellis to

the local fans.

Bellis tried to remain an amateur last year but when her effort at last year's U.S. Open vaulted her to world No. 56, it was as though she had no other choice.

At this time last year, Bellis was pondering a bright future. She announced her commitment to attend Stanford after playing a match at the Bank of the West. She just received her SAT scores and bubbling with excitement.

The 2014 ITF Junior World Champion is now a rising star on the WTA Tour and gaining popularity at breath-taking speed.

Bellis is the youngest player ranked in the top 100. She's at No. 44 after spending a few weeks at a career-high 40. And that's without playing the Australian Open due to a hamstring injury.

"It's crazy, I had two completely different choices to make about being on this path," Bellis said after beating France's Alize Cornet 6-3, 6-2 in a first round match at the Bank of the West Classic on Tuesday.

"Either one would have been a great decision," Bellis said. "If I

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FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Stanford athletes cash in at Worlds

Cardinal women collect combined 22 medals in swimming, water polo

by Rick Eyrer

Stanford senior and Olympic gold medalist Simone Manuel completed the FINA World Championships in Budapest on Sunday with yet another world record and an American record.

In all, Manuel returns to the United States with six medals after being part of the 4x100-meter medley relay team that set a world record in 3:51.55, surpassing the 3:52.05 the Americans swam at the 2012 London Olympics.

She also placed third in the

50-meter free with an American record 23.97, becoming the first American to medal in the event since Amy Van Dyken raced to a gold medal in 1998.

Her final tally is five gold medals, a bronze medal, three world records and a pair of American records.

The trio of Stanford swimmers, which also included Lia Neal and Katie Ledecky, accumulated a combined haul of 12 gold medals, a silver medal and a bronze medal.

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Stanford senior Simone Manuel left the FINA World Championships in Budapest with six medals, five gold, three world records and two American records.

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had chosen Stanford I'd be getting ready to come here in a few weeks. It's crazy to think about how different my life would be."

Without Venus Williams, Serena Williams or Maria Sharapova, who had to withdraw from the tournament due to a left hand injury after her first round win Monday, Bellis serves as fan favorite.

"Toward the end of the Monday night's match, I felt pain in my left forearm," Sharapova said. "After yesterday's scan, the doctor has recommended I don't risk further injury. Monday night's crowd was so special and I wish I could continue playing but I have to make a preventative decision."

It won't be too long when Bellis 'owns' this tournament no matter who else is in the draw.

"The support is so great here," she said. "It was motivating me. This is my home tournament and I get so much more excited, even just winning points."

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It's the kind of dominance the Cardinal showed in winning the NCAA championship in the spring, its first national title since 1998.

Kathleen Baker, Lilly King and Kelsi Worrell joined Manuel on the medley relay in earning the third straight world championship title in addition to gold medals at the 2012 London Olympics and the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Caleb Dressel joined Michael Phelps (2007) as the only swimmers to win seven gold medals at a single world championship.

Team USA won 38 medals overall, including 18 gold, 10 silver and 10 bronze. The U.S. also won seven of the eight relays.

Stanford sophomore and world record holder Katie Ledecky also won another gold medal, this time in the 800-meter free. Cardinal grad and Olympian Lia Neal swam in the preliminaries of the 4x100 relay and also earns gold.

The mixed relay was part of Caleb Dressel's trifecta, in which he became the first swimmer to win three gold medals in one evening session.

Dressel led off the relay, followed by Nathan Adrian, Mallory Comerford and Manuel. They finished in 3:19.60.

"I know we had a lot of confidence going in," Manuel said. "We have some of the best sprinters in the world, and we've just been having a great meet, and so we're just keeping the ball rolling, swimming fast."

The U.S. has won all but one relay so far this week, finishing with a bronze in the men's 800 free relay.

Ledecky finished her meet with the victory in the 800 free, swimming 8:12.68, the 10th-fastest performance of all time in this event. Ledecky holds the world record in 8:04.79, the world championship meet record in 8:07.39 and the world junior record in 8:11.00.

Being on the road since turning pro has been a little harder than she expected but being able to sleep in her own bed while at this tournament has helped ease things considerably.

"It's going to take a bit of getting used to," Bellis said. "I was on the road a lot more during the summer. It's always nice to come back home."

playing at Stanford, which is the first of the U.S. Open Series, also means the final Grand Slam event of the year is on the horizon.

"This and the U.S. Open are my top two tournaments," Bellis said. "I look forward to both during the year."

Top-seeded Garbine Muguruza took care of American Kayla Day, 6-2, 6-0, in a match that lasted just over an hour on Wednesday night.

She'll play Croatia's Ana Konjuh in Friday's quarterfinals. The seventh-seeded Konjuh advanced with a 7-5, 6-4 victory over Russia's Natalia Vikhlyantseva.

"I felt good. I remembered a match I had against her and it was a tough match," the fourth-ranked

Muguruza said. "It's never easy and I remembered that so I concentrated on not letting her play her best tennis."

Day, ranked 175th at the time, gave then No. 7 Muguruza fits at Indian Wells, taking the first set and pushing Muguruza to the limit before falling, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2.

"She's a lefty and has a very difficult serve to return," Muguruza said. "I worked on that."

Stanford grads Kristie Ahn and Nicole Gibbs lost their doubles match to the third-seeded duo of Abigail Spears and CoCo Vandeweghe, 6-7 (7), 6-4, 10-6.

Gibbs played Vandeweghe in singles on Thursday night with a chance to reach the quarterfinals.

Gibbs rallied from a third-set deficit to beat Claire Liu, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (5), in a competitive first-round match.

Liu, currently the No. 1 high school prospect in the nation, was coming off the junior championship at Wimbledon.

"She's an amazing player," Liu said of Gibbs. "I had my chances. She played fearless and played

well in big points."

Liu said she hasn't decided between college or turning pro but Gibbs doesn't think Stanford (or UCLA, her other top choice) has a chance.

"She's playing at a much higher level than I was at age 17," Gibbs said. "I wish she'd go to Stanford, for at least a year, but she's playing at a different level."

Ahn has seen a dramatic shift upward in her professional tennis career and it's all by design.

She's winning at every level by practicing with some of the best and brightest of young American players, establishing a good coaching situation with former professional Shenay Perry and setting a routine in Orlando with her peers.

"All the pieces started coming together," Ahn said after dropping a tough, 2-6, 7-5, 6-1, match to qualifier Veronica Cepede Royg in the first round. "I surround myself with good people and we're always pushing each other."

There was a time in her career that Ahn could not afford having a coach on the road. It was like being a broke college student all over again.

Ahn returned to Stanford this week ranked a career-high 112 in singles. She reached her first WTA quarterfinal and has two victories on the ITF circuit this year, a singles title at the \$60,000 Dothan and a doubles title at the \$80,000 Indian Harbour Beach (with Notre Dame product Quinn Gleason). ■



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250 Hamilton Avenue, Council Chambers
August 17, 2017 at 8:30am

Action Items

PUBLIC HEARING/QUASI-JUDICIAL. 3001 El Camino Real [16PLN-00097 and 16PLN-00220]: Recommendation on Applicant's Request for Approval of a Site and Design Review to Allow for Construction of a Four-Story Mixed-Use Development with 19,800 Square Feet of Retail and 30 Residential Units in the CS Zone as well as a Three-Story Multi-Family Residential Building with 20 Units in the RM-30 Zone. The Project Also Includes a Request for a Preliminary Parcel Map for a Lot Merger to Allow for the Proposed Development, a Design Enhancement Exception, and a Parking Adjustment for Shared Parking. Environmental Assessment: A Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration was Circulated for Public Review on July 3, 2017 and the circulation period ended on August 2, 2017. Zoning District: CS (Service Commercial), RM-30 (Multi-family Residential), and R-1 (Single-family Residential). For More Information Contact the Project Planner Claire Hodgkins at claire.hodgkins@cityofpaloalto.org

4256 El Camino Real: Preliminary Review for a New Hotel with Condos 4256 El Camino Real (17PLN-00085): Request by Mircea Voskerician for a Preliminary Architectural Review for the Review of a New Hotel Located at 4256 El Camino Real. The New Five-Story Hotel is Proposed to be 50' Tall, 51,581 sq. ft., and Would Include 39,173 sq. ft. of Hotel Amenities Including 69 Guest Rooms Over 5 Floors, and 11,758 sq. ft. of residential space including 8 townhomes (each townhome is proposed to be 3 bedrooms and 3 stories tall). Additionally, the site is proposed to have 85 underground parking spaces (78 spaces utilized with mechanical lifts, 4 surface ADA spaces, 2 valet surfaces spaces, and 1 undesignated surface space). Environmental Assessment: Is a Project. The Formal Application Will be Subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review. Zone District: CS

4190 El Camino Real (17PLN-00195): Request for Preliminary Architectural Review of a Proposed 5,340 Square Foot, 22 Foot Tall Service Building Addition and 14,380 Square Foot, 27 Foot Tall Solar Canopy Over Existing Parking at an Existing Auto Dealership. Environmental Assessment: Not a Project. The Formal Application Will be Subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review. Zoning District: CS (AD). For More Information Contact the Project Planner Claire Hodgkins at Claire.Hodgkins@cityofpaloalto.org

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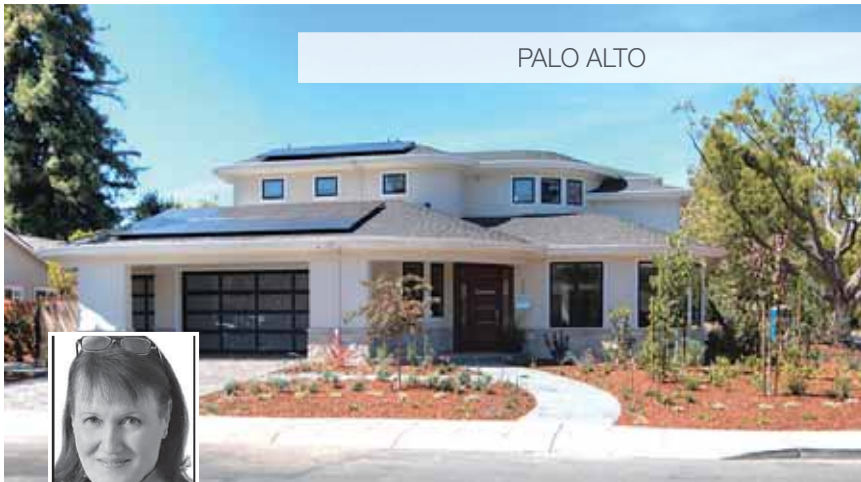
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