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City drops plans to realign rail at Churchill

City Council agrees not to move ahead with alternatives that require eminent domain

by Gennady Sheyner

Responding to a surge of concern in the Old Palo Alto and Southgate neighborhoods about potential property seizures, the Palo Alto City Council officially pulled the plug Tuesday on two controversial proposals to raise or lower the railroad tracks

at the Churchill Avenue crossing.

By a 5-1 vote, with Councilman Greg Tanaka dissenting and Mayor Liz Kniss and Vice Mayor Eric Filseth recusing, the council agreed during a special meeting to narrow down its list of options for separating the city's tracks and its roads from 10 designs to eight. The vote all but ensures that eminent domain will not be used to take private properties as part of a redesign of the Churchill Avenue rail crossing.

The council's vote spells relief for the more than 400 residents in the two neighborhoods near Churchill who signed a petition opposing the use of eminent domain and the dozens who attended Tuesday's meeting. One after another, residents appealed to the council to remove designs that could threaten their homes.

Jason Matlof, one of the leaders of the petition drive, said these options would be "devastating" to the neighborhood. Churchill resident Monica Tan Brown said she lives with an "existential threat" over her head.

"There are people here who talk about slowing down the process who have no skin in the game," Tan Brown said shortly before the vote. "I have skin in the game. I would lose my house, which would have a huge detrimental impact on my family."

The arguments proved convincing. Following the recommendation of its Finance Committee, the council scrapped from consideration the "hybrid" option, which calls for partially elevating the train tracks and partially lowering the road. A

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Up, up and away

A plane takes off from the Palo Alto Municipal Airport, which is the tenth-busiest single runway airport in California, according to the city of Palo Alto, which owns and operates it.

DEVELOPMENT

Study highlights costs of adding Stanford housing

New EIR evaluates impacts of requiring more housing as part of university's planned expansion

by Gennady Sheyner

s Stanford University moves ahead with a proposal to build more than 2 million square feet of academic space by 2030, it continues to face calls from students, employees and local officials who believe the university should build more housing as part of the expansion.

But their preferred solution — requiring Stanford to greatly ramp up its housing on campus — would unleash its own problems, according to a new analysis performed by Santa Clara County's Department of Planning and Development, which is now processing Stanford's application. The analysis, released last week as part of a revised Draft

Environmental Impact Report for Stanford's proposed expansion, indicates that development alternatives that include more housing would come with increased traffic congestion on local roads and freeways, additional air pollution and greater demand for existing recreational facilities. These impacts would also put the onus on surrounding cities, including Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Mountain View, to address the problems created by Stanford's growth, according to the Draft EIR.

For proponents of additional housing — including the student group Stanford Coalition for Equitable 2035 (SCoPE 2035) and its

allies in the SEIU, Local 2007 — the new analysis represents a mixed victory. On the one hand, they succeeded in delaying approval of the Stanford application so that their concerns can be further vetted. On the other hand, this additional study suggests that the type of housing they say is needed comes at a great cost of impacts on the area.

During community meetings last fall, members of SCoPE 2035 urged Stanford to provide more housing for university employees, many of whom commute from afar. Last month, SCoPE 2035 released a platform that calls for

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EDUCATION

School board approves anti-bias resolution

Renaming-schools debate sparks new effort to bring Palo Alto communities together

by Elena Kadvany

t the urging of parents, community members and several civil-rights groups, the Palo Alto school board unanimously approved Tuesday a resolution that seeks to address reports of racism and discrimination.

Recognizing "the danger of stereotype and bias — unconscious or otherwise - that has historically been employed to justify discriminatory treatment toward many groups in the United States," the resolution commits the school district to what will likely be a collaborative effort with other agencies and organizations to "proactively work to ensure the rights and privileges of everyone in its schools regardless of race, ancestry, religion, country of birth, immigration status, disability, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Board members revised some parts of a resolution originally proposed by a group of parents concerned about reports of discrimination toward Japanese-heritage students and families in the aftermath of a contentious debate earlier this year over renaming a middle school after a Japanese-American alumnus who shared a last name with an unrelated Japanese admiral. The debate caused friction between members of Palo Alto's Japanese- and Chinese-American communities.

Though the resolution stemmed from this particular debate, board members said many groups face prejudice so entrenched it is almost normalized in Palo Alto. Vice President Jennifer DiBrienza said the district receives near-daily complaints of discrimination

from students of color and LG-BTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer) students. And just this weekend, posters were mounted around the Mitchell Park Library criticizing books that Palo Alto libraries were promoting for Pride Month.

"I think what happened in the renaming process was we uncovered something that has been going on for awhile that we didn't want to know about," said board member Melissa Baten Caswell. "There are many groups in this community who are regularly hurt and disrespected ... almost so much that it starts to become the norm and they don't say anything."

The board directed the district's new superintendent, Don Austin, to work with relevant stakeholders and board members to determine next steps, whether that be the creation of a standing district committee devoted to these issues or a multiagency collaborative that can share the work and commit resources as necessary.

The renaming debate drew the attention of civil-rights organizations including local chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Anti-Defamation League and the Jewish Community Relations Council based in San Francisco, who all offered Tuesday night to help the district in its work moving forward.

Not all supported the resolution as it was originally proposed, including more than 200 community members who signed a letter written by parent Kathy Jordan,

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



There are people here who talk about slowing down the process who have no skin in the game.



-Monica Tan Brown, resident of Churchill neighborhood, on rail redesigns that require eminent domain. See story on page 5.

Around Town



EGG-HAUSTED EFFORT ... After months of fighting plans to remove 7-foot-tall egg-shaped sculpture Digital DNA from Lytton Plaza, the inevitable fate came on Thursday morning when the city removed the beloved piece after 13 years. Artist Adriana Varella watched on as movers secured the artwork onto a large wooden cart. With arms stretched around the plasticwrapped sculpture. Varella shouted at whomever approached the piece during the removal. "This belongs to the city, this belongs to the people!" Made of computer circuit boards, Digital DNA "tried to integrate the electronics original conceptual space with a synthetic yet organic form (the egg)," according to a press release issued Wednesday. Earlier this year, a Silicon Valley entrepreneur who lives near the plaza offered to purchase the work, which he is donating to his alma mater, Harvard University. (The donor's name and purchase price have not been disclosed.) After going up northeast for restoration, the work will find its new home on a square at the Harvard Business School. The work has been "a fabric of our community," Public Art Program Director Elise DeMarzo said as she watched the piece get packed away. "It's understandable that the artist is upset and our sympathies go out to her.'

Alto's guest to solve its parking problems by building new garages received a boost last week, when the City Council approved the environmental analysis for a sixstory structure near California Avenue. At the same time, there was fresh indication this week that the second garage, planned for downtown, may have a harder time securing support. Though the council unanimously included it on its 2014 list of infrastructure priorities and, more recently, identified a site for the facility (a lot on Hamilton Avenue and Waverley Street), the project has waned in popularity. With infrastructure costs going up, several council members

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support the downtown garage at least, not in its current form. Just before the council voted to place a measure on the November ballot to raise the city's hotel-tax rate, Councilman Cory Wolbach expressed his own reservations about the new facility. "We need to look very closely on whether we can afford or whether we really need a new, public-funded garage," Councilman Adrian Fine also has been opposed to the new garages, including the one recently approved. On June 12, he took to Twitter to call the California Avenue garage "poor use of money (with regards to) transportation environment economy," prompting a public response this week from former Mayor Pat Burt, a proponent of creating a business tax. "The need for new parking structures in Palo Alto would have been eliminated if the city council had lived up to their commitment to create a business license tax dedicated to local transportation."

Steinmeier spent his time in the Bay Area this week visiting leaders in technology and academia. With his wife Elke Büdenbender by his side, the pair received a warm welcome Tuesday at Stanford **University from President Marc** Tessier-Lavigne, who had a short meeting with the couple along with faculty before they attended a symposium organized by electrical engineering Professor Bernd Girod that focused on the "digital future" and gender equality in Silicon Valley, according to a university press release. The couple also met with former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, a professor at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, and toured the Hoover Archives. Before their day ended. Steinmeier and Germany's first lady met with students and took

HOSTING THE GERMANS ..

German President Frank-Walter

companies including Holobuilder, Replex and Silexica at HanaHaus in downtown, as seen on Twitter. Steinmeier was set to meet with a German startup company before flying back to Berlin on Wednesday evening, according to German news website **Deutschland**.

a walking tour of the campus,

Wednesday, Steinmeier sat down

with representatives of local tech

university officials said. On

HOUSING

President Hotel tenants ask City Council to save building

Clock is ticking on downtown Palo Alto hotel conversion

by Linda Taaffe

ozens of residents facing eviction from the President Hotel Apartments in downtown Palo Alto urged the City Council on Monday night to spare the building from being converted back to its original purpose as a hotel by the new owner.

Tucker Berckman told the council that many of his neighbors at the President have been living there for decades and have made significant contributions to the community.

"The result of this eviction in all likelihood is that the residents of this building will leave Palo Alto. I don't think this is what everyone wants," Berckman said.

AJ Capital Partners, a Chicagobased hotel developer that restores historic properties in college towns, notified tenants on June 12 that it had closed escrow on the 75-unit property at 488 University Ave. and would provide relocation assistance to move everybody out of the building by Nov. 12 before it begins renovations on the historic 1929 building, which it plans to reopen as the Graduate Palo Alto hotel in 2020.

Residents said they were still reeling from the unexpected notice that many discovered slipped under their doors. They requested that the city slow down the process and make it more transparent.

Tech worker Jeffrey Jones moved into the Spanish Colonialstyle complex that he has called home for the past nine years after relocating to the area from New York City.

"This is a historic building," he told the council. "It is a historic property. It is a historic downtown property. My ask of the the City Council and the city manager is simple: not rush through the process of remaking the President."

Jones told the Weekly that residents aren't out in the streets

armed with pitchforks protesting the sale — they simply want to understand what's going to happen to the building, and if there's a way to preserve the unique community that has blossomed there over the past 50 years that it has served as an apartment complex.

Tenants have heard that the hotel conversion is an allowed use. They've also heard that the six-story building exceeds current height restrictions, which may limit its use as a hotel to two stories.

"I have no doubt that the creative minds of Palo Alto can sit together and come up with a creative solution, so literally, everybody wins," he added.

City Manager James Keene said the city has not yet received a formal application from the new owners and is thus not in the position to formally respond to the proposal. Staff is currently "in the process of actually reviewing to see what factors can be in play in any kind of city response to that application," he said.

"There are a lot of factors we're carefully looking at in the city's code and in ordinances that relate to this," Keene said.

At last week's June 11 council meeting, Keene said that the renovation would include seismic upgrades, new elevators and other improvements. The property is listed as a Category 2 resource on the city's Historic Inventory. The city's Architectural Review Board and Historic Resources Board are expected to review the conversion plans later this year, Keene said adding the hotel use is allowed "by right" at the downtown location.

A few residents bristled on Monday at his assertion that the hotel use is automatically allowed. Michelle Kraus, who lives at the President Hotel, told the council that she and some of her neighbors are far from certain that the "oversized building" can function as a hotel "by right" under the current code.

"We've done our homework. We are worried. We are concerned," Kraus said.

Council members assured residents that there hadn't been any negotiations between the city and the new hotel owner, though they acknowledged that they had attended information sessions to hear about the planned conversion shortly before it was announced.

"I doubt there is a council member here who wasn't thinking sympathetically about what has happened at President Hotel," Mayor Liz Kniss told the crowd after all the speakers made their appeals. "We don't have information yet. Surprisingly, we know very little more than you do."

AJ Capital sent out a press release last week that said the company plans to renovate the building into a 100-room hotel that will include a lobby coffee shop, street-level retail and the restoration of its original rooftop garden.

Tim Franzen, president of the company's Graduate Hotels division, which will operate the Graduate Palo Alto, told the Weekly in an email on Tuesday, June 19: "We have independently confirmed through counsel that the operation of a hotel within the Hotel President is, in fact, a permitted use of that property. We have not yet made any requests to the City or any of its departments, nor do we anticipate doing so for quite some time. Our meeting with City staff was purely introductory and informational in purpose. We have a great deal of historic research and architectural and engineering work to be done before it can be determined what City approvals may be necessary



Stretched, painted leather adorns metal walls of an elevator at the President Hotel Apartments in Palo Alto on June 12.

and before any plans will be submitted for consideration of those approvals."

Representatives from the development firm met with residents one-on-one last week and Tuesday. Residents said they were told during the sessions that they would be receiving information about who to pay rent to in a future letter. Any other obligations and responsibilities made between residents and former owner University President Associates LLC will remain in place until November.

AJ Capital is offering each residential unit \$3,000 to assist with moving-related expenses and is working with relocation expert Autotemp to provide customized services "to households that may require additional help."

Built in 1929, the property includes 70 studio apartments and five one-bedroom units of between 250 and 800 square feet on the upper five stories. About 58 units were rented at the time of the sale, according to Chris Dressel, president of University President Associates. Rents for the mostly monthto-month leases are relatively low for Palo Alto -\$1,200 to \$2,400, according to a sign posted at the building — but the apartments are not included in the city's affordable-housing count. Median rent in Palo Alto stands at \$2,520 for a one-bedroom apartment, according to apartmentlist.com.

Palo Alto native Dennis Backlund, who moved into a 300-square-foot studio at the President 37 years ago, is the longest remaining tenant in the building. A friend recommended the building when Backlund returned home after living in Paris for a few years.

"I knew of the President, I'd seen it my whole life," said Backlund, who worked as a historic preservation planner for city of Palo Alto before retiring several years ago. His love of historic buildings is part of why he's stayed so long at the President, which he said is the city's largest historical resource.

Backlund said he was blindsided by news of the conversion during an informal meeting held by residents at the President on Saturday. Over the years, the building changed hands a few times, but it always remained an apartment

building. Once, he said an owner reportedly tried to convert the apartments into condominiums, but city regulations prevented such a conversion.

"It was just the most terrible feeling when this plan came out because I never ever dreamed that something like this could happen," said the 76-year-old. "Three months ago, I would go to bed every night and just serenely go to sleep, and look around the apartment at all my bookcases, with about 2,000 books of literature and philosophy, and feel just so much at home. It was just such a wonderful feeling, and then the announcement came, and it was just the feeling of sort of desperation and disbelief that this could actually happen," he said. "This was going to be the place where I spent the rest of my life. That is what I thought.'

Backlund said the building has fostered a tight-knit, cultural-oriented community within its walls.

"A lot of the apartments advertise. People come in and don't know each other and never know each other. But the President never advertised apartments. They were rented by word of mouth, and so when people left, it was their friends who moved in, and it just kind of gradually evolved into a place where artists, musicians, writers, people like that lived here," he said. "The culture here is passed on from person to person, and so, the character of the building here has remained remarkably constant even when the people have changed ... and with the way the building is designed, with all these doors that face into inner corridors, and the common mailroom and lobby ... the building just physically encourages

people to get together."
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On "Behind the Headlines," Palo Alto Weekly journalists discuss issues raised by the proposed conversion of the President Hotel Apartments, including the city's efforts to protect renters and last year's preservation of Buena Vista Mobile Home Park. Watch the webcast on YouTube.com/paweekly.



From left to right, residents Pemo Theodore, Katja Priess, Iqbal Serang and Diane Boxill sit and chat before dinner inside Boxill's home at the President Hotel Apartments in Palo Alto on June 12.

Stanford

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Stanford to provide 5,328 housing units for faculty, staff and workers to "better match the projected growth of its workforce over the lifespan of the 2018 GUP (General Use Permit).

Palo Alto officials had also raised concerns about Stanford's proposed academic growth and the potential inadequacy of its housing plans (the City Council is scheduled to approve a comment letter on the new analysis on June 25). In commenting on the original Draft EIR, city officials argued in a letter that the region's housing crisis will be "exacerbated by any project that proposes to add more jobs and more housing demand than housing.'

"We urge the county and university to reconsider parameters of the current proposal and either reduce housing demand or increase affordable housing proposed within and proximate to the campus," the city's letter states.

The county performed the additional analysis in response to an outpouring of concerns about housing in response to the initial Draft EIR, said Jeff Campbell, the project planner for the GUP application. The county released its initial Draft EIR for the Stanford application on Oct. 6, 2017. It extended the period for people to comment on the document, which concluded on Feb. 2.

Campbell — whose firm, M-Group, is the county's consultant for the project — said that initial DEIR elicited voluminous comments about "the dire need for more housing in the area," Campbell told the Weekly.

The fact that the Board of Supervisors had made the creation of housing one of its priorities also played into the county's decision to analyze the new alternatives, Campbell said. Board President Joe Simitian has recently proposed a partnership between the county and cities to build teacher housing. The county also signaled support in May for raising the "affordable housing impact fee" that developers of nonresidential projects have to pay from \$35 to \$68.50 — a move that could have a significant impact on Stanford (the county's Housing, Land Use, Environment and Transportation Committee was scheduled to discuss the proposed ordinance on June 21; the proposal would then go the Board of Supervisors for formal approval).

Given the concerns from the Board and from the community about housing, the county recirculated a new Draft EIR, with two additional alternatives, earlier this month. The comment period on the updated EIR kicked off June 12 and will stretch until July 26. The county also plans to hold two meetings on the recirculated portions of the EIR, one on June 27 in Menlo Park (6-8 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St.) and another on July 10 in Palo alto (6-8 p.m. at the Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium, 1313 Newell Road).

he biggest change in the new document is the addition of two alternatives, each of which includes far more housing than the 3,150 faculty/staff units or student beds that Stanford had proposed in its permit application. One, known as Housing Alternative A, would provide a total of 5.699 units or beds — enough to completely accommodate the increase in the campus population from the academic expansion.

The other, known as Housing Alternative B, would build 4.425 units or beds.

"In response to the public comments, the planning office decided that two alternatives are really needed to address the issue fully and to give the Planning Commission and the Board a wider array of options to consider," Campbell said.

The Draft EIR looked at 111 different impacts that the Stanford expansion is projected to incur, including noise, air quality, traffic, recreation and public services. In at least 86 cases, the problem would be greater with either of the two housing alternatives than they would be with the original project proposed by Stanford (in a few additional cases, the impact would be "same or greater," according to the EIR).

One area of concern identified in the EIR is transportation. Even without the added housing, the Stanford expansion is expected to have "significant and unavoidable" impacts on traffic volumes at area intersections and freeways. When considered with other "reasonably foreseeable future projects," the added traffic would be "contributing considerably to significant adverse impacts," the EIR states.

The county analysis concluded that Housing Alternative A would generate more traffic even after accounting for the students and faculty who would no longer have to commute to campus because of the new housing. During the morning and evening peak commute hours, the additional housing is expected to result in slightly more than 2,100 additional trips by residents. At the same time, it would only reduce the number of commuter trips by about 700, netting an addition about 1,400 trips.

The analysis argues that oncampus residents tend to make more trips than commuters to campus and notes that residential rates include trips by both Stanford affiliates and other members of their households.

"A campus resident travels between the campus and other destinations for a variety of purposes, including shopping, dining out, religion, clubs and activities, recreation and exercise, entertainment, socializing, daycare, school and off-campus employment," the EIR states. "These types of trips can generate both outbound and inbound trips during the morning or evening periods.

The county had also previously analyzed a "reduced project alternative" that would result in 1.3 million square feet of new academic space and 1,800 new



This rendering shows new graduate housing, already under construction, in Stanford University's Escondido Village.

housing units or beds, as well as a "no project" alternative and a "historic preservation" alternative that would prohibit Stanford from demolishing or remodeling historic resources unless these alterations are consistent with the Secretary of Interior standards.

In evaluating the two new housing-focused alternatives, the EIR concluded that they would create more congestion than Stanford's proposed expansion plan. While Stanford's proposed expansion is already expected to create "significant and unavoidable" traffic impacts in the surrounding area. Housing Alternative A would add two more Palo Alto intersections to the list of those affected by the project: Bowdoin Street and Stanford Avenue (where the level of service would drop from "E" under Stanford's proposal to "F" in Housing Alternative A); and Middlefield and Charleston roads (where the level of service would be "F" under both scenarios, though with greater delays under Housing Alternative A during both the morning and the evening peak hours).

The EIR also suggests that traffic conditions would further deteriorate at several already congested segments. These include the northbound Interstate 280 ramp at Sand Hill Road; the intersection of Page Mill Road and El Camino Real; and the intersection of Alma Street and Charleston Road.

The other new alternative, Housing Alternative B, is also expected to bring more traffic to the area, albeit to a lesser extent than Alternative A. The EIR concludes that scenario B would also "increase traffic volumes at area intersections" and create "adverse impacts." And much like Housing Alternative A, it would further exacerbate dozens of impacts that Stanford's expansion is expected to bring, including higher school enrollment, more demand for police and fire services, increased construction noise, additional greenhouse-gas emissions and greater usage of neighborhood and regional parks.

Furthermore, the analysis concludes that both alternatives would "fail to achieve the primary project objective to develop the campus in a manner that reflects Stanford's historical growth rates and the growth assumptions in Stanford's approved Sustainable Development Study." The additional housing, according to the EIR, would "result in more intense development and construction activity than has occurred over the past several decades." Alternative A would add about 2.5 million square feet of additional development to the campus, beyond what Stanford has proposed in its permit application, while Alternative B would add about 1.2 million square feet.

In addition to evaluating the two new housing alternatives, the recirculated Environmental Impact Report also looked at the impacts that Stanford's development of off-campus housing would have on surrounding communities, specifically Palo Alto. Menlo Park and Mountain View. The document estimates that Stanford's expansion would result in demand for 2,425 off-campus housing units. The EIR notes that Palo Alto is currently home to about 19 percent of off-campus students, faculty and staff; Menlo Park and Mountain View have 9 percent and 10 percent, respectively. The potential effects of any off-campus housing development projects, the EIR notes, "would disproportionately affect these jurisdictions compared to other communities in the Bay Area that house Stanford affiliates.'

The EIR's findings could make it more difficult for the Board of Supervisors to pursue the types of housing plans that SCoPE 2035 and other housing advocates had been calling for. Even so, Stanford officials have emphasized throughout the process that housing remains a top concern.

'Stanford put considerable effort into proposing a balanced and paced approach that provides new on-campus housing (3,150 student beds and faculty/staff units) in a way that preserves and enhances our academic mission and allows us to properly mitigate the identified environmental and transportation impacts," Jean McCown, Stanford's associate vice president in the office of Government and Community Relations, told the Weekly in an email.

By 2020, McCown said, the university's stock will total 17,900 student beds and housing units. The school has "and will continue to make very significant

BY THE NUMBERS

Stanford's Proposal 2.275 million square feet:

Net new academic space 3.150 units/beds:

Net new housing

550 units/beds:

New housing for faculty, staff, postdoctoral scholars and medical residents

Reduced Project Alternative

1.3 million square feet:

Net new academic space

1.800 units/beds:

Net new housing

300 units/beds:

New housing for faculty, staff, postdoctoral scholars and medical residents

Additional Housing Alternative A

2.275 million square feet: Net new academic space

5,699 units/beds:

Net new housing

2,892 units/beds:

New housing for faculty, staff, postdoctoral scholars and medical residents

Additional Housing Alternative B

2.275 million square feet:

Net new academic space: 4,425 units/beds:

Net new housing:

1,825 units/beds:

New housing for faculty, staff, postdoctoral scholars and medical residents

Source: County of Santa Clara

contributions to the supply of

She also noted that the university is constantly exploring opportunities to build and support construction of new housing, both on campus and in the surrounding region. Stanford is in the midst of building 2,020 new graduate-student beds at Escondido Village, exceeding the amount that the existing General Use Plan calls for. It has secured approval to build 215 apartments in Menlo Park and is now preparing an affordablehousing proposal on Stanford land targeting the school's low-income workers, McCown said Stanford plans to discuss this proposal with county officials in a few weeks.

'We believe Stanford and the County share common goals to benefit our communities, and that, together, we can craft successful solutions," McCown said in an email.

The recirculated portions of the Draft EIR are available at https:// bit.ly/2lr1HaZ. Comments should be addressed to David Rader at david.rader@pln.sccgov.org or at Santa Clara County Planning Office, County Government Center, 70 W. Hedding St., 7th Floor, East Wing, San Jose, CA 95110. ■

CITY HALL

Budget takes aim at pension costs in Palo Alto

City Council to cut \$4 million to address pension backlog

by Gennady Sheyner

larmed by rising pension costs, Palo Alto's elected leaders made a highly unusual move Monday night when they passed an annual budget that includes \$4 million in unspecified cuts.

By a 7-1 vote, with Councilwoman Lydia Kou dissenting and Greg Tanaka and Tom DuBois absent, the City Council approved a \$709.9-million budget for fiscal year 2019 that eliminates 11 positions in the Fire Department and 6.6 positions in other departments.

The budget includes a \$210.7-million general fund, which pays for most basic services, excluding utilities. It also assumes that in the first six months of the fiscal year, which begins July 1, the City Council will reduce expenses by \$4 million and use that money to address the city's unfunded pension liability, which is estimated at more than \$500 million.

In approving the budget, the council followed the recommendation of its Finance Committee. which reviewed the document last month and agreed to explore more cuts. Councilman Greg Scharff, who chairs the council's Finance Committee, said Monday that the committee made a concerted effort this year to focus on the pension problem. Every year that the city does nothing to address its unfunded pension liability, the backlog grows by \$8 million, he said.

Mayor Liz Kniss compared the city's pension problem to having a credit card with an interest rate of 18 percent. The best thing to do is to pay it off as soon as possible.

"This is a sea change for us. This isn't just a small bump. This is the kind of thing we will try to continue on," Kniss said.

Vice Mayor Eric Filseth, a Finance Committee member, called the \$4 million in proposed cuts a "prudent" step in getting a handle on the city's growing unfunded pension liability.

"The later we postpone this, the more difficult — and dramatically more difficult — it would be to get in front of it," Filseth said.

The budget also reflects the council's appetite for infrastructure. It includes \$133.2 million in capital spending, of which \$88.9 million is devoted to the council's infrastructure plan, a list of projects that includes a new public-safety building, new garages downtown and in the California Avenue area, a bike bridge over U.S. Highway 101 and the completion of the Charleston-Arastradero streetscape project.

The council was largely in agreement on the need to address the pension problem and fund infrastructure. Kou, the sole dissenter, said she was concerned about the city's failure to prioritize the projects. Tanaka left before the vote, but he indicated early in the discussion that he is frustrated about the city's spending practices.
"I think for us, staying within

our means is critically important," Tanaka said. "To stick with the budget rather than going to the taxpayers again and again, with more and more tax increases - for us this should be the last resource." ■

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of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council (June 18)
Budget: The council approved the Fiscal Year 2019 budget. Yes: Filseth, Fine,
Holman, Kniss, Scharff, Wolbach No: Kou Absent: DuBois, Tanaka **Hotel tax:** The council approved the placement of a measure on the November ballot that would raise the city's hotel tax rate from 14 percent to 15.5 percent. **Yes:** Filseth, Fine, Holman, Kniss, Scharff, Wolbach No: Kou Absent: DuBois, Tanaka

City Council (June 19)

Rail: The council agreed to eliminate from consideration the "hybrid" and "reverse hybrid" options for grade separation a Churchill Avenue. Yes: DuBois, Fine, Holman, Kou, Scharff, Wolbach No: Tanaka Recused: Filseth, Kniss

Board of Education (June 19)

SEL: The board heard an update on the implementation of new social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum. Action: None CAASPP: The board waived its two-meeting rule and approved a waiver request for reimbursement for CAASPP test costs. Yes: Unanimous Budget: The board adopted the 2018-19 budget and approved related resolutions. Yes: Unanimous

Community relations: The board approved a community relations resolution to address discrimination and racism. Yes: Unanimous

Bond: The board adopted a resolution ordering a school bond election for Nov. 6. Yes: Unanimous

Term limits: The board adopted a resolution ordering a term limits proposal for the Nov. 6 election. **Yes:** Collins, Dauber, DiBrienza, Godfrey **No:** Baten Caswell Election documents: The board waived its two-meeting rule and adopted a resolution to provide materials to the Registrar of Voters for the Nov. 6 election. Yes: Unanimous

Cubberley: The board approved a contract with Concordia LLC, a cost-share agreement with the City of Palo Alto and a CEQA contract with the city for the

agreement with the city of Palo Aito and a CEQA contract with the city for the master planning of Cubberley Community Center. **Yes:** Unanimous **AB 699:** The board waived its two-meeting rule and approved changes to board policies and administrative regulations in response to Assembly Bill 699, which added immigration status as a protected class. **Yes:** Unanimous **LCAP:** The board approved the 2018 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Warrants and purchase orders: The board approved a set of warrants and purchase orders, except for a purchase order for law firm Cozen O'Connor

Architectural Review Board (June 21)

375 Hamilton Ave.: The board reviewed the design for a five-story garage, w one below-grade parking level, at 375 Hamilton Ave., and agreed to continue the review to a future date. Action: None



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The Farm's newest crop of graduates

Stanford University graduates listen to keynote speaker Sterling K. Brown address the crowd inside Stanford Stadium on June 17. In his commencement address at his alma mater, the award-winning actor urged the Class of 2018 to look for opportunity in the unknown and to be themselves - two actions he illustrated in a speech peppered with humor, hashtags, philosophy and moving personal anecdotes. Read more about Brown's speech



Adam Parde

and ceremony by going to PaloAltoOnline.com and searching for "Finding meaning 2018."

PAUSD resolution

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a school board candidate, that states "a process that sought to be sensitive and respectful to all now instead seems to have become an exercise in reproach, rather than an exercise in inclusion."

On Tuesday, parents argued that the resolution would further fracture rather than heal a divided community. Several asked the board to adopt a more inclusive resolution that didn't solely focus on reports of discrimination against Japanese-American citizens. They also urged the board to focus their efforts on enforcing board policy, state and federal law that prohibits discrimination and bullying on the basis of race.

In other business at the last regular board meeting of the school year, the school board approved the district's 2018-19 budget; voted to place a new bond measure on the November 2018 ballot; voted to place on the same ballot a measure that proposes limiting board members to serving two terms; and approved a contract with a consultant that will oversee the district and city's master planning process for Cubberley Community Center.

The board postponed a discussion on a staff proposal to limit "overly broad" Public Records Act requests to a summer retreat that has yet to be scheduled.

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Online This Week

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

Recall chair seeks attorneys fees

The chair of the successful effort to unseat Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Aaron Persky is asking him to pay \$112,456 the campaign incurred in attorneys' fees and out-of-pocket expenses to respond to legal challenges filed by Persky. (Posted June 19, 10:43 a.m.)

Palo Alto officials blast anti-gay poster

A series of posters that lewdly criticize Palo Alto libraries for displaying literature about LGBTQQ issues as part of its Pride Month celebration circulated around Mitchell Park over the weekend and drew a sharp rebuke from city officials Monday afternoon. (Posted June 18, 4:15 p.m.)

Girl on bicycle injured in collision

A girl on her bicycle was injured in a collision with a car on El Camino Real near Barron Avenue in Palo Alto late Monday morning, blocking the roadway for about two hours. (Posted June 18, 12:12 p.m.)

Ex-Theranos execs indicted

The former CEO and chief operating officer of embattled Palo Alto blood-testing company Theranos have been indicted by a federal grand jury for an alleged multimillion-dollar scheme to defraud investors, doctors and patients. Elizabeth Holmes, 34, of Los Altos Hills, and Ramesh "Sunny" Balwani, 53, of Atherton, have been charged with two counts of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and nine counts of wire fraud. (Posted June 15, 11:49 p.m.)

Court documents detail alleged sexual assault

A female high school student who said she was sexually assaulted at gunpoint while on a run in Palo Alto in March told her alleged assailant that she had an infection and needed medication, a defense she believes prevented him from raping her. (Posted June 15, 1:03 p.m)

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Rail

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recent analysis commissioned by the city confirmed that the hybrid option on Churchill would have a "significant impact" on 14 properties and require eight properties to modify their driveways.

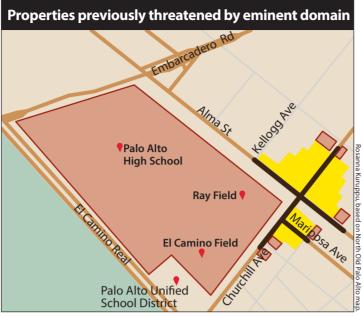
The council also agreed Tuesday to nix the "reverse hybrid" option at Churchill, which called for elevating the road over a partially lowered rail track. That option would have significantly impacted 43 residential properties, with modifications required for an additional three residential driveways.

The council's vote Tuesday effectively killed what up until now have been the most ambitious and expensive alternatives for one of the city's two northernmost grade crossings. It also makes it increasingly likely that the city's preferred solution for Churchill Avenue will be to simply close it to traffic, either fully or on a part-time basis, in conjunction with other traffic improvements.

The council has yet to determine what exactly those traffic improvements would look like, but members signaled Tuesday that widening the nearby Embarcadero Road will likely not be one of them. With residents around Embarcadero voicing concerns about this idea and preparing their own petition on the matter, the council agreed not to consider this option as part of the gradeseparation debate. Instead, members only committed to "study options" for addressing the expected increase in traffic on Embarcadero once Churchill is closed.

Barbara Hazlett, who lives on Emerson Street near Embarcadero, said a neighborhood petition opposing a widened Embarcadero has already garnered about 100 signatures. She asked the council to be explicit in eliminating this option from consideration.

The city is now left with eight options for its four rail crossings, which include four designs for the two southernmost crossings at Meadow Drive and Charleston Road. The city is considering



The Palo Alto City Council on June 18 eliminated grade-separation options for Churchill Avenue that, if selected, could have led to 43 residential properties (in yellow) being seized under eminent domain, according to city analysis.

hybrid and reverse-hybrid options for these two crossings, as well as a tunnel and a viaduct.

On Churchill, the only option that remains on the table is the closure to traffic, though the council has yet to decide whether to close it full-time or part-time. At the Palo Alto Avenue crossing, staff is also considering a street closure (in conjunction with traffic improvements elsewhere), as well as an elevated rail alternative (either a hybrid or a viaduct).

Also on the menu is the citywide tunnel, an idea that has been consistently popular but that is seen by most council members as extremely unlikely because of its high cost.

Though the council agreed to eliminate the two Churchill options with eminent domain implications from consideration, members were split over whether they should extend the same courtesy to the residents around Meadow and Charleston, where a citizen movement similar to Churchill's is taking shape.

Councilman Tom DuBois urged his colleagues to eliminate the hybrid options at all rail crossings. He said he was loath to eliminate an option with eminent domain in one part of the city but leave it in others.

"I think we need to think about a clear process and clear criteria as we go through these options," DuBois said.

Councilwoman Lydia Kou supported the idea, while others argued that scrapping the hybrid option from the two southern crossings would be premature. City Manager James Keene noted that staff has not yet analyzed the impact of raising or lowering the rail tracks on properties around Charleston and Meadow. Making the decision on these crossings at this time, Keene said, would run counter to the council's established process for what he called "the biggest infrastructure decision that the city has faced in generations."

The council ultimately coalesced around a compromise: directing staff to return to the council in August with an analysis of the Meadow and Charleston crossings. At that time, with data at hand, the council will have a chance to decide whether the hybrid and reverse hybrid options should remain. Tanaka, as the sole dissenting vote, agreed with his colleagues that the city should not pursue options that require eminent domain. He voted against the motion after the council declined to accept a series of proposals that he offered, including one calling for a financial analysis of tunneling.

Councilman Adrian Fine, who sits on the council's Rail Committee, agreed with his colleagues about scrapping the two Churchill options but warned not to base all of their decisions on eminent domain. In developing a preferred alternative for each intersection, the council should consider other criteria such as constructability, permitting requirements, safety and funding.

"I'm a little worried that we're using eminent domain criteria to eliminate options that have other attributes that we like," Fine said.

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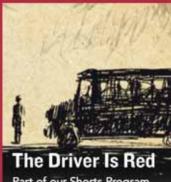
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A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

city council ... The council plans to meet in a closed session to discuss four potential cases. The council also plans to approve modifications to the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) program, approve a comment letter for the re-circulated Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Stanford University General Use Permit application; and consider a new agreement with Stanford University for fire-protection services. The closed session will begin at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 25. Regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to hear updates about the Renzel Pond Project, the Baylands Comprehensive Conservation Plan and potential improvements to Boulware Park. The meeting will begin at 7p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to discuss 999 Alma St., a request for a hearing on the director's tentative approval of a conditional use permit that would allow for gym use at the existing building. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

COMMUNITY

Family helps raise more than \$16M to reunite immigrant families

Funds to benefit immigrant legal services provider to help parents reclaim detained children

by Kate Bradshaw

fter seeing a striking photo of a 2-year-old child crying after being separated from her family by border patrol agents, Charlotte and Dave Willner of Menlo Park last Saturday morning set up a fundraising

campaign on Facebook.

They had hoped to raise \$1,500 for the Refugee Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services, or RAICES, a Texas-based immigrant legal services provider.

Five days later, they've exceeded

that goal thousands of times over: As of June 21, their campaign had raised a staggering \$16.73 million, and garnered donations from 436,000 Facebook users, according to the campaign site at bit.ly/Willnersreunitefamilies.

At one point, for about two hours on Wednesday morning, the viral campaign was raising about \$10,000 a minute, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

The funds raised will be used by RAICES to fund bonds to allow parents to reclaim detained children and offer legal representation for families and unaccompanied children in immigration courts in Texas.

The photo that triggered the Willners' response shows a 2-year-old Honduran asylum seeker crying as her mother is searched and detained near the U.S.-Mexico border on June 12 in McAllen, Texas, according to the Chronicle. It was taken by John Moore of Getty Images.

In six weeks, about 2,000 children have been taken away from

their parents as part of a Trump administration policy, which seeks to criminally prosecute all immigrants who illegally cross the border, according to the New York Times.

The administration launched a "zero tolerance" immigration policy in April, which laid out plans to prosecute adults who attempt to enter the country illegally and separate them from any children they might bring with them.

Children from Central America separated from their families by immigration authorities at the border have been documented crying and in great distress, including in an anonymous recording released by ProPublica.

More than 100 children in detention are under 4 years old and the children are initially held in warehouses, tents or box stores that have been converted into Border Patrol detention facilities, the publication reports.

On Wednesday, June 20, President Trump signed an order ending the policy of separating families at the border, but continuing the "zero tolerance" policy.

Charlotte Willner wrote on the fundraising page, "Make no mistake that the administration is changing course because people spoke out. You showed that you're not okay with this, that none of this okay, and that you won't stand for it. This fundraiser started with the hope of reuniting maybe one family, but it grew. It grew so big that it couldn't

be ignored. And it's groups like this and people like you that are responsible for progress in a matter of days, so that mothers and fathers can hug their children again. Your voice and actions matter. Keep them going strong."

RAICES released a statement. also on Facebook June 18, expressing gratitude for funds generated through the Willners' campaign. "Thanks is inadequate for the work these funds will make possible. We know it will change lives. We know it will save lives by keeping people from being deported to unsafe countries. We've been occasionally crying around the office all day when we check the fundraising totals. This is such a profound rejection of the cruel policies of this administration. Take heart. There are terrible things happening in the world. And there are many people who are deciding not to look away but to do something."

In addition to running their campaign through Facebook, the Willners have closer Facebook connections. National Public Radio reported that the two previously worked at the company, though now Charlotte works at Pinterest and Dave at Airbnb. Both Mark Zuckerberg and Sheryl Sandberg donated undisclosed amounts to the campaign, Politico reported.

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CITY OF PALO ALTO DIRECTOR'S HEARING 250 Hamilton Avenue

250 Hamilton Avenue, Community Meeting Room July 5, 2018 at 3:00PM

Action Items

PUBLIC HEARING / QUASI-JUDICIAL. 2671 Kipling Street [18PLN-00071]: Request for Director's Review on a Tentative Approval of an Individual Review Application for Demolition of an Existing one-Story Home and Construction of a two-Story 2,478 square foot home with an attached garage. Environmental Assessment: Exempt From the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in Accordance With Guideline Section 15303 (New Construction). Zoning District: R-1 (Single Family Residential). For More Information Contact the Project Planner Samuel Gutierrez at samuel.gutierrez@cityofpaloalto.org

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News Digest

Eric Filseth to seek second council term

Vice Mayor Eric Filseth, a staunch proponent of pension reform and restrictions on commercial growth, announced Wednesday his candidacy for a second term on the Palo Alto City Council.

With the announcement, Filseth joins his council colleagues Tom DuBois and Cory Wolbach and resident Alison Cormack in the race for three open seats in November. Like DuBois, Filseth has been a consistent proponent of slow-growth policies, particularly in regards to commercial development. He supports the citizen initiative to reduce the citywide cap on office development and he had argued for Comprehensive Plan policies with fewer new jobs."

"There's been a huge amount of discussion about the role of commercial development in terms of the jobs-housing imbalance, which is contributing to parking and traffic woes," Filseth told the Weekly. "I think it's appropriate that we slow it down."

A retired semiconductor-industry executive who now serves on the boards of two tech startups, Filseth joined the council in 2014 and has served on the Finance Committee in each of his four years. Though he has generally voted with DuBois, Councilwoman Karen Holman and Councilwoman Lydia Kou on items pertaining to growth and development, he has also often found himself in alignment with Councilman Greg Scharff and Mayor Liz Kniss. As such, he has often found himself in the role of the council's swing vote and chief centrist.

Filseth said he believes the biggest challenge for the council in the coming years will be finding ways to invest in the community while also dealing with escalating construction costs and growing pension liabilities.

-Gennady Sheyner

School board pushes back against legal bills

Palo Alto school board members rejected Tuesday night a budget increase for one of its law firms — the fourth increase this year — directing staff to instead negotiate the mounting costs.

Staff had asked the board to approve an additional \$40,000 for Cozen O'Connor, whose attorneys have been assisting the district in matters related to federal civil-rights law Title IX, including conducting investigations into past allegations of sexual misconduct as required under a resolution agreement with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

The latest increase would bring Cozen O'Connor's budget through April to over \$1 million, with bills for May and June still to come.

The board approved two weeks ago a \$125,000 increase for the firm, with board member Todd Collins criticizing staff for asking the board to approve money that had already been spent.

Interim Superintendent Karen Hendricks said Tuesday that the firm's investigations into past cases have often become "deeper" and "broader," making it difficult to put a firm outline around the scope of work.

Board members have previously expressed an interest in hiring a general counsel to bring down increasing legal costs. The district listed a job posting for the position in May but has not yet interviewed any candidates.

-Elena Kadvany

Plan to raise hotel tax takes turn

Palo Alto's elected leaders unexpectedly scaled down on Monday night their plans to raise the city's hotel-tax rate after several City Council members balked at making the local rate so much higher than in other jurisdictions.

The council majority still favored on Monday placing on the November ballot a 2 percent increase in the transient-occupancy rate, which would raise it from 14 to 16 percent and make it the highest in the state. But after tough negotiations by Mayor Liz Kniss, the council agreed to move to 15.5 percent instead.

The increase from 14 percent to 16 percent would have generated an additional \$3.4 million in annual revenues, which would be devoted to infrastructure spending. A move to 15.5 percent would yield an expected \$2.55 million.

The city last raised its hotel tax in 2014, when voters approved moving it from 12 percent to 14 percent. Going up to 16 percent would give Palo Alto the highest rate in the state, above the 15 percent rate that Anaheim charges. Most cities in the region have rates of 10 percent or 12 percent.

Councilman Greg Scharff tried to win Kniss' support by proposing moving to 15.75 percent but she held firm and made an amendment to move to 15.5 percent. Concerned about seeing the measure collapse altogether, the council voted 4-2 to adopt Kniss' amendment, with Fine and Councilwoman Lydia Kou dissenting. The council then voted 6-1, with Kou as the sole dissenter, to place the amended measure on the ballot.

-Gennady Sheyner



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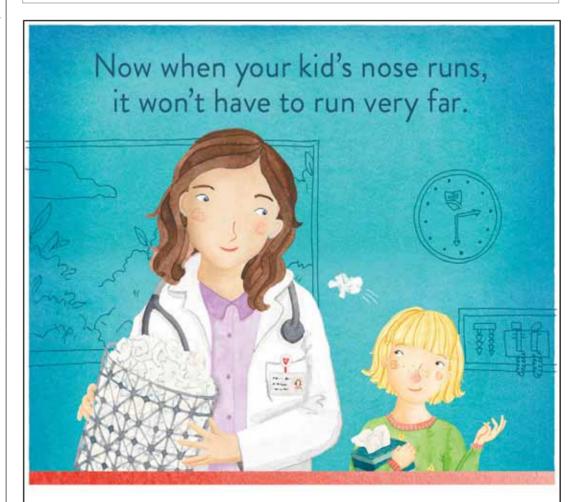
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AGENDA-SPECIAL MEETING-COUNCIL CHAMBERS June 25, 2018, 5:00 PM

Closed Session

 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(1): Four Potential Cases

Consent Calendar

- Approval of Contract Number C18171689 With Toubar Equipment Company, Inc. for a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$716,030 for Landfill Gas Collection and Control System and Leachate Collection System Improvements at the Palo Alto Landfill Over a Term of 90 Days
- Approval and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute an Electric Enterprise Fund Professional Services Contract With Activu Corporation in the Amount of \$438,006, Including Change Orders for Additional Related but Unforeseen Work in the Amount of \$43,800, for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$481,006, for the Utility Control Room Upgrade Project
- Approval of a General Services Contract With O'Grady Paving, Inc. for Maintenance of the Renzel Marsh Freshwater Pond for a Total Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$511,500 Over a Four Month Term
- Approval of a Five-year Contract With Telecommunications Engineering Associates (TEA) in a Total Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$500,000 for Annual Maintenance Services of Legacy Radio Infrastructure Plus a Contingency Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$25,000 per Year for Additional Services
- 7. Approval of Contract Number C18172268 With Municipal Resources Group for Council Appointed Officers Performance Evaluation for a Duration Through June 30, 2019 With the Option to Extend two Additional Years for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$180,000
- 8. QUASI-JUDICIAL. 2515-2585 El Camino Real [17PLN-00448]: Recommendation on Applicant's Request for Approval of a Vesting Tentative Map to Merge two Lots and Subdivide the Combined 39,953 Square Foot lot Into 13 Residential Condominiums and up to 13 Retail Commercial Units. The Subdivision Map Would Facilitate Construction of the Previously Approved 39,858 Square Foot Mixeduse Development Project (15PLN-00170). Environmental Assessment: Reuse of a Previously Adopted Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Prepared for the Associated Development Application (15PLN-00170). Zoning District: Neighborhood Commercial (CN) and Community Commercial (CC) (2) Zoning District
- Approval of Amendment Number 1 to the Agreement With Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) for PAUSD Athletic Field Brokering and Maintenance Cost-sharing to Extend the Term to December 2019
- 10. Approval and Authorization for the City Manager or his Designee to Execute the Following six Utilities Public Benefits Program Contract Amendments: 1) Amendment Number 1 to CLEAResult Consulting, Inc. C15159135 Increasing Compensation by \$910,000 and Extending the Term for Three Additional Years; 2) Amendment Number 1 to Eagle Systems International, Inc. DBA Synergy Companies C15159126 Number 2 to Eagle Systems International, Inc. DBA Synergy Companies C15159125 Increasing Compensation by \$900,000 and Extending the Term for Three Additional Years; 4) Amendment Number 1 to Ecology Action of Santa Cruz C15155144A With no Increase in Compensation and Extending the Term for two Additional Years; 5) Amendment Number 1 to Enovity, Inc. C15155144B with no Increase in Compensation and Extending the Term for two Additional Years; and 6) Amendment Number 1 to BASE Energy, Inc. C15155144C With no Increase in Compensation
- 11. Policy and Services Committee Recommends Approval of the Status Update of the Community Services Department: Fee Schedule Audit
- Adoption of a Resolution Determining the Proposed Calculation of the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2019
- 13. Approval of a Construction Contract With Vortex Marine Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,097,281 for the Baylands Boardwalk Improvements Capital Improvement Project PE-14018 and Approve Budget Amendments in the Capital Improvement Fund and the Parkland Dedication Fee Fund
- Adoption of a Memorandum of Agreement and Salary Schedule Between the City of Palo Alto and the Palo Alto Peace Officers' Association Effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021
- 15. Approval of the Renewal of Three Public-private Partnership Agreements Between the City of Palo Alto and TheatreWorks, Palo Alto Players, and West Bay Opera for the use of the Lucie Stern Community Theatre
- 16. Approval of a Contract With Summit Uniforms for Five-years for a Maximum Compensation Amount Not-to-Exceed \$520,000 (\$104,000/ Year) for the Purchase of Police, Fire, and Park Ranger Uniforms and Related Equipment
- Approval of an Exemption From Competitive Solicitation Requirements and Approval of a One-year Contract With Dixon Resources Unlimited, Contract Number C18172676 in an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$285,126 for Support of the City's Parking Programs

- 18. QUASI-JUDICIAL/PUBLIC HEARING. 3225 El Camino Real [17PLN-00007]: Request for a Vesting Tentative Map to Subdivide a 29,962 Square Foot Parcel Into two Parcels Comprised of one Commercial Parcel and one Residential Parcel for Condominium Purposes. Environmental Assessment: An Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) was Previously Prepared for an Associated Development Application (15PLN-00003) That was Approved by the Director of Planning & Community Environment on April 21, 2016. Zoning District: Service Commercial (CS)
- 19. Approval of Amendment Number 4 to the Agreement With the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for Rail Shuttle Bus Service Administration to Extend the Term of the Agreement for One-year and for the City to Provide an Additional \$130,600 for Community Shuttle Service on the Existing Embarcadero Shuttle Route From July 2018 Until June 2019
- Approval of Contract Amendment Number Three to Contract Number C15158029 With Schaaf & Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers to Increase the Construction Support Budget in the Amount of \$21,000 for Additional Work and to Extend the Contract Term for the Matadero Creek Storm Water Pump Station Capital Improvement Program Project SD-13003.
- 21. Adoption of a Resolution of the Council Expressing Appreciation to Lalo Perez Upon his Retirement
- 22. Approval of a Five-year Contract With All City Management Services, Inc., Effective August 1, 2018, in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$3,096,779 for Crossing Guard Services for the Palo Alto Unified School District and Approval of a Budget Amendment in the General Fund
- 23. SECOND READING: Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Palo Alto Municipal Code Title 18 (Zoning) Chapter 18.30 (Combining Districts) to add a new Combining District to Allow for Higher Density Multifamily Housing That Includes a Workforce Housing Component to be Located on Public Facilities Zoned Properties Within 0.5 Miles of Fixed Rail Transit Stations; and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map to Apply the new Combining District to the Subject Property at 2755 El Camino Real (FIRST READING: June 4, 2018 PASSED: 7-2 Holman, Kou no)
- Approval of Contract Number C18171717 With Perkins + Will for the Preparation of the North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan for an Amount Not-To-Exceed \$699,153
- 25. Policy and Services Recommendation to Accept the Continuous Monitoring Audit: Overtime
- Direction to the City Manager to set Aside \$3 Million in Affordable Housing Funds for a Potential Project to House Teachers at 231 Grant Avenue
- 27. SECOND READING: Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) Title 18 (Zoning), Chapter 18.28 (Special Purpose (PF, OS and AC) Districts), Sections 18.28.050, 18.28.060 and 18.28.090 to Revise the Public Facilities (PF) Zone Parking and Development Standards to Allow Council Approval of Exceptions to PF Development Standards, Including Setback Lines Imposed by a Special Setback Map, and Required Parking Location for City Parking Facilities in the Downtown and California Avenue Business District and for Essential Services Buildings, and Make Other Clerical or Technical Corrections (FIRST READING: June 11, 2018 PASSED: 8-0 Tanaka not Participating)
- 28. Approval of Amendment Number One to Professional Services Contract Number C16161182 With Freytag & Associates to Extend the Term of the Agreement for One and a Half Years (1.5 years) to end December 31, 2019 with No Additional Cost to the City for Professional Services Related to Airplane Noise Assessment and Mitigation

Action Items

- 29. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of a Resolution Confirming Weed Abatement Report and Ordering Cost of Abatement to be a Special Assessment on the Respective Properties Described Therein
- 30. Adoption of a Resolution Related to the Downtown Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program Reducing or Otherwise Amending the Number of Employee Parking Permits and Making Related Changes, Modifying or Maintaining the Prohibition on Re-Parking in the RPP District More Than two Hours After Initially Parking, and Making Other Clarifying Modifications to Resolution 9671. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Continued From April 2, 2018)
- Review and Provide Direction on a Draft Comment Letter to the Santa Clara County Planning Office on the Stanford University General Use Permit Re-circulated Draft Environmental Impact Report
- 32. Recommended Terms of Agreement for Fire Protection Services to Stanford University for the Period January 1, 2018 - June 30, 2023 and Settlement of Prior Claim for Overpayment

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A weekly compendium of vital statistics

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VIOLENT CRIMES

Palo Alto

N. California Avenue, 3/9, 10:15 a.m.; sexual assault/rape.

Suspicious circumstances 2

Warrant arrest.....

Moreno Avenue, 6/11, 9:00 a.m.; elder abuse/financial.

Fulton Street, 6/14, 10:01 p.m.; domestic violence/misc.

Menlo Park

Laurel Avenue, 6/18, 1:42 p.m.; spousal abuse.



Tony Awaida

May 6, 1995 - June 9, 2018

Tony Awaida, 23, of Palo Alto, died unexpectedly on June 9, 2018. He was born on May 6, 1995 in Palo Alto. A 2013 graduate of Palo Alto High School, Tony went on to graduate from UC Santa Cruz in December 2017 with a degree in Computer Science. Tony leaves behind his father Antony Awaida of Palo Alto, his mother and stepfather Janet (Fielding) and Kevin Buck of Laguna Niguel, his brother Alex Awaida of Palo Alto, his step-sisters Sarah Wilson of



step-sisters Sarah Wilson of Nixa, Missouri, and Megan Buck of Portland, Oregon, and many loving extended family and friends.

Tony loved the mountains and the ocean. He was an avid surfer, hiker and all-around outdoors person. He was a kind and loving soul who connected deeply with people and the world around him. Tony held a passionate belief that his generation would impact the world in a positive way, and that together they could accomplish anything

As a living legacy to Tony, the "Tony Awaida Fund for Environmental Solutions" has been established at UC Santa Cruz. This permanent endowment will support the Coastal Science and Policy program, a new interdisciplinary graduate program that will train the next generation of global leaders to examine the interconnectedness of coastal and environmental problems and to facilitate systemic and collaborative solutions. In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to contribute to the fund to honor and memorialize Tony's passion for enjoying the gift of nature. Please visit TonyAwaida.com/donate for more information.

A Celebration of Life for Tony will be held June 30, 2018, 5:30 pm., Seymour Marine Discovery Center, 100 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Pictures and tributes to Tony are posted at TonyAwaida.com.

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Irwin Roth

September 20, 1928 - April 17, 2018

Irwin "Irv" Roth passed away at home surrounded by his loving family after a long battle with congestive heart failure on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. He is survived by Frances, his wife of 67 years; his 5 children: Alison, Daniel,

Stephanie, Andrea, and Lisa; his children's partners: Karin Ashley, Kim Klein, and Larry McDonald; his grandchildren Emma and Alexanna; and his beloved dog Lindsey.

Irv was born in Jackson Heights, New York, the youngest of Louis and Rose Roth's four children. Too young to serve in the Navy with his siblings in World War II, he joined the NROTC and pursued a BS in Electrical Engineering at the University of Virginia, where he was a member of Tau Beta Pi.

After graduating from UVA, Irv was stationed in Long Beach, California and served as a naval officer at sea on the USS Samuel N Moore during the Korean War. His shipmates remained some of his closest friends despite being scattered across the country.

After leaving the Navy he declared himself a Californian by choice, and settled in Palo Alto with his growing family. He began his long engineering career at Stanford Research Institute while earning his Masters in Electrical Engineering at Stanford University, and was involved in building the satellite tracking dishes that still stand in the hills above the university.

While working at various companies (most significantly Ampex) in what has become Silicon Valley, Irv engaged in community and public service, taught mathematics evening classes at Foothill College, tutored young inmates at the county jail, lead Junior Achievement groups and served on the Wedde Handiswimmers Board.

Upon retirement from engineering, he took a job at REI tuning skis and bicycles. His last and perhaps most satisfying job was the over 10 years he spent working at Peet's Coffee in Town and Country Village in Palo Alto. He

enjoyed interacting with the customers as a barista and coffee salesman, as well as fixing the equipment in the store.

Irv loved working with his hands. His avocations included sandal making, carving linoleum blocks for prints and, in his later years, watercolor painting. His paintings are scattered around the country and the world, appreciated by his art classmates, friends, and family.

In his 50s he took up running and participated in 10K races around the Bay Area almost every weekend until his mid-60s. At age 65 he ran in his first marathon, raising money for leukemia research with Team in Training. After completing a second marathon he had a knee replacement and was encouraged to take up swimming. Thereafter Irv swam early every morning with the Stanford Masters Program.

A consummate family man, he was proudest of the children he raised with his wife Frances, and of his many nieces and nephews who consider him a second father. We remember him fondly and will miss him greatly.

A memorial will be held on September 22, 2018, time and location tbd

The Nature Conservancy https://support.nature.org

Animal Rescue Foundation https://www.arflife.org

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Editorial

Our incivility contagion

A divided City Council has helped create a toxic political atmosphere for the fall election

alo Alto politics has historically been relatively polite, respectful, accepting of different visions for the city's future and lacking in divisive rhetoric.

Vigorous debate always took place, but the views of opposing council members were never characterized as disingenuous nor were colleagues openly disrespected or bullied during council discussions.

Over the last several years, those traditional norms have been steadily eroding, replaced by behavior that seeks to label and marginalize opponents, exaggerate differences and abandon the art of compromise and the value of unifying the citizens of Palo Alto. It is a political trend that is engulfing Washington and is increasingly infecting local non-partisan political bodies, even in a highly educated and engaged community like ours.

This fall's municipal election campaign season will be an important test for candidates but perhaps even more so their supporters and voters. Will it be possible to have an honest community debate over important issues without exaggerated or false claims about candidates or issues, or will we see a repeat of the last two campaigns in 2014 and 2016?

If it were not enough that the city is implementing with this election the reduction of the council's size from nine to seven members, there will be three controversial ballot measures sure to stir up controversy.

With the announcement this week by Vice Mayor Eric Filseth that he will seek a second term, all three eligible incumbents (Filseth, Cory Wolbach and Tom DuBois) and, as of now, one challenger (Alison Cormack) will be seeking one of just three available seats. (There would normally have been five seats up this year, but because of the size reduction, there are only three.) Council members Greg Scharff and Karen Holman are terming out after nine years.

The ballot measures are two voter-qualified initiatives — one to reduce the existing cap on total commercial development in the city and another to impose a cap on the amount local health care providers can charge patients — and a measure placed on the ballot by the City Council seeking an increase in the hotel tax to 15.5 percent.

If the open hostility and tension exhibited by some council members and their political allies during and since the 2016 election is any indication, the combination of a council race and these controversial ballot measures, including a possible competing measure the council majority may put on the ballot to counter the commercial growth initiative, threatens to make this another divisive election season.

Political gamesmanship was on display last week when the council debated (between 11:30 and 1 a.m.) whether the city should pay for a consultant to conduct a broad analysis of the impacts of the growth-cap initiative even though the initiative had legally qualified for the ballot and the council's only real option is to offer a competing measure.

Proposed by Scharff and couched as a desire to conduct due diligence on the fiscal impact of lowering the current citywide commercial growth cap from 1.7 million square feet to 850,000 between 2015 and 2030, it was an obvious politically motivated effort, at taxpayer's expense, to use a consultant to develop the case against the initiative that could then be used to defeat it or win approval for an alternative measure.

With even the city staff stating that the lowered cap was unlikely to have any impact given the rate of development in Palo Alto, and even with a recently completed environmental impact report for the just-updated Comprehensive Plan that addressed most of the issues Scharff wants studied, on a 5-4 vote (Scharff, Kniss, Wolbach, Fine and Tanaka voting in favor) the council approved the hiring of a consultant and the delay — until late July or early August — of council action on the citizens' initiative and a possible competing measure. That schedule means a special meeting needs to be held during the time the council is on its summer break and when it will likely be impossible to gather all nine members.

The acrimony and disrespect was palpable in the council chambers as the night wore on, with Councilman Adrian Fine warning his colleagues against "grandstanding" and more than one council member taking audience members to task for wearing misleading buttons saying "Don't double growth."

Everyone needs to step back and stop this behavior. Citizens should be embarrassed to wear a button that so badly mischaracterizes their own initiative, but their behavior pales in comparison to that of councilmembers who can't seem to curb their impulses to treat those with whom they disagree disrespectfully.

The council's summer break comes none too soon. May they return with cooler heads and work to forge compromise instead of continue to fuel a growing contagion of incivility and snarkiness in our community.

Spectrum Editorials, letters and opinions

Letters

Don't outsource city auditing

Editor,

I write to encourage the City Council to consider carefully the budget recommendation to eliminate staffing for the Office of the City Auditor through outsourcing. While some city functions are appropriate for outsourcing, city auditing is not. Far better would be to ask every city office to cut a percentage of expenses to meet demands for our financial forecast.

I first became aware of the city auditor's important role when working with our libraries. Instead of cutting a branch, a critical report helped align staffing with highdemand service hours.

The Office of the City Auditor has also led to better coordination of street cuts and street repair, improved contract-processing times, adoption of an employee-ethics policy and implementation of a whistleblower hotline, improved monitoring of water usage in parks and park maintenance, establishment of provisions for purchasing natural gas and electricity, improved controls over overtime pay, improved ambulance billing practices and improved code-enforcement practices to more quickly deal with eyesore properties, among other efficiencies.

There are very few firms that do performance auditing. Creating contracts would mean consultants coming in and out, and I believe result in reports of far less quality than in-house audits done by professional staff. I believe we would have far fewer hard-hitting recommendations than we have come to expect.

Palo Alto citizens put this function in the city charter with good reason. The office not only issues audits but also holds the city manager accountable to assess progress and implement recommendations. This continuity cannot be contracted. The city of Berkeley also has this function — good practice in our vital college towns!

City services that are fundamental to good governance should not be privatized. Let's continue this practice.

Megan Swezey Fogarty Bryant Street, Palo Alto

No to computer-science requirement

Editor,

Although the use of computers is rising, computer science should not be a requirement for high school graduation. There is no doubt that the ability to use computers is crucial, and a high percentage of

students will, in some point in their lives, regardless of profession, need to use computers. However, the drawbacks of adding a graduation requirement outweigh the benefits.

Firstly, students would repeatedly have to use computers and practice what they learnt to preserve the knowledge. Students would easily forget what they were taught within months due to the insanely high amount of information they have to remember for other classes. A one-semester course would not be sufficient.

Secondly, many students already believe the amount of time left, after filling up their schedule with the required courses, is very minimal. The requirement of another course will reduce that even more. Instead, some basics of computer science should be implemented within the core subjects. Projects that involve the use of computers should be added to the curriculums. For example, students could learn to code simple functions to solve mathematical problems or create a program to organize data from a lab in science.

Rohan Bhave Mayview Avenue, Palo Alto

Brick intersection is problematic

Editor,

Interesting that nobody mentioned the red brick intersection at Ross Road and Mayview Avenue in the discussion of recent Ross Road changes. I wondered if the city had an extra \$100,000 to spend and said, "Let's spend it making that intersection all brick."

Anyone who has an artistic eye wonders why red bricks are only there when every other intersection is asphalt. Is it: "We have to spend our whole budget?" Or could it be a planner who has a brick business?

Wanda Walker Ross Road, Palo Alto

Applause for wellness committee

Editor,

I attended the book launch for the Teen Wellness Committee at Children's Health Council. What an incredible project and what impressive teens they are! The team is a group of 19 teens from local high schools who are motivated to take action to address the mental health of kids in the south bay and beyond. CHC oversees and supports this project, which is in its third year. In the last year they've created and published a book, "Just a Thought: Uncensored Narratives of Teen Mental Health."

These smart, savvy, psychologically aware, energetic young people aim high. Their goals are

to educate the community about mental health and push for expanding resources, lowering the stigma of mental illness and encouraging discussion between parents and kids. A major goal is to facilitate awareness that mental illness is a public health issue.

As a long time mental health therapist, I applaud these kids and CHC for this incredible contribution to the community.

Judith C. Simon San Antonio Road, Los Altos

California Avenue tunnel is fine

Editor,

I fear the article about "whizzing cyclists" being a danger to pedestrians in the California Avenue tunnel (June 15) is another case of Palo Altans making mountains out of a molehills. I have been using that tunnel as pedestrian and biker since 1975, with a 20-year period of daily commuting to work and back through it. I never recall an incident of a clash between bikers and walkers.

Of course it is a somewhat tight space as people pass and one must be mindful of that, and I suspect there are occasional clashes similar to those that occur on busy sidewalks. But compared with the clashes I have seen above ground between cars, pedestrians and bikes over those same years, there is no comparison.

Perhaps the tunnel can be improved, but I prefer spending scarce bike/pedestrian-improvement dollars on other things in our city. Things, for example, to transition us away broad boulevards and parking spaces for cars to wider sidewalks and separated bike boulevards.

Steve Eittreim Ivy Lane, Palo Alto

Garage will be harmful

Editor,

The City Council has voted, with near-unanimity, to proceed with the building of a permanent parking structure in the California Avenue district. This decision. whose intent is to accommodate the maximum number of cars in this commercial and residential area, favors the short-term interests of a small number of constituents over the long-term interests of our city. I look forward to the next election in which I will do my utmost to remove from office every City Council member who supported this bizarre decision and replace them with citizens who have demonstrated a greater sense of civic responsibility and environmental stewardship. The only way to break the cycle is to break the cycle.

Barry Katz Margarita Avenue, Palo Alto

Check out Town Square!

Hundreds of local topics are being discussed by local residents on Town Square, a reader forum sponsored by the Weekly at PaloAltoOnline.com/square. Post your own comments, ask questions or just stay up on what people are talking about around town!

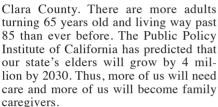
Guest Opinion

We need a master plan to address the needs of our aging population

by Paula Wolfson

n Palo Alto, we have a perfect storm on the horizon as the population ages and the cost of living continues to increase.

Palo Alto has one of the most rapidly aging populations in Santa



In Palo Alto, many older adults can't — or will not be able to — afford the high cost of private home care, assisted living and health insurance co-pays for emergency room stays, ambulance transports, dental work, prescriptions ... The list goes on. And those who are house rich but cash poor will not be able afford to live or die in the place they have called home for more than 40 years.

I recently consulted with a staff member at a local suicide hot line who has worked the evening shift for more than 10 years. He confirms that he is receiving calls now from older adults who have suicidal thoughts due to the rising costs of rentals, the lack of affordable senior housing and difficulties accessing health care.



Family caregivers also face critical financial, emotional and physical health risks.

The Center for Disease Control designates older family caregivers as an at-risk subgroup. They are at risk for social isolation, stroke, heart disease, autoimmune disorders, chronic pain and crippling anxiety.

My Palo Alto caregiver group members recently took a stress survey. Several members within our groups stated that they feel cut off from friends, fatigued, do not sleep well, have not had respite in months and feel scared about their financial futures.

One family caregiver, an adult daughter in her 60s, described her life as a "living hell." She is driving daily between two different households to assist frail, elderly relatives. One relative has had a series of strokes and is incontinent, and the other relative has diabetes and memory loss. She is on a medication regimen that includes 20 pills.

While there are some local efforts taking place to address the growing needs of our rapidly expanding aging population and their stressed family caregivers, there is no coordinated federal, state, county and city "master plan."

The City of Palo Alto, Avenidas and the Alzheimer's Association have partnered to create an Age Friendly and Dementia a Friendly City Initiative. Last March, 150 Palo Alto residents met with a panel of elder care providers to learn about dementia signs and symptoms and strategies

for coping with challenging behaviors.

At Stanford University Hospital, medical professionals recently attended a seminar over a period of many months to bring hospital administrative staff in dialogue with quality-assurance staff and health providers to examine the gaps in care for frail elders.

For things to improve for family caregivers, we need a coordinated system and "road map" linking the entire region's elder care community and medical care networks.

I am suggesting that we conduct a new survey and or census on the issues that impact older family caregivers who reside in Palo Alto and Santa Clara County.

We need to know how many of you now 65-plus are care giving for a frail older loved one, a disabled adult child, grandchildren or perhaps some combined version in your household. How much of your budget is going toward the care of a loved one? Where do you obtain your health care? Are your urgent care needs met? What type of services do you need? Is there a delay for health care services? Were you instructed of your Medicare patient rights?

I am told by my caregiver group members that there are significant delays for scheduling a comprehensive cognitive status exam with a neurologist and for a first-home visit with a palliative care team. Most of my clients have had difficult experiences with a rushed discharge from a skilled facility or have not received Medicare policies forms required during the hospital admissions

process and prior to discharge.

Until we have a master plan, learn to take control of what you can, when you can. Voice your concerns. And finally, know your patient's rights:

- Become familiar with the Social Security and Medicare website Medicare. gov. If you are the legal decision maker for an incapacitated loved one, you have the right to file a Medicare appeal and or grievance concerning payment costs, prescription changes, discharge plans from a hospital, nursing home or home health service.
- Contact Medicare with any questions at 800-633-4227, or call 800-434-0222 to discuss your concerns with staff at the California Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program.
- Purchase a caregiver ID tag which states, "I am a caregiver. If I am found down, please call this number."
- Have a team meeting with relatives, neighbors and friends: Delegate tasks; try to arrange for time-off coverage; and in case of an emergency, back-up support.
 - Join a caregiver support group.
- If you are having thoughts of suicide, go to your local emergency room or call the Suicide Hotline at 800-273-8255.

Paula Wolfson, LCSW, manager of Avenidas Care Partners, provides elder care consultations, counseling, crisis intervention and emotional support to older adults and their significant others. She can be reached at pwolfson@avenidas. org.

Streetwise

What are your summer vacation plans?

Asked on California Avenue in Palo Alto. Question, interviews and photographs by Tara Madhav.



Jessica Weiss Student Ensign Way, Palo Alto

"I just went on a trip and now I'm trying to figure out internships."



Anoushka Sharma Student Suzanne Drive, Palo Alto

"I'm going to Canada with my family and then I'm spending the summer in Chicago with my family."



Jonelle Preisser Retired Grant Avenue, Palo Alto

"I'm keeping my carbon footprint small and inviting my grandkids to visit since they have more time during the summer. Maybe we'll go camping nearby."



Susanna Limb Student Grant Avenue, Palo Alto

"I'm going to San Diego for college orientation and then I'm working at a bunch of volleyball camps."



Tira Oskoui Student Iris Way, Palo Alto

"I'm here for a couple more days, then I'm going to Boston and interning at the city's Department of Health."

Book Talk

DATA AND PRIVACY...

Cyrus Farivar, senior tech policy reporter at Ars Technica and author of "Habeas Data: Privacy vs. the Rise of Surveillance Tech" will join Angie Coiro at Kepler's Books from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, to discuss data and privacy. In his book, Farivar explores how the explosive growth of surveillance technology has outpaced our understanding of the ethics, mores and laws of privacy. Most of us have nothing to hide. They will discuss how the The Cambridge Analytica scandal has finally given pause to even to the most indifferent. What is our information being used for. and who's paving for it? How has our identifying data gone from buying cheerful digital farm animals to swaying world events? Is it too late to put on the brakes? Kepler's Books is located at 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. To RSVP, go to keplers.org.

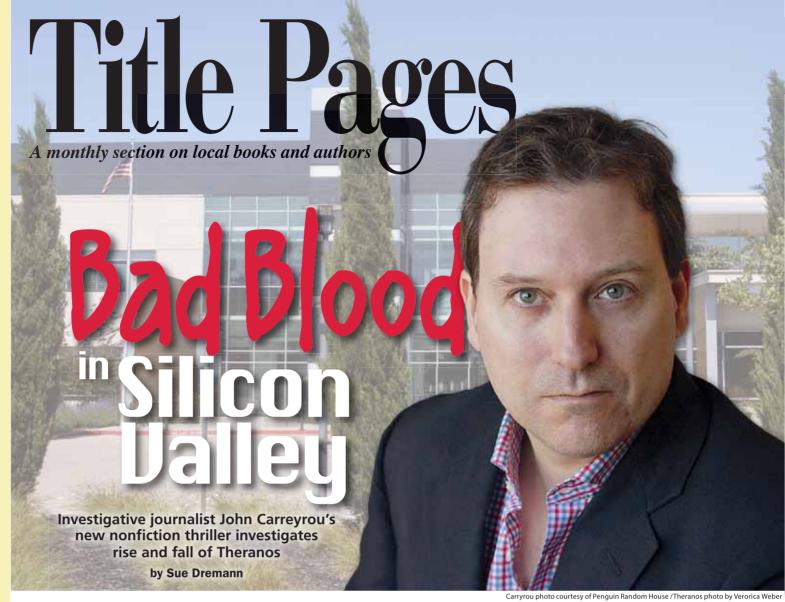
'CAGED' THRILLER RELEASED...

Bay Area author Ellison Cooper, who worked as a murder investigator in Washington, D.C., is set to celebrate the launch for her debut thriller "Caged" at Books Inc. in Palo Alto at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, July 10. In the book, FBI neuroscientist Sayer Altair hunts for evil in the deepest recesses of the human mind. Still reeling from the death of her fiancé, she wants nothing more than to focus on her research into the brains of serial killers. But when the Washington, D.C., police stumble upon a gruesome murder scene involving a girl who'd been slowly starved to death while held captive in a cage, Sayer is called in to lead the investigation.

Books Inc. is located 74 Town & Country Village.

AUTISM'S NAZI TIES EXPLORED...

Palo Alto historian and resident Edith Sheffer's newest book, "Asperger's Children: The Origins of Autism in Nazi Vienna." explores how Hans Asperger, the pioneering autism researcher after whom Asperger syndrome is named, actively participated in the Nazi regime's child "euthanasia" program that killed disabled children. The book offers a comprehensive history of the links between autism and Nazism . Asperger, who is credited with shaping current ideas of autism and Asperger syndrome, has a reputation for protecting and defending disabled children from Nazi persecution. The archival record, however, tells a far different and darker story. Files in Vienna reveal that Asperger was not only involved in the racial ideologies of Nazism, but sent dozens of children to their deaths at Spiegelgrund, where nearly 800 children were murdered under the Nazis' program to rid society of lives deemed a "burden." "Asperger's Children: The Origins of Autism in Nazi Vienna" was released in May. For more information, go to EdithSheffer. com and Aspergerschildren.com



Investigative journalist John Carreyrou recounts how he exposed a multibillion-scam in his new book, "Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup."

he day before he gave a keynote address to health care journalists in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 14, Wall Street Journal investigative reporter John Carreyrou learned he had been the target of a Space Invaders-style assassination by employees at Palo Alto bloodtesting company Theranos, Inc.

The video game used company products to represent the black gun and the bullets; the biological agent for killing him was Zika virus, he said. (Theranos' management did not sanction the game, he later said. The creator messaged him that it was a way to learn the Python programming software and try to cheer up co-workers after morale at the company plummeted.)

Carreyrou — author of the new book "Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup," about the embattled company and its CEO and founder, Los Altos Hills resident Elizabeth Holmes — became the object of the company's wrath three years ago. Starting in October 2015, he exposed the startup's allegedly fraudulent practices in a series of articles. The book that followed, released by Alfred A. Knopf/Penguin Random House on May 21, tells step-by-step the chilling tale of how the Theranos scandal unfolded.

Last week, a federal grand jury indicted Holmes and the company's chief operating officer, Ramesh "Sunny" Balwani of Atherton, for an alleged multi-million-dollar scheme to defraud investors, doctors and patients. Both were charged

with two counts of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and nine counts of wire fraud. If convicted, they each face up to 20 years in prison, \$250,000 in fines and restitution for each count, according to a press release issued by the U.S. Attorney's Office on June 15.

"This conspiracy misled doctors and patients about the reliability of medical tests that endangered health and lives," FBI Special Agent in Charge John F. Bennett said in the press release.

Carreyrou's book has the elements of a fictional thriller: stalking by private investigators; ambushes; suicide by an employee; and lawsuits that left people financially ruined. The book entered the New York Times' best-sellers list for nonfiction at No. 10 on June 10, and a movie adaptation starring Jennifer Lawrence with a screenplay by "The Shape of Water" co-writer Vanessa Taylor is in the works.

The Theranos story started in 2003 like many in Silicon Valley: with a bright, young person championing an idea for a revolutionary product that purported to be able to change the world. Holmes, a 19-year-old Stanford University dropout, gained the attention of an influential Stanford engineering professor and made important contacts with high-powered venture capitalists excited by her idea.

She was lauded as a female Steve Jobs for her game-changing new medical device, which promised to do away with the dreaded hypodermic needle and venous blood draws. The Theranos miniLab and its predecessor devices could analyze a few drops of blood from a pricked finger for tell-tale markers of disease and ill health.

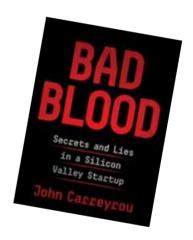
Holmes attracted some of the Bay Area's — and the nation's — most powerful and influential players: former secretaries of state George Shultz and Henry Kissinger; James Mattis, before he became the Secretary of Defense; former Secretary of Defense William Perry; and Silicon Valley venture capitalists Tim Draper, Don Lucas and Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison.

The company's devices purportedly gave accurate results for a host of blood tests used for determining vitamin D and thyroid-secreting hormone levels as well as detecting syphilis, hepatitis C and cancer. It could revolutionize blood analysis by putting the devices in homes, retail centers and war zones, she promised.

The idea was astounding — except that the product often didn't work. Many results were dangerously inaccurate. For example, some of the potassium-level results were so high, the only way they could have been accurate was if the patients were dead, Carreyrou wrote.

In one incident, a test taken at one of Theranos' Walgreens retail labs miscalculated the thyroid-secreting hormone in a pregnant woman's blood. A wrong medication dosage could have jeopardized the woman's pregnancy, he said at the April conference.

Doctors in the Phoenix area



told him of blood test after blood test from Theranos that proved to be wrong. In one case, faulty Theranos tests sent a woman to the emergency room. She subsequently had two MRIs, which showed nothing was wrong.

"The collateral damage from these false blood tests is hard to assess," he noted.

Some patients have sued Theranos for medical battery and fraud.

"One of them alleges the company's tests failed to diagnose his heart disease and led him to have a preventable heart attack. One thing is certain. Charges that people would've died from misdiagnoses or wrong medical treatment could have risen exponentially if Theranos had expanded its blood-testing services to Walgreens' 8,134 other U.S. stores, as it was on the cusp of doing when I started digging into the company in February 2015," Carreyrou said in April.

"After my Phoenix trip, it took

Reclaiming her voice

'I Have the Right To' illustrates one young woman's reckoning with sexual violence

by Elena Kadvany

onths before dozens of women accused Harvey Weinstein of sexual misconduct, before a jury found Bill Cosby guilty of sexual assault, before Brock Turner would be sent to jail for sexually assaulting an unconscious woman at Stanford University, a 16-year-old girl was taking on what she saw as institutionalized rape culture at her elite East Coast boarding school.

Her name is Chessy Prout.

In 2015, Prout took the witness stand to testify against Owen Labrie, a then-19-year-old graduate of St. Paul's School in Maryland who she said had raped her on campus when she was 15 years old. This took place during the "Senior Salute," a tradition in which male seniors competed with one another to have sex with as many younger girls as possible before graduation. Labrie was later convicted of three counts of misdemeanor sexual assault for penetrating a minor and a felony charge of using a computer to lure a minor, but not of the more serious felony sexual-assault charges he faced.

Publicly, Prout remained an anonymous, faceless victim for months until she decided to reveal her identity — and reclaim

her voice — on the "Today Show" in 2016.

In a new book "I Have the Right To: A High School Survivor's Story of Sexual Assault, Justice, and Hope," Prout continues to reclaim her voice. The book, which she co-authored with Jenn Abelson, an investigative reporter on the Boston Globe's Spotlight Team, documents the painful aftermath of the crime, the backlash she and her family experienced in their legal battle and Prout's path to advocacy. It's a powerful narrative of the isolation, shame and self-doubt survivors of sexual violence experience and a defiant challenge to the institutions that have failed to protect her and other young women and men from such violence.

In an interview with the Weekly, Prout and Abelson said the book aims to both hold such institutions accountable and chip away at the stigma associated with sexual violence.

"Sexual assault is a crime of power and control so it's so important to put the power and control back in the survivors' hands," Prout said.

The book is named for a social media campaign she launched



Chessy Prout works alongside Jenn Abelson, an investigative reporter with the Boston Globe. Abelson, who took a three-month leave of absence from her job to move to Florida to write the book with Prout, said they relied on Prout's journal, text messages, Facebook messages, emails, legal documents and even college application essays as source documents.

to help others reclaim their own voices and find empowerment in pain.

When Prout arrived at St. Paul's, she soon became familiar with intense social hierarchies there that have deep roots in the school's history as an all-male institution.

"I would quickly learn that boys at this school felt entitled to stake a claim to things that were not their own, including girls' bodies," she writes. "I struggled to make sense of it all at the time, because the behavior was so normalized, woven into the fabric of St. Paul's."

(In a statement after the book's release, St. Paul's said Prout "misrepresents" the school's culture. Earlier this year, the school settled a civil lawsuit filed by Prout's parents.)

Abelson reported on similar institutionalized behavior during an investigation into sexual misconduct in private schools.

Writing the book was a journalistic investigation in and of itself, the co-authors said. Abelson said they relied on Prout's journal, text messages, Facebook messages, emails, legal documents and even college application essays as source documents. Many are quoted from directly in the book.

As much as possible, they verified Prout's memories of conversations with those she had them with. Abelson said she would interview Prout about her experiences, transcribe their conversations and then "transplant them onto the page."

The result is a gut-wrenching description of the crime itself, the bullying Prout experienced at school, the difficulties of the legal proceedings and media exposure and her most innermost emotional struggles.

"I loathed acknowledging



Chessy Prout

— in public — how the crime had changed me, the things I tried to hide each day," she writes. "The ways I anxiously picked the skin off my fingers until they bled. How I bruised my legs when I punched myself to stop the panic attacks. I still dissociated, feeling evicted from my own body."

Prout said it was not until Emily Doe, the anonymous young woman sexually assaulted by Turner, wrote her now-famous victim impact statement that she had heard anyone speak publicly about impact on survivors rather than perpetrators.

"That was so, so powerful," Prout said. "It's ridiculous how much sympathy a perpetrator can receive because they're being punished when nobody gives any thought to how the victim is feeling. Emily Doe forced people to recognize that."

Prout, too, forced a reckoning at St. Paul's that helped bring other misconduct to light. Last year, the school named 13 former faculty and staff members who were involved in reports of sexual misconduct decades ago. New law-suits have been filed at the school,



Jenn Abelson

which is also under investigation by the state attorney general.

Prout hopes her book will be read

Prout hopes her book will be read in classrooms across the country.

When asked if she thinks the current #MeToo movement has changed the way we talk about and understand sexual violence, she was frank. Not yet, she said.

"A lot of times people talk about the sensational stories a lot more than the difficult stories, which are the issues that are happening in our communities," Prout said. "We should look deeply at that and challenge ourselves to do what we can to help support survivors in our communities."

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What: Chessy Prout and JennAbelson will speak about "I Have the Right To: A High School Survivor's Story of Sexual Assault, Justice, and Hope." Where: Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto.

When: Saturday, July 7, 4 - 6 p.m. Cost: Free (registration required). Info: bit.lv/2JsOiFX.

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Inspired by her sister's statement that "girls need a bill of rights," Chessy Prout launched a campaign called "I have the Right To." Here's a handwritten list of Prout's early rights.

Bad Blood

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me more than six more months to expose what was essentially a giant, unauthorized medical experiment. The resistance the company and its lawyers put up was like nothing I've ever experienced in 20-plus years of reporting," he said.

But Holmes could not be persuaded to slow down the company's rollout. Nor would she change the number of many drops of blood used for the test and dilutions of the samples, even when employees told her that meaningful and accurate results weren't possible with such small quantities of blood.

Holmes and Balwani ignored their engineers and created a false narrative, Carreyrou wrote. Theranos modified off-the-shelf analyzing equipment the company purchased and used standard vein blood draws for many of its tests — the very thing its new product was supposed to eliminate, the book alleges.

"Bad Blood" lays out an alleged deceit that had no bounds. During a demonstration for the large Swiss pharmaceutical company Novartis, the company beamed over a fake, prerecorded result that appeared to be providing data in real time, according to the book.

Likewise, Theranos kept investors, government regulators and business partners at a safe distance

away from its laboratory. The stairs leading to the downstairs lab were hidden behind a locked door, employees told Carreyrou.

Theranos ruthlessly protected its deception. Tyler Shultz, George Shultz's grandson, resigned from his job at Theranos after receiving a scathing email from Balwani because he had voiced his concerns to Holmes. On his way out, Shultz got no farther than the parking lot when his phone rang. His mother, hysterical, said Holmes had called his grandfather and threatened that if he didn't stop his "vendetta" he would "lose," the book quotes Tyler Shultz as saying.

Theranos lawyers later confronted him at the elder Shultz's home. He and other employees were shadowed by private detectives hired by Theranos, and the company's hired guns tracked down doctors in their offices to extract retractions to statements they gave to Carreyrou, the book states. Holmes tried to stop The Wall Street Journal from publishing the story by trying to get owner Rupert Murdoch — who was also a Theranos investor — to quash it, the book alleges. He demurred.

In the end, Carreyrou's exposés were published, and federal regulators did investigate Theranos. Walgreens shut down the retail labs and sued the company, as did numerous investors in class-action lawsuits. Theranos voided or corrected nearly 1 million blood tests

results in California and Arizona. In March, the Securities and Exchange Commission announced a civil lawsuit accusing Holmes and Balwani of an "elaborate" yearslong, \$700 million investor fraud. Holmes settled and agreed to step down from authority, return 18.9 million shares to the company, pay a \$500,000 fine, relinquish her voting control of the company and be barred from serving as an officer of a publicly traded company for 10 years. As of June 20, the lawsuit against Balwani was still pending.

against Balwani was still pending. But "Bad Blood" is not just an indictment of Theranos and Holmes; it is also an impeachment of Silicon Valley culture. "Vaporware," a software or hardware product that is publicly announced but never actually manufactured, is a defining feature of the Valley, Carreyrou says in the book's epilogue. Companies announce to great fanfare an over-promised new product that takes years to materialize, if it ever does.

Theranos, in the heart of Silicon Valley's tech industry, was positioned to take advantage of that culture. Holmes controlled 99.7 percent of the Theranos board's votes. Board member George Shultz is quoted as saying in a deposition: "We never took any votes at Theranos. It was pointless; Elizabeth was going to decide whatever she decided."

The transgressions of most tech companies may have done little



Vice President Joe Biden, left, holds a piece of medical equipment and talks to a Theranos employee during a tour of the company's Newark manufacturing facility with founder and CEO Elizabeth Holmes, center, on July 23, 2015.

harm to consumers, but Theranos upped the stakes, Carreyrou said. Theranos' faulty results could have caused irreparable harm, either by failing to detect a life-threatening illness or causing a physician to prescribe the wrong medicine.

"Holmes and her company had overpromised and then cut corners when they couldn't deliver. It was one thing to do that with software or a smartphone app, but doing it with a medical product that people relied on to make important health decisions was unconscionable," Carreyrou wrote.

Holmes never made herself

available to Carreyrou for any interviews, despite his many requests. At the journalism conference in April, he was asked: If he could ask Elizabeth Holmes one question, what would it be?

"How do you rationalize gambling with people's lives?" he

"Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup" is available at Kepler's Books in Menlo Park and Book's Inc. in Mountain View and Palo Alto.

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Arnold Chang's "Mindscape" is on display as part of the "Ink Worlds" exhibition at Cantor Arts Center.



The multimedia installation "Chimeric Landscape," by Zheng Chongbin, expands upon the idea of "visual images of ink in motion."

Ilicon Valley high-tech billionaires aren't always known for their interest in art collecting. Or perhaps, as entrepreneur Jerry Yang explained, "It's just that people here in the Valley are doing it more quietly." Yang and his wife, Akiko Yamazaki, have, indeed, quietly amassed a large collection of contemporary Chinese ink paintings, a portion of which is on view until Sept. 3 at the Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University.

"Ink Worlds: Contemporary Chinese Painting from the Collection of Akiko Yamazaki and Jerry Yang" consists of over 40 works of art by two dozen Chinese and Chinese-American artists. The paintings reflect the many ways that contemporary Asian artists pay homage to the traditional techniques that have been handed down for centuries, as well as diverge in order to find new means of expression. Ellen Huang, Cantor's curator of Asian Arts, explained that the artists featured have an average age of 50 and were all trained in a classical manner, beginning with calligraphy and the related arts of the brush.

"These paintings, however, show a distinctly different approach while still referencing the 2000-year history. They reflect artists who are conscious of the contemporary art scene as well as contemporary context of science, media and technology," Huang said.

To the average Westerner, Chinese brush painting is a bit of an enigma, honed by years of serious study and discipline and hallmarked by deliberate, controlled brush strokes that represent noble ideas and principles. But just as art in the West is constantly reacting to and improving upon the past, the artists in this exhibition seek to explore new and more complex ways to express themselves using an age-old medium.

"Chinese contemporary painting is rich and diverse; they do not all look alike. Contemporary Chinese painting can be visually analyzed within global contemporary



by Sheryl Nonnenberg

contexts and from historical perspectives," Huang said.

The exhibition is organized by themes such as "Landscape," "Visionary Ink," "Scholarly Objects" and "Dialogues in Abstraction." With wall statements and labels in English, Chinese and Japanese, the emphasis is clearly on expanding outreach to visitors who may not have previously found their way to the museum. Huang

worked with Stanford graduate students in selecting the art and creating the catalog, resulting in a teaching-based exhibition. The exhibition is in keeping with Yang and Yamazaki's commitment to Stanford University (they are alumni) and to supporting the arts (they have recently donated \$25 million to the Asian Art Museum).

Upon entering the gallery, one of the first pieces on display is a wide scroll by Li Huayi entitled "Dragons Hidden in Mountain Ridge" (2008). Gray tones of ink depict a mountain range that is shrouded by fog. The eye travels from left to right, taking in the ethereal landscape until you reach the middle. There, in a separate overlaid scroll, is a more detailed rendering of a portion of the



"China Park #3: Wind and Rain" was created by Gu Wenda in 2011.

Center features
Yahoo founder's
collection of
Chinese brush
paintings

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lone tree growing from a peak. It is a lovely and evocative landscape that is somehow both familiar and yet exotic.

Continuing on

mountain, with a

Continuing on in the galleries, it becomes obvious that there are many more ways to expressively use ink on paper. In "Desire Scenery No. 1" (2007) by Qin Feng, swirls of bold black strokes are applied against a

pale blue background. There is an energetic, dance-like feeling to the abstract shapes that is uplifting. In contrast, Lu Shoukun's "Chan Painting" (1970) is a study of strong, forceful swaths of black ink that, at first, appear haphazard but are actually very carefully placed. Small strokes of bright red break the severity of the black-on-white contrast.

There is a graphic and effective example of how the spontaneity and abstract values of Asian art impacted Western artists in the installation of Wang Dongling's "Great Kindness" (2013) next to Franz Kline's "Figure 8" (1952), on loan from the Anderson Collection. Kline frequently referenced how Chinese brush painting influenced his abstract paintings and, in this case, we see a

contemporary Asian artist almost mirroring his sweeping, gestural lines. Although the Kline is done by means of oil paint on canvas and the Dongling with ink on paper, there is the same upward energy, exuberance and feeling of lightness.

While most of the exhibition consists of two-dimensional works on paper (including a section devoted to Yang's personal passion, calligraphy) there is an immersive video work upstairs that should not be missed. Expanding upon the idea of "visual images of ink in motion," a small gallery envelops the visitor in projections and reflections. A corresponding surround-sound track follows the constantly changing images of ink slowly seeping into paper, the zigzag lines of a heart monitor, moving calligraphic characters, images of explosions and the ebb and flow of the sea. The darkness is, at first, disconcerting, but stay with it and one becomes mesmerized. First shown at the Venice Biennale in 2015, "Chimeric Landscape" by Zheng Chongbin, is an interesting counterpoint to the enormously popular immersive experiences of Yayoi Kusama, which rely almost entirely upon light and mirrors.

The application of ink to paper may be an ancient and traditional art form but, as can be seen in this exhibition, it still lends itself to an amazing array of possibilities.

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What: "Ink Worlds: Contemporary Chinese Painting from the Collection of Akiko Yamazaki and Jerry Yang."

Where: Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford.

When: Through Sept. 3., Wednesday through Monday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (open Thursdays until 8 p.m.).

Cost: Free.

Info: Go to museum.stanford.edu

Laughs served at 'Dinner'

PA Players' production of a classic comedy is uneven but funny

by John Orr

he laughter that rolled like a wave across Palo Alto last Saturday night was from "The Man Who Came to Dinner," a 1939 comedy by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart that opened at the Lucie Stern Theatre.

It is a very funny play, despite being overly long, and in this production by the Palo Alto Players, unevenly cast. It's like a two-hour, 15-minute sitcom, from a time before there were sitcoms.

This production's saving grace (irony intended, to those familiar with the play), is James Shelby, who plays the man of the title. Shelby is excellent in the role, with a beautiful, deep voice blasting the nasty comments of critic and radio host Sheridan Whiteside from one end of the auditorium to the other. The man knows how to project.

The plot is part semi-true story, and part hokum, but serves the cause of comedy. Whiteside, a very famous man, comes to have dinner with a wealthy businessman, Ernest Stanley, and his family in Ohio but slips on some ice and is ordered to stay in the businessman's home for weeks.

On the phone, he tells someone, "They are treating me well. I have

the finest horse doctor in town."

He is horribly rude to almost everyone, calling some friends of the Stanleys' harpies and being regularly vicious to his long-suffering assistant, Maggie Cutler, and his nurse. Miss Preen.

He also runs up a huge phone bill, with calls to New York, London, Egypt and elsewhere; demands exclusive use of the Stanleys' living room; and brings in outrageous guests, including convicts in handcuffs and someone who presents him with 40,000 cockroaches.

The play was inspired by, and written for Alexander Woollcott, a famous theater critic who was credited with helping to launch the careers of the Marx Brothers, and who was truly, enthusiastically obnoxious — but funny. Woollcott would greet friends by saying, "Hello, Repulsive," and if a waiter asked him to repeat his order, would say "muffins filled with pus."

The idea for the play arose after Woollcott stayed at Hart's house, demanding use of Hart's master bedroom and pretty much terrorizing everybody. Then complaining about it.

This production is the annual

show that the Players do in conjunction with lots of theater teachers, students and former students from Gunn (mostly) and Palo Alto high schools, and Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle School. It's a lovely idea and reinforces the Players' commitment to making local theater. Shelby, for instance, teaches and directs theater at Gunn.

Kristen Lo, another Gunn teacher, was excellent as the long-suffering Maggie, trading badinage with Sheridan like old-West gunfighters. Athena Rink, a Paly grad, is good as the sneaky and snarky actress Lorraine Sheldon (sporting glamorous clothes designed by Mary Cravens).

Chris Mahle, who teaches drama at JLS, is properly over-the-top and hilarious as Banjo, one of Sheridan's goofiest friends. Banjo is based on Woollcott's friend Harpo Marx, and Mahle does an excellent job of it, with physical comedy that will be familiar to anyone who has seen the Marx Brothers movies. Mahle also plays two other roles.

The hokum part of the plot has to do with Maggie falling in love with a local journalist and wanting to quit working for Sheridan, and Sheridan's selfish efforts to sabotage the relationship. It's OK, in a sitcom kind of way.

Paul Dunlap, an English teacher at Gunn, played the journalist, with a poor habit of speaking to the wings with a soft voice. He was blasted off the stage by Shelby, who knows how to make himself heard.



Maggie Cutler (Kristen Lo) is Sheridan Whiteside's (James Shelby) long-suffering assistant in Palo Alto Players' "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

Nikolaj Sorensen's set was pleasant enough, with flowered wallpaper and doors that mostly closed as needed. The only sore spot was a staircase that was painted flat black, like most backstage stairs. It jarred with the rest of the set.

Lighting designer Isaiah Leeper seemed to have a bad night for the opening, with uneven lighting on set walls, and missing lighting when it was needed a couple of

Director Patrick Klein did a good job of serving the jokes timing is everything with comedy, and his cast delivered. Be sure to read his bio blurb in the program.

The show could easily lose 15to-30 minutes of stuff that doesn't really advance the plot or make for

very good jokes. The cockroachfilled cage, for instance, didn't work that well. Nor did the crate full of penguins.

Still, it's an enjoyable show, overall, and the opening night audience — well populated by folks associated with Gunn and Paly — loved it. ■

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What: "The Man Who Came to Dinner.

Where: Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

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Simple, natural, organic

Themes of contemporary China in Hai Bo's photography at Pace

by Tara Madhav

believe in fate, and that everyone who comes into this world has his or her own mission and obligation to fulfill," artist Hai Bo said, about his artistic journey.

Hai's mission is to document his feelings through photography, particularly feelings towards contemporary Chinese society, and he accomplishes this through his new exhibit "The Southern" series. According to Hai, the exhibit is his "own interpretation of dreams and reality."

"The Southern" series is currently on exhibit at Pace Gallery in downtown Palo Alto. The exhibition reflects Hai's longstanding relationship with Pace, which boasts seven international locations. Hai's work has been displayed at several museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the National Art Museum of China in Beijing and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Rome.

He has long found inspiration in the changing nature of Chinese society, previously exploring the "heavy and oppressive emotion in reality" with his other body of work, "The Northern" series.

The photographs in his latest collection are at first almost mystical, displaying foggy landscapes and stoic rural houses. Slowly, people begin to appear as one moves through the exhibit, the last room displaying groups of people within the urban sprawl. A significant motif of the series is that while there are people pictured, their faces are never shown.

Hai's work reflects rapid development in China; he emphasized how this change has "really helped" him find objects to work with. In particular, Hai finds material for his photographs in the existential consequences for Chinese people that come from this development.

"People are full of contradictions and stress while living in this age of great change," Hai explained. "Confusion and bewilderment are expressions of this current era.'

Hai is clear about his sentiments on the rural-urban divide that has become a defining characteristic of Chinese society through his work in "The Southern" series, preferring rural to urban. His favorite photograph in the exhibition is that of a tall

potted plant, extending from the gallery floor to the ceiling - a considerably simpler photograph than other expansive landscape pieces in the exhibit.

"The natural landscape has given me such comfort and brought me into an oasis of serenity," Hai said. "By contrast, people living in the city appear to be so fabricated and numb to the surroundings that it makes me feel desperate and oppressed."

Hai's career as an artist began at the Fine Art Institute of Jilin, from which he graduated in 1984. Hai was a painting student but became disenchanted with his chosen medium. He gave up painting in 1998 and turned to photography. Hai was drawn to photography because of its ability to express three main standards for his work - simple, natural and organic - and incorporate particular thoughts and feelings.

"Cameras are magical," Hai said. "They can easily duplicate and preserve moments at will."

While Hai's work reflects multilayered themes, he does not

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Hai Bo's work explores the rural-urban divide.

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Hai Bo

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approach his initial work with such lofty goals. Hai counterbalances his rejection of intentionality with strong support for the artists' intimate emotions and values.

Hai compared his attitude towards art to that of Czech poet Jaroslav Seifert. For Hai, art should be able to address the most obscure and complex aspects of human lives, while also touching on their nuances. Art should be "intuitive" for the viewer to understand, he said.

Elizabeth Sullivan, the president of Pace Palo Alto, first met Hai in San Francisco, and recalled feeling overwhelmed by his work. She then offered him the exhibit space at Pace Palo Alto.

"He's always breaking new boundaries with his work, and it is always amazing," Sullivan said.

Hai aims to continue providing a view into the human experience in as simple, natural and organic a way as possible through his work. "Although we live in this absurd era, I try to keep the style of my work effortless, uninhabited and perhaps poetic," he said. ■

Editorial Intern Tara Madhav

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What: "The Southern" series. **Where:** Pace Gallery, 229 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto.

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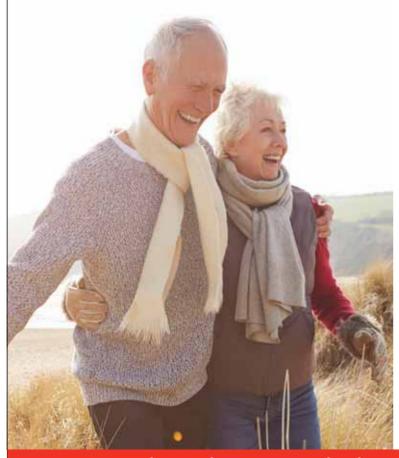


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Eating Out

A NEW KIND OF WINE CLUB

ike many Silicon Valley origin stories, this one involves a company starting in a garage and two bootstrap co-founders pursuing a passion project from the ground up. Unlike most, however, this one involves a lot of wine.

In 2016, Luc Bergevin and Martin Sheehan-Stross, both Los Altos High School graduates, started Foot of the Bed Cellars, a wine subscription company that delivers three curated wines (\$15 per bottle) directly to customers once a month.

The founders purchase finished wine from wineries — mostly small, high-end and located in



Martin Sheehan-Stross, left, and Luc Bergevin, right, launched their wine subscription company in 2016

Los Altos High
grads' subscription
company aims
to demystify
wine

California

— bottle it
under their
private label and
send to subscribers
with detailed background information about
how the wine was made, the person who made it, tasting notes and
pairing recommendations from
Sheehan-Stross, a sommelier with
experience at top San Francisco
restaurants.

The goal is to break down some of the barriers, making quality wines and interesting grapes more accessible to people who wouldn't otherwise consume them.

"Wine can be complicated," Bergevin said. "It can be too pretentious in some ways. We want to remove the confusion around wine."

Bergevin is less of a wine connoisseur than his co-founder but has always been fascinated by the production side. He worked on a Paso Robles vineyard during college. After graduating, he moved home to Los Altos and got a job in tech marketing but spent weekends helping out a collective of informal home winemakers who are the fathers of some of his high school classmates. They would buy grapes on contract and make STORY BY
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wine
in the
cellars of
their homes.

Bergevin was their "labor," paid in cases of the wine they produced.

It was during this time that a kernel of an idea formed: Similar to the winemakers purchasing grapes, what if he bought and repackaged finished wine from high-end wineries to allow more people to enjoy it? Crucial to the idea's success would be having a wine expert to provide quality control and credibility, he said.

Bergevin found that in Sheehan-Stross, who graduated two years ahead of him at Los Altos High School. Sheehan-Stross, whose first-ever restaurant job was at the former Peninsula Creamery at the Stanford Shopping Center, went on to work as sommelier at highend San Francisco restaurants including Spruce, Gary Danko and Michael Mina. In 2013, he won a scholarship for earning the highest score on the Advanced Sommelier exam and three years later, was named the best young sommelier in the world at a competition in Vaduz, Liechtenstein.

The two hadn't spoken in years, but one Facebook message led to an hours-long conversation over drinks and a commitment to

work together.

and Charbono wine.

They started the company in Bergevin's mother's garage in Los Altos before graduating to his San Francisco apartment and now, a rented warehouse space in San Francisco. The company was named after a barrel of homemade Sonoma Zinfandel that Bergevin kept for a year at the end of his bed in San Francisco, dubbed "Foot of the Bed Red."

Foot of the Bed Cellars' June subscription featured a chardonnay

Through Sheehan-Stross' wine network, they find wines that wineries are willing to part with for a range of reasons — a larger-thanusual harvest at a small winery or a winery hoping to reach younger wine drinkers. Foot of the Bed Cellars' approximately 350 subscribers skew younger and are primarily located in San Francisco and on the Peninsula.

Every month, customers receive a box with three red and white wines (they can choose how many of each). They seek out both crowdpleasers and more unusual grapes.

This month, there was a 2017

chardonnay from Scotts Valley and a 2014 Charbono from Mendocino County. In April, they sent out their first wines from Washington state, describing the challenges the state's geography pose for producing wine. They also introduced subscribers to Counoise, a lesser-known red grape that originated in the 1300's in France's Rhône River Valley but is now being grown in Mendocino County.

"It's possible to have these great finds of sought-after grapes, grapes people are familiar with, noble grapes," Sheehan-Stross said.

They're also able to sell the wine for slightly less than retail value.

The co-founders apply hospitality sensibilities to a company that on the face of it, should have little human interaction. Sheehan-Stross, currently studying for the high-level Master Sommelier exam, writes the wine blurbs and suggests food that would pair well with that month's bottles. On a blog on the company website, he shares his recommendations for Napa wineries to visit and muses about the ageability of wine. They also get to know members and recruit new ones in person at monthly pickup parties.

"We know when they're moving, when their kids are getting married — they're utilizing our wines for their kids' weddings," Sheehan-Stross said. "Taking care of someone from start to finish in their dining experience and applying that to the wine club experience has helped us grow."

The co-founders have ambitious plans for Foot of the Bed Cellars, with goals of eventually making their own wine and selling it in grocery stores. For more information, go to footofthebed.com.

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Movies



Owen Grady (Chris Pratt) mounts a campaign to rescue dinosaurs from extinction in "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom."

whole new 'World'

The 'Jurassic' franchise lumbers through next chapter

**1/2 (Century 16 & 20)

Forty-three years after the launch of his blockbuster shark flick, Steven Spielberg's now-patented Spielbergian thrill ride is still all about the jaws. In the latest chapter of his dinosaur-themed franchise, director J.A. Bayona skillfully clones Spielberg through wellchoreographed action and witty visual touches. Now if only he had a script worthy of his talents ...

"Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" picks up three years after 2015's "Jurassic World." Isla Nublar's volcano has awoken, and thus dinosaurs have become endangered species again. History repeats itself in another respect when Owen Grady (Chris Pratt) and Claire Dearing (Bryce Dallas Howard) return to the disaster site of "Jurassic World" in a pretty clearly misguided effort to save the dinosaurs (Jeff Goldblum returns to the franchise for a voice-of-reason cameo).

When the characters aren't

OPENINGS literally popping back up (like Pratt, Howard,

Goldblum, and B.D. Wong as a mercenary geneticist), new ones lazily retread familiar types (the always terrific Ted Levine as a militaristic "great white hunter" who's called as such, and James Cromwell as a knockoff of Sir Richard Attenborough's departed John Hammond). Likewise, in what starts to feel like a "meta" running joke (or admission of creative exhaustion), the characters keep stumbling upon the leftovers of the earlier films, whether they be abandoned buildings or vehicles.

The dialogue proves equally obvious, with lines like "You can't just run away from everything, Owen" (eye roll) and "Save the dinosaurs from an island that's about to explode? What could go wrong?" (face palm). "Fallen Kingdom" practically writes itself, with its kid in peril (the Cromwell character's daughter,

with a backstory you literally won't believe) and a pair of twenty-somethings to flip the gender script: a sassy female scientist/ Marine who shows no fear (Oakland native Danielle Pineda) and a skittish male IT guy who can't stop screaming (Justice Smith). With a cast of caricatures — and Pratt and Howard playing little more than flirty action figures the picture wears out its welcome by its second act.

And that's really too bad, because Bayona remains an enormously talented director. The picture opens on a series of unexpected and striking images that reach an action-horror crescendo by the title card, and the story's first act, if largely old hat, fires up enough big spectacle and hurtles along with enough of a cliffhanger that the audience is having too much fun to care whether they've literally been here before. But once the story transitions to the turf of the bad guys (Rafe Spall and Toby Jones), the fun largely leeches out of the picture, and the mind wanders.

The "Jurassic" movies always test logic and common sense, and "Fallen Kingdom" is no exception, with its dubious if novel dinosaur trafficking subplot and a crazy wrapup that vigorously points at a sequel (with enough of a big idea, however loony, that it could hit a sweet spot of dumb fun). Meantime, I'd advise setting your sights as low as a wide-eyed kid. That's a target audience seldom disappointed by this constantly resetting of running-fromdinos game.

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Incredibles 2 (PG) **1/2

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Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (PG-13) **1/2

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

 \star Skip it $\star\star$ Some redeeming qualities $\star\star\star$ A good bet $\star\star\star\star$ Outstanding

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Home Front

THE BEE'S KNEES ... If you've always wanted to figure out how to get bees to enjoy your garden, the UC Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County is offering a talk called "Attracting California Native Bees to the Urban Garden" on Wednesday, June 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Los Altos Instructor Cynthia Butler will teach about how to create a California native bee garden. She will talk about the common types of bees in our area as well as the plants and herbs that attract them. The free event will be held at the Los Altos Library, 13 South San Antonio Road.

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Get your family into making decorative stones for your garden

by Nicole Macuil | photos by Veronica Weber

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MATERIALS NEEDED:

- 1 bag of quick-drying concrete
- 6 round cake containers
- Brush
- Stirring stick
- Water
- Vegetable oil
- Bucket
- Glass beads or other hard objects like shells, small stones or sea glass



Using the brush, spread about half a table-spoon of vegetable oil on each of your cake pans. Make sure you cover the entire pan, including the sides.



2 In a bucket, combine about half a bag of concrete with 1 gallon of water.



3 Mix, using your stirring stick. You want it to be a "chunky soup" consistency.



Once your mix is the right consistency, pour the concrete into each cake pan, leaving a little bit of space at the top for your glass and other decor.



Decorate each "stone" with Decorate each stems glass pebbles. Work quickly, hardens fast. Make as concrete hardens fast. Make sure your pebbles are flush with the concrete.



6 Put your stones outside and let them dry about 24 hours. Once your stones are fully dry, take them out of pans and build your new path.

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2631 Ross Road Deconstruction of existing house (1,872 sf) with attached garage (267 sf).

767 Marion Ave. New two-story singlefamily home (2.525 sf), \$408,349. **767 Marion Ave.** New detached garage (225 sf). \$10,969.

767 Marion Ave. New 120-sf shed.

767 Marion Ave. Demolish existing singlefamily home (1,685 sf). **767 Marion Ave.** Demolish existing shed.

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693 Arastradero Road New two-story classroom building including basement "IDEAlab" (4,100 sf) for Bowman School. Scope of work includes new outdoor amphitheater and detached trash enclosure. \$2,849,500.

3120 Hansen Way Voluntary seismic upgrade and tenant improvement (1,000 sf) for Varian. Incidential office, restroom and break room remodel. \$2.500.000.

3097 South Court New two-story singlefamily home (3,473 sf) with attached garage

3097 South Court New 120 sf accessory structure with plumbing. \$20,590. **3097 South Court** Demolish existing

single-family home (1,610 sf) and attached garage (240 sf).

240 Hamilton Ave. Tenant improvement and use and occupancy for "Joe and the Juice," interior work (2,190 sf). \$350,000. 339 Seale Ave. New single-family home

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339 Seale Ave. New detached garage (221 sf). \$60,000.

740 Guinda St. New two-story single-family home (2,078 sf) with basement (1,235 sf), air conditioning and two tankless water heaters \$585,644

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740 Guinda St. New detached garage (220 sf), \$10,692

740 Guinda St. Demolish detached garage

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400 Channing Ave. Detached garage (427 sf) with accessory dwelling unit (396 sf) on second floor above garage. (new address will be 909A Waverley St.) **400 Channing Ave.** (Lot 2) New two-story

single-family home (2,567 sf) with basement (1,429 sf) and covered porches (1,107 sf). Scope of work includes three tankles water heaters. (new address will be assigned as 905 Waverley St.), \$706.913. 400 Channing Ave. (Lot 2) Detached garage (427 sf) with new secondary dwelling unit (456 sf) above garage. (new address request will be 905A Waverley St.). \$94,487.

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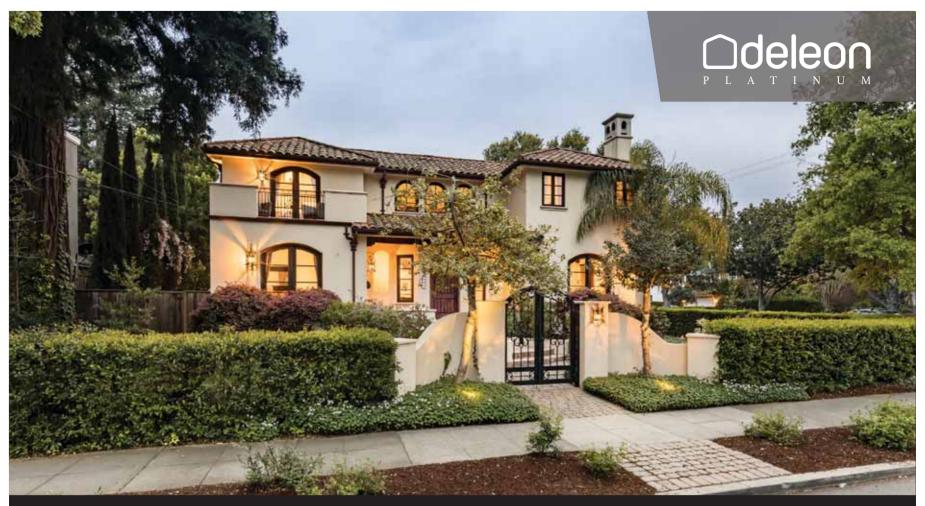
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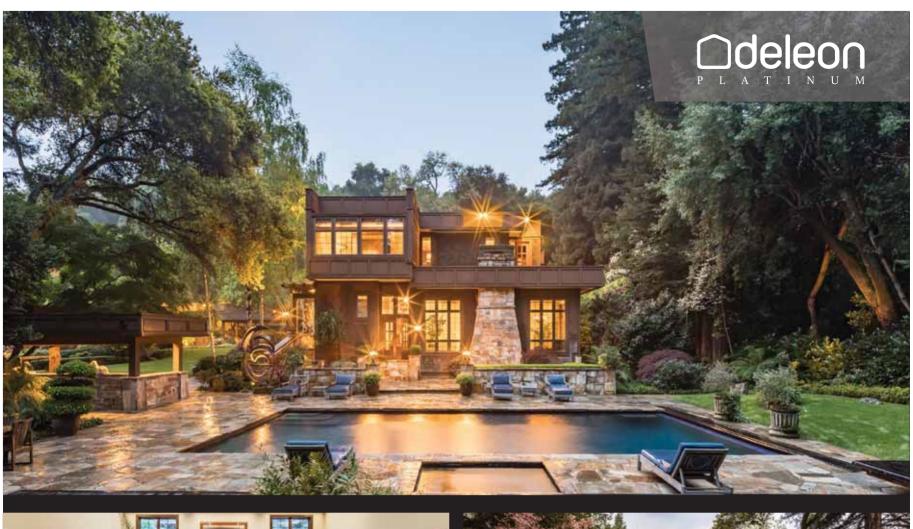
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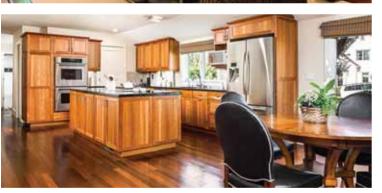


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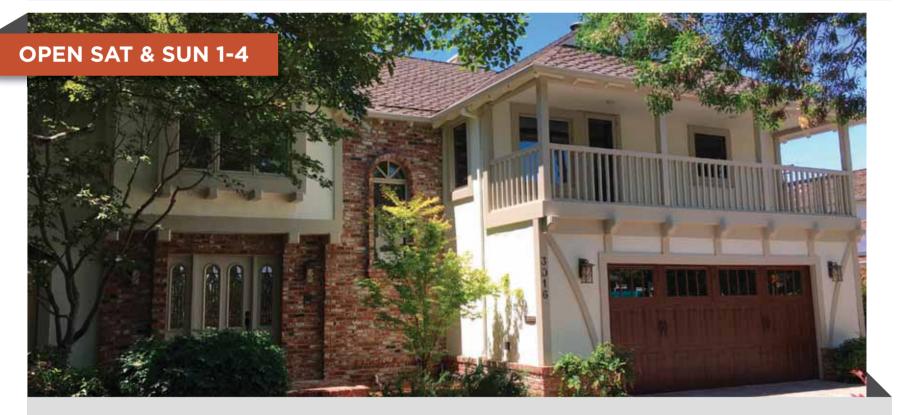


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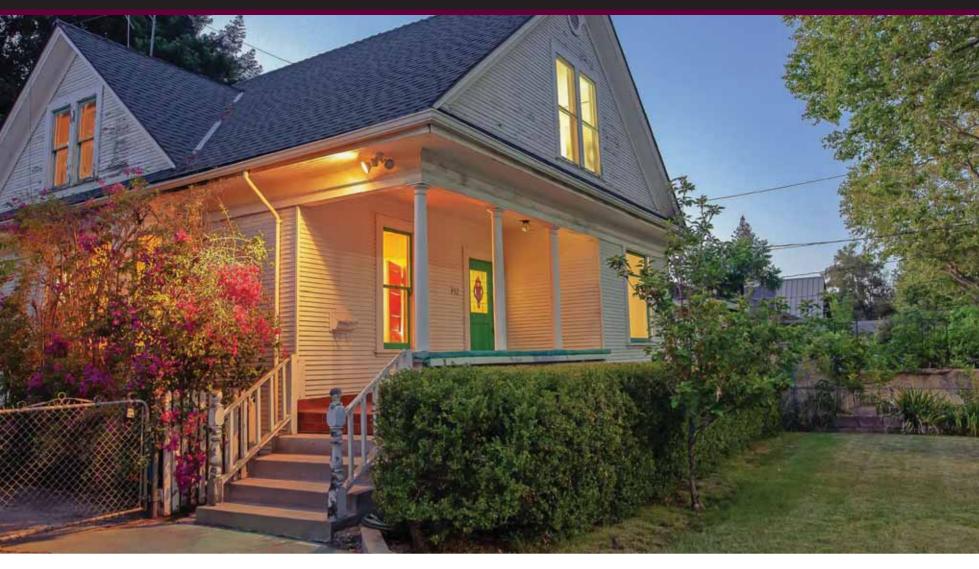


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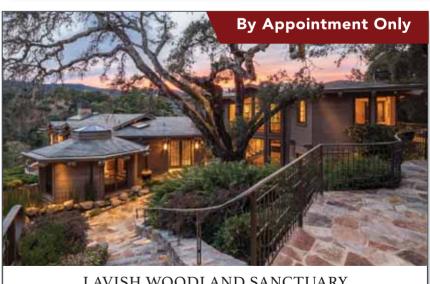
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This business is owned by: An Individual

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Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/22/2018.
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ESTATE OF: MOHINDER P. CHAWLA

Case No.: 18PR183621

CHAWLA

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The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be require Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$766,466.47 The purported property address is: 3419 CORK OAK WAY, PALO ALTO, CA 94303 Assessor's unless they have waived notice or Parcel No.: 127-48-023 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that ther lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction you are or may be responsible. auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other shown on this notice of sale may be California statutes and legal authority postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet postponed one or more times by the may affect your rights as a creditor. You

AJAY CHAWLA in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. The Petition for Probate requests that: AJAY CHAWLA be appointed as personal

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personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 31, 2018 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 the hearing. Your appearance may be in

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Sports Shorts

FIT TO BE FIT ... CrossFit Palo Alto owner Tim Dymmel earned his second straight berth at the CrossFit Games, which will be held in Madison, Wisc. at the Alliant Energy Center, Aug. 1-5. The 42-year-old Dymmel is currently ranked 11th in the world, third on the west coast and second in California. He's been ranked first in both Northern California and California. Dymmel, who attended college in Colorado, finished seventh overall in last year's 40-44 age category.

NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS . . . While the main U.S. women's national volleyball team is preparing for the FIVB Volleyball Nations League Final Round in Nanjing, China, another 25 players in the national team's player pool are competing for one of 14 spots for the Pan American Cup and will be holding a Red-Blue scrimmage on Friday at 7 p.m. at Irvine Valley College to help the evaluation process. Stanford grads Inky Ajanaku and Carly Wopat will be among those in attendance Ajanaku led Stanford to the NCAA Championship two years ago and earned her third first-team All-American honors. Volleyball Magazine named her National Player of the Year.

OF LOCAL NOTE . . . Atherton resident CiCi Bellis will be among the 21 women's tennis players, all ranked among the top 85 in the world, in the field of the Mubadala Silicon Valley Classic, which is scheduled for San Jose State beginning July $30\ldots Stanford$ commit Rachel Heck, a junior in high school, and Redwood Shores resident Lucy Li are among the top three in the standings for inclusion for the 2018 United States Junior Ryder Cup team. The six girls who qualify for the coed team will be announced on July 23, following the U.S. Girls Junior Championship, in which both Li and Heck are playing . Stanford product Patrick Rodgers rebounded from a poor third round to fire the third-best round of the final day of the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Golf Club in New York on Sunday to finish a respectable 41st of the 67 players who made the cut. Stanford grad Cameron Wilson finished 64th in the event, with a four-day total of 301 . . . Stanford pitchers Jack Little and Kris Bubic and Cardinal infielder **Nico Hoerner** earned ABCA/Rawlings All-America baseball honors on Saturday.

ON THE AIR

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Saturday

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USATF Track and field: Outdoor Championship at Drake Stadium, Des Moines, Iowa., 1 p.m., KNTV



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Peter Oh and his Dutch Goose teammates are ready to take their best cuts against Alhouse in the Palo Alto Babe Ruth city championships playoffs.

BABE RUTH, LITTLE LEAGUE

Big weekend for youth baseball

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Rick Eymer

aturday's youth baseball menu has something for everyone and for every age group. All items are ala carte and patrons are welcome to mix and match a choice of 11 games featuring players between the age of nine and 15.

The Palo Alto Babe Ruth (ages 13-15) city championship playoffs serve as the appetizer, opening Friday night at Baylands Athletic Center with the top four league teams vying for best of Palo Alto.

Regular-season champion Sundance meets the Palo Alto Oaks at 5 p.m., followed by second-place Alhouse and Dutch Goose at 8 p.m.

Alhouse entered the final two games with the top seed in tow

but let it slip away, losing twice, including a 5-0 decision to Dutch Goose.

Sundance has lost only to Alhouse. In their two regular-season meetings, Alhouse won 3-2 and tied 3-3 in 10 innings.

Sundance seems to have the best of both worlds. Dean Casey leads the league in four categories: ERA (0.59), wins (with Dutch Goose's Colin

Thiebault, 5), WHIP (0.63) and strikeouts (36).

Chris Dodge

Offensively, a Sundance player leads the league in five of seven categories. Zander Darby cornered the percentage market,

leading in average (.667), on-base percentage (.714) and slugging percentage (.917).

Evan Wiederhold shares the RBI lead with Alhouse's Chris Dodge, each with 15 and Ritter Armsbaug leads with 17 runs scored.

Dutch Goose's Zach Donaker has 13 stolen bases and 20 hits to lead in those categories.

Nine of the top 10 pitchers in the league

will be in action in the city tournament, which goes through Tuesday, all at Baylands.

Casey is joined by Sundance

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USA WATER POLO

Japan shocks Team USA

Americans will play for fifth place

Rick Eymer

day after one of its biggest victories in a decade, the U.S. men's national team suffered one of its most shocking defeats.

The Americans were not prepared for the ferocity of Japan, winless in three preliminary games, which beat the U.S. 11-10 in the quarterfinals of the of FINA World League Super Final on Thursday in Budapest.

The U.S. (9-2, 3-1) won their group with wins over Spain, Kazakhstan and Croatia.

Stanford grad Alex Bowen and Cardinal sophomore Ben Hallock, who led the U.S. with four goals, scored in the fourth quarter to tie the contest at



Ben Hallock

10 with four minutes remaining.

Japan got a deflection into the net to make it 11-10 with 1:49 left and the Americans twice misfired on shots that ultimately sealed their fate.

Japan also beat the U.S. in last year's world championships.

The Americans will play Croatia, which lost to Hungary in penalty shots, in the 5th-8th place division on Friday.

Japan took a 2-0 lead but the Americans came back and held a 5-3 advantage in the second period before the Japanese managed to tie it at 6-6 by the half.

Bowen and USC alum Baron McQuin each came up big in

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USA VOLLEYBALL

Among the top tier

U.S. teams in title contention

Rick Eymer

Stanford commit Caitlin Baird took center stage Wednesday, recording a team-high 12 points as the U.S. women's junior national team throttled Guatemala, 25-13, 25-11, 25-7, to conclude Pool A of the NORCECA Women's U20 Continental Championship in Aguascalientes, Mexico.

The Americans earned a day off by winning all three group games. They will meet a survivor of Thursday's quarterfinal on Friday. The final match will be held Saturday, with the winner awarded a berth into the 2019 FIVB Women's U20 World Championship.

"It is a great feeling," Baird said. "We are playing as a team. It is awesome to be out here and experiencing this with the girls. It is just a good win for us."

The U.S. quickly gained a 5-1 lead over Guatemala in the opening set, then charged ahead for the 25-13 victory that included a 3-0 margin in aces. The Americans scored the first four points of the second set and cruised to a 25-11 victory. Guatemala scored the first point of the third set, but the

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Stanford grad Erik Shoji is one of the top liberos in the world.



CITY OF PALO ALTO **Architectural Review Board Regular Meeting**

250 Hamilton Avenue, Council Chambers July 5, 2018 at 8:30am

Action Items

PUBLIC HEARING / QUASI-JUDICIAL, 3223 Hanover Street [17PLN-00225]: Consideration of a Major Architectural Review to Allow the Construction of a new two-Story 67.200 Square Foot Office / R&D Building. Environmental Assessment: An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was Circulated for Public Comment From June 28, 2018 to July 30, 2018. Zoning District: RP (Research Park) and RP(L) (Research Park with Landscape Combining District). For More Information Contact the Project Planner Graham Owen at graham.owen@ cityofpaloalto.org

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Sports



Dutch Goose's Zach Donaker leads the Palo Alto Babe Ruth League with 13 stolen bases and 20 hits.

Youth baseball

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teammates Nolan Doyle (1.17 ERA, 1.17 WHIP) and Armsbaugh (1.27, 1.09).

Dodge (1.78, 1.32) and Alhouse teammate Colin Duggan (2.77 ERA) are also among the top 10, along with Thiuebault (0.68, 0.65) and three Oaks pitchers in Ryan Gilligan (1.13 ERA), JP Aguiliar (2.28, 1.17) and James Lewandowski (2.77, 1.13).

Good offensive numbers are not propriatory to Sundance. The top 10 hitters are at .419 or above and all are on a playoff team.

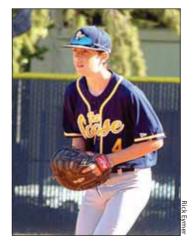
Following Darby, in order, are Donaker (.500), Dodge (.483), Jackson Ta (.467), Casey (.455), James Hwong (.450), Adrian Contreras (.429), Henry Bolte (.424), Danny Peters (.423) and De'aveon Roberts (.419).

Sundance has a lethal lineup that also includes Nicholas Swee and Ben Gladstone. Alhouse counters with others such as Richard Soliman, Charlie Grech and Samuel Lee.

The Oaks are also led by Brady Crowley and Alex Melvin.

District 52 Little League All-Stars

The 11-12-year-old tournament is scheduled for Redwood City's Mitchell and Kiwanis Fields and opens Saturday with all four local teams in action.



Sam Papp and Dutch Goose meet Alhouse at 8 p.m. Friday night at Baylands.

Palo Alto National gets things started at 10 a.m. against Pacifica National at Mitchell. Menlo-Atherton meets Foster City at 3 p.m. at Kiwanis while Alpine and Pacifica American mix it up at the same time on Mitchell.

Palo Alto American ends the day with a 5:30 p.m. games against Belmont-Redwood Shores at Kiwanis.

Win or lose, most teams will return to action on Sunday. For PA National, a win means another 10 a.m. game Sunday and a loss means a 5:30 p.m. game.

For PA American, a win means a 12:30 p.m. game on Sunday, possibly against Alpine, and a loss means a 3 p.m. De'aveon Roberts Sunday game.

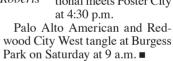
Alpine could play PA American in the winner's bracket at 12:30 p.m. or in the elimination bracket at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

A win for Menlo-Atherton means a 12:30 p;.m. Sunday. A loss means a 3 p.m. game.

The 10-11 tournament is being held at Marina Park, off the Ralston exit on 101. Alpine and Menlo-Atherton play at 2 p.m. Saturday while Palo Alto American meets San Mateo American at 7 p.m. Palo Alto National opens

Sunday at 11:30 a.m. against Belmont or San Carlos.

Alpine is hosting the 9-10 tournament and will open Saturday against San Carlos at 9 a.m. at Portola Valley's Ford Field. Menlo-Atherton and Belmont-RS follow at 2. p.m. and Palo Alto National meets Foster City



District 52 Little League Majors 11-12 All-Star Rosters

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Karissa Cook (standing) with Lauren Fendrick

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Life on the beach

Stanford grads in AVP Seattle Open

Brittany Howard

Howard

Rick Eymer

Cook, Brittany and Hayley Spelman are all entered in the AVP Seattle Open, which gets underway with opening rounds Friday at 9 a.m. on four courts, at Lake Sammamish State Park.

Cook, an assistant coach for the beach volleyball team, and teammate Katie Spieler

are still looking for a tournament victory but have finished as high

as seventh.
Karissa Howard,

Howard, who is teammates with Kelly Reeves, is on her second

year as a pro beach volleyball player and has played nine events, fingly three times.

Spelman, who plays

Spelman, who plays with Lacey Fuller, has appeared in three events to date, with a best finish of 29th place.

Competition continues through Sunday,

with the final scheduled for 1:30 p.m. ■

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Travis is headed for Kentucky

Stanford grad transfer to join nation's No. 1 team

Rick Eymer

tanford grad transfer Reid Travis has decided on Kentucky as his final collegiate stop, one of the most visible programs in the country and a team with a legitimate chance to win a national basketball title next season.

Travis, who has a year of eligibility remaining, announced his intention to transfer a couple of months ago after testing the NBA draft waters.

"I want to thank everyone who has helped me with this process of taking the next step to pursue my dreams," Travis tweeted. "I couldn't be more excited for the future!"

Travis earned the Hank Luisetti team MVP Award with one of the finest individual seasons in school history. The forward was a First Team All-Pac-12 selection and a National Association of Basketball Coaches All-District pick for the second consecutive season.

A third-year captain, he completed the season ranked third in the Pac-12 in both scoring (19.5 ppg) and rebounding (8.7 rpg) and finished in the top-three in the Pac-12 in 10 categories overall, including free throw attempts (first, 243), field goal attempts

(first, 474), total points (second, 682), free throws made (second, 164), total field goals made (second, 250), scoring (third, 19.5), double-doubles (third, 16), offensive rebounds per game (third, 3.0), rebounding (third, 8.7) and total rebounds (third, 306).

Stanford's 2017-18 squad posted its highest scoring average (75.9 ppg) in 16 years, best field goal percentage (.461) in 14 years and collected the fourth-most rebounds (1,368) in a season in school history. The Cardinal led the Pac-12 in rebounding (39.1 rpg) this past season.

Travis posted the fifth-best scoring total in a season in school history with 682 points. His 306 rebounds ranked seventh all-time. Travis' 250 field goals ranked third, his 243 free throw attempts ranked fourth and his 164 free throws made ranked 10th on Stanford's single-season lists.

He was one of just nine players in Stanford history with at least 1,400 career points and 700 career rebounds and one of only three players to achieve the feat in less than 100 games. Travis, who played in 98 career games on The Farm, recorded 1,427 points and 758 rebounds.

Water polo

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helping the U.S. beat defending world champion Croatia, 11-10, in the final game group play on Wednesday.

Bowen scored five goals, including the Americans final three scores, and was named game MVP while McQuin recorded 14 saves, including stopping a penalty shot for the U.S. (9-1, 3-0), which meets Japan in Thursday's quarterfinal round.

The Americans built a big lead and then held off a furious rally as they beat Croatia in major competition for the first time since the 2008 Olympic Games.

Bowen and Hallock each scored a goal in the U.S. win, 11-4, over Kazakhstan. Hannes Daube led the Americans with three goals and Alex Roelse added two goals.

The U.S. opened the tournament with a big win, 8-6, over Spain as Hallock scored twice to earn Player of the Match honors.

Spain grabbed a 4-2 edge in the second period before the Americans slammed the door shut, keeping the Spanish off the scoreboard for more than 12 minutes. During that time Team USA took advantage, going from down 4-2 to ahead 6-4 in the third quarter.

Bowen fired a shot from the perimeter to the U.S. up, 7-5. Spain battled back with a score to make it 7-6, but with less than two minutes to play Hallock took a pass at two meters and delivered a quick shot for a score.



Stanford commit Caitlin Baird (12) goes for a block against Guatalama. She led the team in scoring with six kills and six blocks.

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Team USA block and serve were too much as it won the set 25-7 with three blocks.

"It was a difficult match with a quick turnaround as we played late last night," U.S. coach Keegan Cook said. "I was really impressed with how they played in the third set."

Baird recorded her points on six kills and six blocks. Outside hitter Destiny Cox scored nine points on four blocks, three kills and two aces. Middle Adeola Owokoniran, who came off the bench in the first set, contributed six kills on eight errorless attacks and three blocks for nine points. Outside hitter Madi Kubik pocketed eight kills on 12 errorless swings in the victory.

U.S. libero Brooke Nuneviller was credited with eight digs and 10 excellent receptions on 14 errorless chances. Kubik chipped in seven digs and two excellent receptions. Cox was credited with five digs.

"You never know what you

"You never know what you are going to need, and last night

proved that," Cook said on getting 11 of his 12 players (only Menlo School senior Selina Xu did not play) into the match. "We have a lot of capable players, who may have to a have a big role or small role."

The American setters led to a 61.5 kill percent and .539 hitting efficiency (32-4-52). The U.S. held Guatemala to a 20.3 kill percent and a negative .153 hitting efficiency (12-21-59).

"We still had to play our game," Baird said. "We had to focus more on our serves, we were hitting a lot out. But once we got to the end, we started to get them in and it was a good game."

The Americans dominated the team stats with a 32-12 kill advantage, 14-2 margin in blocks and 6-0 lead in aces. The U.S. took advantage of 23 Guatemala errors and held its own miscues to 17.

The U.S. men's national team, which features Stanford grad Erik Shoji as the starting libero, enters its final week of play in the FIVB Volleyball Nations League with a chance to take over first place.

The Americans (10-2) meet France (10-2) on Friday in Modena, Italy to open the weekend. France has a one point lead over the U.S., which has won five straight since an upset loss to Germany.

The U.S. will also play thirdplace Russia (9-3) and host Italy as the six-team Super Final, to be held in Lille, France beginning July 4, will be set.

Ther women's national team, with Stanford grad Foluke Akinradewo, is scheduled to play Turkey in the first game of the VNL Super Final on Wednesday in

Nanjing, China. The Americans will also play Serbia in group competition before the classification round begins.

The U.S. (13-2) has a chance to avenge its two loses during preliminary play.■



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