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Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

Super PAC boosts Dixon in Congress campaign

Dixon gets \$1.3M, while Liccardo, Simitian and Low benefit from smaller special interest contributions

By Gennady Sheyner

Special interest groups have injected more than \$2 million into the competitive race to succeed U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo, with more than half of the largess flowing to Portola Valley resident and Marine Corps veteran Peter Dixon.

Dixon, a former CEO of a cybersecurity company, is one of four candidates who have benefited from independent-expenditure committees, commonly known as “super PACs.” These groups are not allowed to coordinate with the candidates’ campaigns, though

they can pay for mailers, polls and other services that support their candidates of choice.

Former San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian and state Assembly member Evan Low have also drawn support from independent-expenditure committees. The three candidates have collectively received about \$1 million from such groups, according to Federal

Election Commission filings.

Dixon, meanwhile, has benefited from \$1.3 million in independent expenditures from a group called Next Generation Veterans, which formed earlier this year specifically for the purpose of supporting his campaign, according to a disclosure that the group filed on Feb. 28. Its disclosures show that it has been spending big on direct mailers, polling

and consulting to support Dixon’s campaign.

Other candidates in the race are also benefiting from these contributions, though to a far lesser extent.

The independent-expenditure group Golden State Leadership Fund is supporting the campaign of Assembly member Evan Low

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Jocelyn Dong

Candidates make their pitches to District 16 voters at a debate on Wednesday, Jan. 31, as they face off for the coveted Congressional seat.

ELECTION 2024

House endorsements roll in ahead of primary

Liccardo draws support from big-city mayors while Simitian wins endorsements from Peninsula politicians

By Gennady Sheyner

As they sprint toward the March 5 primary election, candidates seeking to succeed U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo in the House of Representatives are getting political boosts from camps that reflect their experiences and political leanings.

Former San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, who often touts his experience as a leader of a major city, has secured endorsements from other big-city mayors, including former New York City

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and former Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf. San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan, who succeeded Liccardo, is also backing Liccardo’s campaign.

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, who has represented Peninsula communities at the local, county and state levels for more than two decades, has the backing from two powerful pillars of

the region’s political establishment: Eshoo and former U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier. He is also the favored candidate of dozens of local elected officials throughout the Peninsula, including the majority of the council members in Menlo Park, Palo Alto and Mountain View. Four of the seven council members in Palo Alto — Mayor Greer Stone, Vice Mayor Ed Lauing and council members Pat Burt and Vicki Veenker — have endorsed

his candidacy, notwithstanding the fact that two of their council colleagues — Julie Lythcott-Haims and Greg Tanaka — are competing against Simitian in the March 5 primary.

Lythcott-Haims, an author and a staunch advocate for building more housing, has endorsements from the pro-housing groups YIMBY Action and Peninsula for Everyone as well as from

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ENVIRONMENT

Council cancels all-electric mandate

Court decision forces Palo Alto to stop enforcing its gas ban

By Gennady Sheyner

Environmentalists cheered last year when Palo Alto adopted a new building code that effectively banned gas infrastructure in new development and required new buildings to be all-electric.

But the mood turned darker on Feb. 26, when the City Council unanimously agreed to stop enforcing its ban so as to comply with a recent decision by the Ninth Circuit Board of Appeals. The federal court last year struck down a similar prohibition on gas infrastructure in Berkeley, a ruling that has forced dozens of cities to reconsider their environmentalist ambitions.

In Palo Alto, this means that any developer who has applied for a building permit since the newly adopted all-electric requirement will now be able to revise their application to include gas infrastructure. Council member Vicki Veenker, an attorney who sits on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, said she was disappointed by the court’s decision, which she argued was based on “very poor reasoning.”

“This really pains me to do this. ... I regret that not only we, but all the cities in the Ninth Circuit jurisdictions, are facing this problem,” Veenker said shortly before the vote.

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Upfront

Our Town

By Jocelyn Dong



After 25 years, a farewell to the pages of Palo Alto

The last time that I left a job, the Y2K computer glitch — which some feared could bring down entire industries — loomed like a specter on the horizon. It was 1999. After graduating from Palo Alto High School and Pomona College in the 1980s, I'd taught piano in Hawaii and used my writing skills at two local nonprofit organizations. As much as I enjoyed that work, I still felt I was searching for my calling. So I took a chance on another field through an internship with my hometown newspaper, the Palo Alto Weekly. Within weeks of being in the newsroom, I knew I'd found my career.

Now, 25 amazing years later, I'm leaving the Palo Alto Weekly and PaloAltoOnline.com, having guided our coverage as editor for more than a dozen years and having also served as the Peninsula editorial director of our parent organization, Embarcadero Media.

It's been an incredible ride. In that span, I and 100-plus fellow journalists have teamed up to cover big news as it's affected our town, from the Great Recession to our community's tragedy of youth suicides to the up-sidedown reality brought on by the global pandemic.

What appealed to me as a new reporter is what still gratifies me to this day: Journalism connects people. The practice of journalism connected me to the world beyond my own circles, affording rare opportunities to talk with people living lives different from mine, with knowledge outside of my schooling and interests, or with passions about issues that I was surprised to find also resonated with me.

And I've been told by our readers that journalism well done, especially community journalism, has served as that conduit of connection for them too.

People ask me about the changes I've witnessed in Palo Alto and the broader Peninsula over these past 25 years. What have I observed from this unique vantage point?

In the early 2000s, the use of personal tech was growing, dual-income families were becoming the norm, and it wasn't unusual for people to drive into their garages after work with only a wave to their neighbors. The common feeling seemed to be "Everyone's busy nowadays."

We've spent the last two decades embracing innovation, wealth and opportunity. And we've also wrestled with their social impacts. While busyness used to be the identified enemy of community, now it's a distracted sense of isolation and a creeping inability to engage civilly

with those whose viewpoints differ. It's concerning.

But there is hope, and that is in no small part thanks to you, our readers. I'd like to think that the Weekly, together with our sister news sites the Redwood City Pulse, The Almanac and the Mountain View Voice, continue to push back on that isolation by bringing readers a broader picture of our communities week to week. Journalism at its best fosters a dialogue. But it counts on the participation of you who write letters to the editor, pen guest opinion columns, put yourselves out there as bloggers, pitch stories to us and share news from your neighborhoods. You make the community dialogue happen.

And I'm grateful that you've held us accountable too, even as we've sought to fulfill journalism's role of holding the powerful to account. That's been vital. That's what being part of a community together means.

I have a laundry list of memorable stories I've reported, edited or collaborated on with my amazingly talented staff, including incomparable reporters like Gennady Sheyner and Sue Dremann and creative editors Jamey Padojino and Linda Taaffe. I consider myself truly fortunate to have spent so many years working with them and under the leadership of Bill Johnson, Embarcadero's visionary founder, who even in his "retirement" serves as an ongoing guru.

If you had told me when I graduated from Palo Alto that this would be my career, I would never have believed you. I'm glad I would've been wrong. It's been a privilege to know and work with so many goodhearted people in the community over the years. You have my respect, admiration and deepest thanks. It's been an adventure.

As I leave, I would be remiss if I didn't take this time, my last soapbox, to tell you that the future existence of local journalism really does depend on the community. After two decades of seeing revenues erode as the digital world's become ubiquitous, media outlets like Embarcadero are struggling to keep and bring on the talented and committed journalists, as well as excellent staff in advertising, business, IT, marketing and production, who keep the dialogue going.

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Ricardo Hernandez, a residential solid waste driver for GreenWaste of Palo Alto, tosses excess trash to a truck outside of a home near Greer Park in Palo Alto.

Veronica Weber

UTILITIES

GreenWaste workers approve their first union contract

Palo Alto's refuse collectors bargain for pensions, benefits and raises

By Gennady Sheyner

When Ricardo Hernandez launched his career as a refuse collector in Palo Alto nearly two decades ago, the business was in some ways dirtier — and more grueling — than it is today.

Working under PASCO, the city's former contractor for solid waste collection, Hernandez recalled carrying cans by hand as part of a two-person crew. In later years, as a garbage assistant, he would wheel cans filled with disposed material along residential streets. He remained in the job as GreenWaste took over from PASCO in 2008 and introduced new technologies, most notably automated trucks.

"It's much better for our bodies," Hernandez, who now works as a driver in the residential neighborhoods, said in an interview.

This past weekend, Hernandez and 40 of his colleagues at GreenWaste Palo Alto welcomed another change that they hope will make their lives easier: their first-ever collective bargaining agreement. As part of the deal, Palo Alto's haulers will now get pensions, better health benefits and salary adjustments that will make their pay comparable with those in other area jurisdictions, according to union members.

The agreement has been more than a year in the making. During the pandemic, Hernandez led the organization effort for his GreenWaste team, which culminated in the group joining Teamsters Local 350 in November 2022. The local specializes in solid waste and recycling employees.

Robert Sandoval, president of Local 350, said that when it comes to unionization, GreenWaste was the last holdout in its jurisdiction, which stretches from San Francisco to San Bernardino

County. GreenWaste has two branches, one in Palo Alto and another in San Jose, and its efforts to organize the San Jose workers during the pandemic fell four votes short, he said.

In Palo Alto, by contrast, more than 80% of the employees opted to join the Teamsters. The employees and the union then spent more than a year negotiating with GreenWaste over a contract, which was ratified by a 32-1 vote on Feb. 24.

"Working hand in hand with the company, we were able to get a pretty historic contract for this group that meets the standard of other collective bargaining agreements and gives these members a voice, which they didn't have before," Sandoval said in an interview. "A lot of fringe benefits that they didn't have previously without the collective bargaining agreement."

Neither the Teamsters nor GreenWaste would provide the text of the agreement to this publication. But Sandoval said that among the biggest benefits that the new deal provides to the workers is pensions — a standard feature of other hauler contracts that has been conspicuously missing in Palo Alto.

"We were able to bargain and negotiate a pension for this group at a pretty considerable rate for a first-time contract," Sandoval said. "Credit to the bargaining team that we had and to GreenWaste for stepping up and doing the right thing for these workers and realizing that there is an area standard that needs to be met."

The contract also created clear job classifications with salaries based on market rates. Before, different drivers had different rates. Now, they are making the same salaries, which are based on their classification.

"It's equal pay for equal work, as we say," Sandoval said.

Hernandez said he and his colleagues also appreciate the fact that employees now have a voice in negotiating with their employer and a grievance process for addressing any workplace conflicts. They also wanted to make sure that their pay and benefits are comparable to those in other cities.

"We wanted to be in the same paying field as other companies around us," Hernandez said. "That's why we specifically wanted Local 350, because they are the ones that are handling the companies around the areas."

GreenWaste declined to say how much the new collective bargaining agreement would cost the company or what the rate impact would be for Palo Alto customers.

"GreenWaste of Palo Alto has a long history of commitment to City of Palo Alto ratepayers and the wellbeing of our employees," the company said in a statement.

City Council member Vicki Veenker, who supported the organization effort, lauded the new deal, which she said took a lot of persistence from both sides. During the Feb. 26 council meeting, she publicly congratulated both GreenWaste and Teamsters Local 350 for getting to the finish line.

"The negotiations have persisted and persisted and the contract was ratified on Saturday," Veenker said. "Our workers here in Palo Alto will now get the same compensation as surrounding cities, which is really important to our Zero Waste efforts, which is really important to our sustainability goals in the city." ■

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**PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL
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COUNCIL CHAMBERS & HYBRID**

<https://zoom.us/join> Meeting ID: 362 027 238
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STUDY SESSION (5:50 – 6:50 PM)

1. Study Session to provide early feedback about the proposed redevelopment of Buena Vista Mobile Home Park at 3980 El Camino Real.

CONSENT CALENDAR (6:50 – 6:55 PM)

2. Approval of a Purchase Order with Mobile Modular Management Corporation in the Amount of \$244,850, including \$222,591 for Basic Services and \$22,259 for Contingency, to Provide and Install a Modular Building at 4000 Middlefield Road to Serve as a Temporary Fire Station During Construction of the Fire Station 4 Replacement Capital Project (PE-18004); CEQA Status - Exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15303
3. Approval of Office of the City Auditor FY2024 Task 4 Task Orders (CEQA Status - Not a Project)
4. Acceptance of the Office of the City Auditor's Quarterly Status Report for the Period of October - December 2023
5. Approval of Professional Services Contract Number C24189371 with Kimley Horn and Associates in an Amount Not to Exceed \$178,559 for the Quiet Zone Study Services for railroad crossings at Churchill Avenue, Meadow Drive, and Charleston Road for a term ending December 31, 2025; CEQA – not a project.

ACTION ITEMS (Item 6: 7:20 – 7:40 PM,

Item 7: 7:40 – 8:25 PM, Item 8: 8:25 – 10:25 PM)

6. Adopt a Park Dedication Ordinance for the Tower Well site, 0.19 acres of land (8,437 square feet) at 201 Alma Street and approve the proposed name "Tower Well Park" as Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission. CEQA status - not a project.
7. Public Hearing: Second Reading Planned Community Ordinances for 2901 Middlefield Road and 702 Ellsworth Place. CEQA Status – Categorically Exempt
8. Approval of the 2024 City Council Priority Objectives and Finance Committee and Policy & Services Committee Workplans

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ELECTION 2024

California Apartment Association backs Abe-Koga for supervisor

Landlord group hands over \$150K in the largest expenditure to date in the race

By Emily Margaretten

In the largest independent expenditure to the Board of Supervisors race so far, the California Apartment Association threw its weight behind District 5 candidate Margaret Abe-Koga, shelling out more than \$150,000 to back her campaign in the weeks preceding Election Day.

The California Apartment Association (CAA) has indirectly supported Abe-Koga for elected office before, notably contributing to a political committee that backed her successful bid to re-join the Mountain View City Council in 2020.

This recent expenditure, however, is notable not only for its size but also its singularity. The landlord group, through the California Apartment Association Housing Solutions Committee, has not spent big in support of any other candidate in Santa Clara County this year, according to campaign finance disclosure statements.

On Thursday, Feb. 22, the CAA reported itemized expenses on behalf of Abe-Koga totaling \$97,155. A filing the next day, Feb. 23, showed that spending had

shot up to a cumulative \$158,485. The bulk of the money went towards campaign literature, mailings, postage, delivery and message services (\$61,330), followed by polling and survey research (\$18,950) and campaign consultants (\$16,875), according to the Thursday filing.

When asked about the large expenditure, Abe-Koga responded that she was “proud of the strong and broad community coalition” of her campaign.

“I have the support of over 500 endorsers throughout the District from every end of the spectrum which include several parties that are not always aligned, but they have come together around my campaign because they know together we can solve the issues facing our community,” she said.

In addition to the CAA, Abe-Koga said she had the support of the League of Conservation Voters, local elected leadership and the South Bay Labor Council.

The CAA attributed its support for Abe-Koga to her commitment to public service. “Abe-Koga’s 16 years on the Mountain View City

Council demonstrate a proven record of fighting for small businesses, leading Mountain View during the pandemic, and pushing to make our community more inclusive. This is exactly the type of dedicated, stable leadership Santa Clara County needs,” said Joshua Howard, CAA’s executive vice president of local public affairs.

“CAA supports candidates for office who work collaboratively to solve problems and champion the development of more housing,” he added.

With the cash infusion, the CAA has an oversized presence in the District 5 race. But it’s not the first time the organization has sought to exert influence in local races — including major independent expenditures targeting Mountain View’s elections.

In 2014, the CAA funneled money into a group called the Neighborhood Empowerment Coalition (NEC) that spent more than \$85,000 supporting the campaigns of three Mountain View City Council candidates — Ellen Kamei, Ken Rosenberg and Pat



Magali Gauthier

City Council member Margarte Abe-Koga during a council meeting on March 5, 2019.

Showalter. All three candidates disavowed association with the NEC, but also had CAA endorsements on their campaign websites at the time.

In 2016, the CAA focused its campaign activities on housing measures and raised \$1.2 million to oppose rent control in six Bay Area cities, including Mountain View. When the city passed Measure V, the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act, the CAA sought to challenge it with a lawsuit that ultimately was unsuccessful.

In 2020, the CAA again weighed in on Mountain View’s rent control laws. It supported Measure D, a ballot measure backed by Abe-Koga that proposed, among other things, a revised cap annual rent increases

for rent-controlled apartments. It also proposed an easier framework to pass on the costs of capital upgrades to tenants. A majority of Mountain View voters rejected the measure.

That same year, outside spending poured into Mountain View’s local races, with the CAA contributing \$50,000 to the Silicon Valley Organization, a coalition of Bay Area business leaders and chambers of commerce. The Silicon Valley Organization spent \$29,200 to oppose Sally Lieber’s bid to the Mountain View City Council in 2020. Lieber won a seat on the council and is now a contender in the District 5 Board of Supervisors race. ■

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ELECTION 2024

Final stretch to election brings big spending to District 5 race

Candidates canvass district with campaign literature and mailers

By Emily Margaretten

With just a week until Election Day, the District 5 Board of Supervisors candidates have ramped up spending on their campaigns in the last leg of the race to get their message out to voters.

Five candidates are vying for a seat to represent the North County to replace incumbent Supervisor Joe Simitian. If no candidate wins a majority of the vote on Tuesday, March 5 then the top two contenders will compete in the November general election.

The candidates have largely kept to their original playbooks in terms of campaign finance strategies. Mountain View City Council member Margaret Abe-Koga took an early lead in the race with monetary contributions. She canvassed the district and acquired hundreds of individual donations and contributions from political action committees.

Since the start of the campaign,

Abe-Koga has amassed about \$297,195 and spent approximately \$244,120, according to recent financial statements. This is just shy of the \$250,000 voluntary expenditure limit for the Board of Supervisors race.

When questioned about this strategy, Abe-Koga said she wanted to raise over \$250,000 because it was a large district. “I wanted to ensure enough funds to make sure we could get voter information to every part of the District. Furthermore, donors who support me want to ensure we make it to the general election and have funds to continue our efforts through November,” she added.

Abe-Koga also received the backing of the California Apartment Association, which recently submitted an independent expenditure report that disclosed it had spent \$158,485 on her campaign.

Sally Lieber, a former State Assembly member who currently serves on the California State Board of Equalization, has raised about \$163,740 and spent approximately \$53,630. Early on in the race, Lieber said she was pursuing a corporate-free campaign and would not accept donations from big landlords. Her campaign is seeded with a \$135,000 loan.

Lieber, who has served in elected office for decades, has kept her expenditures relatively low in comparison to Abe-Koga. In a previous interview with this publication, Lieber said she had a lot of name recognition in the district and planned to be money savvy.

Peter Fung, a retired neurologist who serves on the El Camino Health District Board of Directors, has raised about \$221,295 and spent approximately \$182,550. His campaign is predominantly self-financed



with loans totaling \$210,000.

Sandy Sans, a business owner, has picked up about \$32,600 for his campaign and spent approximately \$29,040. His campaign also is largely self-financed by a \$30,000 loan.

Barry Chang, a former Cupertino City Council member and mayor, reported no financial contributions or expenditures for his campaign.

Abe-Koga continued to draw support from individual contributors, with 64 donations between the period of Jan. 21 and Feb. 17. As before, Abe-Koga received the backing of numerous trade unions and political action committees.

These included the San Jose Police Officers Association (\$1,500), Northern California Carpenters Regional Council (\$1,000), Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 District 90 PAC (\$1,000), Registered Nurses Professional Association PAC (\$1,000), Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council

PAC (\$1,000), Sprinkler Fitters and Apprentices Local 483 PAC (\$1,000) and Cement Masons Local 400 PAC (\$250).

California State Treasurer Fiona Ma donated \$1,000 to Abe-Koga’s campaign and Director of Valley Water District Richard Santos donated \$300.

Lieber, Fung and Sans had a small number of contributors this reporting period, with the donations mostly coming in from working professionals and retired individuals.

The candidates’ expenditures meanwhile have picked up just ahead of Election Day. Fung and Abe-Koga mostly focused their spending on campaign literature and mailings. Fung spent approximately \$120,470 and Abe-Koga followed closely behind at about \$107,680. Lieber and Sans spent far less, approximately \$13,550 and \$1,355, respectively.

Web, social media and video production also were a big source of candidates’ expenditures. Fung spent about \$47,500, Abe-Koga \$16,300 and Sans \$4,160.

Consultants continued to have a presence in the campaign too, with Sans shelling out approximately \$21,295, Abe-Koga \$8,500 and Fung \$5,000. ■

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HOUSING

City sets sights on downtown as next housing hub

Council approves \$1.9M in city funds for three-year planning effort

By Gennady Sheyner

When it comes to housing, the city's development pipeline continues to tilt heavily toward the southern half of the city, with builders largely focusing on sites along El Camino Real and San Antonio Road.

The city's downtown area, meanwhile, remains relatively devoid of new development. The prominent area around University Avenue has played a surprisingly marginal role in the city's plan to add 6,086 dwellings by 2031.

The Housing Element that the City Council approved last May includes a few downtown-centric policies such as allowing construction of affordable housing on downtown parking lots and up-zoning at a Stanford University-owned site on Welch Road to enable more than 400 new apartments. That pales, however, in comparison to the city plans for the San Antonio Road area, where city leaders hope to add more than 2,000 dwellings in sites that are currently zoned for industrial and commercial use.

This strategy has rubbed some housing advocates the wrong way. The group Palo Alto Forward submitted a letter to the state Department Housing

and Community Development in December 2022 expressing concern with the city's plans to put so much housing on San Antonio.

"The City has located the majority of lower-income housing in manufacturing and industrial areas next to the 101 freeway, rather than near public transit, jobs, and schools near downtown," the Palo Alto Forward board wrote. "This decision is at utterly odds with the City's fair housing obligations, as well as its climate and sustainability goals."

That, however, may soon change. The City Council approved on Feb. 26 a pair of contracts to create a Downtown Housing Plan, a planning document that could upend the zoning designations and design standards in the downtown area and identify the infrastructural improvements that would need to get built to accelerate housing production.

Seeded by an \$800,000 grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the plan will focus on a 76-acre portion of downtown that is roughly bounded by Alma Street on the west and Cowper Street on the east, between Lytton and Hamilton avenues. It will be

steered by a stakeholder committee consisting of residents, housing advocates, business leaders and representatives from Stanford University, Caltrans and the Palo Alto Unified School District.

To get the effort started, the council approved a three-year, \$1.5-million deal with Wallace Roberts & Todd for planning and consulting work and a \$375,522 contract with Good City Company to manage the project and ensure that the plan gets completed within three years, consistent with the MTC deadline.

While the council voted 5-2 to approve the new contracts, not everyone was thrilled about the decision. Penny Ellson, who lives in south Palo Alto, lamented the fact that the city is commencing a major plan in the downtown area just as San Antonio and El Camino are getting inundated with housing projects and zoning revisions.

Ellson said she was concerned about the city issuing "substantive and irrevocable development approvals" in south Palo Alto before master planning work can be complete to inform those decisions. Even as the council is preparing to invest close to \$2

million to hire consultants for the downtown plan, the bulk of the planning work around San Antonio has been conducted by a group of urban planning students from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo for a nominal fee of about \$15,000, she noted.

Council member Lydia Kou, who in 2022 voted against accepting the MTC grant for the downtown plan, reiterated her opposition during the Feb. 26 discussion.

She called the current San Antonio plan a "hodge-podge, willy-nilly way of planning" and lamented the lack of public transportation services, rideshare stops and other transportation amenities in the plans that had been developed by the Cal Poly students.

"At this point, it seems there is professional planning conducted for downtown," Kou said. "But for south Palo Alto ... I don't know if it's a good idea, but we seem to be a test case to help further land use and planning college courses. I don't think that is a very good way of representing south Palo Alto."

Kou and Council member Greg Tanaka were the only dissenters in the vote to approve the contracts. Tanaka said he agreed with Ellson about the "inequity" of spending so much on the downtown plan while San Antonio is getting most of the growth and suggested that the contracts warranted more discussion.

Most council members, however, voted to support the contract after City Manager Ed Shikada assured them that San Antonio will also go through an extensive planning effort, which is scheduled to kick off later this year. ■

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HOUSING

Creekside Inn proposal grows in size

Revised plan would include 228 apartments and a new hotel building

By Gennady Sheyner

After getting pushback for its initial proposal, a developer has revised its plans to construct two residential complexes and a new hotel building at the Creekside Inn site in Barron Park.

The application that Oxford Capital Partners submitted this week raises the number of residential units in the proposed project from 189 to 228. Oxford also plans to demolish the four existing two-story hotel buildings that currently flank the creek and construct a new seven-story hotel with 132 rooms on the east side of the property at 3400 El Camino Real, the plans show.

The developer would preserve 57 existing hotel rooms, bringing the total number of rooms to 189 once the project is completed.

The Creekside Inn project is among the most ambitious in a wave of applications that have been proposed in the centrally located stretch of El Camino Real south of Page Mill Road. Like most of the other projects in this area, the Creekside Inn proposal is invoking Senate Bill 330, which streamlines the approval process for residential projects and prevents the city from making any zone changes that would require



Courtesy Lowney Architecture/city of Palo Alto

Oxford Capital Group is proposing a project with two apartment complexes at a hotel at 3400 El Camino Real.

revisions to the project. Attorneys for Oxford are also arguing that the project is eligible for approval under the "builder's remedy" provision of the state law, which applies to jurisdictions like Palo Alto that do not have a state-certified housing plan.

The new plans show two eight-story residential buildings on either side of the creek, each 85 feet. One would have 102 apartments and another would have 112 — in each case a combination of one-, two- and three-bedroom units. Oxford plans to offer 46 of the apartments to individuals in the "low-income" category, which applies to individuals making below

80% of the area median income, according to the application.

The project also includes a townhouse development on the southeast corner of the site with four units as well as 10 units in an existing hotel building.

"The overarching project goals include maintaining respect for the existing Matadero Creek and Creekside, while replacing a number of existing, lower density buildings with new mid-rise buildings and subterranean parking," wrote the developer's attorneys, Chelsea Maclean and Genna Yarkin from the firm Holland & Knight, in a letter accompanying the project plans. ■

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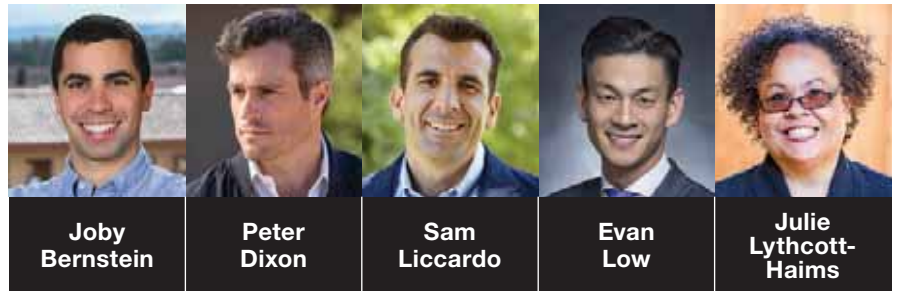
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Candidate Q&A



	Joby Bernstein	Peter Dixon	Sam Liccardo	Evan Low	Julie Lythcott-Haims
Abortion rights <i>Would you favor or oppose Congress passing legislation to:</i> Codify the Roe v Wade abortion standards in federal law?	Favor	Favor	Favor	Favor	Favor
Adopt a federal law prohibiting abortions after approximately 16-20 weeks	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose
Adopt a federal law prohibiting abortion at any time except in cases of rape, incest or endangerment of the mother's life	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose	Oppose
Gun regulation <i>Would you favor or oppose Congress passing legislation to:</i> Require universal background checks for all firearms purchases?	Favor	Favor	Favor	Favor	Favor
Prohibit the sale of semi-automatic weapons and ammunition?	Favor	Favor	Favor	Favor	Favor
Prohibit the sale of all firearms to anyone under age 25?	Oppose	Oppose	Favor ²	Favor	Favor
Immigration <i>Would you favor or oppose Congress passing legislation to:</i> Allow the continuation of the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) program, created under an executive order by President Obama, providing temporary status and work authorization for children who entered the United States as minors, and the resumption of processing of new applications?	Favor	Favor	Favor	Favor	Favor
Pass the DREAM ACT, providing a path to permanent resident status to those who entered the United States as minors?	Favor	Favor	Favor	Favor	Favor
Increase funding for border security measures, including extension of the border wall?	Favor ⁵	Favor	NA ⁶	Favor ⁷	Oppose ⁸
Foreign policy <i>If elected, would you favor or oppose:</i> Continued military support for Ukraine at levels in line (or above) current levels?	Favor ¹⁰	Favor	Favor	Favor	Favor
Exerting United States influence to achieve a cease-fire and delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza?	Favor ¹³	Oppose	Favor ¹⁴	Favor ¹⁵	Favor ¹⁶
Exercising diplomatic pressure on Israel to support and implement a two-state solution?	Favor ¹⁹	Favor	Favor	Favor ²⁰	Favor
Climate change <i>Would you favor or oppose Congress passing legislation to:</i> Prohibit the installation of new residential gas appliances?	Oppose ²²	Favor	Favor	Oppose	Favor ²³
Increase consumer incentives beyond what was in the Inflation Reduction Act for the purchase of electric vehicles?	Oppose ²⁶	Favor	Favor	Favor	Favor
Tax policy <i>Would you favor or oppose Congress passing legislation to:</i> Increase income tax rates on multi-millionaires?	Oppose ²⁸	Favor	Favor	Favor ²⁹	Favor
Establish a "wealth tax" on appreciated assets owned by high-wealth individuals?	Favor ³¹	Oppose	Oppose ³²	Favor ³³	Favor
Political donations Have you restricted donations to your campaign in any way?	Yes ³⁵	Yes ³⁶	Yes ³⁷	Yes ³⁸	Yes ³⁹
Student loan forgiveness Would you favor or oppose legislation that would create a program for student loan forgiveness for those earning less than a limiting amount?	Favor ⁴³	Favor	Favor	Favor	Favor

The complete set of questions is available online at PaloAltoOnline.com

Endorsements

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former mayors Larry Klein (Palo Alto), Giselle Hale (Redwood City) and Laura Martinez (East Palo Alto).

And on the national stage, her candidacy boasts endorsements from by U.S. Sen. Cory Booker and U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel, as well as the group EMILY'S List, which supports pro-choice female candidates.

Tanaka, meanwhile, lists

Andrew Yang, former presidential candidate and founder of Forward Party, on his roster of endorsers — a list that also includes dozens of tech executives, small business owners and council members from other communities, including Omar Din of Sunnyvale, Anthony Pham of Milpitas and Sabina Zafar of San Ramon.

Peter Dixon, a Marine Corps veteran and former CEO of a cybersecurity company, is the preferred candidate of national figures with military backgrounds, many of whom live outside

California. His list of endorsers includes retired Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who took on Al-Qaeda as commander of the Joint Special Operations Command between 2003 and 2008, as well as eight sitting Congress members with military backgrounds: Jason Crow, Mikie Sherill, Don Davis, Chrissy Houlahan (who also endorsed Julie Lythcott-Haims), Pat Ryan, Seth Moulton, Jared Golden and Chris Deluzio. He has also been endorsed by VoteVets, a political action committee that focuses on national security.

By contrast, most of Assembly member Evan Low's prominent endorsers are politicians with California roots. His list of supporters includes dozens of established California politicians, including U.S. Sen. Laphonza Butler, state Treasurer Fiona Ma, Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis and Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara. His campaign is also being endorsed by former U.S. Rep. Mike Honda and former county supervisors Rich Gordon (from San Mateo County) and Ken Yeager (from

Santa Clara County).

Low has also received endorsements from the LGBTQ+ Victory Fund, Equality PAC and Equality California. He has also won the backing of numerous labor organizations, including the International Fire Fighters Association, the California Labor Federation, the South Bay Labor Council and the San Mateo Labor Council.

Some endorsements are based on common political ideology or professional background. Joby Bernstein, a graduate student at Stanford University who



Ahmed Mostafa	Peter Ohtaki	Joe Simitian	Greg Tanaka
Favor	Favor	Favor	Favor
Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Oppose
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Oppose	Favor	Oppose	Oppose
Favor	Favor	Favor	Oppose ³
Favor	Favor	Favor	Oppose ⁴
Oppose	Favor	NA ⁹	Favor
Favor	Favor ¹¹	Favor	Oppose ¹²
Favor	Oppose	NA ¹⁷	Favor ¹⁸
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Favor	Oppose ²⁴	NA ²⁵	Oppose
Favor	Oppose ²⁷	Favor	Favor
Favor	Favor ³⁰	NA	Oppose
Favor	Oppose ³⁴	Oppose	Oppose
Yes ⁴⁰	Yes ⁴¹	Yes ⁴²	No
Favor	Favor	Favor	Oppose ⁴⁴

specializes in investments to combat climate change, lists dozens of fellow students and professors on his endorsement page.

Ahmed Mostafa, an attorney and former policy adviser at Google who has strongly advocated for a cease-fire in the Israel-Hamas war, had a fundraiser on Feb. 23 with U.S. Rep. Jamaal Bowman, a member of the progressive group of Democratic politicians informally known as “the Squad.” And Rishi Kumar, a former Saratoga council member who has strongly criticized

Sacramento’s housing mandates that infringe on local land-use decisions, has the support of local elected officials with similar views, including Palo Alto council member Lydia Kou and former Cupertino Mayor Steven Scharf.

Kumar also boasts an endorsement from Susan Kirsch, director of Catalysts, a state group that campaigns against state laws that it believes undermine local control. ■

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Notes and nuances

Candidates were invited, when necessary, to condition their answers with short comments, which have been edited for length and clarity

¹Oppose if we do universal background checks. A general ban on any ammunition is against the 2nd Amendment.

²Such a statutory change would face a serious Constitutional challenge and be very unlikely to pass in a divided Congress. While I would vote for the proposal and have a record voting for other gun regulations, I would focus my energies on solutions that we can actually implement

³We should make it a lot easier for legal immigration/work permits versus encouraging illegal immigration. If there are unfilled job openings, and the immigrant has no criminal history or disease and can do the work, the issuing of work permits should be automatic.

⁴Same response as DACA question. We should make it a lot easier for legal immigration/work permits versus encouraging illegal immigration. If there are unfilled job openings, and the immigrant has no criminal history or disease and can do the work, the issuing of work permits should be automatic.

⁵Border wall extension is low priority, but we NEED more border infrastructure investment.

⁶“Favor” to more security. “Oppose” to a massive investment in an ineffective, expensive and distracting border “wall.” We can better put border wall funding to much better use on Border Patrol staffing, technology, investigations and processing capacity.

⁷Favor only as part of a larger bipartisan agreement that includes comprehensive immigration reform in line with Democratic priorities.

⁸Rather than allocate money to build a wall with dubious benefits, channeling those resources into reform would do more to address immigration — legal and undocumented — at all our borders.

⁹Border security is part of the comprehensive immigration reform our nation needs; the use of physical barriers will be location dependent. I’m certainly not a supporter of former President Donald Trump’s wall.

¹⁰I would push for higher levels.

¹¹Favor with accountability.

¹²We should work towards a solution that keeps Ukraine as a buffer state versus trying to

restore all the historic territory of Ukraine.

¹³The United States should be using its influence on all sides to obtain a release of the hostage, a cease-fire and a process for moving forward.

¹⁴I unequivocally support exerting U.S. influence to halt the fighting, to bring the hostages home and to deliver humanitarian aid to two million suffering Palestinians. I would support a cease-fire if it was accompanied by a release of all hostages and a change in the civil authority in Gaza. I do not support a negotiated outcome that leaves Hamas in power.

¹⁵I favor delivery of humanitarian aid and U.S. intervention to achieve it; I do not currently support a cease-fire. Once Hamas has been dismantled and defeated and the hostages released, I can support a cease-fire.

¹⁶I have publicly called for a bilateral humanitarian cease-fire.

¹⁷I certainly support stepped-up humanitarian aid. The term cease-fire has different meanings at different times in different contexts — even then, the phrase often means different things to different people. That said, all parties, including the United States, need to work to bring an end to the war.

¹⁸Favor only with a committed path to a two state solution that secures security for Israel.

¹⁹I believe in a two-state solution — but Israel and legitimate authorities of Palestine must agree to this. The United States should help set up this discussion however possible.

²⁰I favor negotiating a two-state solution at the conclusion of the war with Hamas.

²¹The two-state solution must give Israel security and Palestians sovereignty.

²²But we need to disincentivize gas installations and educate consumers and contractors on the environmental and health harms of gas appliances. The market can solve this faster than the government.

²³Electric appliances are more expensive than gas. While I am in favor of transitioning the nation away from gas, we need to do so in a thoughtful way that doesn’t leave behind those with fewer resources.

²⁴Oppose until the power grid is fully renewable

sources. Why ban gas appliances when gas power plants are still providing 40% electricity in the United States?

²⁵Right now the emphasis needs to be on rolling back the House action to adopt the so-called Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act.

²⁶We have to fix the grid first. Taxing combustion engines appropriately is the way to go. Higher return on investment for improving the U.S. electric vehicle supply chain — that is where we need the resources.

²⁷Oppose but favor incentives for renewable power generation capacity like offshore wind power.

²⁸We don’t need to change statutory rates, but need to limit deductions.

²⁹Favor depending on details/threshold.

³⁰Favor but selling your house should not put you into this higher tax bracket.

³¹Deduct all other taxes on wealth tax and pay wealth tax above \$5 million at 0.5%.

³²I have not yet seen a “wealth tax” proposal that seems to impose it equitably or reliably.

³³Favor depending on details/threshold.

³⁴Property tax is already a wealth tax.

³⁵No corporate or special interest money accepted, and no money from fossil fuel executives or corporations.

³⁶I have taken a fossil fuel free pledge.

³⁷My campaign will not take any contributions from oil and gas companies.

³⁸I proudly reject donations from the NRA and other anti-gun safety groups, from anyone who denies the legitimacy of the 2020 election, from groups opposed to abortion rights and LGBTQ+ rights and from tobacco companies.

³⁹I am not taking donations from federal lobbyists or corporate PACs.

⁴⁰No money from corporate PACs or the fossil fuel industry.

⁴¹Not accepting oil/gas contributions.

⁴²I do not take “tobacco” money. I have pledged not to take fossil fuel money.

⁴³I don’t support fully eliminating, but restructuring these loans should be an option in a similar fashion to how we let corporations restructure.

⁴⁴Creates a moral hazard.

Contributions

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with \$399,000 in expenditures. Founded in 2019, the group aims to “support diversity and encourage voting among the historically under-represented communities,” according to its website.

The group supported Low’s campaign with polling services production of digital videos, according to filings with the Federal Election Commission.

Low also received \$50,045 in contributions from the group Equality California Votes.

The San Francisco-based group

Neighbors for Results, which formed earlier this year, is supporting former San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo with \$315,777, money that has been used for digital advertisements and mailers. The group lists as its treasurer Matthew Alvarez, a partner at Sutton Law Firm.

Meanwhile, an independent-expenditure group called Part of the Solution PAC has spent \$247,785 to support Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian with production of digital ads, website support and polling services. The group was founded earlier this year by Jay Gellert, former CEO of Health Net.

These four candidates are part of a crowded field that also includes Palo Alto council members Julie Lythcott-Haims and Greg Tanaka, former Menlo Park Mayor Peter Ohtaki, climate investor Joby Bernstein, attorney and former Google employee Ahmed Mostafa and former Saratoga council member Rishi Kumar.

In addition to getting support from the independent groups, the candidates have been busy raising cash through their official campaigns.

Dixon and Liccardo have the biggest campaign chests, according to campaign filings. Dixon reported \$2.7 million in total receipts, which includes \$1.4 million loan that he made to his own campaign.

Dixon has also received \$5,000 from With Honors, a political action committee, \$6,600 from Matthew McKnight, general manager at Ginkgo Bioworks; another \$6,600 from Max Hodak, executive at Science Corporation; and \$3,300 from Palo Alto architect Daniel Garber, former chair of the city’s Planning and Transportation Commission.

Juan Alberto Yopez, an investor with Forgepoint Capital, also contributed \$6,600 to Dixon’s campaign, as did Peter Wendell of the firm Sierra Ventures and Tiffany Tsai, a researcher at Rand Corporation.

Liccardo reported contributions totaling \$2.2 million by Feb. 14. His major donors include Matthew Dinapoli, CEO of Dinapoli Capital Group, Dana Weintraub, CEO of Bay Area Women’s Sports Initiative, Sunnyvale resident Richard Parenteau, and John Danner, founder of Project Read. They are among the donors who contributed the maximum amount of \$6,600 to the Liccardo campaign, with \$3,300 designated for the primary election and \$3,300 for the general election.

Assembly member Evan Low and Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian also raked in the cash, with Low’s campaign reporting \$1.3 million in contributions and Simitian’s reporting \$932,608. Low received \$3,300 contributions from more than 200 donors, including attorney Christopher Schumb; Regina Yin, owner of a McDonald’s

restaurant and investor Anthony Ling. John Park, owner of Park West Casinos, contributed \$6,600 to Low, as did David Duong, chief executive officer of Vietnamese American Business Association.

Simitian’s list of reported contributions includes \$6,600 contributions from Gellert; Peter Pau, founder of San Hill Property Company; Elizabeth Raffin, director of Ishiyama Corporation; major Democratic donors George and Judy Marcus; John Chambers, Saratoga resident Dave House, Redwood City resident Nancy Geschke and Menlo Park resident Michelle Box, among others.

Palo Alto council member Julie Lythcott-Haims reported \$595,780 in contributions, including \$220,884 that her campaign

has raised since the beginning of this year. Reid Hoffman and Allen Blue, co-founders of LinkedIn, each \$6,600 to her campaign. So had Stanford University professor Fred Heath; San Francisco resident Smita Singh; and Tim Westergren, co-founder of Cr8tr Inc. and former CEO of Pandora.

None of the other candidates in the race have raised more than \$300,000 for their bid to succeed Eshoo. Kumar reported raising \$289,503, while Ahmed Mostafa received \$201,773.

Bernstein reported \$140,837 in contributions, while Ohtaki and Tanaka reported \$54,170 and \$15,080, respectively. ■

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Online This Week

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

Palo Alto Commons in limbo

Palo Alto Commons, an assisted-living community for seniors on El Camino Way, is in a showdown with its neighbors over plans to add 18 units to its complex, with critics arguing that the proposed addition will cast shadows on their yards and worsen a parking shortage. (Feb. 29)

Police make three weekend arrests

The Palo Alto Police Department made three unrelated arrests over the weekend, booking a man and two women for vandalism, theft of an Amazon van and auto burglary, respectively. (Feb. 25)

House contenders debate at youth forum

Candidates looking to succeed U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo tried to distinguish themselves from the crowded pack on Feb. 22 as they fielded questions from local students. (Feb. 23)

Swedish royal visit focuses on green tech

At a summit in Palo Alto, a Swedish business delegation led by the crown princess couple and the minister of foreign trade called on Silicon Valley leaders to lend their efforts to a sustainable technology transition. (Feb. 23)

Police now accepting notice of private cameras

Palo Alto police have launched a new program that allows the city’s residents and businesses to voluntarily notify law enforcement of privately owned security cameras on their property. (Feb. 23)

Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to hold a study session on the proposed redevelopment of Buena Vista Mobile Home Park at 3980 El Camino Real; consider a park dedication ordinance for the “Tower Well” site at 201 Alma St.; consider a planned-community ordinance for 702 Ellsworth Place; and discuss its priority objectives for 2024. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 4, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 362 027 238.

UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION ... The commission plans to consider the financial plans and proposed rate changes for the gas, electric, water and wastewater utilities. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 966 9129 7246.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD ... The board plans to discuss planned home zone proposals at 800 San Antonio Road and 660 University Ave. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave. Those wishing to participate by Zoom can do so by dialing 669-900-6833 and using Meeting ID: 965 6189 1491.



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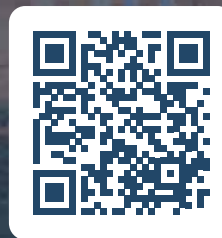
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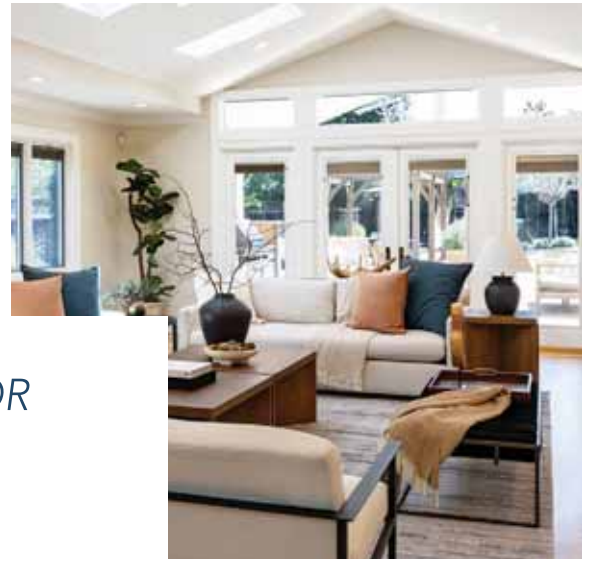


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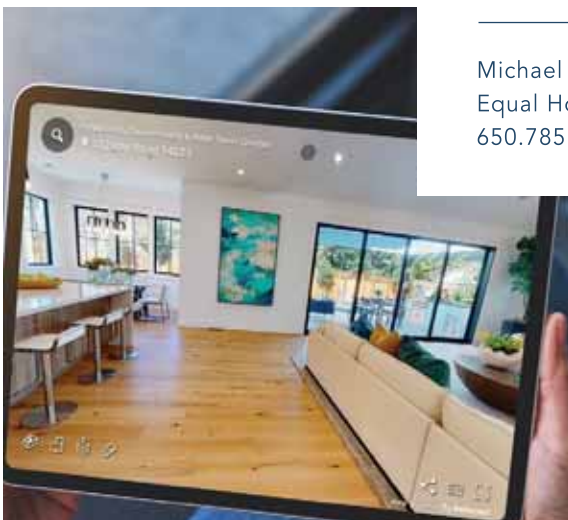
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Employment

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Electric

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a setback for the council's environmental agenda, including its goal of reducing greenhouse-gas emission by 80% by 2030, council members are hoping they can achieve environmentally sound construction through other means. With its vote, the council authorized staff from the Utilities and Planning and Development Services departments to make further code revisions that would encourage electric water heaters and space heaters.

Rather than explicitly require that builders install such appliances, the new code will include strict energy-efficiency standards that developers would have a hard time meeting with gas appliances. Known as "One Margin," this approach has been adopted by other communities, including the cities of San Luis Obispo, San Jose and Santa Cruz, according to a report from Planning Director Jonathan Lait.

But even though the new code would strongly encourage adoption of electric water- and space-heating appliances, builders would now have more flexibility when it comes to installation of gas stoves and outdoor equipment such as fire pits.

Christine Tam, senior resource planner at the utilities department, said that because water and space heating accounts for 80% of a home's greenhouse-gas emission, she does not expect that the suspension of the all-electric reach code will result in substantially more greenhouse-gas emissions from homes.

Lait also noted in his report that the California energy code, which would apply in Palo Alto, already includes several measures that "effectively require heat pump space conditioning and water heating in Palo Alto's climate zone."

"Heat pumps are required for both space heating and water heating in new single-family homes, and for space heating only in new multifamily residences and most commercial uses," the report states. "While the base CEC allows a developer to show that an alternative approach is just as energy-efficient as heat pump space and water heating, the vast majority of developers use the pre-approved path."

But for local environmentalists, the moratorium on the all-electric requirement was a stunning setback. Former Mayor Larry Klein, who has been advocating for a phase-out of the gas utility, called the council's move "a necessary retreat from a very bad decision by the Ninth Circuit." He urged the city to move quickly on adopting a new building code.

Julia Zeitlin, executive director of the Palo Alto Student Climate Coalition, lamented the mixed message that the moratorium would send to the community, particularly at a time when the city is aggressively trying to



Magali Gauthier

A all-electric heating, ventilation and air conditioning unit is lifted by a crane during its installation process on the rooftop of the Peninsula Conservation Center in Palo Alto on Jan. 25, 2023.

encourage people to install heat-pump water heaters.

"We can't tell residents of existing buildings to electrify and then allow new gas hook-ups in new buildings," Zeitlin said. "It's not sustainable and it just doesn't make sense with our current climate goals."

While she said that the One Margin approach is better than not having any standards, it "does not set the all-electric standards that we desperately need."

The council's vote directed utilities and planning staff to survey One Margin ordinances in other communities and return within six months with a proposal based on those models but customized for Palo Alto.

The council agreed that city staff need to move expeditiously in adopting the stricter building standards now that the moratorium is in place and gas infrastructure is once again allowed. Council member Julie Lythcott-Haims said she was concerned that some people would take advantage of this interim period to install gas appliances.

"If the moratorium takes effect and it takes us a while to get the new One Margin reach code, we could conceivably have a flurry of people who file applications seeking to catch us in this window," Lythcott-Haims said. "We can't predict to what extent it's going to roll back our progress, but whatever we can do to compress this timeline when the moratorium on enforcement goes into effect and when we have this code in place."

City leaders also hope to reduce the impact of the court decision by educating residents and builders about the economic benefits of electrification, particularly as renewable energy gets cheaper. Klein and Vice Mayor Ed Lauing also stressed the importance of informing the public about the city's ultimate objective to go all-electric, a goal that could deter installations of gas infrastructure.

"To the extent that we can get reasonable cooperation, maybe we don't lose much from this little speed bump," Lauing said. ■

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CityView

A roundup of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council (Feb. 26)

Utilities: The council agreed to halt enforcement of the city's recently adopted law requiring all-electric building construction and directed staff to return with a building code update based on the "One Margin" model. **Yes:** Unanimous

Censure: The council agreed to update its procedures and protocols handbook to create a process for censuring council members. **Yes:** Burt, Kou, Lauing, Lythcott-Haims, Stone, Veenker **No:** Tanaka

Parks and Recreation Commission (Feb. 27)

Wellness Center: The commission heard an update about ongoing plans to build a new Recreation Wellness Center. **Yes:** None

Recreation: The commission heard a review of the city's recreation programs. **Yes:** Unanimous

Planning and Transportation Commission (Feb. 28)

Safe System: The commission heard a presentation about a recent analysis of the city's most frequent traffic accident areas. **Action:** None

Palo Alto Commons: The commission voted to request further revisions to 4075 El Camino Way, with particular attention to shadow and parking impacts. **Yes:** Unanimous



Palo Alto Unified School District

Palo Alto Unified School District ("District") will receive sealed bids for the following project,

Contract Name: JLS MIDDLE SCHOOL HVAC PROJECT

Contract No.: PAUSD-JLSH-24 /JLS HVAC -69641-170

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK: The project consists of HVAC equipment replacement with power infrastructure improvements on selected buildings at JLS Middle School, 480 East Meadow Dr. Palo Alto, CA.

NOTE: See Contract Documents for full project description of the scope.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID conference will be held on **Monday, March 4, 2024, @ 2:00 PM**, at 480 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

Email bids to vmelero@pausd.org by 2:00 PM on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024.**

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California contractors' license(s):

- **Bid request A for Increment I & Increment II Electrical scope- A, B, or Specialty license C-10**
- **Bid request B for Increment III HVAC Scope- A, B, or Specialty License C-20.**

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The Bidder's license(s) must remain active and in good standing throughout the term of the Contract.

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The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall pay all workers on all Work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to §1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are also available from the District or on the Internet at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>. This Project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code §1771.4 and subject to the requirements of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall furnish electronic certified payroll records directly to the Labor Commissioner weekly and within ten (10) days of any request by the District or the Labor Commissioner. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, Articles 1-5 of the Labor Code, and is required to be registered as a public works contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to the Labor Code.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code §20111.6, only prequalified bidders will be eligible to submit a bid for contracts \$1 million or more using or planning to use state bond funds.

Any bid submitted by a bidder who is not prequalified shall be non-responsive and returned unopened to the bidder. Moreover, any bid listing subcontractors holding C-4, C-7, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 or C-46 licenses who have not been prequalified shall be deemed nonresponsive. The minimum threshold for prequalified bidders is as follows for this specific project: General Contractor \$1,000,000, HVAC \$1,000,000, and Electrical \$500,000.

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POLICE CALLS

Palo Alto

Feb. 21-28

Arrests

Total people arrested 37

Violence Related

Arastradero Road, 2/12 at 11:34 a.m., Assault with a deadly weapon (felony)

Arastradero Road, 2/13 at 9:11 p.m., Battery on person (misdemeanor)

Pasteur Drive, 2/14 at 7:18 p.m., Rape (felony)

Arastradero Road, 2/15 at 6:36 p.m., Suicide

Quarry Road, 2/19 at 3:14 a.m., Battery (misdemeanor)

University Avenue, 2/19 at 4:46 p.m., Assault on peace officer (misdemeanor)

Arastradero Road, 2/20 at 4:38 p.m., Battery (misdemeanor)

Wilkie Way, 2/22 at 1:49 p.m., Battery (misdemeanor)

Addison Avenue, 2/22 at 4:50 p.m., Sexual Assault of a child (felony)

El Camino Real, 2/22 at 9:33 p.m., Battery (misdemeanor)

Ventura Avenue, 2/23 at 5:33 p.m., Assault of a child (felony)

California Avenue/Alma Street, 2/24 at 11:11 a.m., Battery (misdemeanor)

Midtown Court, 2/24 at 2:26 p.m., Battery (misdemeanor)

Alma Street/Palo Alto Avenue, 2/24 at 4:25 a.m., DUI alcohol (misdemeanor)

San Antonio Road/Nita Avenue, 2/25 at 5:31 a.m., DUI alcohol (misdemeanor)

Theft Related

Burglary 4

Embezzlement 1

Financial elder abuse 1

Grand theft 8

Petty theft 11

Shoplifting 6

Theft undefined 2

Alcohol or Drug Related

Driving under the influence 5

Drug activity 1

Possession of paraphernalia 1

Vehicle Related

Abandoned auto 8

Auto theft 4

Auto burglary 21

Driving w/ suspended license 1

Hit and run 5

Theft from auto 2

Theft of vehicle parts 1

Vehicle accident/injury 10

Vehicle accident/no injury 6

Miscellaneous

APS referral 1

Court order violation 6

Elder abuse 1

Found property 3

Hate incident 1

Lost property 3

Medical assist 1

Mental health evaluation 6

Other/misc 1

Outside warrant arrest 4

Public nuisance 4

Service misc 2

Solicit lewd act 1

Suspicious circumstances 2

Threats 1

Trespassing 1

Vandalism 3

Linda Ann Kane

December 31, 1953 – January 26, 2024

Linda Ann Kane, 70, of Mountain View, CA passed away on January 26, 2024 at Redwood City's Mission House hospice after a lengthy illness. She was born in Philadelphia, PA on December 31, 1953 to Thomas and Ann Kane. Her father's engineering professorship brought the family to California eight years after Linda's birth.

With Stanford campus as a prized playground, Linda grew up happily exploring its vastness alongside her younger brother Jeff. Their youthful activities included refreshing dips into Lake Lagunita and robust family mini-treks to the newly constructed Stanford Dish radio antenna situated atop the nearby foothills.

Inspired by her parents' love for travel and adventure, Linda became an intrepid globe trotter and refined cultural connoisseur. Visits to her father's beloved



Even though cancer interrupted Linda's academic and career trajectories, she spent several years employed at Stanford University. Linda's innately keen scrupulosity made her a valuable addition to Stanford Instructional Television Network (SITN), now known as Stanford Center for Professional Development (SCPD). It was here Linda spent a good portion of her university career as student services specialist. She enjoyed interacting with work colleagues and students alike. Shortly after her employment there, health issues took her on yet another unfortunate, but not completely unexpected, detour.

Ever aware of the hand dealt, Linda squandered nary a precious second of her time on earth. Linda navigated many years of unrelenting and untold health challenges with a quiet dignity, an unstoppable courage and a

homeland in Vienna and summer respites at her mother's Massachusetts colonial family homestead both grounded and expanded her. These hallowed familial touch points helped shape Linda into a profoundly thoughtful, multifaceted soul.

Wherever she traveled, Linda absorbed foreign languages easily. She was fluent in and loved all things Italian. She possessed a hunger for knowledge beyond university, independently studying opera & classical literature in particular. Linda also devoured books across multiple genres from her favorite local libraries and bookstores. She thoroughly enjoyed recommending her latest reads to family and friends. Whether sharing a leisurely meal or swiftly moving along a Sierra Club trail, Linda would, if sparked, provide entertaining stories and insightful commentary.

Her deep appreciation for the arts and other cultures also played out in her entertainment pursuits. At various stages in her life one might find Linda dancing the Lambada with an exuberant flair at a Latin dance club, enjoying a surf music venue sponsored by KFJC radio, or catching a Fellini film at the old, sorely missed Palo Alto Varsity Theater. In recent years, she returned as a volunteer usher for several Stanford performing arts venues, where she viewed many of the latest & finest performances from around the globe.

pensive grace. We will miss her eloquence, her intelligence and, most of all, her irrepressibly fun-loving nature. Prior to her final health episode, Linda thoughtfully played a selfless role shepherding her loving parents through their respective end chapters. Linda's father, Applied Mechanics and Mechanical Engineering Professor, Thomas Reif Kane, mother & esteemed educator Ann Elizabeth (née Andrews) Kane, and brother & poet Jeffrey Thomas Kane predeceased her. She is survived by her cherished and deeply loved nephew Seth, along with several cousins and many friends.

We are grateful for the team of angels at Mission House hospice who took exceptional care of Linda's tender soul and brave spirit. And to neighbor Elizabeth, who went above and beyond to help with Linda's transition, we send you a heartfelt thank you. Linda thoroughly enjoyed spending her final Thanksgiving at your home with you and your family.

In lieu of a memorial service, it would delight Linda to know you streamed some local-radio surf music, visualizing her as she dances her way joyfully into the heavens.

Godspeed dear friend. We lovingly tuck you in.

Memorial donations in Linda's name may be made to your favorite PBS affiliate.

PAID OBITUARY

Arlene Aiko Schaupp

September 17, 1934 – February 14, 2024

Arlene Schaupp passed away on February 14, at the age of 89. Born in Japan to missionary parents. Occidental College '56 and McCormick Seminary. Married John Jack Schaupp '61. Lived in Pres. Mission Cameron House, S.F. Jack was Youth Director. Moved to Palo Alto '76. Active in 1st Pres Church P.A. embracing LGBTQ membership. A's calling was social justice, coordinating S. Bay Sanctuary Covenant. Led 37 Delegations to El Salvador for education, economic aid, int'l spotlight. 63 years of marriage full of love & mutual respect. Survived by 3 children, 7 grandchildren.



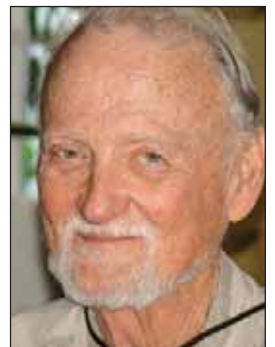
Memorial: via Zoom on March 9 at 1pm. tinyurl.com/Arlene-memorial (Meeting ID: 883 3399 8033 Passcode: 992496).

PAID OBITUARY

John (Jack) Schaupp

1932-2024

John (Jack) Schaupp at age 91 passed away on 02-22-2024, 8 days after wife, Arlene. Childhood in Indiana. U. Michigan grad. After 2 yrs officer in Navy served in Japan. Moved to San Fran in 1958. Married Arlene Barnard in '61. '65-'76 Lived and worked in Pres. Mission Cameron House, as Youth Director. Moved to Palo Alto '76. Active in 1st Pres Church P.A., youth leader. Authored several books on teaching Bible with simulation games. Philanthropist, dog-walker, eternal optimist and child at heart. Fav. phrase: Why are you so wonderful? 63 years of marriage full of love & mutual respect. Survived by 3 children, 7 grandchildren. Jack/Arlene memorial 3/09 1 p.m. 1st Pres Church, Palo Alto 1140 Cowper St 94301 (mail photos/memories).



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PAID OBITUARY

OBITUARIES

Local residents who have died recently include:

Andrew “Andy” Pierson, 46, of Mountain View died on Jan. 22, 2024, following a battle with glioblastoma. Andy was a Cornell University alum, holding both a Bachelor’s and Master’s in Engineering, and also earned a Master’s in Project Management from Rochester Institute of Technology. He made significant contributions to the tech industry through his work at TiVo, Harris RF, Amazon, and Meta.

Dick McEwen, 98, a Palo Alto resident who pursued an extensive education, earning degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering from Cal Tech and Stanford, and later becoming one of the first in the U.S. to receive a Ph.D. in chemical engineering in 1950. His career included impactful work as a petroleum recovery scientist and in biomedical instrumentation, notably in ultracentrifugation and protein/peptide sequencing. Beyond his professional achievements, McEwen was deeply involved in his community through volunteer work with the Palo Alto police department and local disaster preparedness initiatives. He was also a passionate musician, known for playing the piano, guitar, and trumpet. McEwen enjoyed hiking in the Bay Area with friends and hated gardening.

Jeane Greenawalt Johnson, 97, a Los Gatos resident whose involvement in 4-H during seventh grade sparked her interest in home economics, leading to a BS degree from Kansas State University and a BA from San Jose University in home economics and education. Johnson received several honors and scholarships throughout her academic career. As an active member of the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, Johnson participated in various church activities and volunteered at Hope House.

Linda Kane, 70, a Mountain View resident who grew up exploring the Stanford campus with her brother Jeff, enjoying activities like swimming in Lake Lagunita and hiking to the Stanford Dish. An avid traveler

and culture enthusiast, she was fluent in Italian and passionate about opera, classical literature, and reading widely. Linda worked at Stanford University, particularly with the Stanford Instructional Television Network (now SCPD), as a student services specialist. Her career was interrupted by cancer, leading to health challenges she faced with dignity and courage.

Arlene Schaupp, 89, a Palo Alto resident who was born in Japan to missionary parents, and later graduated from Occidental College in 1956 and later attended McCormick Seminary. Arlene became actively involved in the First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, particularly advocating for LGBTQ membership and embracing social justice causes. She was instrumental in coordinating the South Bay Sanctuary Covenant and led 37 delegations to El Salvador to support education and economic aid efforts while bringing international attention to the region.

John Schaupp, 91, a Palo Alto resident who spent his childhood in Indiana, graduated from the University of Michigan and served in Japan as a Navy officer. John then moved to the Bay Area, where he became active in local Presbyterian churches in San Francisco and in Palo Alto as a youth leader and author. John was a philanthropist, dog-walker, eternal optimist and child at heart.

Zhiwei David Xiao, 51, a Palo Alto resident who was born in China and was the trailblazer for his family, being the first to attend college. Zhiwei graduated from Huazhong University of Science and Technology and Tsinghua University, where he met his wife, Hongxia. Pursuing opportunities in the United States, he moved to the Bay Area and worked in the Silicon Valley tech industry for over two decades, including at Cisco, Broadcom, Amazon, Zingbox, Palo Alto Networks, and Apple.

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Explore.Stanford.edu **explore-series@stanford.edu**

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Offering 100+ camps for ages 2-17 featuring traditional, visual arts, performing arts, theater, sport and STEM camps. Full and half day options run June 10 - Aug. 9. Check out swim lessons for all levels also starting in June and enjoy recreation swim at our aquatic facilities.
Sunnyvale.ca.gov/Activities **(408) 730-7350**

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RiekensSummerCamps.org **(650) 364-2509**

Stanford Jazz Workshop **Stanford**
Stanford Jazz Workshop week-long jazz immersion programs for young musicians in middle school (Giant Steps Day Camp, starts July 8), High School (Jazz Camp, starts July 14 or July 21), and adults/advanced teens (Jazz Institute, July 28). All instruments and vocals. On the Stanford campus!
StanfordJazz.org **(650) 736-0324**

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VentanaSchool.org/Elementary-Summer-Camps-2024 **(650) 948-2121**

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Arts & Entertainment

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RUNWAY READY

Student group Stanford FashionX hosts show capping off campus' inaugural fashion week

By Heather Zimmerman

Stanford University's Memorial Church has seen plenty of performances over the years, but on Feb. 22, the campus landmark became the center of something new: Stanford's inaugural fashion week.

A sold-out crowd of 1,200 filled the sanctuary to watch the Stanford FashionX runway show, with student models showcasing a variety of designs by fellow students.

The show was the culmination of Stanford's first fashion week, planned by student-run organization Stanford FashionX.

Formed in 2019, the group hosts events and projects that prepare members to work in the fashion industry. FashionX gives members experience in both the creative side of the work as well as practical essentials, such as business, sustainability, marketing and design.

"From our annual runway show and our quarterly flea markets that feature student creators, to our creative technology projects and executive speaker series that provide industry exposure,

FashionX has been instrumental in bolstering the creative scene at Stanford, which often lacks defined opportunities on-campus," Stanford FashionX Co-President Olivia Wang said in an email.

FashionX has organized talks with fashion executives and business owners, according to the FashionX website.

Projects have included designing, producing and marketing "Beat Cal" merchandise to sell ahead of the annual Big Game against football rival University of California at Berkeley.

In 2021, members of FashionX published a book in partnership with Data, But Make it Fashion. The book, "Fashionable Data," explored how fashion can be "quantified and qualified" by analyzing runway shows and social media to identify trends and other key data points.

FashionX also emphasizes innovative technologies, as seen most recently in the augmented reality fashion show that took place Feb. 20 as part of fashion week. With the theme "ARchitecture," the show, presented in partnership

with ZERO10 augmented reality company, featured the work of 10 designers who used 3D modeling and augmented reality to design clothing. The resulting pieces can be "tried on" using the ZERO10 app. ■

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About the cover:

Students model at the Stanford FashionX runway show at Stanford's Memorial Church. Photo by Natalia Nazarova. Cover design by Douglas Young.

For more information about Stanford FashionX, visit stanfordfashionx.com or @stanfordfashionx on Instagram. Visit paloaltoonline.com/arts-culture to see more photos from the FashionX show and read an interview with Peninsula country singer-songwriter Sofia Claire.



Top: Lynn Collardin, a second-year design student at Stanford, models her dress at the runway show held by Stanford FashionX at Stanford Memorial Church in Stanford on Feb. 22. Above: Sabrina Ahmed walks at the runway at the FashionX show. Photos by Natalia Nazarova.

Answers to this week's puzzles, which can be found on page 31.

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Worth a Look



Courtesy Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra

Director Emeritus Ben Simon returns to conduct Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra's senior orchestra on March 2.

Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra

A familiar face returns to Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra's (PACO) podium: Director emeritus Ben Simon, who stepped down after the 2022-23 season after 20 years with PACO, is back as guest conductor. He leads PACO's senior orchestra through a program of Handel's Concerto Grosso Op. 6, no. 2, Entr'acte by Caroline Shaw and Dvořák's Serenade for Strings in E major, Op. 22. Entr'acte is the first string quartet by Shaw; it was written in 2011, two years before the young American composer would become, at age 30, the youngest-ever recipient of the Pulitzer Prize in Music. And in the program notes, Simon describes the Handel work as an "all-time favorite. ... It's challenging for our young players in different ways than the Shaw or Dvořák... . It's a piece that can be read through with relative ease, but to perform it well takes work." The concert also features three chamber groups performing works by Ravel, Beethoven and Dvořák.

March 2, 7:30 p.m. at Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, free (donations encouraged). pacomusic.org.

Kaki King and Tamar Eisenman

Composer/virtuoso musician King is renowned for her technical prowess and boundary-pushing guitarwork. In the performance piece "SEI" (named for the Italian word for six, a la a guitar's six strings), music and movement come together in innovative, physical ways, with the artists using their whole bodies, exploring choreography and utilizing multiple guitars strategically spaced across the stage. King is joined by acclaimed musician Tamar Eisenman for the performance.

March 1-2, 8 p.m., Bing Studio, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford, \$50, live.stanford.edu.

"Kindling" through Linden Tree will also receive a signed bookmark.

March 1, 6 p.m., Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos, RSVP requested. bit.ly/TraciCheeLindenTree.

'Queen'

In San Jose-born Madhuri Shekar's environmental drama "Queen," the latest main stage production by TheatreWorks Silicon Valley, two best friends and doctoral candidates Sanam and Ariel dream of breaking the glass ceiling in academia as well as helping protect the planet through their scientific findings. The two face a tough decision on how to proceed when a flaw appears in their research on honeybee colony collapse. The show is directed by Miriam A. Laube, stars Uma Paranjpe and Kjerstine Anderson, and is presented in collaboration with South Bay theater company EnActe Arts. A discussion before the March 7 performance will feature a conversation with Laube, TheatreWorks Artistic Director Giovanna Sardelli and EnActe Arts Founder/Artistic Director Vinita Sud Belani.

March 6-31, Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, \$27-\$100, theatreworks.org/mainstage/queen/.

Traci Chee

In the world of Traci Chee's "Kindling," seven magic-wielding teen warriors — the titular kindlings — whose skills and powers have been outlawed must come together for one last battle. Chee will present the new YA fantasy, recommended for ages 14 and up, at an event alongside fellow local YA authors Randy Ribay, Parker Peevyhouse and Emily Skrutskie. Along with conversation there will be trivia games and snacks. Chee is also the author of "The Reader Trilogy," "We Are Not Free" and "A Thousand Steps into Night." Readers who pre-order

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MNT STUDIO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN702263
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) MNT STUDIO, located at 575 High St, Unit 120. Palo Alto, CA, 94301, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MNT WELLNESS CO.
3400 Cottage Way, STE G2 #21316
Sacramento, CA 95825
CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/15/2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on January 16 2024.
(PAW Feb 16, 23, Mar 1 and 8, 2024)

KURATED KITCHENS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN702897
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Kurated Kitchens, located at 155 E Maude Ave, Sunnyvale CA 94085, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
HAPPY BELLIES
155 E Maude Ave
Sunnyvale, CA 94085
CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2019
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on February 05 2024.
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FINE CUT STUDIO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN703323
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Fine Cut Studio, located at 3445 Alma Street, Apt#201, Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara. This business is owned by: a Married Couple.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
NASIM MOGHADAM
3445 Alma Street, Apt#201,
Palo Alto, CA 94036
ALA MOHSENI
3445 Alma Street, Apt#201,
Palo Alto, CA 94036
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
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MIDTOWN MANAGEMENT AND SALES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN703475
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Midtown Management and Sales, located at 2775A Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MIDTOWN MANAGEMENT INC.
2775 Middlefield Rd.
Palo Alto, CA 94306
CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/01/2023
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on February 23 2024.
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ALTOS ASSOCIATES ADVISORY GROUP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN703053
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Altos Associates Advisory Group, located at 2786 George Blauer PI San Jose, CA 95135, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: an Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
LARA WALKER
2786 George Blauer PI
San Jose, CA 95135
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on February 09 2024.
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CHANCEPLAN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN702649
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) ChancePlan, located at 3507 Ross Road Palo Alto CA 94303, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ANALYCORP, INC.

3507 Ross Road
Palo Alto, CA 94303
California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on January 26 2024.
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SIPMATH GROUP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN702661
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) SIPmath Group, located at 3507 Ross Road Palo Alto, CA 94303, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ANALYCORP, INC.
3507 Ross Road
Palo Alto, CA 94303
California
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on January 29 2024.
(PAW Feb 16, 23, Mar 1 and 8, 2024)

ZENITHAL INNOVATIONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN703395
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Zenithal Innovations, located at 984 California Ave. Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: a Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ZENITHAL INNOVATIONS LLC
984 California Ave.
Palo Alto, CA 94306
CA
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/22/2024
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on February 21 2024.
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MACWEB
MACWEB COMPUTING
MACWEB CLOUD SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN702749
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) MacWeb, 2.) MacWeb Computing, 3.) MacWeb Cloud Services, located at 3080 Raymond Street, Santa Clara, CA 95054, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
WEB BROADCASTING CORPORATION
338 Central Ave
Menlo Park, CA 94025
California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/01/2019
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on January 31 2024.
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PCRT PALO ALTO: PSYCHOTHERAPY FOR COMPLEX AND RELATIONAL TRAUMA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN 702697
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) PCRT Palo Alto: Psychotherapy for Complex and Relational Trauma, located at 220 California Ave. Suite 106 Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: a Corporation.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
PCRT Palo Alto: Psychotherapy For Complex and Relational Trauma
220 California Ave Suite 106

Palo Alto, CA 94306
California
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/27/2023.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara on January 30 2024.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
CAROLE SUSAN STROUD
Case No.: 24PR196601
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CAROLE SUSAN STROUD. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Stephen G. Stroud in the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara. The Petition for Probate requests that: Stephen G. Stroud be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 15 2024 at 9:01 AM in Dept. 2 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA, 95113. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: James G. Mott-Smith 750 Menlo Avenue Suite 250 Menlo Park, Calif. 94025 650-326-8064 (PAW Mar 1, 8 and 15, 2024)

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Eating Out

Yes, Chef!

Meet the new executive chef at Michelin-starred Chez TJ

BY ADRIENNE MITCHEL

Chez TJ's new executive chef bikes 45 miles to work and then works 10 to 14 hours "because it's fun." When asked if he bikes back home after work, Stanley Michalski laughed.

"I take the train back," he said. "I'm not sadistic. I'm not nuts."

Technically, it's masochistic, but I get what he means (kinda). Michalski took over Michelin-starred contemporary French restaurant Chez TJ Jan. 11 following stints as chef de cuisine at Michelin-starred Dovetail in New York and sous chef at three-starred Quince in San Francisco. His answer for coming to Chez TJ in Mountain View was simple: "The power to have power."

With that power, Michalski hopes to offer a less expensive dining option for guests "who don't want to spend a gazillion dollars" on dinner while also bringing Chez TJ a second Michelin star. While some fine-dining restaurants and chefs have pivoted to more casual concepts, like Burlingame's Saffron (formerly the Michelin-starred Rasa), the now-closed Baumé in Palo Alto and David Kinch, who closed Los Gatos' Manresa to focus on his more casual eateries, Michalski wants to retain Chez TJ's concept while simultaneously offering a less expensive option for diners.

"The goal is to have a three- or four-course menu ... something smaller for people who don't want to spend \$225 on food,"

he said. "Making it more friendly but still not alienating the people who want to come and spend that money too."

Michalski said his cooking style focuses on allowing fresh ingredients to shine instead of weighing down dishes with unnecessary heavy flavors.

"I think there's this notion where it's like: classic French, classic French, Chez TJ," he said. "But realistically, Chez TJ has classic French influences, but we're in California, and a lot of people in California don't want to eat super heavy, super dairy."

In fact, Michalski said he doesn't eat dairy at all, with two exceptions: dessert (because he has "a really bad sweet tooth") and pizza.

"There's just something about a slice of pizza," he said. "It could be a Costco pizza, I don't care. I just love pizza."

Michalski's first job was making pizza in his hometown of New Jersey, which was his first time in the kitchen. He didn't have an interest in cooking growing up and didn't think he would pursue a culinary career.

"I was 16," he said. "I just wanted some money."

But as pressure grew to figure out what was next after high school, he thought back to his time making pizza and decided to attend culinary school. It was his experience as a line cook at L'Espalier in Boston, which had a farm just outside of the city, that developed



Adrienne Mitchel

Stanley Michalski was chef de cuisine at Michelin-starred Dovetail in New York and sous chef at three-starred Quince in San Francisco prior to taking on the role as executive chef at Chez TJ.

his passion for local ingredients and farm-to-table cooking. That passion continued when he moved to San Francisco to work at Quince, which had a farm in Bolinas.

"(It was) a full-circle moment," he said.

And now, Michalski is planning on growing baby tomatoes, green asparagus, peas, fava beans, lemon verbena and other produce in Chez TJ's garden. Michalski said he gets his green thumb from his mom, who would grow a vegetable garden every year in New Jersey. He said moving to California was eye-opening in terms of produce and admits that the West Coast is the best coast.

"The produce out here is the best in the country," he said. "Every day, I'm still like a kid in a candy shop."

In addition to featuring produce grown at Chez TJ, dishes showcase local ingredients from Star Route Farms in Bolinas, Full Belly Farm in Guinda, Toscano Family Farm in San Joaquin Valley, Fiddler's Green Farm in Tancred, Front Porch Farm in Healdsburg and Longer Table Farm in Santa Rosa.

Michalski's favorite dish he's created so far at Chez TJ is quail with honeynut squash and a vegetable tart.

"It has a little tart with all the vegetables inside, and they're all cooked different ways, like some are grilled, some are cooked in their own juice," he said. "It just has this nice almost barbecue flavor to it with the

sweetness from the squash."

Michalski said his favorite part of cooking is "to see the joy on someone's face when they have a good meal," and his favorite part of working at Chez TJ is how "it's like cooking for your 40 closest friends."

In a way, cooking is like biking, he said.

"At a Michelin-star restaurant, it needs to be perfect," Michalski said. "If you're riding a bike, like if you're going down the mountain at 40, 50 miles an hour, you need to be dialed in and focused because one wrong turn, and that's it. So it's kind of the same mentality. Like one wrong meal for somebody can ruin a restaurant."

Michalski looks forward to the different types of produce that spring will bring. Short term, he hopes to be busy every night, and long term, he hopes to earn a second Michelin star for Chez TJ. He said he plans to do that "with a lot of hard work."

"Everything matters from the moment someone walks in the door to the very end," he said. ■

Email Food Editor Adrienne Mitchel at amitchel@embarcaderomedia.org.

Chez TJ, 938 Villa St., Mountain View; 650-964-7466, Instagram: @chez.tj. Open Tuesday through Thursday, 5:30-8:30 p.m., and Friday through Saturday, 5-8:30 p.m.



Courtesy Chez TJ

Stanley Michalski's favorite dish he's created for Chez TJ is this Broken Arrow Ranch quail with honeynut squash and red cabbage.



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Chez TJ's new executive chef Stanley Michalski prepares a quail for one of his new dishes at the contemporary French Michelin-starred restaurant.

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Daring to explore

late-life love in print

PALO ALTO WOMAN PUBLISHES AMUSING MEMOIR ON SECOND CHANCES

BY ELIZABETH LORENZ

As an 81-year-old, Palo Alto resident Janet Silver Ghent has decided to tell her story of late-in-life love by publishing her memoir, a series of stories spanning most of her eight decades but focused on her first marriage, motherhood, divorce and finding new love in her late 50s.

The book, "Love Atop a Keyboard, a Memoir of Late-Life Love," was released last month by Mascot Books.

Ghent capitalizes on her sense of humor, rather

than cheesy romance, throughout the stories, and her straightforward approach makes it easy to share jokes about herself, the late-life dating scene and finally, real love.

Chapter titles include "Everybody's Getting Married but Janet," and "With Method in my Madness, I Revisit the Personals."

The first one is about the pressure the mid-1960s brought upon single women, including herself, to find a partner. The second is about how, as a journalist, she decided to take advantage of a free personal ad perk and place her own.

Ironically, Ghent did meet her current husband through a personal ad in the Jewish Bulletin newspaper, but he didn't even subscribe to the publication. He just happened to see it when he was picking up his tenant's mail while he was away.

Having written several versions of ads over a year or two to see what kinds of men would respond, Ghent went for it with her ad, which started, "Cute writer seeks leading man for long-playing drama. ... Great cook, cuddler, love outdoors, opera, travel. You're 49-60, active, healthy, ready for comeback after long-term marriage. ..."

Her husband Allen's emailed response began, "I love to sing duets, hike and bike, hug and talk, travel and explore. I'm a healthy, energetic 5'9" professional educator ... who travels often, has green eyes, slim athletic build, and salt and pepper hair."

Their first date was in San Francisco, at the famous FAO Schwarz toy store. They played a duet of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" on the floor-sized keyboard situated near the Legos. Their second date was a walk in Alameda a week later.



Courtesy Janet Silver Ghent

Janet Silver Ghent is the author of "Love Atop a Keyboard."

Ghent, in an interview, makes it clear that "the book is not a how-to. It gives women hope. At the very least it gives them a laugh or two."

During her 12 years of singleness after her divorce, Ghent, who was raising a son and daughter, was not afraid to go to singles events, place ads, or, as she says, "go where the ducks were," even if that meant a popular singles event at a Presbyterian church in Lafayette.

She referred to an old Jewish joke about a man who keeps asking God if he can finally win the lottery to take care of his debts. He keeps not winning, until God finally gets frustrated with him. "Jacob, meet me halfway on this and buy a ticket."

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'Cute writer seeks leading man for long-playing drama. ... Great cook, cuddler, love outdoors, opera, travel. You're 49-60, active, healthy, ready for comeback after long-term marriage. ...'

JANET SILVER GHENT, IN A PERSONAL AD REFERENCED IN HER BOOK

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As rain and gusty winds continue to hit the San Francisco Bay Area, extended power outages may impact many homes, disrupting communications, businesses, causing food spoilage and even interrupting the use of medical devices.

“When storms hit our region early last month, there were homes without power for close to 29 hours. Let’s make sure we’re prepared whenever bad weather hits our area. You can never be too careful,” says Eileen Giorgi, president of the Silicon Valley Association of REALTORS® (SILVAR).

Consider following these tips from ready.gov, the official website of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, on how to prepare for a power outage and be safe after:

- Take an inventory now of the items you need that rely on electricity.
- Talk to your medical provider about a power outage plan for medical devices powered by electricity and refrigerated medicines.
- Plan for batteries and other alternatives to meet your needs when the power goes out.
- Sign up for local alerts and warning systems. Monitor weather reports.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors with battery backup in central locations on every level of your home.
- Keep mobile phones and other electric equipment charged and gas tanks full.
- Have flashlights with extra batteries for every household member. Have enough

nonperishable food and water for your family and pets, too.

During and after a power outage:

- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. The refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours.
- Monitor temperatures with a thermometer. Use food supplies that do not require refrigeration. Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Generators, camp stoves, or charcoal grills should always be used outdoors and at least 20 feet away from windows. Never use a gas stovetop or oven to heat your home.
- Check on your neighbors. Older adults and young children are especially vulnerable to extreme temperatures. Go to a community location with power if heat or cold is extreme.
- Turn off or disconnect appliances, equipment, or electronics. Power may return with momentary “surges” or “spikes” that can cause damage.
- Once the power is back on, throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures of 40 degrees or higher for two hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color, or texture.

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

Senior Focus

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE ... every Friday from February 2 to April 12, assistance with taxes is provided by AARP Foundation Tax-Aide.

This service is intended for low-to-moderate income taxpayers with special emphasis on those over the age of 60. Your taxes will be completed by trained volunteers, electronically filed, and a printed copy of your tax return will be given to you. This service is **by appointment only**, so call 650-289-5400 to leave a message and schedule. Bring relevant tax documents and photo ID. The service is at Avenidas, 450 Bryant St. in Palo Alto.

AUTHOR SALON ... Peninsula Volunteers

Little House will host its 33rd Annual Author Salon featuring actor and director **Henry Winkler**, talking about his new memoir, “Being Henry: The Fonz and Beyond.” The

event will be held Sunday, April 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the Rosewood Sand Hill at 2825 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Through humorous anecdotes and inspirational life lessons about overcoming adversity to his career in television and entertainment, groups of all ages can learn from Winkler’s experiences. His passion for supporting others is the result of a lifetime struggle with undiagnosed dyslexia. He has worked tirelessly to bring awareness and support to children who learn differently by advocating for changes in the education system and informing parents and teachers about learning challenges. General admission tickets are \$250 with \$100 being tax deductible for other ticket or donation options go to <https://1pvi.org/33rd-annual-authors-salon-2024/>. ■

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Late-life love

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“Placing the ad was my ticket,” Ghent said. But even when she and Allen got serious, the final straw came down to “Allen versus Alameda,” where Ghent had bought a condo and started her new life. Before her first marriage, Ghent had never lived on her own. Now, 12 years after her divorce, she had learned how to be independent.

Allen had a home in Palo Alto. As her book says, “When I remarried, and moved to Silicon Valley, I gave up a measure of independence to become part of a couple. Marriage brought benefits. ... But moving

to his more brought disruption and loneliness. At first, Allen traveled frequently for business, leaving me alone in a house that wasn’t mine. ... Had I stayed in Alameda, I don’t know how my life would have worked out. But I took a chance.”

At 81 and her husband 86, she doesn’t know of any octogenarians placing ads. Most of the women she knows “are not pining for a partner, but I know some of them are ... I think there’s a difference between those who were in happy marriages and those who were not.”

Ghent will be doing a presentation about her book on April 7 from 3-5 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills. ■

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Avenidas

MARCH 2024

Calendar of Events

Spring into Action

Join us for the

Open House
Sat., March 9
10 am to noon

Trying to get more active?

- Free “Online Privacy & Security” workshop
- Free 1:1 Tech Device Advice
- Class demos: yoga, improv, sound bath, and more
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Mar 5

Avenidas Chinese Community Center Line Dancing for Beginners Demo with Audrey Chen,
11 am-noon, ACCC@Cubberley H5 and Zoom. RSVP required. Email acc@avenidas.org. Free.

Mar 6

Book Club: "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt,
2:30-4 pm, Avenidas@450 Bryant. Space is limited. Call 650-289-5400. Free/\$5

Mar 7

Bridging the Gap: "Prepare for the Oscars" with Taber Cannon,
1-2 pm, Avenidas@450 Bryant. RSVP to register@avenidas.org. Free.

Ukulele Jam Session,

2-3:30 pm, Avenidas@450 Bryant. RSVP in advance register@avenidas.org or at the door. Free.

Wonder Women Lesbian Social Group,

3 pm via Zoom, every 1st & 3rd Thursday. Email Jenn.jchan@avenidas.org for log-on info. Free.

Mar 8

FREE blood pressure screening by Avenidas Rose Kleiner RN,
12:30-1 pm, Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela, MV. Drop-in, Free.

Mar 9

"Spring into Action" Open House,
10 am-noon, Avenidas@450 Bryant. Free, drop-in.

Avenidas Rainbow Collective Walking Group: The De Young Museum,

11 am, Golden Gate Park, SF. Limited free tickets. RSVP required. Email lgbtq@avenidas.org.

Mar 11

Healing Sound Bath Meditation with Sabrina Huang,
3-4 pm, Avenidas@450 Bryant. RSVP required. Call 650-289-5400. \$35/\$45

Mar 12

Avenidas Village Coffee & Conversation with Members,
10 am, Avenidas@450 Bryant. RSVP to Erika.ethomas@avenidas.org. Free.

Mar 13

Caregiver Support Group,
1-2 pm, Avenidas@450 Bryant. RSVP required. Email register@avenidas.org. Free.

Mar 14

Movie: "The Wonder,"
1:30-3:30 pm, Avenidas@450 Bryant. Stop by the front desk for a ticket. Free/\$2

Mar 15

Presentation: "Duke Ellington: The Man and His Music, 1899-1974," with Earl Caustin,
1:30-2:45 pm, Avenidas@450 Bryant. RSVP to register@avenidas.org. Free

Mar 19

LGBTQ Movie: "Carol,"
2-4 pm, Avenidas@450 Bryant. All are welcome. RSVP required. Email lgbtq@avenidas.org. Free.

Mar 20

Avenidas Rainbow Collective presents: "Recognizing Scams: Deep Dives into Email & Facebook" with Anthony Hand,
3-4 pm, Avenidas@450 Bryant & Zoom. RSVP required. Email register@avenidas.org. Free.

Mar 21

Ageing Wisely: Brain Health, Normal Aging, & Dementia with Dr. Mehrdad Ayati,
1-2:30 pm, Avenidas@450 Bryant and Zoom. Pre-registration required. Call 650-289-5400. \$10

AARP Smart Driver Refresher Course,

2-6 pm, Avenidas@450 Bryant. RSVP required. Email register@avenidas.org. \$20/AARP members, \$25/non-members.

Avenidas Village Wine & Cheese Meet & Greet with Members,

3 pm, Avenidas@450 Bryant. RSVP to Erika.ethomas@avenidas.org. Free.

Mar 22

Pole-Walking for Veterans with Jayah Faye Paley,
9 am-noon. For veterans and their families. Email Jayah.jayah@adventurebuddies.net to register. Free

Mar 26

Tuesday Trekkers, every Tuesday,
Meet at 9:50 am. Call 650-289-5400 for meeting location. Drop-in, Free.

Mar 27

Wednesday Trivia Time, every Wednesday,
12:30-2 pm, Avenidas@450 Bryant. Drop-in, Free.

Mar 28

Book Club: "The Marriage Portrait" by Maggie O'Farrell,
2:30-4 pm via Zoom. Call 650-289-5400. Free/\$5

Mar 29

Garden Talk with Gamble Garden: "The Bees in Your Garden" with Corey Andrikopoulos,
1:30-2:30 pm, Avenidas@450 Bryant. RSVP to register@avenidas.org. Free.

Mar 30

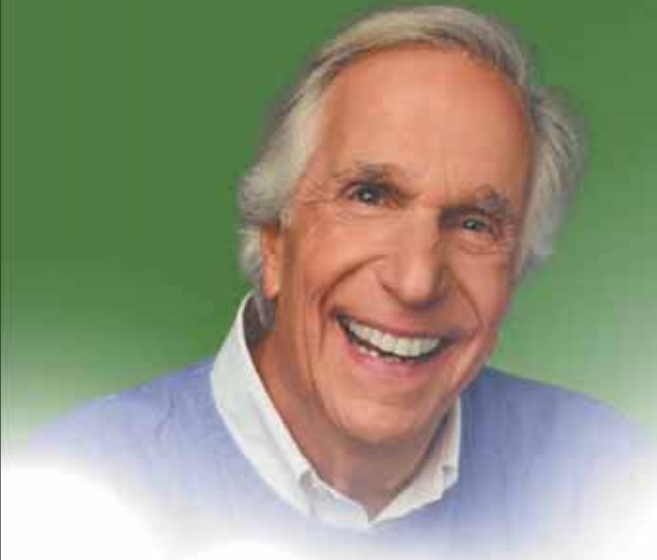
AARP Smart Driver Full Course,
8:30 am-4:30 pm, Avenidas@450 Bryant. RSVP required. Email register@avenidas.org. \$20/AARP members, \$25/non-members.

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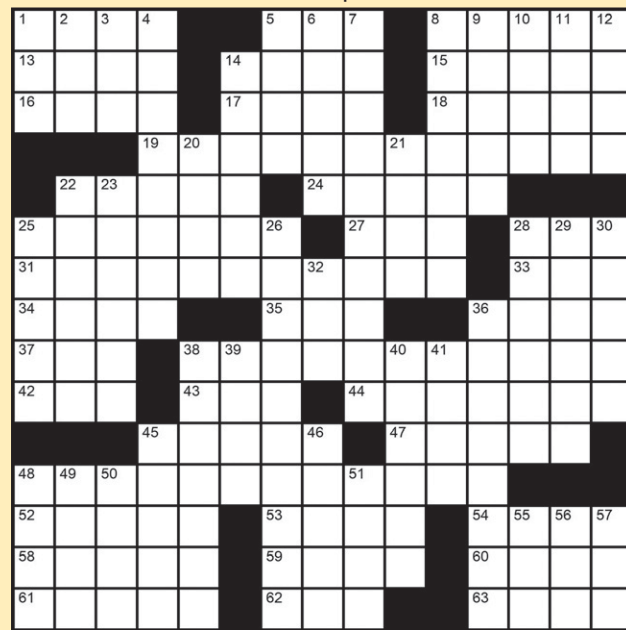
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Across

1. Serene
5. Ride back to the hotel, perhaps
8. Astronomer Tycho ____
13. Two-tone snack
14. 1993 Texas standoff city
15. "Star Wars" director
16. Mae or Jerry
17. Peas, to a peashooter
18. In the dark
19. Bean for baseball's Bryce?
22. Pass, as time
24. Travels by boat
25. "This could be the ____ ..."
27. "CSI" material
28. Family-friendly film ratings
31. Cabbage salad served at universities?
33. Actress Lucy
34. Stylized
35. Reno-to-Spokane dir.
36. "Knights of Cydonia" band
37. "La ____" (Debussy composition)
38. Just heated up?
42. "Gangnam Style" performer
43. Letter from Homer
44. Walk like a zombie
45. Some DVD players
47. "And Still ____" (Maya Angelou book)
48. Like home renovation shows that overdo the wood siding?
52. Video game character with his own Maker
53. Prefix with dextrous
54. Proton's place
58. Signing off on
59. Overwhelming victory
60. Donated
61. Talkative, slangily
62. ____-Tiki (Heyerdahl craft)
63. Shiraz location

"Full-Bodied" — there's an extra part in the theme. Matt Jones

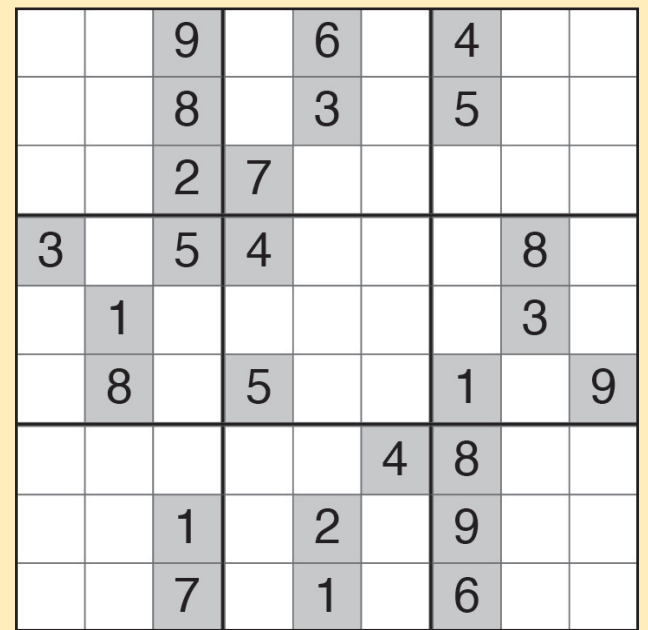


Answers on page 24.

Down

1. Nursery rhyme jumper
2. "... but few ____ chosen"
3. "____ Misérables"
4. Like some instincts
5. Use a tent
6. High points
7. With "The," '90s British alt-rock band named for an American novel character
8. Sunday shopping restriction
9. Ladder components
10. "Because Freedom Can't Protect Itself" org.
11. "Days Are Gone" band
12. Italian family related to the Borgias

This week's SUDOKU



Answers on page 24.

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14. Battle-trained canine
20. Poker starter
21. Chinese tennis star with a very short name in English
22. Mall units
23. Meager
25. Playful rascal
26. Home of the Boston Red Sox
28. Examines, as depths
29. Brazilian supermodel Bündchen
30. Napped material
32. Pete Davidson's show, once
36. Mentor in "The Karate Kid"
38. Vocabulary coinage, e.g.

39. 10,900-foot European peak
40. "Try to detect it! It's not too late!" song
41. Publisher of Modern Maturity
45. They're earned on "Press Your Luck"
46. "Li'l Abner" creature that looks like a white blob with a mustache
48. Air purifier
49. Maori dance popularized by some New Zealand rugby teams
50. Part of the eye around the pupil
51. Have ____ in the oven
55. Viscous goo
56. Eggs in labs
57. "____ Behaving Badly"

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