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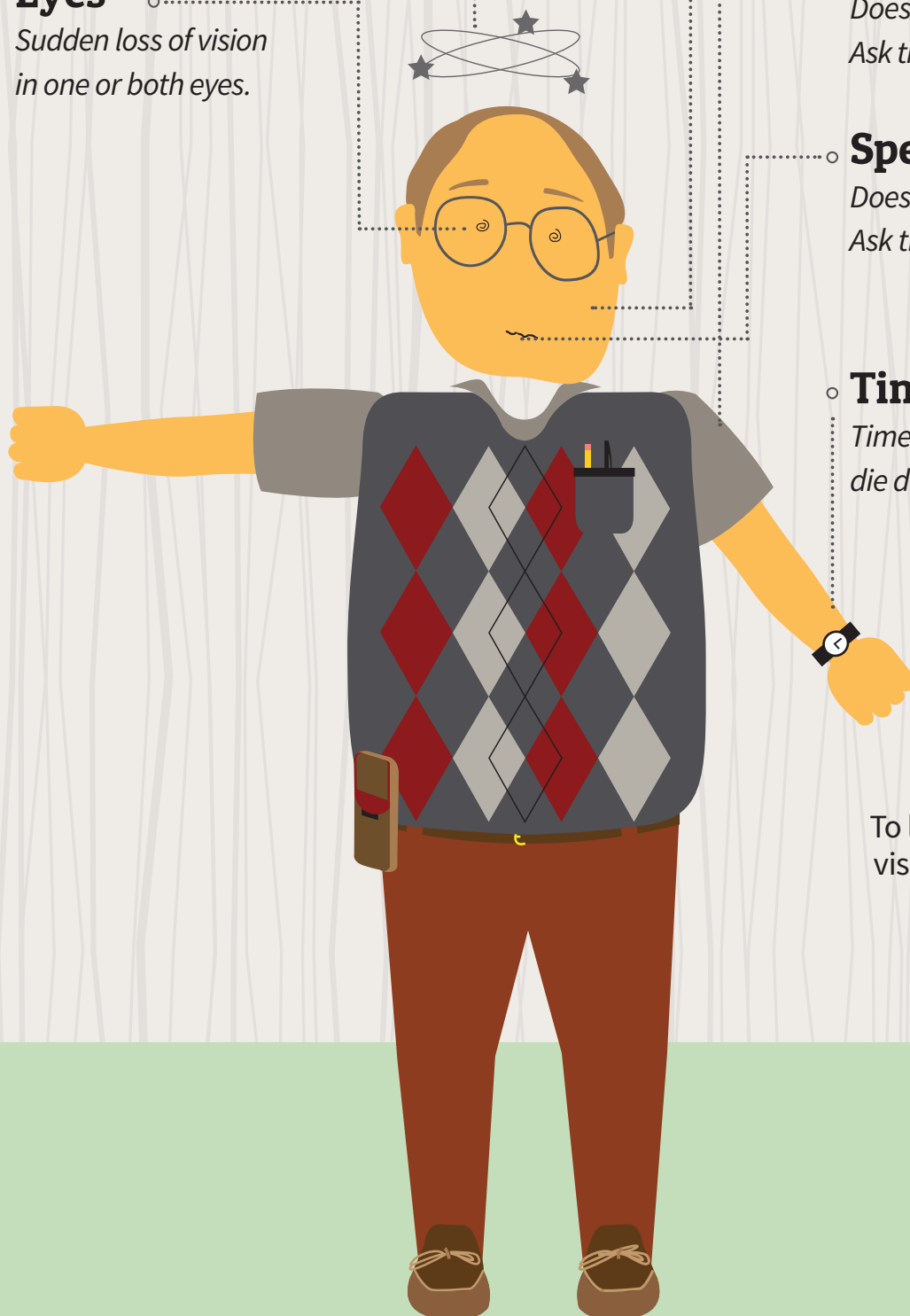
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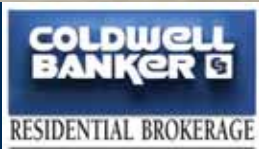
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Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

Palo Alto looks to limit chain stores on California Avenue

Proposed law aims to preserve charm of city's 'second downtown'

by Gennady Sheyner

Days after they celebrated the dramatic renovation of California Avenue, Palo Alto officials are bracing for their next challenge: to save the eclectic business strip from its own success.

With property values rising and construction booming in the city's

"second downtown," members of the City Council and some merchants are getting flustered about the prospect of mom-and-pop businesses getting priced out and replaced with chain stores. On Monday night, the council will consider a new law that would curtail this trend and create a

limit on what is known as "formula retail."

If the council supports a recommendation from city planners, chain stores would not be banned from California Avenue but they would be required to take out conditional-use permits before setting up shop. The city would also revise the zoning code to define formula retail, a subject on which local law is currently mum.

The permit would need approval from the city's director

of Planning and Community Environment. Anyone who isn't satisfied with the director's decision would be able to request a hearing in front of the Planning and Transportation Commission, which would then forward a recommendation to the City Council.

The relatively cautious approach reflects the feedback staff received during two community meetings and through a survey that elicited 348 responses. Respondents expressed a strong

preference for having more shops on California Avenue (72 percent said there aren't enough of them, while 26 percent said the amount is "just right" and 1.2 percent said there are "too many") and more restaurants (while 59 percent voted for "just right," 34 percent said there aren't enough and 7 percent said there are too many).

The three types of establishments that respondents said are

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Cal Ave punch list

Cement mason Chris Rovere and laborer José Porrás pour and smooth grout onto patches of the sidewalk on California Avenue where bits of glass have poked up from the pavement on May 14. The streetscape renovation is nearly complete.

Veronica Weber

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Buena Vista appraiser threatens to resign

Beccaria protests council's order to revise appraisal to include schools and safety

by Gennady Sheyner

An appraiser tasked by Palo Alto officials with recalculating how much assistance residents of the Buena Vista Mobile Home Park should be offered in the event of the park's closure has informed the city that he will not perform the assignment and has threatened to resign over it.

In a scathing letter submitted last week, David Beccaria, who is CEO of the firm Beccaria & Weber, defended his firm's initial appraisal report, which was part of the Relocation Impact Report for the closure of Buena Vista, the city's sole mobile-home park.

The appraisal was a critical component in the larger report, which took more than two years to complete. Beccaria's appraisal was also the central point of controversy at the six-hour City Council hearing that took place on April 14 and that culminated with the council tentatively approving the closure application.

In signaling their intent to approve the application, council members specified that the relocation assistance offered to the mobile-home park's roughly 400 residents would first need to be revised to reflect the added value of local schools and safety.

The council directed Beccaria to move ahead with a fresh analysis that considers those factors. The council is set to formally approve the closure application on May 26.

Beccaria's recent declaration that he will not perform the assigned work may complicate the discussion and delay the approval. Beccaria informed city officials in his letter that his firm "will not engage in further discussions about appraisal methodology of Scope of Work issues."

During the lengthy April 14 council hearing, Beccaria's analysis

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EDUCATION

Gunn schedule praised, but is it coming too soon?

School board will vote on proposed Gunn bell schedule May 26

by Elena Kadvanj

Despite broad support expressed at the Palo Alto Board of Education meeting Tuesday for a new bell schedule for Gunn High School, an expedited timeline for implementation is raising concern among some students and staff.

Gunn's Creative Schedule Committee, made up of more than 20 students, parents, faculty and administrators, is recommending that the board approve a 75-minute rotating block schedule with fewer classes meeting for longer periods each day, starting this August. Gunn currently operates on a modified block schedule, with five or six classes meeting in 58-minute periods each day, which is often described as a hectic daily pace accompanied by a "relentless flow of overnight and weekend homework assignments," the committee's recommendation states.

Gunn math teacher Diane Gleason urged the board to accept the proposed bell schedule but noted that for her, "the implementation in August is disappointing. It's a little bit rushed."

Gunn sophomore Chloe Sorensen said the top concern she's heard from staff and students about the new schedule is the "significant lack of staff development" time.

The committee has laid out a schedule for professional development for teachers, starting with a day dedicated to planning instruction for the new block schedule on June 1, during finals week. Teachers would also be given up to 32 hours of paid curriculum-writing time over the summer and could expect to see more workshops and professional development days

throughout the first and second semesters of the 2015-16 school year.

"To me and many others, this signifies that the administration and the board value the demands of the community and the rush to change our schedule more than the needs of the students and staff," Sorensen told the board Tuesday. "Making drastic changes that affect 2,000 people during times of trauma and grief usually isn't the best idea. It's even worse when you rush them."

At a town hall meeting hosted by the schedule committee last month, Denise Pope — co-founder of education and youth well-being research group Challenge Success and a lecturer at the Stanford School of Education — said new bell schedules have typically taken a year or two to implement at schools with which her organization has worked.

And though at a bell-schedule panel in March Gunn Principal Denise Herrmann said she was "leery" of an August roll-out, favoring instead a January 2016 implementation, she expressed confidence in the committee's recommendations Tuesday night.

The recommendation will return for a school board vote on May 26.

Herrmann said the most important step moving forward will be providing ongoing, flexible support for teachers both in time dedicated to professional learning on block schedules and a new 50-minute period teachers will have every Monday afternoon for collaboration. She offered some advice from other teachers who have gone through a schedule

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



People need joy.



— *Maria Khazan, a resident of the Sheridan Apartments, who objects to a new, 'depressing' color scheme. See story on page 7.*

Around Town

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION ...

Joshua Chang, a Palo Alto native and **Stanford University** graduate, just wrapped up shooting a recurring role on **Silicon Valley**, a Golden Globe-nominated comedy on HBO. The TV sitcom, which was created by **Mike Judge**, **John Altschuler** and **Dave Krinsky**, focuses on six young men who founded a startup company in — where else? — Silicon Valley. Chang plays Seth, a network security specialist at a tech firm. Chang said this is a homecoming of sorts. "The show is obviously set in Silicon Valley, so I couldn't be happier and more proud to be able to represent my hometown. It was also so refreshing playing a character that is not written as an Asian stereotype; I think anybody could relate to Seth," Chang wrote in an email. Watch for Chang's episodes starting Sunday, May 24.

OVER-PARKED? ...

Some residents weren't too happy about signs prohibiting them from parking near big-data firm **Palantir** in downtown Palo Alto late last month. But chalk it up to the cost of having a big-name company in the business district that annually hosts a two-day corporate meeting. The parking spaces reserved for the company were for the equipment vehicles and vendor vehicles necessary to work at their job sites for the event, according to police spokesman Lt. **Zach Perron**. Palantir returned many of the parking spaces as soon as they were no longer needed, Perron noted. "The fact of the matter is that due to multiple construction projects downtown, the public may notice more difficulty than usual in finding spots," Perron wrote in an email. Last year when Palantir had its corporate meeting, the company obtained permits to block off streets for the event. This year, city staff worked with Palantir and encouraged event planners to minimize the shindig's impact on public property. "They have been very helpful by honoring all of the city's requests and working with our staff to ensure a minimum of disruption to the general public," Perron wrote. All of their meeting space this year was on Palantir property, he added.

LUSH FOR LIFE ...

Is Palo Alto's new tree plan planting the wrong ideas in people's minds? Some nature lovers believe so, and they brought their concerns to this

week's public hearing on the city's first **Urban Forest Master Plan**.

A voluminous encyclopedia of tree facts and figures, the master plan features 97 recommendations about canopy management, including a further exploration of the growing tree disparity between north and south Palo Alto. On Monday, members of the environmentalist nonprofits **Acterra** and **Canopy** both raved about the new plan and urged the council to approve it, a wish that was unanimously granted. Yet for members of the **Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society**, the **Sierra Club's Loma Prieta Chapter** and the **California Native Plant Society**, the document doesn't go far enough in exploring the connection between trees and other elements of the natural habitat. **Deirdre Crommie**, a member of the city's Parks and Recreation Commission, blasted the plan for not considering the "habitat value that trees provide" — namely, the benefits that different types of trees bring to birds, insects and other critters. "I want to hear birds in my trees!" Crommie told the council, mirroring the concern of other eco-minded critics. The council took these comments to heart and, in giving the plan the green light, directed staff to return for a future discussion about the role of trees in the natural habitat.

UNTOLD STORY ...

Six **Stanford University** students and artists just celebrated the release of a graphic novel they've been working on since September. The 160-page book entitled **American Heathen**, which the students researched, wrote and illustrated, focuses on the life and times of **Wong Chin Foo**, a Chinese-American man who dedicated his life to improving the lives of Chinese immigrants living in 19th-century America. In addition to researching Wong's life, they read up on clothing, sailing ships, slang, organized crime rings in American "Chinatowns," U.S. laws that denied civil rights to Chinese immigrants and civil war in South China. **Colin Kimzey**, a sophomore majoring in product design, spoke about the importance of the graphic novel during a recent book launch on campus. "One of the big forces behind the book is the fact that this is a largely untold story for a people whose history doesn't have many stories like this — activists fighting for civil rights at a time when racism was so powerful," he said. ■

Seniors oppose 'ugly, depressing' new colors at apartments

Residents launch petition against new paint in affordable-housing complex

by Sue Dremann

More than 25 seniors and disabled residents have launched a petition against a new color scheme at their apartment building, which they said is causing them to be depressed.

The 57-unit Sheridan Apartments at 360 Sheridan Ave. in Palo Alto is in the process of being repainted and upgraded with new flooring, rugs, television cable, ADA-accessible doors, Wi-Fi and other amenities. But residents said the dark and light gray, plum, dark green and dark blue color scheme is giving them the blues, and many are too frail to go outside to escape from it.

Representatives of the Palo Alto Housing Corporation, which operates the affordable-housing complex, said they hired an interior designer and held a public meeting to offer two color palettes for the residents to choose from. Thirty of the 60 or so residents attended the November meeting, and the majority chose the colors now in use, housing corporation officials said.

It's too late to change the color scheme — tens of thousands of dollars have already been expended — but the housing corporation

is compromising by lightening walls in patio areas and adding a rug to the community living area after residents complained, Executive Director Candice Gonzalez said. They are also urging patience, since the renovation is not yet complete.

But some residents are still concerned about the overall impact the dark, cool-palette colors will have on them in the long term.

"People need joy. They need to have a good impression. Our building is like a prison. It's like a place for soldiers. In my apartment, everything is OK. I have flowers, and the walls are white. But I step out on the balcony and everything changes," said Maria Khazan, a resident since 1999.

Khazan said the colors make her feel sad when she comes out of her apartment.

"What color do you have at your house? I never saw a door dark green. Most people here are old and not healthy," she said.

The building's exterior is still tan, which goes with the color scheme of the surrounding structures, but the balconies now form dark gray columns along the building's facade.



Maria Khazan, a resident at Sheridan Apartments, exits the community room as she heads to her apartment on May 13. Residents signed a petition against the recent paint job that coated the walls in gray and blue.

Residents said when they step out to the balcony, they are confronted by a wall of dark, depressing nothingness. One resident said she cried when she stepped outside.

Georgina Mascarenhas, director of property management, and Gonzalez said they have heard the concerns and are having the

building wall that leads to the patio repainted the same light color of the building exterior.

One local interior designer unaffiliated with the housing complex said that the shades chosen are "in" colors — like them or not.

"The trend is in taupes and maroon and gray," said Rise Krag, a board

member of the American Society of Interior Designers North California. "They are mostly pretty bad."

Krag recently asked the International Color Board for interior designers, which meets every two years, how the colors are trending.

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TAXES

Residents find themselves victims of tax scam

Criminals use identity theft to file for refunds using others' Social Security numbers

by Sue Dremann

When Ken and Michele Dauber tried to file their tax return in April, the Palo Alto couple learned that someone else had beaten them to the punch. An unknown person had used their identity to claim an \$85,000 refund. The Internal Revenue Service was about to cut the scammer a check.

The Daubers were not alone. Palo Alto police have received 17 complaints of identity-theft income-tax fraud so far this year. That's up from 11 for all of 2014, police spokesman Lt. Zach Peron said. Menlo Park police have handled 15 cases so far this year; there were 11 in 2014, police spokeswoman Nicole Acker said.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) estimates that \$5 billion is lost each year due to tax fraud and improper payments.

The Daubers said they tried to file their return electronically on April 12, only to be told "they" had already filed.

"They clearly had last year's return to log in (for online filing)," Michele said of the scammers. "The IRS asks questions about your tax filing to log into your

identity. You realize, 'Oh my God — they have all of the info to get credit cards.'"

Someone also tried to get into their bank account about the same time the Daubers were learning of the bogus tax return. Ken had tried to log into their account and was denied access after the credit union detected three log-in attempts with the wrong information, Michele said. The Daubers went to their bank and created passwords with special codes. They prepared their tax return immediately in paper form before April 15 and mailed it in, she said.

The couple also filed a police report.

Ken said in the future he will file paper returns or use the IRS online filing system. The IRS will provide a PIN number associated with their return to identify the filer.

"We have this very leaky data system in this country. Everybody is vulnerable. Part of the problem is the big actors — the credit-card companies — are economically dependent on the free flow of your information. They don't have any incentive to make things more secure," he said.

One thing he learned through the experience: The later one files, the more vulnerable one becomes because the chances are the scammers will have filed before the taxpayer.

"If you're filing on Jan. 1, no one can file before you. That's definitely a lesson I'm going to take," he said. He also thinks everyone should have a security freeze on their credit reports, designed to prevent new credit or service accounts from being opened in their name, he said.

Diane Carlini, a spokesperson for Intuit, the makers of Turbo Tax software for tax preparation and filing, said that phishing is a major trend among scammers to get a victim's information.

Phishing emails, phone calls and letters often purport to need information from the victim and can be disguised as coming from a bank, social networking site or even the IRS. The scammer may add malicious programming to steal vital information off of computers, smart phones and laptops. Carlini said storing personal and financial documents on a laptop is not a good idea because the de-

vices are not secure.

Microsoft offers a tutorial on how to recognize and avoid phishing (tinyurl.com/3c2axs8).

Intuit also has a webpage about what to do if one suspects one's IRS account has been compromised (tinyurl.com/lprqryt).

The company added multi-factor authentication to customers who used Turbo Tax. The customer must answer a series of security questions and take other steps to gain access to their information. Customer data is stored online and held in a safe and secure environment. The company's security team continuously evaluates threats, she said.

Warning signs of fraud include if a taxpayer receives an IRS letter or notice that states: more than one tax return was filed using a Social Security number; that one owes additional tax, refund offset or have had collection actions taken for a year the taxpayer did not file a tax return; IRS records indicate that the taxpayer received wages from an employer they do not know. The agency has an online tutorial for identity-theft victims who find that their tax returns were already filed: irs.gov/uac/Taxpayer-Guide-to-Identity-Theft.

Intuit notes on its webpage that the IRS might send a letter called Letter 5071C asking the taxpayer to verify his or her identity, but it will ask the taxpayer to confirm it through a phone number or the IRS Identity Verification Service.

"The online service will ask you multiple-choice questions to verify whether or not the tax-return flagged

for further identity verification was filed by you or someone else. The IRS only sends such notices by mail. The IRS will not request that you verify your identity by contacting you by phone or through email. If you receive such calls, they are likely a scam," Intuit noted.

Taxpayers who find themselves victims of the tax-filing crime don't have to repay the stolen money, but they won't receive a tax refund until the IRS has wound up a lengthy investigation. The IRS claims it resolves most cases within 120 days, but a 2014 Taxpayer Advocate Service annual report to Congress found the average time for a case to resolve was 179 days, or six months.

"All that means is that it took 120 days for Accounts Management to resolve one module. It does not mean all of the victim's tax issues were resolved in 120 days," the report noted.

And 22 percent of the "closed" cases still required additional steps to resolve taxpayers' identity-theft issues.

As for the Daubers, they said their brush with the tax scammer has turned out OK: Despite the identity theft, they are squared away with the IRS for this year. ■

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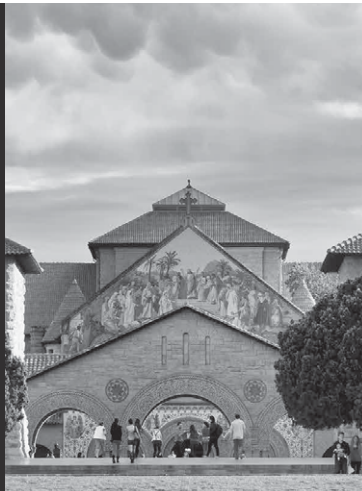
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News Digest

City institutes drought rules

With the statewide drought lingering for the fourth straight year, Palo Alto this week adopted a new rule barring residents and businesses from irrigating their landscapes more than twice a week.

The purpose of the new water restrictions is to help the city meet a state-mandated goal of reducing water use by 24 percent, compared to 2013 usage. Last August, in response to a statewide call for voluntary conservation, the City Council approved new water regulations that restricted the use of potable water in fountains and on driveways and sidewalks, among other limits.

The next round of restrictions focuses mostly on landscaping. Now, water customers with odd-numbered addresses will be allowed to irrigate only on Mondays and Thursdays. Those with even-numbered addresses can irrigate only on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The city will give limited exceptions to grassy areas seen as providing "public benefit," including parks, schools and recreational playing fields. Customers with these features will need to apply for an Alternative Irrigation Plan with the city.

The city also prohibits irrigation between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to reduce water loss through evaporation and bars the use of potable water for construction projects when non-potable water is available. State and local regulations also require water customers to fix leaks in defective plumbing and irrigation systems as soon as possible.

Water usage will be measured from June 1, 2015, to Feb. 28, 2016, to determine whether the city has achieved its 24-percent reduction goal. ■

— Gennady Sheyner

East Palo Alto teen was victim in trailer fire

He was the "king" of skateboarders in his hometown of East Palo Alto — the young man who always had a smile for everyone. Now family and friends are wondering how his body came to be burned beyond recognition in a trailer at an abandoned hazardous-materials site.

Miguel Melendrez Bustos, 16, was found amid a burned-out trailer shell and debris on April 24 after Menlo Park Fire Protection District firefighters extinguished a blaze. The fire was first reported at 1 a.m. at the former Romic chemical refinery site on Bay Road.

San Mateo County Coroner Robert Foucault confirmed Melendrez Bustos as the deceased person through DNA analysis last week.

The cause of death is still under investigation, Foucault said.

Several trailers and storage containers are the only items left on the former refinery plant site since it shut down in 2007 and was disassembled.

"There was no power to the trailers and no reason for anyone to be out here," Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said after the incident.

Friends and neighbors of the teen said he was a junior at Redwood High School in Redwood City.

"He was a really good kid. He was well-loved in the community. He loved to ride his skateboard, and he taught the younger kids how to ride," neighbor Peggy Walters said.

Police said in April that they do not consider the fire suspicious.

A neighbor has set up a crowdfunding site to help pay for funeral expenses.

Police are asking anyone with information about what might have happened to call the East Palo Alto police dispatch at 650-321-1112; Detective Tommy Phengsene at 650-798-5944; or by sending an anonymous email to epa@tipnow.org, anonymous text to 650-409-6792 or anonymous voicemail to 650-409-6792. ■

— Sue Dremann

Crash-and-grab burglars hit Bloomingdale's

Palo Alto police are looking for four people who drove a stolen sports utility vehicle through the front glass doors of Bloomingdale's at Stanford Shopping Center, 180 El Camino Real, early Wednesday morning and made off with a large quantity of jewelry.

Investigators said surveillance footage shows a red SUV in reverse gear crashing into the glass front doors on the El Camino side of Bloomingdale's at around 4 a.m. The driver pulled away and waited outside while three burglars, all wearing black hooded sweatshirts, entered the department store and used what appears to be hammers to break the glass jewelry-display cases inside the store. The three were inside the store for a little more than a minute, police said.

Police located the abandoned red 1989 Jeep Cherokee used in the crime at 9:44 a.m. Wednesday in the 200 block of Palo Alto Avenue.

Bloomingdale's personnel are taking inventory to assess how much jewelry was stolen.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the department's dispatch center at 650-329-2413. Anonymous tips can be emailed to paloalto@tipnow.org or sent via text message or voice-mail to 650-383-8984. ■

— Palo Alto Weekly staff

EDUCATION

In school gardens, lessons are ripe for learning

Local nonprofit Living Classroom brings the outdoor world to students

by Elena Kadvany

“Our babies are turning gold!” a second-grader at Landels Elementary School in Mountain View exclaimed as he ran his hand through a planter box full of towering wheat stalks, some turning golden, some still green.

He and about six other very excited second-graders proceeded to use classroom scissors to “harvest” the wheat, cutting off stalks to take home. As they milled around an edible garden just steps from their classroom, they learned more about how the wheat stalks transform from the seeds students planted months before into food they eat every day (and specifically, pretzels they would be making during the next lesson).

The students were participating in a lesson created by Living Classroom, an 8-year-old nonprofit that aims to bring students closer to the natural world through the building and maintaining of school gardens and through curriculum on everything from the life cycle of a plant to the genetics of heirloom tomatoes. Living Classroom will be officially launching in the Palo Alto Unified School District this fall with pilot programs for kindergarteners through third-graders at five elementary schools: Fairmeadow, El Carmelo, Barron Park, Duvneck and Walter Hays.

“The whole premise behind

Living Classroom is we’re trying to inspire children to love and understand the natural world through garden-based education,” founder Vicki Moore said. “So obviously everything we do relates to living things and the real world.”

Living Classroom helps participating schools build out their own gardens with a focus on edible and native plants. A new garden built this year at Fairmeadow, for example, is now home to several vegetable beds (peppers, tomatoes, kale, cucumbers, eggplant, sweet peas and more are starting to sprout up). An area next to the beds is dedicated to a micro-version of California’s native-plant communities: a woodlands area shaded by several large redwood trees that were already there and a grasslands environment full of drought-resistant succulents soaking up the spring sun. The vegetables also feed off some of the flowering natives, which attract bees and, thus, pollination. The 4,000-square-foot area (which had previously been covered in water-wasting grass and was transformed into a garden through a city water rebate) is ripe for learning.

Fairmeadow’s second-graders next year, for example, might get a three-part lesson on heirloom tomatoes, from seed to mouth.

“It’s a life-cycle lesson, it’s a

nutrition lesson, it’s a genetics lesson and it’s a lesson on fungus and decomposition all in one,” Moore said. The students will harvest ripe tomatoes, taste them, learn how to save the seeds from the tomato pulp by allowing fungus to come and decompose the area around the seed and then will plant said seeds in the spring. (An added bonus: They might learn to actually like the taste of tomatoes, Moore said.)

The Landels Elementary students harvesting wheat were in the second part of a Living Classroom lesson titled “Seed to pretzel,” similarly learning about the life cycle of wheat and its nutritional value. Students also ground wheat seeds with a mortar and pestle and learned how to “thresh” the wheat, separating the wheat from the chaff, the casings surrounding the seeds.

All the lessons are taught by trained Living Classroom volunteers, who are often parents. Teachers are required to be present but aren’t leading the lesson.

Living Classroom doesn’t necessarily cover topics that students wouldn’t learn within the four walls of a classroom, but getting to do it in the real world on a regular basis — rather than through textbooks, on iPads or during infrequent field trips — makes a



Karen Garth explains how bees pollinate crops as second-graders Etai Nehushtan, Keito Kaida, Harutaka Kodama and Brandon Ngo watch a bee in the garden at Edith Landels Elementary School as part of the Living Classroom curriculum.

huge difference, Moore said.

The nonprofit is also equipped with the structure, resources and dedication necessary to maintain a school garden.

“(Schools) have a transient population, both students, parents and, many times, teachers and principals. They come and they go,” Moore said. “That is the No. 1 downfall of any garden program — they don’t have the continuity of program, funding and staffing. That’s what we’re providing.”

Moore founded Living Classroom in 2008, wanting to accomplish four main goals: Grow the next generation of environmental stewards, connect children to the sources of their food, boost STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education and

provide access to gardens to those who wouldn’t otherwise get it. She launched in the Los Altos School District with five schools (also kindergarten through third grade) and has since expanded to 16 schools in both Los Altos and the Mountain View Whisman School District. The growing organization serves 5,000 students through 32 edible and native-habitat school gardens, more than 60 Common Core State Standard-aligned lessons and 3,200 total volunteer hours.

After seeing how the pilot programs go in Palo Alto, Moore hopes to launch in two additional elementary schools that she said were very interested in the program, provided there’s enough

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DEVELOPMENT

Plans stall for hotel, new Ming’s

Mercedes dealership makes a pitch for property near Palo Alto Baylands

by Gennady Sheyner

A glassy, three-story Mercedes-Benz dealership would be built near the Palo Alto Baylands at the former site of Ming’s Restaurant under a proposal that the city’s Architectural Review Board discussed last week.

The property at 1700 Embarcadero Road has long been considered for a new extended-stay hotel, a project that had been approved several times by the City Council but that never came to fruition.

Ming’s closed in December with the expectation that the property would be redeveloped with the hotel and a smaller version of the popular Chinese restaurant. Up until then, starting construction of the new hotel had been beset by delays tied to factors including weather and financing, property owner Vicky Ching told the Weekly before the closure.

Now, the approval for the hotel plans has expired, leaving the project “dead in the water,” city

Chief Planning Official Amy French told the architecture board.

“The entitlement process was completed with the council approval of the project; however, because the building has not commenced, that is no longer the viable project at the site,” French said.

In the meantime, Ching has received an unsolicited offer to build a Mercedes-Benz dealership at the 2.5-acre site. No formal application has been submitted to the city, but the architecture board heard a presentation about the project and generally agreed that the location, which is in close proximity to Audi and Honda dealerships, is suitable.

Deeg Snyder, an architect with the firm Gensler, said the building design would adhere to the Autohaus style used by Mercedes for many of its dealerships, including the Mercedes-Benz of Stevens Creek in San Jose. These exteriors have been influenced by Bauhaus design, which generally

eschews ornamentation and promotes a tight link between form and function. In this case, the building would be predominantly glass and steel, he said.

Snyder said Mercedes has been actively trying to open a dealership in Palo Alto for “a number of years,” but the number of available sites has been limited.

The trend with designing dealerships these days is to go vertical, he said. Unlike the sprawling, low-lying car lots of the past, the one proposed would be three stories and have room for 125 spaces on its roof, according to concept plans obtained by the Weekly.

Overall, the site would include 293 parking spaces for cars, including 67 on the first level, 65 on the second and 36 on the third.

The architecture board had mostly positive things to say about the Mercedes concept. Chair Randy Popp noted the proposal’s “very urban design,” while also acknowledging that it would go into a “not very urban

site, being next to the Baylands.”

Still, he said, out of all the areas in the city, this is “the right place to put a project like this.”

His colleagues generally agreed, with Vice Chair Robert Gooyer saying he “doesn’t have a problem” with the proposed location for the new dealership.

Board member Kyu Kim noted that the Audi dealership is very close to the Ming’s site, at 1730 Embarcadero. Anderson Honda is also nearby, at 1760 Embarcadero.

“I think it makes sense to have something like this because there are existing auto dealerships down the street,” Kim said. “It’s a handsome building. I can appreciate that Mercedes is taking this approach of Autohaus and going with the Bauhaus aesthetics.”

Despite the board’s enthusiasm, the project has a potentially long road before it, including formal reviews by the architecture board, the Planning and Transportation Commission and the City Council. The commercially zoned site would have to be rezoned to allow auto dealerships, a zone change that would also allow for a modest increase in density from the current use. ■

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A Mercedes-Benz auto dealership is proposed for the former site of Ming’s at 1700 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. An earlier proposal for a hotel and smaller restaurant is no longer on the table.

Chain

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too plentiful on California Avenue are offices, chain stores, and hair and nail salons. On the topic of salons, 48 percent of the respondents said there are too many of them, while 48 percent said the balance is “just right.”

The survey also showed most respondents favoring independent businesses, with 48 percent saying there aren’t enough of them and 47 percent saying the mix is just right (4 percent said there are too many). For chain businesses, the results were markedly different. While 55 percent said the current number of chain restaurants is just right, 38 percent said there are too many of them and 7 percent there aren’t enough. On the topic of chain stores, meanwhile, 58 percent lauded the current mix, 27 percent said there are too many of them, and 15 percent said there aren’t enough.

A city employee also solicited feedback from residents at the weekend farmers market and spoke with pedestrians in the area on several occasions, according to a new report from the Department of Planning and Community Environment. There was a general consensus, according to the report, with most people wanting to “reinforce the retail environment with unique stores, allowing for some formula retail, and supported by a mix of restaurants.”

According to staff, the street currently has eight establishments defined as “formula retail”: Subway, Starbucks, The Counter, FedEx, Pure Barre, Aveda Salon, Benjamin Moore Paints and Pizza Studio. These operations would not be impacted by the new law, which would only apply to new shops.

The staff report notes that during community meetings, there was “very little to no support” for an outright prohibition on chain stores. While some advocated for

a limit on how many new “formula retail” shops would be allowed, others called these shops valuable because of their capacity to draw more customers to California Avenue. The report noted that there was “some tension between those who advocated for more regulation to protect neighborhood character and those that favored market forces to determine appropriate businesses based on existing regulations.”

Jessica Roth, whose shop European Cobblery is celebrating its 75th year on California Avenue, has been among the leading proponents of restricting chain stores. Last year, hundreds of retailers and residents signed her petition in support of a limit, a measure that she argued would help California Avenue “keep its local flavor and charm.”

“The biggest question from people is: Is it too late already?” Roth told the council last September. “My plea to you is: Let’s not make it too late.”

The goal of preserving local retail has emerged as a hot-button issue in City Hall over the past year, with numerous downtown businesses (Shady Lane, Zibibbo and Jungle Copy) recently shuttering or relocating. The trend is similar on California Avenue, where Cho’s Dim Sum, Bargain Box and Avenue Florist have recently shut down because of rent increases. Last week, the council took one step toward reversing this trend when it approved a temporary ordinance prohibiting the conversion of ground-floor retail space to office use. And in March, the council adopted an annual cap of 50,000 square feet on new office development in downtown, California Avenue and El Camino Real.

While those two decisions focused on the broader topic of retail preservation, the May 18 discussion will zoom in on protecting mom-and-pop shops on California Avenue, which has just gone through a \$7 million renovation that includes wider sidewalks, two new plazas

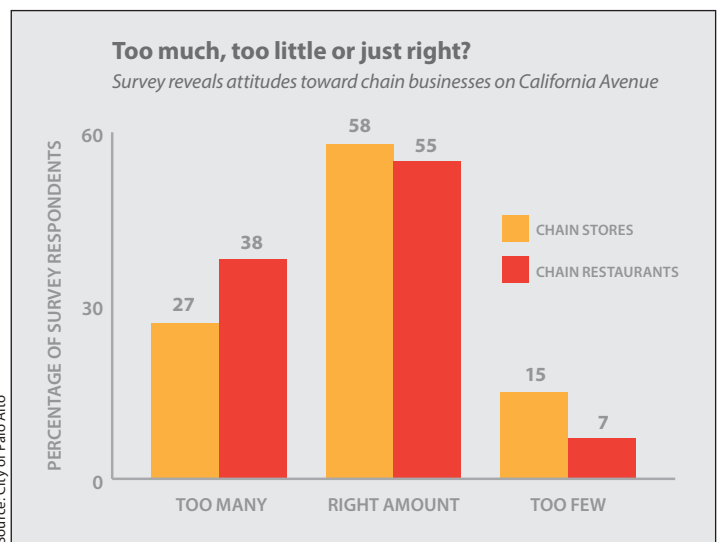


Starbucks Coffee, Pizza Studio and The Counter are just some of the chain establishments located on California Avenue.

and a prominent new fountain. The street is widely viewed as the quainter, artsier counterpart to the cosmopolitan hustle-and-bustle of University Avenue.

“Residents and business owners cherish its uniqueness and are proud that it is distinguished from other commercial centers in the community,” the report states. “However, many believe that California Avenue is losing its character as more tenant spaces display signs of national chain stores. ... Many have seen an evolution on California Avenue that is less neighborhood-serving and increasingly focused on serving workers in nearby office buildings.”

A survey of other cities showed that there is no magic formula for restricting, or even defining, formula retail. San Francisco considers formula retail as chains with at least 11 other establishments in the United States and requires such businesses to get permits in most areas of the city. The city’s Planning Commission approves these permits on a case-by-case basis. In Los Gatos, by contrast, a business needs only seven other locations to qualify for the definition of formula retail. The city also requires per-



There are 78 ground-floor businesses on California Avenue, between El Camino Real and the Caltrain station: 24 restaurants, 20 shops, 16 personal service providers, 16 general offices and two others.

mits for these businesses to open shop.

In Malibu, formula retail is a business with 10 locations besides the one being proposed. Local law requires them to get permits if they are looking to open in the central commercial district, though it also exempts uses such

as grocery stores, gas stations, drug stores and medical offices.

Once the Palo Alto council decides whether and how to restrict chain stores, staff will draft a law that would be reviewed by the Planning and Transportation Commission before returning to the council for adoption this fall. ■

MEDIA

Weekly receives top journalism prize — third year in a row

Out-of-state panel of journalists recognizes Palo Alto Weekly’s work in California competition

It’s a three-peat for the Palo Alto Weekly: On May 9, the news organization was selected for the third consecutive year as the best large weekly newspaper in the state through the California Newspaper Publishers Association’s Better Newspapers Contest.

The paper’s online news website, PaloAltoOnline.com, also snagged first place, the fifth year out of the past six that the website has won.

A panel of journalists from states outside of California se-

lected the winners from among journalists with daily, weekly and school newspapers. The work reviewed was published between Nov. 1, 2013, and Oct. 31, 2014.

“Strong government coverage and politics,” the judges wrote about the Weekly. “This is an example of high-quality community weekly publishing.”

Taken together, the Weekly’s reporters and editors took home 10 first- and second-place awards out of a field of thousands of entries in the annual competition.

The Weekly, which employs a newsroom staff of 11 journalists, competed against other weekly newspapers with circulations of more than 25,000.

The first-place awards were for

- General Excellence: Weekly staff

- Website: PaloAltoOnline.com, by Weekly staff

- Editorial comment: “The school board’s nadir” by Bill Johnson

- Investigative: “Teen dating hell” by Terri Lobdell

- News photo: “University sidewalk accident” by Veronica Weber

- Feature photo: “In Mom’s new arms” by Veronica Weber

The Weekly’s second-place awards were for:

- Arts & Entertainment coverage (Oct. 24 and Oct. 31) by Elizabeth Schwyzer

- Education: “The entrepreneurial educator” by Elena Kadvanly

- Business: “Immigrant Valley” by Elena Kadvanly

- Artistic photo: “Menlowe Ballet legend” by Michelle Le

Weekly journalists Keith Peters, Bill Johnson, Sue Dremann, Veronica Weber and the staff as a whole also received six “blue ribbon” honorable mentions for sports coverage, editorial comment, environmental reporting, photography and breaking news.

The Weekly’s sister papers on the Peninsula — the Mountain View Voice in Mountain View

and The Almanac in Menlo Park — also took top honors in their circulation categories.

Founded in 1979 by Publisher and CEO Bill Johnson, the Palo Alto Weekly produces a Friday print edition; a daily e-edition, Express; and the news and community website PaloAltoOnline.com, which hosts Town Square, the online discussion forum, among other features. PaloAltoOnline.com can also be accessed through the iPhone and Android apps, “Palo Alto.” The Weekly’s social-media sites include Twitter.com/paloaltoweekly and Facebook.com/paloaltoonline.

The California Newspaper Publishers Association is a non-profit trade association for more than 800 publications. Founded in 1888, it represents daily and weekly newspapers and news websites throughout California. ■

— Palo Alto Weekly staff

BUSINESS

City passes law to stem retail exodus

Palo Alto temporarily bans conversion of ground-floor retail space to office use

by Gennady Sheyner

Seeking to help local shops stay where they are, Palo Alto officials late Monday night unanimously passed an emergency law to halt the troubling takeover of retail space by offices.

It took more than three hours of tense and vigorous debate for the City Council to work out the details of an ordinance that every member has consistently supported over the past two months.

The new law prohibits the conversion of ground-floor retail space to office use in all sections of the city. It also bans an existing practice that allows banks and medical offices to acquire permits and move into retail space. Existing businesses that don't conform to the new retail ordinance would be allowed to stay, however.

According to city planners, Palo Alto has lost about 70,000 square feet of retail space since 2008, with rising rents generally seen as the culprit. Offices consistently fetch higher leases: The average monthly rent for office space increased from \$4.57 per square foot to \$5.12 between 2013 and 2015, while retail rent went up from \$4.21 per square foot to only \$4.88 during the same time.

Property owners have often heeded the free market and proceeded with the lucrative office leases. Retail spaces that have been taken over by offices include the former sites of Zibibbo on Kipling Street, the former Fraiche Yogurt site on Emerson Street and Jungle Copy on High Street.

For the council, the solution seemed clear and straightforward at two prior meetings in March and April, when all members agreed that the retail-to-office conversion should be stopped and directed staff to draft such an ordinance. In response, staff came back on Monday with an "urgency ordinance" that takes effect immediately and lasts for 45 days, with an option to extend it for about two years. The interim ordinance is a stop-gap measure that will give staff time to draft a permanent law strengthening protections for ground-floor retail.

"The public's health, safety and welfare are currently and immediately detrimentally affected as neighborhood-serving retail service and related uses are priced-out by rising rents and replaced by uses that do not provide similar services," the ordinance states. "These changes affect neighborhood quality of life and mean that local residents have to drive to similar retail destinations in other locations, diminishing the public health benefit when residents can walk to needed services and increasing traffic congestion."

The council's 9-0 vote belied the protracted nature of its discussion Monday. Because the ordinance was an emergency law, it required eight votes for passage. Council-

man Greg Scharff advised his colleagues early in the discussion not to modify the staff proposal too much because doing so would introduce potential schisms and reduce the bill's chance of passage. Councilman Cory Wolbach agreed.

"My strong inclination is to stick with something very clear and simple this evening," Wolbach said, noting that the real work of updating definitions should be performed on a permanent ordinance, rather an interim one.

Instead, the opposite happened, and the discussion transformed into a convoluted bout of legislative rigmarole featuring numerous amendments, multiple motions and prolonged wrangling over procedures and details.

Councilman Eric Filseth pro-

posed a series of modifications to the city's existing definition of "retail-like uses," as requested by staff, and the council debated and took a vote on each proposed change, ultimately adopting most. One proposal that proved an easy sell was including day care centers in the definition of "retail," a use that is currently omitted. Adding gas stations to the definition also quickly won support. Councilwoman Liz Kniss called the inclusion of gas stations "obvious."

"There were far more five to 10 years ago," Kniss said.

Another Filseth proposal, to make sure retail is intended for the public at large rather than for a particular corporation (for example, big-data firm Palantir's downtown cafeteria),

also won widespread acceptance.

But Filseth's suggestion to include automotive services proved a tougher sell, despite Councilman Pat Burt joining Filseth to lobby for its inclusion in the retail definition.

"It seems artificial to me to allow an automobile dealership that has a service bay but not allow an automotive-service place by itself that doesn't sell cars," Filseth said.

Councilman Tom DuBois also spoke in favor.

"They're tending to convert to office," DuBois said of car-repair shops. "I think it's worth protecting so people don't have to drive out of town to Mountain View or Redwood City to service their automobile."

The motion initially failed by a 7-2 vote, with Marc Berman and Scharff the dissenters. Both were loathe to get too creative on the interim law, which was only intended as a bridge to get to the permanent one.

"We should not allow ourselves to open the floodgates to all other uses," Berman said.

That vote was followed by procedural debate over whether the 7-2 vote was on a formal amend-

ment to the main motion or whether it was an informal "straw poll."

Burt suggested attaching the amendment to include automotive services to the main motion, effectively daring Scharff and Berman to vote against the retail-protection ordinance in its entirety.

Ultimately, after more negotiation and an agreement by the majority to delete a separate amendment that Scharff didn't favor involving a development on Park Boulevard, the inclusion of automotive-service establishments was accepted by all. The motion approving the emergency law then passed unanimously.

The new law will apply to all businesses that were permitted or operating as of March 2. Ultimately, the council plans to tailor retail-protection laws to particular neighborhoods through a permanent ordinance. A staff report notes, however, that permanent revisions to the city ordinance would take "considerably more time, involving City Council input and direction, discussions with residents, property owners, merchants, and other stakeholders." ■



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Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to approve a contract for the way-finding portion of the City Hall remodel project; consider a proposal to limit formula retail on California Avenue and some intersecting streets; and consider the composition of an advisory group that would work on the update of the Comprehensive Plan. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 18, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to review the proposed General Fund capital budget for fiscal year 2016. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD ... The board plans to discuss 1450 Page Mill Road, a proposal by Stanford University to demolish two existing buildings totaling 59,529 square feet of office space and constructing a new 74,400-square-foot office building in the Research Park. The board will also consider a request by Ken Hayes on behalf of 203 Forest Avenue, LLC, to construct a 4,985-square-foot residential addition to an existing commercial building; and a proposal by FGY Architects for facade and site improvements at a four-story office building at 130 Lytton Ave. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to meet, if needed, to complete its review of the fiscal year 2016 budget. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

COUNCIL POLICY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to continue its discussion of council procedures and consider making changes to the council's Procedures and Protocols Handbook. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION ... The commission plans to consider expanding the scope of the Public Art Master Plan, discuss its upcoming study session with the City Council and hear an update on the Highway 101 overpass project. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

Color

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"I asked how much longer we'll be dealing with gray, and (one specialist) said she thinks it's on its way out," she said.

The darker color scheme can be seen in other parts of the city, including on some residences. Krag said that could reflect a more industrialized, urban view, especially among younger people who consider it more chic. Blue and gray are very sophisticated colors but are cooler, she said. The darker trend is especially popular on the East Coast. In the West, there's still a leaning for more saturated, warmer and lighter colors.

Krag said she can see why the seniors might find the Sheridan colors depressing.

"My father was a gerontologist. Gray is not a great color for the older population. They often have eye-color issues. The cornea is older, and they can't differentiate like they used to. They like to see more contrast, to see the doorways and the floor. Gray is really dismal," she said.

Many seniors also become color blind, and red and green become gray, so brighter contrasting colors are better than colors within the same hue that are harder to differentiate, she said.

Chris Gaither, a former Sheridan manager who lives in the neighborhood, said the new outside colors don't fit with the neighborhood's lighter tan color scheme. Knowing many of the residents, he said he understands their concerns.

"They aren't complaining just to complain. These are senior folks. It about how it's making them feel," he said.

However, Alexander Radoport, a resident and an artist, is ambivalent about the changes.

"Sometimes gray is fine for a building; sometimes it is possible," he said.

Joe Villareal, a resident since 1979, said residents' artwork used to hang on the hallway walls, which are now barren, adding to the feeling of desolation. But Mascarenhas said that artwork will be coming to perk things up.

Villareal, who drafted the petition at the request of other residents, sent it to the housing corporation on May 3. The residents received a response on May 5. In the letter, Mascarenhas said the housing corporation was disappointed to learn of the negative response so late in the process.

"We do understand that it is almost impossible to make every person happy when it comes to choices like paint colors," the letter stated.

But unfortunately, all of the paint, which cost in excess of \$60,000 — excluding the cost to repaint the balcony walls — has been purchased and is nonrefundable, and some of the painting is already completed, she said.

"As a nonprofit with a limited budget, we cannot afford the expense of starting over. After all of the painting is done, we think that it will all come together and have a fresh look. We hope that you will give it a chance," she wrote.

Mascarenhas said in her letter that "a few" residents refused to allow the painters access to the patios in order to complete their work. "Please be advised that this is a violation of your lease agreement."

Villareal said that since receiving the letter, many residents are now reluctant to come forward.

"They say it's over and there's nothing that can be done, which I think is worse. It says we're defeated," he said. ■

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Bell

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change: Do not write an entire year's worth of curriculum but start with the first few units and be ready to tweak if necessary.

At the March bell-schedule panel, Palo Alto High School Assistant Principal Kathy Lawrence said during her school's shift to a block schedule in 2010, the condensed implementation timeline also caused the most divisiveness.

"I was kind of in the camp of, 'Wait, this is an awesome idea, but I need some time to really think about my curriculum and how I want to do this in a better way,'" Lawrence said. "We all survived, though, and right now I don't think there would be anybody who would go back to the modified block schedule that we had."

"Some schools change their schedules every year," board President Melissa Baten Caswell said. "The kids just adapt and the teachers adapt. I'm not saying we should do that, but I think that our fear of change may be getting in the way of making some changes that really will help a lot of people."

Hayley Krolik, a Gunn junior and member of the Creative Schedule Committee, said the committee's recommendation was based on trade-offs. Though each class would meet only three times a week, the pace would be more relaxed, she said.

And making tutorial — an optional period that's currently at the end of Tuesdays during which students can seek extra support from teachers or complete make-up work — a mandatory mid-morning Friday class does mean a longer Friday. (Students will have four classes Monday through Thursday and five on Friday; currently students with full schedules have six classes three days a week and five on two shorter days.)

However, it provides guaranteed time every week for students to access teachers outside of regular classes. Tutorial will also be used as dedicated time for social-emotional curriculum, freshman orientation (Titan 101) and grade-level counselor meetings. Herrmann said the school is in the process of hiring a part-time social-emotional teacher on special assignment (TOSA) who will design the curriculum.

One Gunn junior and one school board member, Terry Godfrey, urged Herrmann to make sure there is extra counseling staff available in the first week or two of the school year to support students and teachers in the transition to a new bell schedule. Both also suggested there be plenty of support for students who already planned their schedules for the next year and might want to opt to do independent study or to take more blended or hybrid classes, particularly in light of the superintendent's recent decision to ban academic classes during zero period. ■

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EDUCATION

School board members debate superintendent's authority

Decision about zero period prompts criticism of McGee

by Elena Kadvany

A flap erupted at the Palo Alto Board of Education meeting Tuesday over Superintendent Max McGee's recent decision to ban academic classes during zero period at the district's two high schools.

School board member Camille Townsend said she was "troubled" by the process by which the decision, strongly opposed by the Gunn High School student body, was made. Over spring break, the day after McGee sent a memo to the five school board members suggesting he propose a ban on academic classes during the early morning period, he sent a message to students, staff and parents letting them know that such a ban would be in place for the start of the next school year. Driving his decision was a desire to see teens get enough sleep, to aid their well-being, and a recommendation from American Academy of Pediatrics that middle and high school students start school no earlier than 8:30 a.m.

The zero-period issue had been

simmering throughout the community for a month since school board member Ken Dauber raised it at the March 10 board meeting, asking that the board consider it and take action on it.

At the time, Townsend balked, saying that such a discussion would be premature. But Vice President Heidi Emberling and board member Terry Godfrey suggested scheduling zero period as an informational item on the board's April 21 meeting agenda, which the rest of the board agreed to do. Following McGee's April 10 message to the community, however, zero period did not appear on that agenda.

"I can assure you this, that in my 12-some years on the school board, there has never been a decision made like this with so little information that the board has been able to discuss," Townsend said Tuesday night.

"Why is there secrecy behind this?" she asked. "Why was it that during break I received a directive from the superintendent? That is

not how we do business here in Palo Alto."

While Godfrey and Emberling Tuesday night described the discussion around zero period as "truncated" and "short-circuited" and the lack of consideration of the student voice "disturbing," Dauber defended McGee's authority to make such decisions.

"This is a matter of management discretion," Dauber said. "It was, like many, many topics and decisions within our school district, left to the superintendent and his staff to administer within the parameters set by board policy.

"If we decide as a board that we don't agree with a decision that Dr. McGee has made and we want to set policy around that, just like I didn't agree with a decision that the Gunn principal made three years ago on zero period, then we're perfectly entitled as a board to set policy on that," he added. "What we should not do is criticize or castigate the superintendent for making the decision in the first place. Dr.



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McGee had the full authority, the full right to do that. He was under no obligation to engage the board in some sort of process around his management decisions."

Most board members agreed that student voices must be better taken into account in future decisions and supported Gunn school board representative Rose Weinmann's proposal that the district form a

"student voice committee" to look at how to create channels district-wide for students to be heard.

"My biggest disappointment is that the conversations we are having with our students face-to-face are when there's a problem and not regularly," board President Melissa Baten Caswell said. "There needs to be a way to have dialogues back and forth." ■

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Buena

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faced criticism from appraiser Jim Brabant, who was commissioned by the Buena Vista Residents Association and who concluded that Beccaria's appraisal was "flawed and does not provide reasonable estimates of in-place market value."

Most of the shortcomings, Brabant wrote, have resulted in an under-valuation of the homes, which Beccaria's appraisal lists as between \$5,500 and \$40,000. He also noted that in Beccaria's comparison of Buena Vista to other mobile-home parks in the region, the "superior Palo Alto location seems to be lost in the process."

Beccaria, for his part, defended his analysis and argued that the value of schools and safety is already embedded in his figures. He noted that the condition of Buena Vista homes is far worse than homes in other mobile-home parks in the region and claimed that the only reason Buena Vista

residents are willing to pay comparable prices for their homes is precisely because of the schools.

"The economics say, 'I want to be in Palo Alto at all costs, and I'm willing to do it to get my kids into Stanford or get my kids into the high school and get my kid in the school district. I'm going to make every possible sacrifice to make this happen,'" Beccaria told the council at the April 14 hearing. "That's what's going on. Who can blame them?"

But attorneys for the residents claimed that schools need to be specifically, and additionally, considered in the appraisal, despite the fact that the city's mobile-home-park ordinance does not list schools as a factor in determining what constitutes a "comparable community" to Palo Alto.

In his May 5 letter, Beccaria bluntly rejects this council direction. He defended his original methodology and argued that none of the criticisms brought against the reports by attorneys or council members have "altered any of our opinions of value, the methodology utilized, or our Scope of Work." He also asserted that he will consider other communication by the city on this topic as "pressuring the appraiser," which is illegal under a 2007 state law.

"I will not allow that to happen," Beccaria wrote. "The appraisal process cannot be caught up into the political controversy that exists in this community regarding this mobile home park."

"We must maintain our inde-

pendence and impartiality. I am not an advocate for any party. I only advocate for the opinions of value stated in the reports. We will not engage in further discussions about appraisal methodology of Scope of Work issues."

In response to Beccaria's refusal, attorneys for the residents issued their own letter Tuesday arguing that it's time for the city to hire a new appraiser and move ahead with a new Relocation Impact Report. Beccaria's "stubborn defense of his scope and methodology and rigid refusal to consider modifying them only compound the serious flaws in his original report," wrote James Zahradka, attorney with the nonprofit Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, which is representing Buena Vista residents.

"Mr. Beccaria has decided to defy the council," Zahradka wrote. "Thus, it is clear that for the council's directive to be followed, a different appraiser will need to be appointed."

Zahradka urged the council to direct staff to supply a list of qualified appraisers and to "inform the park owner that if he wants to pursue his closure application, he will need to submit a new Relocation Impact Report including information based on the new appraisals."

Margaret Nanda, attorney for the Jisser family, which owns the mobile-home park, has argued throughout the closure process that because schools are not specifically listed in the ordinance, they should not be given particular consideration. She also vigorously objected to the council's

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A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

Council Finance Committee (May 7)

Budget: The committee tentatively approved the fiscal year 2016 budgets for the various Utilities Department funds, the City Auditor's Office, the Office of Sustainability, the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Office of Emergency Services. **Yes:** Unanimous

City Council (May 11)

Retail: The council approved an urgency ordinance banning the conversion of ground-floor retail to office space. **Yes:** Unanimous

Trees: The council approved the new Urban Forest Master Plan. **Yes:** Unanimous

Council Finance Committee (May 12)

Budget: The committee tentatively approved the budgets for the Library Department, Information Technology, the Development Services Department and the Department of Planning and Community Environment. **Yes:** Unanimous

Council Policy and Services Committee (May 12)

Smoking: The committee recommended including e-cigarettes in the city's smoking ordinance and to create a licensing program for stores selling tobacco products. The committee also voted 3-0, with Berman recused, to not ban smoking at multi-family complexes at this time. Burt, DuBois and Wolbach voted to continue that discussion. **Yes:** Unanimous

Board of Education (May 12)

Summer maintenance: The board approved the award of contracts for several summer maintenance projects. **Yes:** Unanimous

Fire alarm system: The board approved a \$98,960 contract with Vanden Bos Electric with authorization to execute 10 percent in change orders. **Yes:** Unanimous

Planning and Transportation Commission (May 13)

Wireless: The commission approved changes to the approval process for wireless equipment. The new process includes three tiers, based on the type of infrastructure proposed, and a different approval process for each tier. **Yes:** Alcheck, Downing, Fine, Gardias, Michael, Tanaka **Absent:** Rosenblum

demand for new appraisals, asserting her right to challenge the requirement in court.

Attorneys from both sides will have a chance to submit briefs in response to the council's tentative decision before the May 26 meeting. If the council votes to approve the closure application, it would allow the Jisser family to begin the six-month eviction process immediately after. ■

The Weekly has compiled an archive of news coverage capturing the many voices of the people involved in the fight over Buena Vista. View it at storify.com/palo-altoweekly.

Gardens

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funding. (Further in the future would be an expansion into middle schools, if the sites express interest, Moore said.) The pilot programs in Palo Alto are funded primarily through a \$35,000 grant from fundraising group Palo Alto Partners in Education (PiE) and the rest with funds committed by the individual school sites.

The program can also be tailored to each school. For a school like Ohlone that already has a robust school garden (dubbed the

“Ohlone Farm”), Living Classroom might help make upgrades like adding more native-plant species representative of the local climate. Others might want to create a lunchtime garden club for students and staff or run a small farmers market with leftover produce. Fairmeadow parent Beth Morris said there are also numerous unintended benefits, like providing the space for students with different kinds of learning styles or showing parents that a drought-friendly garden can, actually, be beautiful.

Back at Landels one sunny April afternoon, parent volunteer Karen

Garth pointed out lavender and rosemary plants, California poppies and a rollie pollie as students snacked on fresh celery, observing attentively. They waved their wheat stalks proudly, clearly excited to be so knowledgeable about the source of the pretzels they would bake and eat in the next few weeks.

“We’re going through the entire life cycle of the plant, which you

can’t do on a field trip,” Moore said. “But if you bring nature to the schoolyard, you can see the whole thing because it’s right here.” ■

Palo Alto parents who want to get involved in the program can email Moore at info@living-classroom.org.

Staff Writer Elena Kadvany can be emailed at ekadvany@paweekly.com.

Correction

The photo caption for the May 8 story “East Palo Alto starts a news service” incorrectly identified Jeremy Hay as the founder of EPANow. Hay is the co-director, along with East Palo Alto resident Future Mashack. To request a correction, contact Editor Jocelyn Dong at 650-223-6514, jdong@paweekly.com or P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto, CA 94302.



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Arroyo, Frank	5035795	640.59	Murphy, Jill	7001883	94.45
Ayzenberg, Ignag	7001068	72.71	Myung Kim, Dong	7001966	63.61
Babbar, Ashok	2056114	100.00	Namjoo, Mohsen	7001904	112.34
Barton, Renee S.	2075053	70.00	Nishiyama, Shigeru	7001976	59.80
Beaubois, Terry	2057979	169.07	Novinski, Janette	2087671	103.00
Bilman, G. Andrew	2060564	69.51	Park, Sangbong	7001940	79.04
Bloom, Claire	2060619	50.00	Patkay, Jean or Margery	2071036	65.00
Bojam Inc.	7001571	329.35	Philippesen, Allison	7001735	56.44
Breuel, Thomas	7001812	242.53	Phillips, Janet	7001938	77.30
CGP Maintenece	2084094	70.00	Public Allies	2090748	180.00
Chang, Alice	7001937	63.15	Pulliam, Audrey	7000890	85.05
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Corpuz, Rolando	5035842	77.74	Quinones, Francis	5035984	594.89
Creative Ventures Building Group	7001839	200.00	Rios-Cardona, Diana	7000880	60.00
Danger, Inc.	7002780	6,800.00	Rodriguez, Alejandro	2092441	145.00
Dhrymes, Sophia H.	7000122	243.19	Rojas-Contreras, Ingrid	7001887	96.39
Dorrell, Pamela	2063866	200.55	Rosso, Giovanna	2054860	50.00
Enoch, Gavin	7000403	78.43	Rosso, Giovanna	2056137	82.75
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AGENDA-SPECIAL MEETING-COUNCIL CHAMBERS
May 18, 2015 5:30 PM

Special Orders of the Day

1. Proclamation Recognizing City of Palo Alto Fire Department Paramedic 40th Anniversary and National Emergency Medical Services Week May 17-23, 2015
2. Selection of Applicants to Interview on June 4, 2015 for the Architectural Review Board

Consent Calendar

3. Approval of Final Payment and Withheld Retention in a Combined Total Amount of \$232,137 to Republic Intelligent Transport Services, Inc. (a Siemens Company) for Work Performed No. C12143538 for Phase II of the LED Light Conversion Project (EL-10009) and Adoption of a Budget Amendment Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2015 in the Amount of \$184,510 Offset with a Reduction in the Electric Fund Distribution Reserve
4. Approve and Authorize the City Manager or Designee to Execute the Following Seven Third-Party Energy Efficiency Program Contracts in a Combined Not to Exceed Amount of \$6,625,000 and a Term for each through June 30, 2018: (1) CLEAResult Consulting, Inc., No. C15159135 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$910,000; (2) Eagle Systems International, Inc. DBA Synergy Companies, No. C15159126 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$540,000; (3) Eagle Systems International, Inc. DBA Synergy Companies, No. C15159125 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$450,000; (4) Ecology Action of Santa Cruz, No. C15159124 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,950,000; and the Following Three Contracts With a Shared Total Not to Exceed Amount of \$2,775,000 (5) Ecology Action of Santa Cruz, No. C15155144A, (6) Enovity, Inc., No. C15155144B, and (7) BASE Energy, Inc., No. C15155144C
5. Utilities Advisory Commission Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution Modifying the Electric Special Project Reserve Guidelines
6. Adoption of the User Fee Cost Recovery Level Policy
7. Approval of Contract No. C1515321 with FOG Studio in the Amount of \$97,900 for Design Services for the Baylands Interpretive Center Improvements Project PE-15029
8. Finance Committee Recommendation that Council: (1) Add a 25-Year Contract Term Option in Addition to the Palo Alto Clean Local Energy Accessible Now (CLEAN) Program's Existing 20-Year Contract Term Option; (2) Continue the CLEAN Program for Solar Resources at a Contract Price Reduced from 16.5¢/kWh to the Avoided Cost of the Solar Energy Generated (10.3 ¢/kWh to 10.4 ¢/kWh) with a Program Cap of 3 Megawatts; and (3) Expand the CLEAN Program's Eligibility to Non-Solar Renewable Energy Resources with a Program Cap of 3 Megawatts at a Contract Price Equal to the Avoided Cost of the Non-Solar Energy Generated (9.3 ¢/kWh to 9.4 ¢/kWh)
9. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Overtime and Portal to Portal Pay for Deployments Away from the City for the Palo Alto Fire Department
10. Request for Authorization to Increase Existing Contract with Newdorf Legal by an Additional \$55,000 for a Total Contract Not to Exceed Amount of \$160,000 for Legal Services Related to Litigation Matters

Action Items

11. Approval of a Construction Contract with Express Sign & Neon, Inc. for a Not to Exceed Amount of \$327,558 for the Wayfinding Portion of the City Hall Remodel Project PE-12017 (Continued from April 13, 2015)
12. PUBLIC HEARING: to Hear Objections to the Levy of Proposed Assessments on the Palo Alto Downtown Business Improvement District and Adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Report of the Advisory Board and Levying Assessment for Fiscal Year 2016 on the Downtown Palo Alto Business Improvement District
13. Discussion and Direction Regarding a Possible Ordinance to Limit Formula Retail and Other Land Uses to Preserve Ground Floor Retail Along Commercial Areas on California Avenue and Some Intersecting Streets
14. Composition and Purpose of an Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan Update

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee Special Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 2:00 PM and will discuss: 1) General Fund; a) Buildings and Facilities; b) Parks and Open Space; c) Streets and Sidewalks; d) Traffic and Transportation; e) Cubberley Infrastructure; and 2) Wrap-Up.

The Policy & Services Committee Special Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM and will discuss: 1) Continued Discussion Regarding City Council Procedural Matters, Including Updates to Procedures and Protocols Handbook.

Upfront

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.

New guidelines for campus sexual assaults

California Attorney General Kamala Harris Wednesday released new guidelines for the handling of campus sexual assault cases spelling out the need for universities to notify and collaborate with local law enforcement in all such cases. (Posted May 14, 8:57 a.m.)

Palo Alto man arrested for alleged threats

A Palo Alto man was arrested in Mountain View near the Safe-way on San Antonio Road last week after he reportedly threatened to harm someone and later returned to the same area where police arrested him. (Posted May 14, 8:16 a.m.)

Palo Alto woman scares off late-night burglar

Palo Alto police say a woman frightened off a burglar who broke into her home on the 1300 block of Hopkins Avenue, adjacent to Rinconada Park, Tuesday night. (Posted May 13, 8:57 a.m.)

Some Stanford protestors take plea deal

Five protestors who blocked the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge on Martine Luther King Jr. Day pleaded no contest Monday to misdemeanor obstruction charges, San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe said Tuesday. (Posted May 13, 7:44 a.m.)

Power restored in Palo Alto

A power outage in southeast Palo Alto left more than 1,000 residents without power Tuesday morning. (Posted May 12, 12:05 p.m.)

East Palo Alto man dies in car accident

An 18-year-old East Palo Alto man died early Sunday morning after his vehicle struck a tree on northbound state Highway 85 in Mountain View, according to the California Highway Patrol. (Posted May 10, 11:14 a.m.)

Firefighters rescue one from stranded boat

A water-rescue crew transported one person to shore while assisting a boat in distress near East Palo Alto on Saturday morning, according to firefighters. (Posted May 9, 9:39 p.m.)

Missing man found safe

A man who went missing from Stanford Hospital on Saturday morning has been found safe at 4:30 p.m., Palo Alto police said. (Posted May 9, 4:45 p.m.)



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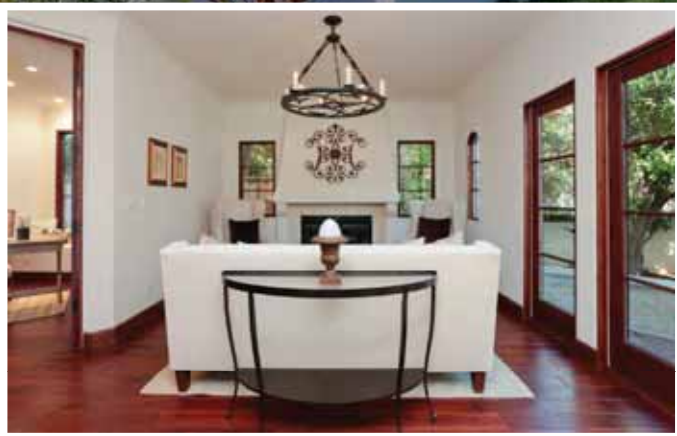
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Palo Alto	
May 6-12	
Violence related	
Assault	1
Assault with a deadly weapon	1
Battery	1
Domestic violence	2
Theft related	
Commercial burglaries	4
Credit card fraud	2
Grand theft attempt	1
Identity theft	1
Petty theft	5
Residential burglaries	2
Scam	1
Shoplifting	2
Vehicle related	
Abandoned bicycle	1
Auto burglary	3
Auto recovery	3
Auto theft	2
Bicycle theft	10
Driving with suspended license	6
Driving without license	2
Hit and run	1
Parking/driving violation	1
Theft from auto	17
Vehicle accident/minor injury	7
Vehicle accident/property damage	14
Vehicle impound	4
Alcohol or drug related	
Drinking in public	5
Driving under influence	3
Drunk in public	6
Open container	1
Possession of drugs	1
Smoking in public	3
Under influence of drugs	4
Miscellaneous	
B&P/misc.	1
Casualty/fall	1
Disposal request	1
Found dog	1
Found property	1
Illegal lodging	1
Lost property	3
Misc. muni. code	1
Misc. penal code	1
Missing juvenile	1
Possession of stolen property	8
Psychiatric subject	2
Psychiatric hold	2
Public fight	1
Public nuisance	2
Suspicious circumstances	2
Terrorist threats	1
Trespassing	1
Vandalism	3
Warrant arrest	3
Warrant/other agency	4
Menlo Park	
May 6-12	
Violence related	
Assault with a deadly weapon	1
Battery	2
Theft related	
Credit card fraud	2
Identity theft	3
Petty theft	3
Theft undefined	2
Vehicle related	
Abandoned auto	1
Auto burglary	2
Auto theft	1
Bicycle theft	4
Driving with suspended license	1
Driving without license	1
Found bicycle	1
Hit and run	4
Theft from auto	7
Trailer theft	1
Vehicle accident/injury	1
Vehicle accident/minor injury	3
Vehicle accident/no injury	4
Vehicle tow	1
Alcohol or drug related	
Drugs found	1
Drunk in public	3
Narcotics registrant	1
Possession of drugs	2
Miscellaneous	
CPS referral	1
Disturbance	1
Domestic disturbance	1
Found property	4
Info case	7
Located missing person	1
Lost property	4
Outside assistance	1
Psychiatric evaluation	4
Resisting arrest	1
Suspicious circumstances	1
Vandalism	6
Warrant arrest	7
VIOLENT CRIMES	
Palo Alto	
Emerson Street , 5/6, 7:51 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.	
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University Avenue and Chaucer Street , 5/12, 6:52 p.m.; battery/simple.	
Menlo Park	
600 block Willow Road , 5/7, 4:21 p.m.; battery.	
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Transitions

Births, marriages and deaths

Perpetual volunteer Ray Bacchetti dies at 81

Ray Bacchetti — a devoted Palo Alto volunteer and resident — died on May 10 at Channing House after battling skin cancer, his family said. He was 81.

A soft-spoken and tireless community activist, he had a record of public service and volunteering that is virtually unrivaled in Palo Alto, including a five-year stint on the school board, an eight-year term on the Foothill-De Anza Community College District and six years on the city's Human Relations Commission.

For Bacchetti, there were always board meetings to attend, task forces to chair and committees to join, including the blue-ribbon committee that surveyed the city's infrastructure needs, the citizen task force that considered the need for a new police building, the stakeholders group that explored the future use of Cubberley Community Center and an oversight committee for the school district's facilities bond. He spent nine years volunteering in the Palo Alto Police Department, helped head Project Safety Net and served as a Track Watch volunteer.

Police Chief Dennis Burns noted that Bacchetti and fellow volunteer George Browning were "frequently described as the hardest-working employees of the Police Department," where they worked twice a week. Bacchetti, he said, often took the time to meet the department's younger officers and explain to them what the community wants and needs and how it can be served better.

"He is a man of tremendous wisdom, humor and compassion, and we're all better because of Ray Bacchetti," Burns said.

He was born on Jan. 9, 1934, in New Jersey. After graduating from Westwood High School, he entered Rutgers University, where as an undergraduate he met his future wife, Carol, whom he married in 1956. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1956 and a master's degree in education in 1959. His studies introduced him to educational philosopher John Dewey and puzzles of democracy and the common good.

He continued his studies in a doctoral program at Stanford University, focusing on the philosophy of education and higher education, which he completed in 1968. In addition to teaching in Palo Alto for a year, he worked at Stanford for 33 years, ultimately retiring as vice president of planning and management. Bacchetti was also a scholar in residence at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and an education-program officer at the Hewlett Foundation.

Retirement did nothing to slow him down. As a citizen volunteer, he co-founded the group Palo Altans for Government Effectiveness, served on the board at Channing House and was a leading voice for including "civic engagement" as a City Council priority.

At a March 16 recognition ceremony for Bacchetti, Councilman Pat Burt recalled Bacchetti's constant commitment to pursuing "the common good."

"While not everyone's notion of what that means is identical, it's a really important reminder that we just continue to reflect on our actions, not only as officials but as a community, to think about our common good," Burt said.

Bacchetti's volunteering efforts won him the Avenidas Lifetimes of Achievement Award in 2009 and a Tall Tree Award in 2013 in the category of "outstanding citizen." Yet Bacchetti never sought recognition, and, as friends recalled, most of his efforts to improve his community took place out of the public eye.

Councilman Marc Berman remembered the time in 2012 when he had made plans to meet then-Mayor Yiaway Yeh near the train tracks, which volunteers patrolled to ward off suicide attempts. At around 10 p.m., Berman said, he arrived at the East Meadow Road rail crossing where instead of Yeh he saw a man in a hat whom he instantly recognized as Bacchetti.

"I said, 'Ray, what are you doing here?' And he said, 'This is my 84th time doing Track Watch. What are you doing here?'" Berman said.

"There are countless things he did for the community that were unseen by the rest of us," said Berman, who served with Bacchetti on the infrastructure committee.

In a 2009 video interview, Bacchetti talked about some of his passions, mentioning public education, civic engagement, the theater, police work and the issue of "growing older," or as Bacchetti termed it, "older and growing."

"We're still trying to figure out how to get involved in it, how to make it meaningful, how to make the best use of people who are no longer working in their careers but still have a great deal to give to the society," Bacchetti said.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Bacchetti of Palo Alto; brother, J. Thomas (Liz) Bacchetti of Oakland; three children, Peter (Anne Marie Siu-Yuan) Bacchetti of Santa Rosa, Joanne (Phil) Taylor of Menlo Park and Paul Bacchetti of Mountain View; and three grandchildren, Emily, Ben and Jesse Taylor.

Plans for a memorial service will

be announced at a later date. Memorial donations can be made to Youth Community Service (youthcommunityservice.org), TheatreWorks (theatreworks.org) or InnVision Shelter Network (ivsn.org).

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Paul M. Lufkin Sr.,

Longtime Palo Alto Resident and Noted Volunteer

Paul M. Lufkin Sr. died peacefully at his Palo Alto home recently, at age 91. A classic example of "The Greatest Generation," his long and full life encompassed the Depression, World War II, and the early days of the Silicon Valley, when he joined an up-and-coming company called Hewlett-Packard Associates.

A devoted volunteer, in 2001 Paul was given a certificate of appreciation by the California State Assembly, and a Volunteer Recognition Award from the Palo Alto Junior League and the Volunteer Center of San Mateo County for his longtime work with Stanford Hospital's Lifeline Program. He was also recognized as a Golden Donor at the Stanford Blood Center, and was very active at All Saints Episcopal Church, where he served on the vestry for a number of years, including as Senior Warden.

Paul was born in Dunkirk, New York, attended Haverford in Philadelphia, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, where his father, Harold Lufkin, taught mathematics. He enlisted in the Army in the middle of his sophomore year at Penn and was sent to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the atomic production site for the Manhattan Project. It was there that he met the love of his life, Betty Ann Cole, a chemist. They married at the Oak Ridge chapel in 1948.

His first job after graduation was as a field engineer for RCA. He and Betty moved around the country as he climbed the career ladder, arriving in Palo Alto in 1960 and buying the classic Eichler home where they would spend the rest of their lives. He joined HP Associates in 1963, and worked there for the next 25 years in a variety of engineering, sales, and marketing roles. He traveled widely for his job, visiting Europe, the U.K., Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

Although his family had deep roots in New England, he loved living the California dream, which included owning a number of spiffy convertibles. He and Betty became active members of the community, joining the University Club, volunteering with various groups, attending church every Sunday, and raising their three children, who referred to him as Pops.

Betty passed away in 2009 after a long illness. Paul is survived by Paul M. Lufkin Jr. of Palo Alto (Mary Daily), Liz Lufkin of San Francisco (Robert Steinberg), and Tom Lufkin of Potsdam, NY (Petra Kraus, Leon Lufkin, Sina Lufkin). The family is grateful for the devoted care he received from Tara Fatiaki-Davis in his later years.

For many years, Paul was part owner of a Santana 22 sailboat, and he spent countless happy weekends sailing the San Francisco Bay.

That is, when he wasn't in his garage tinkering with electronic equipment, making furniture, or creating the occasional piece of found art.

After retiring, Paul worked as a census taker, delved into genealogy, and traveled the U.S. and Europe with Betty, all the while continuing his volunteer activities. In addition to Lifeline, he was active with the Coalition for Excellence in Science Education (CESE), as was Betty.

Like many people of his generation, Paul sent an annual Christmas letter, which he would labor over for weeks. Back then, "The Lufkin Line" mortified his kids, but in retrospect their sweet tone and philosophical musings are poignant reminders of a life well lived. Here are some excerpts -- Paul M. Lufkin Sr., in his own words.

Christmas, 1969

"This year has passed so swiftly for us that it hardly seems possible the holiday season is here again. Have you noticed they seem to go by faster these days? ... As we look back over the past year we see, with humility and thanksgiving, how truly rich our lives have been, and we hope that is equally true for you."

Christmas, 1976

"Suddenly the house is quiet for long periods of time; Freyja, the black Labrador retriever, wanders disconsolately from room to room; the phone rings hardly at all, the refrigerator is mostly devoid of large quantities of milk and ice cream, all because the last of our brood has taken up residence in Berkeley."

Christmas, 1996

"It isn't exactly a rut but looking back it seems as if the smooth groove of our life in retirement and the ruts do look a lot alike! As we approach age 73, the horizon seems a bit closer, but at the same time, less distinct."

Especially in his later years, he was a fount of aphorisms and amusing catchphrases, and made liberal use of wartime lingo like SNAFU and FUBAR. Once, when asked the secret of a long life, he turned to the camera and sagely advised, "Don't die!" Other phrases in regular rotation included:

"Better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick."
 "God willing and the creek don't rise."
 "Illegitimi non carborundum." ("Don't let the bastards grind you down.")

But the one he used most often in later years was "Ta ta for now." Even when Parkinson's disease made it difficult for him to speak at the end, he would still whisper good-bye with that classic sign-off. So, ta ta for now, Pops. Ta ta for now.

In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates donations in Paul's memory to the Stanford Blood Center, the University of Pennsylvania Penn Fund or Stanford Lifeline, Att: Matthew Lim, 300 Pasteur Drive, Room HC034 Stanford, CA 94305.



PAID OBITUARY

Editorial

With urgency, new schedule takes shape

Sweeping changes to Gunn bell schedule to be implemented next school year

Few would have predicted three months ago that a diverse group of Gunn High School teachers, students, parents and administrators would have been able to come to a consensus recommendation on a new school bell schedule.

But this week, in an impressive, well-researched and clearly presented proposal, the "Creative Schedule Committee" met its deadline and unanimously recommended a new "modified block" schedule that will result in Gunn students having fewer and longer class periods each day.

It is the most tangible and meaningful action in response to concerns over student stress and well-being since the starting times of both high schools were pushed back in 2010 and 2011, and it shows that it is possible to move with urgency in a community that too often becomes paralyzed by conflicting voices or a never-ending quest for more information.

If approved on May 26 by the school board, which appears likely, Gunn will join many high schools across the nation, including Paly, in re-engineering the school day to improve the quality of class time, allow time for more individual attention and group learning, and eliminate the grind of daily homework assignments and due dates in every class.

Under the proposed schedule, students will end up attending three sessions per week for each of their classes, will have longer breaks between classes, and have a tutorial period on Tuesday mornings for meeting with teachers or counselors or attending grade-specific social-emotional learning programs. Teachers will have increased time for planning and collaboration.

The proposal also builds upon the lessons learned at other high schools using block schedules by setting a consistent daily start time (8:25 a.m.) and by opting against an unpopular practice, in place at Paly, where on one day a week students attend all their classes in a seven-period day.

The committee also urged that the district's homework policy be enforced — which Superintendent Max McGee has already directed all teachers — and be expanded to address homework in AP and honors classes.

About the only concern being raised over the proposal is whether it can be smoothly implemented with the start of the new school year in August, as the committee is recommending. When the committee began its work, Gunn Principal Denise Herrmann cautioned that January 2016 would likely be the earliest feasible start date given the complications of establishing individual student schedules and of teachers needing to adjust their curricula.

But while some teachers have continued to raise concern about the hazards of rushing to implement the plan in August, the committee concluded it would be more disruptive to switch in the middle of the school year, especially for freshmen.

To address these challenges, the committee recommended that teachers be paid for taking time over the summer to prepare curricula changes and that extensive outreach to parents and students begin immediately after board approval. School administrators are already preparing for the transition.

We couldn't be more pleased or impressed by the work of the committee or by the positive impact we believe these changes will have throughout the Gunn community.

The work of this committee should serve as a school district model for effective stakeholder engagement, research and outreach, carefully explained recommendations and clear implementation steps.

In three short months, the committee met nine times and organized its work through three subcommittees. It consulted with other districts, education experts, held "town hall" meetings, small focus groups and conducted an online survey. One student member told the school board this week that serving on the committee was the most rewarding experience of her high school career.

Principal Herrmann, new to the district this year, and the Gunn faculty played critical roles in the process, and it helped that Herrmann had implemented a similar change at her previous high school in Wisconsin. It also didn't hurt that Herrmann and teachers had a strong motivation to find common ground after the regrettable union grievance filed last November protesting Herrmann's attempt to get teachers to consistently post homework assignments on the Schoology software platform.

Let this accomplishment be a lesson that it need not take years to accomplish important reforms, just clear goals, good leadership and a process that is inclusive but efficient.

We urge the school board to approve the new schedule and August implementation at its May 26 meeting.

Spectrum

Editorials, letters and opinions

Hopes and dreams

Editor,

PTA, California's largest and oldest all-volunteer advocacy organization for children, advocates to help our students realize their hopes and dreams.

May 26, the door will be one step closer to slamming shut on the hopes and dreams of over 100 PAUSD low-income students residing in the Buena Vista Mobile Home Park, when Palo Alto City Council is expected to ratify the landowner's relocation package for their families.

It's time for our community to come together around a "win-win" solution whereby the park owner receives a fair purchase price for his land and we preserve this much needed affordable housing.

If the park closes, our students will lose everything this community provides: top-ranked schools, safe neighborhoods, great jobs and high-quality medical care. 100 percent of the Buena Vista students graduate high school, compared to the Silicon Valley 70 percent high school graduation rate for similarly situated low-income students.

Our community will lose enriching cultural diversity and highly valued friends and employees working in our schools, markets, restaurants, homes and offices.

Accordingly, the Palo Alto PTA Council and Sixth District PTA are honored to partner with the broad coalition supporting Buena Vista: Palo Alto School Board, The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto, the city's Human Relations Commissions, Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning, nine Palo Alto churches and synagogues, Friends of Buena Vista and more.

PTA urges the City Council to approve the city manager's recommendation to devote \$8 million in affordable housing funds to preserving Buena Vista (matching the county's \$8 million set-aside of affordable housing funds that must be spent within six miles of Stanford).

PTA calls on our community to help the nonprofit Caritas — with its 20 years of experience buying, improving and managing affordable housing mobile home parks — to obtain the additional funding to preserve Buena Vista.

Susan Usman, president, and Rebecca Fox, vice president of advocacy
Palo Alto PTA Council
Wendy Akers-Ghose, president, and Nancy Krop, director of legislation
Sixth District PTA

Impact of draining

Editor,

Apparently the City Council, building department and others beholden to basement excavation proponents believe that the water pumped from, say, the project on the 2100 block of Webster Street is pumped uniquely from that location. Perhaps they believe that underground water is conveniently divided by lot size. This is not true. When the house behind ours pumped out gushers of water, my neighbors and I found that our yards dried up and plants died. We began watering heavily to counteract this problem; of course, our extra water was immediately drained and spewed out into the gutter in a vicious cycle for which there seemed no solution. My neighbors and I complained bitterly to the powers that be. To no avail. Small cracks appeared in walls, and one neighbor under similar circumstances

found that his front door would no longer open. The water gushing down Webster Street every day comes from the surrounding area. The result of this pumping deluge is much the same as that of a small earthquake undermining the stability of everyone's property as well as diverting everyone's water to the gutter — not just the water of the offender.

Perhaps the City Council could try this experiment: Build an impermeable sandbox in front of City Hall, fill it with sand and then fill it with water. Mark off a small square foot area in the center which we will call 2100 Webster Street, then let the council members try to remove the water from that square foot area without removing any water from the surrounding area. Do let the public know how this experiment comes out — preferably before the next election.

Mary Ellen White
Webster Street, Palo Alto

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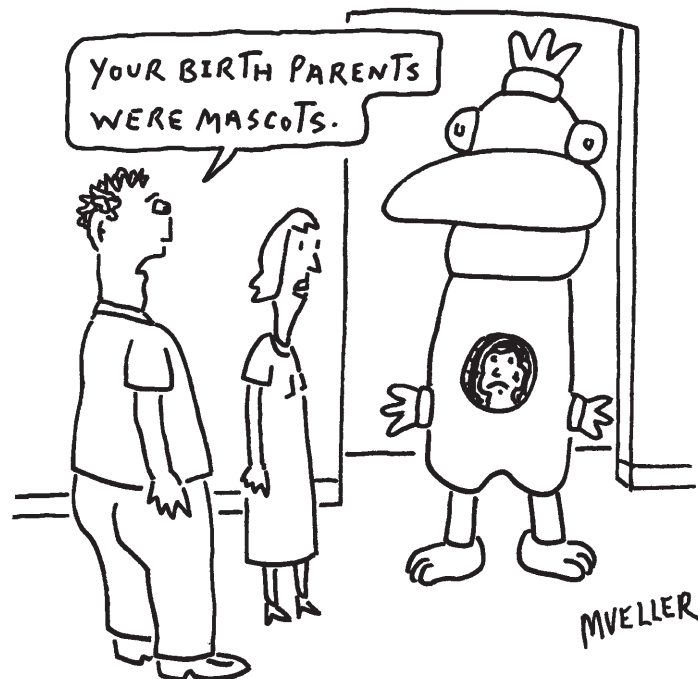


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Off Deadline

Paramedics service prompted by exposure of ambulance deficiencies

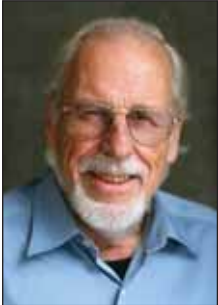
by Jay Thorwaldson

Palo Alto's hyper-busy paramedics service is celebrating its 40th anniversary Sunday, with a show-off of its equipment and a family-oriented schedule of events.

Many of those who will check out the birthday-party health fair weren't even born when the program's van rolled on its first official callout in 1975. The event will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mitchell Park Bowl, 600 E. Meadow Drive, in south Palo Alto. Ice cream, chili and demonstrations are planned, along with a "kids corner" of games. The City Council will commemorate the anniversary at its meeting Monday night.

Creation of the paramedics program didn't happen by accident. Few such things do. It was prompted by the revelation of serious problems and life-threatening deficiencies of the ambulance companies 40 years ago, documented in a five-part series published in the erstwhile Palo Alto Times in October 1971. The problems would have remained if it hadn't been for the persistent lobbying, based on the series, of a determined resident: the late Joseph "Joe" Carleton, long active in Palo Alto's Sister City organization.

There is simply no way to estimate how many lives have been saved or serious injuries prevented over the years by the trained paramedics, compared to often untrained or poorly trained ambulance crews of earlier decades, when private ambulance firms



dominated the emergency-response world.

One estimate at the time was that such a program would save at least eight lives per year in Palo Alto, not counting the severe injuries (such as paralysis) caused by accident victims being treated by untrained or poorly trained ambulance crews.

Current Palo Alto Fire Chief Eric Nickel said he thinks eight lives may be a conservative estimate, as the Fire Department evolves toward being more of an emergency-medical-response service than a "fire department" in the classic sense, based on the relative number of fire versus emergency calls.

Some cities followed Palo Alto's lead, but others kept the private-ambulance model as training and services improved dramatically with the return of trained military medics from the Vietnam War. And fire departments generally upgraded emergency training of regular firefighters.

Because Palo Alto created its paramedics service as early as it did, it is one of the few services in the state allowed to transport patients to the hospital. Others were prohibited by a state law, leaving the field to ambulance firms.

As a reporter for the Palo Alto Times, just turned age 30, I covered as part of my beat a series of weekend demonstrations in downtown Palo Alto, some of them antiwar but others to protest a sound curfew on bands, an "anti-commune" ordinance and other counterculture issues — some just to smash some windows and block traffic.

A young man I met at one of them called me one day in early 1971 and said his older brother worked for an ambulance company and was deeply concerned about the quality of the service and lack of training of attendants. We met, and his revelations

were astounding. I launched six months of interviews and checking, on which the series was based. I interviewed ambulance company officials, physicians, firefighters and patients, double-sourcing anecdotes about ambulance "races" to pick up patients and an actual case of one ambulance crew who hid a competing crew's ambulance keys in the gutter — reminiscent of the comedy movie, "Mother, Jugs and Speed" of that era.

To appreciate fully what the paramedics mean to a community, or region, one should be aware of what preceded them.

In a nutshell, the introductory article summed it up: "Despite recent significant steps to improve, the business appears to lag seriously behind other medical callings in regard to pay, training, working conditions and professionalism." That was putting it mildly, even though Santa Clara and San Mateo counties ranked second and sixth highest in quality among the state's 58 counties.

Dr. Lee Farr, then head of the state Department of Health's Bureau of Emergency Medical Service, created in 1970, said bad incidents were "not infrequent," and that he had started an "adverse incident" file to keep track of them.

The head of Stanford Hospital's Emergency Department cited serious problems with patients arriving in ambulances, from lack of proper treatment en route to cases of paralysis from being improperly lifted or handled.

Palo Alto fire trucks regularly dropped firefighters off at intersections so they could guide inexperienced or lost ambulance crews to the scene of an emergency.

One source was particularly close to me — Marge Speidel, then editor of the busi-

ness pages at the Times, who sat next to me. One weekend she fell from her horse along Alpine Road and broke a hip. En route to Stanford Hospital, she noted the ambulance had turned the wrong way on Junipero Serra and was heading south, not toward the hospital, and directed them from the back of the ambulance.

The core of the problem was low pay, long hours and inadequate state laws covering minimum training requirements. One law only required an ambulance crew member to obtain an advanced First Aid certificate within three months of starting work for an ambulance firm.

But a frequent occurrence was that instead of getting the required certificate, the individual would simply quit before the three months was up and go to work for another ambulance firm — a kind of "musical-chairs" pattern among the typically younger, single men in the crews.

The series concluded with articles on the changing role of ambulances and calls for better integration of care. Ambulance companies were changing priorities, from just getting patients to a hospital as fast as possible to becoming increasingly high-tech "emergency rooms on wheels," traveling slower but stabilizing and even treating patients en route.

Yet paramedics filled a desperate need for better trained, more stable emergency responders to become a literally life-saving service. ■

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Breaking the silence

How youths, adults overcame cultural stigmas against depression and got help

Story by Joshua Alvarez | Photos by Veronica Weber

Robin Thomas matriculated at Stanford University in the fall of 2008, and after a few months he was thinking about leaving.

"I was not happy. And I did not understand why," he recalled. "I made it to the greatest school in the country, it was sunny, the campus was beautiful, and yet I was sad."

Thomas knew that mental illness ran in his family; his mother was diagnosed with clinical depression and had been on a steady prescription of Prozac. Still, Thomas refused to consider that he was suffering from the same affliction.

"I felt saying I was depressed would be a cop out, that I was just making excuses. I blamed myself and believed I was the only one who could fix it."

Thomas considered himself the archetypal "Stanford Duck," a metaphor well-known to Stanford students: On the surface he looked composed and happy, but beneath the surface he was paddling furiously to stay afloat emotionally. Maintaining the image of placid contentment meant bottling up his depression.

"I felt guilty because I felt I was rejecting an awesome privilege, and I didn't feel able to open up to anyone because it would sound

ungrateful," he said.

Thomas returned sophomore year thinking a fresh start would help, but his depression persisted. He checked himself into Stanford's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), but he did not make much progress.

"I'm not sure if there was a whole lot CAPS could do for me because I was really good at arguing with myself and rationalizing how I felt," he said.

But it was when Thomas finally opened up to some of his fellow students that he discovered something surprising.

"I found there were lots and lots of other students going through exactly what I was going through, but were afraid to talk about it," he said. "I kept hearing that they thought they were the only ones." Over time, and as he spoke with more and more of his peers, Thomas concluded that what Stanford needed was an open dialogue that suspended judgment about how people were feeling.

"I wrote a couple articles for the Stanford Daily, and I started sitting in the middle of White Plaza with a sign that said, 'Let's talk about anything.' I was pleased by how many people approached me to talk and was both sad and unsurprised that a lot of people were quietly suffering like I was.

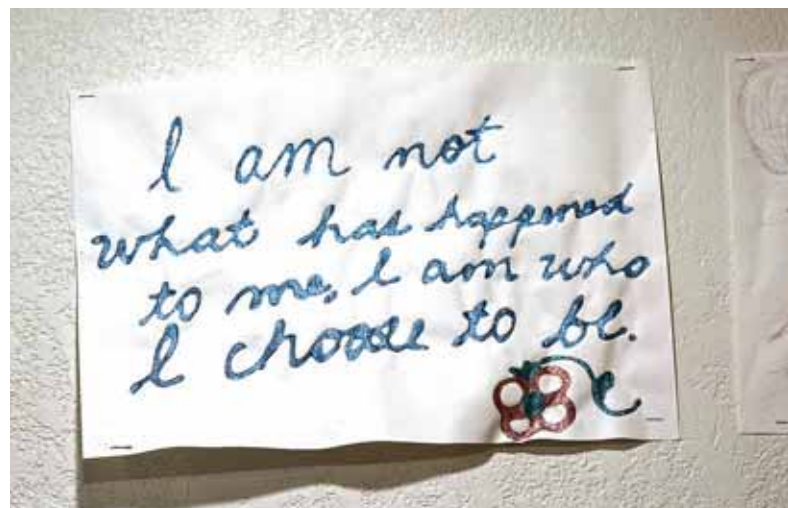
I thought that would be the best way for me to contribute," he said.

Thomas ultimately dropped out of Stanford.

Emily Dolph, 22, had a similar mindset as Thomas when she was a high school student in Gilroy and a college student at San Francisco State University. She was an excellent student but was constantly unhappy with herself. She wanted everything and thus never felt she was doing enough.

"I was convinced I had to be perfect, not only in school but socially. When I felt sad I convinced myself that I was a cry baby and could get over it. A lot of my depression came from me beating myself up. I really did not like myself," she said. "The people who I at the time considered my friends were particularly hurtful. There was a constant pressure to look good, be thin, get the best clothes and ace tests. I had to have it all, down to keeping my hair perfectly in place, or nothing."

The pressure continued even at San Francisco State. The summer before her junior year she attempted suicide. After recovering she was diagnosed with clinical depression and enrolled in La Selva, a mental health services clinic on California Avenue in Palo Alto that's part of the Momentum Health Group.



Art and messages created by ASPIRE participants hang in a therapist's office at the El Camino Hospital Behavioral Health Services building.

For too many people like Thomas and Dolph, what exacerbates their despair is not so much depression, which thanks to decades of research is treatable, but their reluctance to seek help, according to James Millsap, executive director of La Selva. Simply put, many people who should, and could, be receiving effective treatment are not.

"Something stops them. What stops them is not only their condition, which saps their energy and willingness to reach out, but also things they hear on the television set and the people around them that people with mental illnesses are crazy, dangerous, losers, weak or whatever. So then the solution is to start hiding what they feel and that ultimately leads to tragedy. That is the real enemy out there: It's stigma," he said.

Other local mental health experts agreed.

"Twenty-four percent of U.S. citizens have a mental health condition in any given year and 57 percent of citizens will suffer from a mental health condition at least once in their lives. I actually believe those numbers to be conservative estimates," said Michael Fitzgerald, executive director of behavioral health services at El Camino Hospital. Fitzgerald also helped start El Camino's After-School Program Interventions and Resiliency Education program (ASPIRE). The program is designed to provide treatment for teenage youth who are experienc-

ing anxiety, depression or other symptoms related to a mental health condition.

"This is a huge concern. Kids aren't getting help oftentimes because of stigma: Mental health concerns are portrayed very negatively in our society. Kids, particularly in regions such as the Silicon Valley, can feel enormous pressure to get into Stanford or a similar university. The pressure of being a kid seems worse now, on top of adolescence being inherently stressful," he said.

That pressure is felt among both young people and working adults.

"A lot of stigma comes from the expectations set by the people around us," said Annie DiTiberio, who was associate director of La Selva and now works at another mental health provider in Palo Alto that partners with La Selva. "What is the theme of this place? It's wealth, it's stories of extraordinary success at a rapid pace, it's hyper competitive both in school and work."

Setting extraordinary expectations can be a mental burden that can both aggravate a mental illness like depression and make stigma even harder to overcome, DiTiberio said. The strongest evidence of this cultural phenomenon is who does not come in for help, rather than who does. The demographic patterns are surprisingly specific.

"I have noticed that males who

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Emily Dolph, a choreographer, leads young dancers through the steps at San Francisco Children's Musical Theater. Before receiving help at La Selva, she felt she had to be perfect to be acceptable.



Jim Millsap, executive director of the La Selva Group at Momentum for Mental Health, sits in the California Avenue center's main room, which is used for counseling sessions and socializing on May 5.

Stigmas

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are successful lawyers, or work at startups, and are typically in their 40s really struggle with coming in. The few who do come in I can almost see a physical battle in their faces because they are so apt to blame themselves and eager to convince themselves they do not have to be here. Their self-stigmatization is incredibly powerful," she said.

"Stigma is pervasive throughout," said Dr. Laurie Leung, associate director of mental health programming at the San Jose nonprofit Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI). "The general perception is that mental health services are for people who have severe psychotic episodes or other extreme conditions."

Counseling and mental health services cover a large spectrum of problems and levels of severity. Targeted, time-limited consultations can address a specific issue, while longer term care is used to stabilize and return someone to baseline level of functioning. Inpatient care is needed when the individual could no longer provide for his or her own well-being, Leung said.

In short, says Julie Lythcott-Haims — former dean of freshmen at Stanford, Gunn High School parent and author of the

upcoming book, "How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success" — Palo Alto, as well as the broader society, is facing a cultural problem.

"Confronting stigma necessitates confronting our habits, values and culture," she said. "Our kids are adopting the exceedingly high, narrow and rigid definitions of success endemic in the Palo Alto community, which undermines their mental health and wellness. We need to drop the facade that everyone is doing amazingly well, broaden our definition of success, and at the same time make it easier for people to talk about their mental health problems."

Dealing with stigma in mental health treatment is at least as challenging as treating the symptoms of mental illness, Millsap said.

"Depression and other mental illnesses are as real as any physical affliction," he said, "but they are easy to dismiss or ignore because it is not as dramatically physical as say a broken limb, and it can easily be mistaken as an attitude problem." (See sidebar.)

Stigma is even more invisible because it manifests in language, entertainment and sometimes people's most basic internal assumptions and instincts. These create barriers that can be more difficult to overcome than any mental illness.

Stigmas exacerbate depression

Eight years ago Kristin Dawson, 47, was convinced there was something physically wrong with her.

"I kept checking myself into emergency rooms. I was breathing quickly, had trouble swallowing and was rapidly losing weight. Every time doctors said I was likely suffering from a mental illness I rejected what they said. It turned out they were right," said Dawson, a Redwood City resident.

Dawson worked in Silicon Valley and was afraid her company would find out. She feared having a reputation at work as being mentally ill and therefore unstable, and possibly even seen as unemployable at any job in her industry.

Dawson was so self-stigmatized that she initially refused to see a psychologist and was terrified of getting diagnosed and being put on medication.

"I thought being on medication meant losing control over myself. I thought I would be numb to my life," she said.

Dawson also didn't like the connotations she associated with people who have mental health problems.

"In movies and television the villains are all suffering from mental illnesses. It's the go-to explanation when a tragedy happens like a mass shooting or the recent plane crash in the Alps. I did not want to be put in the same category as those people. Ironically, I was as much of a participant in creating stigma as everyone else," she said.

Dawson was finally diagnosed with bipolar disorder and depression and received treatment including medication and therapy training, but only after she became intensely suicidal. She credits La Selva for saving her life. Today, she's no longer afraid of her illness.

"I feel more in control of my life than I ever have in the past eight years. It's disturbing to think that the hardest part was getting over my own perceived stigma about mental illness and medication. I still go through episodes of anxiety and depression, but now I know how to handle them. My relationship with my spouse and family is stronger than ever," she said.

Stigma doesn't just come from people's self-perception, which in any case is usually adopted from the culture around them, but also from cultural stereotypes.

"There's particular stigma directed towards the Asian community that is perpetuated by the 'model-minority' stereotype," said Leung of AACI. Roughly, the stereotype advances the notion that Asians are perfect, they strive for the top schools and the highest-earning industries, she says.

Partially as a result there are a lot of students of Asian heritage who are going day-to-day unaware that they have a mental health is-

sue or unwilling to seek treatment because that means admitting to a fault or needing help, she said.

Leung notes that within the Asian community, as is the case with other immigrant groups, more recent immigrants are more likely to be unaware of mental health issues than their more Americanized counterparts.

"The Asian community is still battling stigma against seeking help for physical health, never mind mental health. There remains a belief among some members of the Asian community that you should not visit a doctor unless you are very, very sick."

The stigma created by a culture of extraordinarily high expectations is neither an Asian construct nor does it exclusively affect Asians, however.

Sammy Kotmel, a 17-year-old Caucasian female, was a sophomore at Burlingame High School when she got a B in a class, her first ever.

"The 'B' shattered what was so important to her, which was her

straight-A identity," said Maja Nelson, her mother.

Kotmel had been diagnosed with obsessive-compulsive disorder as a freshman, which contributed to her sterling academic record. Since as early as middle school Kotmel was fixated on getting admitted to colleges like Harvard, Yale and Stanford. She insisted on studying for the SAT in the 8th grade, a full three years before she was due to take the test. But what drove her to excel also put her at risk. The "B" threw her into a deep, severe depression. She attempted suicide.

Kotmel's parents never applied pressure on her to get straight A's or even take all the advanced courses she enrolled in, Kotmel said. They both went to relatively average colleges and have good jobs.

"The pressure came from the culture I grew up in," said Kotmel, now a junior attending Mercy-Burlingame, a private high school. "Certainly a lot of my pressure was self-created, but it was all based

About depression

What is depression?

Depression is a mental illness. There are a variety of causes for depression. It can be situational: Something has happened in a person's life and he or she is struggling to effectively cope (e.g., the death of a loved one). Depression can also be clinical, meaning there is not an apparent cause to the depressive symptoms. Clinical depression can result from chemical imbalances in the brain. A family history of depression or mental illness can also result in an individual being more susceptible to experiencing depression. Depression is common and treatable.

What are common symptoms?

Some common symptoms include sadness; lack of pleasure in things that previously brought you pleasure; disrupted sleep, eating and concentration; and fatigue. Those around the depressed person may notice him or her acting differently, seeming exhausted often, not being able to perform the usual routine or having to work extremely hard to accomplish things that used to be easy (e.g., working eight hours in a day). You may attempt to "cheer them up" with things that usually bring them pleasure, such as a weekend away, but the loved one is still sad and unchanged by your attempts. An individual may also appear irritable and easily frustrated.

Who suffers from depression?

Anyone and everyone can suffer from depression. Almost everyone has had periods of feeling depressed, or at least exhibited signs of depression. Clinical depression has a strong genetic link, and statistics show people are more likely to exhibit depressive symptoms if someone genetically related has as well. Individuals who have experienced trauma may also be more susceptible to depression, especially if it is or was prolonged trauma.

Source: La Selva

Where can I seek help locally?

(Note: This is not an exhaustive list)

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ASPIRE, El Camino Hospital
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All ages

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Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)
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San Jose, CA 95128

Stanford Hospital, Outpatient Psychiatry Clinic
650-498-9111, 401 Quarry Road, Stanford, CA 94304



Laurie Leung, associate director of community mental health at Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), works in her office in San Jose on May 11.



Sammy Kotmel laughs as the family dog, Banjo, howls while her sister practices the flute in their living room. With help, Kotmel has learned to feel good about who she is and to ask bigger questions about what life is about.

from what I was exposed to. There seemed to me a rigid, inflexible logic that getting straight A's was the only way I could get into an elite college, which was the only way I could get a good job, which was the only way I could hope to have a good life. My neighbors were evidence to me: They attended Ivy League schools; they have a huge house with four seemingly perfect kids. That had to be me."

"It was tricky for us to find good resources," Nelson said. "There's a lack of willingness in the community to open up, and even as a parent I felt stigma against reaching out. Burlingame is a lot like Palo Alto in that families work to perpetuate an image of high success and that everything is fine. We were lost, and we didn't know where to go."

What Nelson did find, though, was an "underground" network of parents who had kids who were suffering from mental health illnesses and able to discreetly connect parents to therapists and other caregivers.

It was when Kotmel was hospitalized that they learned of the ASPIRE program in Mountain View's El Camino Hospital.

"A lot of our program is to talk and think about what success really means and to get a bigger picture of what life is about. We want to equip young people with skills they'll need to get through life," Fitzgerald said.

Students enrolled in the ASPIRE program can receive credits that go toward their high school diplomas.

"We are trying to destigmatize mental health by treating it as something you have to learn and practice. It is real work; the course

lasts eight weeks. And we sponsor the kids in the rare event that insurance does not want to pay," Fitzgerald said.

Today, Kotmel is doing and feeling a lot better, even though she got two B's this past semester. She's lightened her course load, only taking one AP class in her favorite subject, biology. She's no longer as concerned about the SAT or college admissions as she

once was; she knows she is a good student and will excel no matter where she decides to attend.

Sadly, like Emily Dolph, she's had to shed friendships with peers who were either sources of anxiety or could not bring themselves to understand Kotmel's condition. But the friendships that survived are stronger than they were before, Kotmel said. Moreover, with the skills she gained at ASPIRE she feels psychologically robust. She has taken up painting again, a creative outlet she abandoned during her years of obsessing about grades and college admissions.

"I'm no longer afraid of setbacks and feel comfortable in my own skin. I'm open about my illness, and I've made some changes, but I own it, it's a part of who I am and it won't stop me from living a good life. The ASPIRE program helped me because I started asking bigger, more important questions about what life is about," she said.

For Nelson, as soon as she and Kotmel became comfortable discussing mental health, an interesting phenomenon began to occur.

"So many parents have come out of the woodwork asking me where they can find help for their son or daughter," Nelson said. "People were breaking their silence as

soon as they knew someone that has gone through it themselves."

Efforts to combat stigmas

ASPIRE, AACI and La Selva are all conducting outreach and debriefing programs at Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) high schools.

"We are working with PAUSD to create new programs that train parents and teachers to look out for signs and symptoms," AACI's Leung said. "We've been very active in collaborating with the schools. Parents and children have a lot of resources around, and we're hoping they can utilize these resources and know that there is support out there."

Fitzgerald applauded the district for taking decisive steps toward providing more resources for youth as well as for the parents who have been proactive enough to seek consultation at ASPIRE, though he wishes more parents would come in.

"Palo Alto is doing more than a lot of places to provide resources to young people, and we're seeing a lot of kids overcome their conditions and leading healthier, more fulfilled lives. We want kids to know they can make it, but that it requires support and help. Reaching out for help is an act of courage, not weakness," he said.

In addition to the ASPIRE program, the HEARD Alliance — which is a group consisting of organizational leaders including Fitzgerald from El Camino Hospital as well as leaders from Stanford Hospital, PAMF, Sutter-Mills Hospital, local schools and others — is working collaboratively to address concerns about adolescent treatment in the region. The group has created a website with resources for families and others to access: heardalliance.org.

For Millsap, he hopes that the spate of tragedies will spur people



Sammy Kotmel, 16, and sister Jessie Kotmel, 11, hang out in their Burlingame living room, and Jessie shows Sammy how to assemble a flute.



Sammy Kotmel, center, eats dinner with sister Jessie Kotmel and mother Maja Nelson, and dad Rob Kotmel joins them after returning from work that day.

to face and overcome their prejudices against mental illnesses. La Selva is offering without fee a family support group for those with family members struggling with a mental illness. It meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at the California Avenue campus.

"We've seen discussions of the stigmatization of physical ailments like AIDS and breast cancer enter the mainstream and be overcome, and we in the mental health field feel like it's our time now. The tragic irony is that we are only now starting to see some positive movement after it's been too late for some of our kids," Millsap said.

After Thomas left Stanford he was finally diagnosed with clinical depression and prescribed Prozac, which Thomas said has substantially improved his quality of life.

"Getting diagnosed was actually a relief. It showed me that my thoughts about the world, my devaluing of my own life, is not really true. I have a disease that is shifting my perception of the world. The world doesn't suck; it's that I have a sickness that makes me think that way," he said. "I actually felt empowered. The most important thing a depressed person can do is to remind themselves that they have this sickness called depression and that it can be combated. It is not you; it is something inside of you. I'm now fully functional and I feel in control."

Dolph enrolled at La Selva and worked with DiTiberio. She said she initially felt ashamed.

"I would tell myself that I have no reason to feel like this. Nothing has happened to me that would lead me to depression. I do not have an abusive relationship or come from a broken home. But after enrolling in therapy, learning about depression and seeing other people there going through the exact same thing I was going through, I felt empowered," she said.

Today, Dolph still visits La Selva and regularly speaks on alumni panels. She's also taken up the arts as an outlet; she is the dance director at the Children's Musical Theater Company, where she teaches dance.

"I think if I were given the chance to talk to someone who is going through depression now and is too ashamed, embarrassed or scared to come out with it, I would tell them that depression is a disease," Dolph said. "You wouldn't be ashamed to go to the doctor for a virus or broken arm or any other ailment, so why be ashamed of getting help for this?" ■

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The Beat goes on

Smith Andersen Editions presents work by godfather of West Coast assemblage art by Sheryl Nonnenberg

The old adage about one man's junk being another man's treasure is one Southern California artist George Herms has taken to heart.

For more than 50 years, Herms has been making collage, assemblage and sculpture from discarded, everyday objects. He has outlived his mentor, artist Wallace Berman, and become a sort of last guru of the Beat Generation. A small but representative exhibition of Herms' recent work will be on display at Palo Alto's Smith Andersen Editions from May 16 through June 20.

But weren't the Beats poets and writers? There were, especially in California, members of the group who were invested in both poetry and the visual arts. Herms, a dropout from UC Berkeley's school of engineering, met Berman and his sometime creative collaborator Robert Alexander in Los Angeles in 1955, and a whole new world opened up for him. It was a time of free-form experimentation with materials and techniques and a Dada-like approach in which anything and everything could be considered art. Without any formal training, Herms experimented freely in many forms, including painting and printing, set design and photography, poetry and theater.

"He was friends with Bruce Conner, Allen Ginsberg and Jay De Feo," explained Smith Andersen owner Paula Kirkeby, reeling off the names of some of California's luminary writers and visual artists of the Beat Generation. "George is definitely on his own trip," she added. Herms visited Smith Andersen's fine-art printing press a number of years ago, an experience Kirkeby said was "too much fun."

For this exhibition, Herms and Kirkeby together selected just seven pieces. The Los

Angeles-based artist is also scheduled to return to Palo Alto for a private two-day residency with master printer Kathryn Kain later this month. Whatever he creates during that time will then be on display in the gallery's printing press area.

"He may do something about morning glories," said Kain, explaining that working with Herms is a spontaneous and unpredictable adventure that may involve stencils, photographs or even placing actual flowers on the printed surface.

That sort of quixotic approach to creativity can be seen in Herms' works currently installed in the gallery. In "Storyboard for Radio Show," the artist has gathered hundreds of images from magazines and carefully glued them onto a board. There are flowers, butterflies, images of the galaxy and watch faces, all jumbled together in a riot of color, shape and form. Added to the two-dimensional puzzle of pictures are actual small objects: watch parts, beads, bottle caps. The work is entrancing; it invites the viewer to lean in close to identify the images and imagine why the artist chose them and what unifying message they might contain. Yet in interviews, Herms has explained that he selects his images not by what they represent, but rather by shape and color. Although the collage is titled, Herms says he begins working without an overarching concept or story, claiming, "The pieces tell me what to do."

The artist's fondness for improvisation and jazz music is evident in his sculptural pieces, where unlikely parts are joined to form a cohesive, if cryptic, whole. In "Receptor," a deconstructed wooden box serves as a base for such disparate objects as a rusted trivet, melted and mangled compact discs, plastic and wooden beads and a medicine bottle. Unlike traditional sculpture such as stone carving and bronze casting, which involve a taking away of materials, Herms works in an additive manner and says all of his materials are found in the environment.

"The found object and what can happen to it through George's work is amazing and

has a certain elegance," Kirkeby observed.

There is also a good amount of humor in Herms' work, a fact noted by art critic Dave Hickey. Unlike the dark messages of the tableaux created by his fellow Beat era assemblage artist Ed Kienholz, Herms' work "revolves around wit and puns." In "Rake," for example, metal mesh, rusted blades and plastic beads are anchored by — of course — the head of an old and heavily used lawn rake. It's fun, perplexing and completely characteristic of a Dada or Surrealist take on life. Speaking about Berman in a 2006 interview, Herms might as easily have been describing his own art: "It's curiosity, a love of the unknown and a fearlessness. It's not about seeing something you already know about or are comfortable with."

As he approaches his 80th birthday, Herms continues to work as both a visual and performance artist. One of the most prolific artists of the Beat Generation, his work has been shown in dozens of group and solo exhibitions, and he is the recipient of several prestigious fellowships, including the Guggenheim and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Not bad for a guy who left Berkeley after just six weeks.

Still, Herms is not as well-known as his Beat counterparts, a fact that Kirkeby explains is because, "This is the West Coast — the East Coast had its own scene."

There will be a public reception for the artist on Saturday, May 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Palo Alto gallery. Herms will be on hand to answer questions and to sign copies of a two-volume catalog of his work, titled, "George Herms: The River Book." The event will be an opportunity to get up close and personal with an icon from a storied



Herms' mixed-media collage, "Storyboard For Radio Show," features magazine clippings, bottle caps, watch parts and beads.



In "Rake," Herms combines rusty metal found objects for a Dada-esque result.



California assemblage artist George Herms is one of the most prolific artists of the Beat Generation.

era in American cultural history. And, as Kirkeby predicted, "The viewer will leave with a different attitude about a rake or a gear." ■

Freelance writer Sheryl Nonnenberg can be emailed at nonnenberg@aol.com.

What: George Herms exhibit
Where: Smith Andersen Editions, 440 Pepper Ave., Palo Alto
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Worth a Look



Richard Barton

Art

'Spirit on Forest'

What's better than a killer cup of coffee or a dazzling display of visual art? A convergence of the two, of course. Tonight, Friday, May 15, from 7:30-9 p.m., head on down to Philz Coffee (101 Forest Ave., Palo Alto) to get your buzz on and enjoy the opening reception for a show of vibrant paintings and prints by Bay Area art collective Animal Spirit Design. Artists Asha Raval and Juliana Stoy have an unmistakable signature style: bright colors, bold patterns and a penchant for depicting all kinds of animals. Influenced by both fashion and nature, Raval and Stoy begin with hand-drawn sketches, then layer them with watercolor and digital design elements. The show runs through July 11; works will be for sale. To learn more, go to animalspiritdesign.com

Concert

Lana Del Rey and Courtney Love

The queen of grunge and the self-proclaimed "gangsta Nancy Sinatra" join forces this Wednesday, May 20, at Mountain View's Shoreline Amphitheatre (1 Amphitheatre Parkway) for a night of rock spanning the decades from Hole's indie-punk zenith in the early-1990s to Del Rey's latest cinematic dream-pop album, "Ultraviolence." Tickets range from \$83-\$2,532. Go to theshorelineamphitheatre.com.

Show

Night of the Arts

Who says school's no fun? On Friday, May 15, the rooms and hallways of Mid-Peninsula High School (1340 Willow Road, Menlo Park) will be transformed by students' visual art exhibitions, live musical performances, dramatic scenes and multimedia installations. The free event is open to the public. To learn more, call 650-321-1991, ext. 115.

Dance

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Castro St.) May 21-24. Tickets are \$23-\$71. Go to mvpca.com or call 650-903-6000. ■

Music

'Spies, Heroes, Comedy & Mayhem'

Superman, James Bond, the Pink Panther and Indiana Jones: Their theme songs and many others will get musical treatment at California Pops Orchestra's season finale concert this Sunday, May 17, at 3 p.m. at Foothill College's Smithwick Theatre (12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills). Tickets are \$15-\$42. Go to calpops.org or call 650-856-8432.

Books

Selected Shorts

Gather 'round for story time! NPR's Selected Shorts program comes to Stanford's Bing Concert Hall on Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. for a live recording. The evening features performances of short stories by writers Dave Eggers ("What Is the What?"), Diane Cook ("Man V. Nature") and Daniel Alcarón ("At Night We Walk in Circles"). Tickets range from \$30-\$45. Go to live.stanford.edu or call 650-724-2464. ■

— Elizabeth Schwyzer

Above: Among the works by Animal Spirit Design on display at Philz Coffee will be "Waters of the Forest."

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Eating Out

by Dale F. Bentson | photos by Veronica Weber

The Italian neighborhood restaurant we grew up with has become an endangered species. So I was looking forward to dining at Café Vitale, located in the charming Loyola Corners area of Los Altos — its shopping center neighbors include a bike shop and dance studio.

Delicious sandwiches seem to be Café Vitale's métier, and the place was busiest midday. The grilled Tuscan chicken sandwich (\$9.95) and side of fries (\$3.50) were first-rate. The sandwich, with jack cheese, caramelized onions and basil mayonnaise, was served on grilled ciabatta bread. It came with a cup of spinach and broccoli soup, which would have been better had it been hotter.

The restaurant's charm began to fade after that. At another lunch, I was served a basket of bread and focaccia that tasted as if it was leftover from the night before.

Then came bruschetta (\$6.95), a large portion served with mixed greens. The tomatoes were so

unripe they were crunchy. The heavy douse of garlic and balsamic vinegar overwhelmed my taste buds and burned my mouth. The waitress graciously removed the item from the bill.

Next up: pizza. There are endless versions of Margherita pizza. I like it at lunch because it's light — a little cheese with no meat or vegetables. Classic Italian Margherita is tomato sauce and shredded basil with a few dollops of mozzarella dotting the pie. I've never seen a Margherita pizza (\$11.95) like Café Vitale's: a cheese-laden pizza with sliced tomatoes on top. The house-made crust was pliable and doughy. Though the flavor was good, it was heavy for lunch.

At dinner, the Caesar salad was flavorless and the portion was skimpy for the price (\$9.95). I couldn't detect any of the essentials of a Caesar dressing: no anchovy or garlic, mustard powder or black pepper, heady olive oil, Worcestershire, coddled egg, kick nor bite. One of Café Vitale's investors, Ruben Comec, said Café



No amore IN THE kitchen

Café Vitale falls short on passion, authenticity

Top: Café Vitale's bruschetta: four slices of toasted bread topped with tomatoes seasoned with garlic, basil, salt and pepper (hold the balsamic vinegar). Above: On the lunch menu at Café Vitale, the tasty Tuscan chicken sandwich comes with jack cheese, basil mayonnaise, kalamata olive tapenade and a side of mixed greens or soup.

Vitale's version contains no egg, mustard powder or anchovy.

The calamari fritti (\$13.95) were fried crisp and the flavors were good. The accompanying tomato sauce, though, was too herby and swamped the delicate squid flavors. A squeeze of lemon was the best accompaniment.

The same sauce showed up minutes later atop the house-made gnocchi (\$16.95). It was too herbal for that dish too, and cloaked the delicate gnocchi flavors. However, without the sauce, the gnocchi tasted more of flour than potato.

The salmon with creamy risotto (\$18.95) offered further disenchantment. If the fish was fresh, you could have fooled me. The three bone-dry filets were so overcooked they were stiff as cardboard. The risotto wasn't the least bit creamy, more al dente.

Desserts, \$7.50 each, were marginally better. Pumpkin pudding, not quite seasonal, was dense and moist. The cinnamon whipped

cream was a nice touch.

The panna cotta was well conceived, light without being gelatinous, but the melted blackberry preserves poured over the top nearly ruined it.

The tiramisu was another disappointment. The ladyfingers had been soaked in something faintly alcoholic, but I know not what. Otherwise, the only flavor derived was from the cocoa powder sprinkled too liberally over the cake.

Through the food ordeals, the waitstaff was unfailingly pleasant and helpful. Comec explained a new menu will launch soon, and many of the problems I had with the food will, hopefully, be amended. (Specifically, the bruschetta will no longer have any balsamic vinegar.)

Perhaps the new menu will be more compact, allowing cooks to perfect a smaller range of dishes. As it is, there are several different cooks, so consistency looks to be a problem.

It should be said that Café Vitale isn't intended as fancy schmancy dining. I wouldn't qualify it as Italian either — Mediterranean, perhaps? So many of the basics of Italian cuisine seem to have eluded the kitchen, passion and expression foremost among them. I look forward to the new menu. ■

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MIGRANT MEMOIR ...

Francisco Jiménez will talk about the fourth book in his award-winning memoir series, "Taking Hold: From Migrant Childhood to Columbia University," at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, at the Rinconada branch of the Palo Alto Library, 1213 Newell Road, Palo Alto. The event is co-sponsored by Books Inc. and Made Into America: Immigrant Stories Archive. Info: cityofpaloalto.org/default.asp

TALE OF A RESCUE ...

Veteran journalist and author **Lou Ureneck** will appear at Books Inc., Town & Country Village, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, talking about his new book, "The Great Fire: One American's Mission to Rescue Victims of the 20th Century's First Genocide" (published by Ecco). The tale relates how one American minister assembled a fleet of 50 ships in 1922 to evacuate tens of thousands of refugees from Smyrna, saving them from the Armenian genocide. Info: booksinc.com

INSIGHT OUT ...

Tina Seelig, professor of Management Science and Engineering at Stanford, will talk about her new book, "Insight Out: Get Ideas Out of Your Head and Into the World" on Tuesday, June 2 (reception at 7 p.m., program at 7:30 p.m.) at Kepler's, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. The guide is based on her popular course on how to make imaginative ideas a reality. Professor Seelig is the author of 16 books, including "inGenius: A Crash Course on Creativity" (2012). Info: keplers.com

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HOW A MEANINGFUL LIFE DEVELOPS ...

Stanford University Professor of Education **William Damon**, who is also a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace, along with Stanford

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POLEMICIST ANDREW KEEN SKEWERS THE INTERNET

by Michael Berry

"The Internet Is Not the Answer" by Andrew Keen; Atlantic Monthly Press, New York, 2015; 274 pages; \$25

Author and entrepreneur Andrew Keen is more than comfortable with controversy. The author of "The Internet Is Not the Answer" seems to relish any opportunity to puncture the pretensions of the digital elite. He's been known to refer to himself as "The Antichrist of Silicon Valley."

Executive director of the Silicon Valley salon FutureCast and a senior fellow at CALinnovates, Keen is the host of the Techonomy web series "Keen On" and has been a columnist for a variety of outlets, including CNN. He founded Audiocafe.com, one of the earliest — though ill-fated — digital music sites. GQ recently included him on their list of 2015's "100 Most Connected Men in Britain."

Keen's new book looks back at the idealistic pioneers who built the Internet during the Cold War and went on to develop the World Wide Web, people such as cybernetics innovator Norbert Wiener, United States Department of Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) leader J.C.R. Licklider and Tim Berners-Lee, designer of the Web as we've come to know it. Keen argues, however, that the Internet has ultimately done more harm than good, concentrating vast wealth among a small number of "monopolistic" companies, eroding privacy, contributing to rising unemployment and rendering its users increasingly more narcissistic and — ironically — less aware of the wider world.

Keen will discuss and sign copies of "The Internet Is Not the Answer" at Kepler's Books in Menlo Park on Wednesday, May 20.

Reached by cell phone while on the road, Keen gleefully recalled the critical reception of his first book, 2007's "The Cult of the Amateur: How Today's Internet Is Killing Our Culture."

"'Cult' was just trashed mercilessly," Keen said. "It was fantastic for me. I was an entirely unknown author, and I suddenly became world famous from the attacks on it."

Written in "about three months," at a time when companies like Facebook, YouTube and Google first began to offer more opportunities for users to create and share their own content, "The Cult of the Amateur" evoked the "infinite monkey theorem" to characterize Internet users in what was then called Web 2.0.

Keen wrote in the book's introduction, "And instead of creating masterpieces, these millions and millions of exuberant monkeys — many with no more talent in

the creative arts than our primate cousins — are creating an endless digital forest of mediocrity." The book inveighed against everything from music piracy and homemade pornography to copyright infringement and unreliable blog posts.

"It was an outrageous book," Keen admitted. "I actually can't believe that I had the nerve to write it at the time that I did. It was an extremely naughty book."

Keen's next full-length work, "Digital Vertigo: How Today's Online Social Revolution Is Dividing, Diminishing, and Disorienting Us" arrived in 2012. It used Alfred Hitchcock's classic thriller as a metaphor for the destructive allure of social media. Its reception with critics and readers was more muted.

"It's kind of like a middle child that I have a particular affection for," Keen said of "Digital Vertigo." It took me the longest time — two or three years — to write. It's a very subtle book. Some people really got it, but most didn't."

According to Keen, his latest book took him about a year to complete, and he said he sees "The Internet Is Not the Answer" as a compromise between the two earlier books.

"It has more structure than 'Cult.' It's slightly less polemical and much less outrageous, but it's more accessible and less intricate than 'Vertigo.'"

He continued, "While it may not be making any point that other people haven't made, it puts everything together in a coherent, readable and entertaining package."

All of those adjectives are apt. "The Internet Is Not the Answer" is easily digestible, usually well reasoned, frequently amusing and voluminously sourced. As Keen pointed out, the book also possesses a much more substantial economic analysis of its subject than the other books.

In particular, Keen addresses the danger of an economy where, instead of fostering competition, a handful of "immensely powerful new monopolists" — such as Google, Amazon, Spotify and Instagram — rule virtually unchecked.

"The nature of the digital market lends itself to a winner-take-all economy," he said, "and I fear this is only going to get worse. We have it with a company, for example, like Uber. The reason Uber has such an absurdly high valuation — \$40 billion dollars — is because its investors all believe that Uber can become a kind of transportation monopoly, a winner-take-all player in global terms across the transportation platform."

What happens to the losers in a winner-take-all economy? To get a first-hand look at the aftermath of digital disruption, Keen traveled to Rochester, New York, a city where Kodak a mere 25 years ago employed 145,000 people. He notes that, between 2003 and 2012, the company cut 47,000 jobs and by October 2013 employed only 8,500, leaving the city only a shell of its former self.

Keen places the blame on online photo sharing and

Andrew Keen will appear at Kepler's Books on Wednesday, May 20, to discuss his critique of the Silicon Valley, "The Internet Is Not the Answer."



Courtesy Andrew Keen

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the ability of anyone with a smart-phone to take a decent snapshot that never needs to be printed. Digitization doesn't require very many workers, he argues. When Instagram was sold to Facebook in 2012 for one billion dollars, it had only 13 employees.

Keen writes, "Much of Rochester's industrial economy had itself been smashed into smithereens over the last twenty-five years by a ... hurricane of creative destruction."

Asked which other cities might be vulnerable to such destructive disruption, Keen answered, "Every city, I would say, including, ironically, Palo Alto. We live in an age of permanent disruption. What seems to be secure now, I'm not sure is.

"I'm not saying Palo Alto is on the verge of a Rochester-style meltdown," Keen clarified. "That would be an exaggeration. But Palo Alto, with its emphasis on the university, intellectual achievement and medicine, I think in the long run those industries will be really challenged by artificial intelligence."

One week prior to his Kepler's appearance, Keen joined Nicholas Carr, author of "The Glass Cage: Where Automation Is Taking Us," in an Intelligence Squared Debate in New York with Genevieve Bell of Intel and David Weinberger of the Berkman Center, debating the proposition: "Smart Technology

What: Journalist and entrepreneur Andrew Keen signs and discusses "The Internet Is Not the Answer"

Where: Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park

When: Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

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Is Making Us Dumb."

Asked in advance for a bit of preview of his position, Keen said, "This issue of 'dumb' is obviously provocative, but I'd rather think about the Internet as closing our minds, making us more parochial, more insular, more in touch with ourselves and our narrow interests and views. Whenever the question comes up of whether the Internet is making us more dumb, to me it means that it's making us more like villagers in a medieval world."

Some of his critics call Keen an elitist, and it is a label he's willing to accept.

"I think we should reward excellence," he said, "and one of the things that the Internet is really doing is disrupting what it means to be excellent and how we reward it, whether it be for doctors or lawyers or journalists. I remain a worried elitist, in the sense that I'm not quite sure who the elite

will be in our networked age. They'll just be people who know how to interface with computers."

Keen said, however, that readers and critics seem more open to his ideas these days.

"The zeitgeist has shifted; it really has. Google and Facebook are not popular companies anymore. They're not heroic. When I wrote 'Cult' in 2007, these startups were viewed in heroic terms. (Mark) Zuckerberg was viewed as a hero and a liberator of social [media] and the rest of it. Google was seen as a company that would benefit mankind. Today, Facebook has a terrible reputation, people are much more ambivalent about Google, and the latest Internet sensations like Uber have terrible reputations. Things have changed dramatically."

Despite his reputation as "The Antichrist of Silicon Valley," Keen is not all doom and gloom in his assessment of the South Bay.

"I see a lot of hope in Silicon Valley," he said. "It attracts the smartest people, the most ambitious people, in every sense — financially, morally. There are a lot of people who I would like to see use their new cash to improve the world, change politics and solve some of these struggles of the early 21st century." ■

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Book Talk

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University Consulting Professor **Anne Colby**, co-authored "The Power of Ideals: The Real Story of Moral Choice," which examines the lives of six 20th-century moral leaders who pursued causes including world peace, social justice and human rights. Published by Oxford University Press, the book is available at amazon.com.

AUTHOR APPEARANCES ... Upcoming appearances at Books, Inc., Town & Country Village, Palo Alto, include **Linda Popky**, "Marketing Above the Noise: Achieve Strategic Advantage with Marketing That Matters," in conversation with **Deb Siegle**, president of Women in Consulting (May 11, 6:30 p.m.); **Rita Marie Johnson**, "Completely Connected" (May 14, 7 p.m.); **Kamy Wicoff**, "Wishful Thinking," in conversation with Lisen Stromberg (May 18, 7 p.m.); **Alexander Nemerov**, Stanford University arts and humanities professor, "Silent Dialogues: Diane Arbus & Howard Nemerov" (May 20, 7 p.m.); and **Antonio Ruiz-Camacho**, "Barefoot Dogs" (May 27, 7 p.m.). At Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View, are **M.P. Cooley**, "Flame Out" (May 20, 7 p.m.) and **Eugenia Cheng**, "How to Bake Pi: An Edible Exploration of the Mathematics of Mathematics" (May 28, 7 p.m.). Info: booksinc.com

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262 Kingsley Avenue [15PLN-00126]: Request by Carl Hesse on behalf of Michael & Eiko Mies for Historic Review of the proposed demolition of an existing two car garage and rear portions of the existing, two-story home and construction of a one car garage and addition to the rear of the home for a total of 2,909 square feet in the R-1 (10,000) zoning district and the Professorville historic district. The project is also subject to the Individual Review process for the addition of more than 150 square feet at the second floor level.

Amy French, Chief Planning Official

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Movies

OPENINGS



Collegiate a cappella group the Barden Bellas are determined to make an epic comeback in "Pitch Perfect 2."

Pop goes the sequel

'Pitch Perfect 2' bubbles, then goes a bit flat

★★ 1/2 (Century 16, Century 20)

Though stretched a bit thin across its two-hour canvas, "Pitch Perfect 2" frames a peppy, poppy, funny sequel colored with youthful feminism. Like its 2012 predecessor, the follow-up comes credited as (loosely) adapted, by screenwriter Kay Cannon ("30 Rock"), from Mickey Rapkin's non-fiction book, "Pitch Perfect: The Quest for Collegiate A Cappella Glory."

Like the not-so-distant trend of dance movies, the "Pitch Perfect" franchise is a "found" musical with a plot that naturally incorporates song and dance. Three-time defending national collegiate a cappella champions the Barden Bellas pursue a "Glee"-ful vocation of perfecting their sound and trouncing the competition with dazzling vocal displays and production numbers (again choreographed by Aakomon Jones).

In the film's opening sequence, the Bellas face instant international disgrace when a wardrobe malfunction strikes the nether-regions of Fat Amy (Rebel Wilson). Suddenly, the champs are bottom-of-the-barrel underdogs faced with the seemingly insurmountable challenge of winning the World A Cappella Championship and thus regaining their reputation and right to operate freely at Barden University. Meanwhile, relatively level-headed star performer Beca (the always adorable Anna Kendrick, fresh off "Into the Woods") interns with a high-powered pop

producer (Keegan-Michael Key), pondering if she can have it all and what that even means for her. Can she do more than sing covers in an a cappella group? Can she, as it were, find her voice?

There's romance times two in perfunctory subplots for Fat Amy

(paired with Adam DeVine's Bumper) and Barden "freshperson" Emily Junk (Hailee Steinfeld), who instantly catches the eye of hyper-awkward Benji (Ben Platt). As a new pledge, Emily

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Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13) ★★★

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The Blues Brothers (1980) (R)

Century 16: Sun 2 p.m. Century 20: Sun 2 p.m.

Bombay Velvet (Not Rated)

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Clouds of Sils Maria (R) ★★★1/2

Guild Theatre: 1:15, 4, 7:05 & 9:55 p.m.

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Monkey Kingdom (G) ★★1/2

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Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13) ★★1/2

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'Pitch Perfect 2'

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also mirrors Beca's trajectory in the first film, reacting to the craziness of the Bellas and bringing her own creativity heroically to bear on the group's success. Along with

Wilson's deadpan rude-and-crude humor, John Michael Higgins and Elizabeth Banks return as the a cappella commentators with specialties in, respectively, blatant sexism and blatant racism.

Banks also directs this sequel (in her feature filmmaking debut) and conspires with Cannon to

craft another crossover comedy hit that nevertheless speaks directly to women. Flying in the face of sexist assumptions, the brash, trash-talking Bellas build self-worth and win team victories, and although politically incorrect (if absurdly funny) cultural stereotyping rears its ugly head again, the film also upends gender stereotypes, as with the wild suggestion that the Green Bay Packers are underground a cappella stars.

The run-time drags as the storyline sags, and the jokes start to go a bit stale. Though the thrill of invention is gone, there's enough comic fertility and accumulated goodwill to sustain "Pitch Perfect 2" through to its splashy and socially optimistic finale, which paints the big picture that arts education invaluablely nurtures the whole person and keeps on giving through the years.

Rated PG-13 for innuendo and language. One hour, 55 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Palo Alto City Council will hold a public hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. or as near thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, to consider Approval of a Record of Land Use Action (RLUA) to Allow the Demolition of an Existing 10,800 sq. ft. Two-Story Mid-Century Modern Office Building and Construct a new 24,466 sq. ft. Three-Story Office Building with One Level of Below Grade Parking and a Roof Terrace in the Community Commercial (CC(2)) Zone District located at 2555 Park Boulevard, Approval of Architectural Review and Approval of a Design Enhancement Exception Request to Allow Two Stair Towers and a Roof Top Canopy Structure to Exceed the Height Limit by 10 and 13 Feet Respectively; and Approval of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Statement of Overriding Considerations. The Planning and Transportation Commission Has Recommended Approval of the EIR. Environmental Impact Assessment: An EIR has been prepared.

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Calling Creative Kids ages 9-17. Discover the joy of visual art and self expression. Instructors are professional artists. Camps include Cartooning & Comics, Animation Basics and Drawing Our Favorite Pets. Supervised lunch available.
www.pacificartleague.org 650.321.3891

Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) **Palo Alto**
PACCC summer camps offer campers, grades 1st to 6th, a wide variety of fun opportunities! Neighborhood Adventure Fun and Junior Varsity Sports Adventure Camp are for the more active and on-the-go campers! New this year: E.P.I.C. Camp - Energetic, Peers, Independence & Community for the older kids! Returning are FAME - Fine arts, Music and Entertainment and Operation Chef for out of this world cooking fun! Swimming twice per week, periodic field trips, special visitors and many engaging camp activities, songs and skits round out the fun offerings of PACCC Summer Camps! Open to campers from all communities! Come join the fun in Palo Alto! Register online.
www.pacc.org 650.493.2361

STANFORD EXPLORE **Stanford**
A Lecture Series on Biomedical Research
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explore.stanford.edu explore-series@stanford.edu

Stanford Jazz Workshop **Stanford University Campus**
Week-long jazz immersion programs for young musicians in middle school (starts July 13), high school (July 19 and July 26), and college, as well as adults (August 2). All instruments and vocals.
stanfordjazz.org

TechKnowHow® LEGO® and Technology Summer Camp **Palo Alto**
Fun and enriching technology classes for students, ages 5-16. Courses include LEGO® projects with motors, MINDSTORMS® EV3® & NXT® Robotics, Computer Game Design, Arduino™ Electronics, iPad® Movie Making, and a Tech Camp for girls. Classes feature high-interest, age-appropriate projects based on the S.T.E.M. curriculum. Half and Full day options. Early bird and multiple week discounts are available.
www.techknowhowkids.com 650.638.0500

TheatreWorks Summer Camps **Palo Alto**
In these entertaining camps for grades K-5, students enjoy juggling, clowning, puppetry, playwriting, acting, improvisation, music, dance - and present their own original pieces at the end of each session.
www.theatreworks.org/learn/youth/summercamps

YMCA Summer Camps **Throughout Silicon Valley**
At the Y, youth of all ages make new friends, build character and learn new skills. With hundreds of unique camps and 30+ convenient locations, you'll find a camp that's right for your family. Financial assistance is available.
www.ymcasv.org/summer 408.351.6473

Athletics

Camp Campbell **Santa Cruz Mountains**
For close to 80 years, Bay Area youth have forged life-long friendships and benefited from character-defining experiences at Camp Campbell through nature hikes, campfires, archery and many other fun outdoor activities. Financial assistance is available.
<http://www.ymcacampcampbell.org/> 831.338.2128

Hi Five Sport **Atherton**
Hi Five Sports is thrilled to present our fourth multi-sport competitive summer camp to the San Francisco Bay Area! Through experienced, passionate and patient coaching, we believe the timeless lessons that only sports can teach will stay with the kids for the rest of their lives.
www.hifivesportsclub.com 650.362.4975

Menlo School Sports Camps **Atherton**
Menlo camps are designed for boys and girls grades 4-12 to learn from Knights coaches and staff -whether it's preparation for an upcoming season or simply for fun and to stay in shape in a high energy, positive setting. Join us this summer to develop skills, foster athleticism and promote sportsmanship in camps covering a range of sports - baseball, basketball, football (skills, lineman, and safe tackling camps) lacrosse, soccer, tennis, track & field, volleyball, water polo.
www.menloschool.org 650.330.2001 ext. 2758

Nike Tennis Camps **Stanford University**
Junior Overnight and Day Camps for boys & girls, ages 9-18 offered throughout June, July and August. Adult Weekend Clinics (June & Aug). Camps directed by Head Men's Coach, Paul Goldstein, Head Women's Coach, Lele Forood, and Associate Men's and Women's Coaches, Brandon Coupe and Frankie Brennan. Come join the fun and get better this summer!
www.USSportsCamps.com 1.800.NIKE.CAMP (645.3226)

Player Capital Tennis **Atherton**
Have some fun in the sun playing tennis at Player Capital Tennis' Summer Camps. June 15th-August 14th, Monday - Friday, 9am-1pm and 1pm-5pm. Ages 4-18. Camps held at Holbrook-Palmer Park and Valley Church.
www.playercapital.com 650.275.3027

Stanford Baseball Camps **Stanford Campus**
Stanford Baseball Camps have gained national recognition as some of the finest in the country. These camps are designed to be valuable and beneficial for a wide range of age groups and skill sets. From the novice 7 year-old, to the Division 1, professionally skilled high school player, you will find a camp that fulfills your needs.
www.Stanfordbaseballcamp.com 650.723.4528

Stanford Water Polo **Stanford**
Ages 7 and up. New to sport or have experience, we have a camp for you. Half day or fully day option for boys and girls. All the camps offer fundamental skill work, scrimmages and games.
www.stanfordwaterpolocamps.com 650.725.9016

Summer at Saint Francis **Mountain View**
Sports & Activity Camp (ages 6-12): This all-sports camp provides group instruction in a variety of fields, indoor & outdoor court games and activities. Saint Francis faculty and students staff the camp, and the focus is always on fun. The program is dedicated to teaching teamwork, sportsmanship and positive self-esteem. After camp care is available.
www.sfhs.com/summer 650.968.1213 x650

Summer Camp@SportsHouse **Redwood City**
(Powered by Skyhawks)
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www.sportshouseonline.com 650.362.4100

Wheel Kids Bicycle Club **Palo Alto**
Wheel Kids is Palo Alto's premier adventure and exploration summer day camp for boys and girls 5-15 yrs old. Camps run weekly from June 8th - July 31st, offering a range of cultural, recreational and environmental learning opportunities, all based on our daily bicycling adventures. Join us this summer as we teach your kids safe bicycle riding skill & habits, help build their self confidence and esteem, and begin a life-long journey of health and fitness while helping improve our environment.
www.wheelkids.com 650.520.6524

Academics

Alexa Café **Palo Alto High School**
At Alexa Café, girls ages 10-15 collaborate around café tables and learn to code apps, produce films, design websites, develop wearable electronics, and more. Discover a passion for technology in this unique environment that emphasizes leadership, philanthropy, and more.
www.iDTech.com 1.888.709.8324

Castilleja Summer Camp for Girls **Palo Alto**
Casti Camp offers girls a range of age-appropriate activities including athletics, art, science, computers, writing, crafts, cooking, drama and music classes each day along with weekly field trips.
www.castilleja.org/summercamp 650.328.3160

Harker Summer Programs **San Jose**
K-12 offerings taught by exceptional, experienced faculty and staff. K-6 morning academics - focusing on math, language arts and science - and full spectrum of afternoon recreation. Grades 6-12 for credit courses and non-credit enrichment opportunities. Sports programs also offered.
www.summer.harker.org 408.553.0537

iD Game Design and Development Academy **Stanford**
Get immersed in game design at this 2-week, pre-college summer academy! Teens ages 13-18 design video games, develop apps, model 3D characters, mod with Minecraft, and more. Tour a development studio and create a portfolio.
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iD Tech Mini **Palo Alto High School**
Kids ages 6-9 will have a blast at iD Tech Mini, where half day options let aspiring innovators discover a love for tech. Campers make new friends and learn hands-on STEM skills in a kid-friendly environment.
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www.mid-pen.com 650.321.1991

One Me **Palo Alto Westin Hotel**
Students aged 12-16 will find direction and inspiration through introspection and self-awareness, discovering how they learn and are motivated, addressing and understanding habits, improving communication skills, understanding the brain, understanding personality and ego states, emotional regulation, and welcoming challenge.
www.oneyou.education 408.839.6965

Professional Tutoring Services of Silicon Valley **Los Altos**
Academic camps offering Algebra I & II, Geometry, and Spanish I, II, III in small groups. Four sessions starting June 15 through July 27. Sign up for all four or just one. Perfect for high school and junior high students taking high school level courses. \$250 and up. Register online.
www.ptstutor.com/summer-camps.html 650.948.5137

Purposeful You **Palo Alto Westin Hotel**
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Summer at Saint Francis **Mountain View**
Summer at Saint Francis provides a broad range of academic and athletic programs for elementary through high school students. It is the goal of every program to make summer vacation enriching and enjoyable!
www.sfhs.com/summer 650.968.1213 x446

Write Now! Summer Writing Camps **Palo Alto / Pleasanton**
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SUMMER

Class Guide

A ceramic vase for your mantelpiece, sizzling Indian food dishes, a fulfilling meditation practice and a tennis serve that can't be beat — all these things and more can be made a reality with the help of teachers and organizations right here in the community. And there's no better time to make use of them, with the summer's pleasant weather and daylight at its peak. With the dazzling array of art, dance, music, fitness, sports and language classes available, you can strive for self-improvement, find a new hobby or simply have fun — all the while supporting local business.

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Business, work and technology

CareerGenerations

2225 E. Bayshore Road,
Suite 239, Palo Alto
650-320-1639
info@careergenerations.com
careergenerations.com
CareerGenerations offers group workshops and programs to meet the career needs of a variety of individuals, including college students looking for internships, graduates looking for employment and those re-entering the market. Topics include job-search strategies, self-assessment and entering a new job.

For the dancer

Ballet San Jose Palo Alto Studio

Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, G-6, Palo Alto
408-288-2820, ext. 223
school@balletsj.org
Ballet San Jose's new Palo Alto Studio provides ballet instruction to children ages 2 to 10, with particular attention paid to dancer health and child development. The summer session runs for seven weeks from June to August; only four weeks are required.

Beaudoin's School of Dance

464 Colorado Ave.,
Palo Alto
650-326-2184
Beaudoin's School of Dance holds tap, ballet, ballroom and jazz dance classes, as well as preparation for wedding dances. Courses are available for adults as well as children ages 3 and up.

Brazivedas

53 Shorebreeze Court,
East Palo Alto
650-644-7343
brazivedas.com
Brazivedas offers classes in Brazilian dance, music and martial arts for all ages and experience levels. Classes are held at several venues including Mitchell Park Community Center, Stanford University campus and a home studio in East Palo Alto.

Dance Connection

Cubberley Community Center, L-5,
4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
650-322-7032, 650-852-0418
info@danceconnectionpaloalto.com
danceconnectionpaloalto.com
Dance Connection offers graded classes for preschoolers to adults,

with a variety of programs to meet dancers' needs. Ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, lyrical, Pilates and more are available for students of various levels of ability.

DanceVisions

Cubberley Community Center, L-3,
4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
650-858-2005
info@dancevisions.com
dancevisions.org
DanceVisions offers classes for young children (beginning at age 3) up to adults. Types of dance taught range from modern to hip-hop/jazz, lyrical, belly dancing, ballet, East Indian dance and contact improvisation.

Zohar School of Dance and Company

Cubberley Community Center, L-4,
4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
650-494-8221
zohardance@gmail.com
zohardancecompany.org
Founded in 1979, Zohar School of Dance holds a range of adult dance classes in contemporary jazz, modern, ballet, musical theater and tap. The studio also offers Fit & Feisty Dance where children can accompany their parents.

The great outdoors

Advantage Aviation

1903 Embarcadero Road,
Palo Alto
650-494-7248
info@advantage-aviation.com
advantage-aviation.com
With many instructors, Advantage Aviation has a selection of flying classes that train new pilots as well as help more experienced ones acquire needed licenses.

Brad Lozares Golf Shop

1875 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto
650-856-0881
bradlozaresgolfshop.com
Group clinics, semi-private and private lessons — teaching skills, rules and etiquette — are available for juniors and adults at any level of experience. Youth can also participate in weeklong summer camps.

Carol Macpherson Aquatics Center (CMAC) Swim School

CMAC Aquatic Center, 3805 Magnolia Drive, Palo Alto
650-493-5355
c-mac.us
CMAC Swim School offers lessons for babies, youth and adults. Classes are small and 30 minutes long.

Private lessons are also available.

Kim Grant Tennis Academy

3005 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
650-752-8061
kimgranttennis.com
The Kim Grant Tennis Academy organizes an array of tennis classes and programs for adults and children, as well as those with special needs. Weeklong summer camps for beginning, developing and tournament players are also held.

REI

2450 Charleston Road,
Mountain View
650-969-1938
rei.com/stores/mountain-view.html
REI regularly offers classes on topics such as cycling, bike maintenance, camping and snow skills, outdoor navigation and more.

Health and fitness

Blue Iris Studio

3485 El Camino Real, Palo Alto
650-858-1440
blueirisstudiopaloalto.com/pages/home
Blue Iris studio offers classes in yoga, Pilates and meditation, as well as wellness services, for all ages and experience levels.

Equinox

440 Portage Ave., Palo Alto
650-319-1700
equinox.com/clubs/northern-california/paloalto
Equinox's Palo Alto location offers a variety of fitness and wellness activities including cycling, Pilates, Zumba, yoga, conditioning and more. It also features Metcon3, Stacked and RX Series workout programs.

SoulCycle

600 Stanford Shopping Center,
Palo Alto
650-784-7510
soulpaloalto@soul-cycle.com
soul-cycle.com/studios/palo/28/
SoulCycle combines inspirational coaching, high-energy music, indoor cycling, choreography and more to provide an enjoyable, full-body workout. Riders of fitness level and as young as age 12 can participate in a variety of classes.

Studio Kicks

796A San Antonio Road, Palo Alto
650-855-9868
info@studiokickspaloalto.com
studiokickspaloalto.com
Studio Kicks is a family fitness center offering cardio kickboxing classes and martial-arts training for children and adults.

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Taijiquan Tutelage of Palo Alto
Cubberley Community Center, M-4,
4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
650-327-9350
mjchan@ttopa.com
ttopa.com

At Taijiquan Tutelage of Palo Alto, established in 1973, students learn the classical Yang Chengfu style of Taijiquan (T'ai chi ch'uan, or tai chi). Beginning classes start monthly.

Uforia Studios

819 Ramona St., Palo Alto
650-329-8794
uforiastudios.com

Uforia Studios offers exercise classes incorporating dance (Fuego and Hip Hop Club), spin (Revolutions and Ucycle) and conditioning (Grit). All fitness levels and abilities are welcome.

Yoga Works Palo Alto

440 Kipling St., Palo Alto
650-468-2929

yogaworks.com/en/locations/
california-north/palo-alto

This New York and California-based yoga studio holds classes on yoga fundamentals as well as courses covering vinyasa, hatha and iyengar styles.

Just for seniors

Avenidas

450 Bryant St., Palo Alto
650-289-5400
avenidas.org

Avenidas offers a plethora of classes for seniors focusing on topics such as general health, physical fitness, languages, humanities, computing, music and writing. Membership costs, fees and class descriptions are listed on the website.

Language courses

Berlitz Learning Center

159 Homer Ave., Palo Alto
650-617-0720
berlitz.us/paloalto/

Berlitz provides adult and youth language instruction in Spanish, Italian, French, English and other languages. Private lessons, tutoring, testing services and cultural agility training for businesses are also available.

Language Classes at the Palo Alto Adult School

50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto
650-329-3752
adultschool@pausd.org
paadultschool.org/class/world-

languages/

Classes are offered in Spanish, French, Italian, German, Japanese and Mandarin Chinese. The classes cover beginning and advanced skills and sometimes literature.

German-American School of Palo Alto

GAIS Campus,
475 Pope St.,
Menlo Park
650-520-3646
contact@gaspa-ca.org
gaspa-ca.org

Since the 1960s, the German-American School of Palo Alto (GASPA), a Saturday School, has offered full-immersion German language classes that cover culture and traditions. Classes are available for all skill levels and age groups from toddlers to age 18. No prior knowledge of German is required.

Palo Alto Chinese School

JLS Middle School, Room 400,
480 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto
contact@paloaltochineseschool.org
paloaltochineseschool.org

The Palo Alto Chinese School, founded in 1963, serves children ages 5 to 18 with classes in Mandarin for various abilities, as well as calligraphy.

Mind and spirit

Ananda Palo Alto

2171 El Camino Real, Palo Alto
650-323-3363, ext. 0
inform@anandapaloalto.org
anandapaloalto.org

Ananda Palo Alto classes and events cover various topics including yoga, meditation and spirituality.

Integrated Healing Arts

4153-4161 El Camino Way, Palo Alto
650-493-7030
iha@integratedhealing.org
integratedhealing.org

Integrated Healing Arts instructors teach ongoing classes on meditation, self-development, self-realization, tai chi, qigong and spiritual health.

Music, arts and crafts

Art & Soul Summer Camps

Walter Hays Elementary School,
1525 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
650-269-0423
artandsoul.paloalto@gmail.com
artandsoulpa.com

Art & Soul organizes summer camps during June, July and August called

"Summer Unplugged" that let children in kindergarten to sixth grade explore visual art, cooking, tinkering, yoga and mindfulness. Half-day and full-day sessions are available.

Art Works Studio

595 Lincoln Ave., Palo Alto
650-796-1614
artworkspaloalto@gmail.com
artworkspaloalto.net

Art Works Studio holds a suite of fine-art classes for kids. It also runs weeklong summer camps for children focused on various themes and mediums.

A2Z Studio photography camps

thea2zstudio@gmail.com
thea2zstudio.weebly.com/camps.html
In addition to running the photo and graphic design studio A2Z in Palo Alto, Angelina Wang holds weeklong camps in the summer and winter for beginning and intermediate youth photographers. Sessions include lectures and hands-on practice.

Deborah's Palm

555 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto
650-473-0664
info@deborahspalm.com
deborahspalm.com

Deborah's Palm is a nonprofit community organization that aims to provide a warm and supportive environment for all women. Its arts classes cover jewelry making, art journaling, needlework, drawing and more. The organization also offers professional counseling, access to resources, activities, mentoring and community-service projects.

Midpeninsula Community Media Center

900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto
650-494-8686
info@midpenmedia.org
midpenmedia.org

The media center offers workshops and summer camps for a range of media arts, including video production, TV studio work and more. The center suggests starting with one of its free hour-long orientation classes, which are held biweekly.

Opus1 Music Studio

1350 Grant Road, #5, Mountain View
4131 El Camino Real, Suite 200,
Palo Alto
650-625-9955

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musicopus1.com

Opus1 Music Studio holds group music lessons for young children, as well as summer programs focusing on music theory, enrichment, piano performance and more. Private lessons for piano, violin, viola, guitar, voice and flute are also offered.

Pacific Art League

668 Ramona St., Palo Alto
 650-321-3891
frontdesk@pacificartleague.org
pacificartleague.org

The classes and workshops at the Pacific Art League are taught by qualified, experienced instructors for children and adults of various abilities. Instructors teach a variety of mediums, including drawing, painting, watercolor, printmaking and more. Youth and teens can also attend summer camps.

Palo Alto Art Center

1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto
 650-329-2366
artcenter@cityofpaloalto.org
cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/artcenter/default.asp
 Classes and workshops for children, teens and adults are held at the Palo Alto Art Center, covering such areas as ceramics, painting, drawing, jewelry, sculpture, Adobe PhotoShop and more. Summer registration for Palo Alto residents begins May 28, and nonresident registration begins June 4.

Sur La Table Cooking School

Town & Country Village, Suite 57,
 Palo Alto
 650-289-0438
cooking073@surlatable.com
surlatable.com/category/cat2211278/Cooking+Classes
 Sur La Table offers hands-on cooking classes and classes for kids, teens and adults, guiding students in making regional cuisines, themed meals or special foods like jams and preserves.

Parent education

Parents Place

200 Channing Ave., Palo Alto
 650-688-3040
parentsplaceonline.org/peninsula
 A resource center for parents, Parents Place on the Peninsula offers parenting workshops on subjects ranging from CPR for children to managing aggressive behavior. Parent and child activity groups are also organized.

School days

Emerson School

2800 W. Bayshore Road, Palo Alto
 650-424-1267
emersonschool@headsup.org
headsup.org/emerson-school/
 Emerson School provides a full-day, year-round program for grades one to eight teaching a personalized, Montessori curriculum. Lessons draw from classical subjects and other areas, including art, music, foreign language, physical education, communication, life skills and more.

Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School

450 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto
 650-494-8200
hausner.com
 Instructing children in kindergarten through eighth grade, Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School provides strong academics, instruction in Jewish studies and the Hebrew language, enrichment opportunities and after-school programs.

HeadsUp! Child Development Center

2800 W. Bayshore Road, Palo Alto
 650-424-1221
headsup.org/headsup/
 HeadsUp! Child Development Center serves infants, toddlers and preschoolers (to age 6) with a full-day program, year-round. The Montessori curriculum focuses on building thinking skills and personal values. A bilingual Chinese-English preschool classroom is also available.

International School of the Peninsula

Cohn Campus (grades one to eight),
 151 Laura Lane, Palo Alto
 650-251-8500
 Cowper Campus (nursery to kindergarten),
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Mandarin nursery to eighth-grade programs, as well as an international middle school program. Some of the programs offered include media and technology, foreign languages, gastronomy, music and athletics.

Kehillah Jewish High School

3900 Fabian Way, Palo Alto
650-213-9600
kehillah.org

This college-preparatory high school (grades nine through 12) offers modern science and computer labs, art and music studios, a drama program, a full range of academic courses with small class sizes, sports teams and more.

Leaping Lizards Nature Awareness Preschool

397 Fernando Ave., Palo Alto
650-858-0355
magdalena@leapinglizardspreschool.com
leapinglizardspreschool.com

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earlychildhood@paloaltojcc.org
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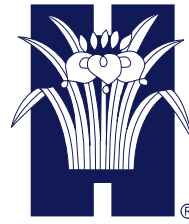


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Comprehensive Plan Update
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5:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 19, 2015, Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Rd, Palo Alto, 94303

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... Harrell Remodeling is offering a workshop on "Kitchens & Bathrooms" from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on **Saturday, May 16**, at 1954 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. The free workshop includes a light breakfast. On **Wednesday, May 20**, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., another workshop focuses on "ReFresh, ReFace or DeDesign." Info: 650-230-2900 or harrell-remodeling.com

SWITCH TO NATIVES ...

Bay-Friendly Qualified Designer Sherri Osaka, owner of Sustainable Landscape Designs, will teach a class on "Gardening with California Native Plants in a Water-Tight World" from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on **Saturday, May 16**, at the Common Ground Demonstration Garden, 687 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. She will focus on how native plants have adapted to a harsh Mediterranean climate and how to drought-proof a garden without sacrificing beauty. Cost is \$42. Info: commongroundgarden.org

MAKER FAIRE ...

Interested in seeing the latest mobile art sculpture, giant cardboard robots, micro-drones, bio-spires or the NeedleArts Zone? The 10th annual Maker Faire will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on **Saturday, May 16**, and **Sunday, May 17**, at the San Mateo County Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo. Tickets are \$20 to \$65. Info: makerfaire.com

HOLD THE LETTUCE ...

Yannette Fichou-Edwards will teach a class, "Sumptuous Summer Salads ... Hold the Lettuce," from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 19**, in Room 103 at Palo Alto High School, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Menu will include a Southwest Salad with black beans, corn and red peppers; Asian Rice Salad with scalions, peas, ginger and shrimp; Garbanzo Bean Salad with chipotle dressing; and a Classic Italian Panzanella Salad with spinach, feta and torn Italian bread. Cost is \$50. Info: 650-329-3752 or paadultschool.org

TREE CARE ...

Frank Niccoli will offer a free workshop on "Tree Care in Drought," hosted by the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), from 9 a.m. to noon on **Saturday, May 23**, at the Mitchell Park Community Center, Matadero

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



Jonathan, left, and Tim Lyons, founders of Plontz, stand beside a vegetable bed full of kale and chard at Jonathan's Palo Alto home. Plontz delivers custom-curated boxes of gardening materials, from seeds to biodegradable pots, on a monthly or quarterly basis.

FROM BACKYARD TO TABLE

Plontz delivers the goods TO inspire home gardeners

by Elena Kadvanly | photos by Veronica Weber

At first glance, Plontz might seem like your average Silicon Valley startup: Two enthusiastic brothers working together in a Palo Alto garage, complete with a wall covered in Post It notes and a multi-colored hammock, to disrupt an industry they care deeply about.

A closer look shows a more unusual company — the two brothers grew up in a Mennonite community in eastern Pennsylvania, later working in politics, health care and technology — with a community-driven goal that is both simple and ambitious: Give people the tools and knowledge necessary to plant food in their backyard and along the way, teach them about food systems, sustainability and community.

Plontz's product is a custom-curated box full of gardening goodies shipped to subscribers' doors on a quarterly basis. For \$85 per quarter or \$20 per month, subscribers get regular shipments of harder-to-find seeds from small

growers (and packets to share extras with your neighbors), soil, biodegradable pots, step-by-step pictographic instructions, a recipe paired to what they will be growing and even an organic health bar to snack on while they plant

'This is something I'm deeply passionate about and it really links some of the things I care about, which is the environment, which is making America healthy again and inspiring communities to talk to each other over the fence.'

—Jonathan Lyons,
Plontz founder

said seeds. The seeds and instructions are personalized to both the person receiving them (is their household all organic, gluten free or simply averse to a certain vegetable?), the climate they live in (in February, an eastern Pennsylvania subscriber would receive a different box from a Palo Alto) and the current season.

"We've listened to the marketplace — that people are really interested in farm to table, of course," said younger brother Tim Lyons, who joined the Plontz team this January. "We're really interested in taking that to the next logical step, which is backyard to table, and understanding the story from where food truly comes from — where the seed comes from, where the soil comes from — and how you can participate in that."

"Empirically, food from your garden tastes better," he added. "Let's get people there and create a really delightful experience along the way."



Jonathan Lyons tests out seeds at his home before introducing them to the Plontz boxes.

Older brother Jonathan Lyons founded Plontz last year after several years working on presidential campaigns in Washington, D.C., going to business school at The Wharton School and heading to Silicon Valley, "riding the spirit of the clean energy wave."

But long before that, Jonathan's first job was on a dairy farm in eastern Pennsylvania, throwing hay bales. The Lyons brothers grew up in the middle of a dairy farm, in fact, with a Mennonite mother who instilled in them a value of and interest in gardening, farming, food and community service.

Both brothers are secular now, but the nonreligious Mennonite values and link to small-scale agriculture have stuck with them. Jon-

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Backyard to table

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athan, a self-described gardening addict, had his own garden during high school, college and through the ups and downs of working with startups. (Tim also has his own garden, and though its entirely indoor in his Oakland home, produces an impressive variation of herbs on a regular basis, he said.)

“This is something I’m deeply passionate about and it really links some of the things I care about, which is the environment, which is making America healthy again and inspiring communities to talk to each other over the fence,” Jonathan said.

This starts with making gardening easy.

“The challenges of gardening are: ‘What should I plant right now, how do I find everything I plant, how do I find the information that would help me successfully grow something from seed to the table?’”

With a Silicon Valley ethos, Plontz speeds past the days of seed catalogs and mid-afternoon gardening lectures, consolidating all of that information into one simple box delivered to your front door. The two brothers walked this reporter through a box on a recent afternoon in Jonathan’s Palo Alto garage, which is strewn with gardening books and has one corner given away to small



A typical Plontz shipment comes with three different seed packets, choice of planting containers, soil, growing instructions, crop markers, seed envelopes for sharing and bonuses, such as granola bars, tea or a surprise gift like an air plant.

beds of budding plants growing under light bulbs.

Plontz takes it a step beyond the user by highlighting local, small growers whose seeds are typically not available at big-box retailers like Home Depot, Jonathan said.

“We’re not trying to get to a situation where people are growing 100 percent of their food at home,” he said. “We’re trying to demonstrate and teach people (that) what you grow at home is wonderful and delicious, and you

should have respect for all the people within the supply chain that are getting you this stuff.”

The recipes included in the boxes will also be tailored to the recipients. Bay Area residents receiving their first box will receive famed

Chez Panisse chef Alice Waters’ pesto recipe, but Philadelphia subscribers might get something else from Judy Wicks, a pioneer in the local sustainable food movement. The box also includes a pre-postaged postcard with the recipe so recipients can then share it with friends — reaching over the proverbial fence. Other postcards urge users to write to someone who inspired them to be a better gardener.

The brothers also plan to link subscribers to local organizations to which they can donate any extra food they grow or places to volunteer, such as Second Harvest Food Bank or Gamble Garden locally. They’re available via a support email to answer customers’ questions but hope to eventually leverage their experience in the Valley and knowledge of horticultural culture to create a more exhaustive, user-friendly database of crowd-sourced growing how-to’s and advice. ■

Staff Writer Elena Kadvanj can be emailed at ekadvany@paweekly.com.

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Total sales reported: **1**
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960 Berry Ave. Carlson Trust to A. & V. Hansen for \$2,570,000 on 4/16/15

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67 Sunkist Lane Taylor Trust to T. & S. Anderson for \$3,150,000 on 4/15/15

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901 Woodland Ave. Woodland Limited to Laurel Limited for \$3,800,000 on 3/25/15; previous sale 1/14, \$1,575,000

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tus to C. Insel for \$1,800,000 on 4/16/15; previous sale 9/04, \$850,000

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Garden Tips

Contemplate the present — and pull some weeds!

by Jack McKinnon

Sometimes life seems so complicated that it is hard to move forward. So much to do, so much we have done, so much to learn that we can be overwhelmed with the options. We have to plan for a vacation, or camp or summer school or the next event or party. Work is always there, and reading and then there is the family, the friends, the kids to take care of. What can we do?

This is the time to go out and pull some weeds. Weeds aren't going anywhere soon and are always there for us. Steady, reliable, ever present and needing to be pulled. Think of the opportunity awaiting just outside your door. This is the chance to slow down for a few minutes, to get a grip, to contemplate the present moment and no more. Every thing else can wait while you are still doing something you know needs to be done.

This month I will make yet another list of tasks or techniques so you can call yourself a genuine gardener. Here are the tips:

1. I am reading a book by a surgeon named Atul Gawande called "The Checklist Manifesto." I highly recommend it. I have talked to several doctors recently who have said that Gawande's suggestions are brought up in seminars in hospitals all the time. Making checklists saves lives in medicine. It can really help in the garden as well.

2. Think out of the box. How can I support my tomato plants with something right here in my home? What can I use from the recycle to mulch that will stimulate growth, save water, look amazing and inspire poetry? How can a visit from a friend help me with my next flower arrangement? What story can I tell to my uncle in the assisted-care facility that will lift his spirits and inspire his desire to do his



physical therapy?

3. Often when I have a problem with my computer or tablet or smart phone I have to do a work around in order to get where I need to be. I have to put a file on a flash drive and bring it to the printer because my printer is on the blink, or I loaned it to the kid next door for a thesis she was writing. We can do work-arounds in our gardens too. If there is not enough time during our day to garden, we can put

solar path lights out and go out between dinner and our bed time. If we need to communicate with the gardener about how we want the hedges pruned, we can cut out photos from magazines, paste them on a board and write "Just like this!" on it with a bold felt pen. If this doesn't help, there is always another work-around to try.

4. Don't think black and white. Life is really colorful; use the whole palate to grow your dreams. When we get caught up in past/future thinking or "it has to be my way or the highway" thinking, we are in a rut. And a rut is like a grave, just not quite as deep. Try planting species of plants you are not familiar with. Research them if you want or just take a chance. If you find them in a nursery, the likelihood they will last for a few months is pretty good. Who knows, you may fall in love.

5. I was forwarded a link by another garden coach in Berkeley recently and it is great. Check it out: blog.anniesannuals.com Annie grows and hybridizes wonderful plants. She is smart, concerned about the water situation and really wants gardens to be exciting. This blog gave me new hope for ornamental horticulture everywhere.

6. Recycle everything. I finally spent some time thinking how to recycle everything. It wasn't hard. I just had to think a little bit.

7. Community gardens really do mean community. So often I see plots that aren't flourishing right next to plots that are. This tells me that people aren't talking. Talk to your neighbors. If they don't want to talk to you, give them a copy of this column, and tell them I said they should talk to you.

8. Grow more than you need. Flowers can go to cheer up assisted-care facilities, hospital rooms, senior centers and day cares. Fruit, veggies, herbs and grains (especially unique species and new hybrids you grow) can be shared. If everybody that is growing their own garden shares with everyone else, there will still be plenty of business for the markets, farmers markets and the Costcos of the world. It will just be higher quality.

9. Make a gourmet picnic. I am reading a recipe/art book on "Impressionist picnics" and am inspired to pack my own lunches. A real picnic with tablecloth, flowers, salad, bread, wine, cheese and all the accoutrement is not only fun, but memorable.

10. Take a bio break. For mental and emotional health there are few things more rewarding than a casual walk in a park or garden. Walk slower than usual, stop and look at a shrub or view that is particularly appealing. Be quiet and listen (leave the ear buds home) and notice sounds. Even a few minutes a day can make a big difference. The kids, your friends, family, everybody will notice something new and refreshing about you.

Good Gardening. ■

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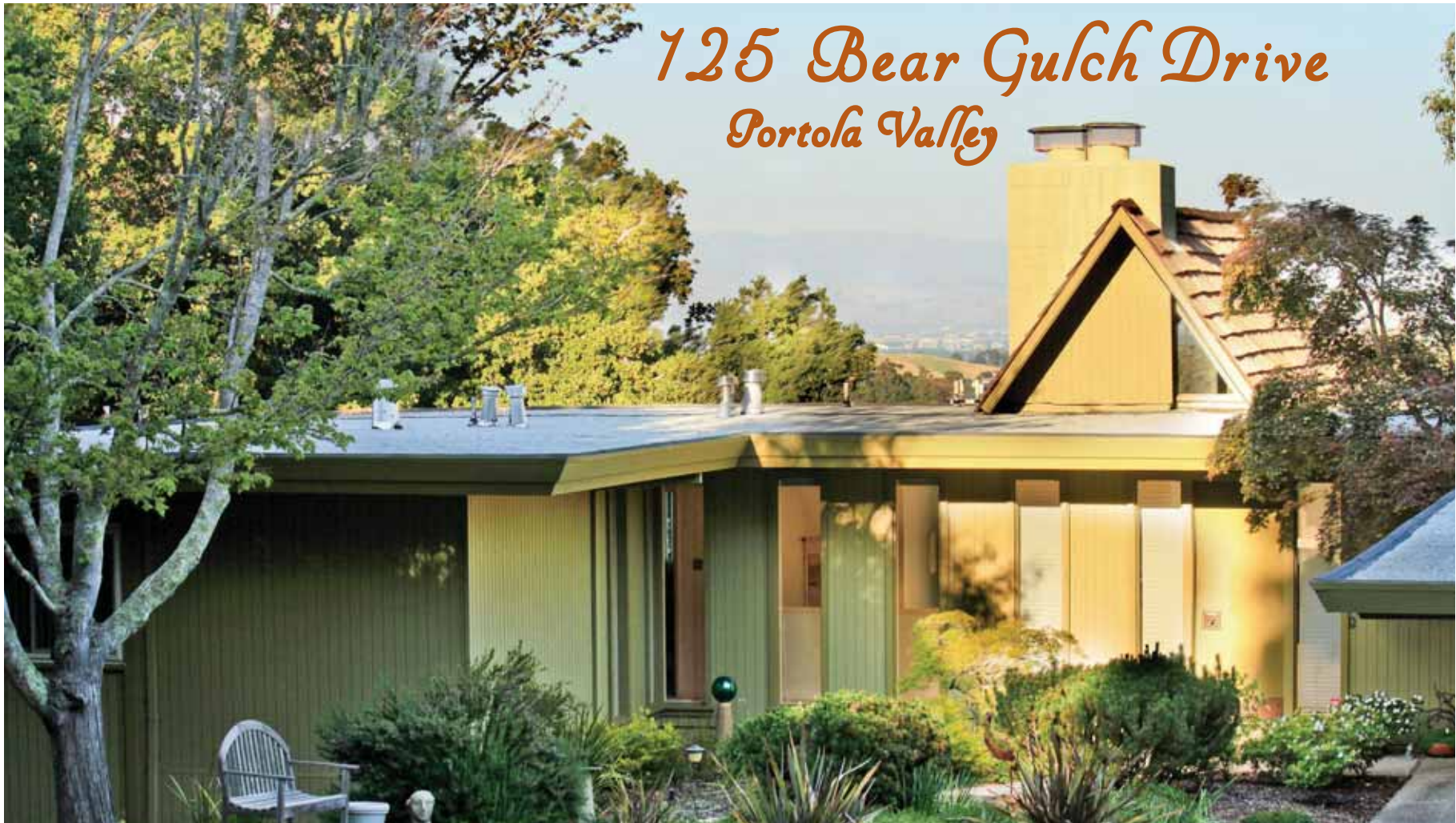
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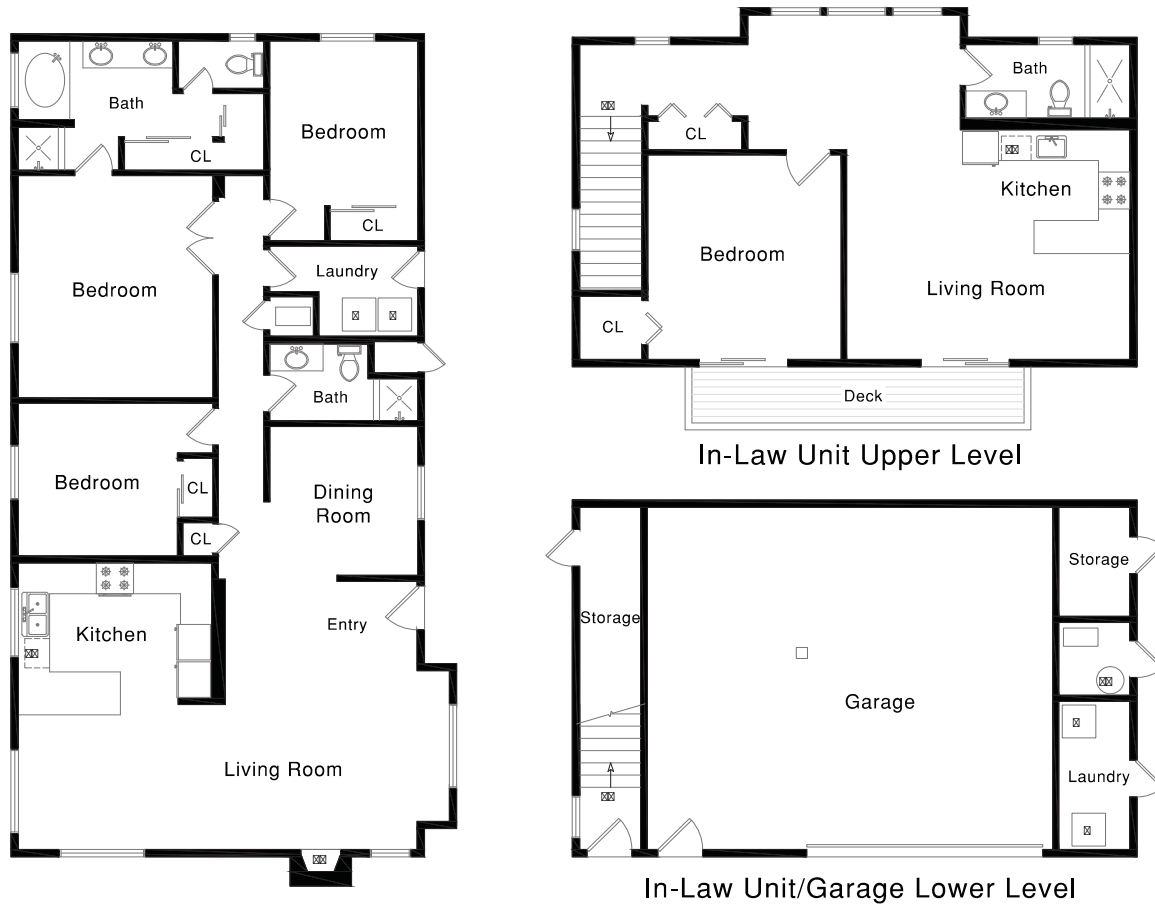
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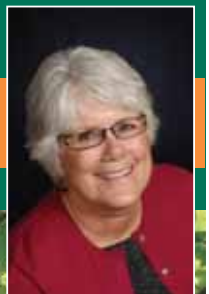
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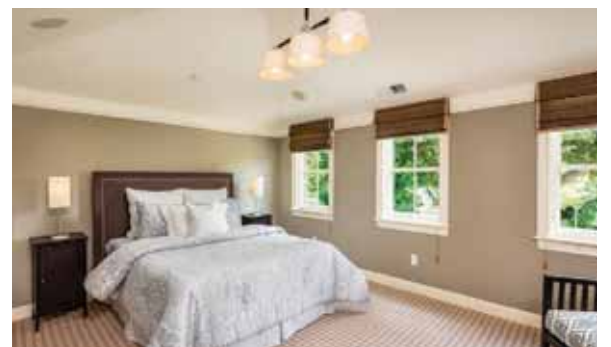
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1715 Bay Laurel Dr. Exceptional 3-level home at the end of a cul-de-sac enjoys a lush creek-side setting. 4 BR/4.5 BA
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906 Matadero Court Beautifully landscaped 4600 sf home on a nearly ¼ acre spectacular tree-filled lot. 4 BR/4 BA
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102 Encinal Ave Atherton home- majestic oaks, sunny, private pool & lawn, spacious rms, Menlo Pk schools! 4 BR/2 BA
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Menlo Park Sun 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,295,000
1055 Arbor Rd Remod. home walking distance of downtown. Lg great rms open to bkyard w/rdwd deck & arbor. 4 BR/2 BA
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71 Oak Haven Way Private retreat surrounded by Blue & Coastal Oak trees. Spacious LR&DR, remodeled kitchen 3 BR/3 BA
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Menlo Park Sun 1 - 4 \$1,788,000
3 Oliver Ct Exquisite +/-2680 sq.ft. TH with den in desirable Sharon Heights w/mountain views 2 BR/2.5 BA
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659 Marsh Rd This remodeled home has it all! Close to Facebook w/ guest cottage & chef's kitchen! 3 BR/2.5 BA
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Woodside Sat/Sun 1 - 4 \$1,395,000
13010 Skyline Blvd. Remodeled contemporary home on 1 ac w/ ocean view & legal guesthouse. Private & peaceful. 3 BR/1 BA
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San Mateo Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,295,000
1537 Kalmia St Beautifully landscaped yard with spa. Approximately 1730 sq ft. on a 5000 sq ft lot. 2 BR/2 BA
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Redwood City Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 \$888,000
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PALO ALTO \$7,998,000

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PALO ALTO \$4,798,000

930 Guinda Street | 5bd/4ba
Nadr Essabhoy | 650.323.1111
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MENLO PARK \$4,695,000

344 Felton Drive | 5bd/3.5ba
Liz Daschbach | 650.462.1111
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LOS ALTOS HILLS \$3,398,000

27625 Red Rock Road | 5bd/4.5ba
Judy & Jana Faulhaber | 650.941.1111
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WOODSIDE \$2,299,000

50 Ranch Road | 3bd/3.5ba
Wayne Rivas | 650.529.1111
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LOS ALTOS \$2,198,000

658 Rosewood Court | 4bd/2ba
Carol & Graham Sangster | 650.941.1111
OPEN SAT & SUN 1:30-4:30



LOS ALTOS \$2,095,000

561 Gabilan Street | 3bd/2ba
Ryan Gowdy | 650.941.1111
BY APPOINTMENT



MENLO PARK \$1,849,000

2774 Belmont Canyon Road | 5bd/3.5ba
Linda Murphy | 650.462.1111
OPEN SAT & SUN 1:00-4:00



PALO ALTO \$1,795,000

561 Driscoll Place | 3bd/3.5ba
Dante Drummond | 650.323.1111
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ATHERTON

4 Bedrooms	
102 Encinal Ave	\$3,898,000
Sat 12-4/Sun 1:30-4:30 Coldwell Banker	325-6161
1 Adam Way	\$5,250,000
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

FREMONT

1 Bedroom - Condominium	
3550 Buttonwood Terrace 311	\$398,888
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161

LOS ALTOS

4 Bedrooms	
1557 Country Club Dr	\$4,988,000
Sun Deleon Realty	543-8500
1395 Fairway Dr	\$3,795,000
Sat/Sun Sereno Group	947-2900

7 Bedrooms	
544 Cherry Ave	\$5,488,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 Deleon Realty	543-8500

LOS ALTOS HILLS

3 Bedrooms	
14700 Manuella	\$4,975,000
Sun Dreyfus Sotheby's Realty	644-3474

MENLO PARK

2 Bedrooms	
3 Oliver Ct	\$1,788,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker	325-6161
805 Harvard Ave	\$1,649,000
Sat/Sun 12:30-4:30 Dreyfus Sotheby's Realty	644-3474

3 Bedrooms	
659 Marsh Rd	\$1,435,000
Sun 1-4:30 Coldwell Banker	324-4456
190 E O'Keefe St 13	\$1,150,000
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161
563 Encina Ave	\$1,999,000
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456
1043 Ringwood Ave	\$1,200,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero Real Estate	543-7740
727 Bay Rd	\$998,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 Deleon Realty	543-8500
1159 Carlton Ave.	\$649,000
Sat/Sun Intero Real Estate Services	543-7740
336 Concord Dr.	\$1,949,000
Sat/Sun Sereno Group	323-1900

4 Bedrooms - Townhouse	
168 Sand Hill Cir	\$1,649,000
Sun Pacific Union International	314-7200

4 Bedrooms	
20 Oak Hollow Way	\$2,858,000
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111
1045 Atkinson Ln	\$3,850,000
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111
127 O'Connor St	\$1,998,000
Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161
1014 Windermere	\$1,499,000
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161
2010 Santa Cruz Ave	\$1,850,000
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456
1765 Oak Ave	\$3,195,000
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111
1715 Bay Laurel Dr	\$5,795,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker	851-2666
1055 Arbor Rd.	\$2,295,000
Sun Coldwell Banker	851-2666

5 Bedrooms	
1314 Cloud Ave	\$3,398,000
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111
344 Felton Dr	\$4,695,000
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111

6 Bedrooms	
710 Berkeley Ave	\$5,975,000
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111
1210 Bay Laurel Dr	\$6,250,000
Sat/Sun Dreyfus Sotheby's Realty	847-1141

MOUNTAIN VIEW

2 Bedrooms - Condominium	
201 Ada Ave 30	\$839,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

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HOME OF THE WEEK



906 MATADERO CT, PALO ALTO

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3 Bedrooms	
175 Ortega Ave	\$1,138,000
Sat Sereno Group	947-2900

148 Cottonwood Ct	\$1,050,000
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111

4 Bedrooms	
13171 Lorenet	\$2,598,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

PALO ALTO

3 Bedrooms	
1086 Moreno Way	\$2,100,000
Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161

3494 Cowper Street	\$1,995,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 Coldwell Banker	325-6161

605 Colorado Ave.	\$2,350,000
Sat/Sun Midtown Realty	321-1596

1065 Los Robles Ave.	\$1,998,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

4 Bedrooms	
2088 Channing Ave.	\$2,995,000
Sun Pacific Union International	314-7200

905 Van Auken Cir	\$2,698,000
Sun Keller Williams Palo Alto	520-3407

1083 Cardinal Way	\$2,798,000
Sun Deleon Realty	543-8500

1730 Webster St	\$5,795,000
Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456

906 Matadero Ct	\$4,588,000
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456

656 Hale St.	Call for price
Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111

755 Forest Ave.	\$3,998,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams	520-3407

3246 Waverley	\$3,599,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

536 Lincoln	\$2,598,000
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111

2238 Columbia St	\$2,988,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 Deleon Realty	543-8500

4138 Abel Ave.	\$2,198,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

5 Bedrooms	
1499 Edgewood Dr	\$7,250,000
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

2570 Webster St	\$4,588,000
Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161

930 Guinda St	\$4,798,000
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

4264 Wilkie Way	\$4,188,000
Sat/Sun 12:30-4:30 Coldwell Banker	325-6161

802 Center Dr.	\$3,750,000
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111

835 Homer Ave	\$4,988,000
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

6 Bedrooms	
643 Tennyson Ave	\$7,998,000
Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161

PORTOLA VALLEY

3 Bedrooms	
2 Sandstone St	\$2,295,000
Sun Coldwell Banker	851-1961

198 Paloma Rd	\$3,998,000
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	851-1961

4 Bedrooms	
6 Blue Oaks Ct	\$4,998,000
Sun 2-4 Dreyfus Sotheby's Realty	644-3474

380 Portola Rd	\$4,800,000
Sun Coldwell Banker	851-2666

45 Vista Verde Way	\$4,498,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero Real Estate	543-7740

REDWOOD CITY

1 Bedroom	
268 Alexander Ave	\$575,000
Sat/Sun Sereno Group	947-2900

2 Bedrooms	
231 Ferndale Way	\$998,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

3 Bedrooms - Condominium	
544 Shorebird Cir 25102	\$888,000
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	323-7751

3 Bedrooms	
1183 King St	\$780,000
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161

205 Yarborough Ln	\$1,298,000
Sat/Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111

4 Bedrooms	
100 Danbury Ln	\$1,598,000
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111

441 Montwood Circle	\$1,429,000
Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456

950 Pleasant Hill Rd	\$1,795,000
Sat/Sun Dreyfus Sotheby's Realty	847-1141

5 Bedrooms	
70 Fox Hollow Ln	\$2,198,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker	851-2666

WOODSIDE

3 Bedrooms	
1350 Bear Gulch Rd	\$2,495,000
Sun Coldwell Banker	851-2666

4 Bedrooms	
740 Whiskey Hill Road	\$5,250,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111

3 Vineyard Hill Rd	\$8,495,000
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111

3470 Tripp Rd	\$4,425,000
Sun Coldwell Banker	851-2666

555 Manzanita Way	\$8,980,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111

71 Oak Haven Way	\$2,195,000
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161

470 W Maple Wy.	\$4,495,000
Sun Coldwell Banker	851-2666

5 Bedrooms	
25 Oakhill Dr	\$8,500,000
Sun 1-4 Intero Real Estate Services	206-6200

83 Tum Suden Way	\$2,699,000
Sun 1-4 Intero Real Estate Services	543-7740

680 Manzanita Way	\$10,200,000
Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

6 Bedrooms	
330 Jane Dr	\$5,200,000
Sun Coldwell Banker	851-2666

71 Oak Haven Way, Woodside

OPEN SAT & SUN 1:30-4:30



- Spacious 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths
- Sun-filled living/dining room combination has dramatic beamed ceilings, a home theater speaker system, a marble slab fireplace surround, two skylights and tree-top views
- Remodeled kitchen has a 6-burner Viking stove, Caesarstone countertops, counter-depth refrigerator, instant hot & cold water system, custom rare wood surface cabinets and a breakfast nook

- Remodeled master bath features a soaking Jacuzzi tub, steam shower with rain shower head, premier Hansgrohe-Axor fixtures, and marble embedded with fossils of paleo-sea shells and sea animals countertops
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Entertainer's Paradise Across From Country Club

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For video tour & more photos, please visit:
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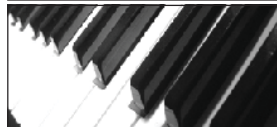
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LA: 655 Magdalena Ave. 5/15, 8-6; 5/16, 8-2.
Huge Rummage Sale. Los Altos United Methodist Church (x-street Foothill Expy).
Los Altos, 216 Garland Way, May 16, 9-2
Garage Sale
Menlo Park, 1765 Oak Ave, March 14 & 15 10-2

Menlo Park, 2650 Sand Hill Rd., May 17, noon-3
Rummage Sale & Outreach Fair, St. Bede's Church. Huge sale in hall 12-3: clothes, books, house & kids items & more; benefits Samaritan House. Courtyard fair 11:30-2 w/free refreshments, bake sale, displays, live music till 1. Donations for sale welcome 12-3pm Sat. 5/16 at hall; no other drop-offs or early-bird help, please. Enter lot from Monte Rosa Dr. Mountain View, 310 Easy St., May 16, 9am-2pm

PA: City Wide Garage Sale Saturday, June 6, 8-2
Helping the environment and making money has never been so easy. Reusing - whether you donate, buy, or sell - is one of the best ways to reduce waste and keep usable stuff out of the landfill.

Join us for the Palo Alto Citywide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 6. Last day to sign up is May 8.

Details will be posted on <http://www.PaloAltoOnline.com/yardsale/>

The map and listings will be uploaded to this page and be printed in the **June 5** edition of the Palo Alto Weekly.

Palo Alto, 1087 Newell Road, May 16, 9-2

Palo Alto, 1610 Escobita Ave, Sunday May 17th, 8AM-2PM
FAMILY MOVING SALE—furniture, household items, clothes, games, electronics, kids bike, sports items, and more.

Palo Alto, 2320 Sierra Court, 5-16-15 9:00 - 3:00
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Across

- Adjust accordingly
- "The Many Loves of ___ Gillis"
- Consumed
- "Against the Wind" singer Bob
- It's not what you'd expect
- Shins genre
- V-shaped fabric pattern
- Smith or Taylor
- Chapter in history
- "Disco Duck" singer Rick
- Renaissance Faire title
- Curly treatment
- Molly formerly of "SNL"
- Show up
- Deli turnover
- Kazakh character who's been retired
- Muscular jocks, stereotypically
- "South Park" character Cartman
- Wild hogs
- Anti-piracy org.
- Adult contemporary radio fare
- Like Old King Cole
- Band with a Ben & Jerry's flavor named for it
- Endowment recipients
- Person on a pension
- Dad's sister
- Big name in violins
- Killer whale of a 1977 film
- Hotel amenity
- Instrument for Stan Getz
- Lines seen outside the club?
- 50-50, for instance
- Dasani rival
- Blackboard stuff
- Ice Bucket Challenge cause, for short
- "Touched by an Angel" actress Reese
- Sharpen

Down

- Tennis Hall of Famer Arthur
- "Caught in the headlights" animal
- Taj Mahal's locale
- Part of MPH
- Neptune prop
- Mascot of Kellogg's Honey Smacks
- Odist's spheres
- Haunted house greeting
- "Canterbury Tales" locale
- Hair that's wished upon
- Reddy or Hunt
- Chum
- Amount of eggs
- One short on social skills
- Occurring naturally
- It's surrounded by the fuzz?
- Sarcastic comments
- Compilation album tracks, often
- His mother raised Cain, too
- "90210" actress Spelling
- Advanced math course
- Stacy of "Prison Break"
- Bullwinkle, e.g.
- Frigid follower?
- Bold challenge
- "Survey ___ ..." ("Family Feud" phrase)
- Soft white cheese
- Flourished
- Black-and-orange butterfly
- Air conditioning conduit
- One who uses cannabis spiritually
- Letter with an attachment, maybe
- Perennial presidential debate issue
- Venue for some football games
- Toyota logo's shape
- 50 C-___
- Brazilian hero
- Makes inquiries
- Night before
- Rapper ___ Wayne
- "So that's your game!"

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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 File No.: 603763

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
 WAHDV, INC.
 400 S. El Camino Real, Suite 200 San Mateo, CA 94402

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 15, 2015. (PAW Apr. 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2015)

TEENSIGHTS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 603817

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
 Teensights, located at 131 Iris Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: Copartners. The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
 MARK ROBINS
 131 Iris Way
 Palo Alto, CA 94303

GILLIAN ROBINS
 131 Iris Way
 Palo Alto, CA 94303
 Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 16, 2015. (PAW Apr. 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2015)

ADAPTIVE RC LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 603816

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
 Adaptive RC LLC, located at 3909 Park Blvd., Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company. The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
 ADAPTIVE RC LLC
 3909 Park Blvd.
 Palo Alto, CA 94306

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 16, 2015. (PAW Apr. 24, May 1, 8, 15, 2015)

KENSINGTON HOUSE APARTMENTS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 604065

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
 Kensington House Apartments, located at 779 Holly Oak Dr., Palo Alto, CA 94303, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A Trust. The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
 MARK E. SAMSON, Trustee
 779 Holly Oak Dr.
 Palo Alto, CA 94303

SHARON T. SAMSON, Trustee
 779 Holly Oak Dr.
 Palo Alto, CA 94303

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 22, 2015. (PAW May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015)

ALL BOUT CASH ATM'S FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 604197

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
 All Bout Cash ATM'S, located at 551 Alberta Ave., #1, Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual. The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
 JUAN J. SAUCEDO
 551 Alberta Ave., #1
 Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 21, 2015. (PAW May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015)

ADVANCED BUSINESS ALLIANCE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 604140

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is owned by: A General Partnership. The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
 LIEN N. QUANG
 14 Greentree Cr.
 Milpitas, CA 95035

DANIEL M. HUYNH
 328 N. 15th. St.
 San Jose, CA 95112

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/18/2015. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 24, 2015. (PAW May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015)

VALERO OF PALO ALTO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 604036

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
 Valero of Palo Alto, located at 1963 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A Corporation. The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
 H & M INFINITY ENTERPRISE INC.
 1963 El Camino Real
 Palo Alto, CA 94306

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/27/2007. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 21, 2015. (PAW May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2015)

OIV CAPITAL LIMITED FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 604338

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
 OIV Capital Limited, located at 419 Lambert Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual. The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
 MICHAEL HU
 14463 Liddicoat
 Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/30/2010. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 29, 2015. (PAW May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015)

MAY MAY MILLER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 604506

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
 May May Miller, located at 4285 Los Palos Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306, Santa Clara County.

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This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
CI ZHANG
4285 Los Palos Ave.
Palo Alto, CA 94306
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/17/2009.
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(PAW May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015)

MOUSDRVR MUSIC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 604055
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is owned by: An Individual.
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JUSTIN DAVIN CADY
345 Sheridan Ave. #410
Palo Alto, CA 94306
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KANPAI
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This business is owned by: A Corporation.
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Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/01/2015.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 604414
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
FRANKLIN SCHELLENBERG
4023 Villa Vista
Palo Alto, CA 94306
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on May 1, 2015.
(PAW May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2015)

GARLIC CITY PROPERTIES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 604565
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Garlic City Properties, located at 5870 Winged Foot Dr., Gilroy, CA 95020, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
SOARING EAGLE PROPERTIES, LLC
5870 Winged Foot Dr.
Gilroy, CA 95020
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 4/21/15
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on May 5, 2015.
(PAW May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2015)

997 All Other Legals

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS NO. CA-14-652026-HL Order No.: 100726105 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/30/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): MANAR ZARROUG, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 12/6/2007 as Instrument No. 19674605 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of SANTA CLARA County, California; Date of Sale: 6/10/2015 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the North Market Street Entrance of the Santa Clara County Superior Courthouse, 190 N. Market Street, San Jose, CA 95113 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$6,315,537.58 The purported property address is: 996 LAUREL GLEN DR, PALO ALTO, CA 94304 Assessor's Parcel No.: 182-43-037-00 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title

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Title Order No.: 150014012 Trustee Sale No.: 14-00533A Reference No.: 09-01157 APN No.: 120-43-003 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT DATED 2/24/2009. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 6/4/2015 at 10:00 AM ,A.S.A.P. Collection Services, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 2/25/2009 as Document No. 20146317 Book n/a Page n/a of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, property owned by: Booker T. Wade Jr. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a State or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) At: At the gated North Market Street entrance Superior Courthouse, 190 N Market St., San Jose, CA 95113 Said sale shall be subject to a 90 day right of redemption period per the requirements of the California Civil Code section 5715(b). 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Golden State Cafe, Inc., a California corporation, 3550 Mowry Avenue, Suite 301, Fremont, CA 94538
 The assets to be sold are described in general as: All restaurant furniture, fixtures, equipment, franchise agreements, leases, inventory and goodwill and other assets used solely in the operation of the Business(s), and are located at: 6770 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566
 977 E. Hillsdale Blvd., Foster City, CA 94404
 35 Crescent Drive, Ste. 12-A&B, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
 3375 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306
 665 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94105
 The business name used by the seller at that location is: CORNER BAKERY CAFE.
 The anticipated date of the bulk sale is 6/3/15 at the office of Chicago Title Company, 560 E. Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, CA 92408.
 This bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
 If so subject, the name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is Sandra Olson, Chicago Title Company, 560 E. Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, CA 92408, and the last date for filing claims shall be 6/2/15, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this document on the date(s) set forth below.
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 By: Anil Yadav, President
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Sports Shorts

CARDINAL CORNER . . . Stanford softball player **Kayla Bonstrom** was named an NFCA All-West Region First Team selection at first base. It is Bonstrom's second all-region award of her career and the first as a member of the first team. She was a second-team honoree as a freshman in 2013. Bonstrom had a tremendous season and set the Stanford single-season slugging percentage record at .806, becoming the first Cardinal player to break the .800 mark in program history. Bonstrom finished in the top 11 in multiple single-season categories in Stanford history. Bonstrom was named to the All-Pac-12 First Team on Tuesday, claiming the third all-conference honor of her career and second first-team selection . . . The Stanford men's tennis team was represented with two selections among the ITA Northwest Region's award winners, making the duo eligible for national consideration. Freshman **Tom Fawcett** was named the region's Rookie of the Year for his performance in leading the Cardinal. Ranked No. 26 nationally, Fawcett leads Stanford with a 26-11 overall record and is 14-7 in duals, playing all of his matches at the top spot of the lineup. Fawcett will participate in next week's NCAA Singles Championship. Meanwhile, first-year skipper **Paul Goldstein** was tabbed the region's Coach of the Year. Goldstein directed Stanford (18-7, 6-1 Pac-12) to its first NCAA Tournament win in three seasons and a share of the regular-season conference championship for the first time since 2010 . . . Stanford placed three women lacrosse players on the IWFLCA All-West/Midwest Region team, including two — **Adrienne Anderson** and **Lucy Dikeou** — on the first team. **Hannah Farr** was named to the second team.

OF LOCAL NOTE . . . Former Menlo-Atherton standout **Caprice Powell** (Class of 2010) was named the Female Student-Athlete of the Year at Sacramento State recently at the university's annual Green and Golden Globe Awards . . . Menlo School grad **Michaela Michael**, a sophomore lacrosse player at USC, was named the Player of the Year in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation recently. On the second team, sophomore defender **Nina Kelty** from Palo Alto High received her second all-league selection.

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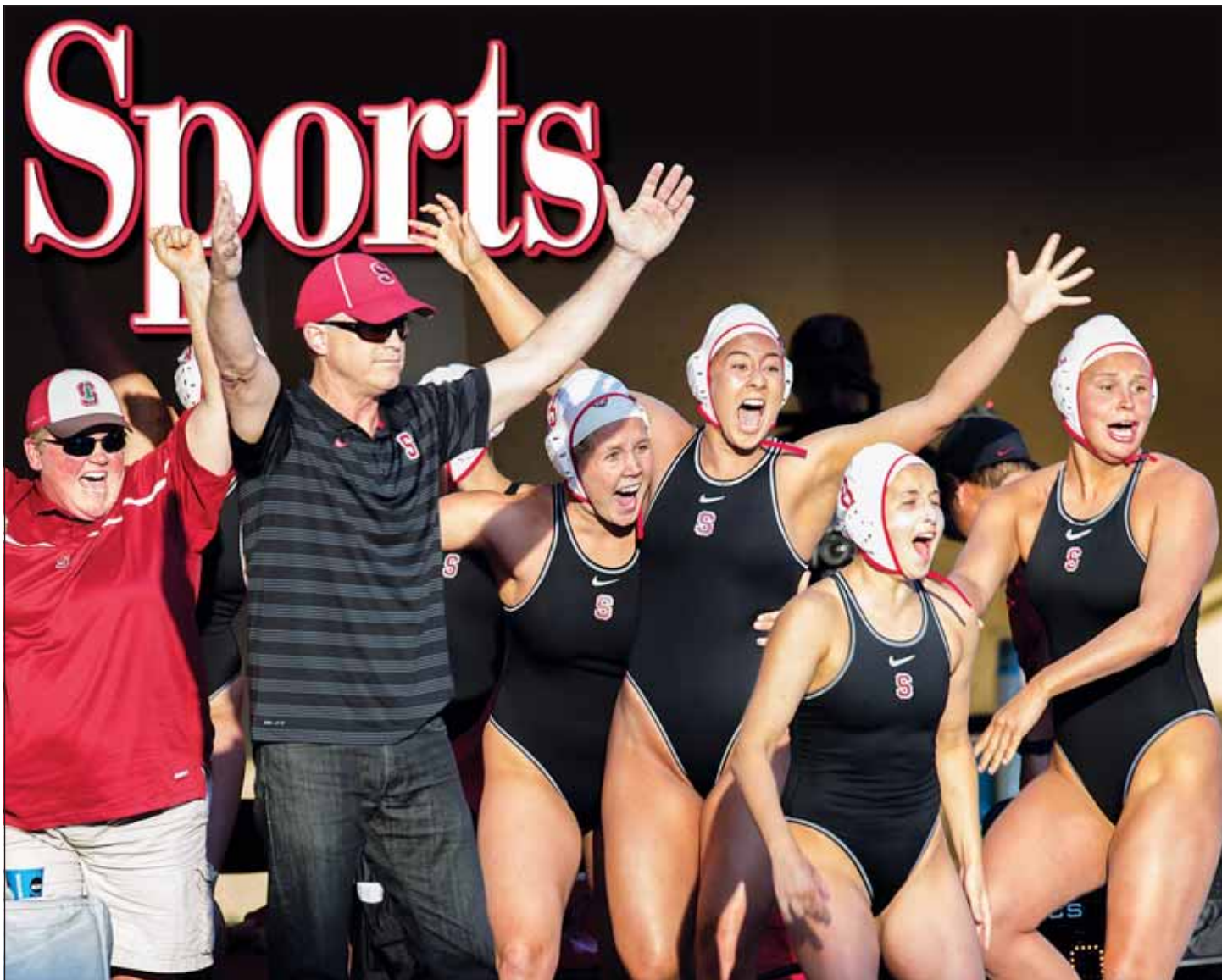
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Stanford assistant Susan Ortwein (left) and head coach John Tanner celebrate the final seconds of the Cardinal's 7-6 win over UCLA.



Stanford senior Kiley Neushul (right) celebrates with her teammates after she scored the game-winning goal.

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

Stanford wins it all again

Cardinal slips by No. 1-ranked UCLA to successfully defend its national title

By Rick Eymers

It may look slightly different from another perspective, though knowing how much time, patience, effort, energy, practice and hard work the Stanford women's water polo team invested this season, it's clear the Cardinal earned its NCAA championship title.

There are more than 300 reminders — names on slips of paper collected over the course of this special season — that chronicle all that joy, all that pain, all that bonding, that led to No. 2 Stanford's 7-6 victory over top-ranked UCLA on Sunday evening

in the title match of the NCAA championships, hosted by Stanford at Avery Aquatic Center.

Senior Kiley Neushul, one of several Stanford players to have earned national player of the year honors in recent years, converted a penalty shot with 11 seconds remaining for the game-winner, minutes after the Bruins were assessed a penalty for calling a timeout without having possession of the ball.

The officials took their time to review it to make sure they had made the correct call. The penalty

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CIF state meet adds incentive to CCS swim finals

by Keith Peters

The Central Coast Section Swimming and Diving Championships is beginning to show its age. The boys will be celebrating the 50th section meet this weekend while the girls will be competing in the 42nd.

The annual meeting on Satur-

day at the George F. Haines International Swim Center in Santa Clara will be very similar to those in the past as the Bellarmine boys go after their 31st straight team title while the Mitty girls will be challenged by Palo Alto, Gunn and a host of other former champs.

There is, however, something new as the meet speeds into a sec-

ond half-century of existence. For the first time ever, athletes will be competing for more than just section honors.

The top three finishers in each event, plus those meeting at-large qualifying standards, will advance to the inaugural CIF State Swimming & Diving Championships, presented by Farmers, set

for May 22-23 at the Clovis Olympic Swim Complex at Clovis West High.

Thus, the CCS meet now becomes even more electric.

"With the state meet being new, I don't think the athletes get quite how fast and awesome it will be,"

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Swimming

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said Palo Alto coach Danny Dye. "Think about it, we are the fastest state in the country. The state meet will end up being the best place for athletes to be viewed by college coaches, more so than any long course or Olympic trials."

The CCS trials on Friday should be very fast with making finals even more important than every before.

The Paly girls last won in 2005 and have finished second four times since then. Gunn won its first and only crown in 2012. The Paly boys have finished second nine times.

The Gunn boys and Palo Alto girls were perfect during the SCVAL De Anza Division dual-meet swim season as both teams compiled 6-0 records.

Thus, both squads had to perform poorly at last week's league championship meet at Saratoga High in order to lose their overall league titles.

Neither did. The Gunn boys scored a whopping 523 points to end Palo Alto's streak of five straight league crowns. Meanwhile, the Palo Alto girls won their first overall title since 2012 by scoring 471 points to defeat defending champ Monta Vista (359. Gunn was fourth with 297.

For the Gunn boys, it was their first league meet title since 2005 and their first overall championship since 2004, when they won the dual-meet and league crowns.

"We first knew we had a shot at the end of last season," said Gunn coach Mark Hernandez. "We knew we had a good core group returning, and we also knew that to a person, they were committed to getting better. And they did. Most of our best swimmers spent the past year with some of the best club coaches in the area, with a concerted goal of doing well this May — in the league, CCS, and state meets.

Perhaps appropriately, the Gunn boys chanted before the meet began: "We believe that we will win."

Strengthened by a roster of 60, the most ever for Hernandez, the Titans lived up to their beliefs.

Gunn trailed Paly by 10 points after the diving finale, which was won by the Vikings' Reed Merritt for a third straight year.

The Titans still trailed after the opening 200 medley relay that saw Paly's team of Andrew Cho, Robert Cheng, Alex Liang and Winston Wang set a meet record of 1:33.90, an automatic All-American time.

"I'll take that time at CCS," said

Dye, whose relay team ranks No. 1 in the section.

Palo Alto was still technically in the lead after Liang, a sophomore, won the 200 IM in a meet record of 1:49.23 with Gunn's Trent Tosky setting a school record of 1:53.87. Then, Gunn surged into the lead.

Junior Joao Ama led a one-two Gunn finish in the 50 free with a 21.76 leading teammate Luke Chui's 22.36. Gunn junior Daichi Matsuda won the 100 fly in 49.90 and Ama came back to win the 100 free in 47.19 over Paly's Wang (47.67).

With the diving totals added in after the 50 free, Gunn held a 289-217 lead over the Vikings following the 100 free.

Paly's Liang ended Gunn's streak of victories by setting a personal best of 4:29.99 to win the 500 free while Gunn's Michael Lincoln was second with a PR of 4:39.44.

Gunn set a school record of 3:09.39 in the closing 400 free relay, but Paly held the trump card with a 3:06.59 that earned the Vikings automatic All-American status. That just missed the meet record of 3:05.80 set by Santa Clara in 1971, the second-oldest remaining varsity record.

Paly's Liang wound up being a part of four victories, all with automatic All-American times.

In the girls' meet, Palo Alto won four individual events and two relays. Much like the Gunn boys, depth was the difference.

"Girls did great, had some super swims," Dye said.

Remarkably, Palo Alto had not one point from a senior. The Vikings' individual wins came from sophomore Grace Zhao and freshman Sofia Sigrist.

Zhao, the defending CCS champ in the 50 free and 100 breast, showed she's ready to defend those titles by winning in season bests of 23.25 and 1:02.11, respectively. The

100 breast time set a meet record. Both clockings were automatic All-American times. Zhao also swam leadoff legs on the winning 200 free (1:37.59) and 400 free (3:34.14) relays.

Sigrist, a transfer from Brazil, won the 200 free in 1:54.57 and came back to take the 500 free in 5:03.01.

Gunn senior Jenna Campbell, the defending champ in both the 500 free and 200 free, didn't swim either on Friday but still came away as a double winner. She took the 200 IM with a school record of 2:03.04 and 100 free in 50.35, in addition to swimming leadoff on the winning 200 medley relay team that set a meet record of 1:47.41.

WBAL Championships

The most celebrated girl swimmer in West Bay Athletic League history stopped by her old pool to see how her old Sacred Heart Prep teammates were faring in the league championship meet last Saturday.

"It feels weird not to be out there," said Ally Howe, now a freshman at Stanford.

During her four years at SHP, Howe dominated the league and left a legacy that included six individual league records and two relay marks. She also holds every individual mark in Sacred Heart Prep history, in addition to swimming on all three record-holding relays.

While her records likely will be safe for some time and her talent will be missed, Howe's teammates managed just fine without her as both SHP teams won their overall league championship for the sixth straight year.

"We haven't lost since joining the WBAL in 2009-2010," said SHP head coach Kevin Morris.

The SHP boys rolled to 514 points to dunk rival Menlo School (377) while the SHP girls held off Castilleja, 375-299.

Kathryn Bower took second in the 200 free (1:53.77) to Castilleja freshman Izzi Henig's meet record of 1:50.61, but came back to take the 500 free in 5:06.00 — ranking No. 2 in school history to Howe.

Freshman Matte Snow took care of the sprints, winning the 50 free in 24.58 and the 100 free in 52.59. Snow is the No. 1 seed in the 100 for CCS.

SHP's only other victory came in the 400 free relay as three sophomores (Maddy Johnston, Maddie Pendolino and Bower) plus one freshman (Snow) won easily.

Speaking of youth, Castilleja's Henig was the individual standout of the meet as she took the 200 free in the No. 2 CCS time this season and added a 56.63 victory in the 100 fly. She also anchored the Gators to victory in the 200 medley relay (1:51.80) and 200 free relay (1:41.86). Sophomore teammate Natalie Tuck won the 100 breast in 1:06.49.

In the boys' meet, SHP also won four events while relying on its superior depth to easily defend.

"This was probably the hardest-working group I've had, top to bottom," said Morris. "The seniors, especially Michael Swart and Nelson Perla-Ward, really set the tone that the team just grinds at practice, and the big group of freshman boys really bought into the culture."

In the boys 100 free, for example, SHP actually had seven of the fastest nine times at trials, even though the rules only allow only four to swim at finals and they went 2-3-4-5 for 62 points.

SHP's Jackson Enright's comeback-from-behind victory in the 500 free (4:50.66) was a highlight, along with Finn Banks winning the 100 backstroke (58.87).

Menlo, meanwhile, was led by its sprinters — Weston Avery, Scott Little and John Reinstra. Avery was a somewhat surprise winner in the 50 free while clocking 21.77 from Lane 6. Little, the trials winner, was second in 22.15. He came back to win the 100 (48.71) with Reinstra taking the 200 free in 1:46.80.

PAL Bay Division

The Menlo-Atherton girls followed up on their 6-0 dual-meet season by taking the overall title with a 580-point effort at the league finals at Burlingame High last Saturday.

The M-A boys, who had finished second to Carlmont during the dual-meet season, turned the tables on the Scots in the narrowest of victories, 499-497.

"With regards to the varsity boys, we knew it would be close," said M-A head coach Jane Worden. "The team showed up (literally and figuratively) and raced their hearts out. The meet came down to the last relay. By the amazing effort of three seniors (Gordon Williams, Mat-

heus Santos and Zach Goland) and one freshman (Max Ferenczy) we held off Burlingame and held onto our slim lead!"

Carlmont actually won the final 400 free relay in 3:15.47 with M-A second in 3:17.64. The Scots were within eight points prior to the race and needed the Bears to finish third. Had that happened, the meet would have finished tied at 497.

Carlmont got to within eight points after edging M-A in the consolation finals of the 400 free relay.

The M-A girls, meanwhile, bounced back from losing the 2014 dual meet and league meet titles to Burlingame in impressive fashion.

"The team's success over the season was a little surprising since we lost three seniors who scored at CCS last year," explained Worden. "This year, every girl on varsity contributed. At PALs, almost all of them made it to finals. It was truly a team effort."

M-A had individual winners in sophomore Faith Dunn (200 IM in 2:16.11), sophomore Claire Haldeman (100 fly in 59.36) and junior Mary Lane (500 free in 5:26.22).

The Bears also won the 200 medley relay (1:53.89), 200 free relay (1:39.40) and 400 free relay (3:42.34) without one senior competing. In fact, only one M-A senior (Francesca Gilles in the 100 back) scored in the championship finals for M-A.

"At CCS, our two talented sister divers, Mia and Talbott Paulsen, should make a significant impact," said Worden. "And like the boys, our CCS qualifiers (Sophia Bergmann, Faith Dunn, Kate Denend, Claire Haldeman, Emma Kaufman, Mary Land and Maddie Worden) have their sights set on making it to as many finals as possible, especially in the relay events." ■



Paly's Alex Liang



Castilleja's Izzi Henig



SHP's Matte Snow



Gunn's Joao Ama

CCS GIRLS' SWIM RECORDS

Event	Time	Name	Team	Year
200 medley relay	1:43.25		Sacred Heart Prep	2014
200 free	1:43.26	Jasmine Tosky	Palo Alto	2012
200 IM	1:57.75	Ally Howe	Sacred Heart Prep	2014
50 free	22.24	Maddy Schaefer	St. Francis	2010
Diving	515.60	Alexa Cacac	Milpitas	2013
100 fly	51.92p	Jasmine Tosky	Palo Alto	2011
100 free	48.61	Maddy Schaefer	St. Francis	2010
		Jasmine Tosky	Palo Alto	2012
500 free	4:43.96	Jasmine Tosky	Palo Alto	2009
200 free relay	1:34.16		St. Francis	2010
100 back	51.54	Ally Howe	Sacred Heart Prep	2014
100 breast	1:01.50	Sarah Liang	Palo Alto	2009
400 free relay	3:23.06		Gunn	2012

CCS BOYS' SWIM RECORDS

Event	Time	Name	Team	Year
200 medley relay	1:31.28		Palo Alto	2014
200 free	1:35.86	Sam Shimomura	Bellarmine	2012
200 IM	1:44.90	Curtis Ogren	St. Francis	2014
50 free	19.89	Shayne Fleming	Valley Christian	2009
Diving	662.15	Zhipeng Zeng	King's Academy	2011
100 fly	47.09	Andrew Liang	Palo Alto	2014
100 free	43.71	Shayne Fleming	Valley Christian	2009
500 free	4:18.26	Michael Nunan	Valley Christian	2012
200 free relay	1:23.57		Bellarmine	2012
100 back	47.91	Tom Kremer	Sacred Heart Prep	2012
100 breast	53.81	Curtis Ogren	St. Francis	2014
400 free relay	3:00.68		Saratoga	2009

CCS TENNIS

Disaster averted by Menlo

Knights overcome potential loss of seven players to play for another title

by Keith Peters

On the surface, Menlo School's 7-0 tennis victory over St. Ignatius in the semifinals of the boys' Central Coast Section Team Tournament was simply routine.

After winning six straight section crowns, that victory might elicit a sigh or ho-hum.

But, it took a lot of positive things to happen this week for the top-seeded Knights (24-1) to advance to Friday's championship match against No. 3 seed Bellarmine (22-3) at Bay Club Courtside in Los Gatos. First serve is 1:30 p.m.

Bellarmine advanced with a 4-3 victory over No. 2 Saratoga (16-3) at the Los Gatos Swim & Racquet Club.

On Monday, there was the distinct possibility that Menlo could be without seven players while facing an unseeded SI team (20-6) that had beaten Piedmont Hills (7-0), No. 5 Menlo-Atherton (7-0) and No. 4 Gunn (5-2) to reach the semifinals.

"There was a big concern," said Menlo coach Bill Shine. "In practice, we were getting other guys ready."

Menlo junior Nathan Safran was sidelined with a broken foot. Another player was going to be attending a memorial service. Four others were scheduled to take AP tests and senior Vikram Chari was battling a sore back.



Menlo senior Victor Pham won his No. 1 singles match in straight sets to help the Knights beat St. Ignatius.

"Three kids re-arranged their AP test at the last second," said Shine. "They didn't know they could do that, reschedule at a later date."

Fortunately, junior Lane Leschly worked things out and Shine was able to have his normal singles lineup of senior Victor Pham, senior Gunther Matta, Leschly and Chari, who played through his physical problems to post a 2-6, 6-1, 10-8 victory.

"He wasn't playing his best today, you could see that," Shine said of Chari, who was held out of Monday's 7-0 quarterfinal victory over Harker.

"Worst-case scenario, he

couldn't play," Shine said.

Had everything worked against the Knights, they were staring at an upset loss.

"Yep," said Shine. "But, we kept a positive mindset. The boys played up to the level they needed to."

Pham was efficient at No. 1 singles, 6-1, 6-1. Matta battled for a 7-5, 6-2 win at No. 3, and Leschly hung tough for a 6-3, 6-4 win at No. 3.

In doubles, the freshman tandem of Siddharth Chari and Clark Safran wound up clinching the match with a 6-3, 6-4 triumph at No. 1. On Monday, Chari played No. 4 singles and Safran was at No. 2 doubles.

Setting the stage for them was the No. 2 tandem of Alex Neumann and Gabriel Morgan, 6-1, 6-3 winners, and the No. 3 squad of Kylee Santos and Dylan Pace, who were first off the court following a 6-1, 6-0 victory. Pace filled in after not playing Monday.

"The doubles came through in the clutch," said Shine, who had no seniors playing doubles against SI.

Menlo still missed four players — Mark Ball, Michael Quezada (Monday's No. 2 doubles team), Clarence Lam (taking a test) and Nathan Safran. All four played in last year's CCS championship match against Saratoga.

That victory in 2014 not only gave Menlo its sixth straight CCS title, but it put the Knights in position to tie Gunn's record of seven straight crowns (1972-78) this Friday.

Playing to tie that streak, Shine said, is not lost on his players.

"It's really important," he said. "The boys know the history." ■



Freshmen Siddharth Chari (left) and Clark Safran clinched the match with a victory at No. 1 doubles.

NCAA WOMEN'S TENNIS

Stanford hopes third time vs. Cal a charm

Castilleja grad Wolak is hoping to help Cardinal get past Bears in the Round of 16 on Friday

By Rick Eymer

Paulette Wolak wanted a chance. Stanford women's tennis coach Lele Forood wanted a couple of players. They both got their wish.

Wolak, a Castilleja grad, had been accepted at Stanford long before she thought of playing NCAA tennis. Forood needed to recruit a couple of walk-ons, as her roster was dangerously thin this season.

Wolak not only finds herself on the roster, she's become a regular in doubles competition. Teamed with Krista Hardebeck, the duo is 3-0 in dual meets, with several other matches abandoned when the doubles point was clinched.

Wolak has played in two NCAA matches already, with the 14th-seeded Cardinal (17-5) winning both at the Taube Family Tennis Center last weekend — 4-0 against Stony Brook and 4-1 against Pepperdine — to qualify for the Round of 16 at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Wolak once again will take her place in the doubles lineup Friday morning when Stanford meets third-seeded California (22-3), the Pac-12 Conference champion.

The Bears also hosted the first two rounds, blanking both Bryant and Mississippi State, 4-0, to reach Waco. They're playing in their ninth straight Round of 16.

Stanford qualified for its 30 consecutive Round of 16 and is hoping to reach its 21st final.

Wolak became the third member of her immediate family to play college tennis. Her father, Frank, played at Rice and her mother, Michele, played at Pomona.

"When I came to Stanford I did not expect to play tennis," Wolak said. "I heard there were only six players on the team and I heard from someone else they might be looking for varsity players."

Wolak, named the West Bay Athletic League MVP in 2012, sought out Forood at the beginning of the school year.

"I asked her for a shot and she said 'sure.'" Wolak said. "It sort of just happened."

Nothing was guaranteed. Wolak had to prove she could play Division I tennis and set about doing just that, spending up to five extra hours a week hitting against a machine.

"When you are given an opportunity you don't expect, you try to improve as much as possible," she said.

Three other walk-ons — Nora Tan, Montana Morgan and Isabel Prado — have made an appearance for the Cardinal this year. Tan and Wolak have each played

singles in a dual meet, while all four have played in tournaments.

When Forood brought them aboard in the fall, she was hoping for at least one of them to improve enough to help Stanford, which is bringing a top class of three recruits next year while losing one senior in Ellen Tsay.

Wolak impressed Forood with her work ethic and steady improvement. Wolak said she worked to become "very consistent."

The Cardinal has stayed relatively healthy this year, but Wolak was needed when Lindsey Kostas wasn't quite sure she could play a doubles match against Colorado.

"We were both warming up and I expected Lindsey to play, Wolak said. "But she wasn't going to play at all. Just before doubles started, they said, 'just kidding, Lindsey is not playing. You are.'"

Wolak didn't have time to get nervous. She played well, though the match was not completed. Hardebeck, though, has become of Wolak's closest friends.

Wolak sustained a slight injury in the line of duty. Against Stony Brook, she was running for a drop shot and fell into the net. After a few moments, she was able to continue, and she played against Pepperdine the following day. The ice on her left knee was a badge of honor for being aggressive.

Hardebeck, who plays No. 4 singles, was the first off the court in each of the first two NCAA matches. Tsay, at No. 5 singles, followed close behind. Hardebeck has won eight of her past 10 matches, while Tsay is 9-1 over the same span.

"It is the time of year to have people firing," Forood said. "They can go out, set the tone and win games early."

Stanford lost its previous two meeting with the Bears this year, 4-3 and 5-2, though both lineups had players missing each time.

"I think we need to try and take care of each point individually," Wolak said of meeting Cal again. "It's going to be a lot different place with a lot to handle. But we've already gone to so many places. There's a lot more energy and a feeling that this is something big. I'm really excited and looking for a good match."

Stanford's No. 1 singles player Carol Zhao (29-4 on the year, 20-2 in dual meets) has been solid all year and enters Friday's contest on a nine-match winning streak.

Taylor Davidson (27-8, 14-3 duals at No. 2) and Caroline Doyle (27-5, 17-2 combined at No. 2 and No. 3) help solidify the top of the singles ladder. ■

STANFORD ROUNDUP

Cardinal men take their shot

They head into NCAA golf regional after women's team qualified for finals

By Rick Eyrer

The Stanford men's golf team hopes to match its female counterpart by qualifying for the NCAA championships. The eighth-ranked Cardinal opened regional competition Thursday at Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill, N.C.

The Stanford women's team finished second at last weekend's St. George Regional in Utah. The Cardinal placed seventh at the Pac-12 championships.

Stanford finished six strokes behind regional winner USC (880 over three rounds), with Lauren Kim, Casey Danielson and Shannon Aubert each finishing among the top 11 golfers.

The Cardinal men won the Pac-12 championships and Portola Valley resident Maverick McNealy earned medalist honors. Stanford has won two tournaments and finished among the top five in six.

McNealy, who was named to the Palmer Cup earlier this year, is the top-ranked collegiate golfer in the country, just ahead of Arizona State's Jon Rahm.

McNealy has won five tournaments, of 11, and finished second, third and fourth in three others.

Stanford's David Boote is ranked 58th and Viraat Badhwar is No. 81. Badhwar has four top 10 finishes while Boote has three.

Franklin Huang placed eighth at the Gifford Collegiate. Menlo School grad Patrick Grimes has finished in the top 20 in two of his seven tournaments.

Alabama is the two-time defending national champion. Stanford is looking for its first title since 2007.

Track and field

After 63 years, Stanford has a new decathlon king: Harrison Williams.

At the Pac-12 Multi-Events Championships at UCLA's Drake Stadium, the freshman broke Stanford's oldest record, the mark set by the legendary Bob Mathias while winning the gold medal at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics.

Williams scored 7,679 points to finish second in the meet and beat Mathias' 7,592. In Helsinki, Mathias repeated as Olympic champ by scoring a world-record 7,887 points, a total that has been adjusted to reflect changes in the scoring tables.

"It was something I knew I was going to break at some point,"

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Stanford junior Maggie Steffens scored seven goals and was named the Most Valuable Player at the NCAA Championships.



Stanford senior Kiley Neushul scored the game-winning goal on a penalty shot and made the all-tourney team.

Water polo

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shot was the most dramatic of moments in the contest and it wasn't the only turning point.

There was goalie Gabby Stone turning away nine shots, a team defensive effort that helped Stanford (25-2) survive a hectic fourth quarter, field plays that were important to the outcome. All those things you can't stuff onto a scoresheet, those were the turning points and those are the moments captured on post-it notes, sometimes with one name, sometimes with seven.

"I wasn't nervous at all," Stone said. "We've been talking about this all year. I felt so prepared."

Senior Ashley Grossman, who had the idea of turning those slips of paper into a work of art that has come to symbolize Stanford's fourth national title in five years and fifth overall, was worried.

She didn't think she could provide the kind of leadership that past Cardinal stars provided in critical situations. Her teammates talked it out with her and Grossman turned out just fine, thank you.

Leadership works in many ways. No one at Stanford would question what Grossman meant to the team. And Grossman would never question her teammates. They played as one and made history together.

"I am incredibly proud of this team and the effort they put in," Cardinal coach John Tanner said. "They have been sensational throughout the year. The fourth quarter was a crazy adventure. We had to work our way through the defense. Just holding even took huge amounts of energy and perseverance."

Stanford became the first host institution to win the title. The Cardinal didn't even reach the title game the two previous times



The Stanford women's water polo team not only successfully defended its NCAA title, but became the first host school to claim the national championship following a 7-6 win over UCLA last Sunday.

it hosted.

"Having won, we'll feel better about bidding to host again," Tanner joked.

The victory also extended Stanford's streak of winning at least one NCAA championship in a school year to 39 years. The athletic program has been extending that record for the past 18 years and now has a total of 106 national crowns overall. UCLA, which has a few more NCAA titles under its belt, likely has a similar streak.

"It was the two best teams in the country playing for the national championship," Bruins coach Brandon Brooks said. "All you can ask for is to get there and have a chance. It's haunting for me to think about. It was shameful for it to end like that."

Brooks felt he called timeout while his goalie, senior national team member Sami Hill, had two hands on the ball. The officials ruled there was no clear possession.

"My heart goes out to Bran-

don," Tanner said. "I know what those guys did to get to this point. UCLA is an amazing team and it was an incredible atmosphere and an incredible water polo game."

The Bruins are 7-3 in championship games, losing to Stanford in each of the previous two years. The Cardinal improved to 5-6. USC is 3-4. California and Loyola Marymount each have one appearance in the title game.

When the penalty was first whistled, it didn't take long for Neushul to grab the ball and set up at the 5-meter mark. During the delay, Neushul had time to think things over.

"In my head I was thinking how I got hot during the game," she said. "Then I thought, what if I've already scored too much?"

Neushul began looking to her teammates, who, one by one, simply nodded to her. She received a clear sign from Stone, who seemed to indicate "You got it, Kiley."

"That's when I thought, 'yeah, I

got it," said Neushul, who was a teammate with Hill in high school and is again on the national team. "I've never had a good NCAA tournament. I'm glad things came together."

Over the course of the weekend, Tanner visited with numerous alumni of the program and went so far as to apologize for not being able to spend more time.

"I kept hearing about more and more who were there," he said. "It felt like everyone was there."

NOTES: Neushul and Maggie Steffens have been named two of three finalists for the prestigious Peter J. Cutino Award, The Olympic Club of San Francisco announced. This award is given to the outstanding female and male collegiate water polo players in the United States as voted by the coaches of the Division I schools. Neushul capped her collegiate career by scoring five of Stanford's seven goals in the finals and was named to the All-Tournament first team. ■

PREP ROUNDUP

Lacrosse rivals set for league finales

Paly girls host Gunn on Saturday in SCVAL final; top-seeded Menlo boys, girls shooting for title berths

by Keith Peters

The Palo Alto and Gunn girls finished first and second, respectively, in the SCVAL De Anza Division lacrosse race this season. The Vikings were undefeated while the Titans' only two losses were to Paly.

Thus, it's no surprise that Palo Alto and Gunn will meet on Saturday (11 a.m.) on the Vikings' field to decide the league playoff title.

Palo Alto advanced with a 16-10 victory over visiting Saratoga on Wednesday. The Vikings beat the Falcons for the playoff title last year after Saratoga upended Gunn in the semifinals.

Paly, which finished 17-5 last season, improved to 17-1 after grabbing a 9-0 halftime lead thanks to its quick attacks and suffocating defense. Goalie Meredith Kinnaman had eight saves in the first half and Megan Valencia had three saves in the second.

Maya Benatar led Paly with seven goals with Lauren Gargiulo and Claire Chevallier each tallied twice with Allie Peery, Paige Bara, Liana Pickrell, Holly Tumminaro and Amalia Roth each finding the net once. Gargiulo contributed four assists.

Palo Alto will be seeking its third straight playoff title since losing to St. Francis the three previous years. The Lancers are now playing in the West Catholic Athletic League.

Gunn advanced to the championship match with a 15-8 victory over visiting Leland on Wednesday night. The Titans (14-4) were led by junior Annie Vesey's four goals. Senior Caroline Chou and freshman Erica Wang each tallied three goals while junior goalie Sithara Kumar came up with her best game of the year and had seven saves.

The West Bay Athletic League and Peninsula Athletic League are scheduled to host their championship matches on Saturday at Burlingame High, the girls playing at noon with the boys to follow.

The girls' semifinals were scheduled for yesterday (weather permitting) with top seed Menlo School hosting No. 4 Burlingame and No. 2 Menlo-Atherton hosting defending champ and No. 3 Sacred Heart Prep. SHP advanced with a 19-8 win over Sequoia.

In the boys' first PAL Tournament, No. 2 Sacred Heart Prep hosted No. 3 Menlo-Atherton with No. 1 Menlo School hosting No. 4 Woodside. Menlo advanced with a 20-1 romp over Sequoia, Menlo-Atherton topped Carlmont, 12-2, and Sacred Heart Prep handed Burlingame a 10-3 loss.

Baseball

Gunn put itself in position to play for a co-championship in the SCVAL De Anza Division following a 4-2 victory over host Fremont on Wednesday.

The Titans (11-3, 15-9-1) will visit first-place Cupertino (12-2, 18-8) on Friday (4 p.m.), with a victory by Gunn earning a co-title.

The Titans put themselves in that position as Ravi Levens pitched the team's second straight complete game as Gunn rallied from a 2-0 deficit after three innings. Levens struck out three, walked none and limited the Firebirds to five hits while tossing his first complete game of the season.

In Atherton, Sacred Heart Prep advanced to the semifinals of the Peninsula Athletic League Tournament following a 5-4 win in eight innings over rival Menlo-Atherton.

The last time the teams met, M-A won a protested game that officially knocked the Gators out of title contention in the PAL Bay Division. SHP avenged that defeat by grabbing a 3-0 lead in the first inning and then pulling out the triumph on a wild pitch in the bottom of the eighth. Andrew Daschbach had doubled to lead off the inning and eventually tallied the winning run as SHP improved to 17-11.

Daschbach and Will Johnston each had two hits, with Johnston slamming a solo home run. Matt Johnston led the Bears (15-14) with two hits.

SHP used a trio of pitchers — freshman Angelo Tonas, sophomore Cole Spina and freshman Dominic Cacchione — with Cacchione getting the win with 1 2/3 perfect innings.

In the SCVAL De Anza Division playoffs, Palo Alto avenged two losses to Saratoga during the regular season with a big 14-3 thumping of the host Falcons on Tuesday in the first game of a best-of-3 series to decide the playoff championship.

The Vikings (18-12) were led by junior Owen Plambeck, who had four hits — one a home run — and three RBI as Paly blasted 15 hits. A seven-run seventh was just icing on the cake.

Sophomore Ben Cleasby added three hits and three RBI and senior Phil Lewis contributed three hits and two RBI as the Vikings batted .441 for the game. Junior Justin Hull went six innings and allowed just four hits plus two earned runs while striking out five.

Paly was hoping to wrap up the playoff title at home on Thursday, weather permitting. ■

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Sophia Donovan
MENLO SCHOOL

The sophomore scored 11 goals and provided two assists as the Knights clinched the WBAL Foothill Division regular-season lacrosse title by beating defending champ SHP before topping M-A to finish 8-0.



Alex Liang
PALO ALTO HIGH

The sophomore swimmer won two individual titles, one with a meet record, and swam on two winning relays -- setting a meet record in the 200 medley -- while scoring 60 points at the SCVAL De Anza Division finals.

Honorable mention

Jenna Campbell

Gunn swimming

Izzi Henig

Castilleja swimming

Mimi Lin*

Palo Alto diving

Maya Miklos*

Gunn track & field

Matte Snow

Sacred Heart Prep swimming

Grace Zhao*

Palo Alto swimming

Joao Ama

Gunn swimming

David Clarke

Gunn baseball

Peter Gish

Menlo lacrosse

Eli Givens*

Palo Alto track & field

Isaac Kasevich

Palo Alto baseball

Reed Merritt*

Palo Alto diving

* previous winner

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COACHING NEWS

Diepenbrock back at Paly; Gunn's Plumer wins award

by Keith Peters

The start of the 2015-16 school year will find Palo Alto High with a new athletic director and the framework for the school's new gym facilities.

Something else will be new, as well, in a manner of speaking. The Vikings will have a new boys' basketball coach.

Peter Diepenbrock, who coached the Vikings for 11 years and guided them to the CIF Division II state championship in 2006, is back.

Actually, he never left. He's finishing up his 18th year at Paly, including the past seven as head of the PE department.

Adam Sax, who has coached the Paly boys the past five years, decided to leave the program a week ago.

"It's a great job with great, great students," Diepenbrock

said. "I already know a lot of the kids. It just kind of seemed like the right thing to do. I feel like it's a good opportunity."

Diepenbrock, of course, is best known for the 2006-06 season that featured Jeremy Lin. That team finished 32-1, wrapping up a 24-game win streak with a 51-47 upset of highly favored Mater Dei in the state finals.

Meanwhile, Gunn track and field coach PattiSue Plumer is one of four recipients of the 2015 CCS Spring Sports Honor Coaches Award.

A two-time Olympian in track and field at the 1988 and '92 Olympics, Plumer has been coaching at the high school level for nine years — at Los Altos and then Gunn. She made a prominent impact on both programs while developing some of the top distance runners in the state. ■

Stanford roundup

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Williams said. "It was awesome to do it, especially because it was held by such a great man as Bob Mathias."

Williams jumped to No. 3 on the all-time U.S. junior list, and his total represents the No. 4 mark in NCAA Division I, No. 7 in the U.S., and No. 14 in the world this year.

Men's rowing

The No. 13 Stanford men's rowing team begins its postseason racing with the Pac-12 Championships on Sunday at Lake Natoma.

Stanford comes in to the weekend off of two solid weeks of practice following a dual loss to No. 1 Cal in the 82nd Big Row. The varsity eight had won four straight races prior to facing the nation's top squad.

The Pac-12 Championships will feature the nation's top two teams in No. 1 Cal and No. 2 Washington. Stanford and Oregon State are also ranked together with the Beavers at No. 14 heading into the weekend.

Last year the Cardinal finished fourth at the Pac-12 Championships with the varsity eight earning a bronze medal. The 2V8 and frosh eight each placed fourth, while the varsity four took fifth.

Women's rowing

The No. 6 Stanford women's rowing team will try and win its second straight Pac-12 Championship on Sunday at Lake Natoma.

The Pac-12 Championships will feature four teams ranked among the top seven in the country and six ranked teams overall. Washington is the No. 2 team behind Ohio State and Cal is ranked No. 4 overall. Both teams received two first place votes this week. Stanford is followed by No. 7 Washington State. USC is No. 14 and UCLA is No. 17 this week.

Stanford has had some great results for the varsity eight this year, winning five races on the year. The 2V8 and varsity four each have a pair of victories, while the novice eight will race for the first time this season.

Baseball

Stanford, plagued by injuries to its pitching staff this season, hopes to finish the season on a good note.

With six games remaining, it appears all but impossible for the Cardinal (7-17 Pac-12, 22-28 overall) to have a chance at the postseason.

Stanford takes on visiting Oregon State (14-9-1, 32-14-1), which has postseason aspirations, in a three-game series beginning Friday at 7 p.m. A fireworks show follows the contest.

The Cardinal beat USEF, 6-5, on Tuesday when Zach Hoffpauir hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning. Tyler Thorne (4-0) got the win in relief and Gabe Cramer recorded his third save. ■

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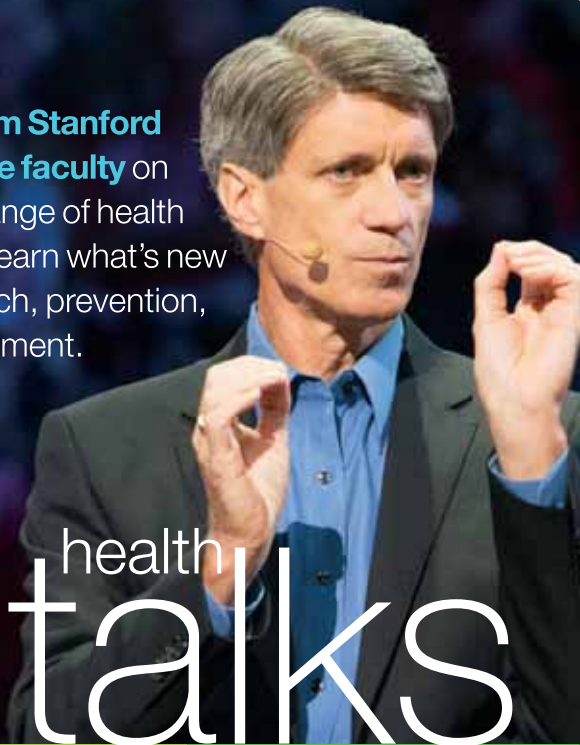
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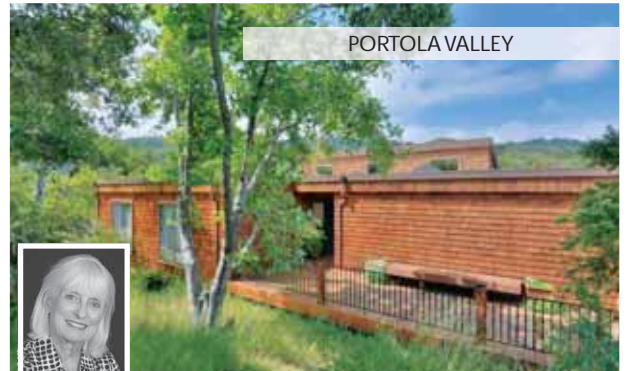


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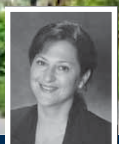


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