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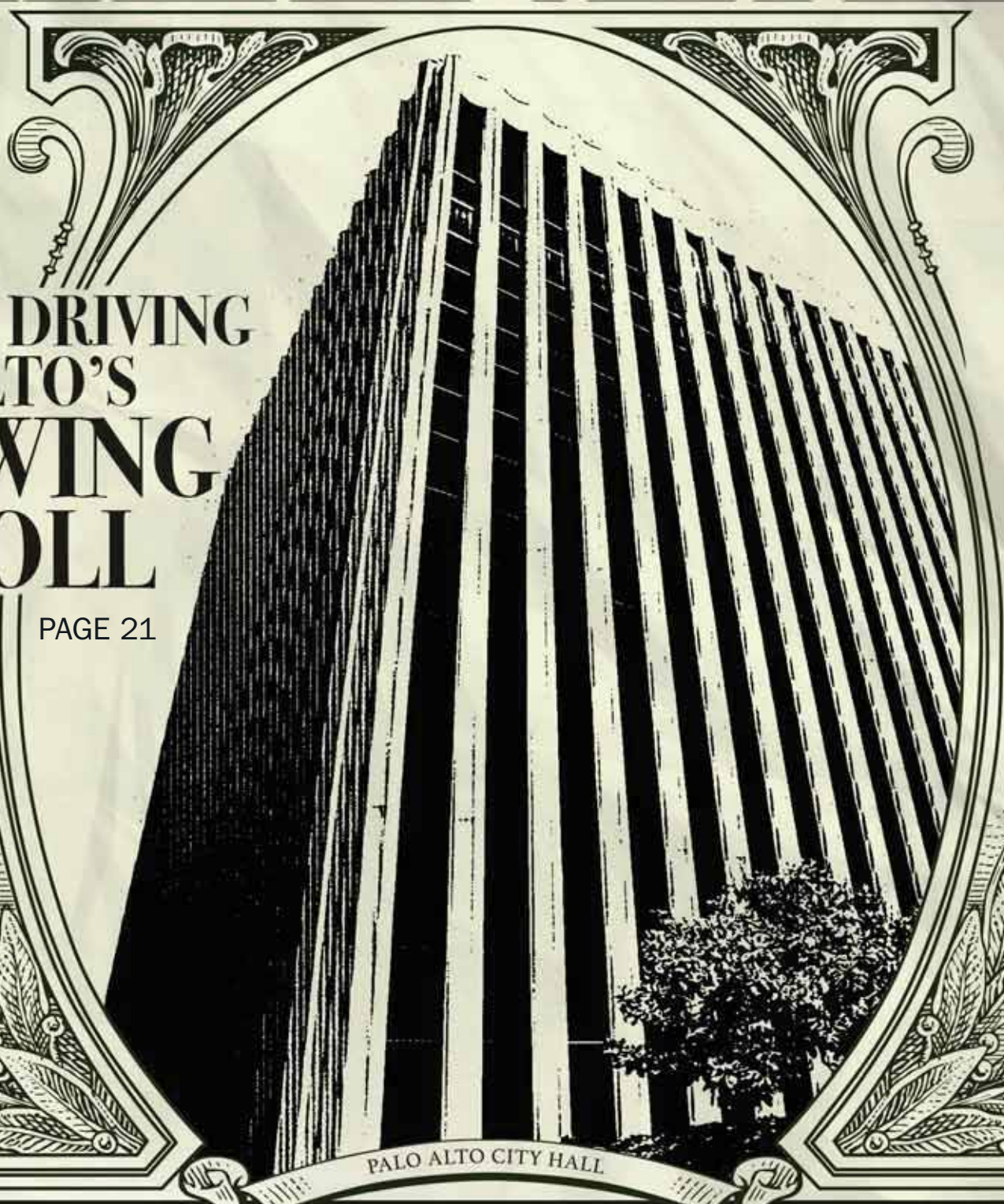
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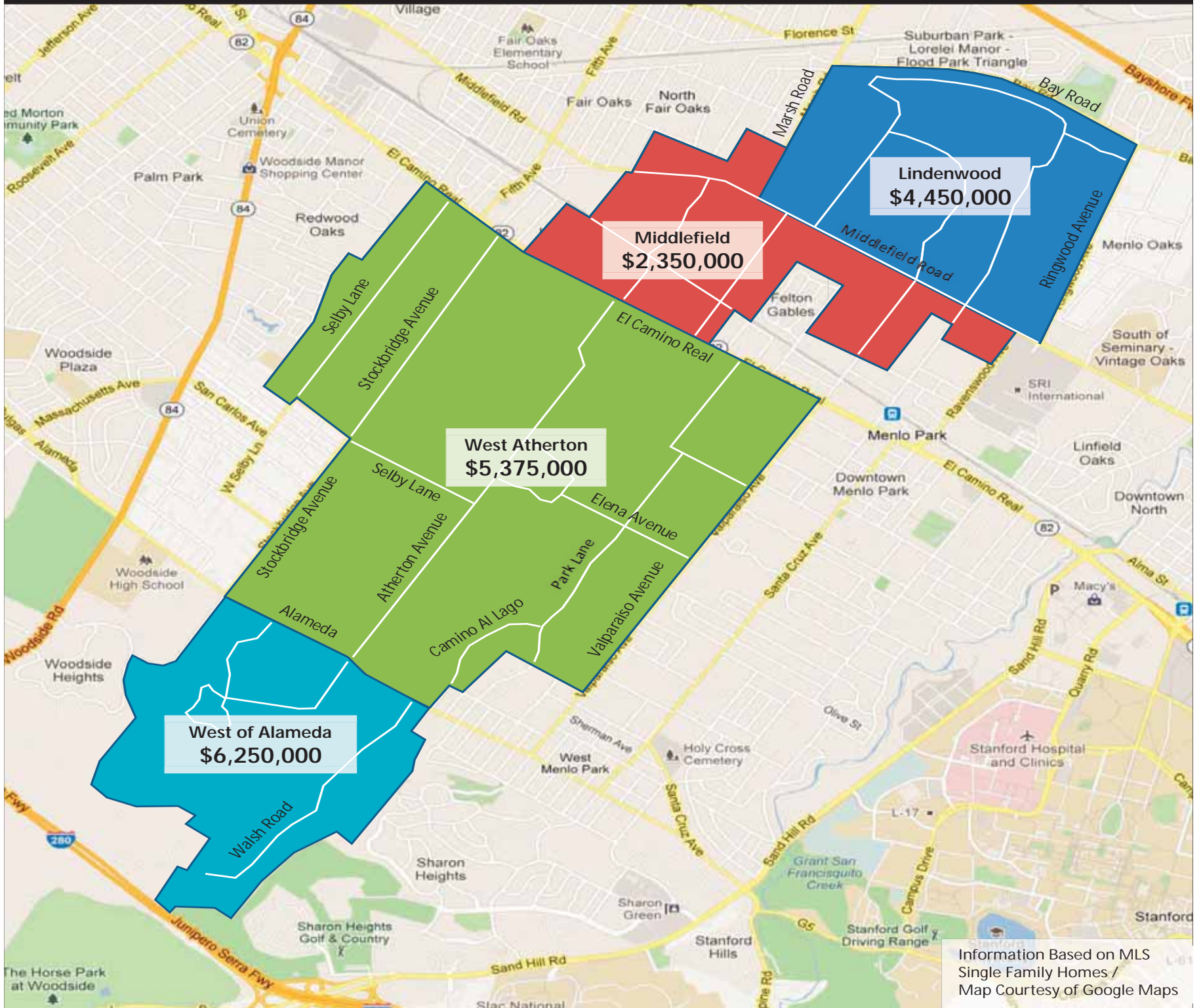
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Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

Palo Alto schools usher in new era of testing

Teachers anticipate learning curve with Common Core-linked tests

by Elena Kadvany

Students across the Palo Alto Unified School District are sitting down to computers over the next few weeks to take the state's new Smarter Balanced Assessments, which for the first time this year will yield an entirely different set of standardized test scores, marking a shift in how the state

measures its students' performance. Juana Briones Elementary School kicked off the testing last week, with the other elementary, middle and high schools following suit this week and through mid-May. Palo Alto's third- through eighth-graders and high school juniors are taking computer-

adaptive tests in English-language arts and math for the second time — they, along with the rest of the state, piloted the test last year — but for the first time this year, their schools will receive the results.

Since there was no feedback or data provided from last year's trial run of the Smarter Balanced tests, school district officials and site administrators are largely in the dark about what the new results will look like or how the measure-

ments will be broken down.

"This is new for everyone," said Chris Kolar, the district's new director of research and assessment. "I think that it will take some time for us, when we get (the results) back, to understand what they mean."

Smarter Balanced is the new assessment for the Common Core State Standards, which California adopted in 2010. The more than 20 states that have adopted the new standards worked in collabora-

tion with K-12 educators in 2012 to develop the new test, which replaced the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program and with it, paper and pencil multiple-choice exams. The Smarter Balanced test is done entirely on computers at all grade levels, with a format that is meant to gauge students' mastery of concepts and skills. The new test is aligned with

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Veronica Weber

The City of Palo Alto is rethinking how it delivers animal services, which are costing hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. Here, a dog at the shelter glances out from a cage last December.

CITY SERVICES

With losses mounting, Palo Alto to rethink animal services

City to seek partnerships, fundraising opportunities for improving popular operation

by Gennady Sheyner

Dogged by cramped conditions and mounting financial losses, Palo Alto's scrappy but popular animal shelter is once again fighting for its life.

Three years after the city flirted with the idea of outsourcing animal services in the midst of a budget crisis, officials are considering the future of a municipal operation that is now losing close to \$900,000 annually. Though city officials are no longer talking about shifting animal services to another city, they are preparing for the possibility of "spinning off" most services to a private organization capable of making the needed investments, leaving only animal-control responsibilities with the city.

A new audit by the office of City Auditor Harriet Richardson underscores the steep prob-

lems facing the East Bayshore Road facility. Palo Alto Animal Services, the audit found, faces challenges that are "unlikely to be resolved if it continues operating as solely a city-managed function without a significant increase in general fund subsidy, donations, and/or revenue-generating contracts."

The City Council's Finance Committee discussed the audit Tuesday night and generally concurred with the assessment of both Richardson and City Manager James Keene that it's time to rethink the entire operation.

The shelter's financial calamities began in 2011, when Mountain View pulled out of its partnership with the shelter, taking with it the \$400,000 in annual revenues that it had previously contributed.

Palo Alto tried to balance the books by reducing staff,

but while that effort helped reduce expenditures, it didn't come close to replacing the lost funding. The animal operation currently has 10.66 full-time positions, down from 13.42 two years ago. And while privately run shelters generally rely on donations for much of their revenues, the city's policy prohibits directly solicited donations.

The loss of key personnel last year didn't help. When both of the shelter's veterinary technicians left, it had to temporarily close its spay-and-neuter clinic. While the operation has historically generated about \$190,000 in spay-and-neuter fees annually, in fiscal year 2014 it only brought in \$47,500. The city ultimately hired two new veterinary technicians but ended up firing one near the end of the

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EDUCATION

Battle over Measure A heats up

Supporters say tax is much-needed — but detractors want to send a message to district leaders

by Elena Kadvany

With 11 days left until Palo Alto's special school parcel-tax election, Measure A campaigners are working to corral support for what they see as a critical financial injection for Palo Alto schools, while others in the community are calling the vote a referendum on school-district leadership.

Voters are being asked to consider a \$120 increase on the tax they currently pay, which expires next June. If approved by two-thirds of voters, the proposed \$758 per-parcel tax would begin on July 1 and last six years with 2-percent annual increases. The tax includes an optional exemption for seniors who are 65 and older.

While the \$13 million generated each year would continue to accomplish one of the tax's original purposes — to keep class sizes down — the proposed increase would provide \$2.3 million to support additional investments in student health and wellness efforts, academic supports for struggling students and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) instruction.

With no arguments opposing Measure A submitted to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters, the most vocal debate is taking place on Palo Alto Online's Town Square. Much of the opposition sees Measure A as a means to send a message to school district leaders in the wake of several student suicides this year; others are resisting funding a district that is more financially stable than in years past.

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campaign co-chairs Nana Chancellor and Sarah Woodham said that treating the parcel tax like a "political pawn" is destructive, distracts from the work needed to address current issues in the schools and will harm every student in the district. The tax pays for 85 full-time staff, including teachers, librarians and counselors and serves a primary purpose of keeping class sizes as small as possible at a time of ballooning student populations throughout the district.

"When the parcel tax was first voted in in 2001, the whole purpose of it was class size reductions. It's still the number one place where the money is going ... and it affects every single student in Palo Alto," Chancellor said. "If you kill Measure A, you are hurting every single student."

Lee Thé, a former district parent, cast his "no" vote on Measure A this week despite having consistently supported the tax in the past. He said that he felt voting "no" on the measure was a more effective way to communicate with district leadership than the typical channels, like sharing his opinion at a board meeting. He compared the May election to the November 2013 vote, when Palo Altans overturned an approved senior housing development on Maybell Avenue.

"I can communicate by voting, just as we did with Maybell," Thé said.

Some Town Square posters share this motivation. (Other opponents of Measure A declined to speak on the record for this story.)

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



It's apples to toothpicks. They're completely different measurements.



— *Janine Penney, assessment manager for the Palo Alto school district, on Smarter Balanced testing versus the old STAR testing. See story on page 5.*

Around Town

FINAL TOUCHES ... With just weeks to go until the finish line, the reconstruction of California Avenue hit a milestone Tuesday afternoon when workers lifted the veil off the street's new fountain sculpture. "Confluence," a slender, vertical sculpture created by artist **Michael Szabo**, made its debut at the new California Avenue plaza near the Caltrain Station. The 14-foot-tall sculpture replaces the traditional bowl fountain that has long graced the plaza near Park Boulevard.

Though the old "bird bath" fountain had been cracked and damaged for years, its old-time charm had plenty of admirers. In 2011, an online opinion poll showed Palo Alto residents favored the bird bath 208 votes to 130 votes. City officials, however, sided with the Public



Gennady Shevner

Art Commission in accepting the Szabo proposal. The new sculpture is one of the last remaining components of the ambitious \$6.9 million streetscape project. The street, often referred to as the city's "second downtown," now has a freshly paved street and sidewalks, colored crosswalks, new bollards and trash cans, fresh landscaping and two lanes for traffic rather than four. City Manager **James Keene** said officials are planning to celebrate the completion on May 7, with a 2:30 p.m. celebration featuring area merchants, city officials and a ribbon-cutting.

CHASING THE UNICORN ... Mixed metaphors can hurt, figuratively speaking. Consider Councilman **Pat Burt** talking this week about Fiber to the Premise, the city's 20-year effort to bring high-speed Internet via fiber cables to every local denizen. Google, which jilted Palo Alto several years ago, is still considering a partnership with the city on installing the new network. But Burt and several of his council colleagues stressed on Monday that the city shouldn't rest its hopes with the tech giant. "I've been concerned that we as a city have been over-enamored with chasing the Google unicorn,"

Burt said. "That's been dangled for three years. Certainly don't want us to hold back because we keep thinking this magical thing is going to fall on our laps from Google." For those uncomfortable with the image of a unicorn dangling, or falling into someone's lap, Burt offered a softer and gentler metaphor. He likened Google's fiber-based temptations to "Lucy pulling a football from in front of Charlie Brown." His colleagues generally agreed that when it comes to fiber, it's time to make

a decision, one way or another. Utilities Advisory Commissioner **John Melton**, who is about to conclude his 11-year commission tenure, told the council that the first vote he ever took on the commission was in favor of whatever fiber plan was in the works back then. "I would urge the council to make this the last run," Melton said of the current effort.

AND THE WINNERS ARE ... The **National Merit Scholarship Corporation** has announced the first group of winners in the 60th annual National Merit Scholarship Program, including four Palo Alto students. Gunn High School's **Jessica A. Luo, Maya Ram** and **Alex P. Wong** and Palo Alto High School's **Wesley Mun Hup Woo** are among the corporate-sponsored scholarship winners. There were 16,000 semifinalists for this year's program, with dozens from local high schools qualifying, including 12 seniors from Castilleja School, 36 from Gunn, three from Kehillah Jewish High School and 25 from Paly. To become a finalist, a semifinalist and his or her high school submitted a detailed scholarship application, in which they provided information about the semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment and honors and awards received. The scholarship corporation will name recipients of the \$2,500 National Merit Scholarships on May 6 and winners of college-sponsored scholarships on May 27 and July 13. ■

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With new president and programs, Sofia University enters new era

Private transpersonal-psychology school moves forward from financial crisis

by Elena Kadvany

It's been more than a year since Sofia University students, faculty and staff were left reeling after the president of the Palo Alto psychology school made significant budget cuts, pushed out longtime faculty — including the university's co-founder — and then abruptly resigned, leaving the school in total financial and leadership crises.

Now, the private school on East Meadow Circle is looking to a new president with deep pockets and a broader vision to usher Sofia University, formerly known as the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, into a new era.

This era, most notably, is coming with new programs in computer science and master of business administration (MBA) — two educational spheres that seem to exist far away from the ethos and curriculum of Sofia University, which since its founding in 1975 has been dedicated to holistic, alternative education. Today, it offers degrees in clinical and transpersonal psychology as well as spiritual guidance and women's spirituality.

Sofia focuses on “whole-person education,” which means mind as well as body and spirit, said Robert Frager, co-founder of the university.

Sofia's new and first female president Liz Li argues that the mission of Sofia should be applied to other disciplines. She envisions Sofia's 40 years of transpersonal-psychology research as the roots of a tree, providing the nutrition for new, innovative branches, like the computer-science program.

“Students at the beginning felt like — they were so worried that this will become an engineering school or a management school,” Li said. “I say, it's still a transper-

sonal school no matter what we are teaching because the value itself can be integrated and applied to any field.”

Li, a Palo Alto resident with a doctorate in computer science, 25 years of experience in both the high-tech and academic worlds and a passion for holistic education, heard about the uproar at Sofia over former president Neal King's resignation in December 2013. King had been president since 2011. But discontent over King's leadership style had been bubbling since that summer, faculty said, when King imposed across-the-board salary cuts of 10 percent because of a \$1.2-million budget shortfall. A second budget shortfall was announced that November, and the school's chief financial officer told Frager that the school would be bankrupt by the following March. Aneel Chima, a former student who now teaches at the university, said King's spending was in excess that he was responsible for a huge amount of costly staff turnover during his tenure. King also instituted a tuition hike for one of Sofia's most popular programs, the master's in counseling psychology, which resulted in the majority of students leaving, Chima said.

The Sofia faculty soon passed a “no confidence” vote and seven out of the school's 10 board of trustee members resigned. King stayed on, eventually firing 12 faculty and senior staff members. Students protested outside the campus carrying signs like “Reinstate faculty & staff now.” Many faculty and students left.

Li was appointed last July. She had approached Frager, wanting to save the university — and having the money to do so. She



Bob Frager, founder of Sofia University and Qiaoyun (Liz) Li, president, stand in the university's aikido dojo. Aikido is a regular practice integrated into students' studies at the university.

convinced several friends, some local tech workers and others in her native country of China, to chip in the millions of dollars that would not only bring Sofia back from the red, but sustain it for years to come. Li declined to say how much money she raised, but Frager said it was at least \$4 million. The school's total loss, according to an auditor's financial report last year, was \$2.35 million, Li said.

Li also has experience in building up schools. She founded the International Software School of Wuhan University in China and has been credited with getting International Technical University (ITU) in San Jose its Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation in five years. During her professional career, she also worked in various positions at Sony and McNair Technologies Corporation.

Despite Li's depth and breadth of experience, some members of

the Sofia community were wary of what the new leadership and programs would mean for the school's alternative culture.

“The misconception is that we came here to get rid of the schools' transpersonal programs,” Li said in a July 2014 press release announcing her appointment. “The reality is that we want to build a stronger and sustainable Sofia by utilizing the foundational principles and programs already in place.”

And it seems there is a demand for what Li and Frager are calling Sofia University “2.0.” Thirty-eight students enrolled in the master of science in computer science this year, which combines both online and in-person instruction. The degree is described as “technological skills with humanistic values” and “promotes creativity, cultural sensitivity and mindfulness.” Concentrations include artificial intelligence, human computer interaction, big

data and software design alongside holistic leadership and management. Li said transpersonal psychology is critical to finding balance in one's life, particularly so in the competitive, fast-paced world of Silicon Valley.

The masters of business administration is still awaiting WASC approval but has similar leanings. Students will learn business, management, accounting, marketing and economics with an “awareness of the core values of Humanists, an exploration of the social responsibility of oneself and of business, and an understanding of the entrepreneurial spirit needed to address the ever-changing world of business and not-for-profit organizations,” the program description reads.

The school also plans to launch a master's degree in “transformative education,” which will focus on instilling the philosophies and

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EDUCATION

Teachers union defends decision to file Gunn grievance

Union president: Grievance about Schoology, not homework

by Elena Kadvany

Citing “misconceptions and misinformation” surrounding the union grievance filed late last year against Gunn High School Principal Denise Herrmann, the Palo Alto Educators Association executive board emailed its members Tuesday apologizing if the controversy had made their jobs “more difficult” or caused any “complications” for teachers at work.

Union president Teri Baldwin confirmed the email message Wednesday after it was posted on Town Square,

the Weekly's reader comment forum.

The message vigorously defended the grievance, stating, “If we don't protect our contract, why bother having one?”

“Union values call for collective action and support, which sometimes means we may not agree when a grievance is filed, but we must support the right of the union or an individual to do so. An injury to one is an injury to all,” the message said.

Baldwin has said that the union viewed Herrmann's “directive” that teachers use Schoology, an online

schoolwork-management system, as a violation of the union's contract. For her part, Herrmann denied she gave a directive but rather that she made a “passionate” request.

Several informal attempts by the union, its Gunn representatives and Herrmann to resolve the conflict since September ended in the filing of the official grievance in November. This followed an Oct. 22 message that Herrmann sent to parents, communicating her expectation that all teachers use Schoology and, one week lat-

er, a staff meeting during which she “issued another directive,” the union message reads.

Herrmann said her goal was to foster increased communication between students, teachers and parents about students' workloads and have Schoology be the central place where all that information can be found, but some teachers objected to the burden that this would place on them.

“This action had two consequences,” the union said of Herrmann's message to parents. “(1) It publicly made teachers look bad if they didn't use Schoology and 2) it made public an issue that was being actively negotiated by PAEA and the district during ongoing bargaining talks. In characterizing the issue the way she did, Herrmann violated accepted bargaining practice. As a district representative, her actions influenced a sensitive bargaining issue and caused our talks to stall.”

The union's executive board decided to file the grievance after the Oct. 29 staff meeting and was under a 10-day timeline mandated by the teachers contract to do so, according to Baldwin.

Tuesday's message also addresses what it describes as an “unfair portrayal” in a recent Palo Alto Weekly article that revealed the grievance, for which the Weekly had to file a Public Records Act request.

Baldwin told the Weekly Wednesday that she thought the title of the article, “Union rebukes Gunn principal over homework ‘directive,’” was unfair because the grievance “was never about homework.”

The union felt compelled to write to its members this week — its first official communication with teachers on the grievance — to dispel any misperceptions about why or how the grievance was filed, Baldwin said. ■

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News Digest

Gunn moves closer to new bell schedule

A group of students, parents, teachers and administrators gathered in Gunn High School's Titan Gym Monday night to discuss what Gunn's bell schedule could look like in the next year or so.

Gunn's Creative Scheduling Committee, made up of seven students, five parents and 11 staff members, is in the midst of an accelerated timeline that could bring a new schedule to the school by January 2016, Principal Denise Herrmann has said.

Under a block schedule, classes meet for longer periods, up to 75 to 90 minutes, which allows for more varied instruction, project-based learning and time for students to delve deeper into subjects. Fewer classes are scheduled per day.

Gunn currently operates on a modified block schedule, with five or six classes meeting in 58-minute periods each day, broken up by a 12-minute brunch and 39-minute lunch. Tutorial, an optional open period during which, ideally, students will seek extra help from teachers, is offered once a week.

Denise Pope, co-founder of education and youth well-being research group Challenge Success, explained the benefits behind moving to a more relaxed, flexible block schedule. Those include higher standardized test scores, improved mental health, better attendance, less cheating, increases in motivation and engagement, closer student-teacher connection and lighter homework loads.

Bell schedule committee members said Monday night that Gunn's start time will likely stay the same, around 8:30 a.m., but there could be one or two days a week when the day starts even later.

The scheduling committee aims to present recommendations to the school board on May 12. ■

— *Elena Kadvanly*

Gunn students slam leaders on zero period

A large group of impassioned Gunn High School students turned out to Tuesday's board meeting to deliver a fierce condemnation of Superintendent Max McGee's recent decision to ban academic classes during zero period.

One after another, almost 20 students — interspersed with several Gunn teachers — stepped to the podium to address the very school leaders they said they feel disenfranchised by.

Some students currently enrolled in zero period explained how the optional early morning class has helped to reduce their stress by giving them more flexibility in their schedules and has increased the amount of sleep they get. Several other students presented results from surveys they've conducted over the last few weeks that indicate strong student support for keeping zero period.

Students and teachers demanded that the decision be reversed, which McGee later said he will not do. Many students offered alternatives that they see as more effective ways to reduce academic stress at Gunn, including working to prevent test and project stacking, which consistently turns up in student surveys as a top stressor. All students expressed a deep concern that their voices have not been genuinely heard on issues that directly affect their lives.

The board and McGee decided that an informational report on zero period will be folded into the meeting at which Gunn's Creative Scheduling Committee makes its recommendations, which is slated for May 12. ■

— *Elena Kadvanly*

County in race to save Buena Vista

Acknowledging the long odds and the short window of opportunity, Santa Clara County officials on Tuesday reaffirmed their commitment to avert the likely closure of Buena Vista Mobile Home Park.

By a unanimous vote, the county Board of Supervisors authorized staff to conduct a competitive process for identifying a partner who would help preserve the mobile-home park as a "permanent source of affordable housing." The partner is expected to be a nonprofit that would join the county and City of Palo Alto in acquiring the 4.6-acre site from the Jisser family and that would then be responsible for maintaining Buena Vista.

Before the vote, the board acknowledged that time is of the essence. The Jissers' two-year quest to close Buena Vista moved forward last week, when the City Council tentatively approved the closure application while mandating new home appraisals that take into account the park's safety and the value of having Buena Vista's children attend Palo Alto schools. The council is set to formalize its approval of the closure application on May 26.

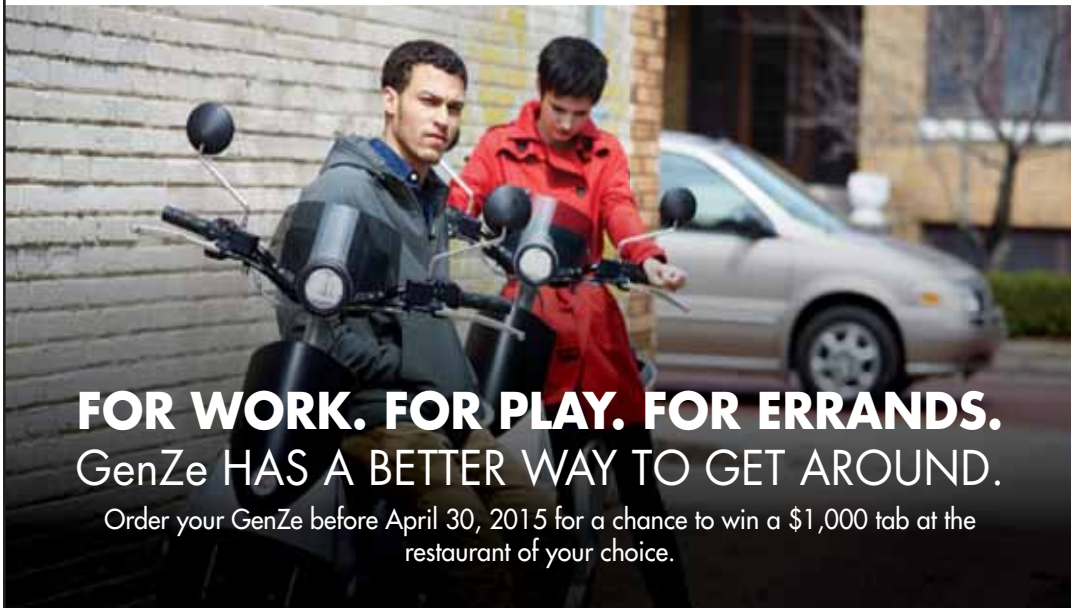
Even so, hope remains for preserving the low-income and mostly Hispanic community, which is home to about 400 residents, including about 125 children.

The county has already allocated \$8 million toward Buena Vista's preservation, and Palo Alto City Manager James Keene followed suit by earmarking another \$8 million for the cause, pending council approval. The county also has an additional \$3.3 million in affordable-housing funds available through its general-use permit agreement with Stanford University. ■

— *Gennady Sheyner*

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Measure A

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“I am a parent who has long volunteered for and valued our schools,” one person wrote on Town Square on April 18. “Right now, we do not need the money as much as we very, very much need to send a message to the district office that they cannot ignore.”

Another poster wrote on April 10: “This district has a habit of promising and not delivering when it comes to mental health, counseling, and student assistance programs. Even after several emotionally tragic years, the talk has been ongoing with little real change. I think they need to first spend a bit of capital (personal and financial) to insure they will move forward with their proposals and then ask for more support.”

Chancellor and Woodham are urging the community to separate any anger and fear stemming from several student suicides this year from the district’s financial needs, which they say are great even in an improved economic climate. Enrollment increases — the district has grown by 1,100 new students over the last six years and is projected to increase by another 700 over the next five years — coupled with decreased state and federal funding and \$1.86 million from the Cubberley Community Center lease that is being diverted to infrastructure repairs make the parcel-tax funding even more critical, supporters say.

Supporters also frequently point to the fact that Palo Alto’s per-student funding has failed to keep up with inflation and with other affluent school districts outside of the state. Though total revenue is up 20 percent since 2008, funding per student has only increased by 10 percent, according to district figures.

As federal and state funding decreases and stays flat, the district has continued to lean on local sources of funding, primarily property-tax revenues, the existing parcel tax, Partners in Education (PIE) fundraising and money from the district’s leases.

Some voters, however, are not convinced that the district is in the same dire financial state as it was when past tax measures came to them.

“The plea that it’s critical is just

absurd on the face of it,” The said. “The parcel tax was invented as an emergency, temporary measure with a sunset clause to account for the Great Recession. I believe that recession is over.”

A survey conducted for the board in December showed sufficient support to obtain two-thirds voter approval of the new, increased tax rate, but it also revealed a significant drop in the perception of the district’s financial need from similar surveys taken over the last decade. Only 14 percent of survey respondents said they felt the district had a “great” need for more money.

“We’re so used to — every time there’s an increase, it’s to fill this hole, just to stay at status quo,” Chancellor said. “Those people who were looking for that reason, they weren’t going to find it because we’re not in a hole. But we’re also not flush with \$13 extra million without this tax.”

Voters have also expressed concern that the district has historically provided a conservative view of school finances by underestimating its property-tax projections, unnecessarily projecting dire fiscal scenarios that haven’t materialized. But the district’s chief budget officer for the first time this year provided two scenarios for district revenue and expenditures over the next five years: 3 percent growth for all five years and 5.24 percent to 5.46 percent for each year, with the latter being the rate the City of Palo Alto uses in its projections.

Property taxes make up the majority of district revenue — at this point in 2014-15, it accounts for 71.5 percent of revenue, Chief Budget Officer Cathy Mak told the board in February. Mak has typically used a more conservative 2 percent property-tax increase as her base, though the actual percentage of revenues often turns out to be higher.

Palo Alto Online blogger and government watcher Douglas Moran analyzed the Measure A campaign in an April 17 post.

“The advocates for the parcel tax have done too little regarding the justifications, but the opponents of the tax have provided a variety of small criticisms, but nothing — either individually or cumulatively — rising to the level of arguing against the need for the tax,” he wrote. “I have come



Veronica Weber

VIDEO: Magical Bridge Playground

Children rush down the many slides at the Magical Bridge Playground, which opened in Palo Alto’s Mitchell Park on April 18. The playground is one of the few in the country that serves both children and adults with special needs and disabilities and is fully wheelchair accessible. A video of grand opening by Weekly Photographer/Videographer Veronica Weber is posted at PaloAltoOnline.com.

to see this election as another instance of bad governance in the school district. Given recent history, one of the key messages of the conduct of this election should have been, ‘This is why we are deserving of your trust,’ rather than ‘You need to trust us.’”

School board President Melissa Baten Caswell said Wednesday that voting down Measure A would have the adverse effect of taking away time and resources from the very issues voters want the board to focus on.

“If we have 7 percent of our budget disappear, our ability to focus on the things that people are calling out as important is going to go down, and that’s going to hurt the kids in school,” she said.

Some voters have also been concerned about the timing of the early renewal and the \$300,000 cost of mounting a special election, but every tax has been brought to voters one year in advance of its expiration, Chancellor said. The earlier election provides the district with ample time to plan and budget for the next school year. However, if Measure A fails to win approval, another attempt is expected prior to the expiration of the current parcel tax, similar to the parcel-tax election that ran in 2005.

The district has a long list of new priorities this year that the tax would support. High on that list are expected recommendations from the superintendent’s minority achievement and talent development committee, which for months has been developing

both short- and long-term strategies to address the district’s achievement gap.

“You can feel that we are trying to address not the low-hanging fruit but some of the high-hanging fruit,” Woodham said of the committee’s recommendations, expected this spring. “It’s been hanging there for many, many years, and we just cannot create the disruption and distraction of having to re-run a parcel-tax measure and again, put these kids on hold for another year. It’s just too distracting, and the costs are really too high.”

At the elementary level, parcel-tax funding would help pay for additional literacy support from pre-kindergarten through second grade, with the goal of catching struggling students much earlier on in their academic careers.

Parcel-tax dollars would also help to expand the district’s summer-school options as well as provide additional nursing staff (there is currently one district nurse who serves the entire system) and family and student counseling at the elementary and secondary levels.

Palo Alto’s high school students would see crowding in some electives eased and more programming to support student mental health and wellness. Chancellor and Woodham said the high schools are engaged in ongoing work with Challenge Success, a Stanford University research organization focused on student wellness, to shape some of that programming.

As with past parcel taxes, Mea-

sure A proposes that an independent Community Oversight Committee monitor the expenditures, among other accountability methods.

At Tuesday’s board meeting, two members expressed trepidation at approving \$2.3 million in resource allocations for the 2015-16 school year before the election. Even though those allocations are supported by the district’s general fund and not the parcel tax, member Terry Godfrey said the outcome of the election could force a shift in financial priorities.

“We have things that are in the works that we’re hoping the parcel tax will fund,” Godfrey said. “If the parcel tax doesn’t pass, we may still want to do those things, and if we’ve committed all of our dollars, we’re in a bad place.”

(The board ultimately approved the funding allocations, which will mostly pay for staffing increases and administrative support, in a 3-2 vote, with Godfrey and member Ken Dauber dissenting.)

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters mailed ballots earlier this month to the 42,084 registered voters in the school district. The election takes place on May 5, but as an all-mail ballot election, there will be no polling places on Election Day. Ballots returned by mail must be post-marked on or before Election Day and must be received by Friday, May 8 (three days after the election). Ballots that are returned in-person must be received by 8 p.m. on May 5, and can be dropped off at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

Voter turnout is typically low in mail elections — between 35 to 45 percent, according to the registrar.

As of Friday, April 17, 7,829 ballots had been returned — 37 percent of the total registered voters — according to the “Yes on A” campaign chairs.

More information is available from the Registrar of Voters’ Office at 1-408-299-VOTE (8683); toll-free at 1-866-430-VOTE (8683) or sccvote.org. ■



Veronica Weber

A Measure A supporter has placed a campaign sign outside a home on April 22.

Palo Alto parcel-tax timeline

June 2001: First parcel tax at \$293 rate passes with 75 percent support. Tax is set to last for five years and is fixed with no annual escalator.

November 2004: Attempt to renew early and increase tax to \$521 fails to pass.

June 2005: Six-year flat-rate tax of \$493 per parcel passes with 73 percent support.

May 2010: Six-year \$589 tax with a 2 percent per year automatic escalator passes with 79 percent support. This was the first mail-in special election in Palo Alto.

Sofia

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practices of whole-student education to current and future educators.

Fragar said there will likely be more new programs in the future. Current degrees that have low enrollment, such as women's spirituality and spiritual guidance, might be discarded, he said.

"We have a lot to give the world, and we need to build the school into an institution that has the authority and the size that can do that," Frager said. "What Liz has

done is really continued the movement into the real world, which is, I think, terribly important."

Chima, one of the main student organizers during the fallout over King's tenure, recently returned to teach in the school's clinical psychology department. He said he's optimistic about the new leadership.

For those who still have lingering doubts, he said, "My one message to them is, every one of us who fought really hard for the soul of Sofia needs to re-engage and see for themselves that there is something worthy to get behind again." ■

PUBLIC SAFETY

Pedestrian killed in collision with bike

Page Mill Road accident takes the life of Los Altos Hills resident

by Sue Dremann

A woman who was struck and killed by a bicyclist on Page Mill Road on Monday morning has been identified by the Santa Clara County Coroner as Kathryn Green, 61, of Los Altos Hills. An official cause of death has not yet been determined.

Patrol officer Art Montiel. The male cyclist was riding eastbound at about 25 mph around a blind curve when he struck Green. There was no nearby crosswalk.

Police and emergency personnel responded to the scene at 11:02 a.m., Montiel said. Green was transported to Stanford Hospital, where she died.

The bicyclist sustained minor injuries, mainly scrapes and cuts, and was transported home by one

of the responding officers. He has not been charged in the incident, Montiel said.

Police closed Page Mill between Altamont Circle and Moody Road in the area near Foothills Park for about one hour, Montiel said. ■

More information on this story will be posted as it becomes available on PaloAltoOnline.com.

Animal shelter

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fiscal year. The impending retirement of the shelter's supervisor creates another hurdle.

Then there are the facility's conditions. The audit notes that existing Palo Alto Animal Shelter facilities "are outdated and inadequate to meet modern animal-care standards, and the city has not successfully completed projects to refurbish and renew the shelter over the years."

Its condition has made it difficult for the city to find a new partner city that would contribute new revenues.

Senior Performance Auditor Houman Boussina highlighted the facilities' problems: general lack of space, cramped kennels that in some cases have sharp edges, porous flooring and a lack of a separate receiving-and-intake room. At times, small animals are sheltered in staff's lunch room, which presents a health hazard.

"It has outlived its useful life," Boussina said.

The audit offered a series of recommendations with which Keene and the council generally concurred. They include assigning a manager to oversee the animal shelter's transition; conducting a cost-benefit analysis to consider expanded hours for the shelter; engaging nonprofit organizations and other shelters in discussions

of operating the shelter; and assessing the feasibility of obtaining funding through fundraising, public-private partnerships, General Fund subsidies or a bond initiative.

About the recommendation to separate the animal-control service from the shelter, Keene stated in his response to the audit: "This will be done. At this time, the City Manager presumes that bifurcation of the duties will be our future approach, maintaining (animal-control) operations within the city and spinning the shelter off to a nonprofit entity in the longer term. This assumes the shelter will remain in Palo Alto."

The Finance Committee will begin considering on May 6 specific budget proposals for keeping the animal shelter afloat and for planning its future. This includes budgeting an additional \$200,000 to \$300,000 for transition costs, which would include hiring additional staff or a consultant with experience in managing shelters, Keene said Tuesday.

The committee concurred that the animal operation is not sustainable in its current state. Councilman Eric Filseth noted that at least another \$2 million will be "flushing down the hole" before any major change is made and asked if the transition period could be shortened.

Though the audit won praise from the committee and members of the public who attended Tuesday's meeting, local resident Barry Hayes took issue with any sugges-

tion that the city can't operate an improved shelter. He encouraged council members not to view the service strictly in economic terms.

"I don't expect you to say fixing potholes is 'flushing money down the hole.' I don't think it should be expected to be the profit center," Hayes said.

Keene agreed that it's not just about the money, but noted the city would not find these types of losses acceptable in other municipal operations, whether utilities or senior services.


"I don't mean to say it's just about money," Keene said. "Hearing from folks and the different perspectives, it's very clear that the facility and the operational standards we expect in our city are not being met in our current operation."

The most likely prospect for a partnership is with the Palo Alto Humane Society, which is proposing to aid in the expansion of the shelter's services and educational programs.

Carole Hyde, executive director of the Humane Society, presented to the committee her vision of the local shelter as a modern community center with vibrant programs, enhanced outreach, social activities, foster programs and school field trips.

Said Keene, "More than anything, folks and staff see this as ... really improving and enhancing the service here in the city, and it's an opportunity." ■

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Neighborhoods

A roundup of neighborhood news edited by Sue Dremann

Around the block

SOLAR DISCOUNTS ... The City of Palo Alto is partnering to launch a discounted-purchase program for homeowners wanting to install solar systems. The **Peninsula SunShares** program pools the buying power of individual homeowners, who could get up to 15 percent off the market rate. Homeowners must sign a contract with one of the selected installers by July 31. Information is available online at mygroupenergy.com/peninsula. **Palo Alto Utilities** is offering a **free workshop** to answer questions about going solar on Saturday, April 25, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road. Preregistration online is at tinyurl.com/n7mxzjt.

NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY ... Palo Alto Stanford Heritage (PAST) is holding its annual docent-led **Historic Preservation Tour** in the coming weeks, with tours scheduled for three neighborhoods and more to come. Home styles, architects and architecture, neighborhood history, a cast of characters past and little-known facts are all part of the program. The tours take place at 10 a.m. at various locations. Currently planned tours are as follows: May 9 and June 14, Professorville; May 16, College Terrace; June 20, Crescent Park. The tours are free. More information and registration are available at pastheritage.org.

RENTING OUT A ROOM? ... The Palo Alto Mediation Program and Project Sentinel are offering free **landlord workshops** for people who are renting out a room, duplex or their home. The workshop covers tenant-landlord responsibilities; beginning, maintaining and ending a tenancy; fair housing obligations; and local ordinances. The events will take place April 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and May 8 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Mitchell Park Community Center, Adobe Room, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Seating is limited. Online registration is at housing.org.

VENTURA NEIGHBORS PICNIC ... In an effort to increase understanding between housed and vehicle-dwelling residents in the Ventura neighborhood, nonprofit group **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** will hold a picnic and barbecue at **Boulevard Park** on Sunday, April 26, from noon to 2 p.m. for both groups. Resource materials and counselor consultations will be available. ■

Send announcements of neighborhood events, meetings and news to Sue Dremann, Neighborhoods editor, at sdremann@pawekly.com. Or talk about your neighborhood news on the discussion forum Town Square at PaloAltoOnline.com.



Veronica Weber

Perry, the stuffed donkey, is part of a social-media campaign in which residents explain what they love about Palo Alto.

COMMUNITY

Donkey 'ambassador' to roam Palo Alto

Huggable toy critter to help find places, things residents love

by Sue Dremann

Move over, El Palo Alto, the city is about to get a new icon.

Palo Alto Perry, a 3-foot-high stuffed animal wearing a set of matching saddlebags, is on a sojourn to find out what's lovable in Palo Alto.

Sporting a gray coat, white muzzle and unusually lifelike, gentle eyes, this fuzzy official "Neighborhood Ambassador of Palo Alto" will travel throughout the city for the next two months in search of the most endearing places and things.

The donkey's travels, which are part of a city-sponsored project to identify and celebrate what's great about Palo Alto, will start with the 93rd May Fete Parade in downtown on May 2 at 10 a.m. Mayor Karen Holman will be the first of a string of ambassadors who will host Palo Alto Perry through July 4.

Residents, organizations and employees can become ambassadors too, taking the donkey for "walks" around neighborhoods, offices and schools and gathering good will along the way, said Alison Williams, city recreation events coordinator and Palo Alto Perry Project team member.

Potential ambassadors will need to fill out an online application, where they will describe where they'll take the donkey and why they want to be a diplomat, she said. As Palo Alto Perry and his human ambassadors make the rounds, they'll take photos of the donkey with people and the places where he has been. The pictures will be posted on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

People who encounter the donkey can place notes about what they love in the city into the saddlebags, she said.

Williams and her team members said they hope the Palo Alto Perry Project will help counter some of residents' negative feelings that have cropped up in the city in recent years. The idea sprang from a challenge by Peter Kageyama, author of "For the Love of Cities: The Love Affair Between People and Their Places," during a city-sponsored community workshop in February called For the Love of Palo Alto, she said.

"The last thing in this seminar was for our groups to come up with an unusual Palo Alto 'thing' that could make our city come

together and see the lovable aspects," she said.

Palo Alto's beloved live donkeys, Miner 49er and Pericles (Perry), seemed like the perfect catalysts, Williams added. Since the donkeys, who live in a paddock in Bol Park, often go out for Sunday strolls with their handlers to greet park visitors, a traveling stuffed-toy ambassador in search of warm, fuzzy feelings seemed to fit right in.

As co-winners of the Kageyama challenge (the other is the Arborist's Project, which plans to spread some humor with a joke a day), the Perry Project received a \$500 stipend. Team members used some of the funds to purchase the sturdy donkey from Amazon.

When he arrived, Williams said she could hardly wait to get him out of the shrink wrap.

The donkey is already creating a buzz, Williams said. People stop when they see him, and he has gotten 39 "likes" on Facebook without any publicity.

"Nice horse," a man said and smiled, as Perry made his way down the stairs at King Plaza outside City Hall.

Palo Alto Perry, in his diplomatic way, gave nary a bray at the misnomer. He has way too much to do.

In preparation for his public outings, he plans to visit key institutions.

"He'll receive a wellness check from doctors at Palo Alto Medical Foundation, and he'll get a license and his vaccinations at Palo Alto Animal Services," Williams said.

The donkey will make his final appearance at the 34th Annual Summer Festival and Chili Cookoff at Mitchell Park on July 4, where festival goers can add the final notes to his saddlebags. Then, sometime in the weeks thereafter, he will present the notes to the Palo Alto City Council, and they, in turn, will grant him a proclamation.

More information about Palo Alto Perry is posted at facebook.com/PaloAltoPerry and on Twitter at @PaloAltoPerry. Anyone who wants to apply to be an ambassador can go to cityofpaloalto.org/paloaltoperry. ■

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BARRON PARK

Chillin' in the 'hood

Barron Park Association Happy Hour brings neighbors together for fun and conversation

by Sue Dremann

The atmosphere in the Cibo Restaurant bar was convivial and relaxed. A small group of Barron Park residents sat at a round, elegantly covered table sipping wine, beer and the occasional cup of tea.

Sunlight infused the room as the residents chatted about issues and the latest family news. Far from the formality of a community meeting, the Barron Park Association Community Meeting Happy Hour on April 21 gave the residents a chance to put their heads together about neighborhood problems and creative ideas and to infuse the conversation with new voices. The happy hour is the latest in a series of ideas meant to build community, association President Markus Fromherz said. "Yes, we have the mailing lists, and we have (the) Nextdoor (website), but there is nothing like discussing new ideas in person," Fromherz said.

And the association is even buying everyone their first drink at the new monthly gatherings.

There's no set agenda, but ev-

eryone is invited to discuss topics relevant to the neighborhood, he said.

The early-evening event, which is scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month from 5 to 6 p.m. at Cibo on El Camino Real, has already garnered a few intriguing ideas. An informal January gathering attracted 15 people and birthed the Barron Park Association Meet and Learn. Now neighbors gather to share and teach their special skills, from making fancy desserts, knitting and gardening to preparing homes for sales and senior care, Fromherz said.

At Tuesday's gathering, someone suggested monthly meetings with the police chief.

"In the old days, we used to meet with the police department over breakfast and talk about crimes," Bob Moss recalled.

Someone mentioned a community meeting about bike routes next week at Barron Park Elementary School. Ann Knopf, who attended with her husband, Peter, said she doesn't want Barron Park streets painted green, the newest method



Barron Park residents Ann Knopf, left, Peter Knopf, Bob Moss, Gwen Luce, Peter K. Mueller, Markus Fromherz and Linnie Melena talk about neighborhood issues over drinks at Cibo restaurant during a monthly happy hour organized by the neighborhood's association on April 22.

for demarcating bike lanes.

The conversation then turned to an old neighborhood standby.

"I hate Arastradero Road," Knopf said.

"I like Arastradero," Linnie Melena said.

"What is it you like about it?" Knopf asked.

"The wider bike lanes," Melena said.

The atmosphere — and perhaps the mellowing effect of the wine — seemed to create an air of civility often missing at Palo Alto's public meetings over such hot-button issues. But if anything, happy hour is meant as a time

when people can hear and understand each other's points of view in a way they don't at a formally facilitated meeting — or through social media.

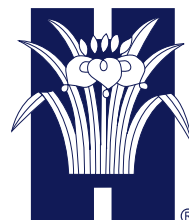
"It's better talking face-to-face because emails can get acrimonious," Melena said.

The discussion turned to saving Buena Vista Mobile Home Park; the benefits of the senior lunch group; the dearth of free Palo Alto Shuttle stops serving the neighborhood; and, finally, the Grand Boulevard plans along El Camino, which could change the entire character of Barron Park by bringing high-density develop-

ment, Moss said. Look no farther than the city to the south.

"Mountain View is a garbage pail," he said, advising the residents where they could view the boulevard plan.

As the hour ripened, the residents turned to homier conversations — the kind that link neighbors as human family: questions about the welfare of friends and neighbors not seen for a while and excited discussions of family and vacation plans. Everyone listened attentively to Fromherz's planned hiking trip in the Spanish Pyrenees. Then, slowly and cheerfully, they went home. ■



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NEIGHBORHOODS

Palo Alto explores new partnership with neighborhoods

Council committee to consider new grant, ombudsman programs

by Gennady Sheyner

Seeking to strengthen the ties that bind City Hall to the city's 37 neighborhoods, the Palo Alto City Council on Monday agreed to explore a slew of new initiatives, including free use of public facilities by neighborhood associations, more information sharing and a new ombudsman program that would follow up on pressing neighborhood issues.

The proposals were introduced earlier this year in a colleagues memo from Mayor Karen Holman, Vice Mayor Greg Schmid and Councilmen Pat Burt and Cory Wolbach. On Monday night, the council voted unanimously to have its Policy and Services Committee vet the ideas further.

The memo cites the city's expanding social-media efforts and its recent strides to make more information available to the public, which includes construction updates from the Development Services Department and the Open Data Portal that allows residents to obtain information online on such topics as the city's budget and recreational services. The new program's purpose is to follow in the footsteps of these efforts by adding more face-to-face contact, the memo states.

Some of the ideas are fairly straightforward: recognizing neighborhood associations on the city's website with links to each neighborhood and association website, asking each neighborhood association to identify a "communication officer" to be an information liaison to the city.

Others will require more analysis. The new ombudsman program would not only look into specific neighborhood issues but also "facilitate conflict resolution when needed," the memo states. The program may need to be considered in the budget cycle, the memo adds.

The council committee will also explore a proposal to allow neighborhood associations free use of public facilities for their meetings. Another idea: using one-time grants for neighborhood associations' participation in the United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County's annual conference.

The city already has a neighborhood-grants program called "Know Your Neighbors," an initiative that was unveiled in 2013 under then-Mayor Yiaway Yeh. The memo notes that the funds from these grants often don't go far enough in facilitating neighborhood activities.

"While this program has

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been very popular, frequent comments about the program include that the grant money is spent on permits for use of public facilities or street closure permits for block parties, leaving little funding for the event itself," the memo states. "The proposed programs below would be the City's first comprehensive neighborhood-engagement initiative."

The one proposal in the memo that won't require new grants, positions or technological upgrades is to hold annual town hall-style meetings with council representatives and city staff in various regions of Palo Alto.

"The meetings shall encourage both individual and neighborhood association participation," the memo states.

While the council has yet to fully delve into the issues, several residents have already stepped forward to endorse the memo's proposals. Annette Glanckopf, co-founder of the umbrella group Palo Alto Neighborhoods, strongly supported the new initiatives, particularly the move to make public space available for neighborhood meetings.

"Some of us have been fortunate to have the support of local churches or schools for meeting space; although sometimes with a charge," Glanckopf wrote in a letter to the council. "Most neighborhoods do not have bank accounts. Paying for space reduces any monies raised to directly support neighborhood activities."

Glanckopf was more skeptical about the county's United Neighborhoods conference, which she said focuses on San Jose activities, and the ombudsman program. Such a program, she said, should be done in conjunction with Palo Alto Neighborhoods (PAN), a coalition of various neighborhood associations, or through PAN's executive committee.

"I would not support any new city paid staff for an ombudsman program," she wrote.

Fred Balin, a College Terrace resident and long-time government watchdog, asked the council to clarify that the ombudsman's role would be to help residents "navigate" government resources and move to a "next-best resource in their quest for

further information or clarification about a matter."

The ombudsman should not, however, be a single point of contact through which neighborhoods must funnel issues, he added. Residents should still feel free to pick up the phone or email other city officials to obtain information or resolve issues, he argued.

"It needs to be made clear to the public that the colleagues memo does not imply in any way a reduction in who can contact and interact with staff," Balin said.

Doria Summa, also a College Terrace resident, had broader praise for the proposal and its aims.

"I believe the goal of increasing neighborhood participation and interaction between city government and neighborhoods is a laudable goal, and the specific recommendations in the memo represent a step forward in reaching that goal," Summa said. ■

CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council (April 20)

Climate change: The council heard an annual report on the city's environmental initiatives and the status of the Sustainability/Climate Action Plan. **Action:** None
Green building: The council modified the city's Green Building code to include an "energy reach goal" and to require new projects to accommodate future installations of solar panels and laundry-to-landscape irrigation systems. **Yes:** Unanimous

Board of Education (April 21)

Permanent status: The board granted permanent status to select probationary certificated staff members for the start of the new school year. **Yes:** Unanimous
Resource allocations: The board approved a series of resource allocations for the 2015-16 school year. **Yes:** Baten Caswell, Emberling, Townsend
No: Dauber, Godfrey
Paly library: The board approved the schematic design and a budget adjustment for Palo Alto High School's library project. **Yes:** Unanimous
Calendar revision: The board approved a revision for the 2015-16 calendar, changing March 20 from a local holiday to a regular instructional day. **Yes:** Unanimous
Strong Schools Bond transfer: The board authorized budget transfers for Strong Schools Bond projects. **Yes:** Unanimous
Lease extensions: The board approved one-year leases for the district's Garland Elementary School and 525 San Antonio Road sites. **Yes:** Unanimous

Council Finance Committee (April 22)

Animals: The committee discussed and recommended that the council adopt a recent audit by the City Auditor's Office of Palo Alto Animal Services. **Yes:** Filseth, Scharff, Schmid **Absent:** Kniss
Finances: The committee recommended that the council approve the financial plans for the city's gas and electric utilities. **Yes:** Filseth, Scharff, Schmid **Absent:** Kniss

Historic Resources Board (April 23)

757 College Ave.: The board voted to reject a proposal to remove the existing designation of the subject property as a Category 3 Historic Site/Structure. **No:** Unanimous



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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
of the City of Palo Alto
Architectural Review Board (ARB)**

8:30 A.M., Thursday, May 7, 2015, Palo Alto Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Civic Center, 250 Hamilton Avenue. Plans may be reviewed at the Development Center at 285 Hamilton Avenue or online at: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/planningprojects>; contact Diana Tamale for additional information during business hours at 650.329.2144.

4261 El Camino Real [14PLN-00508]: Site and Design Review and Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a bicycle/pedestrian path on a public access easement on the pan-handle parcel at the rear of Dinah's Hotel property to provide access from Wilkie Way to Summer Hill homes neighborhood. The project includes various landscaping treatments and decorative elements with outdoor seating areas and lighting for both pedestrian and bicycle use. Zone District: Service Commercial with Landscape and Site and Design Combining Districts (CS[L][D]). Environmental Assessment: Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15303 and 15304 (New Construction of Small Structures and Minor Alterations to Land).

**Amy French
Chief Planning Official**

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Upfront

Testing

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the Common Core values of critical thinking, analytical writing and more authentic assessments meant to engage students in real-world applications of what they learn in the classroom. The test is also adaptive, meaning the software adjusts the difficulty of questions as a student moves through so that his or her results can better illustrate what skills he or she has mastered or needs to improve on.

Smarter Balanced's ultimate goal is to assess whether students are on track to pursue college or a career by the time they graduate from high school, which will likely mean radically different and more comprehensive measurements than the STAR test's "advanced," "proficient," "basic" and "far below/below basic."

A frequently-asked-questions page on the California Department of Education website warns, "based on trial runs of the new assessments in California and other states, many if not most students will need to make significant progress to reach the standards set for math and literacy that accompany college and career readiness." The page also notes that when the STAR exam began in 2002, the tests also set a new baseline for achievement, and student results quickly improved over time.

Janine Penney, manager of re-



Hannah Lee, left, introduces herself to table mates Damaris Lopez (in pink), Gisselle Alarcon (yellow), Grace Liu, and fellow sixth-graders at Terman Middle School during the first day of school on Aug. 15, 2013.

search, evaluation and assessment for the Palo Alto school district, cautioned parents and staff about making any comparisons with past standardized measurements when the district receives the Smarter Balanced results, which the state says will be no more than four weeks after a school completes its testing. (Results will be reported to the public by the state in August or later. Detailed individual reports will be mailed to families in late summer/early fall.)

"We're not talking apples to oranges. We're not talking about fruit. It's apples to toothpicks. They're completely different measurements," Penney said.

They're also completely different tests, and much more aligned with the way Palo Alto teachers say they have long viewed class-

room instruction.

The test has three components: a classroom activity that is meant to be completed several days before the test to prepare students generally; the computer-adaptive test; and a "performance task," which Smarter Balanced describes as "collections of questions and activities that are coherently connected to a single theme or scenario ... meant to measure capacities such as depth of understanding, writing and research skills, and complex analysis, which cannot be adequately assessed with traditional assessment questions."

Last year's pilot English-language arts exam for Palo Alto juniors, for example, asked students to write a persuasive essay in support of their response to the question, "Should art be publicly funded?" Students were

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provided source materials, including magazine editorials and historical documents. Palo Alto High School English teacher Erin Angell said this kind of interdisciplinary assessment is a marked change from the content-driven, more static standardized tests of the past.

"I think the primary shift (in Smarter Balanced) was about cross-integration of different reading materials and that the reading task would be a comprehensive discussion of those different texts whereas previously, like with the STAR and the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam), it would be, 'look at this piece of literature,' or 'look at this nonfiction text, and write about it in isolation,'" she said.

"For me, as a history teacher, there's been a little bit of liberation because instead of being so focused on content specifics, we're now focused on analysis and what you can derive from the documents," echoed Paly history teacher Eric Bloom.

Smarter Balanced also provides optional interim assessments that are similarly structured so teachers have ways to measure student growth outside of the annual testing window.

While many school principals said their staff and students felt largely prepared to take the new test content-wise, the focus in the weeks leading up to the test was on getting all involved accustomed to the technology. Staff meetings at some schools were turned over to trainings, and many students across the district took practice tests to familiarize themselves with how to log on to the secure browser and how to navigate the test once they were on. The test also includes supports for English-language learners and students with special needs. Strategies emerged on handling issues that wouldn't come

up with a paper-and-pencil test, like what to do if a student doesn't know the answer to a question but wants to come back to it.

"In the past we used to tell students, 'If a question is hard, just put a little mark by it and come back to it later,'" said Lisa Hickey, principal of Juana Briones Elementary School. "That doesn't work at all. You have to answer the questions before you can move on. ... For most of (the students) it's going great and it's fine but there are a couple where if they get frustrated on one they can't really move on to the next one. That's been a challenge for us."

Hickey said the pilot test last year sparked conversations at Juana Briones about when to begin teaching typing (the school currently offers some formalized teaching instruction at the beginning of third grade).

Kolar said the district will be doing its part this summer to prepare its data systems and make sure that whatever comes back, "that data is going to be usable for both principals and teachers this fall."

Palo Alto parent Gina Dalma, senior program officer at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation and also director of grantmaking for the Silicon Valley Common Core Initiative, said the real rubber will meet the road at this point.

"The tests will be hard, but what you do with the results will be harder," she wrote in an email. "Principals will have a challenge communicating to their teachers the changes needed to succeed under these new tests. If the info is swept under the rug and we fail to understand that these results will only be a baseline but they give us worthwhile info — we will waste a huge opportunity for deeper learning." ■

Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to meet in a closed session to discuss potential litigation relating to the CPI amortization study. The council will then hear a presentation on City Manager James Keene's proposed budget and discuss the next steps on the city's update of the Comprehensive Plan. The closed session will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 27. Regular meeting will follow in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to discuss the Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation Facilities Master Plan, consider adding batting cages at the Baylands Athletic Center and hear an update on the drought response from the Parks, Open Space and Golf division. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, at the Downtown Library, 270 Forest Ave.

COUNCIL POLICY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to approve the city auditor's quarterly report and consider a proposed ordinance to adopt a local minimum-wage ordinance. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to hold a public hearing on proposed roadway improvements at Charleston-Arastradero Corridor; consider approving the Final Environmental Impact Report for 2555 Park Blvd., a proposal to demolish an existing 10,800-square-foot, two-story midcentury-modern office building and to construct a new 24,466-square-foot, three-story office building; and consider revising a section in the city's Municipal Code relating to siting and permitting of wireless communication facilities. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

Gohar Dashti (Iran, b. 1980). Untitled #5 from the series 'Today's Life and War' (detail), 2008. Pigment print. Courtesy of the artist, Abla Bina, and Robert Klein Gallery, Boston. © Gohar Dashti



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Notice of Availability of an EIR for the Palo Alto Recycled Water Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared by the City of Palo Alto (City) in connection with this project. A copy of the report is available for public review and comment at the City of Palo Alto offices at 250 Hamilton Avenue, 5th Floor in Palo Alto, CA and on-line at http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/util/residents/resources/water_resources/recycled_water.asp. Referenced materials are available for review by appointment. The proposed Project involves the construction and operation of an expanded recycled water system to deliver recycled water produced by the Regional Water Quality Control Plant (RWQCP) to customers in the City. The recycled water system would consist of buried pipelines and two above-ground pump stations, one at 2700 El Camino Real (near the southeast corner of the Page Mill Road and El Camino Real) and one at the RWQCP (2501 Embarcadero Way). The Project would initially provide approximately 900 acre-feet per year of recycled water.

The proposed Project would not have any significant unavoidable impacts. All direct impacts of the project would be reduced to less than significant with implementation of standard project requirements (proposed as part of the Project) and/or mitigation measures.

The pipeline alignment would pass through a site that is listed on DTSC's Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List – Site Cleanup (Cortese List, 2014), which is compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The Hillview Porter Plume (ESTOR/EPA ID – 43350089) is on the corner of Page Mill Road and Porter Drive, parcel number: 142-18-029.

Two **public meetings** to discuss and receive comments on the Draft EIR have been scheduled by the City, as shown below:

May 19, 2015
Mitchell Park Community Center
(Adobe South)
3700 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto, CA 94303
3 – 5 PM

May 21, 2015
Mitchell Park Community Center
(Adobe South)
3700 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto, CA 94303
6 – 8 PM

Public comments will be accepted from April 20, 2015, to 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2015. Written comments should be addressed to **Karin North, Watershed Protection Manager, City of Palo Alto, 2501 Embarcadero Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303** or provided via email to Karin.North@cityofpaloalto.org. Comments received at the public hearing and in writing will be responded to in a Comments and Responses document. If you have any questions about the environmental review of the proposed project, please call Karin North at 650.329.2104

Hillary Gitelman, Director of Planning and Community Environment

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Palo Alto

April 15-21

Violence related

Domestic violence 1

Theft related

Commercial burglaries 2

Commercial burglary attempt 1

Counterfeiting 1

Credit card fraud 1

Elder abuse/financial 1

Identity theft 11

Petty theft 2

Residential burglaries 3

Scam 1

Shoplifting 2

Vehicle related

Abandoned auto 3

Auto recovery 1

Auto theft 2

Bicycle theft 2

Driving with suspended license 15

Driving without license 7

Hit and run 3

Parking/driving violation 1

Theft from auto 5

Vehicle accident/minor injury 7

Vehicle accident/property damage 5

Vehicle impound 1

Vehicle tow 2

Alcohol or drug related

Drinking in public 2

Driving under influence 1

Drunk in public 6

Open container 2

Possession of drugs 2

Possession of paraphernalia 1

Miscellaneous

Found property 3

Hate crime 1

Info case 1

Lost property 2

Misc. municipal code violation 1

Misc. penal code violation 3

Missing person 1

Outside investigation 1

Possession of stolen property 3

Psychiatric hold 1

Suspicious circumstances 4

Trespassing 1

Vandalism 3

Violation of court order 1

Warrant arrest 6

Warrant/other agency 3

Menlo Park

April 15-21

Violence related

Burglary undefined 2

Check fraud 1

Fraud 2

Grand theft 1

Identity theft 1

Petty theft 2

Vehicle related

Abandoned auto 1

Auto burglary 1

Auto theft 1

Bicycle theft 1

Driving with suspended license 7

Hit and run 2

Lost/stolen plates 1

Theft from auto 1

Vehicle accident/minor injury 3

Vehicle accident/no injury 4

Vehicle tow 6

Alcohol or drug related

Driving under influence 2

Drunk in public 3

Possession of drugs 5

Possession of paraphernalia 1

Miscellaneous

Coroner case 1

Disturbance 1

Domestic disturbance 1

Found property 4

Info case 5

Juvenile case 1

Lost property 2

Medical aid 1

Outside assistance 1

Property for destruction 1

Psychiatric hold 2

Vandalism 2

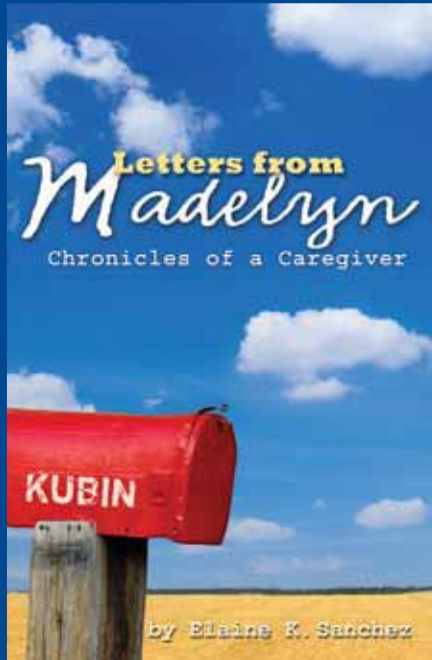
Warrant arrest 3

Warrant/other agency 2

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Transitions

Births, marriages and deaths

Jean Horn

Jean "Jeanie" Lewis Fox Horn, a longtime Palo Alto resident, died unexpectedly on April 11 at Stanford Hospital. She was 82.

She was born on Sept. 9, 1932, in Summit, New Jersey, to John and Helen Fox. In 1942, she moved with her parents and younger sisters to East Hartford, Connecticut, where she went to grammar school. During World War II, the family moved to the Territory of Hawaii so that her father could take a post as president of Punahou School. They arrived in Honolulu on a converted cement freighter, having zigzagged across the Pacific to avoid enemy detection.

She attended Punahou School beginning in 8th grade and graduated in 1949 as class valedictorian. At age 16, she began studying at Stanford University, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics. While there, she was a Stanford Dolly and met Richard "Dick" Horn, a football player whom she married in 1954. Dick continued his studies at Stanford Medical School and became a pediatrician at Menlo Medical Clinic.

The couple lived in Northern California for 60 years, including several years in Ladera. For the last 44 years, they lived in the same adobe brick house in Palo Alto, where they held gatherings with family and friends and hosted many Stanford students and friends for extended stays.

In the area, Jean volunteered at the Children's Health Council, Peninsula Volunteers and Bargain Box. She loved tennis and continued to play multiple times a week nearly up until the end of her life. Her other pastimes included gardening, playing bridge, participating in book groups, sewing, refinishing furniture, visiting friends in Hawaii, and using her Apple



computer and iPhone.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Horn of Palo Alto; her children, John Horn of Menlo Park, Lisa Horn of Rocklin, California, Bruce Horn of Palo Alto and Kristin Alexander of Danville; and her grandchildren, Mia, Cameron, Chloe and Nina. She is also survived by her sisters, Pat Fox of Los Gatos and Mary Bell Blackstone of Santa Rosa, California.

A memorial service will be held on April 24 at 2 p.m. at the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, 950 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. Memorial donations can be made to the Children's Health Council, the Punahou School Class of '49 Reunion Fund and the Stanford Alumni Association.

Jean Jones

Jean Chrisholm Jones, a longtime Palo Alto resident, died on March 18 in her home, surrounded by family. She was 87.

She was born on Aug. 30, 1927, in the Bronx, New York, to Scottish immigrants, from whom she learned the value of a strong work ethic, integrity and personal responsibility. She later headed off to college in Iowa, where she met her future husband Robert Washington. When he graduated, they moved to California and eventually settled in Palo Alto in the



mid-1950s.

Soon after Robert died from cancer at the age of 27, Jean began working again to support her family, serving first at Hiller Aviation and Fairchild Semiconductor. At Hiller she became acquainted with Myrell Jones, and they married in 1959.

Later she worked at Intel Corporation, beginning with its inception in 1968. During her 27-year career there, she made many lifelong relationships and founded the Intel Museum to document the company's history. She retired in 1996 as executive secretary to Intel co-founder Gordon Moore.

In Palo Alto, she volunteered frequently with the South Palo Alto Food Closet and was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed maintaining her yard at home; reading widely, but especially mysteries; and traveling to international destinations including Scotland and China.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Robert Washington, and her second husband, Myrell Jones. She is survived by her children, Charlie Washington of Needles, California; Robert Bryant of Palm Springs, California; Susan Taguinod of Hollister; and Randy Jones of Hollister — as well as her poodle, Bebe.

A memorial service will be held on May 3 at 1 p.m. at the Intel Museum, 2200 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the South Palo Alto Food Closet, 670 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

Marguerite Ladner

Marguerite Rose Ladner passed away January 11, 2015 in Riverside, California. At the time of her death Marguerite was a resident in the Skilled Nursing Facility at Air Force Village West senior community. She had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for ten years.



During her 38 years in Palo Alto Marguerite worked as a secretary for Beckman Instrument Company. After she retired and until she became ill Marguerite was a docent and an active member of Palo Alto Stanford Heritage (PAST).

She is survived by Lyman, her husband of 53 years, and by her sister, Mrs. Lucille Shanley, of Riverside. A private memorial was held with family and close friends in Riverside.

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Palo Alto Unified School District

NOTICE TO SENIOR CITIZENS ABOUT PARCEL TAX EXEMPTION

DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2015

On June 5, 2001, the voters approved Measure D, a special parcel tax assessment of \$293 per parcel for five years. On June 7, 2005, voters approved an increase to \$493 per parcel and extended the tax through the 2010-11 tax year. On May 4, 2010, voters approved an increase to \$589 for six years beginning as of July 1, 2010, with annual two percent escalation adjustments. The funds are used to attract and retain qualified and experienced teachers and school employees, maintain educational programs that enhance student achievement, and reduce the size targeted classes. A parcel is defined as any unit of land in the District that receives a separate tax bill from the Santa Clara County Tax Assessor's Office.

An exemption is available for any senior citizen who **owns and occupies as a principal residence** a parcel, and applies to the District for an exemption. For the 2015-16 tax year, a senior citizen is defined as a person 65 years of age and older by June 30, 2016. Please apply for the exemption by May 31, 2015.

If you were exempt from paying the PAUSD parcel tax for the 2014-15 tax year, you should have received an exemption renewal letter in early March. To renew your exemption for the 2015-16 tax year, please sign and return the letter.

If you have any questions about the parcel tax, the Senior Citizen Exemption, or you did not receive your renewal letter, please call the Business Office at 650-329-3980.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A SENIOR EXEMPTION

- Complete an application at 25 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or call the PAUSD Business Office at 650-329-3980 to have an application mailed you.

If you decide to complete the application in person, you will need to bring:

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Merle O. Evers

May 22, 1920 – April 16, 2015

Merle O. Evers passed away peacefully with his family at his side April 16th.

Born May 22, 1920 in Schleswig, IA, he was a graduate of Iowa State and Stanford Business School. He married Helen Louise Falkenhainer in 1944 and raised three children, Robert, John, and Nancy. After a long and successful career at



Stanford Research Institute, his later years were divided between his lifelong passion for travel and his devotion to family. When Helen passed away in 1995, he found comfort and partnership with Pauline Stephenson for nearly 20 years. He leaves behind 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 10 great children. He was a loving husband, father and companion and will be missed by all who knew him. A memorial service will be held in the pavilion at his home at 101 Alma in Palo Alto on April 29 at 3pm.

PAID OBITUARY

Editorial

Yes on Measure A

Parcel tax deserves support in spite of frustrations with school district governance

It is hard to imagine a worse time for the Palo Alto school district to go to the voters for the renewal and a 20 percent increase of a parcel tax that is currently providing more than \$12 million a year in revenue for district operations out of a \$185-million budget.

For many complex reasons, our school district is in turmoil, emotions are raw and many parents are feeling angry and disenfranchised. The heartbreaking loss of four more teenagers to suicide in the last few months and a continuing parade of avoidable controversies have created an unprecedented level of angst, frustration and soul-searching throughout the school community.

In a case of terrible timing, the school board decided to put Measure A before the voters at what may be the apex of disappointment in their lack of leadership and transparency, in the behavior of the teachers union and in the difficulty in implementing the most basic reforms, such as adherence by teachers to a three-year-old homework policy.

High hopes that a talented new superintendent would be able to turn things around by filling the leadership vacuum, build trust and successfully tackle an accumulation of inherited personnel and other long-festering problems have been dashed by one distraction after another and a school board that can't seem to get beyond its defensiveness and deafness to the community's concerns.

The board is neither leading nor allowing Superintendent Max McGee to lead, and both are spending precious time and political capital by poorly managing distractions like the current zero-period controversy.

Perhaps the expectation that McGee could restore trust and confidence and unite and lead the school board and district in a new direction was unrealistic. Perhaps there just hasn't been enough time for him to adapt to the strong political currents and bring about a needed culture change throughout the organization. Or perhaps the governance dysfunction is destined to continue until new school board members can be elected in next November's school board election.

But for the moment, we have Measure A, a proposal to renew and increase the parcel tax to \$758 with annual 2 percent escalators. Not surprisingly, there is great ambivalence about it in the community.

As we cautioned in January before the board opted to go full-speed ahead with an increase in the parcel tax instead of a more humble request for a simple renewal, Measure A now appears in real jeopardy of being defeated — not because of organized opposition to the tax itself but because too many frustrated parents may choose to use Measure A to send a message of dissatisfaction. With a two-thirds vote requirement, it won't take many to defeat it.

To its credit, the district has done a much better job this time at honestly presenting its financial condition, without threats of the sky falling, in making the case for why we need to continue this additional tax revenue.

In spite of soaring property-tax revenues that will likely exceed even the new, more realistic projections made by the district, we cannot afford not to renew the parcel tax without consequences in the classroom. If Measure A doesn't pass it will return next year at a lower amount for another chance, in time to replace the current tax when it expires in June 2016. It is this re-vote that gives some voters comfort in voting now against Measure A.

But these message-sending voters need to realize the price for a protest vote is the cost of putting on another election and forcing the administration and school board to spend time weighing how to adjust the district's budget for the financial uncertainties.

For better or worse, the revenue from the current parcel tax has become baked into the budget and the district depends on it, primarily to achieve smaller class sizes by employing more teachers. With most of the district's expenses going to personnel, losing this revenue source would force the elimination of teaching positions at a time when enrollment continues to grow.

We sympathize with those who want to use this parcel-tax election to register a protest vote. But this election should be about maintaining the educational opportunities and experiences of our kids, ensuring that class sizes don't grow and implementing additional programs directed at closing the achievement gap and increasing mental health resources, among others.

This newspaper has supported every parcel tax and bond measure to come before the voters in the last 35 years. We believe in the importance of a high quality public education system, in paying our teachers well and in creating the best possible educational opportunities for children of all backgrounds and abilities.

Let us keep our frustrations and criticisms of district leadership separate from the need for this source of funding and vote to approve Measure A.

Spectrum

Editorials, letters and opinions

Regressive, unfair

Editor,

You should vote against Palo Alto's Measure A. The Palo Alto Unified School District has no business spending hundreds of thousands of our dollars to run a special election now.

Special elections make sense in emergencies, like a major earthquake — not when its only purpose is passive-aggressive voter suppression. The current parcel tax won't expire until after the next general election, in 2016. So there's no emergency. But by jumping the gun, the PAUSD is exploiting the low, unrepresentative turnout in special elections, in hopes that its supporters will win something they couldn't in a regular election.

And funding by parcel tax is fundamentally unfair. It's a regressive tax that charges millionaires the same as my neighbor who works for the PAUSD and can only live here courtesy of Palo Alto's Below Market Rate (BMR) program for low-income buyers.

The original justification for this tax was to temporarily compensate for the dip in property taxes caused by the Great Recession.

Now property-tax revenue has been skyrocketing for years. But somehow the emergency, temporary measure has magically transformed into something that should be permanent, regardless of the disproportionate burden it places on the very residents Palo Altans keep wringing their hands about.

Nor is it "for the children." Nothing's earmarked for the kids in the impoverished Ravenswood district next door. The truly needy are on their own.

Lee Thé

San Antonio Road, Palo Alto

Golf trumps drought

Editor,

We hear about the drought every day, so who'd think there'd be a new thirsty golf green being installed?

That's what Stanford is doing now at the corner of Stock Farm and Sand Hill roads. The green will, of course, need and get frequent watering, as well as mowing and maybe fertilizer.

It replaces the community farm/garden and several oak trees, which were both destroyed for the new golf green. I'll bet the golf green requires more water than what it replaced.

Stanford saves water in some ways, like low-flow shower heads, but wastes it in other ways, as on

new lawns. It puts ornamental lawns around established oaks, which has already killed one old oak at Chuck Taylor Grove, from root rot.

Vasili Costas
Johnson Avenue, Pacifica

One-way University

Editor,

As anyone who has tried to navigate University Avenue between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. weekdays knows, it is very slow going. With pedestrian crossings and cars making turns and parking, traffic backs up such that getting across an intersection on one green light at times feels like a miracle.

One apparent solution on weekdays would be to make University Avenue one way going west from, for example, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (with Lytton Avenue one way going east during the same time) and then reversing the one-way directions on these streets from 3 to 7 p.m. I propose these days and times to accommodate peak traffic during predictable commute hours to and from Highway 101. Obviously

the days and times could be flexible, changing on holidays and for major Stanford events. Based on observed traffic pattern data the specific times suggested would be fine-tuned.

Has the Palo Alto Transportation Department ever considered this?

Michael Jacobs
Los Trancos Road,
Portola Valley

A few ideas

Editor,

First of all, be aware of and grateful for the water we have. Imagine that you live in a village with no running water, where you must carry all your water (at 40 pounds per gallon) from a river half a mile away. The creative ideas you come up with could be useful not only during drought times but when the next big earthquake hits.

Specifically, shower less often (maybe twice a week), and take Navy-style showers when you do, saving the warm-up water, of course. When you rinse fruits or

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Guest Opinion

A different solution for Buena Vista families

Keeping families in Palo Alto, if not in the mobile-home park, would honor ordinance's intent

by **LaDoris H. Cordell**

"In recognition of the unique situation and vulnerability of mobile home owners, the State Legislature adopted the Mobilehome Residency Law that requires park owners to provide reasonable relocation assistance as a condition of closing and converting a park." (City of Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 9.76.010)



On May 4, the Palo Alto City Council will vote on whether or not to approve the relocation assistance measures offered to the residents of the Buena Vista Mobile Home Park owned by the Jisser family. These low-income residents, most of whom are Latino, argue that the compensation proposed by the Jissers will not permit them to remain in Palo Alto, thereby preventing their children from continuing their education in the city's schools. The Jissers maintain that the compensation they have offered is fair.

There is merit to both sides in this matter; and there is a solution that can equitably benefit both.

The Jisser family can lawfully sell their property; and they are entitled to make as much money as they can from that sale. Everyone knows that homes in Palo Alto sell for millions of dollars; rental prices for housing in this city are exorbitant; and land is the city's most precious commodity. The land on which their mobile-home park sits is a virtual gold mine. The Jissers will make a fortune, and in

our capitalist system, that's their right.

Everyone also knows that one of the primary reasons for which the property values in Palo Alto are sky high is the stellar education offered by our public schools. I moved to Palo Alto in 1984 so that my two daughters might receive a top-notch public education; they did. The parents who live at the Buena Vista Mobile Home Park want the same for their children.

The city's ordinance requires that mobile-home families forced to relocate be provided "comparable housing." For that ordinance to have any meaning, the extraordinary education provided by Palo Alto schools must be a factor in the comparable housing determination. It is my belief that there is a relocation assistance formula that will fairly address the needs and concerns of both sides in this dispute.

For the Buena Vista families with school-aged children, I propose this approach as a part of the relocation assistance package: Each family with children *currently enrolled* in Palo Alto schools would be provided funding to rent housing *in Palo Alto* until the youngest of those currently enrolled children has graduated from the 12th grade (or is otherwise no longer enrolled in our schools). Deducted from this amount would be the monthly rent the family would have paid to live at Buena Vista over the course of those years of schooling.

So, for example, where a family has three children in our schools, one of whom is in kindergarten, their relocation assistance package would provide funding for housing until the kindergartener completed the 12th grade. For this family, the funding formula

would provide an amount equal to 12 years' (144 months) worth of rent *in Palo Alto housing*, less the rental amount that the family had been paying.

If, say, the monthly rent for housing that family in Palo Alto were \$3,000, then the relocation assistance amount would be \$432,000 (\$3,000 x 144 months), less the amount of rent the family would have paid to live at Buena Vista for 12 years. If this family paid monthly rent of \$1,000 at Buena Vista, their relocation assistance package would amount to \$432,000, less \$144,000 (12 years' of Buena Vista rent), for a total of \$288,000.

Those funds would be deposited in an interest-bearing trust account and disbursed directly to the landlord each month to pay the family's rent. Any remaining balance in the account would be returned to the Jissers.

Alternatively, where a Buena Vista family has only one school-aged child who, for example, is enrolled as a junior in one of our high schools, the relocation-assistance formula would provide housing funding until that child's graduation, a period of just two years.

Clearly, the approach I have outlined needs tweaking, but given the importance of this issue, I encourage all of the parties to take the time to give this proposal serious consideration. The City Council's decision on May 4 should not be heartbreaking, as some council members have characterized it.

In this instance, it is not heartbreaking to do the right thing. ■

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vegetables, save the rinse water. Save the water you use for boiling eggs or steaming veggies. Use the saved water to pre-rinse dishes or flush the toilet (only when it really needs flushing, so to speak). Don't assume you must wash clothes after one wearing — let them get a little dirtier! In general, save and re-use water however you can, whenever you can, so you won't have to carry so much water so often.

These suggestions are for renters, who can't install grey-water systems or replant lawns. Homeowners can do even more.

Julie Spickler
El Camino Real, Menlo Park

No regulation?

Editor,

I read with interest the article "Never a Drop to Waste" on page 12 of last week's Palo Alto Weekly. While many of us are doing everything we can to save water, one gallon at a time, there is a construction site on the 2100 block of Webster Street that is pumping out water through a pipe of at least 4 inches in diameter and dumping it directly into the storm sewer on California Avenue. At the rate of many gallons a minute, there is enough water going to waste to water the thirsty street trees throughout our entire Old Palo Alto neighborhood.

Why does the city permit this waste of such a precious resource?

Joyce Nelsen
Bryant Street, Palo Alto

Streetwise

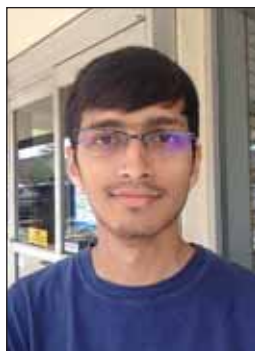
What environmental issue inspires you to action?

Asked on California Avenue. Interviews and photos by Maev Lowe.



Kwesi Weusi-Puryear
Sheridan Avenue, Palo Alto
Financial services

"Water is very precious to us in California. It helps us with our farming, which helps out the country."



Arijit Banerjee
Jenkins Court, Stanford
Student

"I haven't really been in a position to do something that affects the environment a lot, so I bike to work."



Bob Lodenkamper
Albatross Drive, Sunnyvale
Patent agent

"I think climate change is the biggie."



Antonia Madian
Crane Street, Menlo Park
Nonprofit employee

"Probably the drought, just because I can see it really directly affecting California obviously. I'm pretty worried about agriculture."



Will Neveitt
Oak Valley Road, Cupertino
Software engineer

"I wish I could do more about the oceans actually. That seems like an issue that a lot of people are less aware of."

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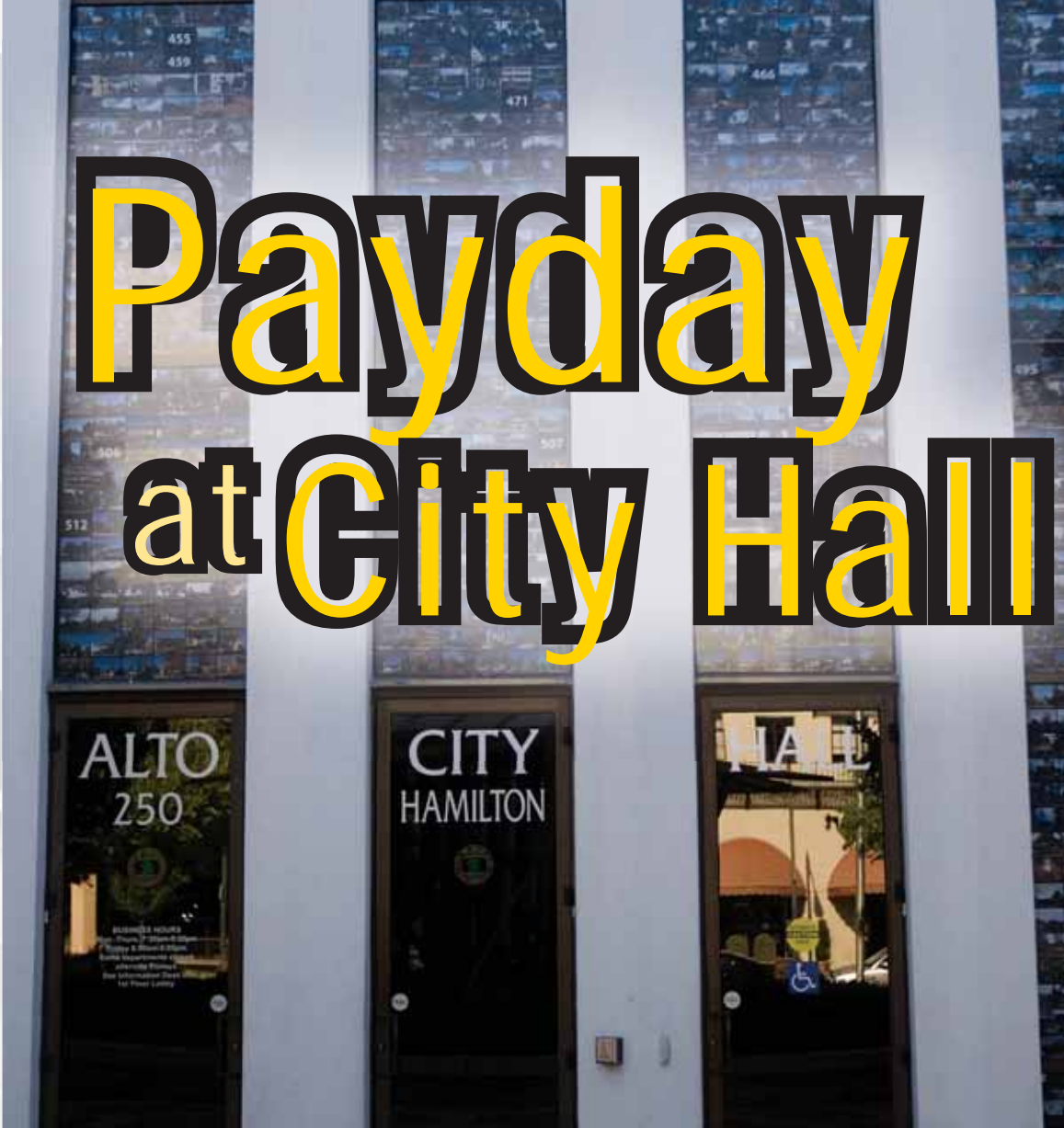
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Payday at City Hall



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What's driving Palo Alto's growing payroll?

by Gennady Sheyner

The signs of success are striking: new libraries, a renovated City Hall, a rebuilt Art Center and a new downtown just a mile and a half south of the old one.

Plans for the future are even more ambitious: an iconic bridge, a golf course with a “Wow!” factor, new parking structures, an expanded children’s zoo and a state-of-the-art police headquarters.

Projects that just five years ago seemed like pipe dreams are now being designed; ribbons are once again getting snapped by smiling dignitaries; and plans for a new waste-to-energy plant and for universal ultra-high-speed Internet are proceeding apace, obscuring the fact that just five years ago Palo Alto was in financial dire straits.

An equally striking economic resurgence has been taking place behind the scenes in City Hall, in the obscure world of budget amendments, reserve funds, salary adjustments and closed-door labor negotiations. After shedding leaves and branches in the years after the Great Recession, when about 60 positions were trimmed from the budget, the organizational tree in the City of Palo Alto is now regenerating with gusto. In the past month, City Manager James Keene hired two assistant city managers — two more than he has had over the past year — and this week the City Council signed off on a proposal to add a new “principal attorney” position to the City Attorney’s office.

Though the city’s budgeted workforce of 1,033 remains slimmer than it was a decade ago,

when the city had 1,093 full-time workers, the rebound is unmistakable. Last June, with very little discussion, the council approved 14 new positions, including 11 in the General Fund, which pays for basic services like police, fire, parks and libraries. The Enterprise Fund, which includes Utilities and

much of Public Works, added three new positions. On Monday night, Keene is preparing to propose a Fiscal Year 2016 budget that will include further staffing increases, the Weekly has learned.

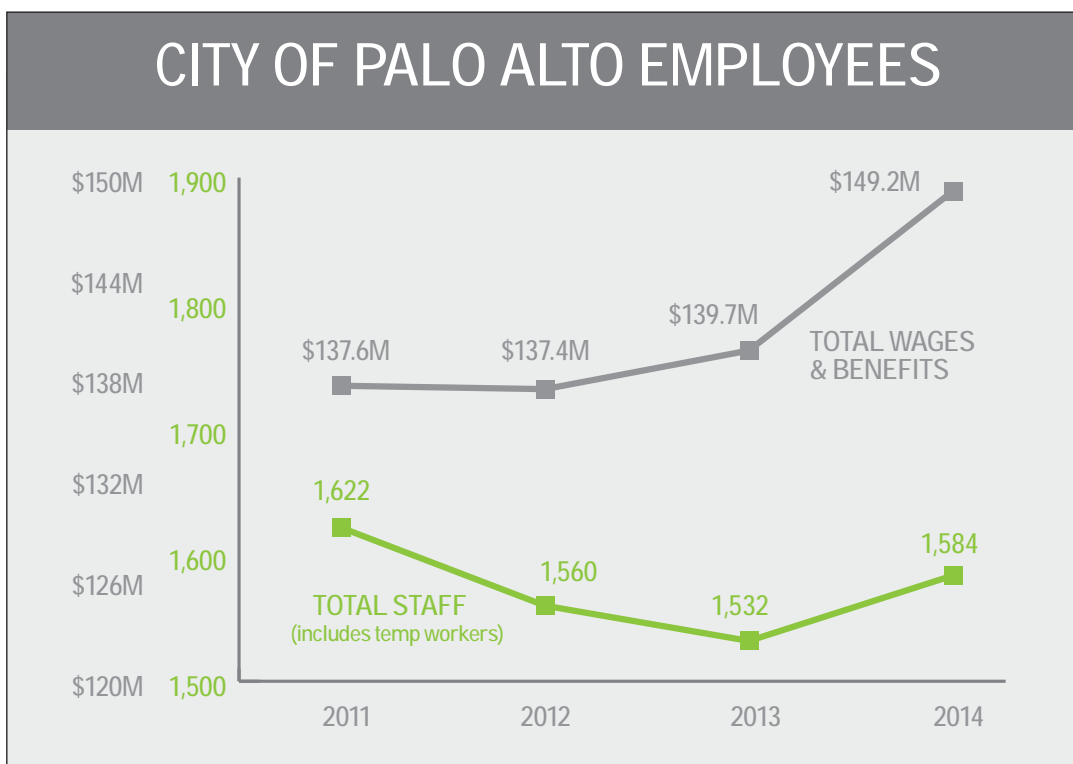
The new positions have contributed to a \$9.8-million spike in employee compensation in 2014, com-

pared to the prior year. According to Administrative Services Department data, there were 25 new positions added to the city’s budget in fiscal years 2013 and 2014. Other positions that had previously been vacant have been filled. Altogether, there were 52 more people on the city’s payroll in 2014 than in 2013.

The additions are responsive to the needs of the city, Keene has said. During the lean years, he used a Swiss cheese metaphor to describe City Hall’s staffing challenges, with each hole representing a key vacancy. This year, he switched to an iceberg metaphor and noted that most city workers operate “below the waterline”: They are ensuring the city is running, whether by keeping streets safe or keeping the lights on. Only about 66 employees are above the water and available to work on the dozens of strategic initiatives, mostly in the realm of traffic, parking and land use.

Keene began filling the cheese holes last year, when he proposed new positions, including a senior planner, a land-use analyst, a Community Services manager and a metering technician.

The new positions are just part of the explanation for why the city’s spending on employee compensation went up by 6.8 percent in one year. Rising salaries are another. After years of wage stagnation, more than 800 of the city’s employees have received raises over the past year, with some salaries going up by nearly 20 percent. The Service Employees International Union, which represents more than half of the city’s workforce, won in March 2014 an across-the-board salary increase of 4.5 percent spread out over two years. The Management and Professional group, which is not unionized, received a similar pay boost last July 1. Keene and City Attorney Molly



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Stump, the city's top earners in 2014, each received a 5 percent pay bump in the final month of the year. And in January, the newly reconstituted council voted to raise its own members' monthly stipend from \$600 to \$1,000.

On top of negotiated salary increases, the city undertook to bring underpaid staff — as determined by a survey of public wages in neighboring cities — up to the median. That led to scores of additional salary adjustments, some on the order of 10 to 20 percent.

The costs are reaching new heights: Overall spending on employee salaries and benefits in 2014 was \$149.2 million, nearly \$12 million more than the city had spent three years prior.

The trend is expected to further accelerate in the next year, as the city enters into new agreements with two other major labor groups: the Palo Alto Police Officers Association and International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1319.

A new forecast of the city's long-term finances highlights the problem of the growing payroll. The Long Term Financial Forecast, which the city released earlier this month, projects an increase of more than \$5 million in General Fund expenditures on salaries and benefits every year between now and 2025. The total spent on this category is predicted to go up from \$107 million in the current fiscal year to \$157.2 million in 2025, with benefits taking up an ever-increasing share of the pie.

"Although this Forecast projects healthy revenue growth, the revenue growth is barely keeping pace with the projected expenditure growth," the document states. "Further, the City Council approved Infrastructure Plan is not yet fully funded and does not contain any contingency for higher land acquisition or construction costs; and based on the latest valuation reports, the City's pension and retiree healthcare trust funds have an unfunded liability in the amount of \$439.1 million."

Keene hardly needs a reminder of the risk of future hard times. He was hired in August 2008, right before Lehmann Brothers

declared bankruptcy, "subprime mortgages" and "credit-backed securities" became common buzzwords and the global economy began its nosedive. Tax revenues began to plummet and, much like every other city, Palo Alto began to cut costs by slashing positions and reducing employee benefits. Between fiscal years 2009 and 2010, the city's expenditures across all funds dropped from \$522.5 million to \$485 million as pay cuts, position reductions and benefit reforms became the norm at City Hall.

Expenditures fluctuated slightly in the ensuing three years, going to \$488 million in 2011, \$513.5 in 2012 and \$511 million in 2013. Then, in the last two years, they shot up to \$527 million and the current budgeted amount of \$558 million.

Salaries and benefits aren't the only force driving up the numbers, but they make up roughly a third of the total.

In his first five years at City Hall, Keene has been striving to contain employee expenditures by slashing positions and introducing benefit reforms, one employee contract at a time. Now, he's cautiously trying to right-size.

In May 2014, as Keene was introducing his annual budget to the council's Finance Committee, he noted that the city had given no pay increases during the prior few years. Now, however, the city needed to address that issue with employees by adjusting salaries so that they better match those in comparative jurisdictions. That would ensure the city remains a competitive employer offering attractive compensation.

"I have proposed some funding increases and position increases for the same reasons that years ago we were making the difficult cuts — that they are what the times require, both with our growing population, the demands of our bustling city and bursting economy and actually the expectation of the city and the council on the level of responsiveness you expect," Keene told the Finance Committee.

Those expectations include "what our community expects as far as services and (the) council expects in terms of effective in-

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Service Employees International Union, Local 521

Union leads the way on salary negotiations

When it comes to employee compensation, the city's lowest earners usually serve as the canaries in the coal mine. The roughly 580 employees represented by the Service Employees International Union, Local 521, are first to feel the pain when the city's revenue picture clouds over. When the skies clear, they are the first to feel the sunlight.

In 2009, the union faced a crisis. The City Council and City Manager James Keene had launched an effort to reform workers' benefits and require employees to contribute to their pensions and health care, citing the economic downturn and the need to make "structural" changes in staffing to cut costs. Like other labor groups, the SEIU had already agreed not to seek wage increases. Agreeing to permanent cuts to benefits proved a tougher sell.

With tensions between workers and management on the rise, hundreds of SEIU workers marched through downtown with brooms and megaphones, gathered for a spirited rally in front of City Hall and held a one-day strike (described by union officials as a "self-imposed furlough"). With negotiations at an impasse, the council imposed the reforms unilaterally and the union acquiesced.

The SEIU workers' wages remained largely flat for the next few years. In 2012, with the economy on the mend, the council approved a cost-of-living adjustment of 1.68 percent and agreed to institute training programs for SEIU workers in specialized fields. Yet

the new two-year agreement that the union ratified came with a steep cost: It required employees to pay a "full share" of their pension contributions to CalPERS, the state public-employees pension fund, which comprised between 7 and 8 percent of their salaries. It also upped their health care contributions from about 6 percent of the premium to about 10 percent.

By the time 2014 came around, austerity was making way for prosperity. The council was on its way to approving a new infrastructure plan that would include a bike bridge over U.S. Highway 101, a downtown garage, a police headquarters and a rebuilt fire station.

Yet for roughly 100 SEIU employees who packed into City Hall that January, the revenue boom only signaled another crisis. Various employees from Public Works and Utilities warned the council that Palo Alto was struggling to attract and retain talent because of inadequate compensation. Pete Quiros, a gas worker, said the city's "best and brightest" workers were departing to PG&E for higher salaries. Jesus Cruz said out of the department's six electric operators, he is the only one left.

The city, despite an initial impasse in negotiations, agreed with the concern. That March, the union won a contract by which its members received their first significant raise since 2008. The contract, approved unanimously by the council, gave every worker a 4.5 percent raise spread out over the two years: 2 percent in the

first year of the contract and 2.5 percent in the second.

More significantly, the contract increased the salaries of about 320 employees in 89 positions so that they would more closely match the market average, as determined by a benchmark study of neighboring jurisdictions. While in some cases the raise was less than 2 percent, in many cases it was 10 percent or more.

Keene, echoing the workers, said that adjusting the salaries up to the market median was driven by the city's need "to really be competitive and attract and retain the kind of folks that Palo Alto citizens demand."

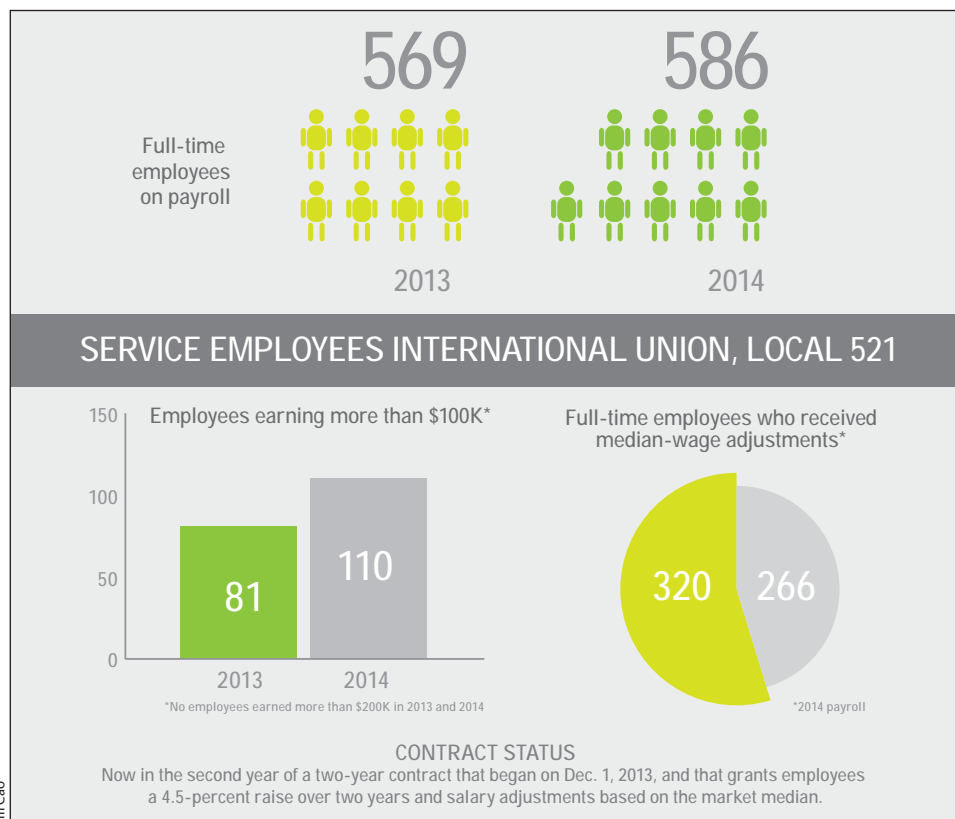
"We're placing ourselves at the median of the market, but I don't think we're expecting median-of-market performance," Keene said. "I really think our community and the council and me too — we all expect top-of-the-market performance. Yet we're not saying we're going to position ourselves at the top of the market."

The adjustments were particularly significant in some of the most specialized positions in Utilities and Public Works, where the recruiting challenges were most acute. In the category of "utility locator," 13 positions received upward salary adjustments of 14.6 percent over the two-year term, according to the union contract. Seven positions in the "programmer analyst" category received pay bumps of 14.3 percent. In the "linesperson" category, eight positions saw salary increases of 12.1 percent and one — the utili-

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Kenny Zertuche, far left, and Manny Martinez, left, field service representatives with the City of Palo Alto Utilities Department, survey a broken gas line on Page Mill Road on Feb. 9.



Management and Professional group

City staff's leadership manages renewed prosperity

They are the city's department heads, supervisors, top technologists and senior analysts. From their perches near the pinnacle of the organization, the roughly 200 people who make up the city's Management and Professional group are responsible for spearheading Palo Alto's most complex and demanding initiatives.

Yet when it comes to salary negotiations, their voice is largely muted. They are the only major employee group that does not belong to a union. Rather, their salary adjustments and benefit reforms typically follow and mirror those that the City Council negotiated with (or imposed on) the Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

The unusual setup means that the SEIU workers don't just negotiate with their managers on salary adjustments. They also, in many ways, negotiate on behalf of their managers.

This long-standing arrangement has at times made the city's high-level managers feel power-

of mid-level and high-level employees decided that the time was ripe to unionize. First, a small group of high-ranking police officers formed the Palo Alto Police Managers Association. Then, in June 2011, 45 high-level Utilities Department employees splintered off to form the Utilities Managers and Professionals Association of Palo Alto.

The rest of the employees stayed put.

Last December, the council approved a contract for the Management and Professional group that included the same type of raises that had been given to the SEIU. All members of the management group received a 2 percent pay bump in the first year of the two-year contract, effective July 1. They will also receive a 2.5 percent raise this year, effective July 1.

And just like the SEIU employees, some management workers saw their salaries adjusted based on a benchmark study of wages in 14 jurisdictions, including the cities of Berkeley, Santa Clara, Mountain View and San Mateo. As a result of these adjustments, salaries for 19 positions whose wages were at most at 5 percent below the median were further boosted to better reflect the marketplace. In many cases, these adjustments were minor, raising the salary by less than 2 percent. In a few cases, the salary was increased by more than \$10,000. The position "manager, maintenance operations" received a pay bump from \$94,827 under the former contract to \$107,203 under the new one. The "chief building official" position, meanwhile, saw an adjustment in base salary from \$122,990 to \$148,291.

The salary for a "principal management analyst" went from \$122,012 to \$133,182. A "senior engineer" position was adjusted from \$124,425 to \$133,348; the "chief transportation official" position went from \$130,021 to \$139,568.

Not all positions were below par, however. The city's benchmark study identified 38 positions in Palo Alto with base salaries higher than in comparable cities. The chief communications officer position, for example, had a base salary 26 percent above the market median, while a warehouse supervisor was 20.7 percent higher than the median. A principal management analyst in the Administrative Services Department earned 19.9 percent above the median. In the Police Department, the deputy director of the Technical Services Division in the Police Department had a salary 11.7 percent above the median.

For both the SEIU and the managers group, the market-rate adjustments were a one-way street. If their salaries were at



City Manager James Keene gives his year-in-review presentation on Jan. 9 at City Hall.

most 5 percent below the market median, they went up. But if they were above, they did not go down.

"Their salaries get frozen until they reach equilibrium with the market," Keene told the Weekly.

As a result, the salaries for most positions in the two largest employee groups are now either close to the median or above it. And when one adds benefits to the mix, the adjustments seem even more generous. There were 60 positions in the managers group with salaries below the market median. Meanwhile, the number of positions that made more than the median went from 38 to 53, when all the benefits were factored in. As far as the number of actual workers who held those positions, the 45 underpaid positions translated to 63 employees and the 53 above-median positions totaled 122 workers.

In addition to these two types of salary bumps, employees in the management and professional group are also eligible for a third, known as "performance pay." Unlike SEIU and public-safety employees, managers and professionals don't have a "step system" that allows them to earn automatic pay bumps based on experience. To compensate, the city has been offering to management and professional employees salary increases based on the discretion of department directors.

Performance pay is different from the city's former "Variable Management Compensation" program, which allowed managers

to get sizable one-time bonuses. In 2009, Keene proposed eliminating that program but, after

negotiations with the managers, agreed to revise it so that managers could continue receiving bo-

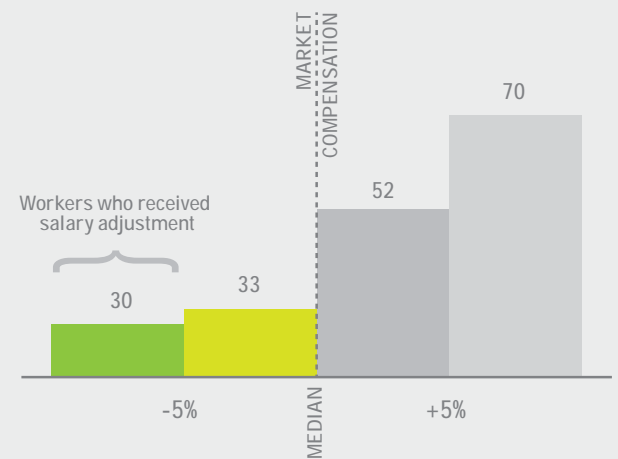
'It isn't until you reach tough economic times that you actually realize you don't have bargaining powers.'

—Rudy Gonzalez, a Teamster Local Union organizer

less, particularly when the economy is turning sour. A decade ago, the managers group flirted with the idea of joining the Professional and Technical Engineers Union or forming its own group, though neither idea ultimately carried. In the fall of 2009, when the SEIU was up in arms against proposed benefit cuts, managers approached the Teamsters to discuss possibly joining the union. Rudy Gonzalez, a Teamster Local Union organizer, told the Weekly at the time: "It isn't until you reach tough economic times that you actually realize you don't have bargaining powers."

The managers didn't end up joining the Teamsters, but dozens

No. of workers earning above or below median*



*Comparison based on city analysis of neighboring jurisdictions: total compensation before 2014

MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL GROUP

206
Employees on payroll

\$23.3M
Total compensation

\$550,000
Funds allocated for "performance pay"

2014 CONTRACT STATUS

Now in the first year of a two-year contract that began on July 1, 2014, and that grants employees a 4.5-percent raise over two years and salary adjustments based on the market median.

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Anh Nguyen, left, a library specialist at the newly renovated Rinconada Library, helps Randy Wedlake of Sunnyvale access the Internet in February.



Michael Hill, far left, and fellow staff specialists and technologists work in the City of Palo Alto's IT Department in City Hall on Feb. 17.

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formation for policy analysis," Keene said.

The committee proceeded to discuss these changes, requested some more information and ultimately trimmed the position increases from 17 to 14, which includes 11 in the General Fund. The three council members present at the meeting — Marc Berman, Liz Kniss and Karen Holman — proved generally receptive to adding positions, though they requested more information about Keene's plan to also include in the budget a new system of pay bonuses for managers, based on performance.

After a few hearings, the committee gave the budget its blessing. The following month, the full council followed suit. Berman, who chaired the Finance Committee, noted that he was initially skeptical about adding positions but pointed out that the current staffing levels are now far below

what they were in the mid-2000s, even as the city's population has increased.

"We still have fewer staff doing more work for more people since the mid-2000s," Berman said on June 9. "It's only responsible that we add staff to meet the needs that exist."

Next month, a new Finance Committee will begin deliberating on Keene's proposed budget for fiscal year 2016, which begins on July 1. Keene has declined to say, or estimate, how many new positions the proposed budget will have, but he made no bones about the fact that the number of employees would once again be going up, not down.

"I'll advance some suggestions so we can have free discussion about tradeoffs," Keene said. "I will be adding General Fund positions for sure. I don't think the demands that the community and the council is putting on the organization have decreased. They have increased and I have to be sure we can respond to the expectations the council has." ■

SEIU, Local 521

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ties system operator — saw a pay bump of 19.5 percent over the course of two years.

As a result, some salaries have shot up by tens of thousands of dollars. The two highest wage earners in the SEIU group last year were both SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) technologists in the Utilities Department. They earned \$178,931 and \$177,901 in 2014, respectively. In 2013, their salaries were \$118,230 and \$105,933, respectively. Cruz, a 20-year veteran of the Utilities Department, saw his base salary climb from \$91,064 in fiscal year 2013 to \$102,225 in 2014. His total compensation, which included overtime pay, went from \$125,669 to \$166,000.

Altogether, 110 employees represented by SEIU, Local 521, received salaries of more than \$100,000 in 2014, compared to

just 81 in 2013. The number is almost certain to go up further in 2015, thanks to the universal 2.5 percent raise that kicked in on Dec. 1, 2014.

The city did extract one concession from the union. Under the new contract, the city's contributions toward worker's health care are shifted from a percentage of the premium to a flat rate — a move aimed to bring some stability to the city's rising health care expenditures.

Like every recent employee contract, the city's agreement with SEIU was approved quickly and unanimously by the council. Keene said it "offers a fair and balanced deal that seeks to ensure we can retain our excellent employees ... while also controlling health care costs in the future."

Margaret Adkins, chapter chair of SEIU, Local 521, called the contract a "step in the right direction."

"The contract provides city workers with some immediate relief, but I doubt the wage require-

ments and cost-of-living adjustments will be enough to reverse Palo Alto's current staffing and retention crisis," Adkins said in a statement. ■

— Gennady Sheyner

The SEIU contract 'offers a fair and balanced deal that seeks to ensure we can retain our excellent employees.'

—James Keene, City Manager

What's driving payroll growth?

- Additional staff
- Higher negotiated wages
- Increased pay for workers earning below the median
- Pay increases based on performance (managers only)



Workers from the City of Palo Alto Public Works Department clear a fallen tree on Geng Road near Embarcadero Road during last December's big storm.

Management

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nuses if they're willing to trade in the equivalent amount of vacation time or paid leave.

The performance pay bumps — capped at 3 percent — are less steep than the variable bonuses, which Keene said at times were close to 10 percent. But unlike the old bonuses, these pay adjustments are permanent. Rather than one-time payments, they get added to the base salary in much the same manner as the step increases would increase the salaries of SEIU employees, police officers and firefighters. The current budget includes \$550,000 in an account called the General Fund Salary and Benefits Reserve to pay for these performance-based increases.

In more than one way, the performance pay system is more fiscally conservative than the former bonus system. Keene noted that, in the past, employees could get a large bonus and then retire, locking in pension benefits based

on the just-boosted salary. Now, the 3 percent cap keeps salaries from rising too high.

Performance pay is also "less automatic or routine" than the step increases enjoyed by other labor groups, Keene told the Finance Committee in May 2014, given that it is up to the discretion of the manager's supervisor.

All three types of pay increases — the two-year 4.5 percent raise, the market-rate adjustments and performance pay — were included in the new two-year contract that the council quickly approved on Dec. 9.

Because of the date of approval and the two-year timeline for the 4.5 percent salary bumps, the recent compensation changes are only partially reflected in the list of employee salaries the city publishes every year. Even so, the trend isn't hard to spot.

In 2013, eight employees received more than \$200,000 in total compensation. In 2014, the number went up to 19: Keene, City Attorney Molly Stump, Fire Inspector John Parks, Utilities Director Valerie Fong, Chief Fi-

nanial Officer Lalo Perez, Police Chief Dennis Burns, police Sergeant Adrienne Moore, Fire Captain Ryan Stoddard, Chief Information Officer Jonathan Reichental, retired Community Services Director Greg Betts, Public Works Director Michael Sartor, Chief People Officer Kathryn Shen, Police Captain Robert Beacon, fire Battalion Chief Bobby Davis, Planning Director Hillary Gitelman, Fire Captain Mark Shah, Assistant Utilities Director Jane Ratchye, Police Captain Ron Watson and Fire Chief Eric Nickel. Nine of these employees belong to the management group.

The number of employees city-wide making more than \$100,000 is also on the rise, going from 372 in 2012, to 408 in 2013 and to 440 in 2014, which included 132 employees from the management group, according to Administrative Services Department data. ■

— Gennady Sheyner

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Police and firefighter unions

Public-safety employees battle over retiree benefits



Negotiators from the Palo Alto Police Department get briefed about a suspect who has barricaded himself inside a residence on Elsinore Drive on March 23.

For Palo Alto police officers and firefighters, change in compensation can't come soon enough.

The salaries of the city's public-safety employees have been largely frozen since the economic downturn, even as their contributions toward their pensions and health care have gone up. Both the Palo Alto Police Officers Association (PAPOA) and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1319, are now in negotiations with the city over new contracts.

If recent history is an indicator, the period of salary stagnation for local police officers and firefighters should come to an end in the coming months. The question is no longer whether they will get raises, but how high these raises will be.

Both management and unions agree that salaries need to be high enough to recruit quality employees and retain the existing workforce, the same principle that guided negotiations with the SEIU and the management group. In April 2012, the Palo Alto City Council adopted a set of principles to guide labor negotiations, one of which included compensation at a level "sufficient to recruit, train and retain qualified employees who are committed to the City's goals, programs and delivery of high-quality services." Another calls for "equity across employee groups" and directs the city to "strive to set and make similar structural changes to compensation and benefits for all employee groups, while recognizing that some flexibility may be required to fully address issues specific to individual units and/or achieve the objectives of other guidance principles," when economically feasible.

Both of these are now coming into play as City Manager James Keene and the City Council are moving toward new contracts with the city's two largest public-safety unions.

For the firefighters, a new contract promises a welcome departure from recent bleak years. No single labor group has suffered

as many gut punches during and since the recession, with wages static and benefits cut back.

In 2010, the union rolled the dice when it placed on the ballot an initiative that would require a vote of the electorate any time the city wanted to reduce Fire Department staffing or close a fire station. With the council and most community leaders taking a stand against Measure R, the proposal went down in flames, with about 75 percent of the voters rejecting it. The following year, the union suffered another stinging defeat at the ballot box when voters approved Measure D, which removed a "binding arbitration" provision from the City Charter. The long-standing provision empowered a panel to arbitrate contract disputes between management and firefighters, who unlike most other workers are legally barred from striking.

Just weeks before the 2011 elec-

tion, the city and the union concluded a 16-month marathon of negotiations by reaching a three-year deal that forced firefighters to contribute toward their pensions. More significantly, perhaps, the contract eliminated a long-standing "minimum staffing" provision that required at least 29 firefighters to be on duty at all times and which had resulted in sizable overtime pay.

Fire Captain Ryan Stoddard, the union's recently elected president, estimates that the 2011 changes to the union's benefits reduced the total compensation of firefighters by about 12 percent. The goal in the current negotiations is to return to pre-2011 compensation.

"With the economy doing as well as it is, our biggest priority is trying to get to where we were when we took that hit," Stoddard said. "We're trying to get back to the starting point, to make even with what we had."

If the city's goal is to bring local salaries in line with the median average (as it did with other employee groups), the firefighters have a strong case. As part of the negotiations, the city and the firefighters union have each commissioned a study comparing the salaries of local firefighters to those in other jurisdictions. The two studies reach the same conclusion: Palo Alto firefighters make at least 10 percent less than the median. For a typical firefighter, the monthly base salary in Palo Alto is \$7,148 (12.9 percent below the median), compared to \$8,980 in Mountain View and \$9,834 in Santa Clara, according to the city's analysis. Of the 15 jurisdictions surveyed by the city, only Menlo Park and San Ramon Valley firefighters made

less than Palo Alto's.

When benefits are added to the mix, a Palo Alto firefighter's compensation goes up to \$11,477, which is still 10 percent below the median. Other positions in Palo Alto's department — including fire-apparatus operator, paramedic and fire captain — likewise come with smaller salaries and are around 10 percent below the market median after factoring in benefits.

The difference is less drastic on the police side. Both the police union's study and the city's suggest that local police salaries are below market. The city's analysis shows a Palo Alto police officer's salary to be about 8.1 percent short of the median. Yet when benefits and retiree medical costs are added in, the total compensation in Palo Alto becomes roughly equal to the median.

The union's analysis concluded that Palo Alto officers get total net compensation (which includes salary, bonuses, health care benefits and employee contributions) 9.5 percent below the regional median. It also noted that other area departments, including those in Mountain View, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale and San Mateo, typically offer a 5 percent premium to investigators and officers in other specialized positions. Palo Alto does not.

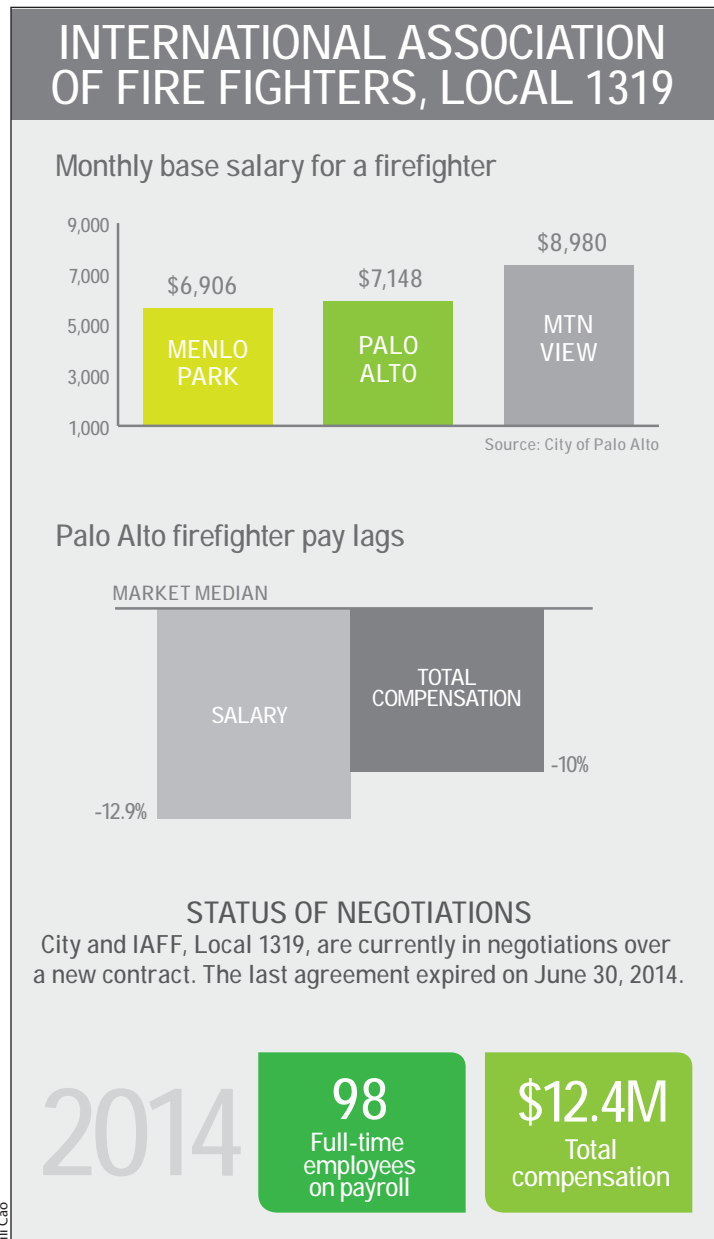
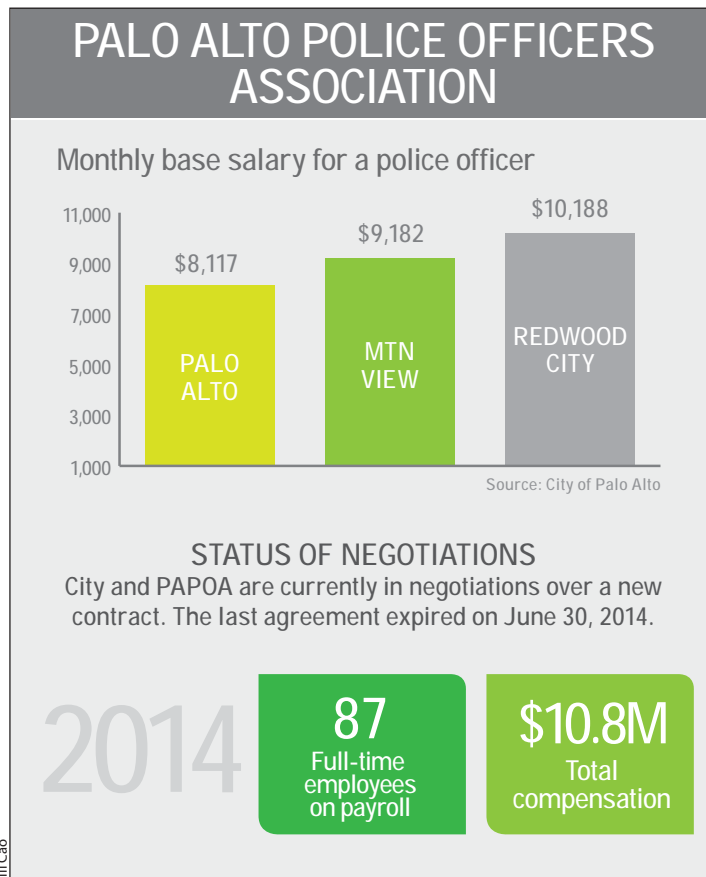
Unlike the firefighters, the police union's relationship with

management has been comparably amicable, even through difficult financial times. In 2009, the union agreed to defer its negotiated 6 percent raise for a year to help the city balance the budget. Two years later, while the firefighters were up in arms about the city's effort to repeal binding arbitration, the police officers remained relatively quiet, even though the provision applied to police just as it did to firefighters.

But when the city began talking about changing health care benefits for future police retirees, the period of peace came to an end. In 2012, both PAPOA and the small union of police managers rejected the city's request that new retirees foot 10 percent of their health care costs. The contract that the city ultimately adopted in 2012 with the larger police union included a salary reduction of 1.3 percent and an impasse on the issue of health care. PAPOA requested a fact-finding procedure to resolve this dispute, as provided for by a 2011 state law that empowers a panel to consider the issue leading to an impasse and make recommendations.

For both the police and the firefighter unions, the issue is clear: The city made a pact with its employees at the time they retired and is now trying to tap into their vested rights.

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Police and fire

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During hearings in front of the fact-finding panel, numerous officers testified that they had forgone positions in other departments because of assurances that their medical costs would be covered in retirement — a provision that former Police Chief Lynne Johnson referred to as “golden handcuffs.”

Former union president Sgt. Wayne Benitez said that he was planning to switch to the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Office five years ago but was persuaded to stay by his lieutenant, who told him, “You cannot walk away from lifetime medical,” according to the report from the fact-finding panel. Capt. Ron Watson, who now heads the seven-member union for police managers, testified that “he never set aside any funds for health care costs in retirement in reliance on what he had been told about his benefit program and that now, as he approaches retirement age, he is being forced to ‘scramble’ to set aside sufficient funds to secure full health coverage for himself and his family.”

Firefighters also have a vested interest in this argument. Stoddard told the Weekly that the retiree benefit has always been a major incentive for people who have chosen the Palo Alto Fire Department over other agencies.

“We’re open to having conversations on how to redevelop our health plans, especially with active employees,” Stoddard said. “It’s more tricky when you’re talking about retired employees.”

The benefit also helps explain why public-safety employees are willing to accept Palo Alto’s lower salaries, he said.

“Over the course of our history, we have chosen to take smaller



Palo Alto Fire Department Deputy Chief Geo Blackshire, right, observes as firefighters battle flames in a detached garage on Fernando Avenue on Jan. 15, 2014.

wage increases so that we can keep a higher health benefit. Our members took a lower wage but received better retirement and pension plans.”

For the city the issue is also clear. Other employee groups have accepted the benefit reductions, and getting the police union on board is both the fair thing to do and financially prudent.

“It is not acceptable to push risk-sharing off to future generations of employees or to ask the city’s taxpayers, who have important interests in ensuring that the city has the resources to continue to fund the services and infrastructure that make Palo Alto a desirable place to live, to shoulder the entire burden on an expensive benefit,” City Attorney Molly Stump argued in the city’s closing brief.

The panel struggled for two years to resolve the stalemate between the police union and the city. Its pages are laced with frustration and exasperation as it chides both sides for “inexplicable delays, a hardening of both

parties’ positions and a lack of creative collaboration.” The argument, the panel found, has “degenerated into a vortex of points and counterpoints.”

The union proposed maintaining retirement benefits for all active employees and creating a less generous plan for new hires: Anyone hired after Aug. 1, 2012, would only get retiree health care benefits after 20 years of service, a benefit that would not extend to dependents.

In the end, the panel concluded that both proposals would likely damage employee morale but called the city’s plan the “less undesirable of the two options.”

Keene said he expects that once the retiree-benefit portion of the dispute is resolved, management will be able to reach an agreement with its public-safety employees on the other issues.

Officer Jeremy Schmidt, president of PAPOA, declined to discuss the matter because the union is actively negotiating.

“What I can tell you is that we

always strive for the best possible combination of pay and benefits to attract and retain the high caliber employees the citizens of Palo Alto deserve,” Schmidt said in an email.

Like the unions, Keene said the city is concerned about recruiting challenges and committed to attracting good talent to the organization. The problem, he said, is that given the current trends, the city simply can’t afford to maintain its traditionally generous benefit packages.

Take pensions, for example. In fiscal year 2014, the city’s spending on the pensions of public-safety employees were equivalent to about 33 percent of employee salaries. Based on the information that the city received from CalPERS, the state’s giant public-pension fund, that proportion could climb to as high as 50 percent by fiscal year 2019.

“Some of the discussion is driven by the fact that our costs are going to increase — particularly on the benefit side of things,” Keene told the Weekly. “The increasing costs on the pension side are really kind of dictating our approach in negotiations with the different employee groups about what we would be offering.”

It’s not unusual in negotiations for each side to kick off the proceedings by shooting for the moon and then gradually and painstakingly move toward a more realistic compromise. Even so, a look at the preliminary offers and counteroffers between the city and the firefighters union suggests that the starting points aren’t in the same galaxy, much less ballpark.

In June, the firefighters proposed a three-year contract with a 15 percent raise in the first year and 10 percent raises in the second and third years, according to documents obtained by the Week-

ly. In October, the city offered the firefighters a 2 percent raise in exchange for various adjustments to pension and health care benefits, including a switch from having the city’s contributions be a percentage of the premium to having it be a flat fee.

When asked about the status of the negotiations, Keene said there is a “really big gap between where the city and the firefighters are” and a “lesser gap on where the city is with PAPOA.”

The newly reconstituted City Council is just starting to delve into this topic. The council received a refresher course on the complex topic in a closed session earlier this month, a discussion that stretched from 11 p.m. to 1:20 a.m., according to the city. The council picked up where it left off with another closed session this past Monday, just before its regular council meeting.

The negotiations are complicated by the two seemingly contradictory directives: to attract quality workers and to contain long-term costs. The city wants to add more workers to meet the increasing demand yet keep the workforce small enough to prevent a further ballooning of long-term cost obligations. Hopefully, Keene said, the city “can reach a point that’s workable for everybody.”

“Even though the economy is doing better and the city’s finances are better, we really have to be wary of the long-term implications of the pay and benefits that we offer, even when we’re just trying to stay competitive in the marketplace,” Keene said. “We can’t turn a blind eye to the fact that pension costs and health care costs can increase over time and generate real problems for us in the future.” ■

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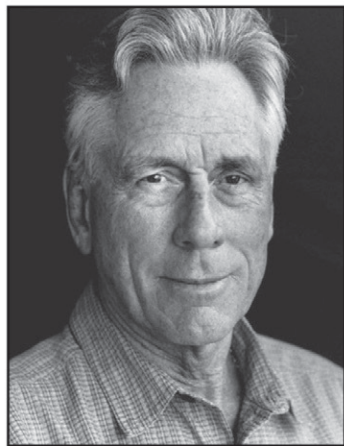


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The medicine of music

Stanford Hospital concert program brings happiness, healing

Karla Kane

At a recent show by Latin-jazz vocalist Kat Parra, audience members listened appreciatively as the singer performed with accompanists on grand piano, percussion and saxophone. Some paid close attention to the songs; others tapped their feet along with the beat as they checked their phones or sipped a beverage. At the end of each number, everyone applauded.

But this wasn't a typical concert hall or coffeehouse. The venue was Stanford Hospital, and Parra and her band were playing for an audience of visitors, staff and patients — some with IVs, oxygen masks, wheelchairs and walkers.

Every Wednesday and Friday afternoon, the Bing Music Series in the Hospital Atrium hosts an hour-long concert by distinguished musicians. These shows are free, open to everyone and designed to brighten the hospital's atmosphere.

"The goal is to really have a nice eclectic selection of diverse music," explained Greg Kaufman, the hospital's music-program coordinator. "We have everything

from Native-American music to classical to jazz, rock and blues."

Since audience members come from a range of cultures, Kaufman explained, he aims to include top-notch performers in many musical genres.

"The bar is very high for musicianship," he said, noting that the series draws musicians from the Bay Area and beyond. Among the artists and groups featured in the coming weeks are celebrated jazz vocalist Nate Pruitt and guitarist Rick Vandivier of Primary Colors playing soul, pop, Latin and jazz April 29, The Frisky Frolics playing Tin Pan Alley-era classics May 6 and early music ensemble Broceliande playing Celtic tunes from old Europe and the British Isles May 15.

Philanthropists Helen and Peter Bing created the concert series that bears their name in the mid-1990s, with the intent to incorporate beauty and art into the hospital setting so patients could feel soothed and entertained. Attending a live concert can give patients a sense of connection to the outside world without requir-



The Bing Music Series concerts at Stanford Hospital are free and open to everyone.

ing that they leave the safety of the hospital and their caregivers.

"It lets them feel normal for an hour or two," Kaufman said.

And it isn't just patients who've benefited over the years.

"The staff appreciate it just as much," he added. "It helps them de-stress, which helps them do their job better. It's really wonderful."

Kaufman said he receives many inquiries from artists who are eager to perform in the series, and often gets referrals from friends and staff. Musicians who perform are paid a small honorarium, and say that they find it a meaningful experience.

"They often ask, 'When can I come back?'" Kaufman said.

Though the concerts are meant to serve the hospital community, they're also open to the general public.

"I think they're one of the best-kept secrets in the Bay Area — no cover charge, top talent," Kaufman said.

The twice-weekly Bing concerts are part of the larger Music Program at Stanford Hospital, which includes weekly outdoor performances in the summer, ambient-piano concerts at the Stanford Cancer Center, a collection of recordings available for patients to borrow, an annual ballet performance and a group of staff musicians providing live harp and guitar music seven days a week on all hospital units.

The on-staff hospital musicians perform in the waiting areas and in patient rooms by request. There's no time limit on how long a musician can stay with patients.

Celtic-harp player Verlene Schermer is a longtime staff mu-

sician who said she regularly witnesses the impact music has on the hospital environment.

"The nurses all light up when we come into the unit, and say 'Oh good! We need you today!'" she said. "The stress reduction is the biggest benefit, which I think results in even better patient care."

For patients, Schermer said, music encourages relaxation (not always easy in a busy, noisy atmosphere) and combats boredom and worry.

"In some cases, we do a sing-along of their favorite songs, or I hear about their own experiences learning or performing music. This distraction lightens their mood."

One of the most poignant parts of her job comes at end-of-life situations, she said, describing a time she played "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" for a little girl at her dying father's bedside.

"It is believed that hearing is the last sense to go, so we hope that the music is helpful to the patient," Schermer said. "We know for certain that it is helpful for the family gathered around the patient to say their goodbyes."

Blake Jones recently underwent heart surgery at Stanford Hospital and experienced the impact of the music program firsthand, enjoying classical guitar and harp performances during his stay.

"I'm a lifelong musician myself, and anyone who does this seriously, and who has paid attention to it, can tell you of the healing power of music," Jones said.

Kaufman said that as far as he's aware, Stanford Hospital and the Mayo Clinic were pioneers in developing hospital music programs, but he now receives inqui-

ries from other hospitals looking to incorporate music as a part of their care. Stanford is also unique in having such generous funding to support its program, rather than having to rely on volunteers, he said.

The program was a natural fit for Kaufman, who began his involvement with Stanford when a friend being treated for cancer asked him to play guitar in the hospital. Eventually, Kaufman's classic-blues-and-rock band began performing in the Bing series. In 2006, he was offered the job of music-program coordinator. "It's the finest job I've ever had," he said. "Very gratifying."

To Kaufman, making music a part of healing just makes sense.

"Ancient cultures always incorporated music into medical care," he said. "The Western medical community is now recognizing the benefit of music."

The best testament to the program's importance he has heard was the comment of a patient who remarked simply, "Doctors healed my body, but the music healed my spirit." ■

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Stanford Hospital musician Verlene Schermer jams with a patient and her husband in their hospital room.

REVIEW THEATER



In Dragon Theatre's production of "The Star Without a Name," Marjorie Hazeltine plays a glamorous and mysterious visitor; Myles Rowland plays the professor besotted with her.

Romanian romance

Dragon Theatre stages little-known 1940s play

by Karla Kane

There's romance inherent in train travel. It's in the wistful sound of the whistle, the flickering lights of the windows rushing by, the sense of mystery and the idea that, in the liminal phase between starting point and destination, anything is possible.

The train is a natural vehicle for the mysterious love story presented in "The Star Without a Name," the 1942 Romanian play by Mihail Sebastian, lovingly translated for Redwood City's Dragon Theatre by Ana-Catrina Buchser, who also directs.

In a provincial mountain town, the railway station serves as a gathering point for the villagers, presided over by the garrulous stationmaster (Tyler Della). So sleepy is the town that he isn't bothered by the lack of working clocks and instead keeps time by the arrivals of trains and regular visitors. High schoolers flock to the station to catch a glimpse of the wider world, including the trains coming and going from more glamorous locales, while their prudish teacher Miss Cuckoo (Chrissy Brooks) hovers there to thwart them. Meanwhile, the school's pensive young astronomy professor (Myles Rowland) eagerly awaits the arrival of an antique science text he's spent years saving up to buy. Compared to his modest lifestyle — a home without electricity, running water or new clothes — the book's price is astronomical (pun intended), and its purchase causes considerable gossip amongst his friends and colleagues.

The professor is intending to hole up with his new treasure when a gorgeous redhead (Marjorie Hazeltine), dressed and be-

jeweled to the nines, is forcefully removed from an express train for lack of a ticket, money or indeed any identification whatsoever. She refuses to tell her name or her circumstances and, when not allowed to continue her journey, threatens to throw herself under the next train. Since none are due for hours, the professor, quickly besotted with the elegant stranger, convinces her to take shelter at his home instead, with the promise of money for a ticket once he collects his school paycheck in the morning.

The woman (identified in the program as "The Unknown") is initially hostile to the bookish professor and his humble existence, but she soon grows intrigued by his quiet village life (he's afraid of her scandalizing the neighbors by opening his window on a weeknight) and his obvious passion for science. She toys with and teases him but eventually opens up, revealing her dissatisfaction with her empty upper-class life. Soon, romance is blossoming by moonlight, and they share a magical evening stargazing and smooching. But can two people from such different worlds really find sustaining happiness, or is this nameless woman just a shooting star briefly illuminating the night?

The intimate Dragon Theatre lends itself well to the small-scale story, and the designers and technical staff make effective use of simple sound and lighting effects — those aforementioned flickering train windows and whistles as well as a lovely projection of the big dipper in the heavens.

As for the play itself, it's a gentle, sweet tale but, at least in

this production, also a somewhat dull one. Perhaps something about "The Star Without a Name" was lost in Buchser's translation that might otherwise have allowed the play to resonate more deeply with viewers. Much of the play's humor centers around the "scandal" of the professor hosting a female guest in his home — a scenario contemporary audiences have to stretch to imagine — and both the script and the delivery are characterized by starchy mannerisms rather than the more naturalistic method acting of the modern stage.

The town setting is alternately repellent and appealing, which may be the point. The mystery woman is able to see both the up and downsides to provincial life there.

Hazeltine's character, supposedly entrancing, is actually quite irritating much of the time. Though we learn a bit more about her, and Hazeltine does a good job with the material given, it's not enough to understand why she's so hysterical and belligerent at the play's start. Rowland's professor is a likeable oddball and Brooks chews up the scenery as Miss Cuckoo (sometimes funny, often just grating), while Tom Blecker is winsome as good-natured music teacher Udrea in desperate need of an English horn.

The production is part of Dragon Theatre's 2nd Stage program, which provides space, mentorship and modest funding to emerging artists. Buchser's goal of bringing Sebastian's work to a wider American audience is exactly the kind of project 2nd Stage supports, and

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1. CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY-
Communications and Power Industries:
Amortization Study

Study Session

2. Fiscal Year 2016 Proposed Budget Overview
Consent Calendar
3. Approval of a Final Map to Subdivide
One Parcel Totaling 12,375 Square Feet
Into Six Condominium Units Within the RM-
30 Zone District located at 405 Curtner
Avenue; Environmental Assessment:
Categorically Exempt From the Provisions of
the California Environmental Quality Act
(CEQA) Per CEQA Guidelines Sections
15303 and 15061(b)(3)
4. Preliminary Approval of the Report of
the Advisory Board for Fiscal Year 2016
in Connection with the Palo Alto Downtown
Business Improvement District and Adoption
of the Resolution Declaring its Intention to
Levy an Assessment Against Businesses
within the Downtown Palo Alto Business
Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2016
and Setting a Time and Place for a Public
Hearing on May 18, at 7:00 PM or
Thereafter, in the City Council Chambers
5. Policy and Services Committee
Recommendation to Accept the Utility Meter
Audit: Procurement, Inventory, and
Retirement
6. Approval of the Revised Joint Exercise of
Powers Agreement: Workforce Development
Services for NOVA Consortium to Include the
Addition of San Mateo County

Action Items

7. Comprehensive Plan Update Planning
Process Status and Review of Existing
Comprehensive Plan Goals and Vision
Statements

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Policy & Services Committee Special Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 7:00 PM and will discuss: 1) Auditor's Office Quarterly Report as of March 31, 2015; and 2) Recommendation to Adopt an Ordinance Requiring All Employers to Pay a Specified Minimum Wage to Employees Working within the City Boundaries.

Theater review

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in this case it's a worthy one, even if the result is a bit underwhelming. The production may not fully live up to its intriguing premise, but like watching trains come and go from a small-town station, it makes for a perfectly pleasant way to spend a few hours. ■

Freelance writer Karla Kane can be emailed at karlajkane@gmail.com.

What: Dragon Productions' "The Star Without a Name"

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

When: Through May 3: Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Post-show discussion with cast and crew, Sunday, April 26.

Cost: \$22

Info: Go to dragonproductions.net or call 650-493-2006 ext 2.

Worth a Look



Among the artifacts on view at the Museum of American Heritage is a 1910 Indian Racer bicycle.

Exhibit Museum of American Heritage

If you've got a nostalgic streak or a fascination with early technology, you won't want to miss the exhibition now on display at

Palo Alto's Museum of American Heritage (351 Homer Ave.). "25 Years at the Museum of American Heritage: A Retrospective" gathers together artifacts dating from the late 18th century through the 1950s. Among them are antique telephones, toys, cameras, clocks and bicycles, including an Indian Racer bicycle from 1910. The museum's collection is considered one of the largest of its kind in America.

This exhibition celebrates a quarter century of MOAH's operation, from its early days at its original Alma Street location to its present residence at the historic Williams property, a Tudor Revival house built in 1907. Also worth a visit are the property's gardens: a rare preserved example of early 20th-century residential landscape.

The museum of American Heritage is open **Friday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.** Admission is free. The current exhibit runs **through Jan. 17, 2016.** To learn more, go to moah.org or call 650-321-1004.



Western Ballet will present an original production of "Snow White" April 24-25.

will be held **Friday, April 24, at 7 p.m.** and **Saturday, April 25, at 1 p.m.** at the Menlo-Atherton Center for Performing Arts (555 Middlefield Road, Atherton). Tickets are \$25; \$20 for children age 12 and under. Group tickets are also available. Go to westernballet.org or call 650-968-4455.

everything from classical Indian and Chinese dance to Argentine tango, aerial dance and hula.

On the schedule for this region is a Norwegian folk dance and music party (**Wednesday, April 29, 7:30-9:30 p.m.**, 880 Church St., Mountain View), an afternoon of mini-dance classes in hip hop, belly dance, yoga and more, followed by a performance (**Saturday, April 25, 2-7 p.m.**, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto) and an interactive demonstration of classical Indian dance styles (**Sunday, April 26, 4-6 p.m.**, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto). There's also international folk dance, ballet for kids and more. All events are free and open to the public.

For further information, including a complete list of events, go to bayareandw.org or call 415-920-9181. ■

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'Snow White'

Dwarfs and forest animals, a magic mirror and a poison apple. They're all part of the story this weekend, when Western Ballet stages its original production of "Snow White." Though the fairytale is familiar to many, it's rarely performed as a ballet. Choreographed by Artistic Director Alexi Zubiria, this family-friendly show

Festival

Bay Area Dance Week

Let the dancing begin! From **April 24 to May 3**, the dance studios and stages of the Midpeninsula will spring into action for Bay Area Dance Week. Now in its 17th year, the festival begins with a huge kick-off event in San Francisco's Union Square on Friday, April 24, and features more than 400 events around the region, including those in Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Mountain View. People of all ages and experience levels are invited to take part in these free classes and workshops in



As part of Bay Area Dance Week, Guru Shradha will offer an interactive demonstration of classical Indian dance styles.

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Watch a video of Bay Area Dance Week in the online version of this story at PaloAltoOnline.com.



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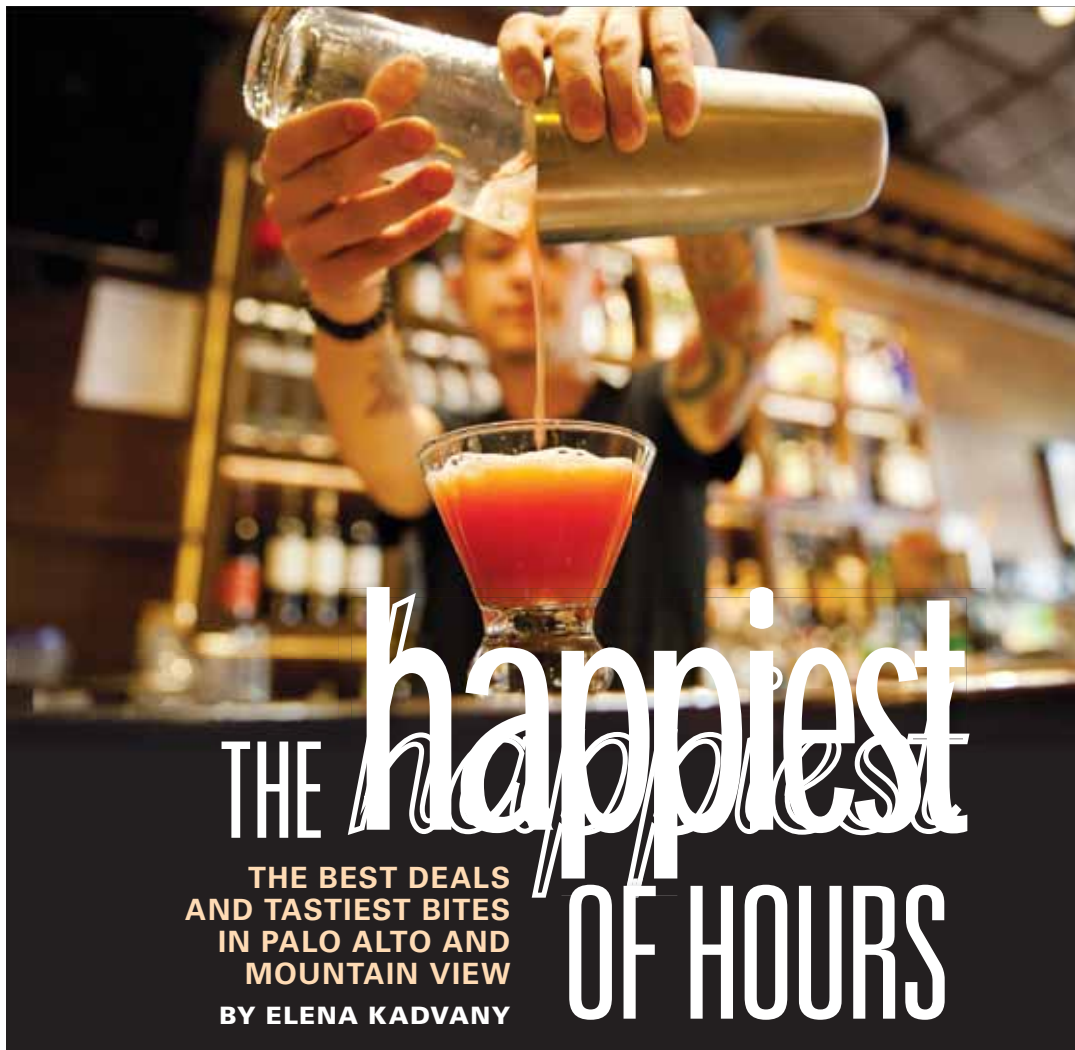
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Artist Directories are available at local libraries and community centers. Visit www.svos.org for maps to individual studios or to locate a specific artist.

Eating Out

RESTAURANT REVIEW



THE happiest OF HOURS

THE BEST DEALS AND TASTIEST BITES IN PALO ALTO AND MOUNTAIN VIEW
BY ELENA KADVANY

Happy hour: the best time of day whether you're hungry, thirsty, looking to save a few bucks — or all three.

Happy hour's exact origins remain murky. Reportedly, Navy men in the 1920s used the phrase to refer to a time of the day set aside for fun or athletic entertainment — wrestling, boxing, et cetera — to boost morale. Or maybe it began with "l'heure verte" (the green hour) in France in the 18th century, when many Parisians' drink of choice was green-hued absinthe. During Prohibition in the 1920s, thirsty Americans reportedly gathered for illegal drinks before heading out for dinner.

Whatever its origins, happy hour is here to stay. Check out this by-no-means-exhaustive roundup of some of the top happy hours in the region, from the stiffest cocktails and most appealing appetizers to a bar where the drinks are so affordable it doesn't even need a happy hour.

BEST DEALS

Trendy San Francisco transplant **Tacolicious** in Palo Alto has a pretty standard happy hour

— Monday-Wednesday, 3-7 p.m. and Thursday-Friday, 3-6 p.m., with house margarita, sangria, bartender's choice cocktail, a glass of wine or a beer for \$5.50. Tacos, quesadillas and guacamole are also \$5.50 each — but the real star is the "T-Lish Pre-Fixe." This low-brow version of high-end prix-fixe menus is available at any time and comes with a shot, a beer and a taco — all for \$10. The shot is El Jimador tequila, the beer a Tecate and the taco one of the restaurant's signatures. Owner Joe Hargrave cut his chops in more upscale restaurants, explained Tacolicious Marketing Manager Sarah Qadri, so this is his "fun spoof on those more formal dining experiences." The Tacolicious bar is also stocked with more than 100 tequilas, so drink your heart out.

Tacolicious, 632 Emerson St., Palo Alto; tacolicious.com

At Mountain View pub **St. Stephen's Green** Monday-Friday, 3-5:30 p.m., draft beer ranges from \$2.25 to \$5. Grab a vodka or a glass of house wine for \$4.50. From 5:30-6:30 p.m., prices go up by about a dollar, but the kitchen

also opens so you can get appetizers and entrees like a shepherd's pie or fish and chips at a lower price. For weekend brunch-goers, order any breakfast item on Saturday or Sunday and you'll get bottomless mimosas.

St. Stephen's Green, 223 Castro St., Mountain View; ststephensgreen.com

The best happy hour deal in town has to be at **Antonio's Nut House** on California Avenue in Palo Alto, where happy hour doesn't actually exist because the dive bar's prices are already so low. "My prices are like happy hour all the time," said owner Tony Montooth. Well drinks are \$3.50, domestic beers are \$3.25 and imported beers, \$4. No umbrellas in your drinks or pretentious ingredients you can't pronounce at the Nut House, where peanut shells litter the floor, bras hang from the ceiling and a sign behind the bar warns, "No laptops on bar please!"

About eight months ago, Antonio's Nut House did get into the discounted drink game, however:

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Bushido bartender and manager Toan Vuong pours a blood orange cocktail: a mix of blood orange juice and Gekkeikan sake.

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\$3 margaritas from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on every day that ends in “y.” The margaritas — mixed by Montooth himself in a large plastic jug — are served in a pint glass with a slice of lime and a salted rim. Don’t question the limit of two per person — they’re strong.

Antonio’s Nut House, 321 California Ave., Palo Alto; 650-321-2550

BEST BITES

For a taste of the south during happy hour, **Nola** in Palo Alto has you covered. A longtime favorite at

the downtown bar and restaurant is the chicken, biscuits and brew: two buttermilk biscuits, crispy chicken tenders, pickle chips, “Mardi Gras” slaw, house-made bacon jam and gravy — plus a pint of draft beer — all for a cool \$10. Chef Tam Sugayan said he came up with the chicken and biscuits after creating his own bacon jam (and the beer just made sense). He said he’s currently working on revamping the menu to add items like an ahi poke, brisket sliders and perhaps a less traditional kind of chicken wings. Nola’s happy hour runs Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. and Sunday, 9 p.m.-midnight. Specialty cocktails

are \$6, well drinks are \$5, wines by the glass are \$6, pints are \$5 and pitchers are \$15.

Nola, 535 Ramona St., Palo Alto; nolas.com

Get in and out for a dinner deal during **Sundance The Steakhouse’s** “Sunset Dinner,” offered seven nights a week, 5-6 p.m. Choose from two price levels of entrees — roasted prime rib, jumbo prawn saute, tempura gulf prawns, fresh Pacific swordfish or fresh grilled salmon for \$26.95 — or filet mignon skewer, Dungeness crab cakes, grilled chicken teriyaki, chicken marsala or chicken piccata for \$22.95. All of the above are served with warm sourdough bread, fresh vegetables and a choice of a baked potato, garlic mashed potatoes, Sundance rice or balsamic Campari tomatoes. Dig in.

Sundance The Steakhouse, 1921 El Camino Real, Palo Alto; sundancethesteakhouse.com

Monday-Friday, from 3-6 p.m. at **Patxi’s Pizza** in Palo Alto, stuff your weekday sorrows with a personal pizza (and up to two toppings) for only \$5. A few blocks away, **Il Fornaio** offers 10-inch pizzas (for two people or one hungry person) for \$6 during its happy hour, Monday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.

Patxi’s Pizza, 441 Emerson St., Palo Alto; patxispizza.com

Il Fornaio, 520 Cowper St., Palo Alto; ilfornaio.com/paloalto



The happy hour special at Tacolicious includes a shot of El Jimador tequila, a Tecate and a taco, all for \$10.

LONGEST HAPPY HOUR

The award for longest happy hour in the area may well go to the **Old Pro** sports bar in downtown Palo Alto, where you can drink, eat and maybe even ride the mechanical bull at a discount for eight solid hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. daily. Seven food and drink items are offered for \$7 and rotated on a regular basis. Pro tip: Happy hour isn’t offered during “major events” like Stanford University game days.

Old Pro, 541 Ramona St., Palo Alto; oldpro.com

LATE NIGHT

Seafood spot **Shell Shock** in downtown Mountain View has a typical, early evening weeknight happy hour (Tuesday-Sunday, 4:30-6:30 p.m.) — and then it has a late-night happy hour. From 9 p.m.-close every day except Monday, grab late-night bites like crispy oyster nachos (\$7), “break

an egg” (fries with a fried egg, chorizo and serrano peppers for \$7) and crab fat caramel chicken wings (\$6). Drinks like the “booty call” (Absolut mandarin vodka, Aperol, grapefruit juice, fresh lemon juice, agave and sparkling wine) and the “lady killer” (barrel-aged bourbon whiskey, vermouth, Amaro Averna, Luxardo maraschino liqueur and Angostura bitters) are \$6 and named aptly for the hour at which they might be consumed. All draft beers are \$3 and house wines, \$5. Cap off your evening with a “sparkling oyster”: a fresh oyster shooter soured in champagne (\$5 for two). \$1 oysters are saved for the lunch crowd from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Shell Shock, 124 Castro St., Mountain View; shellshockrestaurant.com

The 5-year-old downtown Mountain View izakaya, **Bushido**, has you covered with late-



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Saturday is \$5 for Grey Goose cocktails; Sunday, happy hour drinks and \$1.50 oysters all night.

Bushido, 156 Castro St., Mountain View; bushidoizakaya.com

Gordon Biersch in downtown Palo Alto offers a later happy hour Sunday-Thursday, 9 p.m.-close. Individual small plates at the brewery-restaurant start at \$2.95; shareable plates are \$7.95. Beers brewed in-house are \$1 off, wines by the glass are \$2 off and cocktails, \$3.

Gordon Biersch, 640 Emerson St., Palo Alto; gordonbiersch.com

FOR WINE LOVERS

Wines are often an afterthought during happy hour, but they're the main event at **Vino Locale's** "mystery flight night" every Thursday, 5-9 pm. Taste four wines for \$25 (plus a "mystery" snack). Guess the varietals and your flight is on the house.

Vino Locale, 431 Kipling St., Palo Alto; vinolocale.com

ShopTalk

by Daryl Savage



UNIQUE RETAILERS, RESTAURANTS COMING TO STANFORD MALL ...

A restaurant with a focus on healthy eating and healthy living will be opening in Palo Alto's **Stanford Shopping Center** next year.

True Food Kitchen is one of dozens of new shops and restaurants slated to replace the demolished **Bloomingdale's** building as part of Stanford's expansion project.

An artist's rendering posted in the shopping center shows the new restaurant will be located on the El Camino side of the mall with a scheduled opening in mid-2016.

The Stanford location is True Food's first Northern California location. The chain has 10 locations in six states and plans to add at least six more in the next two years.

The menu for the Arizona-based restaurant features a large selection of vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options. Unusual items on the menu include edamame dumplings, quinoa Johnny Cakes and a drink called Medicine Man (which has, as its first ingredient, "sea buckthorn").

Another newcomer to the Stanford Shopping Center is **Muji**, a Japanese retailer with more than 250 locations worldwide. Scheduled to open this summer, it will take over the 4,500-square-foot former site of **Coldwater Creek** as well as the current **Giants Dugout Store**.

The move represents Muji's first location in a U.S. shopping center. Considered a no-frills retailer with an eye toward the environment, the store offers an assortment of home furnishings, stationery, cosmetics and clothing. Meanwhile, Stanford's **Giants Dugout Store** is moving again. It will briefly close in

mid-May and reopen in June in a more central location in the shopping center, situated between **Gap Kids** and **BCBG Maxazria**, in the former site of **Naartjie Kids**, which closed about three months ago.

BRYN WALKER FORCED TO MOVE ...

The Berkeley-based boutique **Bryn Walker** is poised for a move after 17 years in business at 515 Cowper St. in Palo Alto. The stylish women's clothing shop, which has 10 other company-owned stores and sells to nearly 1,000 boutiques throughout the country, had no choice but to relocate since the aging building it occupies is scheduled to be demolished to make way for a new three-story office building.

The current downtown store is tentatively eyeing a closing date in June so that it can relocate to 212 Homer Ave. "We're not yet sure of the exact date our store will close, but we are certainly looking forward to the move," said store manager Diane Kelly. "We love the new neighborhood."

The new location is in the former site of **Thompson's Bakery**. The white stucco building, which was constructed in 1907 and has since been restored, still has the words "Palo Alto Bread" near the rooftop of the structure.

As the clothing store prepares for the move into the historic site on Homer Avenue, Kelly said, "I just hope they won't be tearing that building down too!"

Heard a rumor about your favorite store or business moving out or in, down the block or across town? Daryl Savage will check it out. Email shop-talk@pawebly.com.

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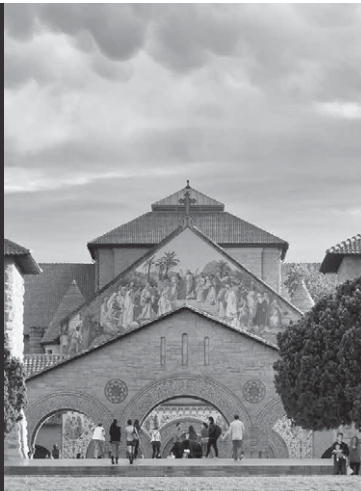
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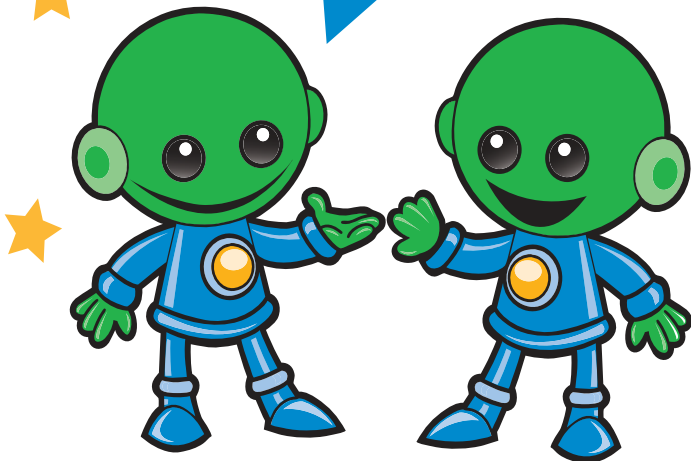
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Movies

FEATURES



In "The Hunting Ground," victims of sexual assault speak out about the widespread culture of denial and lack of support from university administrators.

No excuses

'The Hunting Ground' exposes rape culture on college campuses

★★★ 1/2 (CEMEX Auditorium, Stanford)

Director Kirby Dick's new documentary on sexual assault, "The Hunting Ground," should be required viewing for every current and incoming college student.

The film begins with snapshots of several young women receiving their college acceptance letters or emails. They scream with excitement, some bursting into tears, surrounded by equally ebullient mothers, fathers and siblings.

The scenes are later chilling, in stark contrast with the tears shed by dozens of college students (mostly young women, but also some men) as they recount on camera how they were sexually assaulted — and then failed by the institutions to which they reported their assaults.

"The Hunting Ground," which premiered earlier this year and is making its way to college campuses across the country through individual screenings, brings to light the complex issues driving the rising tide of student activism focused on campus sexual assault. From victim blaming, fraternity culture and the lucrative business of college sports to flawed university processes and philosophies around adjudicating reports of sexual assault, the film exposes a culture of denial and makes it clear the time has come for widespread reform.

"The Hunting Ground" will be screened at Stanford University on Tuesday, April 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. at CEMEX Auditorium. The free event will also feature

a panel discussion with producer Amy Ziering, Stanford Title IX Coordinator Catherine Criswell and Angela Exson, director of Stanford's Sexual Assault & Relationship Abuse (SARA) office.

Stanford is one of numerous universities that has recently come under fire for its mishandling of sexual assault, and the April 28 screening holds heightened significance. It comes soon after a university task force released a series of recommendations for how Stanford must reform its sexual-assault procedures, policies and resources. The school is also now under investigation by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights for Title IX investigations, and a former star freshman swimmer is due in court in Palo Alto this June for allegedly raping an unconscious woman on campus in January.

The opening scene of "The Hunting Ground" sets up a juxtaposition that continues throughout the film. It forces viewers to square the idyllic image of college as a safe, fun, nurturing place where passions are pursued and lifelong friends made with a much darker side where known rapists walk free, and students who are brave enough to report sexual assault are the ones left feeling punished.

The responsibility for this injustice doesn't lie only with perpetrators of sexual assault, the film suggests, but also with those in power who are obligated to adju-

cate such situations. "The Hunting Ground" is a fierce condemnation of university presidents and administrators who appear to choose reputation and brand over doing what is right when faced with reports of serious sexual misconduct on their campuses.

The examples are numerous. At the University of North Carolina (UNC), student-activist Annie Clark said when she finally told an administrator that she had been violently raped, the administrator told her, "Rape is like a football game, Annie. If you look back on the game, what would you do differently in that situation?"

The backbone of "The Hunting Ground" is the story line of Clark and Andrea Pino, another UNC student survivor turned activist. After Pino seeks Clark's support during her freshman year, the two join forces to fight for change at their university and eventually to launch a national grassroots campaign for sexual-assault reform. Clark and Pino went on to found End Rape on Campus, now a robust survivor advocacy organization.

Director Kirby Dick and producer Amy Ziering, who also worked together on "The Invisible War," a 2012 documentary on the rape epidemic in the U.S. military, follow Clark and Pino on their advocacy journey from Chapel Hill to Capitol Hill. Viewers of the film listen in as Clark and Pino receive emotional Skype calls, voice mails, tweets and text

messages from survivors across the country who have heard about their work and reached out for support and guidance.

Though the presidents and chancellors of many of the universities featured in "The Hunting Ground" declined to be interviewed, the film does speak to a young man who went to jail for six and a half years for sexual assault (his face is blurred out to protect his identity); to the Florida district attorney (and Florida State University alumni) who decided not to file charges against star quarterback Jameis Winston despite DNA evidence that later linked him to an assault he was accused of; to a former Dartmouth College fraternity brother and a former member of the University of Notre Dame's police department.

Some of the survivors' accounts of their assaults and universities' lackluster responses are pieced together, with women in separate interviews essentially finishing each other's sentences. The effect is powerful and profound. You watch Pino bury her head in her

hands, explaining how she relives her own assault every time she hears another survivor's story,

"... but it's the only way I get up in the morning," she says. "I would have given anything to have somebody who believed me, somebody who supported me."

Rated PG-13 for disturbing thematic material involving sexual assault, and for language. One hour, 30 minutes.

— Elena Kadavy

What: "The Hunting Ground" screening and panel discussion
Where: CEMEX Auditorium, 641 Knight Way, Stanford
When: Tuesday, April 28, 7-9 p.m.
Cost: Free
Info: Go to tinyurl.com/l3p6tag.

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Century 16: 10:45 a.m., 1:40, 4:35, 7:30 & 10:25 p.m.
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Cinderella (PG) ★★1/2
Century 16: 10:35 a.m., 1:25, 4:15, 7:10 & 9:55 p.m.
Century 20: 11 a.m., 1:40, 4:20, 7 & 9:40 p.m.

Danny Collins (R)
Century 20: 11:40 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m.

The Devil and the Deep (1932) (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: 6 & 9:40 p.m.

Ex Machina (R)
Century 16: 11:20 a.m., 2:10, 5, 7:50 & 10:40 p.m.
Century 20: 11:40 a.m., 2:25, 5:15, 7:55 & 10:40 p.m.

Furious 7 (PG-13)
Century 16: 12:20, 3:40, 5:20, 7, 8:40 & 10:20 p.m., Fri & Sun 10:40 a.m., Fri & Sat 2 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 a.m., 2:20, 5:30 & 8:40 p.m. In X-D at 12:50, 4 & 7:10 p.m. In D-BOX at 11:15 a.m., 2:20, 5:30 & 8:40 p.m.

Get Hard (R)
Century 20: 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:25, 6:55 & 9:55 p.m.

Gunga Din (1939) (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 3:50 p.m.

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The Longest Ride (PG-13) ★
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Met Opera: Cavalleria Rusticana/Pagliacci (Not Rated) Century 16: Sat 9:30 a.m.
Century 20: Sat 9:30 a.m.

Monkey Kingdom (G) ★★1/2
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Tootsie (1982) (PG)
Century 16: Sun 2 p.m. Century 20: Sun 2 p.m.

True Story (R) ★★★ Century 20: 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 5:10, 7:40 & 10:10 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 1:45, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m., Fri & Sat 9:45 p.m.

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While We're Young (R) ★★★
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Wild Tales (R) ★★1/2
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Home Front

COMPOST BASICS ... The City of Palo Alto is offering a free workshop on "Compost Basics" from 10 a.m. to noon on **Saturday, April 25**, at the Cubberley Community Center, Room H-1, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Info: tinyurl.com/compost-workshop or 408-918-4640.

CREATING HEALTHY SOIL ... Ryan Batjiaka, assistant garden manager at Ecology Action's headquarters in Willits, California, will teach a class on "Soil Sustainability" from 1 to 4 p.m. on **Saturday, April 25**, at the Common Ground Garden, 687 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Batjiaka will talk about measuring soil health and what impacts it, plus techniques to maintain and sustain soil. Cost is \$42. Info: commongroundgarden.org

NATIVE PLANT SALE ... Experts will be on hand to talk about native perennials, wildflowers and grasses as lawn alternatives at the Spring Native Plant Sale and Wildflower Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on **Saturday, April 25**, at Hidden Villa Ranch, CNPS Nursery, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. In addition to the plant sale and show, there will be books on native plants, posters and note cards for purchase. The sale is organized by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the California Native Plant Society and Acterra Nursery. Participants are asked to bring boxes to carry purchases home. Info: cnps-scv.org, cnps_scv@yahoo.com or 650-260-3450

EDIBLE LANDSCAPING AND MORE ... The Garden Club of Los Altos will hold its Plant & Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 28**, at the Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S. El Monte Ave., Los Altos. The sale will be followed by a meeting at 1:30 p.m. where Rosalind Creasy will present a program on edible landscaping. She will also bring pamphlets on sustainability and sell her latest book. Guests pay \$10. Info: gardencluboflosaltos.org

YOUR FOREVER HOME ... Harrell Remodeling is offering a workshop on "Your Forever Home & Universal Design" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 29**, at 1954 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. The free workshop includes a

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Inset Moorish arches, middle, are an unusual touch to the Spanish Eclectic Bechtel International Center, featured on the Stanford Historic Houses walking tour. The Bechtel International Center, above, designed by architect John Branner in 1917, will be featured on the Hidden Gems of Upper Lomita tour at Stanford University.



Architect Julius Krafft designed Kingscote Gardens in 1917 in an Eclectic Italian Renaissance style, with an Art Moderne curved glass porch in front. Sleeping porches, top left, jut out from the side of the apartment building.

Walking down Stanford's memory lane

Family-friendly tour features a dozen campus buildings

by Carol Blitzer | photos by Veronica Weber

Eclectic — Italian Renaissance or Spanish —Greek Revival, Beaux Arts/Spanish Colonial, Modern: All of these architectural styles are represented in the upcoming "Hidden Gems of Upper Lomita" tour on April 26.

This year's Stanford University campus tour, sponsored by the Stanford Historical Society, includes 12 buildings, many that began as homes but evolved into academic offices or support services for students. All will be viewed from the outside, with docents stationed at each spot armed with masses of historical details.

Kingscote Gardens, for example, was built in 1917. Architect Julius Krafft (and his two sons) designed the Eclectic Italian Renaissance building as garden apartments for Sarah Howard, widow of political science professor Burt Estes Howard, according to Julie Cain, historic preservation planner. The apartments were open to the entire Stanford community: students, faculty and staff.

"Mrs. Howard wanted an English country manor," Cain said, so Krafft supplied an E-shaped footprint typical of that style, along with the parklike surroundings. The landscape includes several ancient oaks and a pool with a Japanese footbridge and Italian fountains.

But beyond the footprint, Krafft added Italian Renaissance aspects (in the arched windows, columns, eave brackets and low-pitched

roof), or perhaps Arts and Crafts (those same overhanging eaves with brackets) and Art Moderne with the curved glass porch, Cain explained. There's even a Classical touch, with "dentil trim" dancing along the face of the building. The windows add a "Chicago" style to the building, she said, with casements on the side and transoms at the top. Sleeping porches are another unusual element.

Legend has it that Mrs. Howard brought back the two tiles embedded in the Italianesque fountain from Turkey in 1926. The garden even has an outdoor stage.

Just across the street is today's Bechtel International Center, which was also built

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A sign welcomes visitors to Kingscote Gardens at Stanford University. The apartment complex and surrounding gardens will be among 12 buildings featured on the Stanford Historical Society Historic Houses Walking Tour: Hidden Gems of Upper Lomita on Sunday, April 26.



Historic houses

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in 1917. Designed by architect John Branner as a home for Zeta Psi, the first fraternity on campus, the building was simple and restrained, compared to the Bakewell and Brown structures (such as Roble Gym, Memorial Auditorium and Hoover Tower) that were nearby, Cain said. The basic aesthetic is Spanish Eclectic, she said, and features arched windows, a tile roof and stucco. "It has a very European feel," she said, adding that Branner had

toured Europe before designing the building, but "it's all about being eclectic."

The super-sized windows and doors on the first floor reflect the Beaux Art influence, and although the basic architecture is fairly simple, there are some odd touches, such as the inset Moorish arches.

Since 1963, the building has been used as an international center, first intended to help foreign students fit into American culture. Today, known as the Bechtel International Center, it's the go-to place for students to learn about where to study abroad.

Other buildings on the tour include:

- the Fire Truck House, designed by Charles Hodges in 1904 in the Greek Revival style;

- the Black Community Services Center, built for grounds foreman Fred Frehe in 1912 in an unknown Stick Style;

- Harmony House, designed as the Dugan residence in 1926, in an unknown Storybook style;

- Roble Hall, designed by George Kelham as a women's dorm in 1918, in the Beaux Arts style;

- Rogers House, an 1892 faculty residence, in an unknown Shingle style;

- Mariposa House, an 1892 boarding house, designed by Charles Hodges in the Shingle style;

- Serra House, built as the president's retirement house in 1923 by Birge Clark in the Spanish Eclectic style;

- Florence Moore Hall, built as a women's dorm in 1956 by Milton Pflueger and Thomas Church, in the Modern style;

- Lake House, an administrator's residence built in 1964, designed by John Carl Warnecke and Lawrence Halprin in the Modern style;

- The Knoll, built as the president's house in 1918, designed by Louis Christian Mullgardt in a Beaux Arts/Spanish Colonial style. This building now houses Stanford's Center for Computer Research in Music and Acous-

tics (CCRMA).

An added element this year is a treasure hunt for kids ages 6 to 12.

This year's tour involves more walking than in years past, with the 12 buildings spread out over about a mile. Many are clustered near the Faculty Club, and parking on Sunday is readily available on campus. There will be no shuttles. The farthest building on the tour is The Knoll, which is situated on a hill; it can be viewed from below for those who don't want to make the climb.

Proceeds from the tour go towards an ongoing program to document the history of houses in the faculty-staff residential area. ■

Associate Editor Carol Blitzer can be emailed at cblitzer@paweekly.com.

What: Stanford Historical Society Historic Houses Walking Tour: Hidden Gems of Upper Lomita

When: Sunday, April 26, 1 to 4 p.m.

Where: 12 buildings in the center of campus

Cost: \$15

Info: historicalsociety.stanford.edu/hhouses.shtml; tickets can be picked up at the registration desk near Bechtel International Center, 584 Capistrano Way; parking is available in Tresidder parking lot (Lagunita Drive), Black House lot (Santa Teresa Street), Lagunita lot (Lomita Drive), A and C permit spots, and on-street parking.

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light breakfast. Info: 650-230-2900 or harrell-remodeling.com

DROUGHT IDEAS ... UC Master Gardener Roberta Barnes will give a free talk on "Design Ideas for Drought-Tolerant Gardens" from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 29**, at the Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Barnes will deal with creating beautiful gardens without lawns and with low water needs. Info: UC Master Gardeners at 408-282-3105, between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or mastergardeners.org

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 Highest sales price: **\$1,150,000**

Los Altos

Total sales reported: **8**
 Lowest sales price: **\$630,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$3,200,000**

Menlo Park

Total sales reported: **4**
 Lowest sales price: **\$1,800,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$3,200,000**

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Total sales reported: **11**
 Lowest sales price: **\$530,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$1,780,000**

Palo Alto

Total sales reported: **3**
 Lowest sales price: **\$1,375,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$4,050,000**

Redwood City

Total sales reported: **8**
 Lowest sales price: **\$535,500**
 Highest sales price: **\$1,858,000**

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

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809 Donohoe St. Mock Trust to A. Nayyerhabibi for \$1,150,000 on 3/3/15
480 E. O'keefe St. #303 J. Needham to J. Moniz for \$390,000 on 3/3/15; previous sale 1/11, \$125,000

Los Altos

100 1st St. #106 Los Altos8 Limited to Leland Stanford Junior University for \$1,430,000 on 3/27/15
100 1st St. #108 Los Altos8 Limited to Leland Stanford Junior University for \$995,000 on 3/27/15
100 1st St. #303 Los Altos8 Limited to Buan Trust for

\$2,395,000 on 3/30/15
1585 Carob Lane Er Trust to R. Padmanabhan for \$795,000 on 3/30/15; previous sale 1/95, \$196,000
1700 Dalehurst Ave. Fickett Trust to W. Kim for \$2,125,000 on 3/30/15
150 W. Edith Ave. #41 J. & A. Langston to Banks Trust for \$630,000 on 3/27/15; previous sale 10/09, \$440,000
454 Orange Ave. V. Gard to Eggers Trust for \$2,735,000 on 3/30/15; previous sale 6/04, \$1,028,500
24591 Summerhill Court Lang Trust to West Edith Residential Holdings for \$3,200,000 on 3/30/15

Menlo Park

440 Arlington Way Rice Trust to Duda Trust for \$3,200,000 on 3/3/15; previous sale 8/92, \$468,000
231 East Creek Drive E. Krane to D. Mituzas for \$2,880,000 on 3/3/15; previous sale 10/03, \$1,190,000
1009 Middle Ave. Ellis Trust

to L. Hsieh for \$2,150,000 on 3/3/15; previous sale 10/00, \$879,000
1274 Sharon Park Drive Bretall Trust to M. Roncarolo for \$1,800,000 on 3/4/15; previous sale 11/13, \$1,540,000

Mountain View

227 Ada Ave. #B S. Leong to W. Shu for \$1,020,000 on 3/27/15; previous sale 10/09, \$600,000
1274 Cuernavaca Circulo Angera Trust to V. & V. Kugel for \$1,481,000 on 3/27/15
505 Cypress Point Drive #250 J. & M. Singer to P. Singer for \$550,000 on 3/27/15; previous sale 7/05, \$550,000
813 Emily Drive A. & K. Myers to S. Hwong for \$1,000,000 on 3/30/15; previous sale 1/07, \$547,000
184 Evandale Ave. T. & J. Chang to C. Liao for \$1,260,000 on 3/30/15
2341 Hilo Court S. Tall to West Valley Ventures for \$1,565,000 on 3/27/15; previous sale 11/76, \$109,500
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Trust to P. Parekh for \$760,000 on 3/27/15
1915 Mt. Vernon Court #6 F. & L. Cooper to G. Wit for \$530,000 on 3/27/15; previous sale 5/99, \$159,000
13384 Pastel Lane B. Kinnison to A. & A. Goel for \$1,780,000 on 3/27/15
2255 Showers Drive #263 Underwood Trust to K. Tay for \$700,000 on 3/27/15; previous sale 7/13, \$700,000
49 Showers Drive #W202 Hashim Trust to J. & L. Wong for \$860,000 on 3/27/15; previous sale 10/13, \$465,000

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1545 Alma St. F. & C. Carrubba to M. & V. Baldua for \$1,375,000 on 3/27/15
1865 Bryant St. Rosselli Trust to K. Lee for \$2,600,000 on 3/30/15
90 Jordan Place White Trust to C. Chan for \$4,050,000 on

3/30/15

Redwood City

1175 Cleveland St. H. Sullivan to S. Uryasev for \$1,115,000 on 3/3/15; previous sale 12/04, \$713,000
224 Hillview Ave. Realsmart Fund 15 to K. & A. Efland for \$1,060,000 on 3/3/15; previous sale 10/14, \$900,000
3469 Hoover St. J. & M. Chavez to A. & A. Vincent for \$880,000 on 3/3/15; previous sale 4/03, \$599,000
3943 Lonesome Pine Road Yim Trust to M. & T. Brosnan for \$1,858,000 on 3/4/15; previous sale 4/05, \$1,000,000
654 Sea Anchor Drive #2305 One Marina Homes to K. & A. Letz for \$875,000 on 3/3/15
512 Stanford Ave. H. Hardman to E. Jackson for \$535,500 on 3/3/15; previous sale 9/09, \$205,000

718 Vera Ave. Martinucci Trust to Saraceno Trust for \$770,000 on 3/5/15
1235 Woodside Road K. Chan to M. Lin for \$970,000 on 3/3/15; previous sale 7/14, \$800,000

BUILDING PERMITS

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580 Saint Claire Drive demo pool, \$n/a
708 Colorado Ave. 7-Eleven: install five electrical outlets, \$n/a
243 Seale Ave. remodel kitchen, bath, split master bedroom into two bedrooms, replace furnace, \$34,000
894 La Para Ave. remodel kitchen, \$20,000
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451 California Ave. repair dry rot, \$5,000



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Approximately 5400 square feet of living space provides 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, formal living and dining rooms, a grand kitchen with professional grade appliances, two family rooms, a spacious gym, a large wine cellar, laundry room, and a generous storage room. Rooms are of generous proportions with quality detailing and fine finishes. A park-like rear yard with large patio and towering redwood trees invites outdoor dining and entertaining.

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Charming Home Updated With Style

An updated interior and gorgeous outdoor spaces complement this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home of 1,810 sq. ft. (per county), which includes a lot of 7,000 sq. ft. (per county) and an additional studio apartment with 1 bath. Inside, discover fine amenities like crown molding, natural hardwood floors, and dual-pane windows. The tastefully remodeled kitchen displays granite countertops and an island with a butcher-block bar. Two closets and an office enhance the master suite, and two bedrooms include French doors leading outside. In the converted studio, you will find hardwood floors, a lovely kitchenette with granite countertops, a loft, and a bath with slate floors and a marble vanity. Two large decks and a brick terrace form a stunning outdoor retreat. Just a half-mile from Sharon Hills Park, the home is steps away from Alameda de Las Pulgas attractions and a short drive from Stanford University. Nearby schools include Las Lomas Elementary (API 943), La Entrada Middle (API 963), and Menlo-Atherton High (buyer to verify eligibility).

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4 Bedrooms - Townhouse	
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4 Bedrooms	
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Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111

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6 Bedrooms	
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1 Bedroom - Condominium	
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2 Bedrooms	
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3 Bedrooms - Condominium	
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3 Bedrooms - Condominium	
1161 Donner Ln 905	\$988,000
Sat/Sun 1-5 Deleon Realty	543-8500

3 Bedrooms	
2535 South Ct	\$2,498,000
Sat/Sun 1-4:30 Morgan Lashley Distinctive Properties	326-5700

972 Amarillo Ave	\$1,888,000
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker	325-6161

907 Amarillo Ave	\$1,498,000
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4 Bedrooms	
2088 Channing Ave.	\$2,995,000
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Sat/Sun 1-5 Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

270 Iris Way	\$2,995,000
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2250 Columbia St	\$2,988,000
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5 Bedrooms	
3661 Park Blvd	\$1,978,000
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PORTOLA VALLEY

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Sun Coldwell Banker	324-4456

5 Bedrooms	
15 Siesta Ct	\$2,199,000
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2 Bedrooms	
1315 James Avenue	\$1,250,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker	323-7751

2849 Devonshire Ave	\$499,000
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2224 Euclid	\$995,000
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3 Bedrooms	
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4 Bedrooms	
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2 Bedrooms	
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SUNNYVALE

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1249 Oak Creek Way	\$780,000
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3 Bedrooms	
150 Northridge Ln	\$2,995,000
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740 Whiskey Hill Road	\$5,250,000
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Sat/Sun 1-4 Stafford & Haight Realty, Inc.	275-3307

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The house at 644 Wellsbury Way was purchased by Guy and Barbara Bateman in 1957. Barbara was an accomplished musician, receiving a Master's Degree in Music Education from Columbia University, New York City. She studied bassoon at the Juilliard School of Music, and taught woodwind and served for many years as Wind Specialist for the Palo Unified School District and the El Camino Youth Symphony. She played bassoon in the Peninsula Symphony and taught private bassoon lessons.

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644 Wellsbury Way, Palo Alto



This light-filled, charming house is situated in Palo Alto's midtown neighborhood. Among the amenities are oak hardwood floors and original pine kitchen cabinets. The open floor plan includes a spacious dining area. The cozy family room opens onto a patio suitable for outdoor entertaining. In back is an orchard with five fruit trees, in front a rose garden. It is convenient to the Midtown and Charleston shopping areas and the newly refurbished Mitchell Park Library and Community Center.

- Three bedrooms, two baths
- Living room with fireplace
- Open floor plan with large dining area
- Large kitchen with original pine cabinets
- Family room opens onto a garden patio
- Oak hardwood floors
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- All redwood construction, built 1952
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- Roof is five years old
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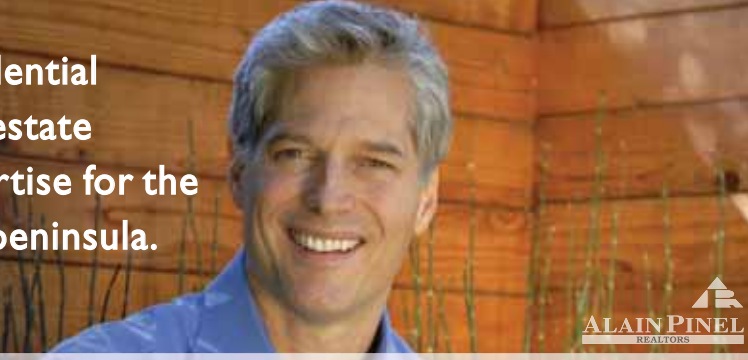
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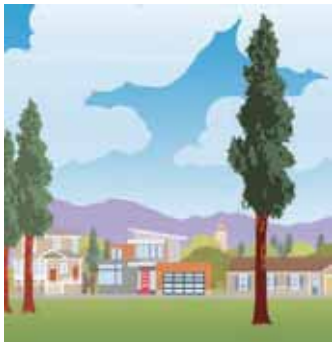


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Starlight Solar, located at 364 Poe St., Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
VARIO BARAJAS
364 Poe St.
Palo Alto, CA 94301
Registrant/Owner 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 23, 2015.
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CALL TO GEEKS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 603183
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Call To Geeks, located at 839 Miller Ave., Cupertino, CA 95014, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Corporation.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
TECWORLD INC.
339 Miller Ave.
Cupertino, CA 95014
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
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HAPPY ENDINK TATTOO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 602920
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Happy Endink Tattoo, located at 128 Clayton Ave., San Jose, CA 95110, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
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128 Clayton Ave.
San Jose, CA 95110
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/20/15.
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LAVINIA'S JEWELRY LEA AND ANDRE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 603079
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Lavinia's Jewelry, 2.) Lea and Andre, located at 1621 Mariposa 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):
LAVINIA LEAMUN YAU-CHAN
1621 Mariposa Ave.
Palo Alto, CA 94306
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GROCERY OUTLET OF PALO ALTO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 602530
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is owned by: A Corporation.
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440 Dixon Landing
Milpitas, CA 95035
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 March 11, 2015.
(PAW Apr. 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2015)

147 EMERSON STREET FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 603518
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
147 Emerson Street, located at 259 Alden Lane, Livermore, CA 94550, Alameda County.
The principal place of business is in Alameda County and a current fictitious business name statement is on file at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office of said County.
This business is owned by: An Unincorporated Association other than a partnership.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
Ervin A. DeSmet
4411 244th. Street SE
Woodinville, WA 98072
Richard C. DeSmet
1377 Echo Valley Drive
San Jose, CA 95120
Gary A. DeSmet
600 Donald Street
Sonoma, CA 95476
Denise L. DeSmet Glasco
259 Alden Lane
Livermore, CA 94550
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on April 1, 2015.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 7, 2015.
(PAW Apr. 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2015)

ACUCHRON PAIN CENTERS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 603462
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Acuchron Pain Centers, located at 220 S. California Ave., Suite 100, 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):
HESHMAT CHIROPRACTIC INC.
220 S. California Ave., Suite 100
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 7, 2015.
(PAW Apr. 17, 24, May 1, 8, 2015)

THE CLEMENT HOTEL THE CLEMENT PALO ALTO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 603763
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) The Clement Hotel, 2.) The Clement Palo Alto, 711 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Limited Partnership.
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)

997 All Other Legals
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
SETSUKO SEVEN also known as SETSUKO TAKIZAWA
Case No.: 115PR175206
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SETSUKO SEVEN also known as SETSUKO TAKIZAWA.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: JUNJI SUZUKI in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that: JUNJI SUZUKI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 1, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.: 10 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the

California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
Edward S. Miyauchi,
Marshall Suzuki Law Group, LLP
150 Spear Street, Suite 725
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415)618-0090
(PAW Apr. 17, 24, May 1, 2015)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
TORU NAZUKA
Case No.: 115PR 175998
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of TORU NAZUKA.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: JUNJI SUZUKI in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that: JUNJI SUZUKI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 8, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.: 10 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.
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 - Redheaded Broadway character
 - 1996 gold medalist in tennis
 - Black Sabbath singer, to fans
 - Last of 12, for short
 - of Maine (toothpaste brand)
 - Antiseptic used on muscle pulls?
 - They can be rolled or crossed
 - Potato outside
 - Pipe unclogger
 - Address starter
 - Spitefulness
 - Ready follower?
 - The rougher alter ego?
 - Card game based on matching groups of three
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 - Exchange
 - Impersonate
 - Disorderly defeat
 - Cable staple since 1979
 - Act on misery loving company?
 - Obama predecessor
 - The A of BAC: Abbr.
 - Aunt Bee's nephew
 - Aretha Franklin's longtime label
 - Shop tool
 - Complaint during a bland Mad Lib?
 - "Roots" family surname
 - Pint-sized
 - Pen fluid
 - Comedic actor William Scott
 - Defeats, as a dragon
 - "Dr. Mario" platform
- Down**
- City near Casablanca
 - LA's Whisky
 - First coffee break time, perhaps
 - Meadow sounds
 - Revolt
 - In favor of
 - Knock senseless
 - "Holy moly!"
 - The Rock's real first name
 - Ending with hallow
 - Bad change of scenery?
 - Cornell and Columbia, for two
 - Bloodsucker
 - Krupp Works city
 - Lighter option
 - "Baloney!"
 - Intricate network
 - Kippur
 - June honoree
 - 2016 Olympics setting
 - Colonial collectibles
 - Impact Wrestling (wrestling league)
 - Blood bank's universal donor
 - Band presented on an island, perhaps
 - "And many more"
 - Bar legally
 - Figure known for calling out?
 - Theo, to Cliff
 - Risking a lot
 - Annual PGA event
 - High-class
 - or better
 - Skateboarder's jump
 - Cheese coverings
 - Do some tune-up work on
 - Bolt like lightning?
 - "Goosebumps" creator R. L.
 - "The Green Mile" actor
 - 2008 World Series runner-ups
 - Dew (stylized brand name)
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Escrow No. 130082-011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made on assets hereinafter described.

The name(s) and business address of the Seller(s) are: S&H, INC., 445 27TH AVE, SAN MATEO, CA 94403, ATTENTION: SHAHAB TEHRANI

The location in California of the chief executive office or principal business office of the Seller is: SAME AS ABOVE. All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s) are: NONE

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The business name used by the said Seller's at said location is: S & H, INC. The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: WILSHIRE ESCROW COMPANY, 4270 WILSHIRE BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010 and the anticipated sale date is: MAY 12, 2015. The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
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Case No.: 1-15-PR 176357
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JUNE CHARLOTTE CIOLLI, a/k/a JUNE C. CIOLLI, a/k/a JUNE CIOLLI.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MICHAEL DAVID CIOLLI, LINDA SUE MINOR and THOMAS EDWARD CIOLLI in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

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

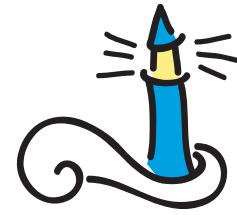
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If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance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

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C R O S S W O R D S

Sports Shorts

NCAA CHAMP . . . Stanford's **Elizabeth Price** won the NCAA title on vault and teammate **Ivana Hong** placed second on beam at the NCAA Championships Individual Event Finals on Sunday in Fort Worth, Texas. Price scored 9.9333 to become the second Cardinal gymnast in program history to claim a national title on vault. She joins **Larissa Fontaine**, who earned the championship in 1998 with a 9.8625. Price's vault score is the highest of any Stanford gymnast all-time at the individual event finals. Price also competed on bars and tied for fifth with a 9.900. She finished her freshman campaign with seven scores of 9.900 or higher in nine meets in the event. Hong capped a great weekend on beam with a 9.9375 to become the third gymnast in program history to finish second in the event. She joins **Lindsay Wing** (2001, 9.925) and **Carly Janiga** (2010, 9.8875) as the only Cardinal gymnasts to finish among the top two in the event. Hong finished the season scoring 9.900 or higher in each of her final six competitions, including a career-best 9.975 during the Super Six.

GOLF TEAM . . . Stanford sophomore **Maverick McNealy** was named to the Palmer Cup team for the United States, as announced last week on the Golf Channel's Morning Drive. The annual Ryder Cup-style competition will be played June 12-14 at Rich Harvest Farms near Sugar Grove, Ill. McNealy, who is also one of 10 semifinalists for the Ben Hogan Award, currently ranks No. 1 in Golfweek's collegiate player rankings. He is also eighth in the World Amateur Golf Ranking. Along with four collegiate victories this season, McNealy has finished among the top 10 seven times in 10 outings.

SOCCER STAR . . . Stanford sophomore **Jordan Morris** has made quite a name for himself at the expense of Mexico in just one week. Seven days after starting and scoring for the U.S. Men's Senior National Team in its 2-0 win over El Tri in San Antonio, Morris did so again on Wednesday night, this time for the U-23s in that squad's 3-0 victory against Mexico in Carson as Morris scored in the 68th minute.

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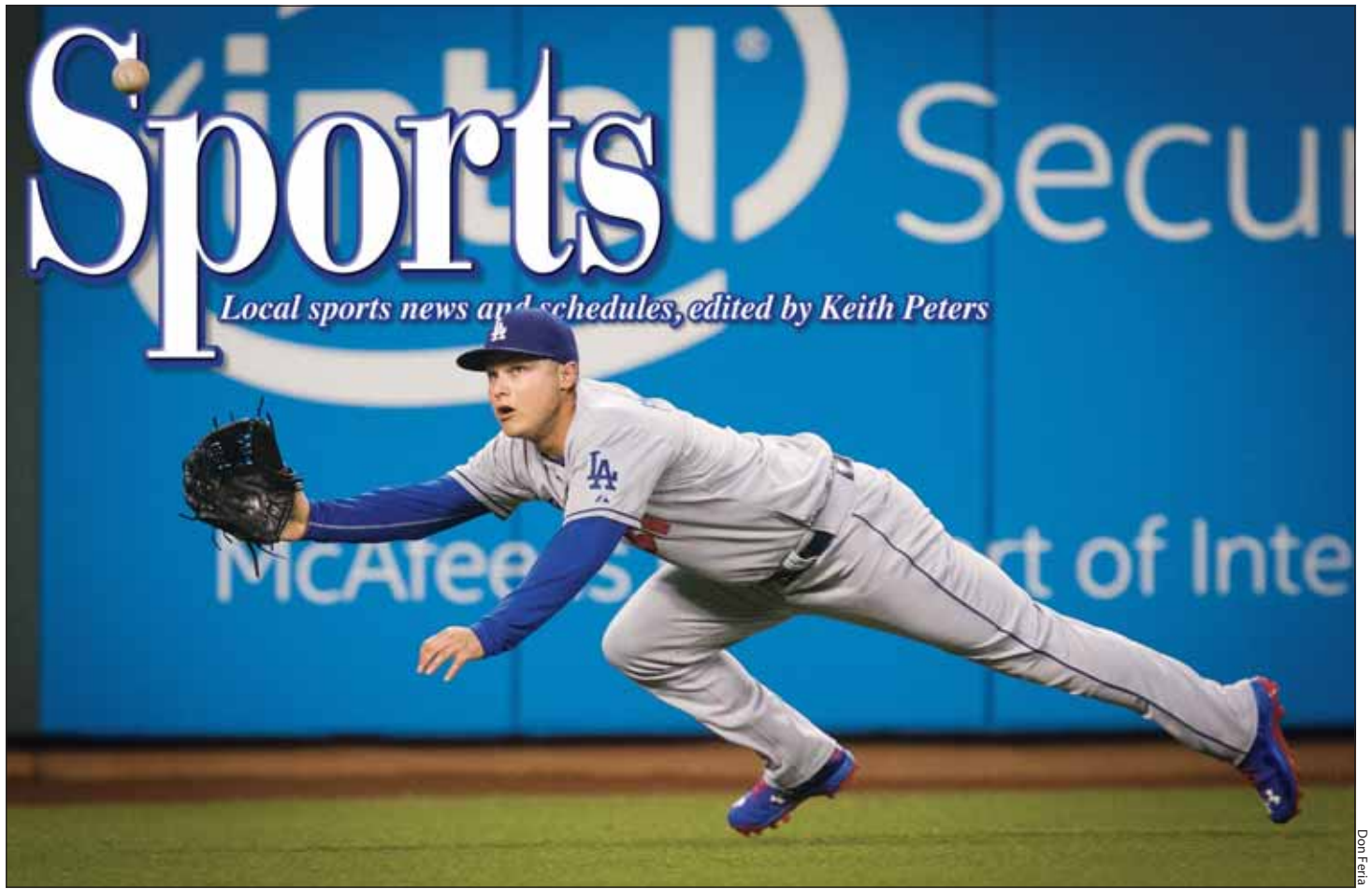
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College baseball: San Jose St. at Stanford, 5:30 p.m.; KZSU (90.1 FM)

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Palo Alto High grad **Joc Pederson** nearly made this diving catch on a liner by the Giants' Justin Maxwell in the second inning of Tuesday night's series opener.

PRO BASEBALL

Enjoying life in the majors

Palo Alto High grad **Joc Pederson** adjusting as a starter for the Los Angeles Dodgers

by Rick Eyrer

Palo Alto grad **Joc Pederson** was able to spend his birthday with his family for the first time since high school when he came to San Francisco with the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday to open a three-game series with the Giants.

Pederson, who turned 23, spent most of Monday having "good family conversation." His grandfather, long-time Palo Alto sports

coach **Bob Pederson**, passed away recently, would have been a part of that conversation.

It's a close-knit family and Bob was a major fan of all his grandchildren — Champ, Joc, Tyger and Jacey.

"It was a tough loss," Pederson said. "He was my basketball coach growing up. It's sad and I will miss him."

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In his first appearance at AT&T Park as a starter for the Dodgers, **Joc Pederson** had a single on Tuesday night.

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Menlo returns to familiar position atop the WBAL

by Keith Peters

During a nine-year span starting in 2004, Menlo School arguably had the most dominant girls lacrosse team in the local area as the Knights won eight of nine league titles.

During one stretch, Menlo won 59 straight league matches. That streak, however, ended in 2013 when Sacred Heart Prep wrested local dominance from the Knights and created their own, however brief, dynasty.

The Gators won back-to-back regular season and playoff titles in

the West Bay Athletic League in 2013 and '14 while fashioning an overall record of 38-6. Suddenly, the Gators were the team to beat.

Sacred Heart Prep defeated Menlo School five straight times, including three in a row last year by a single goal each time.

Streaks, like records, however, are meant to be broken and Menlo gained a measure of payback on Tuesday by romping to a 16-5 triumph over the visiting Gators. Menlo strengthened its grip on first place in the WBAL Foothill

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Menlo School sophomore **Sophia Donovan** (99) drew a lot of attention from SHP, but still scored three goals with two assists.

STANFORD ROUNDUP

Cardinal women win MPSF lacrosse title

Stanford scored the game's first 13 goals on its way to beating UC Davis, 15-6, on Wednesday night to capture its first Mountain Pacific Sports Federation regular-season women's lacrosse title since 2011.

Nationally No. 15 Stanford (12-2 overall) improved to 8-0 with one game left in MPSF play to clinch the top seed in next week's conference tournament and earn the right to play host to the MPSF tournament next year.

The six-team MPSF tournament (April 30-May 3 in Denver) determines the conference's automatic berth to the NCAA playoffs. Stanford still could tie USC (7-1), but holds the tiebreaker after beating the Trojans, 12-6, on Sunday.

This is the sixth regular-season title for Stanford since MPSF play began in 2004, and third under seventh-year coach Amy Bokker.

Stanford got three draw controls, two caused turnovers, two ground balls one goal and one assist from Lucy Dikeou, who on Thursday was named as one of 25 nominees for the Tewaaraton Award, emblematic of the best player in collegiate lacrosse.

Dikeou was not on the original 50-player watch list, released in February, but the Denver native played her way on. She leads Stanford in points (43), goals (32), shots (65), draw controls (49), caused turnovers (19), free-position goals (9), and game-winning goals (4).

Stanford's Adrienne Anderson (defensive) and Allie DaCar

(rookie) earned player of the week honors from the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation for their performances during the Cardinal's big weekend lacrosse victories over San Diego State and USC.

Baseball

Two Stanford pitchers carried a no-hitter into the ninth inning before settling for a combined two-hitter as the Cardinal beat visiting California, 4-0, in nonconference action Tuesday night in Sunken Diamond.

Stanford starter Chris Castellanos (2-0) faced two batters over the minimum in his career-high seven innings of work and has not allowed a hit over his past 11 1/3 innings. Gabe Cramer kept the no-no intact through eight and got the first out of the ninth before an infield single, just over his head, broke it up.

Cramer allowed another hit before ending the game with a strikeout as Stanford won its sixth in the last nine games.

The Cardinal (17-21) looks to use the momentum this weekend when Palo Alto grad Christoph Bono and UCLA visits for a three-game Pac-12 series beginning Friday at 7 p.m.

Women's golf

Lauren Kim posted a sizzling final-round 67 to place seventh and the No. 17 Stanford women golfers were seventh overall at the Pac-12 Conference Championships, which wrapped up Wednesday at Boulder Country Club in Colorado. ■



Palo Alto High grad Joc Pederson found himself among the San Francisco Giants' legends on Tuesday night from his position as the Los Angeles Dodgers' starting center fielder.

Pederson

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His grandfather watched him at every stop in the minor leagues, from the Arizona Fall League on up.

"Everywhere I went, he was always there watching me play," Pederson said. "Now he gets to watch me every day."

Bob Pederson started it all for the athletic family as he starred for the 1950 Palo Alto High football team at quarterback, leading the team to a 10-0 season. The Vikings had the high-scoring team in Northern California that year (36.6 ppg) and was regarded as the finest such squad in school history until the 2010 team went 14-0 and won a state title.

Pederson's son, Stu, continued the football tradition as did his sons — Tyger and Joc.

Several members of the Pederson family were on the field to watch the Dodgers take batting practice, one of the best presents he could enjoy on his birthday.

"It adds a level of excitement because this is where I grew up," Pederson said. "It's exciting to see family and friends who are happy for me. I grew up watching Barry Bonds here. This is the place where I came to watch major league baseball."

Barry Bonds was in attendance Tuesday night, watching Pederson, who was 1 for 2 with a pair of walks during a 6-2 loss to the Giants that ended a seven-game winning streak. The Dodgers also were on the short end of Wednesday's 3-2 loss that was decided with Joe Panik lofted a sacrifice fly to Pederson in center field to bring home the winner in the bottom of the ninth.

Joc had a multitude of ticket requests for Tuesday's game, the exact number Pederson could not recall. He does stay in touch with teachers and friends and has been known to show up at the school to

say hello.

His sister, Jacey, is a junior at Paly and an excellent soccer player. In fact, she was the MVP of the SCVAL De Anza Division and has verbally committed to play for UCLA upon graduation.

"With all the video available, my mom is able to send me things from her games," Pederson said. "I see a highlight or two. She's pretty good. I'm happy for her that she is able to play a sport she loves."

Pederson, who was a September call-up last year, made his first opening day roster and brought a .289 batting average into Tuesday's contest. He ranks among National League leaders in walks (12, fourth) and on-base percentage (.438, ninth). After Tuesday night, Pederson was batting .300 with 12 hits in 40 at-bats. That figured dipped to .293 after Wednesday's loss.

"Any experience you get is priceless," he said. "I got my feet wet last year and was able build off that. I'm learning a lot and am fortunate enough to be around some of the best hitters in the game. I learn from them and watch how

they go about business."

He recorded a career-high three hits against the Arizona Diamondbacks on April 12, which included his first major-league home run and RBI.

"He's talented," Dodgers infielder Adrian Gonzalez said of Pederson during spring training. "He doesn't have any physical limitations — he hits the ball hard and has a great eye at the plate. He's fast enough to steal bases and plays great defense."

Pederson was prompted to the big leagues following his historic season with Triple-A Albuquerque last year in which he became the fourth player to steal 30 bases and hit 30 home runs in the same season, and the first in over 50 years. He earned MVP honors and was a Triple-A all-star.

His standout season prompted the Dodgers to make the ultimate compliment as they traded starting center fielder Matt Kemp to San Diego to make room for Pederson.

"I think you're always learning," Pederson said. "You're constantly adjusting. It's different every day and you have to keep improving." ■



Pederson celebrated his 23rd birthday on Tuesday at AT&T Park, but didn't get a victory for a present.

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PREP ROUNDUP

Bouncing back in baseball

After going 2-24 last year, Gunn is now competing for a title

by Andrew Preimesberger

The Gunn baseball team has made quite a turnaround from its poor season last year when the Titans finished 2-24 overall after starting out 1-17.

Heading into yesterday's showdown at Cupertino, Gunn was 11-6-1 overall and enjoying games more than a year ago.

Led by a solid pitching staff featuring starters Ravi Levens, Justin Wenig, and David Clarke, a team that finished dead-last in the SCVAL De Anza Division is now a team that is clinging to the SCVAL El Camino Division lead and is driving for a possible Central Coast Section berth.

"Me and our other star, Justin Wenig, are healthy," said Levens. "We had a lot of young players last year. Three freshmen and one sophomore started. Those kids are older, bigger and stronger now and they're just smarter baseball players. That's helped a lot."

Clarke, who was a freshman at the time, was thrown into the fire a lot last season but gained a lot of exposure at the varsity level.

"He was only a freshman pitching varsity in the De Anza league," said Gunn head coach John Harney. "He got a lot of good experience. He did really well at the end."

Gunn was downed by visiting Cupertino, 4-1, in an SCVAL El Camino Division matchup Tuesday but remained in first place by a half game over the Pioneers (6-2, 12-6 overall). The Titans (7-2 league) still have a chance to make the playoffs with nine regular-season games left on the schedule.

In the past 10 years, Gunn has reached the CCS playoffs three times. The Titans lost their Division I opener in 2005, reached the Division II finals before losing in 2006 and lost in the Division II quarterfinals in 2012.

"It's going to be about pitching and playing defense," said Harney, who has been involved with the Gunn program since 1999. "Like it is with every team, we need to get ahead of guys and don't make a lot of mistakes. We're going to have to hit better than we did today. We've got some guys that can hit, we just hope the ball bounces our way."

Boys golf

Palo Alto claimed its third straight Santa Clara Valley Athletic League regular-season title

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Cameron Gordon

SACRED HEART PREP

The sophomore scored 12 goals and added four assists in three lacrosse matches, including a crucial 12-10 win over rival Menlo-Atherton to keep the Gators just a match back of first place in the WBAL race.



Eli Givens

PALO ALTO HIGH

The junior ran a CCS-leading 10.84 to win the 100 and ran a leg on the winning 400 relay in a 66-61 dual win before winning the 200 in a CCS-leading 21.86 and winning a windy 100 at the CCS Top 8 meet.

Honorable mention

Jennifer Campbell

Gunn swimming

Lauren Gargiulo

Palo Alto lacrosse

Zoe Lusk

Palo Alto swimming

Maya Miklos*

Gunn track & field

Brigid White

Sacred Heart Prep lacrosse

Grace Zhao*

Palo Alto swimming

Jackson Enright

Sacred Heart Prep swimming

Joonsung Ha

Palo Alto golf

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Menlo golf

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Menlo-Atherton track & field

Trent Tosky

Gunn swimming

Justin Wenig

Gunn baseball

* previous winner

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by topping rival Gunn, 188-210, on Wednesday at Palo Alto Hills Golf & Country Club. The Vikings finished the regular season 12-0 (14-1 overall) after handing Gunn (10-2) its only two losses.

Freshman Ahmed Ali earned medalist honors and led Paly with a 2-under 34. He had birdies on holes No. 3 and 7, both par-5s. Fellow freshman Joonsung Ha carded a 1-under 35 with a pair of birdies and one bogey. John Knowles shot 36 with two birdies, Henry Gordon had a 40 and Matt Lewis a 42.

Softball

Palo Alto junior Maddie Martinson led a 17-hit attack with five hits, including a double, and drove in two runs to spark the Vikings to an 18-1 rout of host Lynbrook in SCVAL El Camino Division action Wednesday.

Martinson was 5-for-5 and scored three runs. She also caught for sophomore pitcher Mackenzie Glassford, who twirled a four-hitter in the five-inning game, shortened by the 10-run rule. Glassford struck out eight. Senior Maddy Jones contributed three hits and three RBI, senior Casey Glassford

added two hits and three RBI and senior Kabria Dame also drove in a pair as Paly improved to 4-3 in league (13-6 overall).

Boys tennis

Menlo School left its starting lineup at home, but it made no difference as the Knights still blanked host King's Academy, 7-0, at the Sunnyvale Tennis Center to remain undefeated in the West Bay Athletic League on Tuesday.

Menlo improved to 11-0 in league (20-1 overall) and wrapped up its 21st straight league title, the 19th consecutive under coach Bill Shine. The Knights extended their ongoing state record league dual-match win streak to 227-0. Elsewhere this week:

After three hours of play and being down by 3-2, Gunn's No. 1 and 2 singles players rallied for victories to clinch a 4-3 tennis victory over host Monta Vista to close the SCVAL De Anza Division regular season in Cupertino.

Gunn finished 9-3 in the division (13-6 overall) heading into the SCVAL Individual Tournament on April 28 (at Los Altos) and April 29 (at Gunn).■

Lacrosse

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Division at 4-0 (9-6 overall) while SHP (3-2, 5-9) fell into a second-place tie with Menlo-Atherton.

"We hope the tide is turning back Menlo's way, of course," said Menlo coach Jen Lee. "Five losses in a row, spanning two seasons, to a team that had never previously beaten us — you can be certain it was an inspiration for us to try and work harder, and recover to the level and standard that we have been known for."

The Gators' quick fall from the top can be traced to graduation, injuries and departures. SHP saw eight players move on to college, including No. 2 scorer Caroline Cummings (75 points). The Gators also lost leading scorer Libby Muir (94 points) to season-ending knee surgery following an ACL injury. Muir, a junior, has not played this season.

The most recent injury occurred last Saturday when sophomore Cameron Gordon suffered a concussion in an 11-6 win over Burlingame. She's hoping to return for the team's final matches.

Scoring standout and Duke commit Ally Mayle is no longer in school and three others did not return to the team. That left SHP with only four healthy returning starters.

While SHP suffered considerable losses, the Knights lost only four seniors to graduation and five other seniors to various reasons, including defender Lizzie Lacy to the track team. Three others are sidelined for the season by injuries. Starter Kira Sze, meanwhile, has missed four games due to injury and fellow junior captain Chelsea Sahami just joined that list.

Fortunately for Menlo, it returned the bulk of its offense in sophomore Sophie Donovan and juniors Parvathi Narayan and Nikky Price.

While Menlo has lost six matches this season, it's due to the competition rather than the problems SHP faced.

"I lined up the best competition money could buy," joked Lee, whose schedule was ranked No. 5 in the nation. "Imagine that. No. 5 in the nation!"

Menlo has yet to lose to a Central Coast Section opponent. The losses have been to St. John's Houston (Texas), San Ramon Valley, Monte Vista (Danville), defending Oregon state champ Lake Oswego and Novato.

"Obviously, we have for many, many years, played the toughest, hardest competition we can find," Lee said. "We are extremely fortunate to have relationships that span decades with schools, coaches and programs across the country. We plan to continue hosting and traveling to play the very

best. It has been a defining aspect of our program, and one that truly helps us stay in the national conversation.

"Our league is consistently on the rise. There is exceptional talent found at each and every program in the WBAL Foothill Division, and as you can see from the league results, the power ebbs and flows. But, there are more close games than ever, and the girls are all exploring options outside of their high school team experience, which all comes back to help the high school team, as well as the individual player(s)."



Nikky Price

On Tuesday, the Knights grabbed a 6-0 lead before Emma Johnson scored for SHP and took a 13-2 advantage into halftime as Narayan tallied four of her game-high five goals. Donovan added three goals plus two assists with Indira Varma and Price adding two goals each.

Menlo held advantages in every statistical category, including shots-on-goal (23-8), draw controls (13-9) and contested ground balls (11-9).

"When the Menlo team works as 'one', and is unified and plays truly together, it is always a great day," Lee said. "Donovan could score at will, all day, any day; I believe this to be true. She is very unselfish, and strives to elevate the level of play of all of her teammates. She is a unique and wonderful component of our team's makeup. Humble, hard worker, great insight to the game. Price is starting to embrace this as well.

"Maybe it is because they are already committed to college(s), and know their future path. Or, maybe they simply want to help make Menlo the best team it can be. I hope both factors play into the way they look for their teammates, and options — other than a solo drive to cage. Sometimes, it is just 'there', and they have to GO. But, more often, they are looking to see who can they set up for the goal, or the open pass, etc. Eight different players scored in a wide variety of ways in Tuesday's game. Half of the 16 goals were assisted. Many different ways to combine for points — symbolic of the season, overall."

In the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League, Palo Alto remained in first place with a 10-7 victory over host Saratoga. The Vikings improved to 8-0 in league and 12-1 overall.

In a hard-fought battle, Paly held a 6-4 lead at the end of the first half, during which junior goalkeeper Meredith Kinnaman had nine saves. Senior goalkeeper Megan Valencia had six saves in the second half.

Paly goals were made by Maya Benatar (3), Paige Bara (3), Allie Peery (2), Lauren Gargiulo and Claire Chevallier. Paly also won on Monday over Leland, 16-9, as Benatar and Chevallier tallied four goals each. ■



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