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Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

Officials warn of flooding from coming storms

Palo Alto residents face unknown conditions in predicted El Nino winter

by Sue Dremann

If a 1998-level El Nino storm barrels into the Bay Area this winter, Palo Alto and East Palo Alto residents and city staff will be left literally holding the sand bag, officials said at a recent flood-information meeting.

The National Weather Service is predicting an El Nino season that would rival 1997-1998, when San

Francisquito Creek overflowed its banks and water damaged 1,700 properties, according to Len Materman, executive director of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

City and other agency staff discussed everything from how to properly set up sand bags to how to obtain flood insurance with the crowd

of nearly 100 people at Lucie Stern Community Center on Nov. 19. But also on people's minds was the glacial pace of planned anti-flood work on the creek, which won't be completed in time for this winter.

If there is another major storm — and especially if combined with a “king” tide in the San Francisco Bay — “all bets are off,” Materman said. “Expect the worst. Don't assume (flooding) won't happen,” he said.

Palo Alto has made some improvements to help prevent the kind

of street and other flooding that last occurred on Dec. 23, 2012. The Public Works Department added closure gates to pipes to prevent water from flowing out of storm drains, and a stormwater pump station downstream of U.S. Highway 101 should also keep water from backing up in storm drains in the Duveneck/St. Francis neighborhood, Senior Engineer Joe Teresi said.

The city has added berms where the creek overflowed in 2012. East Palo Alto officials, meanwhile, have

repaired and raised a damaged levee on the east side of U.S. Highway 101 in the Gardens neighborhood and a section of the creek along Woodland Avenue. And the JPA began work on the San Francisquito Creek Bridge, which crosses under Highway 101 from West Bayshore Road.

But Materman and others cautioned that even with the best-laid preparations, no one knows what a walloping storm might bring, espe-

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Stanford University student Candice Kim, left, helps Jordan Middle School student Salma Montano with her English homework during the DreamCatchers afterschool program, in which middle school students are paired with high school or college tutors.

HOLIDAY FUND

Catching their dreams

Afterschool program helps underserved middle schoolers achieve academic success

by Sue Dremann

The air was electric in rooms 1704 and 1705 of Palo Alto High School's science building on a recent Thursday evening. Students from Jordan and Terman middle schools were about to look up their grades.

“I did good on my test!” a dark-haired girl in a purple sweatshirt said, raising her arms in victory.

“Ohhh! Oh no!” a boy exclaimed, half-laughing and momentarily shading his eyes.

For many low-income middle school students, the DreamCatchers afterschool math program is a way out of the scho-

lastic wilderness.

The program pairs each student with a volunteer tutor-mentor from Paly, Gunn High School or Stanford University

“People are so supportive. This is like a community, and you get a lot of attention,” said Eden Frias, a seventh-grader at Terman Middle School.

The boy who had earlier put his hand to his head said he would be lost without DreamCatchers, which he joined two years ago.

“If I wasn't here, my grades would be Fs, or the best would be Ds. They have gone up to Bs,” he said.

Anelsy Reyes, a Jordan sixth-grader, agreed.

“They have helped me understand in a better way,” she said.

The program offers fun projects to teach complicated math subjects, such as using origami to do geometry and study the concept of area. It also has units on “healthy behaviors” and “building dreams,” to help students understand what is necessary to reach their goals. This year DreamCatchers added coding and robotics lessons with participation from the company Palantir, Stanford students and the Gunn and Paly robotics teams.

With assistance from a \$10,000 grant from the Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund, DreamCatchers hired a new program director in 2015:

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ENVIRONMENT

City residents pumped up about groundwater ‘waste’

New grassroots group calls for moratorium on basement projects that require dewatering

by Gennady Sheyner

With California's drought stretching through its fourth year, the sight of water gushing out of Palo Alto's construction sites has drained the patience of Keith Bennett and his neighbors in the Crescent Park, Old Palo Alto and Community Center neighborhoods.

The water they're concerned about comes from the ground rather than the sky, and its flow is caused not by Mother Nature but by local property owners building basements in their homes. When the construction occurs in areas with shallow groundwater — particularly in neighborhoods closer to the bay or creek beds — builders set up wells to pump out the water, sending it into the city's storm drains and, ultimately, the Bay.

Basement construction makes all the sense in the world for property owners because the city's zoning regulations don't include basements in calculating the density that is allowed for new homes. And with the city's property values soaring, building down is both a legal and logical option for increasing property values.

While a 2008 report from the Public Works Department stated that the city typically approves between five and 10 dewatering permits per year, in 2015 the number of such projects was 13, according to a new report.

In recent months, the gushing groundwater caught the attention of Bennett and many others, who argue that dewatering degrades the environment, causes land subsidence and wastes thousands of gallons of water at a time when residents are being encouraged to conserve.

Now, Bennett's new grassroots

group, Save Palo Alto's Groundwater, is calling for the city to adopt an immediate moratorium on the practice. Over the past several months, he has been attending City Council meetings to bring attention to the topic.

Earlier this month, the group submitted a petition with about 200 signatures, asking the city to ban groundwater pumping until new laws are in place for preserving groundwater as an emergency water-supply resource during a drought; mitigating the impacts of pumping on the aquifer; and addressing the impacts of the activity.

“Water is too precious a resource to be wasted, and current city policies regarding dewatering do not take into account the possible need of this water to mitigate future droughts nor its beneficial effects of supporting our canopy, our properties and our infrastructure,” the petition states.

The subject of groundwater pumping, like the water itself, has resurfaced periodically in Palo Alto during the past two decades. The city commissioned analyses on the topic in 2003 and 2004 and last held a public hearing on the issue in 2008, when the Planning and Transportation Commission discussed it. Then, as now, the hearing was prompted by complaints from citizens about the impacts of the practice on water supply, land subsidence and trees.

This year, with the drought firmly in place and basement construction on the rise, the chorus of complaints has been getting louder and louder.

Elizabeth Whitson, who lives on

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Upfront

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



All of us were wondering how the city allows this.



— Elizabeth Whitson, a resident of the Old Palo Alto neighborhood, on the city's policies on dewatering. See story on page 5.

Around Town

STATE OF THE DISTRICT ...

Have a burning question to ask Palo Alto Unified Superintendent **Max McGee**? Save them for an hourlong webinar he's hosting on Tuesday, Dec. 1. McGee will "recap the events of 2015, look ahead to 2016, and will be responding to questions that are submitted during the event," he wrote in a Nov. 20 "Weekly" message. In an email, McGee wrote that the webinar will be modeled after one that **Harvard University** started for parents of new freshmen, featuring the dean of Harvard College and dean of freshmen. "Mine will be more of a state of the district update regarding progress on our district goals, **EMAC** (Enrollment Management Advisory Committee), and whatever 'burning issues' we are facing," McGee wrote. "I'll also answer questions that folks send in while they are listening and/or watching." People watching at home will be able to submit questions via a "Q&A" icon and will have the option of making it public or only for McGee to see, he said. Look for a URL to be posted on the district website on Monday and tune in on Tuesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

ALUMNI GIVE BACK ...

This year, Palo Alto and Gunn high schools' 10-year reunions will be more than just awkward run-ins with your high-school ex. Two alumnae, one from each school, who are planning the Nov. 27 events are also organizing ways for alumni to support teen mental health at their former schools through ticket sales. "I just wanted to show the school we're thinking about it," said **Kate Kosco**, who graduated from Gunn in 2005 and is organizing her alma mater's "reunion gift." Members of the Class of 2005 can add a donation to their ticket purchases. Kosco also created a GoFundMe page (bit.ly/1lgeQRz) to collect donations, with all proceeds going to **Save the 2,008**, a grassroots school-reform campaign started by former Gunn teacher **Marc Vincenti** and a student last year. Paly's Class of 2005 will also have the option of adding a donation to their ticket purchases or donating at bit.ly/1Xp3FCv. All proceeds will go to **Adolescent Counseling Services**, a Palo Alto nonprofit that provides on-campus counseling at both Paly and Gunn, and **Sources of Strength**, a peer-mentoring program at Paly. **Arianna Gianola**, who is organizing Paly's reunion,

said she has been in touch with Paly's mental health and wellness coordinator to identify the best use of any dollars raised. "We really care about seeing the fruits of that donation," she said. Gianola is also planning to interview alumni at the reunion to produce critical dialogue around mental health. She said she'll have two prompts: "If I could tell my high school self one thing, it would be..." and "When I was in high school, I thought ... but now..."

FROM FLAPPERS TO SECRET SERVICE ...

When **The Cardinal Hotel** opened in downtown Palo Alto with a gala in December 1924, there were 250 guests, dinner and dancing to a seven-piece orchestra at a cost of \$5 per head. Next week, the hotel is returning to its roots to celebrate the end of its 90th year with another party, complete with music from the 1920s. How times have changed: Room rates in the beginning were \$2.50 a night; regular dinner in the hotel restaurant cost \$1; and holiday dinners (Thanksgiving and Christmas) were \$2 for an adult and 85 cents per child, according to staff. (Room rates today run from \$140 for a European-style room with a shared bath to \$299 a night for a queen bed and private bath.) The hotel has seen its share of excitement over the decades: The hotel basement, originally a dance club, became a speakeasy serving illegal liquor during Prohibition, equipped with a single entrance and a buzzer warning system. Perhaps the hotel's most famous guest was **Ted Kennedy**, according to John "Scott" McLeod of The Cardinal Hotel. During the 1960 presidential campaign, the Democratic National Committee rented one of the business locations in the hotel, and Ted Kennedy stayed at The Cardinal while he was stumping on behalf of his brother John. When **Kenneth Starr**, the controversial celebrity lawyer, visited Stanford University with his daughter, they stayed for three days, and their presence was marked by Secret Service men in rooms on either side of theirs. The hotel received a government commendation for its security measures, McLeod said. Located at the corner of Ramona Street and Hamilton Avenue, the hotel has been owned by the Bjarne Dahl family for more than 70 years and in 2013 underwent an extensive modernization. ■

ARCHITECTURE

Council set to rule on divisive downtown development

Following an appeal and design revisions, Palo Alto officials prepare to take another look at 429 University Ave.

by Gennady Sheyner

To property owner Elizabeth Wong, the building she's proposed for the prominent corner of University Avenue and Kipling Street is exactly what the city needs and precisely what Palo Alto's design guidelines seek to encourage: a modern and welcoming mixed-use development in the heart of downtown.

It follows all the zoning rules and respects the eclectic and diverse character of University Avenue, a collage of historical and modern buildings.

But several neighbors, a bare majority of the City Council and members of the city's Historical Resources Board don't quite see it that way. Earlier this year, the design for 429 University Ave. faced an appeal from neighbor Michael Harbour, who argued that it would be too massive and wouldn't respect the largely Victorian and small-scale character of Kipling, where Harbour's office is located.

In May, the council voted 5-4 to approve the appeal and directed

Wong to redesign the structure to make it more compatible with the surrounding area.

Beyond the debate over its aesthetic qualities, 429 University has come to symbolize for many a broader political clash over downtown development, one pitting proponents of traditional architecture and slow-growth policies against those who prefer more urbanism and modernism in new buildings.

On Nov. 30, the council will review an updated design for the glassy, 31,407-square-foot structure that would replace two one-story buildings, including one that until recently housed Shady Lane, a popular purveyor of artisan crafts and jewelry.

In returning to the council, Wong hopes to see a different outcome than the one in May, when the five members most closely associated with the slow-growth "residentialist" philosophy (Pat Burt, Tom DuBois, Eric Filseth, Karen Holman and Greg Schmid)

voted to send the project back for revisions, while those more amenable to growth (Marc Berman, Liz Kniss, Greg Scharff and Cory Wolbach) favored approving the application as submitted.

The city's advisory bodies likewise reached different conclusions about the initial project, with the Architectural Review Board generally approving the proposed design and the Historic Resources Board raising alarms about the building's impact on downtown's historic character and urging more analysis.

Since the council hearing in May, Wong and her husband, Jamie, have revised the design to minimize the visual impact of the four-story building. The stone walls that in the initial design supported a terrace, and an overhang that framed the third floor, are now gone — changes made to de-emphasize the mass, verticality

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In May 2015, the Palo Alto City Council approved an appeal of this design for a four-story building at 429 University Ave. and asked for a revision.



The Palo Alto City Council will consider on Nov. 30 this revised design for 429 University Ave., a four-story building that would replace two existing one-story buildings.

CITY HALL

Amid policy clashes, Palo Alto council to meet with planning commission

Joint session on Nov. 30 offers chance to air grievances, consider improvements

by Gennady Sheyner

It's no secret that the rift between the Palo Alto City Council and its main land-use advisory panel, the Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC), has widened in the past year, with each body pointedly criticizing the policies favored by the other.

On Nov. 30, the council and the commission will try to mend the frayed relationship and discuss better cooperation moving forward when they meet for an annual joint session. The discussion will include a recap of the commission's accomplishments in the past year, discussion of its role in Palo Alto's planning process and consideration of reforms to make cooperation between the elected council and the appointed commission more functional.

Normally a perfunctory hearing, the meeting has special significance this year as land-use issues continue to dominate City Hall discussions and as the two bodies continue to clash on policies for addressing the city's recent growth spurt.

In October, four council members proposed downgrading the commission's role in an upcoming discussion of accessory-dwelling units, also known as in-law units.

The proposal fizzled by a 4-4 vote, with the four council members associated with the slow-growth "residentialist" philosophy all voting to have the council's Policy and Services Committee vet the issue before sending it to the commission.

Councilman Eric Filseth, who made the proposal to delay the planning commission's participation in the process, said he had not been impressed with the commission's recent deliberations and accused the commission of pursuing a vision of "unlimited growth" and urbanization.

Councilman Tom DuBois concurred and said that the commission has been trying to set its own policies and acting "at odds with the council."

Other council members defended the commission, noting that the group of volunteers and their input are valuable, even if their conclusions are different from those of the council. But even Cory Wolbach, one of the council's most diplomatic members, acknowledged at the October meeting that "there is a feeling of distrust from both sides."

Policy clashes between the council and its main advisory body have become routine. The planning commission earlier this year vociferously criticized the

council's effort to institute an annual cap on office development, while the council has summarily dismissed the commission's proposals to reform the city's controversial "planned-community" (PC) zoning process.

In rejecting the commission's recommendation as inadequate, Councilman Pat Burt cited a "very strong disconnect between what the commission recommended or even considered and what the council gave as guidance."

Commission members, for their part, haven't been shy about critiquing council policies. At a Sept. 30 meeting, Commissioner Kate Downing blasted a council-favored proposal to remove a zoning rule that gives developers density bonuses for demolishing seismically deficient buildings and replacing them with new structures (they would still get a bonus for rehabilitating the buildings).

"Is the council really saying that extra square footage and extra parking are more important than the lives of the people who live and die in these buildings?" Downing asked.

Three of her colleagues signaled that they agreed with her sentiment. At the October meet-

ing, DuBois said he has "serious issues" with that statement.

According to the Nov. 30 meeting agenda, the biggest chunk of the meeting will be a discussion of the commission's "purview and expectation." The discussion will also include a review of the commission's 2015 work and examples of the commission's "value add" in the process.

The commission's annual report states that the commission has, over the past year, "provided input on a range of important land use, zoning, transportation, and related topics, improved the efficiency of our meetings, and engaged citizens through our regular meetings."

In 19 meetings it has held since October 2014 (when the last annual report came out), the commission has reviewed numerous designs for bike boulevards, vetted the city's Residential Preferential Parking Program (RPPP), discussed the Downtown Development Cap and spent several long meetings wrestling with the planned-community process and with proposals to cap growth and support local retail.

"The PTC had a productive 2015 due in large part to the commission's current leadership which proved to be very effective in encouraging thoughtful and concise discussions on the numerous topics reviewed," according to the memo, which is signed by Chair Greg Tanaka.

The memo also makes numerous recommendations for things that the city can do better. This includes encouraging more involvement from the public by

offering more digital venues for citizen input. The city, according to the memo, "can lead the nation in digitization of involvement; we are missing a tremendous amount of input from the community."

The commission's memo also calls for the city to continue encouraging pedestrian- and bike-friendly spaces; increase opportunity for "entrepreneurial and resourceful entrants, starting with living units, affordable commerce and enterprise space"; and explore synergies between the planning commission and the Architectural Review Board. The memo also states that the commission "sees potential in crowdsourcing and open competitions to lure space planning and public structure design to develop the city's unique identity."

In its final paragraph, the memo acknowledges that the commission "serves at the pleasure of the council, but it also plays an important role by providing analysis of planning and transportation topics, suggesting alternative avenues for staff, and furnishing a public record that befits the development and planning issues facing Palo Alto."

"Planning and transportation issues are not always attractive or interesting, but we are a group that has volunteered our time to thoughtfully explore them — we hope that our time and recommendations are appreciated, and if the council has recommendations on how we can improve, we are open to all suggestions," the memo states. ■

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BUSINESS

Accent Arts, Village Stationers to leave California Avenue

The retailers are the latest to leave due to rising costs, shifting shopping habits

by Sue Dremann



Rob Syrett, an employee at Accent Arts for more than 10 years, pulls out a drawer of pastels at the store on California Avenue on Nov. 24.



Village Stationers moved to California Avenue in 2002, taking over the space formerly occupied by Printers Inc. Bookstore.

Two of California Avenue's independent retailers, whose stores have contributed to the small-town charm that has long characterized Palo Alto's so-called "second downtown," have announced they plan to move out.

The owners of Accent Arts, an art-supply store located at 392 California Ave., and Village Stationers, at 310 California, said that customers' migration to online habits, combined with high rents, are prompting their decisions.

Kerry Hctor, owner of Village Stationers, said he is looking for someone to take over the remaining 1.5 years on his lease of the 6,000-square-foot store at the corner of Birch Street.

"We were waiting for the remodel of California Avenue to see if it would invigorate the street, but there were the underlying problems of parking and retail in general, which has changed so much," he said.

When downtown competitor Congdon and Crome, a 110-year-old Palo Alto office-supply business, closed its doors in 2013, Hctor took a chance and extended his

lease to 2017. But with rents going up "it just became a losing proposition," he said.

"You just need so many people to come through that door," he said.

"In the last three years we've been losing 10 customers a day. Two years ago, we had 20 more customers walk through the door each day. You can certainly see the trend," he said.

Technology is a main factor in the declining customer base, he said.

"The cellphone today replaces just about everything I sell in the store: pens, notebooks, photo albums, datebooks. It isn't what it used to be. We used to sell calendars and address books by the hundreds," he said.

Hctor's parents started the business at Town & Country Village Shopping Center 50 years ago and moved it to Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park in 1976. The California Avenue store was originally a small office-supply business on University Avenue in Palo Alto that Hctor purchased in 1988 and then moved to California Avenue in 2002, he said.

Hctor doesn't blame California Avenue's street renovations, which took months to complete, for the store's closure.

"I think it's beautiful, but it hasn't translated (into improved business) for me. I think it will for someone else," he said.

Hctor said he will try to employ his three full-time and three part-time workers at his other stores in Los Altos and Menlo Park.

When Village Stationers leaves, wholesaler Kelly Paper on Middlefield Road in south Palo Alto will be the last remaining office-supply retailer. Palo Alto has three high-end gift-and-card shops: Letter Perfect, Paper Source and Paperwhirl.

Accent Arts is also the last of its kind in the city, since its 65-year-old competitor, University Art, moved from downtown to Redwood City. Its owners blamed the move on high rents and a long renovation the building owner planned for the location, 267 Hamilton Ave.

Accent Arts posted a letter on social media stating that it would relocate.

"While we love our home at California Avenue, it's becoming too expensive to stay here, and we prefer not to pass those increased costs on to you. We plan to remain in Palo Alto, continuing to serve this community for years to come," the message stated.

Owner Gil McMillon said on Wednesday that he doesn't yet know what the business will do or when it will leave its current space.

"Soon," he said. The Palo Alto City Council's decision this year to place a moratorium on the conversion of ground-floor retail space to offices is a good step, McMillon said, but it didn't come soon enough for his store. It's a conversation the council should have had five years ago if it intended to maintain the character of local retail, he added.

"They might have considered the approach of the Europeans with commercial condominiums. You go to Paris and you see all of these little shops, and you wonder how they can afford to stay open in Paris," he said. "They own their space. You not only have an asset, you have stability. Here, you lease and bleed forever."

"The fate of this place is that you'll have a whole bunch of people with a lot of money and no place to spend it. They will have to drive 20 minutes to buy anything they need," he said. "There will be nothing on this block other than food and (salons for) nails."

McMillon stopped and thought for a moment. There is one other independent retailer that is likely to remain: Keeble and Shuchat, the photography equipment store. "He owns his building," McMillon said. ■

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As Palo Alto's fiber hopes grow, so do costs

City to consider hiring new manager, extending consultant contracts for 'Fiber to the Premises'

by Gennady Sheyner

As Palo Alto forges ahead with a plan to bring high-speed Internet access to every local home and business, city staff is struggling to keep up both with the rapid changes in the broadband market and with the City Council's growing ambitions.

On Nov. 30, the council will hold another hearing on the project known as "Fiber to the Premises" and will consider adding staff, expanding the contracts of the city's fiber consultants, reaching out to private sector partners who may want to operate the new system and exploring partnerships with the very companies that could end up competing for customers with the city-run service.

The multipronged approach

is the city's latest attempt to bring to fruition the 20-year effort, which would expand the city's small, existing fiber-optic ring to every section of the city. Once that happens, the municipal network that currently serves about 200 commercial customers would reach just about every home and business.

First proposed in the late 1990s, the project fizzled several times before being resurrected during the current climate of financial prosperity and digital hunger. On Sept. 28, council members reaffirmed their commitment to the project when they adopted as the city's preferred goal "a ubiquitous fiber network in

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Water

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Webster Street, said the increase in the number of houses being replaced has been noticeable in the Old Palo Alto neighborhood, as has the groundwater pumping.

"At one particular house just down the street, they were pumping for about three months earlier this year," Whitson told the Weekly. "You just saw all this water getting tubed from this house to make up a basement and just going to the sewer and the Bay in the middle of the drought. All of us were wondering how the city allows this."

Bennett noticed something was awry in 2011, when a homeowner a few doors away was installing a basement and began a dewatering operation. After about three weeks, Bennett noticed that he could no longer open the front door to his Webster Street home, he told the Weekly. This persisted for a few months. Then the dewatering stopped. The door began to open again.

Unsure about the correlation, Bennett didn't pursue the subject until April of this year, when another nearby homeowner began a dewatering operation. This time, the patio door to his house wouldn't open, he said. By the middle of the summer, another door leading to the patio wouldn't close flush anymore and the brick on his front porch had settled about an inch, he said.

Bennett began talking to his neighbors. One reported that his house experienced cracks in 2008, when another groundwater pumping operation was taking place. Bennett began digging through the city's dewatering studies, reviewing the city's rules and conceptualizing exactly how much water is being pumped from the shallow aquifer. Relying on an estimate from the city's consulting engineers (which determined that each basement construction results in between 8 million and 10 million gallons of water getting pumped), he determined that the recent basement boom caused more than 100 million gallons of groundwater to be pumped from the shallow aquifer and sent to the storm drains and the Bay.

Now, Bennett hopes that city officials will start treating this water like the precious resource he and his neighbors believe it is.

He also wants to make sure that, until the city studies the issue further, no more permits will be issued for dewatering operations. Under existing laws, dewatering isn't permitted between October and April anyway but, as Bennett noted, contractors can take out permits any time for pumping in the spring. On Nov. 9, he presented the petition to the council. He also created the website, savepaloaltosgroundwater.org, to consolidate all the recent studies and to keep the community updated on the efforts to learn more about the impacts of basement construction.

"They're like great big dams in the soil, and they affect water flows," Bennett said. "And the city wants to say, 'No they don't.'"

With dozens of other residents



Groundwater is pumped from a construction site on Webster Street down to the block's storm drain in April.

expressing similar concerns throughout the spring, summer and fall, Public Works officials created an FAQ (frequently asked questions) page to address the topic, including explaining how dewatering works and the city's current permitting process for allowing the practice. And on Dec. 1, the City Council's Policy and Services Committee will dive deeper into the subject of groundwater and consider possible changes to the city's process for granting permits for basement construction that requires dewatering.

So far, however, Public Works staff have rejected residents' common assertion that the volume of groundwater being pumped from the city's shallow aquifer is sufficient to cause land subsidence or other lasting damage. The aquifer that contains the pumped-out groundwater sits above the much deeper and larger aquifer that acts as Palo Alto's emergency-water supply, said Assistant Public Works Director Phil Bobel, who asserted in numerous response letters to concerned residents that it would require more wells and longer periods of pumping to cause subsidence.

When resident Valoran Hanko warned that the groundwater pumping would change the elevation in the neighborhood, Bobel replied that the pumped-out water would simply be replaced with new groundwater.

In another letter, Bobel challenged the notion that the pumped-out water is being "wasted." Rather, he wrote to resident Georgia Relsman, the water ends up going to the creeks and the Bay — the same place where it would end up if it remained in the aquifer.

Even so, Bobel wrote, the city is working with builders to "try to get as much of water used as practical."

"The main limitations are the very high cost of trucking the water and the lack of a piping system from the pumping sites," Bobel wrote.

At the same time, the city has been looking for new ways to use the water. In the summer of 2014, Public Works unveiled a "truck fill" station at a dewatering site. The water, while not potable, could then be used for efforts like irrigation and dust control, according to the city officials.

The city also now requires all

contractors to have the pumping systems fitted with valves and connections to enable city crews to fill water trucks and other containers. The city now has six such pumping stations at 1405 Harker Ave., 1820 Bret Harte St., 804 Fielding Drive, 713 Southampton Drive, 3932 Grove Ave. and 2230 Louis Road.

While Public Works is not recommending any new restrictions on groundwater pumping, staff is recommending that the city's Basement Pumping Guidelines be broadened to "specifically require a determination of impacts of groundwater pumping on adjacent buildings, infrastructure and trees and landscaping."

Under this proposal, applicants would determine the "approximate location of the temporary cone of depression caused by pumping," according to the Public Works report. Avoidance measures would be required if impacts are anticipated.

The department's list of additional proposed program improvements includes more public outreach to encourage fill-station use; increasing outreach about water flow to the city's storm drains, creeks and Bay; and new specifications for fill stations to enable enough water pressure to accommodate multiple users. Staff also recommends exploring refinements for "use plans" submitted by contractors, with the aim of maximizing on-site water use.

The report also notes, however, that contractors have advised staff that imposing new requirements to use groundwater could "increase pumping duration and project cost." One contractor also said that users "could be injured at fill stations, leading to potential liability."

The measures, which the council committee will discuss, fall far short of the type of moratorium that residents like Bennett are recommending. At the Oct. 5 City Council meeting, Bennett argued for a new study of dewatering, noting that the city's last analysis was conducted more than a decade ago, when conditions were different.

"Only if such a study shows that the effects are negligible, and city policies are revised to ensure mitigation of the effects, should dewatering be permitted to continue," Bennett told the council. ■

Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council will meet in a closed session to discuss the status of the city's negotiations with the public-safety unions, the Service Employees International Union, Local 521, and the Utilities Managers and Professional Association of Palo Alto. The council will also hold a joint session with the Planning and Transportation Commission; review the revised design for 429 University Ave.; consider a staff recommendation for next steps in developing a citywide fiber network; and consider a single-story overlay district in the Greer Park North neighborhood. The closed session will begin at 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30, at City Hall. Regular meeting will follow in the Council Chambers.

CITY COUNCIL ... The council will meet in a closed session to discuss the status of the city's negotiations with the four council-appointed officers: city manager, city attorney, city auditor and city clerk. The closed session will begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at City Hall.

COUNCIL POLICY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE ... The committee will consider staff recommendations on further requirements for basement construction that requires dewatering; discuss the city's Healthy Cities, Healthy Community resolution; and discuss the council's priority-setting process. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE ... The council will discuss the Utilities Organization Assessment; consider a recommendation to continue the PV Partners Program; discuss the design guidelines for the Net Energy Metering Successor Program; receive a report from the Library Bond Committee and consider decommissioning the committee. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION ... The commission will discuss the recruitment process for the new utilities director; consider a recommendation relating to the Palo Alto Clean Local Energy Available Now (CLEAN) program; and discuss the joint meeting between the commission and the City Council. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD ... The board will discuss the proposed master sign program for 261 Hamilton Ave., a program that includes three new illuminated wall signs and four new projecting blade signs at the ground-level of the building. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave. ■

News Digest

Shelters open early due to frigid temperatures

Cold-weather shelters in Santa Clara County opened their doors Tuesday evening, about a week ahead of schedule, to accommodate the homeless due to frigid conditions.

Project WeHOPE in East Palo Alto is offering shelter, as are organizations in San Jose: the Bill Wilson Center, City Team Ministries, The Salvation Army, Boccardo Reception Center run by HomeFirst and Montgomery Street Inn operated by InnVision Shelter network.

The Santa Clara County's cold-weather shelter program was scheduled to start on Monday, Nov. 30, but the county's Office of Supportive Housing can open the locations if the forecast predicts an overnight temperature of 38 degrees or lower and less than a 50 percent probability of rain. They can also open early if an overnight low is forecast to be 42 degrees or below with a chance of rain at 50 percent or more.

Showers occurred Tuesday night, and temperatures were predicted for the low- to mid-30s starting Wednesday night and into the weekend, according to the National Weather Service.

Farther south, the shelter at the National Guard Armory at 8490 Wren Ave. in Gilroy has been opened. The shelter, operated by HomeFirst, has 180 beds and offers two meals and a hot shower.

Support services will also be available at the shelter, including counseling, employment resources, medical care and referrals for other needs.

Another shelter at the former Onizuka Air Force Station in Sunnyvale is expected to bring 125 additional beds but won't open until Dec. 5.

Warming centers are also available throughout the county, including the Mountain View Senior Center, Milpitas Community Center and Joan Pisani Community Center in Saratoga.

"Opening the South County Shelter early along with offering more emergency shelter beds means that homeless families and individuals will have a safe place to stay warm and dry," County Supervisor Mike Wasserman said in a statement. "The long-term goal is to reduce the need for emergency shelters by getting more people off the streets and into permanent supportive housing." ■

— Bay City News Service

PG&E community meeting to discuss tree removal, pipeline safety

Plans to remove hundreds of trees from Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) pipeline right-of-way through Palo Alto will be the topic of discussion on Dec. 2 when the utility company holds a public meeting at Mitchell Park Community Center.

PG&E announced its plans in July as part of a pipeline safety campaign to remove vegetation along its pipeline right-of-ways throughout the state. Public officials and residents throughout the Bay Area have expressed concern at the scope of the tree removals, which also include taking out many trees on private property.

City of Palo Alto officials sent an email to neighborhood groups on Nov. 7 advising residents not to sign any agreements with the utility company regarding tree removal until the city has assessed the situation and come to an agreement with PG&E.

"We are still awaiting some information from PG&E to make a thorough assessment, but they have assured us that no trees will be removed without agreement and evaluation by the city," city spokeswoman Claudia Keith wrote in an email.

The open house is a chance for PG&E officials to clarify the process of identifying and evaluating trees that may potentially affect the safety of the gas-pipeline project, Keith said.

PG&E wrote in its notice: "PG&E is working with the city and local residents to look for items like structures or trees that could prevent emergency access by first responders or damage the gas pipelines serving our community."

"PG&E has committed to sharing information on the safety risks and working collaboratively with affected residents to conduct the safety work in a manner that protects public safety while preserving our city's urban canopy. This could include planting a new tree at a safe distance from the pipe and other landscape restoration," the company wrote.

The utility company also plans other gas safety work for Palo Alto in 2016, including leak surveys, cathodic protection system inspections and regular patrols.

The community meeting will take place 7-9 p.m. in the El Palo Alto room at Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road. More information on PG&E's community pipeline safety efforts can be found at pge.com/GasSafety. ■

— Sue Dremann



LET'S DISCUSS: Read the latest local news headlines and talk about the issues at Town Square at PaloAltoOnline.com



Courtesy: City of Palo Alto

This U.S. Army Corps of Engineers map shows the depth of water that would flood Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park should a once-in-a-century flood, known as a 100-year flood, occur. The darkest blue represents more than 3 feet and the lightest blue up to 0.5 feet. The red dots mark locations where water could overflow the creek banks.

Storm

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cially if combined with a king tide — an ultra-high tide — or a storm surge. King tides are predicted for December and January, he said.

Impacts this winter could also be much greater than in 2012, which was a drought year. But "if this is not a drought year, then all bets are off. It's kind of sobering news," Materman said.

The city and the JPA have added new rain gauges upstream, along with gauges at Stanford University, that will now give a 1-hour-and-45-minute warning instead of 45 minutes for when a large volume of water will reach the Pope/Chaucer bridge, arguably the narrowest point along the creek, with the greatest potential for a blockage from debris.

The JPA also recently debuted a flood-warning web page, sf-cjpa.org/floodwarning, which includes a map that shows areas of Palo Alto, East Palo Alto and Menlo Park at risk of being flooded or where flooding is imminent. Officials will attempt to update the information two hours ahead of any flooding, Materman said.

People can sign up to receive alerts by text message or email and can report a problem at the flood-warning page. The site's flood map should free up 911 dispatch, since users can look online and see if a problem they are observing is already being addressed.

Residents at the meeting were also encouraged to visit cityofpaloalto.org/storms, which contains U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood maps and links to the city's creek monitor, the JPA flood-warning site and road conditions, along with other important information.

City officials said they will maximize police, fire and utilities staffing during major storms. But Kenneth Dueker, director of the city's Office of Emergency Services, reminded the audience that there are many ways residents can help themselves.

"Create a family plan and safe routes to high ground and determine where you will stay. Talk to neighbors and identify those with

special needs; build an emergency kit and obtain sand bags," he said.

Palo Alto Utilities recommends putting electronics up high in one's home so that equipment doesn't come in contact with water.

"If water enters your home, you may need to turn off electrical power and gas," Dueker added, noting that water can snuff out a pilot light, causing natural gas to fill a home.

Residents can also plan for their own evacuation. Unless people

want to stay in a Red Cross shelter, they should identify friends or relatives with whom to stay, especially this year, he added.

"Two weeks before Super Bowl 50 you won't find hotels. If you want to go to Stockton or Modesto, maybe," he said.

The city's storm website, cityofpaloalto.org/stormmap, will show closed roads, flooding, downed wires and other incidents, he said.

Some residents at the Nov. 19

Flood preparedness to-do list

Tips for the coming winter season

- Create a family plan.
- Determine safe routes to high ground.
- Determine where you will stay if you need to evacuate.
- Talk to neighbors and identify those with special needs.
- Build an emergency kit; obtain sand bags.

If flooding is possible:

- Stay informed.
- Listen to KZSU 90.1 FM radio; check PaloAltoOnline.com; view the city's storm website, cityofpaloalto.org/storms; and check the San Francisquito Creek JPA flood-warning site, sf-cjpa.org/floodwarning.
- Put out sand bags and clean gutters, even those on the street.
- Elevate electronics.
- Make arrangements for where you will stay.
- Load key items into your car, and perhaps park your car outside of the area.

If flooding is expected:

- Monitor the radio.
- If there's time, call and assist neighbors.
- Don't wait to be told to evacuate. If things look unsafe, go beforehand.
- If roads are blocked, don't drive across flooded areas.
- If water enters your home, turn off gas and electricity.

Who to call for help

- Blocked storm drains and/or landslides: Palo Alto Public Works, 650-496-6974; 650-329-2413 after hours.
- Fallen trees: Palo Alto Public Works, 650-496-5953; 650-329-2413 after hours.
- Gas leaks, sewer spills: Palo Alto Communications, 650-329-2579.
- Power outages a electrical problems: Palo Alto Electric Operations, 650-496-6914.
- Road conditions: Palo Alto, 650-329-2420 (during flood emergency only); Caltrans, 800-427-7623

Source: City of Palo Alto

meeting turned their attention to the San Francisquito Creek improvement project, with one person asking why the Pope/Chaucer Bridge, the main bottleneck in the whole creek system, can't just be removed.

"You can't simply take out the bridge and not have effects downstream. We didn't feel like we were in a position to take it out and impact other communities downstream," Materman said.

The JPA is a regional government organization of five local agencies — Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and East Palo Alto, the County of San Mateo, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District — that formed 17 years ago to address the flooding problem, but it has been hampered by the slow pace of federal and state agencies, including 2½ years of wrangling with the Regional Water Quality Control Board for permits on the project, he said.

City Manager James Keene told residents at a Nov. 12 town hall meeting that the JPA and the city have finally obtained a clearance from the Water Quality Control Board. But that board's approval is only one of seven required from state and federal regulatory agencies. Since those green lights did not come in time for this year's rainy season, residents and city officials will again face potential floods and must themselves prepare for the worst, city and JPA officials said. ■

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University

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and height of the building.

The stone facade once envisioned for the third floor was moved to the second floor on both the University and Kipling sides, also to reduce the appearance of mass.

The new design also includes a new relationship with the street. In an attempt to make the four-story building look like a two-story building from ground level, the third and fourth floors have been moved further back from the street. Before, the two upper stories featured a modulated setback that ranged from 4.5 feet to 18 feet on the third floor and from 28 to 41.5 feet on the fourth floor. Now, the setback on the third floor is more uniform: a consistent 9 feet from University Avenue. The fourth-floor setback in the new design would range from about 30 to 40 feet.

Not everyone is excited about the changes. The Architectural Review Board, which approved the initial design, was less enthusiastic about the new one. Though most board members generally agreed that the project continues to comply with downtown's design guidelines, some members said the changes have made the building "a lot blander than it was originally," in the words of board Chair Robert Gooyer. The revised design, he said, meets the setback

requirements "almost to a fault."

"I think it works with the character of the buildings around it," Gooyer said during the board's review. "I mean, the reality of it is University Avenue is changing. Let's face it. A lot of the one- and two-story buildings that are there now are not going to be there."

Vice Chair Alexander Lew made the same point and lamented the removal of the stone elements from the building's facade. Something has been lost with the revised design, Lew said.

"The existing buildings, I mean most of them have railings, crenellations," Lew said. "They have more depth to their facades than this proposed project."

The Historical Resources Board, which focused on the building's compatibility with downtown's historical structures, took an even more critical stance. While the city's consultants and planning staff concurred that the proposed development would have no historical impact, under state law, the board argued that the analysis conducted so far has been too limited.

Board member Beth Bunnberg suggested expanding the study to consider a broader area and argued that the existing process "is not considering all of the cumulative impacts of this kind of building, this massing." The proposed structure, she said, is "very large."

"As we allow buildings to ex-

ceed the 50-foot height limit and they become extremely massive, we are setting the pattern, and the cumulative effects will be felt all down the street that 'It's OK: You can take out these buildings and build something that is massive, that exceeds the height limit, and it'll go through alright,'" she said.

Board member David Bower said the study area should be broadened at least to Cowper Street on the east and to Lytton Avenue to the north. Board Vice Chair Michael Makinen concurred and called the completed historical analysis "unduly limited."

"I would say that any historic buildings within eyesight of this should be included in the area of potential effect or the study area," Makinen said.

But after three years of work and countless studies and revisions, the Wongs hope the Monday council review will finally get them to the finish line.

In an interview with the Weekly, Elizabeth Wong emphasized that the project followed all the rules and that it seeks no excep-

tions. Beyond the normal requirements, there were also what she called "extraordinary analyses," including the historical-context study and the shadow analysis, all of which have been completed.

"From following the prescribed rules for use of Transferable Development Rights and the limitations on the floor-area ratio, to fully complying with the requirements for parking spaces, the Downtown Urban Design, and all other applicable laws, this project fully and completely fits with everything that the city requires and that the council has additional asked for," she said. "The city cannot fault us for delivering a project that meets all requirements, meets the scrutiny of professional consultants, the recommendations of the Architectural Review Board and the reviews of the planning and development staff." ■

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What do you think of 429 University Ave.? Share your opinion on Town Square, the community discussion forum, at PaloAltoOnline.com/square.

Correction

The Nov. 20 article, "Educational expeditions," incorrectly stated the grade levels for Beechwood students Jordan Clark, Lala Niu, Bryce Ammons, Isaiash Coria and John Price. Clark and Niu are eighth-graders and Ammons, Coria and Price are fifth-graders. The Weekly regrets the error. To request a correction, contact Editor Jocelyn Dong at 650-223-6514, jdong@paweekly.com or P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto, CA 94302.

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Fiber

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Palo Alto with city ownership of fiber assets.”

Whether or not this vision materializes, the effort is becoming more complex and expensive at each step, according to a new staff report. In addition to requesting further exploration of a citywide fiber system, the council also directed staff to pursue a new wireless network focused on public safety and to craft of

a “dig once” policy that would require various utility and telecommunications providers to coordinate their construction efforts when installing cable infrastructure in the public right of way.

The work has added up, according to a new report from the city’s Information Technology Department. The ability of city staff to be “timely and responsible to the third party providers is slowed and complicated by the additional, unanticipated work required.” To cope with the

growing and shifting workload, staff is proposing adding a new position directly responsible for the various fiber endeavors — a senior manager with an annual salary of \$228,000. The temporary position is expected to be in place for three years, costing the city \$684,000.

The council will also consider on Monday new contracts with the city’s consultant on fiber, Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC). The consultant has already put together a master plan for the project, indicating that the type of network the city envisions would cost about \$77.6 million to construct — a figure that has been challenged by council members as well as a citizen advisory committee and that is now being reviewed. Staff is proposing adding \$58,850 to the CTC’s contract for reviewing the requests for information and for providing consulting services relating to the dig-once ordinance. This would increase the contract from \$144,944 to \$203,794.

An additional \$94,490 is requested for a separate contract with CTC to develop a request for proposals for the dedicated wireless communication system for public safety and utilities (which would raise that contract from \$131,650 to \$226,140).

The request for additional help underscores the staff’s challenge in implementing a project within a dynamic telecommunications marketplace. In September, the council directed staff to put out a request for information for private companies that would be interested in partnering with the city to install the fiber system. At the same time, the council asked for staff to discuss a potential “co-build” project with Google and AT&T, two companies that are also eyeing Palo Alto as a market for high-speed Internet service. AT&T has already applied for permits for its “GigaPower” program, which it plans to construct next year, according to staff.

Google Fiber, meanwhile, remains a wild card that could either enhance or derail the city’s goal of fiber for all. After premiering in 2012 in Kansas City, Mo., Google Fiber has expanded to Provo, Utah, and Austin, Texas, and announced plans to bring citywide fiber services to additional communities. Google has marked the greater San Jose metro area, which includes Palo Alto, as a “potential Fiber city.” Palo Alto officials anticipate that the Mountain View-based company will reveal its latest expansion plans in early 2016.

As the new staff report makes clear, by attempting to pursue all the options at once, the city is paradoxically putting itself in a bit of a bind. The city’s quest for a municipal network could, for example, prompt Google to stay away from Palo Alto. Similarly, Google’s potential entry into the Palo Alto market could deter companies that may otherwise be interested in

CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council

The council did not meet this week.

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partnering with the city.

"The goals in the motion are worthy — a desire to ensure the potential for near-ubiquitous access to fiber, now and into the future, and preserve city flexibility over the long term in the quantity and quality of fiber access in Palo Alto," the report states. "But the dual directives are not simple to manage and accomplish and are not without risk."

In September, staff argued that the city should wait until Google makes its announcement before reaching out to the private market for proposals.

"Who would respond to it, knowing that Google is still deciding whether they're coming?" Chief Technology Officer Jonathan Reichental asked at the Sept. 28 council meeting. "It's useful to the people who respond to have the market settle."

Councilman Greg Scharff agreed that the city should wait a few months so that the market could shake out — a position that was shared by Mayor Karen Holman and council members Marc Berman and Liz Kniss but that was overruled by the other five council members.

Kniss also noted at the meeting that the council is "pushing on the edges of staff's ability to keep up with what we're doing." ■

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Holiday Fund

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Miguel Fittoria, a Paly graduate who grew up in East Palo Alto and now has a master's degree in human development.

Bilingual and with an understanding of the environment the students come from, Fittoria is in constant contact with parents, building expectations for their children's success. He introduces parents to the online programs Infinite Campus and Schoology, so they can track their child's progress and check their assignments, he said.

The program has started to monitor how the students are doing on quizzes, homework, class participation, tests, projects and overall grades, all of which indicate different facets of the student's learning.

Fittoria is firm but gentle when a student asks when they will get to "play games," such as the coding and robotics they did earlier in the week.

"I thought we would have a fun activity," the girl said.

"You need homework time," he replied.

Fittoria is in near-constant motion. He sits in on four math classes; he talks to counselors; he comes to parent-teacher meetings.

"I want them to see me at school. It helps for them to know that someone is checking on them," he said.

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that other programs can't duplicate, he added: that sense of being a valued member of a community.

"For me personally, I got terrible grades in my freshman year of high school. I worked hard. Then I received a Kiwanis award. It meant so much that someone else in the community valued me," he said.

Now Fittoria wants to push these kids and let them know they are a valued part of the Palo Alto community, he said.

The strategy seems to be working. Students whose grades were Cs now are earning Bs, and some are straight-A students, Fittoria said.

And while the students are benefiting from the program, so are the tutors.

"I've seen the ability of a tutor to empower. This is the most rewarding volunteer work I have done. You get immediate feedback," said Aaron Zelinger, a Stanford senior.

"It's about people. It's about helping them to help themselves." ■

Staff Writer Sue Dremann can be emailed at sdremann@paweekly.com.

The Palo Alto Holiday Fund supports dozens of local organizations that work to improve the lives of children, families and other people who are in need. The fund depends on contributions from individual community members each year. For more information, see page 4 of this edition.

Online This Week

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

State unemployment rate declines

The number of workers without jobs in California decreased last month from the previous month and the number of nonfarm payroll jobs increased, according to new data from the California Employment Development Department. (Posted Nov. 24, 7:51 a.m.)

Pair arrested for early morning robbery

A downtown Palo Alto robbery in which a man was allegedly hit multiple times resulted in the arrest of two men Saturday morning, police announced Sunday. (Posted Nov. 22, 9:06 p.m.)

Yes, Atherton still has the most expensive real estate, says Forbes

It probably won't be much of a surprise to anyone who pays attention to local real estate, but Atherton has, for the third year in a row, been named the home of the most expensive residential real estate in the country by Forbes Magazine. (Posted Nov. 22, 6:55 a.m.)

VIDEO: On 'Behind the Headlines'

On the half-hour webcast, "Behind the Headlines," Palo Alto Weekly Editor in Chief Jocelyn Dong, Publisher Bill Johnson and reporters Sue Dremann and Gennady Sheyner discuss the Buena Vista Mobile Home Park owner's lawsuit against the City of Palo Alto and the proposed public safety building. (Posted Nov. 20, 6:49 p.m.)

Stanford students end five-day sit-in

Stanford University students and supporters held a rally Friday ending a five-day sit-in. More than 100 students camped out at the main quad since Monday afternoon outside University President John Hennessy's office demanding administrators divest from the top 100 oil and gas companies. (Posted Nov. 20, 1:11 p.m.)

CALM ADVICE


FROM CHARLES "CHICKEN" LITTLE

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Water district's top tips this flood season

- Prepare a family disaster plan.
- Make an emergency kit for your home and car.
- Keep a full tank of gas in your car.
- Know your local streams and drainage channels.
- Purchase flood insurance for your home.
- Avoid low-lying areas and learn the best route to high ground.
- Never drive through flooded areas. Just one foot of water will float away most cars.
- Designate a family meeting spot in the event of an emergency.
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POLICE CALLS

Palo Alto

Nov. 18-23

Violence related

Battery	1
Child abuse/physical	1
Strong arm robbery	1

Theft related

Check fraud	1
Commercial burglaries	1
Elder abuse/financial	1
Identity theft	3
Petty theft	3
Residential burglaries	1
Shoplifting	2

Vehicle related

Abandoned bicycle	1
Auto theft	1
Bicycle theft	5
Driving with suspended license	4
Driving without license	3
False registration	1
Hit and run	2
Parking violation	1
Reckless driving	1
Theft from auto	10
Vehicle accident/minor injury	8
Vehicle accident/property damage	9
Vehicle tow	1

Alcohol or drug related

Drinking in public	3
Driving under influence	3
Drunk in public	3
Furnishing alcohol to minor	4
Open container	1
Possession of drugs	1
Possession of paraphernalia	2
Smoking in public	3
Under influence of drugs	5

Miscellaneous

Casualty/fall	1
Disposal request	1
Found property	5
Illegal lodging	1
Kidnapping	1
Located missing person	2
Lost property	2
Parole violation	1
Possession of burglary tools	1
Possession of stolen property	1
Psychiatric hold	6
Public nuisance	1
Resisting arrest	1
Sick and cared for	1
Suspicious circumstances	1
Vandalism	3
Warrant/other agency	2

Menlo Park

Nov. 18-23

Violence related

Spousal abuse	1
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Theft related

Burglary attempt	1
Fraud	1
Grand theft	1
Identity theft	3
Petty theft	3
Residential burglaries	1

Vehicle related

Auto burglary attempt	1
Driving with suspended license	8
Hit and run	1
Ignition interlock required	1
Vehicle accident	2
Vehicle accident/injury	1
Vehicle accident/no injury	3
Vehicle tow	4

Alcohol or drug related

Drug activity	1
Possession of drugs	4
Under influence of drugs	1

Miscellaneous

CPS referral	1
Disturbing/annoying phone calls	1
Found property	2
Gang validations	1
Info case	4
Located missing person	1
Lost property	2
Outside assistance	1
Psychiatric evaluation	1
Psychiatric hold	1
Registrant	2
Threats	1
Vandalism	1
Violation of court order	1
Warrant arrest	6
Warrant/other agency	8

VIOLENT CRIMES

Palo Alto

300 Pasteur Drive, 11/19, 1:15 a.m.; battery/simple.

Rorke Way, 11/20, 10:33 a.m.; child abuse/physical.

University Avenue and Bryant Street, 11/21, 2:42 a.m.; robbery/strong arm.

Menlo Park

600 block Pierce Road, 11/18, 2:15 p.m.; spousal abuse.



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AGENDA-SPECIAL MEETING-COUNCIL CHAMBERS

November 30, 2015 5:00 PM

Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6(a)

Special Orders of the Day

2. Proclamation Honoring Winners of the 2015 Architectural Review Board Awards
3. Appointment of Three Candidates to the Parks and Recreation Commission to Terms Ending December 15, 2018

Study Session

4. Joint Study Session of the City Council and Planning and Transportation Commission

Consent Calendar

6. Approval of Transformer Supplier Pre-Qualification Process and Authorization to Spend up to \$1,000,000 per Year With any of the Qualified Vendor(s) Over the Next Five Years, Total of not to Exceed \$5,000,000 for the Purchase of Electric Distribution Transformers Required to Provide Service to Customers
7. Adoption of a Resolution Adopting a Complete Streets Policy to Maintain the City's Eligibility for Regional Transportation Funding
8. Review and Approval of Proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Along Bryant Street, Redwood Circle, Carlson Court, Ely Place, Duncan Place, Creekside Drive, Nelson Drive, Shasta Drive and MacKay Drive
9. Policy and Services Committee Recommendation to Accept the Auditor's Office Quarterly Report as of June 30, 2015
10. Approval of a Contract Amendment With VOX Network Solutions, Contract Number C12144216 for Additional Phone Equipment and Maintenance in the Amount of \$159,899
11. Approval of Contract Number C16159083 With Cleary Brothers Landscape in the Amount of \$831,781 for the Mayfield Soccer Complex Synthetic Turf Replacement Project (Stanford Palo Alto Playing Field, Capital Improvement Project PG-13001)
12. Approval of a Contract With California Land Management Corporation in the Amount of \$127,434 for the First Year of Service for Park Ranger Patrol Services in Palo Alto's Urban Parks, Bixbee Park and Baylands Nature Preserve
13. Approval of Blanket Purchase Order With Hill Brothers Chemical Company in an Amount not to Exceed \$536,461 for the Purchase of Bulk Magnesium Hydroxide for the Water Quality Control Plant and Approval of Two One Year Extensions
14. Authorization to Amend the Legal Services Agreement With the Law Offices of Renne Sloan Holtzman & Sakai LLP to add \$45,000 for a Total Not to Exceed Amount of \$95,000 for Litigation Defense Services
15. Request for Pre-Screening of a Proposed Hotel Development at 744-750 San Antonio Road (to be Scheduled for December 7, 2015)
16. Approval of a Contract With Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board in the Amount of \$89,490 for 2016 Caltrain Go Pass Program

AGENDA-SPECIAL MEETING-CHAMBERS

December 1, 2015 5:00 PM

Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Authority: Government Code Section 54957.6(a)

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 6:00 PM to discuss: 1) Recommendation that the Finance Committee Recommend that the City Council Accept the Utilities Organization Assessment Update Report; 2) Utilities Advisory Commission Recommendation to Continue the PV Partners Program Until the State Legislative Requirements Set Forth in the California Million Solar Roof Bill Have Been Fulfilled; 3) Utilities Advisory Commission Recommendation That the City Council Approve Design Guidelines for the Net Energy Metering Successor Program; and 4) Library Bond Oversight Committee Quarterly Reports Transmittal, Discussion and Recommendation Regarding Excess Library Bond Funds, and Discussion and Recommendation on the Decom-

17. Approval of Amendment Number Four to Contract Number S13149754 to add \$120,000 for a Total Amount not to Exceed \$336,000 and Amendment Number Two to Contract Number S15155809 to add \$25,000 for a Total Amount not to Exceed \$50,000 With Renne Sloan Holtzman & Sakai LLP Public Law Group for Labor Negotiations Services and to Extend Both Contract Terms to June 30, 2016
18. SECOND READING: Adoption of an Ordinance Establishing a Single Story Overlay District for 83 Homes Within the Los Arboles Tract by Amending the Zoning Map to Rezone the Area From R-1 Single Family Residential and R-1 (7,000) to R-1(S) and R-1(7,000)(S) Single Family Residential With Single Story Overlay. Environmental Assessment: Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act per Section 15305 (FIRST READING: November 9, 2015 PASSED 9-0)

Action Items

19. PUBLIC HEARING: To Consider a Continued Appeal of the Director of Planning and Community Environment's Architectural Review Approval of a 31,407 Square-Foot, Four Story, Mixed Use Building With Parking Facilities on two Subterranean Levels on an 11,000 Square-Foot Site in the Downtown Commercial (CD-C (GF)(P)) Zone District Located at 429 University Avenue; and Approval of a Mitigated Negative Declaration. Environmental Assessment: A Mitigated Negative Declaration has Been Prepared. This Hearing is Continued From May 4, 2015 *Quasi Judicial
20. Approval of Staff's Plan to Simultaneously Pursue Response to Council's Motion on Fiber-to-the-Premises Master Plan and Wireless Network Plan and Continuation of Negotiations With Google Fiber, AT&T; Approval and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute Amendments to two Contracts With Columbia Telecommunications Corporation dba CTC Technology & Energy Extending Each Contract Term Through June 30, 2016 and Increasing Compensation Under: (1) Contract Number C15152568 by \$94,490 for a Total not to Exceed Amount of \$226,140; and (2) Contract Number C15152569 by \$58,850 for a Total not to Exceed Amount of \$203,794; Approval of a Temporary Fiber and Wireless Senior Program Manager Position for Three Years at \$228,000/Year; and Adoption of a Related Budget Amendment Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2016 to Provide Appropriation in the Amount of \$172,850
21. PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of an Ordinance Establishing a Single Story Overlay District for 72 Homes Within the Greer Park Tract Number 796, by Amending the Zoning Map to Rezone the Area From R-1 Single Family Residential to R-1(S) Single Family Residential with Single Story Overlay. Environmental Assessment: Exempt From the California Environmental Quality Act Per Section 15305. The Planning and Transportation Commission Recommended Rezoning Only the 47 Parcels With Frontage on Metro Circle and Moffett Circle

missioning of the Library Bond Oversight Committee

The Policy & Services Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 6:00 PM to discuss: 1) Consider Tentative Staff Recommendations on Further Requirements for Basement Construction Dewatering Program for 2016; 2) Discussion and Recommendation to Council of Adoption of the Healthy Cities, Healthy Communities Resolution Encouraging Healthy Social, Cultural and Physical Environments That Promote and Support Health, Wellbeing and Creative Expression for Ourselves, our Families and our Communities; and 3) Discussion and Recommendations for 2016 City Council Priority Setting Process

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Robert Donald Hass

April 8, 1926 November 6, 2015

A grand oak has fallen in our midst. Strong and unbowed, Robert D. Hass, M.D. died peacefully in his home, as he wished.

Robert graduated from Stanford Medical School in 1951 and immediately after, he served proudly as a Navy doctor in the Korean War. Upon returning from war, he married Carolan (Lally) Witter in 1953. He and Lally were happily married for over 61 years and shared their love for life.

He and Lally had four sons, Robert Donald Hass, Jr. (Diane), Ian Witter Hass, Peter August Hass (Margot) and Timothy Richard Hass (Betsy).

Robert worked as a Naval Doctor in the House of Representatives in 1954 and 1955. He then moved to London, where their second son, Ian, was born; and then back to California where he practiced as an orthopedic surgeon in Palo Alto from 1960 until his retirement in 1991. His successful practice was "old style" and in exchange for payment, he was known to accept sheep, geese, and horse manure, which he then used for his beautiful rhododendrons and azaleas.

After retirement, Robert and Lally traveled the world more frequently. Robert worked as a volunteer doctor in South Africa, Vietnam and Bhutan. There came a point where they had visited so many countries that it became easy to ask where they had not been rather than where they had been.

To celebrate his 50th birthday, Robert climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro with his son, Ian, trekked to the Base Camp of Mt. Everest on his 60th birthday, and took his extended family (sons, wives, and grandchildren) to Northern Italy for his 80th birthday.

His one true love, other than his wife and his family, was the outdoors. He spent 30 years backpacking in the Sierra with his friends and family and 40 years fishing for steelhead on the Morice, Skeena and Babine Rivers in Canada.

His love for his six grandchildren, Carolan, Tacy, Bridget, Eric, Fenja and Julia, knew no bounds and he dearly looked forward to his visits with them.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and loved to hear about all his adventures his full life blessed him with.

Robert is preceded in death by his father, Frank August Hass, mother, Violet Rachel Hass and his older brother, Richard Hass.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens. <http://www.gardenbythe.sea.org/>

PAID OBITUARY

Transitions

Births, marriages and deaths

Larry Colin

Larry Colin, a longtime Palo Alto resident, died on Nov. 3, at his home in Palo Alto, surrounded by family.

He was born on Jan. 19, 1931, to Maurice and Celia Colin in Brooklyn, New York, and he grew up in Queens with his sister, Rhoda. He studied at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, from where he graduated in 1952 with a bachelor's de-

gree in electrical engineering. Soon after, he married Roberta Miles in June 1953 in the Bronx, New York. He then took his engineering studies to Syracuse University, where he received his master's degree in 1960, and after that to Stanford University, where he earned his Ph.D. in 1964. In 1986, he also received a master's degree in management from Stanford.

He began his career at the Rome Air Development Center in New York, which gave him a scholarship to attend Stanford. The bulk of his career was spent working for the NASA Ames Research Center. His work



included serving as chief space scientist for the Pioneer Venus Project and managing the scientific activities for the Galileo Probe Mission to Jupiter. He received medals for both contributions in 1980 and 1996, respectively, and he was given a 35-year service award in 1987.

He and his wife, Roberta, lived for most of their married life in Palo Alto, where they raised their two children. Larry coached Little League and Bobby Sox teams in Palo Alto, and he was active in the Greenmeadow Community Association for many years, serving as president and chairman of the pool committee.

In addition to enjoying Starbucks lattes, he was a lifelong learner, reading copiously and taking advantage of many educational opportunities; a passionate Stanford sports fan, going often to football, basketball and baseball games; a techie, researching and using the latest technology; and a family man, providing unconditional love and support, his family said.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta Colin of Palo Alto; his two children, Lee (Shakti) Colin of the Philippines; Lisa Colin-Fowler, and husband, Michael Fowler, of Redwood Shores; grandchildren, Jordan, Miles, Jennifer, Shaina (Kryssy), Burt (Julie) and Mason (Ashley); and great-grandchildren, Alison, Jarod and Lillionie; and many other family members and friends.

A memorial service was held on Nov. 8 at Sinai Memorial Chapel in San Francisco and was followed by burial at the Eternal Home Cemetery in Colma and a celebration of life in Palo Alto. Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society (cancer.org).

Robert Edwin "Bob" Hopper 1921-2015

On November 10, 2015, Bob Hopper, of Palo Alto, CA, passed away peacefully at the age of 94. Born in Woodland, California on May 4, 1921 to William Wesley Hopper and Alameda Brown Hopper, Bob lived the majority of his life in the West. He was raised in Piedmont and Reno, attended Menlo School, and graduated from Stanford University. Bob was a sophomore at Stanford when Pearl Harbor was attacked. He immediately signed up to learn to fly with the Stanford Flying Club in Palo Alto and, later, joined the U.S. Army Air Corp to become a First Lieutenant, fighter pilot and flight instructor. He flew numerous aircraft during his tour of duty but his favorite was the Lockheed P-38 Lightning. Flying ultimately became his lifelong passion, and he could recognize many planes out of visual range simply from the unique roar of their engine.



His executive career was with Bethlehem Steel, where, over decades, he worked in sales, executive recruiting, community relations and, ultimately, in the president's office as Executive Assistant to the President.

Bob was married to Jean Elizabeth Johnstone Hopper on January 20, 1944 while on a short leave during his military service. He met Jean at a formal dance at the President's Mansion at Stanford University. From this relationship he was blessed with three children: Brenda Hopper Dyer, Bonnie Hopper Evans and Janel Carol Hopper. Bob became a widow at a young age. In 1966 he married his second wife, Berenice "Niece" Gates Hopper, to whom he was wedded for 47 years. Niece brought into the family her three children: Guy Loughridge, Sandra Kiely and Charla Valusek. This union brought great joy to everyone. He is survived by eight grandchildren: Jean Signor, Wesley King Charlotte de la Pena, Alisa Watson, Edwin "Ned" Hopper, Leah Hemeyer, Richard Kiely, Ryan Loughridge, and six great-grandchildren.

In his later years, Bob was surrounded by family, friends and wonderful caregivers. He was known to enjoy a glass of red wine, cookies, dessert and football.

All are welcome to attend a celebration service to be held on December 5, 2015 at Cypress Lawn Colma, CA. Graveside service will be at 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM at Tiffany Chapel.

The family requests any donations go to three charities, which Bob endorsed:

1. Pacific Aviation Museum 319 Lexington Blvd. Honolulu, HI
2. Leland Stanford Junior University 326 Galvez St. Stanford, CA 94305
3. Special Olympics 3480 Buskirk Ave. Suite 340, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

He will be remembered by his loved ones and friends as a man of courage, integrity, fairness, balance and sincerity. No matter how long we share a life with an honorable person, it is always too short, too sad and too soon an end for those here on Earth. Heaven benefits.

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Real progress

Editor,

We want to correct the erroneous assumption that the two new pieces of noise legislation sponsored by Rep. Anna Eshoo, The Quiet Communities Act and the FAA Community Accountability Act, are not significant milestones in the ongoing campaign to reform the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The bills may not have a high probability of passing due to the air transportation industry's multimillion-dollar lobbying effort. However, by demanding that the FAA finally include citizens on the ground as important stakeholders, these bills change the aviation-dominated narrative, raising public awareness of the serious public health consequences of loud and persistent aircraft noise.

Rep. Eshoo is leading on other important fronts as well. She and her staff in Palo Alto and Washington worked hard to engage the FAA in meetings with local leaders and citizen groups. On Monday the FAA issued the FAA Initiative to Address Noise Concerns of Santa Cruz/Santa Clara/San Mateo/San Francisco Counties, an action plan that is a responsive first step to address our issues.

We believe that Rep. Eshoo will fight for us on all fronts until a better plan for our crowded northern California airspace emerges that is safe and efficient and does not concentrate noise and pollution in unhealthy ways.

Now the hard push begins, and we look forward to support from Eshoo and from our city leadership in bringing this problem to an equitable conclusion. Eshoo and her staff deserve our thanks and support for the continued work ahead.

Rachel and Tom Kellerman,
Emerson Street
Jennifer and Mark
Landesmann, Fife Avenue
Mark Shull, Tasso Street
Marie-Jo Fremont,
Guinda Street
Jon Zweig, Colorado Avenue
Lee Christel,
Rosewood Drive

One kind of change

Editor,

In contrast to the new roles for Palo Alto firefighters described in the Weekly's feature, it was intriguing that the group around the dinner table in one of the accompanying photographs was the same-old, same-old: mostly white and all male.

James R. Madison
Holly Avenue, Menlo Park

Consistency and justice

Editor,

Should we start over with Buena Vista? Go back to first principles? We all understand contingencies. We all understand eminent domain. Authority, in giving permission for any land development, does so after setting the conditions which seem to be beneficial to the community as a whole, and it feels free to follow the principles of American capitalism to do so — that is, to give more to some than to others so that the money engendered can produce wealth and jobs. So only a few get to use "their" property for a store, a plating factory or an office building, and restricting use permits to the few makes some properties more valuable.

San Mateo gave permission for a shopping center on condition that a skating rink be provided — mustn't the developer keep on providing it? Palo Alto gave permission for a development on condition that there be a grocery and is now charging \$1,000 a day for the non-grocery. Santa Clara County gave permission to a landowner to rent land to homeowners who would bring their homes with them — a very cheap way to get development in barren areas where capital to build is not forthcoming, and Palo Alto validated that use by asking the homeowners to annex.

What right does the landowner have to complain that the contingency be lifted?

My grandmother didn't get to keep her low-income housing properties in San Francisco because the Depression enabled the government to take the property for a low market value. Let's have some consistency here. Also equal justice under law.

Stephanie Muñoz
Alma Street, Palo Alto

Concerns misplaced

Editor,

Vigilant Palo Altans warn the new police station should be protected from a terrorist attack. But why shoot up a police station when there are so many richer targets? We are a center for technology, education, health care, music, theater, Stanford, Stanford Shopping Center, parks, libraries, museums, Caltrain, high-speed rail, downtown dazzling with bars, ritzy upscale boutiques, Whole Foods, multi-million dollar neighborhoods festooned with overhead utility lines, public art, historical houses, an ugly

City Hall, traffic up the wazoo and workers parking in our driveways. Which do we fortify or protect first, or last?

Worry more about a lunatic in a Cessna rented for \$125 an hour dive-bombing into a stadium on any given Sunday on ESPN, as opposed to terrorists attacking the Palo Alto Police Department.

People who are scared give up liberty for safety. Historically, the fearful lose both. Balance is the key.

The world will not let terrorists prevail.

Richard Alexander
Santa Rita Avenue, Palo Alto

Their day in court

Editor,

Kudos to the Jisser family for standing up to the City of Palo Alto's unreasonable demands.

The Jissers put their own capital at risk over 30 years ago when they bought the Buena Vista Mobile Home Park. Palo Alto property prices have increased to levels beyond the reach of low-income residents (and many medium- or high-income earners for that matter). However, this fact does not justify violating the Jisser's right to close their own business whenever they choose for whatever reason they decide. This is true even if the "majority" believes that this is wrong.

It is gratifying to see someone finally saying "enough" to the increasingly meddlesome and unconstitutional decisions of the City Council. Unfortunately, it is the taxpayers who will ultimately pay the "legal bills" of the city's unscrupulous behavior.

Seavan Sternheim
Emerson Street, Palo Alto

Groundwater gains

Editor,

As we enter our fifth year of drought and with state-mandated water restrictions and a growing population, it only makes sense to conserve water, including our community groundwater supplies.

However, a practice called dewatering continues statewide and in Palo Alto. Dewatering is the practice of pumping groundwater in order to build an underground structure, i.e., a parking garage or a residential basement.

In Palo Alto this pumped groundwater goes directly into the storm drains — only an estimated 1 to 2 percent is used for beneficial purposes. In 2015, 14 residential basement construction projects pumped approximately 121 to 140 million gal-

lons of community groundwater down the drain.

Information on the entire water cycle including aquifers, groundwater and infiltration, is available at water.usgs.gov/edu. This highly respected site details the extent of groundwater pumping in California and establish considerable concern regarding the future of our community water supply.

I joined savepaloaltosgroundwater.org because I care about our future and believe our groundwater is a vital community resource requiring careful management.

But we are fortunate in Palo Alto! On Dec. 1, the Policy & Services Committee will meet

at 6 p.m. at 250 Hamilton Ave. to discuss dewatering.

We believe the City Council is willing to review dewatering and its impacts on our groundwater supplies. Much, including the discovery of additional scientific and engineering reports, has changed since dewatering was reviewed in 2003 and 2008.

I invite you to visit savepaloaltosgroundwater.org and become informed and involved.

Please sign our petition, email your concerns to the City Council at city.council@cityofpaloalto.org and attend the Dec. 1 meeting. Let's all work together for a better future.

Rita Vrhel
Channing Avenue, Palo Alto

Check out Town Square!

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

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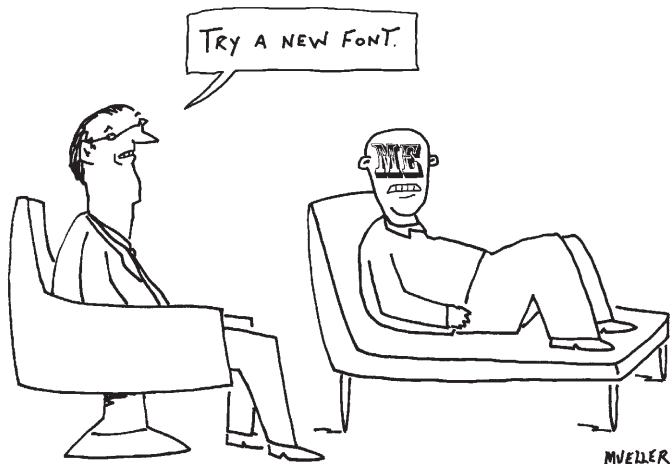


Do you think groundwater pumping is a big problem in Palo Alto?

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Holiday highlights

Local organizations, artists host a bounty of seasonal entertainment

Smuin Ballet dancer Dustin James spreads holiday cheer in Smuin's "The Christmas Ballet."

by Brenna Malmberg
Before or after your stroll down the streets to gaze at Christmas lights, the Midpeninsula has more holiday events and traditions to offer. For locals who enjoy ballet, there are multiple renditions of "The Nutcracker" being performed by youth and professional dancers. If holiday arts and crafts feel like a better fit, the area offers hands-on activities and a number of local artisan sales. The holiday event genres don't stop there. Theater goers, Lego builders and comedy enthusiasts will also find an event for their taste this season. Happy holiday events!

A Pacific Ballet 'Nutcracker' tradition

The Pacific Ballet Academy celebrates its 25th year of the "Nutcracker" with performances through the Thanksgiving weekend. Guests will be greeted by the dancers as they take their seats to see the holiday classic come to life.

- **Where:** Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.
- **When:** Friday, Nov. 27, and Saturday, Nov. 28, at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 30, at 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$26-\$30
- **Info:** mvcpa.com or 650-903-6000

Holiday Traditions at Filoli

Locals can start the season with Holiday Traditions at Filoli, which will offer shopping boutiques, lunch buffets and more throughout the season. But hurry, events are selling out.

- **Where:** Filoli, 86 Cañada Road, Woodside
- **When:** Friday, Nov. 27, through Saturday, Dec. 5
- **Cost:** \$35-\$85
- **Info:** filoli.org/holiday-traditions or 650-364-8300, ext. 508

Romance takes the stage

TheatreWorks' brings back Jane Austen's "Emma" for the holidays. The musical hit features a cast of characters obsessed with romance and a score from Paul Gordon, the Tony Award-nominated composer of "Jane Eyre" and "Daddy Long Legs."

- **Where:** Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
- **When:** Dec. 2 through Jan. 2, 2016
- **Cost:** \$25-\$74
- **Info:** theatreworks.org or 650-463-1960

Saint Francis High School celebration, fundraiser

To raise funds, the Saint Francis High School will have its

27th annual home tour fundraiser in December while also celebrating its 60th anniversary. This year's theme is "I'll be home for Christmas," and features homes in Portola Valley and Woodside. In addition to home tours, there will be a Christmas party and holiday boutique in Mountain View, a winter luncheon in Los Altos Hills, a happy hour in Los Altos Hills, and another Christmas boutique in Los Altos Hills.

- **Where:** Home tours leave from 12889 Viscaïno Place, Los Altos
- **When:** Friday, Dec. 4, and Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$50 per person, \$45 per person for groups of 10 or more
- **Info:** sfhs.com/page.cfm?p=1650 or 650-954-7720

Tree lighting in Palo Alto

The City of Palo Alto kicks off the holiday season with its fifth annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Besides a dazzling tree, the event includes live music, face painting, snacks, hot drinks and more.

- **Where:** Lytton Plaza, 202 University Ave., Palo Alto
- **When:** Friday, Dec. 4, 4-7 p.m. with tree lighting at 6 p.m.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Info:** cityofpaloalto.org or 650-329-2100

Western Ballet's 'The Nutcracker'

The Western Ballet presents "The Nutcracker" under the direction of Alexi Zubiria again this holiday season. Audience members will join Clara, Fritz and friends as they go on a magical trip to the Kingdom of Sweets.

- **Where:** Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.
- **When:** Friday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$25-\$30
- **Info:** mvcpa.com or 650-903-6000

Dance Connection's 'Nutcracker'

The Dance Connection Palo Alto presents its 17th annual production of the "Nutcracker." The whole family is sure to enjoy this holiday classic.

- **Where:** Spangenberg Theatre, Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto
- **When:** Friday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 6, at 3 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$15-\$27
- **Info:** danceconnectionpaloalto.com or 650-322-7032

Deborah's Palm Holiday Bazaar

At the Holiday Bazaar by Deborah's Palm, visitors can enjoy refreshments, live music, wreath-making and a host of goods made by local artisans. Guests are asked to bring a canned-food item to support the Ecumenical Hunger Program in East Palo Alto.

- **Where:** Deborah's Palm, 555 Lytton Ave., Palo Alto
- **When:** Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Cost:** Free, but guests are asked to donate canned goods
- **Info:** deborahspalm.org or 650-473-0664

Nativities from around the world

The 28th annual Christmas Crèche Exhibit features more than 350 nativities from around the world. The event also includes hands-on activities, speakers, live music and more.

- **Where:** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
- **When:** Saturday, Dec. 5, through Wednesday, Dec. 9, from noon to 9 p.m.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Info:** christmascreche.org or 650-800-3865

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Invites for all

Stationery, invite experts share tips and tricks for holiday party invitations

Story and photos by Brenna Malmberg

The holiday season begins early — really early — for Julianne Michelle, a Menlo Park resident who creates custom stationery, including holiday invites and cards. These days, holiday greetings and photographs of smiling faces flutter around her kitchen table that also serves as her workspace. Because her clients need to send their cards and invites up to a month before festivities, her busy season is right now.

Amongst the holiday buzz, Michelle pauses and focuses on each client's project, especially on holiday invites. She wants to ensure that her invite will suit their party needs.

"The invitation sets the tone for the party," she said. "For a fun cocktail party, I might pick a playful script, which is different from what I would use for a formal affair. I think you

can say a lot about the event through the design."

On her computer screen, Michelle plays with type and color, but remembers the details make an invite. She guides people on what to include on the invite besides the basics of who, what, when and where. The extra facts help the guest feel comfortable when they arrive, she said.

"People appreciate knowing what they should wear or if they can pop in and out of a party," she said. "It's a busy time, and people appreciate that."

Beyond dress code and timing, Michelle also recommends making it clear if there will be a gift exchange or if they are expected to bring a present. And last, but definitely not least, the RSVP. These four letters can help the hostess immensely, she said, and she tells



Julianne Michelle works with clients to customize a holiday invite for their event.

people to have RSVPs sent in at least a week before the event.

Once the logistics are figured out, Michelle works with clients on a custom design or one from her Etsy shop, etsy.com/shop/JMichelleStudio. Since she started her business four years ago, she has created new designs and options, such as foil printing and die-cut shapes.

Then comes the mailing part of invites. With prepped cards

in hand, Michelle recommends sending formal party invites about a month in advance, while a holiday mixer between friends could require a shorter window of delivery.

But before invites hit the bottom of the blue mailbox, Wendy Qiu, who grew up in Palo

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Wendy Qiu, a Gunn High School graduate and current University of California, Davis student, uses colored washi tape to decorate her envelopes.

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Winter glass sale

The Palo Alto Fiery Arts Winter Glass Sale features glass decor, cookies and hot apple cider. The benefits from the event support the Fiery Arts program at Palo Alto High School.

- **Where:** Palo Alto High School, Tower Building, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto.
- **When:** Friday, Dec. 5, 3-6:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 6, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- **Cost:** Free
- **Info:** tinyurl.com/PaloAlto-HighGlass or 650-303-1290

A French Christmas

The California Bach Society, under artistic director Paul Flight, presents "Joyeux Noël!" this holiday season. The program takes audience members to France to travel from medieval periods to the 20th century.

- **Where:** All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto
- **When:** Saturday, Dec. 5, at 8 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$10-\$28

- **Info:** calbach.org or 650-485-1097

Family crafting

For ages 5 and up, the Palo Alto Art Center offers an opportunity to create holiday goodies and decor out of everyday objects during Holiday Family Day. The family-fun activities include design-your-own wrapping paper and cards, handmade brooches and pins, and personalized garland. The day ends with a performance by the Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra.

- **Where:** 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto
- **When:** Sunday, Dec. 6, 2-4:30 p.m.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Info:** bit.ly/HolidayFamily-Day or 650-329-2366

'Rejoice! Rejoice!'

During Schola Cantorum's annual holiday family concert, "Rejoice! Rejoice!" will feature familiar Christmas favorites from the Robert Shaw/Alice Parker collection.

- **Where:** Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.
- **When:** Sunday, Dec. 6, at 3 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$20-\$30
- **Info:** mvcpa.com or 650-903-6000

'The Christmas Ballet'

During their two-act performance, Smuin Ballet dancers will perform holiday favorites, including Michael Smuin's "The Gloucestershire Wassail" and "Ave Maria," and modern mash-ups of "White Christmas," "Baby, It's Cold Outside," and "Santa Baby." This holiday celebration also includes tap, swing, ballet and other worldwide genres to celebrate the season. Plus, Smuin

Ballet dancer Nicole Haskins will debut her new work set to "Joy to the World," and choreographer-in-residence Amy Seiwert will present a new piece set to the "Home for the Holidays."

- **Where:** Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.
- **When:** Wednesday, Dec. 9, Thursday, Dec. 10, and Friday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$23-\$71
- **Info:** mvcpa.com or 650-903-6000

Christmas story told by Grammy winners

The voices of Chanticleer will fill the halls of Memorial Church this year with its "A Chanticleer Christmas." The Grammy-winning, all-male chorus will celebrate the Christmas season by telling a story through Gregorian chant, Renaissance polyphony, carols and African-American spirituals.

- **Where:** Memorial Church, 50 Serra Mall, Stanford
- **When:** Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$60 for general admission
- **Info:** live.stanford.edu or 650-724-2464

Hershel tries to save Hanukkah

Based on a book by Eric A. Kimmel, the Peninsula Youth Theatre presents "Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins." In this tale, goblins come down and ruin Hanukkah each year, but Hershel has an idea that might change that.

- **Where:** Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.
- **When:** Friday, Dec. 11 at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7:30

p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 12, at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

- **Cost:** \$8-\$12
- **Info:** mvcpa.com or 650-903-6000

Builders unite at "Living LEGO-CY" show

The Museum of American Heritage, the Bay Area LEGO User Group and the Bay Area LEGO Train Club bring builders together again for its annual holiday Lego extravaganza, "Living LEGO-CY." Visitors can enjoy creations made by club members, including Bay Area landmarks, castles and portraits.

- **Where:** Museum of American History, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto
- **When:** Dec. 11 to Jan. 16 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$2, free for Museum of American Heritage and Bay Area LEGO User Group members
- **Info:** moah.org or 650-321-1004

Holiday concert from Ragazzi Continuo

Ragazzi Continuo, alumni of the Ragazzi Boys Chorus, invites locals to its holiday concert, "Carols Ancient and New." This program features a blend of Christmas classics from around the world and throughout time.

- **Where:** All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto; and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 178 Clinton St., Redwood City
- **When:** Saturday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. in Palo Alto; and Saturday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. in Redwood City
- **Cost:** \$15-\$18
- **Info:** ragazzicontinuo.org



holiday gifts

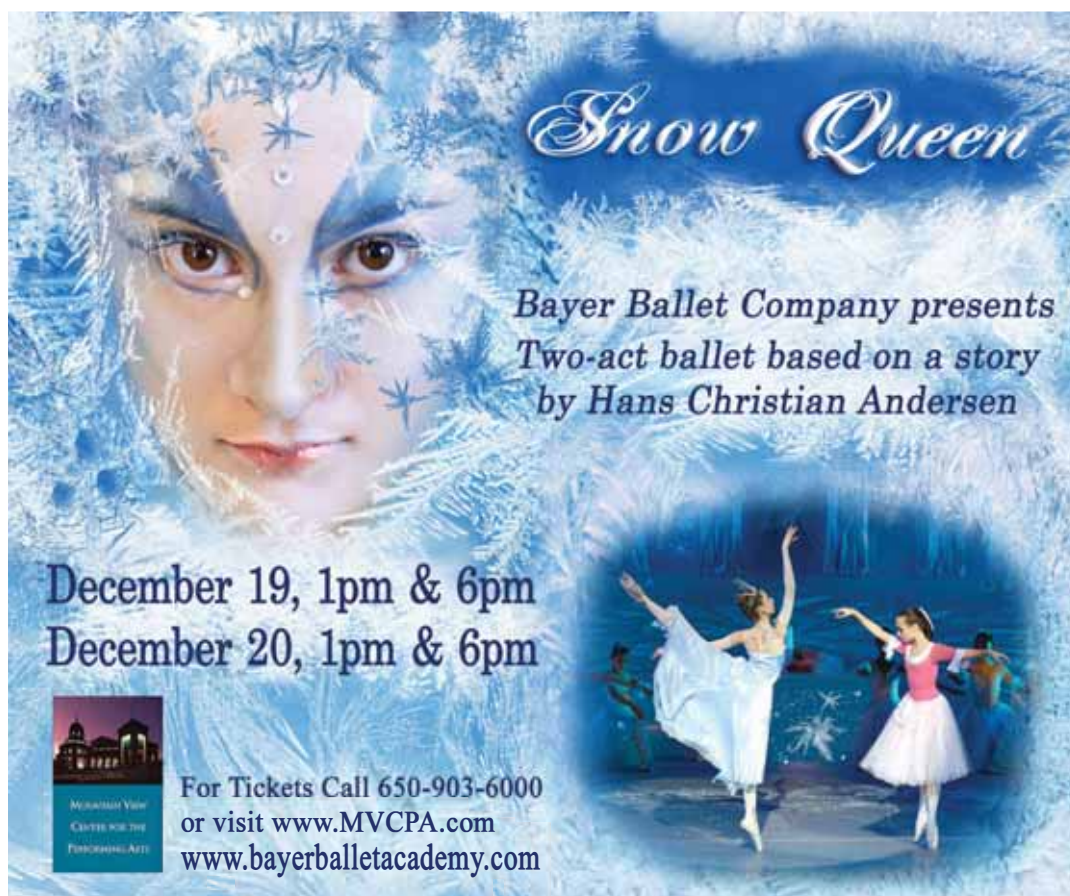
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Curtis Finger

Ragazzi Boys Chorus presents a holiday concert series, "I Dream A World," playing Dec. 5 in Palo Alto.

'A Winter Prelude'

In its 49th season, the Peninsula Women's Chorus offers a concert that reflects the ever-changing facets of winter. In "A Winter Prelude," audience members will experience joy, uncertainty and exaltation as the chorus moves through songs and stories of the season.

- **Where:** Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto
- **When:** Saturday, Dec. 12, 2:30 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$10-\$35
- **Info:** pwchorus.org or 650-327-3095

Singers, from small to tall, perform 'I Dream a World'

The Ragazzi Boys Chorus presents "I Dream a World," which features music inspired by the Langston Hughes poem with the same title. The performance celebrates the crosscultural power of love and music, traits that all humans have in common. The concert will conclude with a sing-along of holiday classics, such as "Deck the Halls," "Joy to the World" and "O Come All Ye Faithful."

- **Where:** First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto
- **When:** Saturday, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$16-\$28
- **Info:** ragazzi.org or 650-342-8785

Instrumental 'Winter Solstice'

Three instrumentalists come together to perform original music and seasonal classes for "A Windham Hill Winter Solstice." The performance features Grammy Award-nominated singer, fiddler, pianist and songwriter Barbara Higbie; Windham Hill founder and Grammy-winning guitarist Will Ackerman, and Grammy-nominated guitarist and compost Alex de Grassi.

- **Where:** Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford
- **When:** Saturday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$15-\$78
- **Info:** live.stanford.edu or 650-724-2464

'It's a Wonderful Nutcracker'

Menlowe Ballet presents "It's a Wonderful Nutcracker" under artistic director Michael Lowe. This performance was inspired by Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life," and is set in the 1940s. Lowe collaborated with Julie Lowe and Sarah-Jame Measor to make the ballet's narrative. The story, with its twists and turns, offers a heartfelt message to the audience about what makes the holidays wonderful.

- **Where:** Menlo Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton
- **When:** Saturday, Dec. 12, through Sunday, Dec. 20
- **Cost:** \$28-\$55
- **Info:** menloweballet.org or 650-231-2025

Orchestra holiday extravaganza

Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra's third annual holiday extravaganza delivers again, with excerpts from excerpts from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Ballet," the iSing Girlchoir, an appearance by soloist Michel Taddei and the SuperStrings Orchestra ensemble.

- **Where:** Cubberley Theatre at the Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
- **When:** Sunday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Info:** pacomusic.org or 650-856-3848

Wintersongs with Kitka

This winter holiday program by Kitka showcases seasonal music from a variety of Eastern European ethnic and spiritual traditions.

- **Where:** St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park

- **When:** Sunday, Dec. 13, at 4 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$10-\$35
- **Info:** kitka.org or 510-444-0323

Audience sing-along

Under the baton of Maestro Gregory Wait, Schola Cantorum presents Handel's Messiah, which includes an audience sing-along.

- **Where:** Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.
- **When:** Monday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$18-\$22
- **Info:** mvcpa.com or 650-903-6000

Youth ballet's 'Snow Queen'

The Bayer Ballet Co.'s "Snow Queen" will take the audience through the story of a love and friendship that overcomes evil. The youth ballet performance will include beautiful scenery, costumes, music and special effects.

- **Where:** Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.
- **When:** Saturday, Dec. 19, and Sunday, Dec. 20, at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$40-\$50
- **Info:** mvcpa.com or 650-903-6000

Choral, orchestra celebration

"Winter's Gifts: Celebration" features The Choral Project and the San José Chamber Orchestra during an evening of live holiday music. Conductors Barbara Day Turner and Daniel Hughes come together to make this combination concert happen.

- **Where:** First Presbyterian Church, 1140 Cowper St. Palo Alto
- **When:** Saturday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m.

- **Cost:** \$10-\$32, children under 10 are free
- **Info:** choralproject.org/concerts or 408-279-0161

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Invites

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Alto and now attends the University of California, Davis, likes to dress up the envelopes. And she promises that anyone can add a little flair to their holiday invites.

Inspired by #snailmail posts on social media, Qiu stocks up on washi tape, stickers and stamps, all of which can be found at local craft stores, she said. Each strip of decorative tape, which she runs horizontally across the envelope, makes her mail stand out from the crowd.

"For the holidays, I go with vibrant colors," she said. "Chevron and stripes are really popular right now, and, oh, polka dots, too."

She also likes to send a personal touch by making her own cards, which has turned into a little business for her as well in the past year. She had always made cards for friends, and thought, "I should sell these." So, today, while studying and prepping for finals, she runs a little Etsy shop, etsy.com/shop/BellyFloDesigns. The "Meowy Christmas" card is one of her favorites, she said.

But for some, the time and energy it takes to actually send a physical card is daunting, said Alexis Monson, co-founder of Punkpost. This app-based, card-sending service allows users to send snail mail as easily as a text.

Through the app, senders pick out a card, add features such as photos and confetti, type a message, input an address, and then someone on the other end writes out the message in a letterpress card and sends it.

"We know people are busy," Monson said, "and this fits with a modern-day lifestyle."

Allie Safran, who works in Menlo Park, uses the app because it is so convenient. She lives in an apartment, and sometimes can't find a nearby mail box or doesn't have a stamp. Punkpost solves those problems for her.

"I've sent 17 since, well in the past two months," she said. "I can still get hand-written cards without having to worry about the logistics."

Safran, who has sent a range of card types, said she would definitely consider sending her invites with Punkpost, and will definitely be including confetti when she does.

And as if there weren't enough options on the market, party hosts can also send electronic invites via platforms such as Facebook. Lily Jolly, events product manager for Facebook in Menlo Park, said Facebook Events can now send message to not only Facebook friends but also to anyone else via email. Beside the ease of distribution, Facebook Events also lets



Qiu enjoys sending custom cards to friends and family, and opened an Etsy shop a year ago.

guests connect beforehand, post photos and coordinate food, and the host can send reminders and track who will attend.

"Make sure your event has a cover art photo that is representative of the event, so your friends know what the event will be like," Jolly said. In Facebook Events, party hosts can set the tone with art options or upload their own photos, including ones from the previous year's event.

And best of all, from her perspective, is the option to post photos on the wall after the event, continuing the holiday fun. ■

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Giving thanks, getting laughs

Gunn grads return for stand-up show, fundraiser

by *Elizabeth Schwyzer*



Shereen Younes

Stand-up comic and Gunn High School graduate Teresa Lee has performed at comedy shows around the country, including Comedy Palace in Los Angeles.



Felix Liu

Nathan Habib, host of the Applesauce comedy show in San Francisco, will return to his alma mater, Gunn High School, for a stand-up show on Friday, Nov. 27.

It's been nearly a decade since they earned their diplomas and tossed their caps in the air, but Teresa Lee and Nathan Habib are still feeling gratitude for Gunn High School. Specifically, they're grateful for their time in the theater department, where their love of comedy was nurtured.

This Friday, Nov. 27, Los Angeles-based Lee (class of 2007) and San Francisco-based Habib (class of 2008) will take the stage at Gunn's Little Theatre for a night of stand-up comedy. Their fellow Gunn alum, Katelyn Hempstead, will host the show and introduce the sets. It's the first time the professional comedians have returned to their alma mater to share their talents, and they're excited to see some familiar faces in the crowd. They're also excited to say thank you to the school that launched their careers: all proceeds from their show will go to the Gunn High School Theatre

Department. Habib, who now hosts the monthly San Francisco stand-up show, Applesauce, and performs at various comedy venues in the city, including Cobb's, The Fillmore and Punch Line, remembered Gunn as a place where teachers were willing to support and foster student creativity.

"When I was a student and I first said I wanted to do stand-up, they took the risk, even though it could have been inappropriate," he recalled. "That's what makes the department special: They don't shy away from showing creative talent."

Lee, who recently relocated to Los Angeles from New York, has worked on MTV's Middle of the Night Show and hosts the podcast, "I Don't Know You," spoke of veteran Gunn Theatre Department teacher Jim Shelby as "the godfather of entertainment."

"His name will come up in the industry in conversations that aren't even related to Gunn," she said. "When I was a student, I didn't realize how powerful that department was or that it was so unique from other high schools. Mr. Shelby has been very influential in my early career."

'I was inspired by students in the classes above me, and it would be awesome to connect with generations a little younger than us.'

—Teresa Lee, comedian

Though they're contributing all proceeds from their show to the future of the department, Lee and Habib are also looking to the past and hoping their for-

mer classmates — those who've come home for Thanksgiving — will come out to see the show, making the night something of a high school reunion.

"It would be super cool and surreal if our class and people that age could make it; it would bring back some incredible memories," said Habib, who produced his first comedy shows while at Gunn. "It would be so much fun to see everyone in one room, staring at us and being like, 'Wow that person got a lot more attractive.'"

"On top of that, I hope current students and recent alumni come out," noted Lee. "I was inspired by students in the classes above me, and it would be awesome to connect with generations a little younger than us."

As for the content of the show, Habib described his comedy as "pretty clean ... so it really doesn't matter if it's a 40, 30 or 12-year-old in the audience. This

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Comedians

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is definitely a show that anyone can attend. There's no need for censorship."

"I am probably not as clean as you Nathan, but I'm not dirtier than anything on TV that kids have access to," Lee added. "I've done a lot about being in your 20s in New York, dating and sex, but I don't go for shock or consider myself a dirty comic. I generally take a survey of the room before I start and can alter things as necessary."

Like any creative process, Lee said, writing for stand-up takes time and effort; it's not as simple as going up on stage and telling jokes.

"Every day I try to write at least three new jokes," she said. "Then I try them and throw out the ones that don't work. I talk a lot about personal experience, things that have happened to me and things I've observed."

For example, she said, her recent

experience getting a tattoo became source material for her comedy.

"It was a little one, but we had to make the tattoo artist redo it four times," she said. "In my stand-up, the tattoo became a metaphor for how I'm ready to commit to someone as soon as they change everything about how they are."

If Lee's style tends toward the personal and confessional, Habib describes his comic style as observational.

"A big achievement for me is to take subject matter that is pretty mundane and make it into a very humorous situation," he said. Naming Jerry Seinfeld as one of his primary inspirations, Habib described the satisfaction of drawing out the awkwardness in a given scenario.

"I find it really rewarding to write bits about things that people don't really joke about, like a chili cook-off, or what a sweet tooth means, or certain office behaviors, or people who bike to work. People who bike to work are not inherently funny, but I do my best

to find the humor there. It's a fun challenge."

'A big achievement for me is to take subject matter that is pretty mundane and make it into a very humorous situation.'

—Nathan Habib, comedian

Both Lee and Habib admitted it's hard to describe one's own work, but found it easy to articulate how they see each other as comedians.

"If I had to describe Teresa, I would describe a great ball of energy," Habib said. "Her work is super personal and also hilarious. She's extremely funny."

"Nathan is very well-rounded and really great at telling stories," Lee said of Habib. "Even at 16 years old, he was always very controlled on stage. You know he's going to take you on a journey, it's going to be funny and it's going to circle back to the beginning somehow."

Recently, Lee quit her day job to do comedy full-time; Habib currently works at a high-tech company during the day but still finds a way to perform about 100 shows a year.

"It can work either way," Lee said, encouraging budding comics not to measure their success in financial terms.

"The landscape of stand-up is changing, and changing quickly," Habib added. "In the past, it was clear what comedy was. Now there are so many different mediums and industries that takes a little bit longer to figure out the niche to go into." Patience and trust, he said, have been key.

"Something I think you learn doing stand-up is that you don't pick your style; your style picks you. It's a process that takes time."

For Gunn grads home for the holidays, and for anyone else curious to check it out, Lee and Habib promise an evening of belly laughs to round off Black Friday. Bring your friends, your family and your sense of humor — but maybe leave that leftover turkey sandwich at home. ■

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What: Gunn Alumni Comedy Night with Teresa Lee and Nathan Habib

Where: Little Theatre, Henry M. Gunn High School, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto

When: Friday, Nov. 27, 8 p.m.

Cost: \$5-\$10. Tickets are available online and at the door. All proceeds go to the Gunn High School Theatre Department.

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The original matchmaker

TheatreWorks reprises Jane Austen's "Emma"

by Karla Kane

Even as a teenager, Lianne Marie Dobbs was a die-hard Jane Austen fan. She threw "Pride and Prejudice"-themed sleepovers at which she and her friends played a BBC video adaptation of the novel repeatedly, giggling with delight at the sight of Colin Firth — as Mr. Darcy — dashing removing his top hat.

This holiday season, Dobbs will help bring Austen's swoon-worthy, witty British world to life for local audiences when she plays the title role in TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's musical production of "Emma," with music, lyrics and book by Paul Gordon. It's a revival of the show she originated with the company back in 2006 as part of the New Works Festival. "Emma" was subsequently developed into a full-fledged musical production (again starring Dobbs) which went on to become the most popular and successful show in TheatreWorks' history. Helmed once again by the company's founder and artistic director, Robert Kelley, the show will be back on stage in time to celebrate the bicentennial of the publication of Austen's novel.

The musical "really seemed to electrify people," Kelley explained in a recent interview. "We started thinking about doing it again someday, because so many TheatreWorks patrons had an ongoing interest."

The story follows the exploits of spoiled and headstrong young Emma Woodhouse, who, from her privileged position in a Regency-era English village, assuredly meddles in the romantic lives of her friends and neighbors. Emma considers herself an expert on matchmaking and love yet is clueless when it comes to matters of her own heart (and yes, the 1995 teen comedy, "Clueless," is another "Emma" adaptation). Over the course of the narrative, Emma

finds that she may not have all the answers, and that love has a way of shaking up even the most confident of heroines.

Basically, it's the stuff rom-com dreams are made of.

"I love romantic comedies; I always have," Dobbs said. "I'm addicted to movies with Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy. I am reminded constantly that Jane Austen first wrote that kind of romantic-comedy dialogue that I love: that bickering repartee that's really delicious to watch, and you can't wait for them to kiss each other."

While Austen famously said of Emma that she'd written a heroine nobody but her author would like, Dobbs said fans actually find the plucky, exasperating but good-hearted know-it-all endearing.

"I think they do love her because she is flawed, and while she is slow to apologize and slow to learn, there is something really fun about watching an imperfect person trip herself and pick herself back up," Dobbs said.

Dobbs pointed to a song from the musical titled "Epiphany," during which Emma realizes her unexpected feelings for another character, as one of her favorites in the show.

"It's such a wonderful song for Emma as she goes back and forth — 'I feel this but I've always thought this,'" she said. "It's an actor's dream to have that sort of journey, not before or after but literally during the song. It rings so true to me. It has the most truth behind it of maybe any love song I've ever sung."

Though the production is set several centuries ago, "the music is in the pop/contemporary genre," Kelley explained. "It doesn't try to mimic the sound of the 1800s. That's one of the things that makes the play feel so relevant to us: the music is accessible from our own point of view."

"It has a chamber feeling to it," he continued. "There's a four-piece band that includes strings and reeds, but it manages to bridge the gap between what you'd find at a ball in someone's home in 1815 and music you'd want to put on in your car today."

Dobbs praised Gordon's adaptation for getting to the heart of Austen's story while streamlining it for theater audiences. "One thing I love about this stage production is that you really get to see the discrepancies between Emma's view of what's going on in the love lives of those around her and what's really happening," she said. "I think that's really genius that he was able to get that. There are things that the audience sees that I don't, and that's a real accomplishment."

This time around, TheatreWorks' "Emma," with its cast of 16, will be performed in Palo Alto's Lucie Stern Theatre, rather than in the larger Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. The current space is "much more intimate, whole new set, a different look," Kelley said. "There are some advantages in terms of romantic scenes, the interplay of characters who are in a drawing room or a lovely outdoor garden."

Though some elements of the show have changed, Kelley said Dobbs' performance is one thing he's thrilled to see repeated.

"It's really fun for me to see her bringing Emma back to life," he said. "She made an awful lot of fans in our original production. She's the only Emma for me." ■

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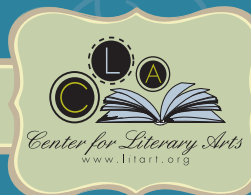
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Lianne Marie Dobbs stars in TheatreWorks' reprisal of Jane Austen's "Emma," with music, lyrics and book by Paul Gordon.




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Eating Out



Left: Palo Alto store manager Nichole Daviar has sampled nearly every candy that Rocket Fizz sells. Above: Rocket Fizz Soda flavors include maple syrup, key lime pie, green apple jalapeño and black licorice.

Sweet on nostalgia

The horse head squirrel feeder is among the many gag gifts Rocket Fizz sells year-round.

ROCKET FIZZ STOCKS SWEET AND FUNNY TREATS FROM YESTERYEAR

story and photographs by Muna Sadek



Tin lunch boxes hang from the ceiling while a steady playlist of Styx, ABBA and Bob Seger plays softly in the background. At the counter, a customer does the twist as he buys a bottle of soda.

With its collection of old-fashioned candies, strange soda flavors (ranging from ranch dressing to peach), vintage gag gifts and toys, Rocket Fizz aims to stoke feelings of childhood nostalgia.

The first Rocket Fizz opened in Camarillo, California, in 2009. The company has since grown to more than 60 franchises across the nation, including one in Palo Alto, which opened on University Avenue in 2012. Another store is set to open on Castro Street in Mountain View later this year.

At Rocket Fizz Palo Alto, manager Nichole Daviar said she has sampled nearly every candy the store sells (although she stays clear of the bacon section) and can recite a catalog of candy-centered trivia.

“Not a lot of people know this: There are two Kit Kats,” she confided. “There’s Hershey’s and Nestlé. They add in their ingredients differently.”

Daviar, who previously worked for Rocket Fizz in Campbell, said the best part about working around candy is that her custom-

Rocket Fizz Palo Alto store manager Nichole Daviar holds a Rosie The Riveter action figure.



ers are always in good spirits. Regularly, customers will inquire about a candy they remember from their childhood, she noted, and more often than not, it can be found in the store.

“They tell us it makes them feel like a child again,” she said.

Among the much sought-after candies are Mountain Bars (a chocolate-and-peanut bar with flavored filling, created in 1915), Big Hunks (a nougat bar popularized in the 1950s), Idaho Spud (a marshmallow coated in chocolate and coconut, in production since 1918) and Astro Pops (a pointed hard candy inspired by the three-stage rocket and launched in 1963).

“I still haven’t found another place that sells Astro Pops,” Daviar said. “It’s hard for us to get them, so when we do, we order, like, 10 boxes.”

In addition to old-school candy, Rocket Fizz sells gag gifts and toys like shock pens, squirting lighters, Whoopee Cushions, smoke bombs and a horse-head feeder for squirrels.

Surprisingly, Halloween isn’t the store’s busiest holiday, Daviar said. Christmas is its peak, with customers pouring in to search for stocking stuffers and special Christmas candy.

“Target and Walmart (have) their Christmas candy, but we try to have things that you can’t find in those stores,” Daviar said.

And Rocket Fizz aims to have something for everyone.

For the Star Wars, Hello Kitty or Doctor Who fan, Rocket Fizz carries themed tin lunch boxes (\$17.99), available in a number of sizes and designs.

For coffee and tea drinkers who double as animal lovers, the Shark Attack, Squirrel Attack and Octopus Attack mugs (each \$11.99) feature a small white figurine of the animal at the bottom.

For those invested in maintaining their Elvis-style pompadour hairstyles, there’s the push-button pocket comb (\$6.29).

The store also boasts a collection of Pez dispensers. An employee for Palo Alto Rocket Fizz attends Pez conventions (yes, that’s a real thing) and brings back both rare and popular designs, said Rocket Fizz employee Zakiyya Stephens. Individually packed dispensers go for \$2.99, while special collector’s packages with Harry Potter or Star Wars characters go for \$49.99.

And then there’s the candy-shop stand-by: saltwater taffy. At Rocket Fizz, flavor options abound: chocolate, root beer, candy corn, pineapple, mango. A small bag goes for \$5.99, a large bag, \$8.99.

“If you don’t know what to get someone, who doesn’t like taffy?” Stephens said.

Rocket Fizz also offers custom-made gift baskets, which range in price from \$15 to \$35.

Odd-flavored and classic sodas are abundant at the store, from maple syrup, key lime pie and green apple jalapeño to gingerbread and chocolate. Individual bottles are \$2.19, while a four-pack is \$8.29.

Rocket Fizz may not stock every candy in the world, but it comes pretty close. There’s even an international section featuring Mexican, European and Japanese candies. And employees are always open to customer suggestions, Daviar said. Just ask.

“We can try to look into it and find it so we can provide it,” she said. “We’re all about keeping the customers happy.” ■

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★★★ (Century 16, Century 20)

Rocky's back, though not the way you're used to him. "Creed" puts Rocky in the corner and makes a new boxing star out of Adonis Johnson Creed. Yes, this is the son of Apollo Creed, Rocky's frenemy from "Rocky" and its first three sequels, and boy, does the new kid have daddy issues.

Directed and co-written (with Aaron Covington) by Ryan Coogler, "Creed" takes very seriously the original six films — 1976's "Rocky" through 2006's "Rocky Balboa" — as an urtext, worshipfully stitching itself to the franchise. Sylvester Stallone remains the one and only Rocky, but the man who wrote all the films and directed four of them here allows himself to be a supporting player (if also a producer). There's a kind of rhyming of fact and fiction there, as lion in winter Balboa proves reluctant to be involved in the boxing world again, like Stallone having determined never again to strap on the gloves. And it's part of the movie's marketing twist that this is the first "Rocky" film in which the character never

throws a punch.

That's the job of Adonis (Michael B. Jordan, reuniting with his "Fruitvale Station" writer-director), who we first meet as a juvie inmate and orphan (Alex Henderson) in 1998 Los Angeles. When Creed's widow (Phylicia Rashad) adopts him into a life of luxury and tells the boy he's Apollo's bastard child, Adonis relaxes his fist, but he never loses his natural proclivity for fighting, and his curiosity about his father only grows. In the present day, Adonis remains in a searching frame of mind, so he quits his job with a financial group and flies to Philadelphia to follow in his father's footsteps and, for that matter, his footwork.

In many ways, "Creed" does the same with 1976's "Rocky," this time casting Stallone in the Burgess Meredith role of manager-trainer. In Philly, Creed finds romance (sadly perfunctory here) with singer-songwriter Bianca (Tessa Thompson), suffers embarrassment, trains in montage (natch) and makes his way to a

climactic championship bout. For a while, the Adonis-Rocky relationship plays as something close to buddy comedy, but eventually it settles into a tale of male bonding extraordinaire, stiff competition to "Brian's Song" as the go-to for tear-wiping masculine sensitivity. Coogler stokes plenty of poignant moments and nostalgic throwbacks, though there comes a moment where he laughably overreaches in search of his iconic "steps" shot (don't worry, the actual steps also put in a charming appearance). Jordan again proves his star charisma, and Stallone's terrific once more, his signature role on a roll from the well-rounding "Rocky Balboa."

All in all, "Creed" is questionable as a film, good as a movie and brilliant as a franchise-extender. It's shameless, near-surgically effective cross-generational corn for guys. Not that there's anything wrong with that.

Rated PG-13 for violence, language and some sensuality. Two hours, 12 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

The following is a sampling of movies recently reviewed in the Weekly:

Brooklyn ★★★/2
At the outset of "Brooklyn" in the early 1950s, Ellis Lacey (Saoirse Ronan) prepares to leave Ireland, her elder sister (Fiona Glascott) and her mother (Jane Brennan) for a new life in America. After landing at Ellis Island, she finds a home at a boarding house for Irish immigrant girls, but is soon daunted

by teary homesickness and young American men's aggressive advances. That changes when she meets Italian-American boy Tony (Emory Cohen), who balances charm with respectful manners and encourages her growing independence. Then a crisis forces Ellis to return to Ireland, allowing her family, friends and another suitor to make a last bid to keep Ellis there. The plot sounds like an old paperback romance,

but with John Crowley's sensitive direction, the film turns the basic into the elemental. It's a story about calibrating one's personal compass, and since Nick Hornby's adaptation resolutely resists telling, Ronan gets to show every thought and feeling in her micro-expressions. *Rated PG-13 for a scene of sexuality and brief strong language. One hour, 51 minutes.* — P.C.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING of the City of Palo Alto Historic Resources Board [HRB]

8:30 A.M., Thursday, December 10, 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.

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1020 Bryant Street [Pre-application]: Request by Ana Williamson Architect, on behalf of John Cochrane and Beth Fama, for Historic Review of proposed new additions and façade alterations at the first and second stories of an existing two-story single family residence, and moving of the existing building on the lot, in the Professorville Historic District. Zoning District: R-1 (Single-Family Residential). CEQA: The formal application is subject to environmental review.

Board Items

2014-2015 Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report: Review of the annual report prepared by staff. Final reports are due to the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) on January 15, 2016.

Professorville Historic Design Guidelines: Update by staff on the 2015-2016 Certified Local Government (CLG) grant project.

Retreat on January 28, 2016: Discussion of agenda items to be scheduled for the HRB Annual Retreat.

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"The Good Dinosaur" is a classic tale of a boy and his dog — rethought as a dinosaur and his boy.

The meh 'Dinosaur'

Weak Pixar will still please kids

★★★1/2 (Century 16, Century 20)

Is "The Good Dinosaur" any good? Well, this tale of a boy and his dog — rethought as a dinosaur and his boy — turns out to be a mixed bag, with some dazzlingly near-photorealistic landscapes, sight gags that inspire waves of kiddie guffaws and some impressive character animation sharing time with an overly familiar plot and characters. The film is sweet in that canned-with-heavy-syrup way: Kids will dig it, but it's not exactly a delicacy.

That plot concerns what happens after a meteor misses the

Earth 65 million years ago: The dinosaurs — including a young Apatosaurus named Arlo (Raymond Ochoa), his brother, sister, Momma (Frances McDormand) and Poppa (Jeffrey Wright) — continue to get by millions of years later. The runt of the litter, Arlo wants nothing more than to "make his mark" on the world and to make his Poppa proud. As per "Bambi," that might not work out so well for Arlo, who finds himself separated from his whole family and pitted against a series of survival-of-the-fittest

scenarios. Arlo's situation owes something to the pesky intrusion of a feral human cave boy eventually dubbed "Spot" (Jack Bright). Swept away by the river, Arlo and Spot team up to make their way back home.

The emotional beats here are pretty low-hanging fruit for an animated movie: overcoming smallness to grow up and prove worth, befriending an enemy, finding courage and learning to say goodbye, "E.T."-style. At its best, the story (credited to five writers, including screenwriter

Meg LeFauve) evokes Jack London, but more often it feels like the proverbial camel — the horse designed by committee — with downright weird choices like a Western-themed midsection featuring Tyrannosaurus ranchers (most notably Sam Elliott) right out of "City Slickers." The whole enterprise seems to have started from a place of "kids love dinosaurs" and not progressed much further than that.

Yes, the amusing character dynamic between Arlo and the panting, lovably canine Spot works as it should, and director Peter Sohn does okay by the action while

making room for left-field humor (like a brief hallucinogenic digression due to bad berries). But that title's something of a head-scratcher in more ways than one. Nevertheless, there's little doubt "The Good Dinosaur" will be a monster at the Thanksgiving box office.

PS: Preceding the feature is the cute, spiritually themed Pixar short, "Sanjay's Super Team," about an Indian boy and his father.

Rated PG for peril, action and thematic elements. One hour, 40 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

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Scott Mendelson, **Forbes**

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Bridge of Spies (PG-13)

Century 16: 9:30 a.m. Century 20: 8:45 p.m.

Brooklyn (PG-13) ★★★1/2

Century 20: 10:15 a.m., 1:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 10:05 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 1:15, 4:15 & 7:15 p.m., Fri & Sat 9:55 p.m.

By the Sea (R) Aquarius Theatre: 4:45 & 10:10 p.m.

Cavalcade (1933) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Fri & Sat 7:30 p.m., Sat 4 p.m.

Creed (PG-13) ★★★

Century 16: 9:25 & 11 a.m., 12:40, 2:15, 4, 5:30, 7:15, 8:55 & 10:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 12:01 a.m. Century 20: 10:10 & 11:40 a.m., 1:15, 2:45, 4:20, 5:50, 7:25, 9 & 10:30 p.m.

Four Sons (1928) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Sun 3:50 p.m.

The Good Dinosaur (PG) ★★★1/2

Century 16: 9, 9:50 & 11:40 a.m., 2:25, 3:20, 5:10, 6:05, 7:50 & 10:55 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:30 p.m. In 3-D at 10:45 a.m., 12:35, 1:30, 4:15, 7 & 8:50 p.m. Century 20: 9:55 & 11:05 a.m., 12:35, 1:45, 3:10, 4:25, 5:45, 7, 8:20, 9:35 & 10:50 p.m. In 3-D at 10:25 & 11:45 a.m., 1, 2:25, 3:40, 5:05, 6:15, 7:40 & 10:15 p.m.

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2 (PG-13) ★★★1/2

Century 16: 9:05, 10:10 & 11:15 a.m., 12:20, 1:25, 2:30, 3:35, 4:40, 5:45, 7, 7:55, 9, 10:15 & 11:05 p.m., Fri & Sat 12:10 a.m. Century 20: 10:25, 10:50 & 11:35 a.m., 1:35, 2, 2:45, 4:45, 5:20, 6, 8, 8:35, 9:15 & 9:55 p.m., Fri & Sat 3:25 p.m. In X-D at 10 a.m., 1:05, 4:15, 7:30 & 10:35 p.m. In D-BOX at 11:35 a.m., 2:45, 6 & 9:15 p.m.

Love the Coopers (PG-13)

Century 16: 9 a.m. Century 20: Fri & Sat 11:55 a.m. & 6:45 p.m., Sun 10:20 a.m.

The Martian (PG-13) ★★★

Century 16: 9:20 a.m., 12:45, 3:55, 7:05 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 9:55 a.m., 1, 4:10, 7:20 & 10:30 p.m.

The Night Before (R)

Century 16: 9 & 11:35 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m. Century 20: 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:10, 7:50 & 10:30 p.m.

The Peanuts Movie (G)

Century 16: 9:10 & 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:40, 7:10 & 9:40 p.m. Century 20: 10:20 a.m., 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 8:05 & 10:25 p.m.

The Power and the Glory (1933) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Fri & Sat 6 & 9:30 p.m.

Roman Holiday (1953) (Not Rated)

Century 16: Sun 2 p.m. Century 20: Sun 2 & 7 p.m.

Room (R) ★★★1/2 Aquarius Theatre: 1:45 & 7:30 p.m.

The Secret in Their Eyes (R)

Century 16: 9 & 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 8 & 10:45 p.m. Century 20: 10:55 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:15 & 10:05 p.m.

Spectre (PG-13)

Century 16: 9:05 a.m., 12:35, 4:05, 5:50, 7:35, 9:20 & 10:45 p.m., Fri & Sat 10:50 a.m. & 2:20 p.m., Sun 10:30 a.m. Century 20: Noon, 3:30, 7 & 10:20 p.m.

Spotlight (R) ★★★1/2

Century 20: 10:35 a.m., 1:30, 4:35, 7:35 & 10:40 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 1, 4 & 7 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 p.m.

Suffragette (PG-13) ★★★

Guild Theatre: 1:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.

Sunrise (1927) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Sun 2 p.m.

Tamasha (Not Rated)

Century 16: 11:40 a.m., 3, 6:30 & 10 p.m.

Trumbo (R) Aquarius Theatre: 1:15, 4, 7:05 & 9:55 p.m.

Century 20: 10:30 a.m., 1:25, 4:25, 7:25 & 10:20 p.m.

Victor Frankenstein (PG-13) Century 16: 9:15 & 11:55 a.m., 2:40, 5:20, 8 & 10:40 p.m., Fri & Sat 12:05 a.m.

Century 20: 11 a.m., 2, 4:50, 7:55 & 10:45 p.m.

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

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WEARABLE TECH ... See the latest in wearable tech on **Tuesday, Dec. 1** and **Wednesday, Dec. 2** at the Wearable Technology Show USA at the Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara. The two-day event will feature insights into wearable technology, product launches, speakers and more. Exhibitors are coming from around the world and our backyard. eHat, a company coming from Australia, is looking forward to exposure and feedback from others in the industry, said Jamie Gough, business development staff. The company's product allows anyone who might wear a hard hat, such as construction or utilities workers, to communicate hands-free with co-workers. Investor Terry Lancaster came up with the idea while serving as a trainer. Through the eHat, which includes live audio and visual feeds, Lancaster said employees can get real-time help from trainers and co-workers without having to be right next to them. eHat looks to have its product on the market in 2016, and Gough said this conference helps make that possible. Info: wearabletechnologyshow.net/us-home

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The gingery butternut squash soup with green onions is one of the many dishes at the vegan Thanksgiving dinner.



The vegan Thanksgiving dinner includes mashed sweet potatoes, wild rice and quinoa pilaf with wild mushroom gravy, a corn and caramelized onion frittata, cranberry sauce, green beans with toasted almonds and mixed greens with citrus and persimmons.

Meatless Mondays

Peninsula-based nonprofit hosts weekly meat-free dinners

by Chrissi Angeles / photos by Veronica Weber

With the ethereal sounds of a young all-female a capella choir caroling in the background, families, couples, singles and seniors ate a rainbow selection of Thanksgiving-themed vegan dishes hosted by the Peninsula Macrobiotic Community on Monday. At each weekly Meat-Free Monday soiree, the nonprofit organization aims to educate the community about living a healthy lifestyle in a

lighthearted and social atmosphere at the First Baptist Church in Palo Alto.

As the president and co-founder of the Peninsula Macrobiotic Community, Ken Becker has witnessed an eclectic variety of entertainment at each dinner during the past 24 years, ranging from Chinese acrobats to karaoke; but Becker attributes the actual success of the program to the people who attend each week and spread the word.

"It's the community of people getting

together with a common purpose," Becker said. "Some people aren't even vegetarians. ... People like to get together and have conversations. It's a real community experience. It's just the energy from the community that just sort of keeps it going."

Becker joked that he had co-founded the organization with a sly intention, "to get somebody to cook for (him)!"

"There (was) a group of people who were interested in this type of eating and learning about health," he said. "There was a group in San Francisco that we went to, and thought, 'Why can't we bring that down to the Peninsula?'"

When his wife, Patricia Joy Becker isn't busy teaching yoga classes or testing vegan recipes for her website, she coordinates the organization's events, organizes the marketing for the group and assists the team in serving dinner. At each event, she can be seen warmly greeting each guest, giving hugs to the event's regulars, scooping sauces from beach-ball sized bins onto the plates of hungry patrons or even introducing singles to one another in hopes of forming friendships. As a maven of the macrobiotic lifestyle for more than 30 years, she noted that these dinners have become the highlight of her week.

Inspired by her own road to better health since switching to a macrobiotic lifestyle, Patricia also offers nutrition counseling, along with meal ideas, tools and tricks for newbies to meat-free living. Although a balance of flavors is the winning combina-



Diners at the First Baptist Church eat a vegan Thanksgiving meal together on Nov. 23.

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Top: James Holloway, head chef of the Peninsula Macrobiotic Community, brings out mashed sweet potatoes from the oven. Bottom: From right, Yana Mocak, Jane Kos, Jennifer Couperus, Judy Serebrin and other volunteers from the Peninsula Macrobiotic Community serve Thanksgiving dinner.

Meatless Monday

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tion to any extravagant meal, she summarized that a flavorful sauce is the No. 1 crucial trick when formulating a satisfying vegan or vegetarian meal. This notion informs each menu item created and served by the organization.

There is no shortage of flavor at these dinners. The recipes are built around season-appropriate produce, and accentuated with the umami flavors of mushrooms, caramelized onions, sea vegetables or tamari sauce. Umami, or the savory fifth taste, is a key factor in these meals, because it lends an unctuous, rich “meaty” flavor without actually having to add any meat derivatives. The proof was in the sound of spoons scraping across the bottoms of bowls.

Chefs Gary Alinder, Travis Bench and James Holloway lead the kitchen in incorporating Thanksgiving and fall season-appropriate flavors with a few surprising twists. A traditional fall favorite of butternut squash soup featured additions of ginger and miso paste to add substance, piquancy and depth of flavor. Other items on the menu were a wild rice and quinoa pilaf with mushroom gravy, mixed green salad with citrus vinaigrette, whole wheat bread and crackers, cranberry sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, corn and

caramelized onion frittata, sauteed green beans with toasted almonds and a maple spice cake with tofu whipped cream.

As a kitchen member with the Peninsula Macrobiotic Community for 17 years, Central Oregon-native James Holloway has worked his way up from volunteer to chef. His greatest takeaway from the program is the praise he receives

to add.”

Bench, who was vocal about his enthusiasm for vegan cuisine, could be heard at the event praising the kitchen staff for their efforts.

“Man, that maple cake with the tofu whipped cream, ... you had to pull me away from that! So good!” Bench exclaimed at the end of the event.

As the evening drew to a close, Patricia kicked up her heels to send off each guest with a hug and a “thank-you” for attending the event.

To those who may be flirting with the idea of a meat-free lifestyle, Patricia said, “Have fun with it. Don’t take it too seriously.” ■

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— Ken Becker, president and co-founder of the Peninsula Macrobiotic Community

at the end of each event.

“You know what makes me feel good? I’ve already heard it a few times tonight; ‘That frittata was great. James, you make good food!’ That’s all I need,” Holloway explained. “I put a lot of time into it, and I enjoy it.”

“He knows how to hit that flavor,” said Travis Bench, describing Holloway’s wise palate and intuitive cooking skills. “You know, when you’re cooking and you get deep into a dish but there’s that something ... he knows what

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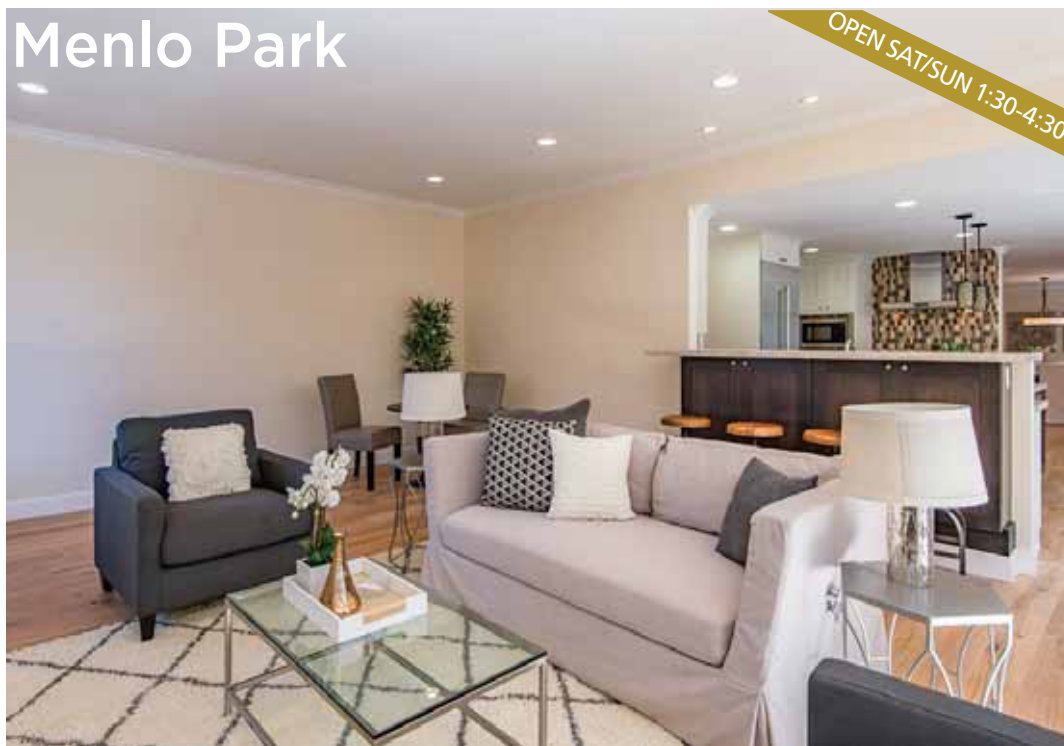


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 Highest sales price: **\$3,217,000**

Mountain View

Total sales reported: **11**
 Lowest sales price: **\$570,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$2,450,000**

Palo Alto

Total sales reported: **6**
 Lowest sales price: **\$1,465,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$4,900,000**

Portola Valley

Total sales reported: **1**
 Lowest sales price: **\$2,300,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$2,300,000**

Source: California REsource

10/31/1991, \$245,000
101 E. Middlefield Road, #2 J. Luo to N. Venkateswaran for \$860,000 on 11/06/15; previous sale 02/22/2013, \$486,000
500 W. Middlefield Road, #101 Dowd Trust to Melen Trust for \$570,000 on 11/03/15
1836 Montecito Ave. D. Woods to E. Ribas for \$1,285,000 on 11/03/15; previous sale 02/27/2008, \$799,000
1911 Newbury Drive Moseley Trust to M. Kabiljo for \$1,185,000 on 11/06/15; previous sale 03/27/2013, \$775,000
1686 Notre Dame Drive Amuzinskaya Trust to G. & E. Genc for \$1,970,000 on 11/06/15; previous sale 08/22/2008, \$1,176,000
1866 Peacock Ave. Principal Capital to D. Poll for \$2,100,000 on 11/06/15
975 San Pierre Way E. Torres to K. Li for \$1,680,000 on 11/09/15; previous sale 10/19/2011, \$760,000
699 Woburn Court Fortes Trust to A. Saikia for \$2,450,000 on 11/09/15; previous sale 04/14/1999, \$1,025,000

Palo Alto

4198 Coulombe Drive J. & J. Kohlmeier to A. & Y. Bhargava for \$2,635,000 on 11/09/15; previous sale 04/02/1999, \$465,000
185 Forest Ave., #2B Cincione Trust to K. Washington for \$1,465,000 on 11/03/15; previous sale 07/21/1989, \$289,000
1584 Mariposa Ave. Herndon Trust to A. & O. Petrova for \$2,225,000 on 11/06/15
1321 Martin Ave. Christy-Mason Trust to A. & T. Clavel for \$4,900,000 on 11/09/15
2451 Ross Road Segalla Trust to Pan-Chen-Ho Trust for \$2,050,000 on 11/05/15
414 Spruce Lane Hardy Trust to Wilson Trust for \$2,500,000 on 11/04/15; previous sale 08/31/2007, \$1,606,500

Portola Valley

236 Corte Madera Road Clark Trust to Ramies Trust for \$2,300,000 on 10/23/15; previous sale 02/27/2015, \$1,850,000

BUILDING PERMITS

Palo Alto

4049 Sutherland Drive new fan in the attic and new air-conditioning unit in the side yard
2100 El Camino Real revise reinforcing placement
275 Fernando Ave. relocate two skylights and eliminate one skylight
385 Seale Ave. add a crawl space below the dining room
2550 Hanover St. changes required by accessibility walk-through, includes changes to handrails and exterior path of travel
180 El Camino Real interior steel

stair deferred submittal
385 Sherman Ave. revised location for sand oil and grease interceptor, install pump at low side and revised associated structural and plumbing
2417 Park Blvd., Unit C100 technical infeasibility at restroom area
341 California Ave. illuminated wall sign for Fire, Oak & Barley
345 Webster St. electrical service change from overhead to underground
758 Center Drive residential EVSE (NEMA 14-50) and 50-amp circuit
1539 Walnut Drive residential sewer line replacement, no work in the public row
233 Creekside Drive residential bathroom remodel within existing footprint, no exterior work
1542 Channing Ave. demolish cracked wood burning fireplace, patch similar design
986 Elsinore Drive re-roof
112 Primrose Way re-roof
112 Primrose Way garage re-roof
3379 Bryant St. re-roof
150 Cowper St. replace existing furnace
835 Middlefield Road residential service upgrade (done without permit, utility disconnect notice given)
663 Toyon Place re-roof
885 Embarcadero Road re-roof
777 Allen Court re-roof
875 Blake Wilbur Drive revision to add voluntary ADA upgrade to MRI reception, including opening space to corridor, new ceiling and new finishes
455 Margarita Ave. deferred truss design and associated structural change
183 Ferne Ave. roof cleaning and coating
2111 Bowdoin St. re-roof
804 Ross Court re-roof
931 Cowper St. foundation settlement push pier system with concrete
2859 Kipling St. residential sew-

er: add a cleanout in the middle of the yard, no work in the public right of way
670 E. Meadow Drive The Presbytery of San Jose: replace 4-inch sewer lateral on private property between the two buildings, 100-foot pipe burst. install cleanout by back
3125 Stockton Place single-story addition, remodel and attached garage, includes a tankless water heater
360 Everett Ave. add water proofing of exterior garage walls 4-feet down at perimeter of building, no change to the exterior appearance, no work in the public right of way
285 Hamilton Ave. revision to show line from diversion tank is connected to sanitary sewer and not storm drain
385 Sherman Ave. deferred submittal for interior metal stairs
3460 Hillview Ave. 15-2102, 15-2101: field clarification location equipment
805 Los Trancos Road revision to add radiant tubing, boiler serving radiant heating is electric
951 Oregon Ave. residential sewer line replacement (work in the public row 15str-00224)
663 Newell Road re-roof
905 Ilima Way kitchen and bathroom remodel, includes replacing appliances in the kitchen, moving toilet over by 6-inches
874 Richardson Court replace sewer line via pipe burst
1851 Park Blvd. garage re-roof
3370 Ross Road demolish existing garage
3529 Ramona St. re-roof
3048 Price Court re-roof
3200 Louis Road temporary power
3640 Ross Road revise two window locations and adding one new window
1595 Mariposa Ave. revision to floor joist in area of addition, \$n/a
239 Whittlem Court re-roof, \$15,000
239 Matadero Ave. rewire entire

house, \$n/a
705 Encina Grande Drive single-story addition, work includes new tankless water heater, \$111,000
3070 Ramona St. temporary power, \$n/a
747 Sutter Ave. rebuild deck and stairs, \$3,500
821 La Jennifer Way new gas insert, \$n/a
958 Addison Ave. add a beam above the second-floor bedroom and posts, no changes to the exterior, \$n/a
3365 Cowper St. new gas insert, \$n/a
4093 Ben Lomond Drive new gas insert, \$n/a
940 Los Robles Ave. remove wood-burning fireplace and install gas insert, flue to be removed, \$n/a
2191 E. Bayshore Road Fusion: electrical for illuminated sign, \$n/a
2231 South Court new skylight on roof facing rear yard, \$2,025
3845 Mumford Place revise bathroom layout, eliminate two windows in guest room and make one nonoperable, change three doors from pocket doors to swing doors, \$n/a
3601 South Court replace in garage, \$n/a
1385 College Ave. re-roof, \$9,000
863 Moreno Ave. single-story addition, \$62,500
4030 Wilkie Way bedroom and bathroom addition to existing single-family residence, \$72,000
659 Glenbrook Drive install one replacement patio door with one retrofit vinyl patio door, \$1,948
420 Sequoia Ave. window replacement of two windows in the master bedroom on the second floor, \$9,300
855 California Ave. structural revisions to air handler unit framing (from wood to steel), \$n/a
253 Margarita Ave. demolish existing detached garage, \$n/a
559 College Ave. use and occupancy only for new tenant Wund3rKid, \$n/a
253 Margarita Ave. single-family, single-story addition, remodel includes electric service upgrade to 200 amps in new location, complete window retrofit, and new tankless water heater, \$135,000
317 University Ave. existing tenant Iconiq, includes remodel to create new office space and conference rooms, \$141,711
253 Margarita Ave. new detached garage with attached carport, \$25,000
262 Kingsley Ave. temporary power, \$n/a
879 Rorke Way re-roof, \$15,820

1555 Edgewood Drive re-roof, \$24,800
860 Miranda Green St. re-roof, \$14,000
1090 McGregor Way remodel 11 windows and two sliders, \$19,800
1730 University Ave. revision to the structural framing, \$n/a
3351 Kipling St. re-roof, \$12,000
2380 Waverley St. re-roof, \$25,000
2335 Waverley St. install Level 2 Tesla EVSE at driveway, \$n/a
2200 Geng Road restroom remodel for common area, \$135,000
1060 Palo Alto Ave. install two Level 2 EVSE units at garage off existing sub-panel, \$n/a
3230 South Court replace tank water heater in the same location, \$n/a
427 College Ave. red-tagged gas leak repair at carport, \$n/a
879 Rorke Way install 14 PV panels, \$n/a
444 San Antonio Ave., Unit #4A Unit 4A: replace furnace in the same location, \$n/a
3110 David Ave. addition of a bedroom, bath, laundry room and play room, \$47,245
644 Seneca St. installation of a ductless split system condenser outside and an air handler in the closet, \$n/a
425 Ferne Ave. emergency gas leak repair, \$n/a
400 Hamilton Ave. Fourth floor: interior nonstructural demolition permit, \$n/a
135 Hamilton Ave. revision to storm drain alignment, \$n/a
4151 Baker Ave. re-roof, \$11,995
3789 Redwood Circle re-roof, \$13,800
1544 Walnut Drive revised inverter, \$n/a
800 High St., Unit# 118 replace rooftop condenser, \$n/a
156 University Ave. revised restroom layout, \$n/a
979 Moreno Ave. replace boiler in the same location, \$n/a
4009 Miranda Ave. existing tenant office improvement for new closet storage, \$16,500
545 N California Ave. install gas insert into existing wood-burning fireplace, damper must be removed or welded open, \$n/a
3939 Louis Road install ductless heat pump and fan coil in living room, dedicated circuit to unit, \$n/a
3618 Bryant St. roof cleaning and coating, \$6,370
1087 Fife Ave. kitchen remodel within the existing footprint, \$18,192
101 Miramonte Ave. two-bathroom remodel within existing footprint, \$12,000

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Garden Tips

Growing a garden relationship

by Jack McKinnon



What are the most important things in our lives? They are the relationships with the people we know and love. They are the ones we want to spend our time with more than anything else in the world. In a big way, without relationships we are lost. Gardening involves relationships — the relationships we have with plants. For those of

us who make our living gardening, these relationships are as complex as those of our relatives. Sometimes even more so. When a plant is sick or being attacked by a pest, we have feelings similar to those we have for family and friends in the same situation. This month is time for harvest and thanksgiving. It is a time when our gardens are slowing down and going to sleep for the winter. The tips I will give will be about caring for the relationship we have with our gardens and ourselves. Some of this care is practical and some is just “being with.”

1. Think of where your first relationships originated. What country? Mine were in Scotland, Germany and Scandinavia. Look at the flora and fauna of that country. The relationships our ancestors had with the plants they grew are directly related to you and me. When I see heather (Erica) in the hills around Half Moon Bay, it makes me feel connected to the Scottish highlands I visited 20 years ago.

2. The relationship we have with our garden is that of a parent to a child in many ways. We clean them of dead leaves and branches, cultivate the soil, feed them and, when needed, water them. All of these things have their

time and techniques. The closer we are with our plants, the better we are able to take care of them. Like a child that is dependent upon us, our plants often cannot take care of themselves. Thus, we get to study and learn how best to do all that is needed.

3. Yes, we are still in a drought, and yes, there has been some rain but we still need to be aware of all our plants needs. When I was at Sunset magazine, we would water year-round. If during the rainy season it didn't rain for two weeks, I had to water. If for nothing else than to get the fertilizer down into the roots and stimulate new growth and flowering.

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4. Know that water does not equal love. Too much and there are as many or more problems than too little. The important key here is to know just the right amount. If in doubt, look closely at your plant. I even go so far as to dig around the roots to see if it is dry or moldy (either being a sign of a problem). The two exceptions are water plants and desert plants.

5. Plants, for design as well as health purposes, like to be in the company of like plants. If you go to the San Francisco Botanical Garden in Golden Gate Park, you will see several plant communities. The design is both educational and practical. Take a lesson from notable gardens and how they pair plantings to complement the care and design used.

6. As a garden coach, I spend a fair amount of time teaching people how to prune and fertilize. Both are

key to our relationships with our plants. It is fall going into winter now and the pruning that is needed is mostly cleanup of dead, dying and diseased branches. A little later it will be time for roses, fruit trees and vine pruning. One last fertilizing will give plants a boost for root growth during the winter. Read as much as you can — plant by plant — to know what the ideal type and quantities of food are. Learn the value of nitrogen, phosphorous and potash.

7. Often for the holidays, we decorate our gardens. Now is the time for harvest type decorations: pumpkins, corn stalks, dried flowers and possibly even lights.

8. Potlucks traditionally take place in gardens after the harvest. As we focus on the holidays we often forget that we can still have a garden party. The relationships with friends, co-workers, clubs or congregations make up plenty of people to have a garden party with. Cultivating all our relationships helps us feel grounded. Don't do all the work. Clean up your garden and then have those invited bring the food.

9. As the days get darker, it is important to have plants in the house. Outside — everything is going to sleep — the days shorter and nights colder. Although we have the best of climates and seldom have to stay indoors long, it is still nice to have some house plants to share our space. Something alive is always better than the opposite.

10. Bring cut flowers into the home. We can get flowers year-round here. I have made bouquets from the gardens of friends when I lived in an apartment. There is no better way to cherish a relationship than with flowers.

Good gardening. ■

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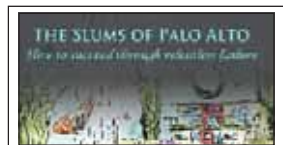
Dance Classes - January 2016

Does dementia stress your family



Christmas Festival
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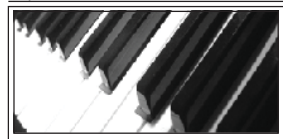
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"Flour Power" --bake it a good one. Matt Jones



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Across

- 1 Watch chains
- 5 "I Love a Rainy Night" country singer Eddie
- 12 ___ deferen
- 15 Farmer's measurement
- 16 Team with the football
- 17 "Bravo, bullfighter!"
- 18 Flour sorters that form patterns?
- 20 Pack member, for short?
- 21 This evening, in ads
- 22 "___ me, that's who!"
- 23 Go over some lines?
- 25 "Well, lah-di-___!"
- 26 "LOSER KEEPS ___" (billboard seen before the U.S.-Canada gold medal hockey game of 2014)
- 27 Particle in a charged state
- 29 I, in Munich
- 32 Borneo ape, for short
- 34 Motors that are better suited for flour mills?
- 40 Test giver's call
- 41 Dormant
- 42 Kunis of "Black Swan"
- 43 Giant bodies of flour and water that won't rise?
- 46 Marshmallow holiday candies
- 47 "I don't wanna know about your infection" initials
- 48 Elly May Clampett's pa
- 49 Check to make sure
- 52 Annual MTV bestowal
- 54 "Help!" actor Ringo
- 55 Turntablists, familiarly
- 58 Bout before the main event
- 61 Dye holder
- 62 The next batch of flour being from the same common grain as the last?
- 65 Cherry discard
- 66 "Wait, let me wash up first!"
- 67 Rain hard?
- 68 Like some winks and grins
- 69 Like some poker games
- 70 Naysayer's view

Down

- 1 Hard to catch
- 2 Cuatro plus cuatro
- 3 Staples or Hooters, e.g.
- 4 Antique photo tone
- 5 One of the "Golden Girls"
- 6 Movie buff's org.
- 7 Lifelong pals, less formally
- 8 ___ noire (bane)
- 9 Gospel singer Andrews
- 10 Co. that introduced Dungeons & Dragons
- 11 Mic check word
- 12 Some English homework, casually
- 13 Writer Munro
- 14 "Against the Wind" singer Bob
- 19 Principle of good conduct
- 24 Current government
- 26 Paperback publisher named for a small fowl
- 27 "It ___ laugh"
- 28 Psych suffix
- 30 Pursued
- 31 Approach for money
- 32 Pitcher Hershiser
- 33 Stopwatch button
- 35 "(Don't Fear) The ___" (1976 Blue Oyster Cult hit)
- 36 White-tailed coastal birds
- 37 Stealthy-sounding (but subpar) subprime mortgage offering
- 38 "Waiting For the Robert ___"
- 39 Anti-DUI gp.
- 44 Top-five finish, perhaps, to an optimist
- 45 Joie de ___
- 49 Invitation replies
- 50 Net business, as seen in cross-words but not in real life
- 51 Ramshackle
- 53 "A.I." humanoid
- 55 Cope
- 56 Actress Gertz of "The Neighbors"
- 57 Cherry discard
- 58 "Ahem" relative
- 59 "Down ___" (Nine Inch Nails song)
- 60 1551, to ancient Romans
- 63 Insurance option that requires referrals
- 64 "___ said before ..."

This week's SUDOKU

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The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
YEHIA HELWA
465 Polk Ct.
Gilroy, CA 95020
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/23/2015. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on October 23, 2015. (PAW Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2015)

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GREENWOOD PLACE TOWN HOMES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 610627
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Genesis Rental Property, 2.) Ten Forty Fulton, 3.) Greenwood Place Town Homes, located at 779 Holly Oak Dr., Palo Alto, CA 94303, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: A Trust.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
SAMSON FAMILY TRUST
MARK SAMSON, Trustee
779 Holly Oak Dr.
Palo Alto, CA 94303
Samson Family Trust
SHARON SAMSON, Trustee
779 Holly Oak Dr.
Palo Alto, CA 94303
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File No.: 610522
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is owned by: An Individual.
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ERIN ASHBY
30 Gladys Court Apt. 2
Mountain View, CA 94043
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LEGACY GROUP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 610582
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Legacy Group, located at 1575 Tenaka Place #D7, Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
SAMANTHA E. SANTANA
1575 Tenaka Place #D7
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
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Golden Acorn Music
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 610583
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Golden Acorn Music, located at 109 McFarland Ct., Apt. 319, Stanford, CA 94305, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
MATTHEW D. FERNALD
109 McFarland Ct., Apt. 319
Stanford, CA 94305
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MAKER WHARF PALO ALTO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 610993
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This business is owned by: A Corporation.
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409 Sherman Ave. Ste. 200
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 611157
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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San Jose, CA 95127
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Sports Shorts

KNIGHTS TO NATIONALS . . .

It's holiday time for the Palo Alto Knights' football program. First up is Thanksgiving this week and then Christmas next month. In between, however, maybe something even more special for the players and their families. The Palo Alto Knights Jr. Midget team year olds) is headed to Florida next week to compete in the 2015 American Youth Football (AYF) National Championships in Orlando. Action runs Dec. 6-11. The Knights will head to Florida on Friday, Dec. 4. Palo Alto will play in an eight-team bracket, with first-round games on Dec. 6, semifinals on Dec. 8 and the championship set for Dec. 10. The Knights earned their 11th trip to the nationals since 1999 by earning an automatic berth after going 8-0 during the regular season. A new rule allowed teams to drop from Division I to Division II at season's end if they had two or more losses. The Knights dominated at such a high level (averaging 36 points a game), that all the competition opted out of the higher division — allowing Palo Alto the automatic berth. Palo Alto, however, proved the invitation was well-deserved by sweeping through postseason playoff games with a 60-28 rout of the Vacaville Bengals and a 30-0 triumph over the Sacramento Ducks in the NorCal Division I Championship game on Sunday at Oak Grove High in San Jose. **Eric Borjon** is making his second trip to nations as head coach. He also made the journey as an assistant coach to current interim president **Mike Piha**, who led eight different Palo Alto teams to the National Championships — Pop Warner and AYF — with his last team going in 2012. The Knights are still seeking their first national championship after finishing second and third on their previous trips to Orlando. This season, however, is different than in past years. The Jr. Midget team of 11-12 year olds was strengthened by the merger with the East Palo Alto Greyhounds earlier in the year. The Jr. Midgets have scored 65 touchdowns (506 points) and only allowed five touchdowns (34 points) through 10 games, leading the league and nation in both categories. The team is seeking to raise \$50,000 for travel and accommodations, which includes bring a cheer squad. Donations may be made by going to <http://fundly.com/paloaltoknights> or Palo Alto Knights, PO Box 403, Palo Alto, CA, 94302.

ON THE AIR

Friday

Women's volleyball: Stanford at UCLA, 8 p.m.; Pac-12 Networks

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Sacred Heart Prep girls coach Jon Burke (arms raised) made his ninth straight trip into the pool to celebrate his team's 11-6 win over St. Francis in the CCS Division II water polo finals.

CCS WATER POLO

SHP makes big splash with titles

by Keith Peters

After eight years, Jon Burke finally got it right on the ninth try. As the final buzzer sounded, the Sacred Heart Prep girls water polo coach raised his arms and leaped into the pool. It was picture perfect.

"That was fun," said Burke, following his team's 11-6 victory over No. 2 St. Francis in the Central Coast Section Division II title match at Independence High. "It never gets old."

A few hours later, SHP coach Brian Kreutzkamp enjoyed the same championship moment with his boys following an 11-8 victory over No. 2 Menlo School. It took him only five years to perfect his postgame celebratory dive.

"Fortunately," Kreutzkamp said of his victory dive, "I've been able to work on it."

In a matchup between the No. 1 and 2 seeds in both the girls' and boys' Division II finales, the SHP girls (24-5) won their un-



SHP boys coach Brian Kreutzkamp (right) hit the pool for a fifth straight time following an 11-8 win over Menlo.

STANFORD FOOTBALL

Time to wrap up careers

Paly grad Anderson faces final home game vs. Notre Dame

by Rick Eyrer

Palo Alto High grad Kevin Anderson acknowledges that "it's going to be weird" walking onto the field at Stanford Stadium for the final time in a Cardinal football uniform on Saturday.

"It hasn't really set in yet," Anderson said Tuesday. "I'm sure it will be a little emotional. I'll have to take advantage of that."

Anderson, who is second on the team with eight tackles for a loss despite missing four games with an unspecified injury, may have a few more friendly faces in the crowd when the 12th-ranked Cardinal (9-2) kicks off its regular-season finale against No. 4 Notre Dame (10-1) at 4:30 p.m., to be televised by FOX. The game is sold out.

Stanford and Notre Dame have played one common opponent this season: USC. Both prevailed by the same score, the Cardinal winning, 41-31, in Los Angeles and the Fighting Irish, 41-31, at Notre Dame Stadium.

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NCAA SOCCER

Home field advantage for Stanford teams

by Rick Eyrer

The Stanford men's and women's soccer teams will have the friendly confines of Cagan Stadium as a home field advantage this weekend as both squads hope to continue their march to the NCAA College Cup final four.

The nationally No. 3-ranked Cardinal women (19-2-1) will host No. 19 Duke (13-5-4) on Friday night at 7 p.m., with the winner advancing to the national semifinals.

The No. 6 Cardinal men (16-2-2) will play host to No. 9 seed Ohio State (13-6-2) on Sunday in an NCAA quarterfinal match at 5 p.m.

The Duke women are coming off a 2-1 upset win over No. 5 Florida last weekend, perhaps opening the door for Stanford. The Cardinal advanced with a 3-0 win over visiting Arizona last Saturday as Ryan Walker-Hartshorn scored twice and Megan Turner scored once.

Turner scored early and Walk-

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Football

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It will be the fifth straight meeting with both teams ranked, and the home team has won six of the past seven matchups.

Notre Dame has not won at Stanford Stadium since 2007, and Stanford can become the eighth team to hand the Irish to at least four consecutive losses away from Notre Dame Stadium.

Anderson, meanwhile, ranks seventh on the team with 36 tackles, 19 solo. He's also recorded a pair of sacks, has a quarterback hurry and returned a fumble 51 yards against Oregon.

"When I was out, I thought about having three home games left," Anderson said. "The last two games have gone by quickly."

Anderson also knows that no matter what happens this weekend, Stanford is guaranteed at least two games: the Pac-12 championship game on Dec. 5 and a bowl game after that.

Stanford comes into its final home game fresh from a 35-22 win over visiting California in the 118th Big Game last Saturday night.

Christian McCaffrey made another strong push for the Heisman Trophy in front of a national television audience. The sophomore running back compiled a school-record 389 all-purpose yards and scored two touchdowns. He added to his already bulging highlight tape with a remarkable 49-yard score on a screen pass. A few minutes later, he carted a kickoff 98 yards to the house to lift the Cardinal to a 21-6 halftime lead.

Tweeted Brett McMurphy of ESPN, "Christian McCaffrey has to be in New York for the Heisman ceremony. The kid is unreal."

On Sunday, McCaffrey was named the Walter Camp National Offensive Player of the Week. On Monday, Caffrey was named Pac-12 Special Teams Player of the Week.

Stanford went 8-1 to capture its third Pac-12 North Division title in four years, swept California (Cal, USC and UCLA for the fifth time since the turn of the century), and boasts one of the toughest overall schedules.

McCaffrey hasn't flinched and has firmly established himself as the most versatile offensive player in the FBS. He extended his national lead in all-purpose yards and now has 2,807. McCaffrey averages 255.18 yards/game, while Tyler Ervin of San Jose State is a distant second at 206.73.

McCaffrey ranks second in rushing with 1,546 yards, only 36 behind NCAA leader Leonard Fournette of LSU. McCaffrey ranks fourth in rushing yards per game at 140.5 and is third in kickoff returns at 31.3.

McCaffrey has proven to be a durable workhorse. His 331 plays rank first of the top 50 players in all-purpose yards.

In Sunday's latest Heisman polls, Bruce Feldman and Stewart Mandel of FOX Sports rank McCaffrey second and third, respectively.

McCaffrey's teammates think



Stanford players celebrated a sixth straight victory over California following a 35-22 victory in the 118th Big Game last Saturday night in Stanford Stadium.

otherwise.

"Christian puts his nose to the grindstone as hard as anybody in this country," said center Graham Shuler. "That's why I think he deserves to be in Heisman contention and deserves all the recognition he's getting and even more."

The Stanford seniors, meanwhile, became just the 13th class in program history to go undefeated against Cal.

"It's amazing," said linebacker Blake Martinez. "When you're thinking about it after you're done with your Stanford career, it's huge to come back and say you never lost to them."

Shuler credits the Stanford culture and work ethic for the accomplishment.

"It's such a special thing," he said. "Coach Shaw was talking about this program that we keep building. To be a part of that is such an honor. I came here and watched David DeCastro and those guys. They worked their tails off. You could tell on film when I was in high school watching these games, the way they play the game and how passionate they are . . . I came here because I wanted to do that."

Senior running back Remound Wright contributed a pair of touchdown runs and has now scored 21 in his past 14 games. He now has 12 rushing touchdowns this season, tied for 21st nationally.

Asked how difficult it was to regroup from a tough 38-36 loss to Oregon, he said players never wavered.

"We just stuck to our game plan," said Wright. "We knew they were a good team and they were going to give us everything they had. But we knew if we played to the best of our ability, there's no one who can stop us."

Injury report

Cardinal sophomore fullback Daniel Marx will miss the remainder of the season with a lower leg injury sustained in the third quarter of Stanford's win over California.

"Daniel has had a phenomenal



Stanford's Christian McCaffrey (5) set a school record with 389 all-purpose yards, including 192 rushing.

year," Shaw said. "He's going to be back and he's going to be good."

Marx has had a hand in McCaffrey's record-setting year as the lead blocker.

"Losing a guy like Marx, a complete warrior and unbelievable football player, is hard," McCaffrey said.

Senior Chris Harrell, who has appeared in nine games this season, will make his first career start on Saturday.

"Chris has prepared as a starter all year," Shaw said. "We feel good about what he's doing. He catches the ball out of the backfield."

Tight end Greg Taboada will serve as Harrell's backup.

Sophomore cornerback Alijah Holder, who was banged up against the Bears, was held out of Tuesday's practice as a precaution, with a decision concerning his availability coming later in the week.

Senior cornerback Ronnie Harris, who missed the Big Game, will try to go this week. Shaw listed his chances of playing at 50-50.

NCAA soccer

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er-Hartshorn came off the bench to score twice late as Stanford reached the quarterfinal round for the seventh time in the past eight years and its NCAA tournament home unbeaten streak to 28 games.

"It was a good performance by the team," said Stanford coach Paul Ratcliffe. "Megan Turner was incredible. She was one of our best players on the field today. And then Ryan Walker-Hartshorn coming in and scoring two goals — so happy for her and all of her hard work."

It was Stanford's second victory this season against the Wildcats (14-6-2) after defeating them, 3-2, in double-overtime during the regular season in Arizona on Oct. 4.

Stanford's defense earned its 12th shutout of the season. The Cardinal limited Arizona's opportunities in the center of the field and did well to keep the Wildcats' attackers out wide. Jane Campbell made three saves in goal and was a crucial presence on numerous crosses and lofty throw-ins into the penalty box by Arizona to earn her 10th shutout of the year.

"I thought our backline was very strong," said Ratcliffe. "I was impressed with the leadership from Maddie and Alana, Laura and Michelle. They're doing a great job back there."

Stanford weathered a quick offensive start by the Wildcats through the first 10 minutes. Arizona held a 3-1 shot advantage until Turner opened the scoring for Stanford in the 18th minute.

For the second game in a row, Kyra Carusa provided the dirty work to generate the game-winning goal. Carusa challenged her defender down the right sideline and created enough space to slip a pass to Turner who hammered a shot to the right corner of the goal.

Carusa finished the game with two assists, providing the helper on Walker-Hartshorn's third goal.

One day after the Stanford women advanced, the Cardinal men did the same as senior Brandon Vincent gave Stanford some momentum and freshman Amir Bashti calmly delivered a pair of second-half goals to give the Cardinal a 3-1 second-round win over visiting Santa Clara.

The Broncos, who beat Cal State Fullerton to advance, took a 1-0 lead with 17:25 remaining in the first half. The match then bogged down, with five of the six yellow cards issued in the opening period.

Stanford was a different team out of the intermission, passing crisply and precisely to pressure Santa Clara, and ultimately find the equalizer and game winner.

"It's always a difficult game against Santa Clara," Cardinal coach Jeremy Gunn said. "They scored a goal that was unfortunate for us and we got a little uptight. In the second half we calmed down, relaxed and played wonderfully."

Vincent's goal, on a free kick at 32:33 of the second half, gave the Cardinal the momentum. ■

NORCAL TENNIS

Menlo girls wrap up a near-perfect season

Knights finish 26-1 following NorCal Regional title

by Keith Peters

Bill Shine has had some pretty good girls tennis teams during his 20-year career at Menlo School. The best was arguably in 2001, when the Knights went 33-1.

During his first four seasons as head coach, Shine's teams lost a combined total of four matches as the 1998 and 1999 squads went undefeated.

So, where does the 2015 squad stack up after finishing 26-1 with Central Coast Section and CIF/USTA NorCal Regional titles?

"I knew that Ashley Vielma and Taylor Gould, our new freshmen, were good and with the returning players who were coming back that we would have a good shot at CCS," said Shine. "But, the emergence of another freshman Vivian Liu, and how much she got better and better made a big difference.

"After the Golden State Classic (Menlo finished third against the state's best), then I thought we could have a very special group. And we did! They got better every day because of all their hard work."

Menlo put the finishing touches on a standout season by topping Saratoga, 5-2, in the championship match to defend its NorCal title on Saturday at the Broadstone Racquet Club in Folsom.

The top-seeded Knights defeated the No. 3-seed Falcons for the second time in a week and by the same score after meeting in the CCS finals last Saturday.

Menlo advanced after a close 4-3 victory over No. 5 Dougherty Valley in the semifinals while Saratoga moved on by beating No. 2 Monte Vista (Danville), 4-3.

Dougherty Valley gave Menlo its toughest match of the season, taking three singles matches. Only Vielma prevailed, 6-3, 6-0, at No. 1. The Knights survived by sweeping the doubles, with Schuyler Tilney-Volk and junior Kathryn Wilson clinching the victory at No. 2 doubles, 6-4, 0-6, 6-4.

Singles swept the match against Saratoga, with junior Georgia Anderson's 6-0, 6-3 triumph at No. 4 clinching the title. The Knights' only loss this season was to Hawaii state champion Puna-



The Menlo School girls captured a second straight CIF/USTA Northern California Regional tennis championship by topping CCS runner-up Saratoga in the finals, 5-2, to cap a 26-1 season.

hou in the Golden State Classic semifinals.

For seniors Melissa Tran, Mia McConnell, Schuyler Tilney-Volk and Lila Gornick, last year's CCS title was the first since 2005 and NorCal title was the first since 2001. For the Knights, cohesiveness was a key to their success.

"To be on the team that broke that streak and win two in a row is something I'll never forget," said Tran, a co-captain. "I will remember how supportive everybody is.

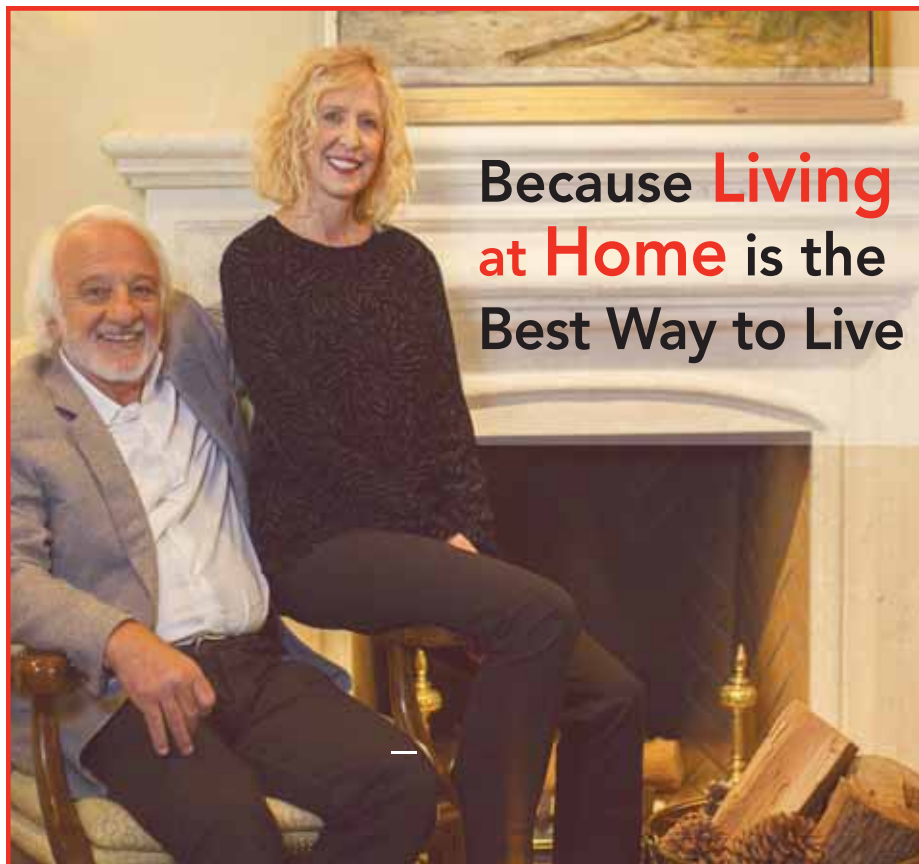
Whether it's freshman-senior or junior-junior interactions, everybody acts the same way with each other and we cheer our loudest at every game. Win or lose, we encourage each other and make each other better at practice. Everybody puts the team first over their personal interests, which makes our team chemistry better than any other team I've ever seen or been in."

The Knights had two freshmen, along with two juniors in the sin-

gles lineup, as well as all classes in the doubles. Menlo dominated all season, led by its No. 1 doubles team of McConnell and Tran that went 25-2. Their only losses came to Hawaii state champ Punahou and Mira Costa in the Golden State Classic. The duo, however, was unbeaten against NorCal competition.

"We both wanted the (NorCal) title so badly and both have went

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PREP ROUNDUP

M-A, Menlo win in NorCals

Bears, Knights advance to second-round volleyball matches on Saturday

The Menlo-Atherton and Menlo School girls both moved on to the second round of the CIF NorCal volleyball playoffs following victories on Tuesday night.

In Division I, No. 3-seeded Menlo-Atherton opened with a 25-23, 25-17, 25-13 victory over visiting and No. 6-seeded Lowell of San Francisco (26-7).

M-A junior Jacqueline DiSanto, the MVP of the PAL Bay Division this season, produced 13 kills with 13 digs, two blocks and three aces.

The Bears (25-7) next will face host and No. 2 Pitman (30-6), the defending state runner-up, on Saturday in Turlock at 7 p.m. Pitman advanced with a 27-25, 21-25, 25-19, 25-20 victory over No. 7 Carmont (27-10).

In Division IV, No. 4 Menlo School (23-7) posted a 25-21, 25-21, 23-25, 25-19 victory over the No. 5 Yellow Jackets (36-8) to advance to the second round, where the Knights will face top-seeded and host Notre Dame-Belmont (29-10) on Saturday (7 p.m.) in a rematch of last weekend's CCS title match.

Menlo senior outside hitter Maddie Stewart tallied a team-high 16 kills with a .308 hitting percentage to pace the Knights past Hillmar. Middles Payton Mack, a senior, added 12 kills and Mia Vandermeer, a junior, posted five kills and three blocks. Sophomore setter Kristin Sellers recorded 40 assists and also had three blocks for Menlo.

Cross country

Gunn senior Gillian Meeks will take a run at another title on Saturday at the CIF State Championships at Woodward Park in Fresno. The two-time CCS champ will be among the favorites for the Division II title with the No. 2 time heading into the finals.

Meeks was ninth in the Division I state finals last year after finishing 46th as a sophomore.

The Palo Alto boys, led by CCS champ Kent Slaney, will shoot for team and individual honors in Division I while the Priory girls are back as a team in Division V with senior Hana Marsheck leading the way.

Other top individuals competing include Menlo sophomore Robert Miranda in Division IV, Priory senior Robert Screven in Division V, Eastside Prep freshman Zion Gabriel in Division V, M-A senior Annalisa Crowe in Division I and Natalie Novitsky of Sacred Heart Prep in Division IV. ■

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Mia McConnell, Melissa Tran

MENLO SCHOOL

The senior co-captains won all three of their No. 1 doubles matches, finishing the season 25-2, while helping the Knights top Pleasant Valley, Dougherty Valley and Saratoga to win the CIF NorCal Regional title.



Alexander Nemeth

SACRED HEART PREP

The sophomore water polo goalie came up with 11 saves in the semifinals and 14 saves in an 11-8 win over Menlo School in the championship match as the Gators won their fifth straight CCS Division II title.

Honorable mention

Leanna Collins*

Menlo-Atherton volleyball

Jacqueline DiSanto*

Menlo-Atherton volleyball

Kirby Knapp

Menlo-Atherton volleyball

Jane Rakow

Sacred Heart Prep water polo

Alexa Roumeliotis

Menlo-Atherton volleyball

Ashley Vielma*

Menlo tennis

Finn Banks*

Sacred Heart Prep water polo

Justin Hull*

Palo Alto football

Lapitu Mahoni

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Mason Randall*

Sacred Heart Prep football

Riley Schoeben

Palo Alto football

Alex Tsotadze

Sacred Heart Prep water polo

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Tennis

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through the same feeling of losing," Tran said. "In terms of on the court, we balance each other out because she's very aggressive at the net and will finish the point while I have a strong serve and can keep the ball away from the other net player. I went into the season confident with our playing, but didn't really think about being undefeated (against NorCal foes) until we actually were, and I think that helped with being undefeated!"

The NorCal crown wrapped up Shine's 20th season with the Menlo girls. He improved to 465-81 with 20 league titles and an ongoing state record of 228 consecutive league dual-match victories.

At the CCS Individual Tournament that got under way Monday, Sacred Heart Prep sophomore Sara Choy opened defense of her singles title posting a pair of straight-set wins at Bay Club Courtside in Los Gatos.

The top-seeded Choy opened

with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Cate Liston of St. Francis and followed that with a 6-3, 6-1 triumph over Minvi Bui of Santa Teresa.

Choy, the Most Valuable Player in the WBAL Foothill Division this season, will face Menlo's Vielma in the semifinals on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at noon. The tourney originally was scheduled to finish Nov. 24, but was postponed due to anticipated weather issues.

Vielma, the No. 4 seed, opened with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Halle Martinucci of Burlingame before eliminating Zoe Clydesdale-Eberle of Homestead, 6-1, 6-1.

In doubles, Menlo-Atherton's No. 3-seeded tandem of Julia Marks and Yvette Leung reached the semifinals after downing Larissa Tao and Grace Tao of Monte Vista Christian, 6-0, 6-2, and Alisha Parikh and Ashna Reddy of Homestead, 6-0, 2-6, 6-3.

The Homestead tandem ousted Menlo seniors Mia McConnell and Melissa Tran in the opening round, 6-2, 6-4. Also falling was M-A's Sally Carlson and Julia Chang, who dropped a 6-1, 6-4 decision in the second round after opening with a 6-0, 6-0 win. ■

Water polo

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precedented ninth straight section crown while the SHP boys (22-7) captured their fifth straight and ninth overall.

"That was pretty exciting," Burke said. "Historically, St. Francis is our biggest rival. This was a true CCS championship match, with the top two teams in the section."

Burke was actually concerned prior to the match after his team squeaked out a 4-3 win over St. Francis to win the West Catholic Athletic League playoff title a few weeks ago. Would the finals be a repeat? Could the Lancers end SHP's streak?

"It (the close win) helped us re-focus," Burke explained. "We had beaten them three times and we knew we played great defense that night. When they (the Lancers) dropped to Division II, it was 'here we go again.'"

SHP was well-prepared for meeting St. Francis (21-8) in the finals for the first time since 2007 as the Gators jumped out to a 3-0 lead and made it 4-1 by the end of the first quarter. The Lancers got to within 7-3 by halftime, but SHP junior Maddie Pendolino and sophomore Nadia Paquin each scored their second goals to open the third period and the Gators looked solid at 9-3.

Senior Malaika Koshy scored her lone goal with 6:02 left in the match and junior Layla Waters followed with her second moments later for an 11-5 bulge. After that, it was time to celebrate.

"It couldn't have ended any better," said Koshy, the team's lone senior who is headed for Stanford next fall. "This has been a most amazing experience for me. We train so hard every day. I'm just so proud of my girls."

Koshy is one of a select few who have started all four years for Burke, who finished up his 10th year at SHP.

"She showed great leadership today," said Burke. "She's been outstanding all four years. It's hard to see her go."

Opponents are probably happy to see Koshy go. Unfortunately for them, Burke returns everyone else.

Junior goalie Jane Rakow, who was on the JV last year, grew up quickly this season and had nine saves in her first CCS finale. Sophomore Claire Kerrigan also made a big splash with two goals as did Paquin, who transferred in from Menlo-Atherton.

St. Francis was so intent on stopping SHP scoring leaders Maddy Johnston, a junior, and Koshy, that other Gators stepped up.

"The thing I'm most happy about," said Burke, "is finishing the year with such a great effort. I thought we played as well as we've played this year."

As for seeking a 10th straight title next season?

"Let's just enjoy this," Burke

said.

Kreutzkamp, who finished his 11th year, was probably feeling the same way later, after drying off and letting the day's performance soak in.

"Everything that could have gone wrong this week, pretty much did," Kreutzkamp said. "We lost our starting goalie and Jackson Enright jammed his hand. Our goal today was just go out and get a win."

Junior goalie JC Marco, who has been so outstanding this season, was in street clothes due to mononucleosis.

"It's pretty bad," explained Kreutzkamp. "This was the first time he's been out in a week. I'm just glad he was able to be here."

With Marco out, sophomore goalie Alexander Nemeth stepped up in a very big way and made 14 saves in a standout role.

"He saved us," Kreutzkamp said of Nemeth. "He stepped up. Once he started doing that, the rest of the kids responded."

If Nemeth was worried about starting the CCS finale, Marco helped ease any jitters by sending Nemeth a text on Friday night — telling him the entire team was behind him.

And they were, despite Kreutzkamp starting his youngest lineup ever in a CCS final.

"I had five freshmen/sophomores among the starting seven," Kreutzkamp said. "I've never done that before. But, talent has no age. I challenged them and they responded."

Among those who raised their games was SHP sophomore Alex Tsotadze, who scored a game-high four goals.

"He just really rose to the occasion," Kreutzkamp said.

Tsotadze's first goal tied the match at 2 in the first quarter. He second game the Gators a 7-4 halftime lead. His third opened the third period, giving SHP an 8-4 bulge and his last provided the proverbial nail in the coffin after Menlo (18-12) had rallied to within 10-8 on back-to-back goals by freshman Sam Utrecht.

"We're just battle-tested," said Kreutzkamp. "We play a very difficult schedule. We lost seven times this season, that's a lot."

Despite what was at stake, Kreutzkamp told his players the CCS finale would be just another tough game. And, it was.

SHP overcame a 2-1 first-quarter deficit by scoring four straight goals to end the period. The Gators later grabbed its biggest lead at 10-5 after freshman Andrew Churukian scored his second straight goal while finishing with three.

The Knights will be a factor again next season. Then again, so will the Gators. They lose just Finn Banks and Jack Hocker. Banks had two goals in his final match.

"Every year has been a different theme," said Kreutzkamp, "and this year's theme was about not accepting a rebuilding year — there's no such thing. We want to win it every year, that's the goal." ■

