

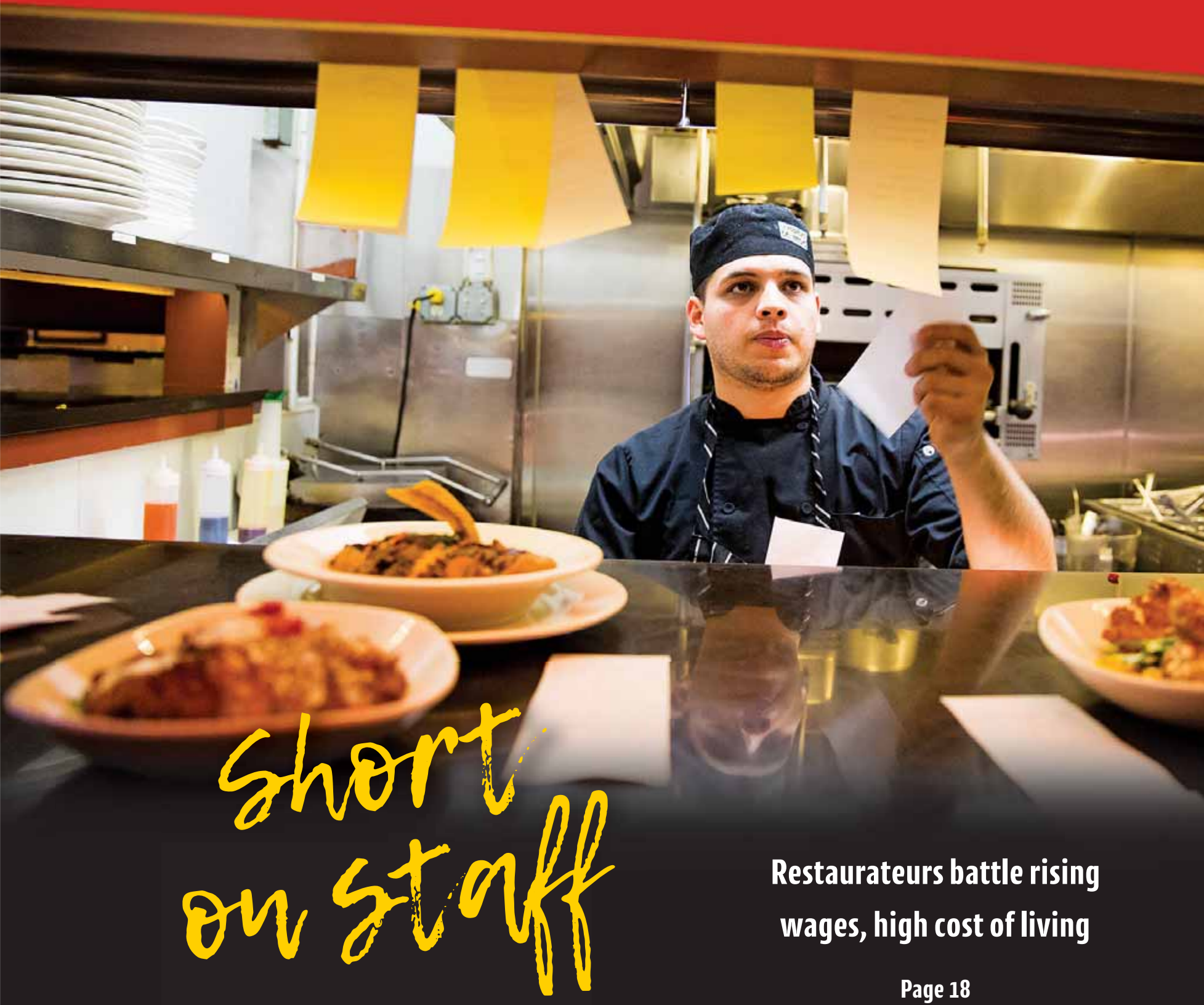
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Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

Superintendent tackles growing housing crisis

With a third of Ravenswood students facing homelessness, Goff persists in finding solutions

by Anna Medina

In the Ravenswood School District, 42 percent of the 3,069 students are homeless, according to recent information compiled by district staff.

"I've never seen anything like this," Superintendent Gloria Hernandez-Goff said. "I've worked with people from migrant camps.

I've worked in a lot of different situations as an educator, and this is actually pretty extreme."

Goff, an East Palo Alto resident for over three years who has devoted her career to working in Title I schools and serving low-income communities, said that "homelessness" in East Palo Alto

looks different than what people might imagine. Many students live in situations with multiple families to one domicile. Goff said that this often means that people are living in garages or with several families in one home, and then many are consequently evicted.

"What I want people to understand is that it's far more extreme than the concept that people would have in most communities, and I'm even talking about poor communities in the Central Valley," she said.

Who are these homeless parents and their children? Goff said that they make up the service industry — they're the waiters, the waitresses, the cooks, the bus boys, the nannies, the people who "clean your houses and do your gardening," the ones who don't make much above minimum wage, she said.

Many families cope by moving in with relatives or couchsurfing; some parents, Goff said, find places for their children to sleep while they sleep in a car because

there's no room for them indoors. The most extreme cases are the families living in vehicles.

"These people can't afford a vice," she said, "They're trying to feed their kids and put a roof over their heads of some kind. ... It's a crisis situation as far as I'm concerned, and each year I've been here, it's only gotten worse."

According to Goff, the issue, which stems from a lack of

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Laura Saldana and Juan Pinto stand outside their home in East Palo Alto, which they share with their four children, Pinto's parents and his brother. They say bounty hunters searching for a relative have made three late-night visits within the past week and demanded to see their identification and know their immigration status.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Family says they were harassed by men claiming to be ICE

Bounty hunters entered home, interrogated family about immigration status

by Sue Dremann

East Palo Alto resident Juan Pinto's nightmare began with a pounding on his front door at 3 a.m. on March 1. Groggy and undressed, Pinto asked who was there.

"Immigration," a man said, so Pinto opened the door, he recalled.

Three men in uniforms entered the home carrying rifles and handguns. Pinto went to the bedroom to put on his clothes. While there, he instructed his wife, Laura Saldana, to record on her cell phone what was happening.

"I don't trust these guys," he told her.

The men, who turned out to be bail bonds bounty hunters,

were looking for the brother of Pinto's brother-in-law, whom Pinto said he hasn't seen for 10 years. That didn't stop the bounty hunters from interrogating the family — which also includes Pinto and Saldana's four children, his parents and a brother — and demanding they provide identification.

A stack of driver's licenses, visas, passports can be seen piled on a table in the seven-minute, 23-second video Saldana recorded.

"Is that your passport?" a beefy man in a uniform asked her.

"Yes, that's my passport and this is my visa," she said.

"OK, are you here on a visa?"

"No, I'm a resident," she said.

"You're a resident."

"Um hm," she said.

"And where? (Inaudible)"

"No. I have address that is permanent," she said.

"Permanent? You're a resident, though."

"Yes. Resident," she said.

"So — how about you?" the man asked Pinto.

"I'm a U.S. citizen."

"OK — and you?" he asked

Pinto's mother, Margerita Pinto.

"She's a citizen," Pinto said.

"You're all citizens here," the man said.

"Yes," Saldana replied. "Everybody's citizens."

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DEVELOPMENT

City makes it easier to add 'accessory' housing

Council relaxes requirements and restrictions in hopes of addressing housing shortage

by Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto residents have plenty of reasons to like "accessory dwelling units" and a few reasons to fear them.

Also known as "granny units," the additions to residential properties tend to be small, relatively inexpensive and dispersed widely throughout the city. Most importantly, they hold promise for addressing one of the city's most intractable challenges — its severe housing shortage.

At the same time, not everyone is ready to welcome new homes, particularly because some homes have been used as short-term rentals rather than permanent residences and others have created parking problems.

On Tuesday night, after hearing from a large crowd of advocates and a few critics, the City Council threw its support behind encouraging more accessory dwelling units (ADUs) when it approved a series of reforms that eliminate numerous existing barriers. By a 6-2 vote, with Karen Holman and Tom DuBois dissenting and Lydia Kou abstaining, the council also directed staff to come up with incentives the city can provide to residents who build accessory dwelling units, particularly if these units are made available for moderate- or low-income residents, seniors, people with disabilities and public employees.

Councilman Cory Wolbach crafted the motion to relax rules for building such housing.

"It's a chance to bring the family close and keep them close, whether it's a parent or grandparent or a child with a disability," Wolbach said.

Councilman Adrian Fine lauded the units for both allowing

multi-generational living and for increasing residents' property rights.

"We're leaving the choice of growth up to each resident in Palo Alto, and I think that's really important," Fine said.

Dozens of people came to the meeting to make the case for ADUs. Kate Talbot said she has two children, both of whom are approaching an age at which they will soon be moving out of her house. One of them, she said, "has special needs and will need help finding a place to live."

"I'm really hoping you will help pass the ADU ordinance so that he can continue to live in this community, which is where he's been raised among the people that he knows," Talbot said.

Resident Richard Stolee said he thinks the small units allow family members to share finances and assist each other with child care. They also have a relatively low impact on the community, Stolee said.

"I think we're tired of seeing large apartment construction all over the city, and this is one way of reducing the need for this kind of construction," Stolee said.

Others were more cautious. Resident Kristian Meisling said allowing more accessory housing will fundamentally and irreversibly alter the city's residential areas.

"It will change the single-family character of our neighborhoods. It will have a negative effect on property values," Meisling said.

Some council members expressed similar concerns and urged more restraint in eliminating regulations. Among the

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Upfront

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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cross over the tipping point.

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—Jennifer DiBrienza, Palo Alto Board of Education member, on the board's plan to close the school district's budget shortfall. See story on page 9.

Around Town

SEEING RED ... By a sheer coincidence, the public hearing on **Castilleja School's** ambitious expansion project fell on **International Women's Day**.

Needless to say, there were many red shirts in the standing-room-only crowd on March 8, when the Planning and Transportation Commission convened to discuss the project. The all-girls school is seeking to demolish two Bryant Street homes on two adjacent properties (which it owns), to construct a below-grade garage under the merged parcels and to add 26,700 square feet of space below grade. Castilleja also is seeking to gradually boost enrollment by 27 students per year, so that it would go from the current cap of 415 (which the school exceeds by 23) to a maximum of 540. Opponents of the project, who have attended recent City Council meetings in red “Stop Castilleja Expansion” T-shirts, came out in full force to the Wednesday meeting, which focused on the forthcoming environmental analysis of the proposed expansion. And they brought no shortage of ideas for what the analysis should consider.

Kimberly Wong, who lives near Castilleja, requested that the consultants performing the study, along with the city's Architectural Review Board and Historic Resources Board, evaluate the impact of losing the two homes. Others neighbors called for a more detailed parking study (which includes blocks beyond those in immediate proximity to the school), better tree protection, more stringent geotechnical studies before the excavation begins and analysis of sites elsewhere in the city that the school can use for its expansion. The project had plenty of supporters as well, including school officials, past trustees and parents whose daughters are enrolled in Castilleja. **Tolulope Akinola**, who has two daughters attending Castilleja, touted the school's positive impact on girls' lives and said it's fitting that the project is being considered on this particular date. “Castilleja, in my daughters' experience, has been really great on trying to build up these young women and trying to give them education that

allows them to have impact not only in their city, but they take the impact for the rest of their lives, everywhere they touch.” Despite the large number of neighbors who turned out to oppose the project, architect **Rob Steinberg** said he was optimistic about the project. “I think everybody is here because we love Palo Alto and we love the community that's developed around us,” Steinberg said. “I think that shared value is a good place — a good common thread to have as we move forward and explore these different ideas.”

RE-INVENTING THE COMMUTE ... They have developed the microwave tube, the computer mouse and the first scientific calculator that can fit in a shirt pocket. Now, the brightest luminaries of Stanford Research Park are putting their minds together to solve a common problem: traffic congestion. Last year, some of the largest companies at the research park banded to come up with new ways to get employees to switch from cars to other modes of transportation. Gradually, the coalition of 12 companies grew into 18, which includes tech giants **VMWare, SAP, Ford, Lockheed Martin, Varian Medical Systems, HP** and — ironically enough — **Tesla**. Some of these initiatives are tried-and-true measures: subsidized Caltrain and VTA passes; free shuttle services to Caltrain stations; and an expanded push to get people to carpool. **Jamie Jarvis**, the research park's full-time “transportation-demand manager” (a position that didn't exist a year ago), told the Palo Alto City Council on Monday that use of the **Scoop** app, which arranges carpools, has been growing by 15 percent a month and noted that February showed the greatest use to date (the park reported 4,503 Scoop carpool registrations). The Research Park also has expanded the San Francisco commuter buses that began shuttling employees in August and began developing a similar service for the South Bay, which is home to about half of the park's workforce. ■

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YOUTH WELL-BEING

Experts, advocates react to youth suicide report

Federal report affirms local work, points to ways to improve students' wellness, strengthen suicide-prevention efforts

by Elena Kadvany

For a community that has done much soul searching in the wake of two youth suicide clusters over the last eight years, the findings of a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report on the subject released March 3 are sobering but not surprising.

The value of the report, experts and community leaders said in interviews with the Weekly, is to provide an endorsement of efforts already underway, a roadmap for work going forward and a reminder of the importance of work yet to be done to prevent youth suicide in Palo Alto and Santa Clara County.

"This report does not identify a silver bullet that is somehow unique to this community or this school district," said school board Vice President Ken Dauber. "What I think it does do is to remind us that this problem is not in the past and that we need to continue to make this issue a top priority, even as the most recent cluster fades from our memory."

"We can't let that urgency slip away," he said.

At various levels of the community, leaders and experts said the report will be used to inform critical suicide-prevention and mental health efforts.

For the Palo Alto school district, it affirms work already in place or planned while also pointing to gaps to be addressed. Among the existing efforts: programs that connect cohorts of students with teacher-mentors for all four years of high school, social-emotional education at all schools, the opening of wellness centers on campus, student efforts to reduce the stigma around mental health, and evidence-based programs like Sources of Strength,

which trains students to become peer leaders on mental health.

But more, district leaders said, can be done, including ensuring improved access to mental health services on campuses, better evaluation of existing programs to determine their effectiveness, and awareness of the common precipitating factors for suicide, among others.

Terry Godfrey, president of the school board, said she will be looking for specifics in the report to help guide the district's work to address these gaps, such as how to reverse the trend of young men being less likely to receive treatment for mental health problems and resources for evaluating the effectiveness of programs.

Dauber said he will continue to push for action on areas that impact student well-being that the school district has control over, like implementing its homework policy, reducing project and test stacking, and looking for "innovative" ways to increase access to quality school-based mental-health services. (He said he's in conversations with Stanford University providers and the district about having practitioners on campus, paid for by students' insurance.)

The school board is tentatively scheduled to discuss the CDC report as part of a larger student-wellness discussion in mid-April, Godfrey said.

Gunn High School senior Chloe Sorensen, who has spearheaded mental health efforts at the school and served on a community coordinating committee for the CDC investigation, said she hopes the report will encourage continued conversation around teen mental health.

Despite progress made — for example, Gunn's new wellness center is

increasing awareness about available support services, she said — stigma and access hinder some teenagers from seeking and receiving help.

"A lot of kids still don't feel comfortable accessing these resources even if they are accessible," she said. "There's a lot to be said for having more conversations about mental health."

Vic Ojakian, a former Palo Alto mayor who became a staunch suicide-prevention advocate after his college-aged son died by suicide in 2004, criticized a preliminary report released by the CDC last July as too broad and even counterproductive. But on Friday he said he was pleased to see a more extensive, useful final report.

The report addressed the phenomena of suicide contagion (the CDC said that there is "limited scientific evidence supporting the hypothesis that suicidal behavior is contagious" and given that, the term should be used with caution)

and clusters and included information about hospitalization rates, among other data points, he noted.

Now is a time to redouble evaluation efforts, Ojakian said, to carefully examine what's working and what isn't at both the county and local levels. The report recommends continuous evaluation to better understand if programs and policies are actually changing behavior and reducing youth deaths by suicide.

Local health care providers said they were heartened to see gaps and at-risk populations they are already working to address given visibility in the report.

The CDC found, for example, that deaths by suicide were more common among 20-to-24-year-olds in Santa Clara County. Michael Fitzgerald, director of mental health and addiction services for El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, said its intensive outpatient program is for members of this age group, who can have weaker ties to family and peers.

Similarly, the Stanford Center for Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing is working with agencies across the county to open two youth mental-health centers that would serve 12-to-25-year-olds in need of support. Common precipitating factors among deaths by suicide in Santa Clara County included relationship problems with an intimate partner and school-related behavioral issues as well

as diagnosed mental illness and release from a hospital or rehabilitation facility.

"One of the things ... that's important is the capacity to have crisis intervention support for people to have places to go in easily, even after something like a breakup ... to be able to easily walk in and get some support without it necessarily being perceived as a full-blown mental health related issue," said Steven Adelsheim, director of the Stanford Center for Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing.

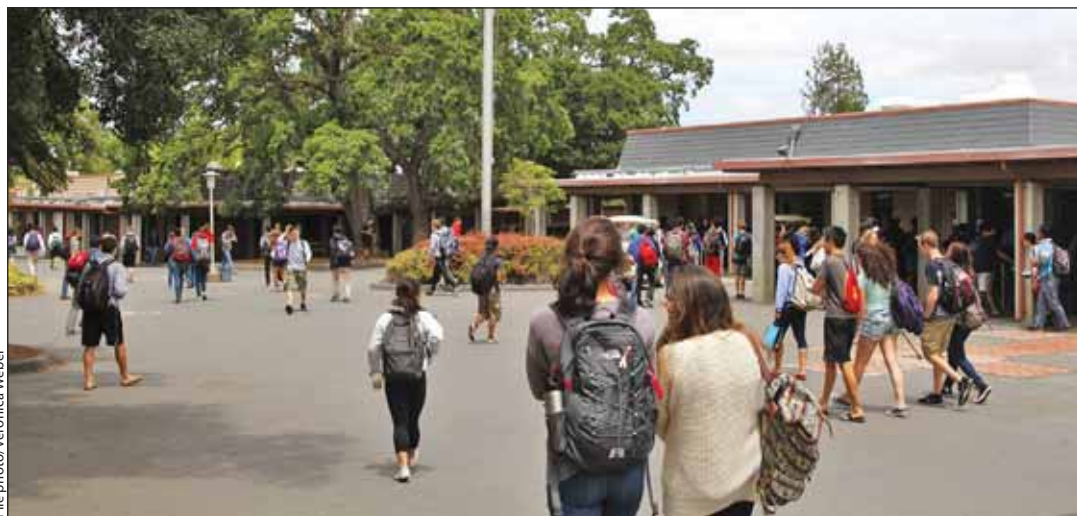
The new youth centers will also help move Santa Clara County toward an integrated care model, Adelsheim said, with direct connections to primary care physicians who are ideally, as the CDC recommended, better trained to recognize early warning signs of mental distress.

For some community advocates, the report's very existence is a signal of progress. In 2009, when Kathleen Blanchard's teenage son died by suicide in Palo Alto, she said there was a reluctance to even broach the topics of suicide and mental health.

"Now we invite the federal government in to bring expertise ... and we're open to that external, expert view as opposed to 'We know better and we can do it ourselves,'" she said.

Leaders, advocates and experts

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Students at Gunn High School cross campus during a break on May 19, 2014.

EDUCATION

School district seeks to make computer-science ed mainstream

Committee to recommend K-12 courses

by Elena Kadvany

A new Palo Alto school district committee has been charged with exploring and eventually recommending a computer-science curriculum for all students, from kindergartners through high school students.

The Computer Science Curriculum Design Advisory committee, which started meeting in full last month, is researching available curriculum that would make computer science — now an elective pursued by interested students

— a mainstream part of teaching and learning in the school district.

Part of the group's goal is "to make computer science accessible to everyone," said Chief Academic Officer for Secondary Education Sharon Ofek, who is co-chairing the new committee. "We want our students to think of computer science as having application in their lives, and having exposure to it in our school system is really important to that goal."

The 30-plus member committee

is made up of students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators from all levels of the district.

The committee's creation was spurred by a state and national shift toward more standardized computer-science curriculum. Last January, then-President Barack Obama announced an initiative to direct billions of dollars to states and school districts to support computer science curriculum. Only about a quarter of K-12 districts offer computer science, he said.

"Computer science isn't an optional skill — it's a basic skill, right along with the three 'Rs,'" Obama said.

Currently, Palo Alto Unified students are exposed to computer science to varying extents. Instruction is most "rich" at the high schools, Ofek said, with Advanced Placement computer-science classes and courses focused on subjects like programming, robotics and engineering. All middle school students learn about computers as sixth-graders in one section of their "wheel" class, which exposes students to different topics they can pursue as electives in seventh and eighth grade.

For the last two years, the district has also hosted a weekend CodeFest for students and families.

A more cohesive districtwide

curriculum would build students' skills from their first days in the district. At young ages, instruction could take the form of concepts like "tinkering" and problem solving, Ofek said. Middle school students could progress to actual coding before beginning more challenging work in high school.

The committee is considering making computer science a graduation requirement, which some other school districts have done.

The group is aiming to make a presentation to the school board later this spring, with implementation expected in the 2018-19 school year.

The computer-science committee meetings are open to the public and held at the district office. The committee will meet next on Monday, March 13, at 4:30 p.m. More information about the committee is posted at pausd.org. ■

NEIGHBORHOODS

Palo Alto boys open old-school arcade

Retro and homemade games in garage inspire neighborhood fun on Saturday afternoons

by Patrick Condon

It was a recent bright and sunny Saturday afternoon in the Leland Manor neighborhood of Palo Alto when friends Jacob Prabhu and Owen Yeh-Lee, both 11 years old, opened up their arcade again to welcome neighborhood kids and parents. Almost every Saturday the two boys run the arcade, which is located inside Jacob's garage, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Opened on Feb. 7, 2016, it is full of classic arcade games, such as Atari Roadblasters, as well as a "multicade" machine that holds more than 60 classic games, including titles like "Donkey Kong" and "Frogger." A vintage pinball machine stands in the back corner. There are also a few games the

boys have constructed, like a prize wheel fitted with a sign that greets visitors immediately upon entering.

"First he got the pinball machine," said Owen, pointing to his business partner.

Jacob interjected, "Someone was giving it away."

When asked why they had chosen to build the arcade around classic games, Owen said that the games are fun for kids and might even still appeal to adults who grew up with them.

Owen and Jacob have named their business OJ Arcade, the initials representing their names. Most games cost about 25 cents to play. The pair accept larger donations as well and have decided

not to use the money the arcade generates for themselves.

"We made \$300 and donated it," Jacob said, with Owen adding that they are interested in helping others.

"We chose to donate to the Brentwood Academy School Library (in East Palo Alto) because not everyone has access to a library," Jacob said.

The boys shake off any praise they get when it comes to their decision to donate.

"This is all about community-building and making friends," Owen said.

As soon as the arcade had officially opened for the day, it was full of neighborhood children — as well as parents. It wasn't long



Patrick Condon

Jacob Prabhu and Owen Yeh-Lee stand in their old-school arcade in Jacob's garage in Palo Alto. They recently donated their proceeds from one year of operation — \$300 — to a school library in East Palo Alto.

before each game was taken over and the garage was filled with the sounds of laughing, yelling and vintage sound effects.

"These kids are geniuses," said

Norman Silverman, smiling as he looked on at the spectacle. He is a grandfather in the neighborhood who takes his granddaughter to the arcade almost every weekend.

"I'm proud that we're making the most out of our community," Jacob said.

Owen quickly echoed his friend: "We like seeing the community have fun."

Details and information about the arcade can be found at ojarcade.weebly.com. ■



TOWN OF ATHERTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will hold a public hearing to review modifications to Chapter 17.15 "Special Structures Permit", Chapter 17.19 "Zoning Code Amendment", Chapter 17.32, "Residential District R-1A", and Chapter 17.33 "Residential District R1-B" of the Town's Municipal Code in accordance with Chapters 17.15, 17.18, 17.32, and 17.33.

Description: Modifications are proposed to the Special Structures Permit procedure pertaining to requests for an increased vertical sidewall height for main residences in the R1-A and R1-B Zoning District.

The project is Categorically Exemption per Section 15305 of the CEQA Guidelines. Section 15305 relates to Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations as the ordinance amendment would not result in any changes to land use or density.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that modifications to the Special Structures Permit, R1-A and R1-B Zoning Ordinances are set for hearing by the Planning Commission at its meeting on **March 22, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Town Council Chambers 94 Ashfield Road in the Town of Atherton, at which time and place all persons interested may appear and show cause, if they have any, why the Special Structure Permit, R1-A, and/or R1-B Zoning Ordinance should or should not be approved.

IF YOU CHALLENGE the modifications to the Special Structures Permit, R1-A and R1-B Zoning Ordinances in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. For further particulars, reference is made to the project on file.

If you have any questions on the item please contact Stephanie Davis, Senior Planner, at sbertollo-davis@ci.atherton.ca.us or 650-773-7249. Any attendee who wishes accommodation for a disability should contact the Building Division at (650) 752-0542 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Date Posted: March 11, 2017

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/s/ Stephanie Davis
Stephanie Davis, ACIP Senior Planner

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Sarah McGrew, researcher, Stanford Graduate School of Education, co-author, "Evaluating Information: The Cornerstone of Civic Online Reasoning," a recent report which found that college students have trouble judging the credibility of online information

Reporter **Daisuke Wakabayashi** of the *New York Times*, formerly with the *Wall Street Journal*

The moderator will be **Dan Russell**, search expert at Google

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CDC

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urged the community to appreciate the CDC report for what it is — a description of a complex public-health issue with no single solution and as a call to action for the progress that remains to be made.

"I hope the CDC report sensitizes people more," Ojakian said. "They shouldn't take the report as an end-all be-all, but the message, the takeaway for you if you're just an everyday person or a suicide preventionist like me is: We can do more." ■

A community meeting about the CDC study will be held on **Wednesday, March 22, in Palo Alto. Details will be available on the Project Safety Net website: psnpaloalto.com.**

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

Help is available

Any person who is feeling depressed, troubled or suicidal can call 1-800-784-2433 to speak with a crisis counselor. People in Santa Clara County can call 1-855-278-4204. Spanish speakers can call 1-888-628-9454.

People can reach trained counselors at Crisis Text Line by texting 741741.

Links to more resources where one can receive help are posted at tinyurl.com/helpincrisis.

EDUCATION

School board eyes further budget cuts

Board members look for ways to save without harming students' education

by Elena Kadvany

As the Palo Alto Board of Education tries to close the district's multi-million dollar budget shortfall, the board is pushing school-district staff to identify further administrative cuts and find creative ways of saving money that will have the least impact on students' education.

Staff presented a list of \$3.8 million potential budget cuts on Tuesday, which most board members characterized as good progress toward having more options on the table to evaluate. The list is in addition to \$3.6 million in proposed budget cuts that the board discussed last month.

In many ways, the trustees urged staff to think more creatively in coming up with additional savings. Board member Todd Collins brought his own list of possible reductions, from reallocating reserve funds designated for opening a new elementary school into the operating fund to rolling back automatic raises given to senior managers and administrators. President Terry Godfrey asked staff to be more "forward-looking" when it comes to forecasting the single largest item in the district's budget — teacher compensation — in terms of what other districts are paying their teachers. Melissa Baten Caswell reiterated a request for the district to find ways to be more operationally effective.

Board member Ken Dauber said: "I think we are not yet there in terms of demonstrating to the community, really, that we have cut away from the classroom sufficiently so that the next right move is to cut into the educational mission of the district."

On the staff proposals, board members agreed that some are low-hanging fruit that they support, such as cutting back on weekend landscaping or reducing the district's contract with a local continuation high school to the actual number of seats needed, for example. Others, however, cut too close to the classroom for some board members' comfort.

Dauber said he opposed a proposal to not hire three additional teachers to help reduce class sizes at the high schools, which would save the district \$375,000. Collins urged the creation of a formal class-size policy that would guide such decisions, rather than making incremental budget-driven changes.

Dauber also said he would not support a reduction in the district's contracts with Asian Americans for Community Involvement and Stanford University to provide counseling services to students and families. (The reduction would retain these services only at the district's high schools.)

Caswell asked staff to provide more information on where these services fit in with the district's other on-campus counseling and psychological-support programs.

Board member Jennifer

DiBrienza, a former teacher, said she was most concerned about a proposal to reduce the number of teachers on special assignments (TOSA) as well as to cut stipends for instructional supervisors, or department leads, at schools. Staff argued on Tuesday that these teacher-leadership positions are "essential" to the mission of the district — they drive professional development, guide implementation of new textbooks and standards, serve as instructional models for teachers in classrooms and are pushing forward ambitious districtwide goals, like increasing consistency among grading practices, homework and curriculum.

"These are things that appear to be administrative and yet they are very close to the classroom," DiBrienza said of the TOSA and instructional supervisor positions.

And while Dauber and Collins pressed for more administrative cuts overall — Dauber said he expected to see about \$2 or \$2.5 million in reductions at the district office, about double what was proposed Tuesday — DiBrienza echoed staff concerns about the harm this could have. On Tuesday, Superintendent Max McGee recommended keeping \$952,000 out of \$1.1 million in proposed district-office cuts to avoid a point where "our infrastructure would start to crumble."

"We need to listen to the professionals," DiBrienza said. "I am really concerned we are near that tipping point, and I want to make sure we don't cross over the tipping point."

Caswell said it was difficult for her to make a "value judgment" about the amount of administrative cuts without more detailed explanation of their specific consequences.

Board members' other suggestions for savings included reviewing clerical positions, trimming a budget for conference travel expenses and using reserves for one-time costs, such as managing compliance with a federal Office for Civil Rights resolution agreement. Collins also floated proposals to find programs and activities that could possibly be consolidated with those of the county or other school districts; to consider consolidating elementary schools, given declining enrollment; and to roll back full-day kindergarten, which was launched this fall at all elementary schools.

"We need to dig deeper," Collins said. "We're still finding things. It's not surprising because it takes a long time to change your thinking. ... That's why we have these meetings — to challenge our thinking, to challenge staff's thinking, to hear from the community and really try to think out of the box a little bit."

Staff will bring budget recommendations to the board for further discussion in late April. The board will also have to weigh potential cuts against an estimated \$1.6 million addition in costs of new programs and other efforts.

The district plans to schedule a public forum to solicit further feedback on the 2017-18 budget in the next few weeks. ■

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Which programs and positions should the Palo Alto school district keep, and which could it cut, for the upcoming school year? Share your ideas on Town Square, the community discussion forum, at PaloAltoOnline.com/square.

Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council has no meetings scheduled this week.

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP ... The school board will convene for a workshop to discuss its operations and meeting procedures on Tuesday, March 14, at 8 a.m. at the district office, 25 Churchill Ave.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ... The school board will discuss a math textbook adoption for the middle schools and vote on a proposal to rename Jordan and Terman middle schools, among other items. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, at the district office, 25 Churchill Ave.

CITY/SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to meet at 8 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, at the district office, 25 Churchill Ave.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD ... The board plans to discuss 275 Cambridge Ave. and 475 Cambridge Ave., requests to allow steel-beam trellis structures to support solar developments on the top floor of two city-owned garages; and to review a 240 Pasteur Drive, a proposal to construct a new 215,000-square-foot Biomedical Innovations Building for the Stanford University School of Medicine. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE ... The Board of Education's policy review committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 17, at the district office, 25 Churchill Ave., Room A.

News Digest

Merchants urge city to go big on garage

For many merchants on California Avenue there is one problem that rises above the rest: the district's insufficient supply of parking. And as the city moves ahead with construction of a new parking garage on Sherman Avenue, they are calling for officials to think big.

That was the main message that about 30 business people delivered Wednesday after hearing a presentation from Michael Ross, the project architect, and staff from the city's Public Works Department. After being presented with three possible design options for a new garage, the majority opted for a fourth, which would provide even more parking spaces than any of the alternatives on the table.

If things go as planned, the city would launch construction of the garage next year and complete it in 2019.

The California Avenue garage is one of two parking facilities currently in design phase. The City Council also has approved building a new downtown garage, which would occupy a parking lot at Hamilton Avenue and Waverley Street. Both facilities — along with the police building, the proposed bike bridge over U.S. Highway 101 and replacement fire stations — are included in the council's infrastructure plan, which was approved in 2014 and is funded by revenues from the hotel tax.

Costs will undoubtedly play a greater role in the discussion on April 3, when the council is scheduled to discuss the new California Avenue garage. But for the business owners, the priority is maximizing the number of spaces that the garage would provide. ■

—Gennady Sheyner

Council shifts gears on parking program

For residents of downtown Palo Alto, the city's new residential parking program has proven effective in limiting the daily intrusion of commuter vehicles on neighborhood streets.

But for some downtown employers, a recent proposal to modify the program to further limit employees' ability to park in the neighborhoods poses nothing less than an "existential threat." By gradually reducing the number of employee permits, the city's latest plan threatens to drive these businesses out of the city entirely, dentists and business owners have argued.

Monday night, the City Council tried to mollify both sides by making the pilot program permanent but stripping out its most controversial provision: a plan to gradually stop selling permits to employees altogether. Instead, it settled on a more cautious, open-ended approach, directing staff to prioritize neighborhood-serving businesses in the program's future phases.

The plan galvanized the local business community, with dozens of dentists attending recent council meetings and more than a 1,000 people signing a petition by dentist Christian Lee.

Dozens reiterated these concerns Monday night, arguing that their employees and patients would be impacted by the change.

Faced with the complaints, the council opted for a more touch-and-go approach. It directed staff to immediately reduce the number of employee permits from 2,000 to 1,500 and to come back in a year to discuss further reductions. Rather than specifying the reduction, the council voted to reassess the reduction in one year, based on the results of the Palo Alto Transportation Management Association and other parking-management programs. ■

—Gennady Sheyner

School board majority supports renaming schools

A majority of the school board agreed on Tuesday that two of the Palo Alto school district's middle schools should be renamed in light of their namesakes' leadership roles in the eugenics movement.

Recognizing that to rename these schools would be to sever alumni's ties to tradition, most board members said that in a public school district in 2017, schools cannot carry the names of men who actively advocated for policies grounded in a belief that people of certain races and disabilities are inferior to others.

All five trustees said they support a majority recommendation from a district committee to give David Starr Jordan Middle School a new name, and a majority said they also believe Terman Middle School should be renamed.

Terman's fate is slightly more complicated given its naming history; When it opened in 1958, Terman was first named after Lewis Terman, a Stanford University psychologist. When Terman closed and reopened in 2001, it was named to honor both Lewis and his son, Frederick, a Stanford engineer. There is no clear evidence, committee members said Tuesday, that Frederick played an active role in the eugenics movement, as Lewis did.

The board members' feedback followed a series of passionate comments from parents and students about the impact of the schools' names. Almost all urged the board to support renaming Jordan and Terman.

Some board members said the estimated cost of renaming — about \$200,000 for both schools — is a secondary consideration that would not stop them from voting in support. ■

—Elena Kadvany

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- Sheila Johnston, The Telegraph (UK), 9.5.2008

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Accessory housing: What's allowed now

- An accessory dwelling unit can be built on **any single-family residential** (R-1) lot.
- Existing space in a home can be converted into a **"junior" accessory dwelling unit** of 550 square feet or smaller.
- A one-story accessory unit that's detached from the main house can be **as large as 1,075 square feet**; if it's attached, but not "junior," it can be up to 625 square feet.
- **Parking must be provided:** One space per bedroom or per unit, whichever is greater. Exceptions exist, such as near public transit.
- **Only one** accessory or one junior accessory unit can be built per lot.
- **Height:** In single-story overlay districts, accessory housing can be only one-story and up to 17 feet tall. Elsewhere, it can be up to 25 feet tall and two stories.
- The **property owner must live** in the main or the accessory house.
- Accessory housing **can't be rented** for less than 30 days.
- Accessory housing can be 6 feet **from side and rear property lines**, unless it's two-stories tall (then the setback is 12 feet)
- The accessory unit **can't be sold separately** from the main house.
- Other restrictions apply; see CityofPaloAlto.org for the council's detailed, approved motion.

Housing

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biggest changes the council approved was the elimination of the "minimum lot size" requirement, which allowed accessory dwelling units only on lots that exceed the minimum lot size of their zoning district by 35 percent or more (the policy, in effect, excluded properties from hosting accessory units). Now, any residential lot can include such housing.

Other changes were made to comply with recently approved state laws, which also aim to encourage more housing. Thanks to Senate Bill 1069 and Assembly Bill 2299, cities are now required to allow the conversion of portions of existing homes into accessory dwelling units. State law also pre-empts cities from using development standards such as height limit and lot size to ban such conversions; and it waives parking requirements for accessory housing near transit. The city's new ordinance will reflect these requirements.

Palo Alto's ordinance will also allow the creation of "junior accessory dwelling units" — a bedroom that is converted into its own unit (and must have a kitchenette and be no greater than 500 square feet). These spaces are also encouraged by a state law that took effect in January.

In addition to the state requirements, the council approved on Tuesday a laundry list of additional incentives, including ones that grant extra square footage to both types of units; relax parking requirements for accessory dwelling units (currently, each unit is required to have two parking spots); eliminate door-orientation requirements; and limit accessory dwelling units to 17 feet in height. Championed by Wolbach and Fine, many of these provisions generated significant debate and vehement dissent from their colleagues.

Councilman Eric Filseth called accessory housing a "logical way to proceed" but argued against relaxing the parking requirements near transit zones. He noted the very neighborhoods that are located near busy transit areas (and are, therefore, eligible for the exemptions) are the ones where the parking shortage is most acute — namely, downtown and California Avenue.

"There is a real parking problem in town, and we should be very cautious about handing out parking (space) because we've done that too much in the past and we ended up where we are," Filseth said.

Councilwoman Karen Holman said she supports the broad effort to encourage accessory housing, but rejected the added provisions proposed by Wolbach. Many of them, she said, will "have a very negative impact and negative reaction from residents."

"I want this to be a popular ordinance we're passing," Holman said.

Tom DuBois tried unsuccessfully to remove several provisions that increase the allowed density for these units. His proposal to do so was defeated 4-5, with Holman, Kou and Filseth joining him. ■

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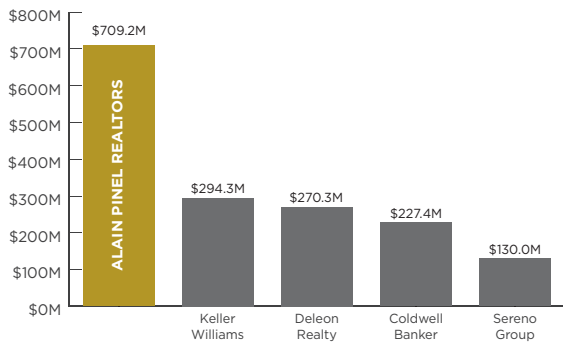
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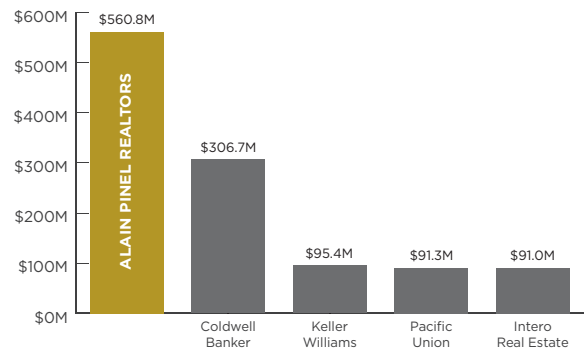
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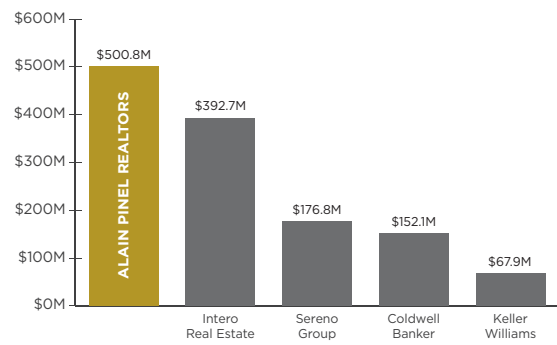
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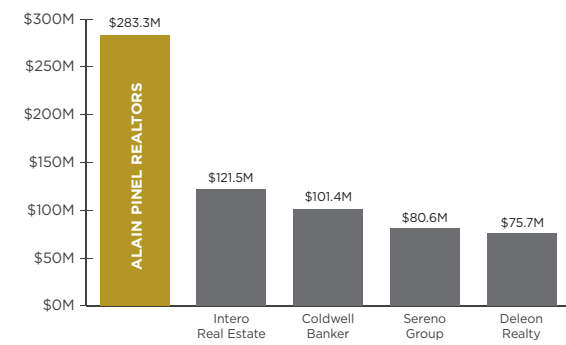
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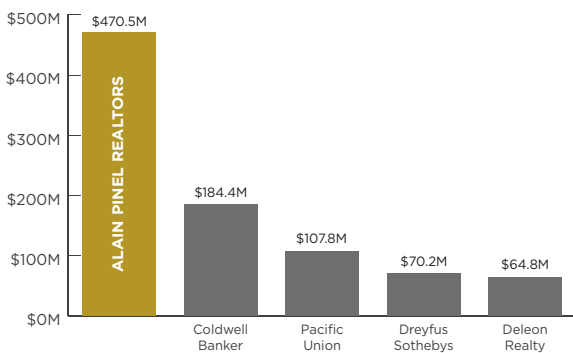
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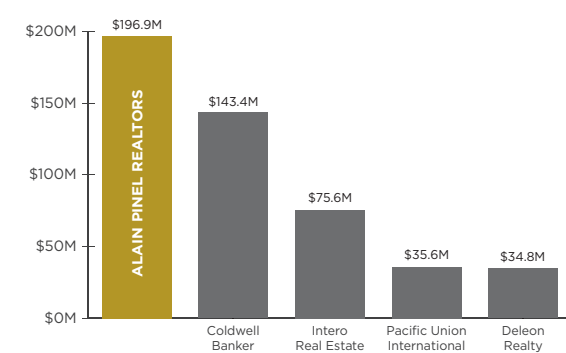
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Homeless

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affordable housing, is going to require counties and cities to work together and look at short-term and long-term solutions, including a regional affordable housing plan. (“And by affordable I don’t mean like, ‘Oh, make it \$2,500.’ I mean really affordable to the income levels of the people who work here,” she said.)

Until that happens, Goff is trying to ease her students’ burdens by making the most of the resources at her disposal.

She and her husband, Duane Goff, run a semiweekly food program through a partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank, staffed by community volunteers and parents. Many parents serve the food and also take food home to feed their families. Additionally, Goff has set up a food pantry, and students who participate in the after-school program are served a hot meal

“We used to just provide a snack



Veronica Weber

Gloria Hernandez-Goff, superintendent of the Ravenswood City School District

in the after-school program,” Goff said. “But then I found out that some parents were not eating so they could feed their kids. ... We put a lot of emphasis on the food programs in our district because of that.”

Goff is not afraid to roll up her sleeves and take action. On a recent Friday she drove to Weeks Street to show where many families

School	Enrollment	Homeless*	% homeless
Willow Oaks	601	193	32
Belle Haven	543	237	44
Brentwood	501	236	27
Cesar Chavez	201	62	31
Costaño	506	317	63
Green Oaks	154	68	44
Los Robles	379	133	35
Ronald McNair	184	48	26
Total	3,069	1,294	42

* Homelessness includes kids living doubled up with other families in homes or RVs, in foster care with extended family, in a shelter, temporarily unsheltered, or in a motel. Source: Ravenswood City School District.

camp in RVs and cars at night.

Goff explained that Weeks, which was flooded due the recent heavy rain, is a relatively good place for people to park because it is a dead-end street surrounded by empty lots. Nevertheless, just before the winter holidays, many who lived there heard that the police were going to be ticketing campers and hauling vehicles away.

“I panicked about that, but then I found out that they wouldn’t do that because there’s nowhere for (people) to go,” Goff said.

As she drove back up Weeks, Goff pointed to some RVs in front of a row of townhomes: “It’s harder for them because these people (in the townhomes) will call (the police),” she said.

Goff would like to work out a

way to alleviate some of the pressure felt by families living in RVs. One of her ideas involves dedicating a lot located on the school district’s property for families who live in campers. She pointed out that the YMCA, which is located just down the street, would be a good place for people to shower and exercise and expressed her hopes to partner with the county library for support for the kids there in the evening.

“So there’s a way we could make this a much better situation than what we currently have, although it still will be a precarious housing situation,” Goff said, adding that it would hopefully be temporary, while they could work out housing arrangements.

However, Goff’s desire to provide a safe location for families to park on district property has not been approved by the school board.

“It is a policy decision that the board has not had a public discussion about; we have to be concerned about liability issues,” said Board of Education President Sharifa Wilson.

In the meantime, Goff said that she is continuing to work with community organizations, such as churches, to identify other areas — other than district property — where families can safely park and is looking to ensure that the district is covered under liability insurance for safe parking.

Also in the works is Goff’s plan to install heavy duty washers and dryers in every school in the district, something that would alleviate a need for many homeless families.

“Parents can come wash their clothes, and while they’re waiting, they can go in and help a teacher, read in the classroom with the kids — just build that culture of being a part of the educational environment for their children,” she said.

Currently, the district is obtaining the cost estimate for the project and already has a couple of volunteers who are going to help raise money. Goff sees this as a step toward continuing to build trust and a sense of community.

Wilson praised Goff for her initiative.

“I think she’s a fantastic superintendent, one of the best we’ve ever had,” Wilson said. “That’s why she’s looking at all these options, because she really cares about the children.” ■

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Harassed

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About 1.5 minutes into the questioning, Saldana leaned into the camera and whispered in Spanish:

"Immigration just came here to our house."

Although the bounty hunters were not employed by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency, the incident underscores the extraordinary liberty the law affords bail bonds recovery agents, or bounty hunters, and how persons under duress can easily be coerced into divulging information they are not required to give.

The incident also calls into question the tactics bounty hunters use to capture fugitives.

It wasn't until well after the questions regarding immigration status that one of the men gave the couple his business card, which showed they are bounty hunters. The men wore all dark blue shirts with an insignia and khaki pants.

The men continued to question the family about the fugitive relative, including demanding Pinto's Social Security number. When Pinto asked why they needed his number, one man simply said in a firm voice, "I need it."

The men also came back the next night at about 11:45 p.m., Pinto said. They allegedly hopped the wrought-iron gate and shined flash lights into the home's rear windows, which didn't have any curtains. "We used to keep the windows and the doors open, now we have to lock everything up," Pinto said. "My kids are really scared of going to school or of being home too. They think immigration is going to separate us from our kids."

"I have never had any trouble of any kind, not even in high school," Pinto added.

Pinto's parents, who own the home, both have medical issues that have been aggravated by the incidents, he said. His wife can't sleep and their four children ages 10, 9, 7 and 19 months now sleep on an air mattress in the couple's bedroom because they are afraid.

Bryan Hudgins, the recovery agent whose name is on the card given to Pinto, lists his business as Darknight Fugitive Recovery of Vallejo on the card. He told the Weekly by phone this week that Darknight are "contractors through ICE."

But ICE officials refuted Hudgins' claims.

"ICE does not hire private contractors to conduct immigration-enforcement actions," agency spokesman James Schwab said in an email, quoting ICE policy.

Schwab noted that it is a federal crime for anyone to impersonate a federal agent, although he could not comment on whether any laws were broken in this case.

The Pintos asked East Palo Alto police to take a report, but police Commander Jeff Liu said the department did not because Pinto gave the men "consent" to enter

his home and see their identifying documents. Thus the actions were not unlawful, Liu said.

The U.S. Constitution's Fourth Amendment is supposed to protect "persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures" without just cause and a warrant, but that applies only to governmental authorities.

Bounty hunters are governed under the California Penal Code. They must complete a 40-hour power-of-arrest training through the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and other certification-training courses; they are not allowed to represent themselves "in any manner" as being a sworn law-enforcement officer and their uniforms must not contain certain words, such as "United States," "Bureau," "Task Force" or similar words that a reasonable person might mistake for a government agency. They cannot carry a metal badge and must follow certain procedures when entering any law-enforcement jurisdiction.

But bounty hunters do have leeway in their behavior, according to a study by Gerald D. Robin, professor emeritus of criminal justice at the University of New Haven, Connecticut.

Bounty hunters don't have to "knock and announce" before breaking down doors to search

for a fugitive; they don't have to Mirandize someone, and incriminating statements obtained by coercion are even admissible in court, he noted.

Hudgins is licensed by the state Department of Insurance to transact on behalf of All-Pro Bail Bonds Inc. of Fairfield, California, as a bail bonds agent. He has no complaints or disciplinary actions, according to state records. The Pintos can file a complaint with the department, which licenses bail bonds agents.

If an investigation finds wrongdoing, the bail agent might face penalties or even have a license revoked, said Nancy Kincaid, press secretary for Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones and the California Department of Insurance.

The Pintos are now following Liu's recommendations to guard their privacy. They have affixed "no trespassing" signs on the wrought-iron fencing and on the house and door. If the couple tells the bounty hunters to leave and they won't, the Pintos will call 911. California trespass law makes it a crime to enter a property where a no-trespass notice is posted or when the trespasser refuses to leave after a request by a property owner, agent or the police. ■

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CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council (March 6)

Parking: The council approved changes to the downtown Residential Preferential Parking program and directed staff to reduce the number of employee permits sold to 1,500, with 100 reserved for the two most peripheral parking zones in Crescent Park.

Yes: DuBois, Filseth, Fine, Holman, Kniss, Kou, Wolbach **No:** Tanaka

Recused: Scharff

Stanford: The council approved a comment letter for the Stanford University's application to the Santa Clara County for a new General Use Permit. **Yes:** Filseth, Fine, Holman, Kniss, Kou, Scharff, Tanaka, Wolbach **Recused:** DuBois

City Council (March 7)

Dewatering: The council modified its rules for groundwater pumping, including fill-station requirements and a requirement for geotechnical study. The council also supported making further changes in 2018, which may include requiring cutoff walls for groundwater pumping during basement construction.

Yes: Unanimous

Accessory Dwelling Units: The council approved several modifications to the city's municipal code concerning accessory-dwelling units. These include eliminating the city's lot-size requirement; relaxed parking requirements and the inclusion of junior accessory dwelling units in the city's code. **Yes:** Filseth, Fine, Kniss, Scharff, Tanaka, Wolbach **No:** DuBois, Holman **Abstained:** Kou

Board of Education (March 7)

2017-18 budget: The school board discussed potential cuts for the 2017-18 budget to mitigate a tax shortfall.

Action: None

Renaming schools: The board discussed a committee's majority recommendation to rename Jordan and Terman middle schools.

Action: None

Escondido building contract: The board authorized staff to award a contract to build a modular building and building upgrades at Escondido Elementary School. **Yes:** Unanimous

Planning and Transportation Commission (March 8)

Castilleja: The commission held a scoping meeting for the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed expansion of Castilleja School. **Action:** None

3877 El Camino Real: The commission approved a proposal for a mixed-use development with 17 residential units at the former site of Compadres. **Yes:** Alcheck, Lauing, Rosenblum **No:** Summa **Recused:** Gardias **Absent:** Waldfogel

Historic Resources Board (March 9)

Governance: The board discussed the prioritization of potential projects regarding historic preservation. **Action:** None



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Barbara "Bobby" McPheeters Kinchen

June 29, 1920 – January 1, 2017

Barbara "Bobby" McPheeters Kinchen, born in Mountain View, CA on June 29, 1920, passed from this life on January 1st 2017. She loved and was loved. A Celebration of Life in her memory will be held from 2-4:00 PM on March 18th, 2017 in a banquet room at Michael's Restaurant at Shoreline Park in Mountain View. Honoring her wishes, this Celebration will be a cheerful gathering of family, neighbors, and friends, a time to share good memories and enjoy our time together.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances in Barbara's name can be made to the Mountain View Pioneer and Historical Association, P.O. Box 252 Mountain View, CA 94042, or a charity of your choice.

PAID OBITUARY

Michael Vernon Pickering

1942 – 2017

Michael Vernon Pickering passed away at home with his family on January 24, 2017, after a brief illness. Michael was born in Oklahoma in 1942. He moved with his extended family to California at an early age and grew up in the Los Angeles area. He moved north to attend St. Mary's College in Moraga and resided mostly in the San Francisco Bay area for the rest of his life. After teaching in high school, Michael returned to school to pursue his interest in chemistry. He received his Ph.D. in chemistry in 1974 from the Oregon Graduate Center. Michael spent most of his career founding and nurturing his company, Pickering Laboratories, Inc. His idea was to build a company which would help find solutions to analytical problems in the lab, all the while providing a comfortable, fulfilling place to work. Pickering Laboratories is now entering its 35th year and is a world leader in post column analysis.



Michael was a truly unique person. His native curiosity led to his love of science. Chemistry gave him the tools to further his understanding of how the world works. Michael also loved the beauty of art and nature. He was able to combine an artist's eye with his technical knowledge to craft creative solutions to everything and anything. Creativity and chemistry led him to cooking. He had a flair for combining flavor and texture to bring delicious meals to the table daily. As the kids left home, they all remarked that what they missed most was their Dad's cooking. Vegetable gardening was also a passion. Being able to eat fresh from the garden was a given. Someone once asked if he saved money by growing his own vegetables to which he replied, "That's not the point."

He loved words and spent many hours working on his crossword puzzles. He enjoyed all kinds of literature, and especially enjoyed the elegance of Haiku and penned many poems. Michael loved conversation and story telling. His extensive, broad based knowledge provided a wide range of subjects for him to converse. He suffered a stroke in 2014 left him with some verbal obstacles but he was still an entertaining and lively participant in any discussion.

Michael leaves his wife of 40 years, Judy, his four children: Damian Pickering, Jennifer (Robert) Witter, Megan (Timothy) Nolan, and Lillian Pickering, and six grandchildren: Tatum, Zoe and Kellan Witter, Tululah Pickering, & Brahm and Kiera Nolan.

A celebration of life will be held for Michael on Friday, March 17th at 4PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Road in Palo Alto. In lieu of flowers, a contribution may be made to POST-Peninsula Open Space Trust, 222 High St., Palo Alto.

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Transitions

Mary Ida Bay

Palo Alto resident Mary Ida Bay died at home in Palo Alto, on Aug. 12, 2016, with family present. She was 92.

She was born in the town of Dunn Center, North Dakota, about a mile from the sod house where her maternal grandparents homesteaded; her mother, Mary Sophia Pelton was born; and her mother and father, Kenneth Orton Garwick were married when he returned from WWI.

She grew up in Depression-era Minneapolis, the middle of five children. Due to war injuries, her polymath father worked from home, cooking and tending the vegetable garden. Her mother sold shoes and was active in



local labor politics.

In 1949, she married Duane Lewis Bay. They moved from teaching posts in Colorado to post-war occupied Austria (where daughter Louise and son Duane were born), to California, first to Maxwell (where sons John and Alfred were born), and later to Templeton. She served as her church's choir director, raised the kids and supported her husband in his career as a coach, teacher and superintendent.

Their last move brought them to Palo Alto in 1962, first to Stanford's Escondido Village, then to College Terrace, where for nearly 50 years she was known among friends and extended family for opening her "homestead" for quilting, canning and cooking projects.

In 2004, on her 80th birthday, the City of Palo Alto issued a proclamation enumerating her contributions over a 40-year career as a volunteer community organizer.

She helped start a countywide drug and suicide intervention program as president of the Gunn PTA, initiated the development of the bus route originally known as Route 86 to serve seniors' transit needs and spearheaded a project to establish a downtown grocery store accessible to the elderly and persons with disabilities. She also served the Palo Alto Coop in many capacities and was active at the University Lutheran Church as the founder and manager of its 30-year food delivery program for homebound residents.

She is survived by her husband, Duane Lewis Bay; children, Louise Bay Waters (Harry, deceased) of Union City, Duane Bay (Barbara Noparstak) of East Palo Alto, John Bay (Maile Huvar) of Olympia, Washington, and Alfred Bay (Olivia Kuser) of San Francisco; grandchildren, Robin, Alexander, Ryan, Tamara, Konane, Sable and David; and great-grandchildren, Natalie, Caroline, Isora, Obi, Emilio, Hanik and Jens.

A memorial liturgy was held in August at University Lutheran Church.

John Ross

John Ross, professor emeritus of chemistry at Stanford University, died on Feb. 18 in Palo Alto following a brief illness. He was 90.

He was born in Vienna, Austria, on Oct. 2, 1926.

A few days before World War II began, he left Austria due to religious persecution, settling in New York. His studies at Queens College

were interrupted when he served in the Army from 1944 to 1946.

In 1948, he graduated from Queens College with a Bachelor of Science degree after which he entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and earned a doctorate in 1950. He then worked as a post-doctoral fellow at Yale University.

In 1953, he was an assistant professor of chemistry at Brown University and joined the chemistry department at MIT in 1966, where he served as chair from 1966 to 1971.

He joined Stanford's faculty in 1980 as a professor of chemistry and was department chair from 1983 to 1989. His contributions in reaction kinetics and dynamics led to a new understanding of reactivity and why many chemical phenomena occur.

During his career, he co-wrote 445 original research papers, published a textbook on physical chemistry and received the U.S. National Medal of Science in 2000 from President Clinton.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Elizabeth Ann Ross. He is survived by his second wife, Eva, and his son, Bob, of Sea Ranch, from his first marriage to Virginia Franklin.



Patricia L. Kueffer

1935 – 2017

Longtime Palo Alto resident Patricia Lee Kueffer, 81, passed away March 5, 2017.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Pat's life on Monday, March 13 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at Spangler Mortuary, 399 S. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos. A funeral service will begin at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto.

Pat was known and admired for her generous soul, her adventurous spirit, her enterprising work ethic, her philanthropy, and, most importantly, her love for her family.

Pat was born in Orange, CA in 1935 to William R. and Lorraine Schulze. Her family moved to San Francisco when she was five. Pat graduated from Washington High School in San Francisco. A licensed real estate broker, Pat practiced for many years on the Peninsula with the real estate firms of Miller Properties, Cornish & Carey, Seville, and Coldwell Banker.

In her youth, Pat was an avid ice skater and water skier. Later she was a volunteer with the Democratic Party and a strong supporter of the fine arts, including ballet, opera, museums, theater, and the symphony. She adored traveling and journeyed across the world to Asia and Europe, but her favorite destination was Maui, Hawaii. Pat was a Life Master bridge player and loved playing with her friends in the Palo Alto Bridge Association.

Pat is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, David and Maura Barcellos of Avon, CT; her daughter, Linda Fahn of West Hartford, CT; two sisters, Joan Kittoe of Aptos, CA and Gail Hogan of Greenwood, CA; three granddaughters and their spouses, Teresa Barcellos and Daniel Lopez-Urbe of Eagle Rock, CA, Kerry and Dana Barcellos-Allen of Avon, CT, and Elizabeth Barcellos and Kevin Nelson of Burlington, CT; two great-grandsons, William Barcellos and Nicholas Nelson of Burlington, CT; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; by her husband of 35 years, Dr. Edward A. Kueffer; and by her beloved Italian greyhound, Izzie.

Pat's legacy will live on for generations through her good works and her loving family. In lieu of flowers, Pat's family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011, or at www.alz.org.



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Carlton John Daiss Jr.

May 19, 1925 – February 27, 2017

Carlton John Daiss Jr., a resident of Menlo Park, passed away peacefully on February 27th. He was 91.

Chuck, to all who knew him, was born in Oakland on May 19th, 1925 to Lorene and Carlton Daiss. He grew up in Oakland, attended Piedmont High School and UC Berkeley where he was in the Sigma Nu fraternity and played on the tennis team. He was a B-24 radio operator in the US Army Air Corps during WWII, and returned to Berkeley to graduate with a BS in Business.



In 1950, Chuck married Margaret (Peggy) Linforth. Chuck worked in sales in the utilities industry finishing his career as President of Safety Line Tool Company. Throughout, he sought to develop and improve equipment used by electric utility workers.

Known for his wicked serve, Chuck played tennis every week until he was 90 years old. Chuck loved to play dominoes and bridge, and enjoyed social settings such as Foothills Tennis and Swim Club, the Bohemian Club and The Palo Alto Club. He had an exuberant personality, a big smile, and a strong handshake. Always eager to help people, he raised his hand to tackle many projects, and served regularly on volunteer committees.

Chuck is survived by Peggy, his wife of almost 67 years; his children Jack (Susie) of Rochester NY; Dan (Nancy) of Portola Valley; Kim (Dan) of Lynchburg VA; and Carla (John) of Menlo Park, and nine grand-children. He was predeceased by his mother, father, and brother Robert.

A family gathering is planned in lieu of a service. Donations can be made in Chuck's honor to: East Palo Alto Tennis and Tutoring Program (EPATT), P.O. Box 60597, Palo Alto CA, 94306 or a charity of your choice.

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Joseph Andrew Gist, Jr.

Joseph Andrew Gist, Jr. of San Jose and Palo Alto, passed away on Dec. 20, 2016. He was 91 years old.

Joe's family moved to Clinton, OK, when he was 12, where he met Barbara Lou Mills, also age 12, who was the church organist. Little did they know that one day they would marry, move to California, and raise a family together!

When he was 18, Joe joined the Navy and spent several years on a destroyer during WWII, operating the sonar. He then spent 9 months in Japan as part of the occupying force immediately after the war.

Joe attended college in Chico, CA, married Barbara Lou, and moved to Redding, CA, where he was a school teacher and principal. The family later moved to Palo Alto, where they lived for 35 years.

The family would pile into the car in the summertime to see the country, picking up antique tools along the way to add to Joe's collection. The old army tent was pitched in all weathers as the family "roughed it" through their adventures. They saw Niagara Falls, the Smithsonian, NY City, New England, Banff, Yellowstone, and more.

Joe continued to teach in San Jose for 30 years. Many of his students were immigrants, from many countries, and he was so proud of their efforts and abilities.

After retiring, Joe wrote five historical novels about the Gold Rush, the Wild West, and WWII.

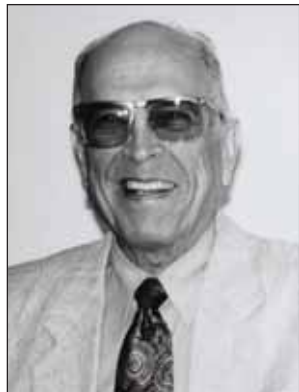
Joe is survived by son Herschel Gist, daughter Barbara Hanneloré, and sister Jeanne Hess.

Condolences may be sent to PO Box 61838, Santa Barbara, CA 93160.

A Memorial Service will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church, 470 Cambridge Ave, Palo Alto, on Saturday, March 25 at 1 pm.

Donations are appreciated at either Wesley United Methodist Church, Mailing Address: 463 College Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94306 (where Barbara was organist), or Pathways Hospice www.pathwayshealth.org.

More information available at www.paloaltoonline.com/obituaries.



PAID OBITUARY

Mary Jean Place

March 30, 1928 – February 9, 2017

Mary Jean Place passed away peacefully at her home in The Sequoias in Portola Valley, California on Thursday, February 9, 2017. Mary Jean had courageously battled Pulmonary Fibrosis for more than ten years. She was born Mary Jean Simpson in Saint Paul, Minnesota on March 30, 1928 to Lillian and Harry Simpson. Mary Jean and her younger sister Patricia grew up on Livingston Avenue in South Saint Paul. After graduating from South Saint Paul High School in 1946, she earned a BA in Philosophy and an MA in Library Science from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

In 1951 Mary Jean became a librarian for the U.S. Army in Stuttgart, Germany, setting up libraries for military families. While in Germany she met her first husband, Virgil A. Place, a doctor with the 7th Army. They married in 1952 in Ludwigsburg Palace, Southern Germany. They returned to Rochester, Minnesota, and Mary Jean went to work at the Mayo Clinic Library, became active in the League of Women Voters, and had their first daughter, Tamara. In 1955 they moved to Modesto, California, where Mary Jean helped found the Modesto Symphony and volunteered at the Medical Library and gave birth to second daughter, Andrea. In 1958 they moved to New Jersey and Mary Jean continued her public service work, serving on the state board of the League of Women Voters and on the board of the Experiment in International Living, and hosting exchange students from Iran. She also worked on the Children's Art Program at MOMA in New York and welcomed third daughter, Nicola. In 1966 they moved to Palo Alto, California. Mary Jean and Virgil's marriage ended in 1976, and she married Frank Scheufele in 1983, a union which continued until 2012.

Mary Jean's personal and professional passions were cultural: art, libraries, and music. Her love of art led her to work for Los Robles Gallery and later establish the Place/Allrich Gallery in San Francisco. Ultimately she became an independent Fine Art Consultant enabling many corporations and art enthusiasts, including herself, to establish superb art collections.

Besides her love for her family, Mary Jean wanted to be remembered most for her public service. During her 45 years living in Palo Alto, Mary Jean actively contributed to her community through extensive service to libraries, arts, and other cultural endeavors. She served on the Palo Alto Visual Arts Commission, on the board of La Comida (at Avenidas), and was President of the Friends of The Library. She established the Palo Alto Library Commission, the Palo Alto Library Foundation, and was appointed to the California Commission for Library Trustees. At The Sequoias, Mary Jean

founded the Great Decisions Educational Group and served as chair of the Education Committee and of the Birthday Committee.

While her given name was Mary Jean, she became better known to many as simply "M.J." Life with M.J. was a constant whirl of visiting friends, old and new, from around the U.S. and the world. She had incredible creative abilities and talents in entertaining. She also hosted a series of boarders from many different countries: graduate students, visiting professors, and friends of friends, all of whom became lifelong family members "by affection". Over the many years at her Palo Alto home, countless people participated in the hundreds of dinners and parties she prepared and hosted. For those lucky enough to attend a dinner, she offered this pre-meal blessing: "May the mandala of life that encircles us all bring us peace, joy, and happiness."

M.J. also had a passion for travel. She visited many different countries, including Iran, China, New Zealand, England, Sweden, France, Germany, Canada and Mexico, to name a few. In her 70's, she spent two years living in Saint Germaine-En-Lay, France, just outside of Paris, where her love of berets began. In her 80's she



moved to Arkansas for a year, following her passions for family, being near Andrea, and for art, spending many a day at the newly opened Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art.

Mary Jean is preceded in death by her parents,

Lillian and Harry Simpson of Anoka, Minnesota, her sister Patricia May Simpson Erickson of Duluth, Minnesota, and her first husband Virgil Place of Hawaii.

Mary Jean is survived by her three daughters and their spouses, Tamara and Jeff Hutten of Kila, Montana; Andrea Place Fournet and David Fournet of Fayetteville, Arkansas; and Nicola Place and Chris Beeson of Diablo, California; three granddaughters: Vanessa Ross, Danielle Battee, Adele Fournet; and one great-grandson, Parker Ross. She is survived by her second husband Frank Scheufele, and her five stepchildren and their spouses: Susan Scheufele and Greg Smith, Carol Scheufele, Robin and Chris Apple, Chris and Terri Scheufele, Peter and Reba Scheufele; four step-grandchildren: Annemarie and Spencer Apple, Gregory Scheufele, and Nina Scheufele.

A service to honor and celebrate Mary Jean's extraordinary life will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto, California, 94306. For information, contact mj.place.family@gmail.com

In lieu of flowers, Mary Jean asked that you consider making a donation to Autism Speaks, Friends of the Palo Alto Library, or Mission Hospice of San Mateo.

PAID OBITUARY

Editorial

Renaming schools

Well-intentioned campaign to rename Jordan, Terman has divided community

It's been 45 years since the Indian was dropped as the Stanford University mascot by then-President Richard Lyman, and even to this day some alumni are still resentful and withhold financial support from their alma mater.

Those who fought against that decision in 1972 viewed it as a capitulation to political correctness and to a groundswell of student opinion that coincided with the national Native American social movement. It was a highly emotional debate that broke largely along generational lines.

But today, and with each passing year, one would be hard-pressed to find more than a handful of students, faculty or alumni with any regrets about what at the time was a highly controversial decision. And many don't even know the history, even as they may wonder why Stanford today has no official mascot, is known in athletic competitions as a color (as decreed by Lyman's successor, Don Kennedy) and is unofficially represented by a tree.

Naming and mascots can be messy business. Over the past year a highly motivated group of Palo Alto parents has waged a campaign to rename Jordan and Terman middle schools because their namesakes, David Starr Jordan (the first president of Stanford) and Lewis Terman (a Stanford psychologist and creator of the IQ test), were proponents of eugenics.

The group put enough pressure on Palo Alto school district Superintendent Max McGee and the school board that McGee formed a 13-member committee that was dominated by advocates for changing the school names and whose recommendations, presented in a 61-page report and 15 appendices, surprised no one.

All signs point to the school board voting to approve the renaming at its meeting on Tuesday.

There is no "right" answer to this debate, and both sides make thoughtful and persuasive arguments. Supporters argue passionately that the beliefs of Jordan and Terman run so counter to the current values of our community that their lives should not be honored through school names. Opponents vehemently disagree and believe that the beliefs and accomplishments of these two should be used as a teaching opportunity with students to demonstrate how political and social beliefs evolve.

Were it not for a report on David Starr Jordan done by the seventh-grader whose parents then raised concerns with other parents, it is likely that Jordan's and Terman's histories would have remained under anyone's radar. Regardless of whether one believes these school names should be changed, this student has provided a great educational service to the community.

Our concern is less with the merits of changing the names and more with the ongoing resources this effort is consuming. Like so many other issues deemed important by some segment of the community, this one has been a distraction and a diversion from other district priorities and challenges. And it has stirred up emotions and divided people, not over disagreements about eugenics but over what should be done about such discoveries.

At a time when the school district is facing serious budget cuts, the amount of time and energy being invested in this effort is regrettable even as the cause is noble.

If the school board votes to approve renaming the two schools next week, as expected, the district will then establish a new committee to recommend new names, a task that will surely become its own source of controversy. And then implementing the name changes will be costly, as signage, stationery, business cards, gym floors, uniforms and other things must all be re-branded, all at a time when we are cutting valuable school services. That doesn't make sense.

Our hope is that the board delays implementation of the renaming until we have successfully addressed the budget shortfalls and avoids a drawn-out community process for determining new names. For Terman, we urge a renaming to honor Lewis Terman's son, Frederick, a historical figure in his own right and not associated with eugenics. Easy, cheap and a teaching moment for Terman students.

For Jordan, the school board should bring back the name Wilbur Middle School, named after Ray Lyman Wilbur, a medical doctor who served 27 years as Stanford's third president between 1916 and 1943 and who created the lease allowing Palo Alto High School to be built on Stanford property. The Wilbur name was retired when Jordan was closed in 1985 (later reopened in 1991) and students were merged together on the Wilbur campus, now called Jane Lathrop Stanford (JLS) Middle School.

Spare the community and the district another year or more of debate about new names and just make a decision. And defer implementation until either the money needed is either privately raised or we aren't cutting other needed school programs. ■

Spectrum

Editorials, letters and opinions

Removing 50-foot height limit

Editor,

The 50-foot height limit has existed for about 50 years and has well served its intended purpose. But times have changed and so should various zoning regulations including height.

The 50-foot height limitation followed a couple of projects that had been approved by the City Council, but then referended. One was the Palo Alto Medical Foundation hospital that would have destroyed Professorville. Another was labeled "Superblock" on Lytton Avenue that would have replaced Elinor Cogswell Plaza. The height limitation was an appropriate response given the

concerns of the community at the time.

But why does it make sense to continue an arbitrary limit 50 years later? Times have changed, including a doubling of the population, traffic and parking crises and a housing shortage. Why not provide incentives that will make for better environments going forward?

Take a look at Staller Court Apartments at the corner of Forest Avenue and Gilman Street, built in 1928. The building has a footprint of about two-thirds of the total lot area. It is over five stories and provides public open space. The same building could have occupied the entire lot area in about three stories. What a shame that

would've been. But that is the standard today: cover everything. Why not provide incentives that permit greater height in exchange for open space?

Land is very expensive and thereby requires intense development. Consider that raising the height from 50 feet to 60 feet would provide 20 percent more mass on the same parcel, 50 feet to 70 feet would be 40 percent more. There's no question that housing densities must be increased. There are locations where it's viable. Using the MacArthur Park site as a hypothetical example, it would be very unfortunate to not use imagination embracing height.

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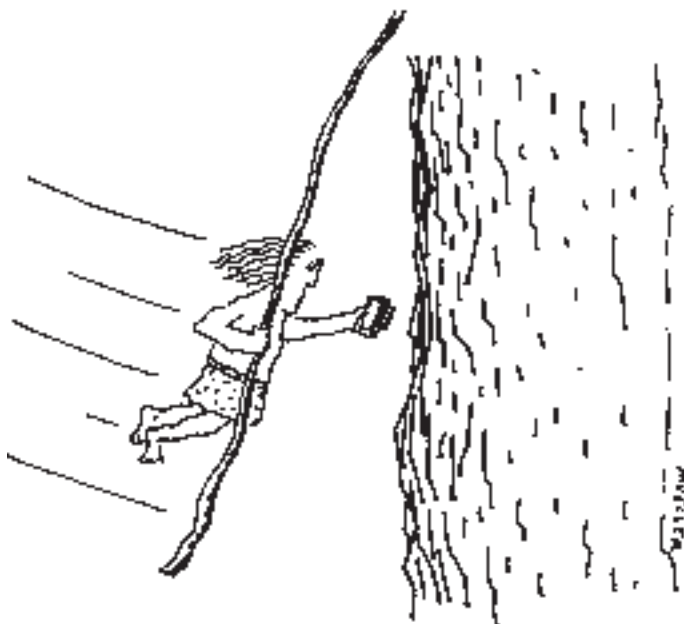


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Addressing child care for graduate students

Editor,

I must respond to two articles in the Palo Alto Weekly on March 3, "The child care squeeze" and "How Stanford's child care centers are run." These articles inaccurately foster a perception that Stanford lacks a commitment to providing child care — specifically, child care for our graduate students.

Stanford has worked to provide child care opportunities for the university community since the 1970s. Stanford is one of the largest providers of employer-supported child care in the Valley — and one of the largest providers of child care among institutions of higher education. The expansion of Children's Center of Stanford Community (CCSC) and the addition of child care at our Redwood City campus will add significantly more spaces. Closing two small campus programs was a difficult decision and not made lightly. Nevertheless, expanding the CCSC program is in the long-term best interest of the community we serve.

The Stanford WorkLife Office interacts with graduate student families and we hear their child care concerns firsthand. Our facilities offer tuition-reduction programs for graduate students, and they have priority second only to faculty. We will continue working to address the specific needs of this important community.

The best long-term solutions to the child care shortage will require collaboration. Our recent partnership with Palo Alto Unified School District, Palo Alto Community Child Care and the City of Palo Alto to increase the size of the after-school program at Escondido Elementary School demonstrates the creativity and commitment needed to expand

Guest Opinion

City should flex height limit for creative development

by David L. Hirsch

The 50-foot building-height limit championed by some Palo Alto City Council members is a desirable objective but ought not to be an unalterable regulation.

"Height" is a matter of perspective and perception. By perspective I mean visual not "point of view." By perception I mean actual, physical "observation" not "concept."

If one looks at a building with elements that are 60 feet tall on a large site and one is a considerable distance away, or if these elements are related to others in a proportional relationship, they may look quite appropriate. If these structures are on a narrow street with 30- to 40-foot-tall buildings as their immediate surroundings, they are likely to seem quite massive and the street will seem to be constricted.

Palo Alto's prime example is the iconic Ramona Street, with its incredible variety of scale and detail. The most recent modern building complements the historic Pedro de Lemos lower-scaled elements on the block. The early 20th century Birge Clark building at Hamilton Avenue and the corner tower element at University Avenue act as bookends, defining these two prominent corners. Both of these structures exceed the 50-foot height limit, a controversial issue that the council recently decided to codify in the city's zoning

ordinance rather than include in the city's broader Comprehensive Plan.

The size and proportion of an element of a building or buildings that is higher or lower, is forward at the street edge or set back from it are important urban design considerations. Such variations allow for an opportunity to respond to different objectives: to reinforce a major street corner, to permit a juxtaposition of shapes and proportions, to provide useful exterior deck spaces, to allow sunlight to penetrate an inner courtyard. Together they allow for the possibility that a new and creative idea might enhance an otherwise ordinary design.

These design elements, along with the city's affordable housing and commercial initiatives, must be negotiated with the developer and will impact decisions regarding height and bulk. The city wants projects that include a significant proportion of affordable housing mixed with office or retail commercial uses. Perhaps such a project, strategically located, could include public amenity spaces. And to achieve all of these objectives the project developer would require an increase in the area of market-rate housing and commercial space, which could be achieved only if a portion or portions of the development exceeded the 50-foot height limitation.

The fears are obvious: Palo Alto is a low-scaled, pedestrian-oriented, mostly residential community. It is obvious that most residents do not want it to grow into a major urban environment, impersonal and congested. There is a balance right now with the quiet neighborhoods and an active downtown. The mistakes of the past, with high-rise commercial and seniors' buildings, have been curtailed.



The building at Ramona Street and Hamilton Avenue was designed by Palo Alto architect Birge Clark.

Vigilance is necessary lest these errors in judgment return. But such concerns should not overly restrict creative development.

The content of developers' presentations must demonstrate and emphasize sun angle studies, massing considerations, perspective street views, neighborhood context modeling and pedestrian impact well before facade designs, unit plans and construction materials are presented. This feasibility study is when the 50-foot height limitation is either justifiable or not. To exclude discussion of the aesthetic issues for a later date simplifies the analysis and eliminates the issue of taste, which is always subjective and time-consuming.

And although this discussion is about the physical nature of development, the city must also be careful to critically analyze the developer's pro forma. It is a "quid pro quo" issue. The developer expects to realize a significant profit as a reward for the risk taken, and the city is willing to provide a bonus by relaxing the zoning restrictions, including appropriate height exceptions. The developer in return commits to the important benefits for the community.

So while the 50-foot height is a desirable limit, exceptions should be allowed. ■

David Hirsch is an architect who spent most of his career in New York City but has moved to Crescent Park in Palo Alto.

affordable child care options. I'm proud to be part of that journey and invite those with the passion for solving these challenging and complex issues to join me.

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Castilleja's modernization

Editor,

As a 34-year Palo Alto resident and the father of a former Castilleja School student, I want to voice my support for the school's plans for campus modernization and increased enrollment.

Look, I get it. "Growth" has become a four-letter word in our city. We're a magnet for innovation and the beneficiaries of a huge boom in home prices, all while bearing the brunt of increased traffic and noise. It is easy to say "enough is enough" under these conditions, and it seems this is the sentiment expressed by some of Castilleja's neighbors.

But Castilleja is not a developer, the latest startup or a trendy boutique coming here seeking to profit from our town. The school has been a cornerstone in our community for over 100 years, educating young women to become the leaders of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Quality of education is a hallmark of our community, and Castilleja's reputation is exemplary.

It is reasonable for Castilleja's neighbors to be concerned about how expansion plans might affect them. Parking, construction noise and dust, and environmental impacts are all legitimate issues. It is just as reasonable for Castilleja to want to continue offering an excellent education for its students for the next 100 years. The school should be afforded the same opportunities to modernize and expand that we allow our public schools and residents.

So how do we, as a community, resolve this? Can we flip this adversarial approach into one in which we seek solutions that work

for everyone? Can a balance of interests and a spirit of compromise prevail?

I sure hope so.

Bill Burch
Marion Avenue, Palo Alto

Preserving views

Editor,

A proposed private house development above Arastradero Open Space Preserve, at 670 Los Trancos Road (sandwiched between Arastradero and Foothills Park) would loom on a hilltop, in plain view, easily seen from Meadowlark and other loop trails near the top of the park. Winter rains have caused access to these trails to be temporarily closed, so it has been difficult for the public to see the poles and flags marking this proposed development, but it is there.

We are fortunate in Palo Alto to have quick access to natural open spaces of tremendous beauty, to hike, bike or ride a horse in. We can camp, go boating, fishing, birding, star gazing and do nature photography in these places.

Within minutes of town we can access beautiful places like Foothills Park and Arastradero Open Space preserve, among others.

These parks contain interesting wildlife, plants and natural open-sky views. It is important in our busy lives that we have access to these tranquil places, away from the distractions and bustle of town.

The natural views these parks offer of sky, rolling hills and oaks should be protected. We should not allow building of private homes on hilltops that could impede these views.

Palo Alto should adhere to its Municipal Code 18.28.070, which states that developments must be hidden from view of our public parklands and should be located away from hilltops or ridgelines. Furthermore, this project includes a second house on the property of under 6 acres. City code requires 10 acres to build a second home. Concerned residents should write in, or better yet, speak out at the council's weekly Monday night

meetings at City Hall.

I urge the city planning commission and City Council to deny this project and any project that would come in view of our precious parks.

Kim Atkinson
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Short on staff

Restaurateurs battle rising wages, high cost of living, shifting trends

Story by Elena Kadvany | Photos by Michelle Le

Last year, Omar Piña's Menlo Park restaurant, Mama Coco, was so short staffed, he had to return to the kitchen for several months. His wife often came in to help serve food.

Finally, he hired two people to fill the gap — people who had no prior restaurant experience but had worked at Mexican markets. He spent about a month teaching them how to cook and was eventually able to return to his primary responsibilities as a business owner.

But the economic pressures impacting his and many other Midpeninsula restaurant owners' ability to hire and hold onto quality staff — a regional labor shortage, the increasingly prohibitive cost of living in the area and higher minimum wages, among other factors — persist.

Restaurants up and down the Midpeninsula are understaffed, with consequences for both owners and consumers. At some restaurants, service has been affected: Some days, Pizzeria Delfina in downtown Palo Alto doesn't have enough staff to open its outdoor patio, owner Craig Stoll said. Owners are raising menu prices more frequently to be able to pay their staff competitively, afford hours of overtime and achieve already razor-thin profit margins.

Longtime owners who have run restaurants here for decades say they've never seen labor costs become so acute, and they fear a breaking point is on the horizon.

"We're competing as much for staff as we are for customers," Stoll said in an interview with the Weekly. "The cost of living goes up, and we continue to have to pay more, and our margins shrink,

(and) our prices increase. It's kind of a vicious cycle."

An 'evaporating' labor pool

For Michael Ekwall, who with his wife co-owns La Bodeguita del Medio, a longtime Cuban restaurant on California Avenue in Palo Alto, affordability is not only the No. 1 issue driving the local labor shortage but also "No. 2 and 2.5." "The labor pool here — because it's so expensive, the cost of living is so high — is much shallower than say San Francisco or even San Jose because the cost of entry here is so much higher," he said. "When you're talking about a one bedroom apartment for \$2,000, not a lot of people can afford that."

Owners say the problem has become more acute in the last two years or so. At one local restaurant, line cooks make about \$2,600 per month; bussers, about \$3,000; and servers, about \$4,500. (Line cooks, however, work the most hours.) Employees can get additional compensation from overtime pay, and servers also earn more from tips. However, the median rental price for a one-bedroom in Palo Alto currently sits at \$2,700, up 8.7 percent from last year, according to a report compiled by rental website Apartment List. The median cost to rent a one-bedroom in Mountain View is just below Palo Alto's at \$2,680, according to Apartment List.

Owners said they see many staff living with multiple people in apartments — three people in a one bedroom, for example — to afford rent.

Most restaurant staff still live



Omar Piña, the owner of Mama Coco in Menlo Park, had to return to the kitchen for several months last year because his restaurant was understaffed.



in the area, in relatively more affordable cities like Redwood City, East Palo Alto or San Jose, owners said. Workers don't tend to come from areas that are cheaper but farther away, like the East Bay or

Gilroy, given the added expense it would take to commute.

Yet even Midpeninsula cities with relatively less-expensive housing, like Redwood City, are becoming unaffordable for restaurant workers.

"If you're a restaurant assistant manager or a restaurant sous chef and you wanted to start a family or have a life or buy a house, how could you possibly do that in the Bay Area?" asked Howard Bulka, owner of Howie's Artisan Pizza at Town & Country Village.

"They find an apartment; they

find a back house; they live with three people in a two-bedroom apartment or whatever it is. But ultimately, they leave. Ultimately, they look for greener pastures," he said.

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— Craig Stoll, owner, Pizzeria Delfina

"The labor pool is just evaporating," Bulka added.

The cost of living is pricing out not only restaurant employees but owners themselves. Ekwall rents a home in Menlo Park and said he can't afford to buy a house in the city where he's run a restaurant for 20 years. Bulka and Dan Gordon,

owner of the eponymous restaurant in downtown Palo Alto, both live in Redwood City and said that they, just like their employees, cannot afford to live in Palo Alto.

Peter Katz, the original Northern California franchisee of burger

chain The Counter, said he sees similar issues across his eight locations, but labor costs are highest at his Palo Alto, Mountain View, Cupertino, San Mateo and San Jose restaurants. Labor accounts for from 33 percent to more than 40 percent of total sales revenue at The Counter, depending on the location. It is the restaurants' largest expense category, he said, and itself has risen about 30 percent to 40 percent over the last five years.

Bulka said he has been raising wages in his restaurant consistently for the last three years.

In the first five years Howie's Artisan Pizza was open, he raised menu prices once. Now, he raises them every year to compensate for the increases in labor and other costs, he said. This is not a simple fix, given raising prices means running the risk of customers ordering less, choosing to eat elsewhere or cooking at home.

Ekwall described the current labor environment as a "staffing nightmare." On a weekly basis, La Bodeguita is down three people out of about 45, he said. Like Piña, there are days when he and his wife have stepped in to



La Bodeguita owner Michael Ekwall has had to fill in as server, host and even dishwasher on days his restaurant is short-staffed. Above, he carries plates during the lunch rush on March 3.



La Bodeguita line cook Jesus Cordero, right, and kitchen manager Luis Hernandez, left, check on orders during the lunch rush on March 3. Quality back-of-house workers are in high demand on the Midpeninsula.



Dan Gordon, the owner of the eponymous restaurant in downtown Palo Alto, is worried about the pressure the city's planned minimum-wage increases will put on full-service restaurants.



At popular fast-casual eateries like Poké Bar in downtown Mountain View, service is less central to their concept — and, thus, to their success.

fill in as host, food prep or even dishwasher. On a recent week, La Bodeguita racked up 120 hours in overtime — the equivalent of two-and-a-half employees, he said.

“We’re trying to balance this concept, from our perspective, of being able to pay people enough money so they can live around here but also that we can stay in business,” Ekwall said. “That’s the challenge.”

And in an over-saturated restaurant scene, potential hires have a healthy choice of prospective employers. Today, rather than people being desperate for a good job, owners are desperate for good staff.

“Sometimes they get a different offer from a different restaurant — maybe one more dollar, \$2 more — and then they leave,” Piña said.

“I’m always scared. Every time I come in, I cross my fingers and I say, ‘Hopefully everyone comes to work,’” he said.

Owners have also had to lower their standards for hiring, particularly for back-of-house positions. Cooks with far less experience have become more attractive in the current labor market, owners said.

Another huge shift for restaurants operating in Silicon Valley: increasingly stiff competition from tech companies and restaurant chains that can offer better pay, benefits and hours. The impact from tech companies is dual: Not only are they drawing down on the local labor pool to staff on-campus eateries, but by providing employees with quality food at the office, fewer people going out to eat on their lunch breaks, local restaurant owners said.

In light of all of this, owners are doing what they can to make their restaurants more attractive places to work. La Bodeguita, for example, has long paid half of full-time employees’ health care plans, and offers 401Ks. Asian Box, which operates locations in Palo Alto and Mountain View, pays its staff weekly (which costs the restaurant “substantially more”), offers cell-phone plan reimbursement, helps staff with loans, writes apartment references for staff and

has always paid more than minimum wage, owner Frank Klein said. Owners are more flexible with scheduling, particularly given many employees work more than one restaurant job.

Other owners say they are cultivating kinder, more positive kitchens with an emphasis on teaching — a stark contrast from the traditionally unforgiving, even abusive, environment of kitchens past. At Pizzeria Delfina, Stoll has implemented regular staff reviews to check in not only about performance, but to set and guide staff toward goals.

“Our focus is always on being a great restaurant for guests to eat at,” Stoll said. “Newsflash: We have to focus on being great employers now.”

Pressures of the new minimum wage

On Jan. 1, restaurant workers in both Palo Alto and Mountain View saw their minimum wage increase — in Palo Alto, to \$12 per hour and in Mountain View, \$13 an hour. Both cities are on a path toward phasing in an eventual minimum wage of \$15 an hour. California’s minimum wage is currently \$10.50 an hour, with yearly increases ahead through 2022.

Owners say they support a living wage for their staff, but local cities’ accelerated increases are having an intractable impact on their bottom line. They’re also frustrated by local elected officials who supported the increases without understanding the effects on restaurants in particular. The low-paid employees who need a higher wage the most, like back-of-house line cooks and dishwashers, are sharing the new increase with waiters who make ample additional income in tips.

This amounts to robbing Peter to pay Paul, Dan Gordon said.

“It’s very regressive in terms of the highest-paid restaurant employees are getting a raise and the people that need it the most at the back of the house are going to be left behind,” he said.

The new minimum wage also affects restaurants disproportionately, with full-service restaurants bearing more of a burden, Gordon said. The wage increase means less money to go around for the non-tipped employees. One solution owners have called for is an exemption that would

apply to tipped employees, most of whom already make more than \$20 per hour in tips alone. (The Palo Alto City Council agreed in January to advocate for a state law that would allow cities to do this, in part due to pressure from these and other local restaurant owners.)

Gordon and other local owners are also watching carefully as Bay Area restaurants experiment with different solutions, such as replacing tipping with a mandatory service charge.

While the full impact of the minimum-wage hike remains to be seen, Gordon is already worried about the jump to \$13.50 coming next January. He predicts “dramatic” closures are ahead for full-service restaurants.

“There’s a lot of uncertainty and there’s a lot of panic in the air. Restaurateurs are all talking about it. The initial nail into the coffin was Jan. 1, and now we’re worried about next January and how to survive,” he said.

New trends in dining

As the full-service neighborhood restaurant struggles to survive, less labor-intensive concepts are taking hold. The rise of fast-casual dining, in which customers order at the counter, their meal prepared assembly-line style, is gaining in popularity.

This trend is apparent in Palo Alto’s and Mountain View’s dining rows. In 2016, Palo Alto saw

the opening of numerous fast-casual eateries, including Sweetgreen, Lemonade, Tender Greens and three poké eateries. Sweetgreen is planning another location for Mountain View’s Castro Street, which is also home two fast-casual poké spots, family restaurant-turned-fast-casual Asian-

fusion eatery Srasa Kitchen and Asian Box, among others. Service is less central to their concepts — and, thus, to their success.

And at some restaurants, such as Calafia Cafe and Yayoi in Palo Alto, tablet computers are helping to take orders, split checks and calculate tips.

While owners hope diners still value the touch of a human server and the full-service experience, the appeal of the cheaper, fast-casual model is undeniable.

“We think that our staff, hopefully, represent us in our vision and enthusiasm to the guests. You don’t get that from a tablet,” Ekwall said. “But at the same time, if you have overhead of labor of several hundred thousand dollars a year and you can buy an iPad for \$500 — less than a week’s worth of wages — and you don’t have to pay that tablet workers’ compensation insurance and you don’t have to pay it health care ... a lot of people are doing that.”

The one guaranteed protection against this perfect storm of economic challenges? An informed, spending customer. Restaurateurs hope to educate diners about why their hamburger might cost \$12 instead of \$10 now, about the nuanced impact of minimum wage increases and how the ever-rising cost of living in the Bay Area is affecting their bottom line.

Peter Katz of The Counter, for example, said he’s been working with a City of Cupertino small-business economic-development

group that recently sent information out to residents about the impact of the city’s minimum-wage increase on restaurants. He said like to see this kind of an effort replicated in Palo Alto and other cities he operates in.

Now, more than ever, Katz said, it’s important for local diners to patronize their favorite restaurants.

“Eat out more,” he said. “If restaurants are successful, we can better afford to pay the wages that we need to pay, the guests are happy, the employees are more successful and happy and the owners can afford to stay in business.”

Despite the local labor shortage, restaurants of all kinds — mom and pops, fast-casual, high-end, local and national chains — continue to open on the Peninsula, though owners say it is easier for chains with deeper pockets to risk the high labor costs, high rents and limited return on investment than independent owners.

Bulka recently closed his second Howie’s in Redwood City temporarily to retool the concept and eventually reopen — a fun creative endeavor but with practicalities that give him “enormous pause.”

“It’s fun to think about a new concept; it’s fun to think about a new design and a buildout of a restaurant ... but I know there comes a time in the future where I have to hire 40 or 50 employees,” he said, “and I’m not sure how that’s done.” ■

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About the cover: Line cook Jesus Cordero checks on orders during the lunch rush at La Bodeguita del Medio in Palo Alto. Given a local labor shortage, The long-time California Avenue Cuban restaurant struggles to fully staff its back and front of house. Photo by Michelle Le.

Arts & Entertainment

A weekly guide to music, theater, art, culture, books and more, edited by Karla Kane



The New Zealand-based dance company Black Grace comes to Stanford March 19.

New Zealand dance company Black Grace imbues traditional and contemporary dance styles with meaning

by Anna Medina

Mindful Movement

Courtesy of Stanford Live

When Neil Jeremia was young, he suffered from rheumatic fever, damaging one of his heart valves and leaving his physical outlets limited. Instead of practicing martial arts like the other boys in the Maori neighborhood of Wellington, New Zealand, where he grew up, Jeremia spent time dancing around at home to music.

"I didn't have any training," recalled Jeremia, whose dance company Black Grace will perform at Stanford University on March 19. "I just sort of made it up as I went along."

At the age of 13, he started dancing at a local church, even though "dancing wasn't one of those things you did," he said.

After graduating from high school, Jeremia started working as a bank clerk and was on his way to fulfilling the basic expectations his Samoan parents, who immigrated to New Zealand in the 1960s, had envisioned for him: work, have a family, buy a house, go to church.

However, at the age of 18, one pivotal experience sent Jeremia's life in a radically different direction.

A project through his local church saw him involved in the closing ceremony of the Commonwealth Games (an athletic competition between the nations of the former British Empire), where he was first exposed to professional dancers.

Jeremia was part of a very small choreographic team associated with the non-profit World Vision, which helped organize the event. By the end of it, he was "roped into" performing in a ceremony that combined traditional dancing from different countries with contemporary and modern dancing.

The experience, which Jeremia called "inspirational," prompted him to quit his job at the bank and enroll in dance school.

"My mother was in tears, and my father — he didn't talk to me," he said.

Despite his parents' shock, Jeremia went to dance school later that year, where he learned classical technique, taking classes in ballet, rhythm, percussion, improvisation and theater.

After training for a year, he was invited to join the Douglas Wright Dance Company, where he danced for two years before freelancing. All the while, Jeremia noticed that the stories people were telling through dance weren't from his neighborhood, his culture; more and more, Jeremia felt "compelled to do that."

He'd always wanted to start his own group — one that would involve different aspects of his culture, from singing, to dancing, to acting, all in a professional context.

With the help of a grant, he started Black Grace, which began in 1995 with 10 men of Pacific Islander and Maori descent. His first work was a dance about the stereotyping of males.

"Very few men were involved in dance," he said. "In other parts of the world, dance has always been part of the cultural fabric; in New Zealand, it wasn't as acceptable."

Jeremia described his choreography as energetic, highlighting the sheer physicality of the body and blending traditional, indigenous dance with modern dance. Because Jeremia has created his own aesthetic, pulling from different

traditions, it's fitting that the dancers in his company undergo an atypical training regimen.

Dancers might run up and down Mount Eden, Auckland's highest volcanic cone, or go to the park and do hill sprints, or participate in various games, all in an effort to "mix it up," have fun and remember that the goal is to tell stories that honor their place in the Pacific's history and heritage.

The program Black Grace will be performing at Stanford's Memorial Auditorium — "Minoi, Pati Pati, and Crying Men" (new work) — will explore cultural identity. To delve into this theme, Jeremia worked with his own experience, which he described as the "collision of being a New Zealand-born Samoan, feeling like you don't quite belong in either country."

Just as he did at the outset, Jeremia continues to engage with entrenched ideas of masculinity and what he described as "warrior culture" within the male Pacific Island and Maori context. His piece "Crying Men," an excerpt of which is part of the program, poses questions such as "What kind of hangover are we feeling from the past?" and "What are the ideas of what men should look like or how they should behave?"

While some pieces are inspired by Jeremia's own experience, others are informed by world events. For the piece "As Night Falls," Jeremia took many news stories from around the world and transformed them into smaller vignettes that form a larger picture. The piece touches on nationalism, xenophobia, the denial of refugees and responses to terrorist acts.

For this piece in particular, Jeremia's process involved reading newspapers from all over the world for a year, from the Guardian, to the Telegraph, to the Washington Post, to the New York Times, to newspapers in New Zealand, and viewing various documentaries. The result was a collection of stories and imagery, one of which made a lasting impression on Jeremia: It was the image of a father shielding his son, both of whom were killed in an airstrike in Aleppo.

"That was the turning point for me," Jeremia said. "I try and find a positive out of this (process) ... (The image) captured the good and the bad — a father desperately trying to protect his son."

In exploring this dark subject matter, Jeremia stressed that he strives to create something beautiful in response to the often-horrific news, in an attempt to take some of the darkness and turn it into positivity and light.

"I see the work that I make as a real opportunity to tell stories and to communicate and to reflect society back at itself; it's a vehicle," he said. ■

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What: Black Grace presents "Minoi, Pati Pati, and Crying Men" (new work)
Where: Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford
When: Sunday, March 19, 2:30 p.m.
Cost: \$15-\$22
Info: live.stanford.edu/calendar/march-2017/black-grace

REVIEW THEATER

Joined at the hip

'Side Show' tells the fascinating tale of the Hilton twins

by Karla Kane

Some stories easily lend themselves to musical theater. An old-timey circus sideshow with a cast of “freak” characters — and the incredible true story of singing, dancing conjoined twins who became the toast of vaudeville — is one of them. That story and setting, paired with a melodic score, strong performances and eye-catching visuals, make Foothill Music Theatre’s current production of “Side Show” a winner.

“Side Show,” written by Bill Russell and Henry Krieger (with additional book material added by Bill Condon for the 2014 revival), serves as a loose biography of the Hilton Sisters, who rose above their difficult circumstances to briefly achieve stardom in the late 1920s and early ‘30s.

Daisy and Violet Hilton, “Siamese twins” conjoined at the upper thigh, were born in England, basically sold as infants by their unwed mother, and placed on display by their abusive adoptive “parents,” exhibited as medical oddities. At play’s start, they’ve come to America, trapped in a sideshow act by their adoptive father, “Sir,” who’s convinced the court system the girls need him to “look after” (more like enslave) them, even though they’re now legal adults.

In addition to the attention their physical condition attracts, the pretty twins also can harmonize sweetly. Bold Daisy dreams of fame, fortune and the new world of Hollywood stardom, while shy Violet longs for a simple, normal life. The two lay out the differences in their personalities and desires during their big “I want” number, “Like Everyone Else.” They catch the eye of a down-on-his-luck vaudeville booker, Terry Connor, who is sure that, with the help of song-and-dance man Buddy Foster, he can make the girls stars. Though some of their fellow freaks warn the girls not to trust the pair, the sisters decide to try and escape the sideshow life. They challenge “Sir” in court, win their freedom and hit the Orpheum Circuit. Terry and Buddy succeed in making the girls’ act a hit, but vaudeville’s days are numbered. Furthermore, Daisy and Violet find that even after their show-biz success, their lives are still lacking in many ways. Violet and Buddy get engaged, despite Buddy’s seeming preference for members of his own gender and the unrequited declaration of love Violet



Daisy (Jessica LaFever) and Violet (Lauren Meyer) are conjoined twins who become vaudeville stars in “Side Show,” presented by Foothill Music Theatre.

receives from her devoted friend and bodyguard Jake. And though fiery Daisy and Terry have strong feelings for one another, Terry finds himself unable to see a future with Daisy unless she and Violet undergo a risky separation surgery, something the sisters, despite their differences, are unwilling to risk. The bond between the twins — both physical and emotional — is stronger than any forces from the outside world.

The story is undeniably compelling (yes, modern audiences are still intrigued by human oddities, albeit viewed through a sympathetic lens), and the fact that it’s based on real people makes it all the more so.

Foothill’s production (directed by Milissa Carey) is polished and vibrant. As Daisy and Violet, respectively, Jessica LaFever and Lauren Meyer are perfectly matched, moving seamlessly as one and singing in glorious harmony, with LaFever’s strong voice demonstrating Daisy’s sultry side while Meyer’s dulcet tones highlight Violet’s sweet and innocent persona. Sean Okuniewicz balances Terry’s greedy hustler side with his underlying vulnerability, and Tarif Pappu is charming and funny as the over-eager, boyish Buddy. As the malevolent father figure and sideshow barker, Sir, Ken Boswell is riveting. Edward Clark, as Violet’s would-be paramour Jake, offers an emotive performance and rich vocals during his two standout numbers, “The Devil You Know” and “You Should Be Loved,” even if he struggles with pitch at times. The talented ensemble members get the chance to play a number of roles, including the twins’ sideshow comrades, nosy reporters, ominous doctors, high-society swells and Texas rubes. Everyone gets a moment or two in the spotlight.

The music itself is pleasant and stirring, if sometimes unremarkable. The numbers that the twins present as part of their act (“Typical Girls Next Door,” “Stuck With You,” “One Plus One Equals

Three”) are written and arranged in the jaunty style of period-accurate musical-hall songs, while the rest of the score has a more generic light-pop style, providing contrast between the twins’ on- and off-stage experiences. And although at times the novelty songs come off as “Chicago” and “Cabaret” knock-offs, the orchestra (conducted by keyboardist Dolores Duran-Cefalu) sounds terrific, with percussionist Andrew Maguire given many chances to shine.

Costume design for such an eclectic band of sideshow performers, not to mention conjoined twins dressed in the glamorous height of flapper style, must have been a blast for Shannon Maxham, who’s up to the challenge, along with the rest of the behind-the-scenes crew.

“Side Show” offers a rewarding and entertaining glimpse into the lives of two ultimately rather sad, exploited figures. Daisy and Violet Hilton may never have been able to live the lives of their dreams, but as the stars of this musical, they at least get the chance to show the humanity behind the freak show. ■

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What: “Side Show”
Where: Lohman Theatre, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills
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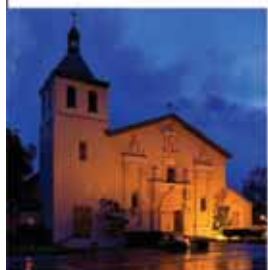


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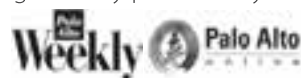
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John Goodman, Tom Hiddleston, Brie Larson and John C. Reilly star in "Kong: Skull Island."

Gorilla warfare

'Kong: Skull Island'

★★★1/2 (Century 16 & 20)

Monster movies carry a special appeal to a specific audience, even more so for monster-movie subgenres. All monster movies have a pulpy, B-movie essence to them in their inherent ridiculousness, but there's a spectrum from swanky (vampires) to the ultimate fighting-esque monster-a-monster showdowns (Godzilla vs. King Kong, et al). Warner Brothers and Legendary Entertainment are taking the latter to the bank by throwing more "A" money at more "B" material with "Kong: Skull Island," the second installment of a burgeoning "MonsterVerse" initiated in 2014's "Godzilla" reboot. The watchwords, then, are

"dumb fun," and on that level, "Kong: Skull Island" must be said to deliver. Though matters looked a bit wobbly when Michael Keaton and J.K. Simmons dropped out of the project, Legendary Entertainment rallied by casting Oscar winner Brie Larson to star opposite Tom Hiddleston, with support from Samuel L. Jackson, John Goodman, and an ensemble populated with some familiar character actors. The only problem with casting heavyweight talent: We expect more than an inherently flimsy B-movie scenario is likely to deliver in terms of characterization and dialogue. Excepting a few witty bits, the

actors come off like action figures in a "Jurassic Park" play set (skipping the "awe-shucks" part and jumping straight to the "oh crap"). Goodman and Corey Hawkins ("24: Legacy") play representatives of the secret research project Monarch, circa 1973. Bound to explore the remote Skull Island ("the land where God did not finish creation ... a place where myth and science meet"), they lobby for a military escort of men just released from Vietnam War duty (led by Jackson) and enlist a little extra insurance in an ex-SAS mercenary (Hiddleston). Somehow, a war photographer (Larson) talks herself onto the mission.

Upon arrival, and a very hairy meeting with giant ape Kong, the mission immediately becomes one of exfiltration (a.k.a. "get the hell out of here"). That's an attitude shared by Reilly's character, a WWII pilot stranded on the island in 1944. Reilly steals the movie wholesale by making his island expert as nutty and warm as an almond-milk latte. Meanwhile, director Jordan Vogt-Roberts (making a big move after indie calling card "The Kings of Summer") cheaply references "Apocalypse Now" and "Dr. Strangelove ...", but also handles the action with confidence.

That action builds to the fulfillment of the "MonsterVerse" promise (further teased in a post-credits scene) of monster-on-monster action. The 1933 "King Kong" was state-of-the-art movie magic, and the Toho monster movies (most notably "Godzilla") quite the opposite. Of course, this would-be blockbuster has to dazzle, which it does with an impressively fearsome CGI/mo-cap Kong (assisted in part by actor Toby Kebbell), "King" of a primordial menagerie of deadly creatures (which foolish humans defend against with heavy artillery, toxic gas and napalm).

"Kong: Skull Island" may not be a well-balanced cinematic meal

— since it bears a striking resemblance to the "hollow Earth" theory Hawkins' geologist espouses — but when weren't these movies empty calories? It's all very silly (complete with a brief "It was Beauty killed the Beast" breather

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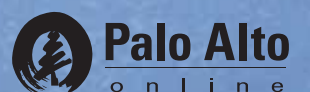
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4000 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, Cubberley Community Center, 650-646-1066, kabir@livingwisdomhighschool.org, LivingWisdomHighSchool.org

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650 Clark Way, Palo Alto, 650-688-3605, info@sandhillschool.org, sandhillschool.org

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To inquire about submitting a listing for the next Class Guide, email Editorial Assistant Anna Medina at amedina@paweekly.com or call 650-223-6515. To place a paid advertisement in the Class Guide, call the display advertising department at 650-326-8210.

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Tickets are on sale for Palo Alto's Gamble Garden Spring Garden Tour, **Friday, April 28**, and **Saturday, April 29**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour will feature gardens of homes in the area. This year's tour offers inviting areas to share with a friend, gather family and friends to share a meal, or simply be outside surrounded by nature's beauty. Tickets are \$30 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. Boxed lunches will be served between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Tea House Patio for an additional \$15. Go to gamblegarden.org to buy tickets.

HOUSED ON HOUZZ ...

The City of Palo Alto Development Services Department has teamed up with remodeling, design and resource website Houzz (houzz.com), to expand its reach to would-be permit applicants early in the design process. Through the partnership, the Development Services Department will be able to provide code and ordinance updates as well as other important information about the building permit process to residents and home professionals using the Houzz website. Houzz, located in the same building as the city's Development Services Department at 285 Hamilton Ave., provides a place for people to find inspiration and manage home projects from start to finish. Houzz users can follow Palo Alto Development Services at houzz.com/city/palo-alto.

LESSONS FROM THE GARDEN ...

Common Ground Garden in Palo Alto has created a middle-school garden curriculum, "Edible Education." The lesson plans aim to introduce children to the principles of sustainable farming methods while engaging them in science lessons. The curriculum takes students through a variety of garden activities, including planting, soil cultivation, digging, composting, harvesting, and investigating material decomposition. The garden lesson plans can be accessed online at <http://bit.ly/GB6thGradeCurriculum>.

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NEIGHBORHOOD SNAPSHOT



Greenmeadow residents Mari Tao and daughter Kelly, 4, left, and husband, Barry, with youngest daughter, Keiko, center, are greeted by Penny Ellson, second from right, and Gabby Rodriguez, far right. An ice-cream social organized for the neighborhood by Ellson and members of the Greenmeadow Community Association at Greenmeadow Park this month is typical of ways the neighbors bond and create community.

You don't just have a house, you have a home

*Modern neighborhood creates
old-fashioned friendships*

by Elizabeth Lorenz
photos by Veronica Weber



Pitched roofs, large glass windows and garages are typical of most Greenmeadow homes.

While many neighborhoods look eclectic with a variety of styles and heights of homes, Greenmeadow's modern uniformity and clean lines resonate with older residents as well as many newer home buyers.

Many of the 300 homes, built by Joseph Eichler in the 1950s, look as they used to, with original two-inch wood siding and low-pitched tongue-and-groove roofs. Others have been given new stone, wood or concrete textures or paint colors. But whether updated or left original, these residences exude warmth and friendliness.

Penny Ellson and her husband, Rich, moved to Greenmeadow in 1995, accidentally discovering the neighborhood. Ellson recalled feeling welcomed almost immediately by a neighbor who came over with a basket of goodies, including a neighborhood directory. He invited them to join the neighborhood association, an integral part of Greenmeadow, and featured the family in the next newsletter.

More recently, Ellson said she had another reason to be grateful for her neighborhood. Her dog became ill with a back problem and when she reached out to neighbors for an extra large dog crate, seven people responded in less than a day, with encouragement as well as "the perfect crate right to my doorstep. The outreach has been so kind and generous."

The neighborhood, which abuts the back of Charleston Center and

Cubberley Community Center, is located off Alma Street in south Palo Alto. Its northern border is Adobe Creek, and its southern border is Ferne Avenue and Ferne Court. The neighborhood extends west to Ferne, Ben Lomond Drive, Parkside and Creekside drives. Its eastern edge is Nelson Drive.

"For children and parents, many friendships start at the neighborhood pool," Ellson said. The swim team has many traditions, and it organizes Friday Night Dinner fundraisers throughout the summer.

The neighborhood's annual Fourth of July Parade and foot race is an all-day celebration. Children build floats and dress up their pets, neighbors play in marching bands and at the end, everyone sings "America the Beautiful." "It's hard to describe how moving that moment is," Ellson said. "You have to experience it. Then we spend the rest of the day picnicking, and playing pool and field games."

The neighborhood association is busy with plans to renovate the aging pool and build a new community clubhouse. Ground is expected to be broken in fall 2017. This year, the city's planned bike boulevard improvements will include Greenmeadow with enhancements that "will give our community an even safer, more accessible biking path to connect with the nearby library, schools and the Bryant

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HOME SALES

Home sales are provided by California REsource, a real estate information company that obtains the information from the County Recorder's Office. Information is recorded from the deeds after the close of escrow and published within four to six weeks.

Los Altos

216 Almond Avenue Stevens Trust to M. Zhu for \$2,500,000 on 02/22/17; built 1949, 4bd, 1,762 sq.ft.; previous sale 05/12/2005, \$1,250,000

1924 Churton Avenue Barnes Trust to Churton Limited for \$2,280,000 on 02/24/17; built 1952, 3bd, 1,497 sq.ft.

987 Lundy Lane Holmes Trust to Oliveri Trust for \$1,875,000 on 02/23/17; built 1951, 2bd, 962 sq.ft.

Menlo Park

658 11th Avenue L. Liu to H. Liu for \$869,000 on 02/09/17; built 1954, 3bd, 920 sq.ft.; previous sale 03/15/2007, \$570,000

3903 Fair Oaks Avenue Abrahamson Trust to Goldsilverisland Properties for \$1,105,000 on 02/07/17; built 1947, 2bd, 970 sq.ft.

139 O'Connor Street A. & S. Walking to A. & J. Morris for \$3,300,000 on 02/08/17; built 2014, 4bd, 2,984 sq.ft.

274 Willow Road S. & G. Goda to P. & S. Dandekar for \$1,700,000 on 02/09/17; built 1942, 2bd, 870 sq.ft.; previous sale 07/02/2012, \$1,150,000

Mountain View

2045 Atlas Loop CV Mountain View to B. Thompson for \$1,311,000 on 02/22/17

160 Chetwood Drive A. & S. Maletira to S. & S. Oakley for \$1,600,000 on 02/24/17; built 1997, 4bd, 1,679 sq.ft.; previous sale 04/06/2009, \$790,000

SALES AT A GLANCE

Los Altos

Total sales reported: **3**
Lowest sales price: **\$1,875,000.00**
Highest sales price: **\$2,500,000.00**
Average sales price: **\$2,218,333.33**

Menlo Park

Total sales reported: **4**
Lowest sales price: **\$869,000.00**
Highest sales price: **\$3,300,000.00**
Average sales price: **\$1,743,500.00**

Mountain View

Total sales reported: **8**
Lowest sales price: **\$1,200,000.00**
Highest sales price: **\$1,800,000.00**
Average sales price: **\$1,469,812.50**

Palo Alto

Total sales reported: **6**
Lowest sales price: **\$735,000.00**
Highest sales price: **\$3,880,000.00**
Average sales price: **\$2,087,000.00**

Source: California REsource

222 Hamilton Avenue G. Pastoro to S. Sheng for \$1,622,500 on 02/22/17; built 1955, 3bd, 1,270 sq.ft.; previous sale 04/15/1976, \$53,000

141 Irene Court K. & T. Reynolds to M. Isison for \$1,275,000 on 02/22/17; built 2000, 3bd, 1,288 sq.ft.; previous sale 09/14/2006, \$675,000

1328 Phyllis Avenue Powell Trust to A. Tai for \$1,800,000 on 02/23/17; built 1955, 4bd, 2,040 sq.ft.

725 Reflection Way MV Reflection 2013 to Y. Seftali for \$1,250,000 on 02/22/17; previous sale 11/12/2015, \$1,250,000

506 South Shoreline Boulevard B. Chabot to B. Chabot for \$1,200,000 on 02/24/17; built 1928, 2bd, 1,144 sq.ft. (Previous Sale 12/16/2016, \$371,818)

206 Thompson Avenue Jasper Trust to A. Navabi for \$1,700,000 on 02/22/17; built 1955, 3bd, 1,280 sq.ft.; previous sale 10/09/1998, \$392,000

Palo Alto

440 Cesano Court #211 E. Fischer to Lin Trust for \$890,000 on 02/24/17; built 1981, 1bd, 1,103 sq.ft.; previous sale 04/02/1992, \$186,000

230 College Avenue Rice Trust to Z. Zhang for \$2,300,000 on 02/21/17; built 1938, 3bd, 1,503 sq.ft.

848 Fielding Court Selvidge Trust to J. Quan for \$2,400,000 on 02/21/17; built 1946, 3bd, 1,325 sq.ft.

2893 Ramona Street Wing Trust to J. Wu for \$3,880,000 on 02/22/17; built 2001, 4bd, 2,740 sq.ft.; previous sale 05/31/2001, \$2,195,000

566 Vista Avenue B. Carroll to S. Lee for \$735,000 on 02/23/17; built 1979, 1bd, 529 sq.ft.; previous sale 04/10/2012, \$368,000

2865 Waverley Street Roberts Trust to A. Kulkarni for \$2,317,000 on 02/22/17; built 1951, 3bd, 1,349 sq.ft.

BUILDING PERMITS

521 El Capitan Place, Install new flush-mount ceiling lights

3909 Park Blvd., Single-family residence addition 650sf and complete remodel 1300sf. \$450,000

2480 Faber Place, Reroof
1620 Escobita Ave., temporary power

2075 Tasso St., Remove and replace existing kitchen door, demolish existing windows, replace with door, demolish existing garage window, replace with door. \$24,600

355 Christopher Court, Remove existing roofing and replace with new roof. \$14,000

720 E. Charleston Road, Install new mini split heat pump
3197 Alma St., Scope of work includes new electrical. New heat pump. Relocate tank water heater to exterior w/ enclosure, replace main breaker panel.

3195 Alma St., Scope of work includes new electrical. New thru the wall heat pump. Relocate tank water heater to exterior with enclosure. Replace main breaker panel.

840 Mesa Ave., Temporary power
1947 Edgewood Drive, Service upgrade to 200 amps

459 Ruthven Ave., Install electric-vehicle charger.
3097 Stelling Court, New photovoltaic panels.

180 El Camino Real, Unit #155, interior demolition only. \$15000

354 Seale Ave., Residential addition 59sf and associated remodel. Includes kitchen remodel and relocating gas meter. \$95,000

750 Stone Lane, Residential re-roof. Install new plywood and composite shingles (25 sq.ft.). \$12,000

3013 Alma St., Remove/replace water heater
60 San Antonio Ave., #22, Remove/replace water heater

4290 Ponce Drive, Electric service upgrade to 125 amps
660 Barron Ave., Tear off wood shingles, install 1/2" plywood and composition shingles. \$23,042

1875 Embarcadero Road, install equipment for future restrooms, sewer main, water service line and electrical conduits. Includes water service, sewer line and electrical conduits.

4135 Maybell Way, Replace air-conditioning unit
1040 Colorado Place, remodel first-floor bath, add shower.

667 Tennyson Ave., Residential tear off and re-roof, install new plywood and composite shingles. \$18,000

180 El Camino Real, Interior non-structural demolition in preparation for tenant improvements.

4350 Miller Ave., Residential re-roof, install new plywood and composite shingles. \$11,000

2150 Birch St., Install gas insert into existing fireplace
807 Rorke Way, Replace furnace.

200 Page Mill Road, Install electrical for illuminated sign
3641 Louis Road, New two-story single-family home, 2,873 sf and attached garage 463 sf. \$500,000

2570 South Court, Tear off existing roof to original sheathing, install two sided radiant barrier system onto entire roof surface.

2,215 sq.ft. Install new roof. \$19,000

2564 Greer Road, Sewer line replacement.

1520 Page Mill Road, Install electric vehicle charging equipment at parking lot.

3603 Lupine Ave., Install new air-conditioning condenser unit
180 El Camino Real, Suite #1301, revised sign design.

2296 Oberlin St., Water service from meter to house, adding a 2-way clean out on sewer line at building. Scope of work to include replacement of existing sewer lateral to city cleanout.

3122 Stelling Drive, Restroom remodel includes retiling shower stall, 14sf. \$5,000

330 Santa Rita Ave., Strip surface swimming pool, split main drains, and replaster. \$10,000

119 University Ave., Electrical for illuminated sign
215 High St., Residential remodel 1,058 sf. Scope of work includes replacement of 10 windows/doors. \$105,000

365 California Ave., Electrical for illuminated sign
791 Christine Drive, Replace water heater.

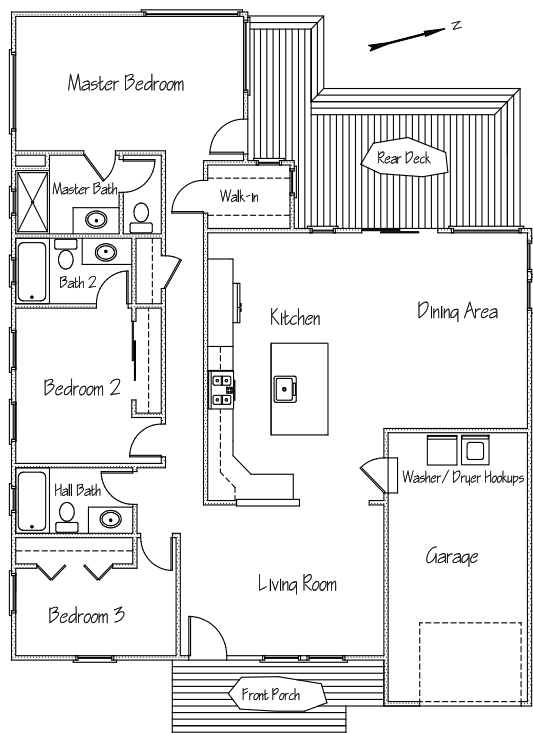
4125 Amaranta Ave., New rooftop photovoltaic unit.

119 Webster St., New rooftop photovoltaic unit.
330 Cowper St., Furnace replacement.

3325 Saint Michael Drive, Remove old wood shake roof from house and attached garage. Install new premium composite shingles. \$11,435

927 Moreno Ave., New roof-mount photovoltaic unit
1951 Waverley St., Replace pool pump.

819 Clara Drive, New roofmount photovoltaic unit.
765 San Antonio Ave., Kitchen remodel. \$5,821



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These homes were built in the 1950s and retain their clean midcentury modern lines.



Homes like this one have been updated with newer materials but keep a similar style to original Eichler homes in Greenmeadow.

Greenmeadow

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Street bike boulevard,” said Josh Feira, president of the Greenmeadow Neighborhood Association.

Between 1950 and 1974, Joseph Eichler built over 11,000 homes in Northern California and three communities in Southern California. Greenmeadow’s nearly 300 homes are in a historic district, where all the homes must stay only one-story high, a rarity for most cities in 2017.

Not only does the city of Palo Alto oversee and approve development in the neighborhood, but the Greenmeadow association has an architectural review committee, which

approves things like facade improvements and major changes to a home’s appearance so that the neighborhood remains unified. The very active all-volunteer association has nine other committees from swim team to emergency preparedness and civic affairs.

A home and garden tour, an Easter egg hunt, sporadic food-truck parties, movies and potlucks are among the social events held by the neighborhood.

“It was immediately clear to us that Greenmeadow is a place where you don’t just have a house. You have a home, complete with neighbors that you really get to know at our many community traditions,” Feira said. ■

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NEIGHBORHOOD FACTS

Child care and preschools nearby: PACCC’s Children’s Preschool Center, Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Rd.; Challenger School pre-k program, 3880 Middlefield Rd.; Milestones Preschool, 3864 Middlefield Rd.; Besse Bolton Kids’ Club, 500 E Meadow Drive; Montessori School of Los Altos, 303 Parkside Drive; Palo Alto Infant Toddler Center, 4111 Alma St.; PAUSD co-op program, Greendell School, 4120 Middlefield Rd.

Fire Station: No. 4, 3600 Middlefield Road

Library: Mitchell Park Branch, 3700 Middlefield Road

Location: between Alma Street and Nelson Drive, Ferne Avenue, Ferne Court and Ben Lomond Drive, and Parkside and Creekside drives.

Neighborhood Association: Greenmeadow Community Association, greenmeadow.org; Josh Feira, president, joshfeira@gmail.com

Parks: Greenmeadow Park (private), Mitchell Park

Post office: Cambridge, 265 Cambridge Ave.

Private schools: Challenger School, 3880 Middlefield Road; Keys School, 2890 Middlefield Rd.; Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School, 450 San Antonio Road; Kehillah High School, 3900 Fabian Way; Girls Middle School, 3400 W Bayshore Road; and Bowman International School, 4000 Terman Dr.

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- Wood paneled family room with wood burning fireplace
- Chef's kitchen with center butcher block covered island
- Spacious formal dining room and adjacent sunroom - Outstanding space for entertaining
- Beam truss ceiling in large living room with French doors to rear patio and gardens
- Gardens designed by Jack Stafford and Katsy Swan
- Detached garage and storage room (bonus space)
- Swimming pool and pool house with bath at rear of property - Neighbor has lease privileges for use of pool and shares expenses
- Living area: 3,540 sq ft per county records
- Lot Size: 13,125 sq ft per county records
- Excellent Palo Alto Schools (Walter Hays Elementary, Jordan Middle, Palo Alto High- buyer to verify enrollment)

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- Dramatic all-glass cathedral ceiling spans the center of the home
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- Modern kitchen with Scavolini cabinetry
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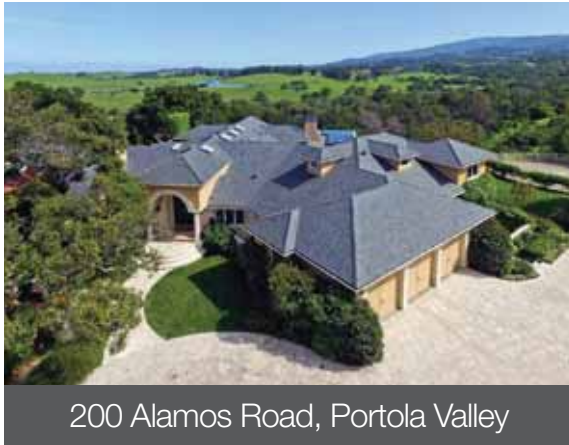
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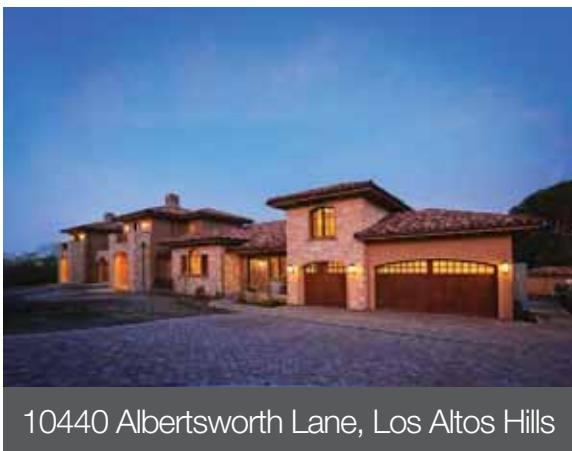
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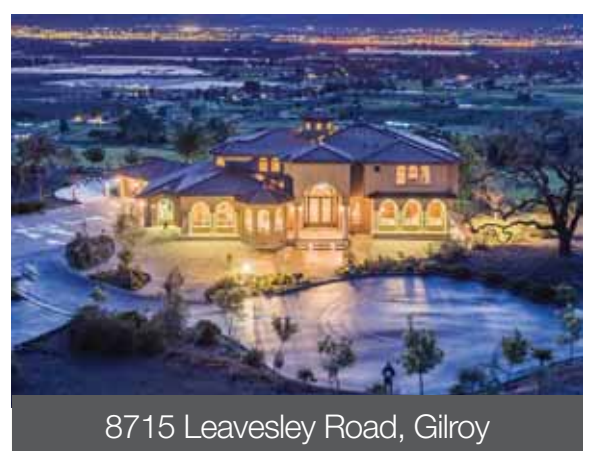
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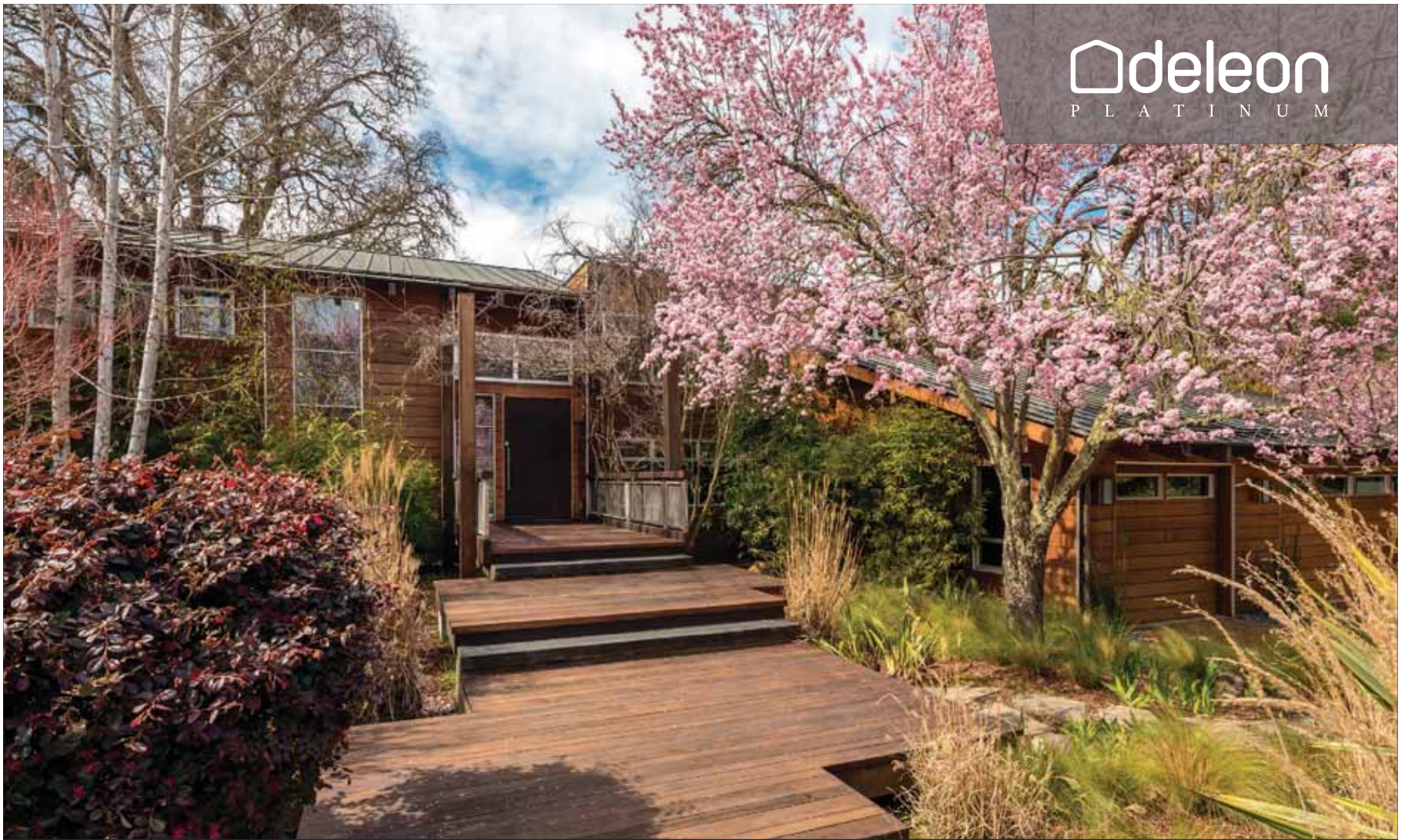
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84 Edge Rd	\$4,985,000	
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3 Bedrooms		
212 Garcia Av.	\$1,325,000	
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3 Bedrooms		
14700 Manuella Rd.	\$3,998,000	
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6 Bedrooms		
27466 Sunrise Farm Rd.	\$8,750,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero Real Estate 206-6200		
12008 Adobe Creek Lodge Rd	\$6,788,000	
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7 Bedrooms		
14123 Tracy Ct	\$6,930,000	
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MENLO PARK

1 Bedroom - Condominium		
25 Willow Rd #49	\$849,000	
Sun Coldwell Banker 324-4456		

2 Bedrooms		
11 Susan Gale Ct	\$2,250,000	
Sun Pacific Union International 314-7200		

2 Bedrooms - Condominium		
2140 Santa Cruz Av #A101	\$758,000	
Sat/Sun 2-4 Coldwell Banker 324-4456		

1280 Sharon Park Dr. #25	\$1,449,000	
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1280 Sharon Park Dr. #33	\$1,418,000	
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3 Bedrooms		
1270 Trinity Dr	\$2,298,000	
Sun Pacific Union International 314-7200		

162 Linfield Dr.	\$1,895,000	
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker 323-7751		

668 Partridge Ave	\$2,498,000	
Sat 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 462-1111		

4 Bedrooms		
1337 Sherman Av.	\$3,598,000	
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker 325-6161		

228 Sand Hill Cir.	\$1,698,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 323-7751		

1031 Henderson Ave	\$2,595,000	
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors 323-1111		

5 Bedrooms		
1040 Hermosa Way	\$4,495,000	
Sun Coldwell Banker 324-4456		

161 Willow Rd.	\$2,798,000	
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MOUNTAIN VIEW

3 Bedrooms - Townhouse		
197 Ortega Av.	\$1,298,000	
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2723 Doverton Sq.	\$2,598,000	
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2 Bedrooms - Condominium		
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4 Bedrooms		
3530 Greer Rd.	\$2,988,000	
Sat/Sun 1-5 Deleon Realty 543-8500		

921 Elsinore Dr.	\$2,288,000	
Sat/Sun 1-5 Deleon Realty 543-8500		

810 Miranda Green St	\$2,988,000	
Sun Deleon Realty 543-8500		

1833 Edgewood Dr.	\$2,695,000	
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel 462-1111		

1357 Pitman Av.	\$7,995,000	
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker 324-4456		

5 Bedrooms		
1550 Waverley St.	\$7,998,000	
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780 Rosewood Dr	\$6,750,000	
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PORTOLA VALLEY

4 Bedrooms		
155 Willowbrook Dr.	\$3,995,000	
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5 Bedrooms		
20 Cordova Ct	\$3,998,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 851-1961		

REDWOOD CITY

3 Bedrooms		
1249 Carson St.	\$1,198,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 323-7751		

5 Bedrooms		
9 Colton Ct	\$4,295,000	
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SAN JOSE

3 Bedrooms		
1466 Sturgeon Way	\$1,568,000	
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker 325-6161		

SUNNYVALE

3 Bedrooms		
363 Orchard Av.	\$1,398,800	
Sat/Sun Coldwell Banker 325-6161		

WOODSIDE

4 Bedrooms		
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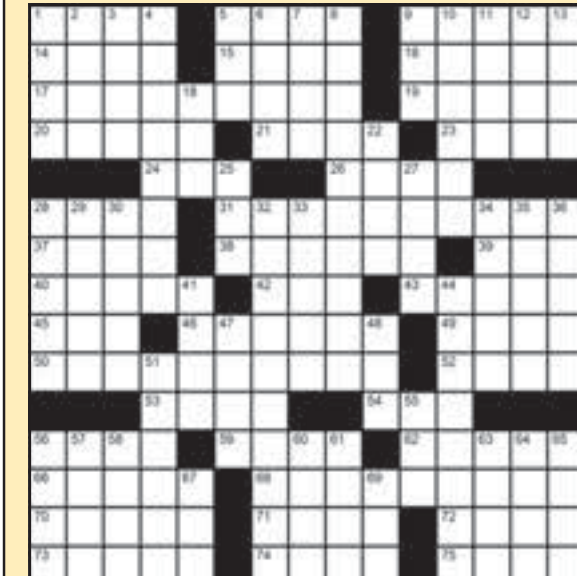
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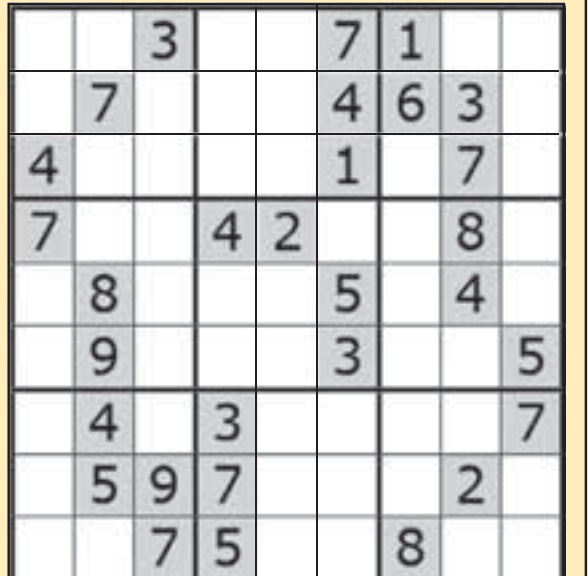
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This week's SUDOKU



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Answers to this week's puzzles, which can be found on page 47.

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Sports Shorts

STICK 'EM UP . . . The Sacred Heart Prep boys lacrosse team lost to visiting Jesuit-Carmichael, 10-9, in overtime on Wednesday. Three players accounted for all nine SHP goals. **Tommy Barnds** scored five and **Jack Crockett** and **Kevin Tinsley** each scored twice. The Gators (2-1) travel to Menlo-Atherton (3-1-1) for a match on Wednesday. The Bears beat Mitty, 12-9, on Wednesday and travel to Serra-San Mateo for a 3 p.m. match Saturday. Gunn (1-3) lost to visiting Palma, 11-4, on Wednesday and travels to Carmont for a game Monday at 5 p.m.... In girls lacrosse, Castilleja (3-0) topped Mercy-Burlingame, 16-7, on Wednesday and plays at Burlingame at 5:30 p.m. Friday. **Taylor DeGross** (6 goals, 5 draw controls), **Anika Adzich** (5 goals, 1 assist, 5 draw controls) and **Gabriella Nightingale** (2 goals, 5 draw controls) led the Gators.

ROUNDING THIRD ... Sacred Heart Prep dropped a 4-2 baseball decision to visiting Westmont, **Schafer Kraemer** collected two hits for SHP, which plays at St. Ignatius at 3:30 p.m. Friday. ... **Ryan Chang, Jake Varner** and **Niko Lillios** combined on a three-hitter and Palo Alto opened its SCVAL season with a 3-1 victory over visiting Wilcox. **Nathan Willis** had three hits and drove in two runs for the Vikings (4-2, 1-0), who play at Wilcox on Friday. Lillios, who earned the save, also collected three hits. **Angus Stayte** had two hits and drove it a run. ... Terra Nova scored four times in the top of the seventh to rally past Menlo School, 6-4. The Knights (2-2-1) play at Soquel at 3 p.m. Friday.

ON THE FAIRWAY . . . In West Bay Athletic League boys golf action, **Erik Morris** shot a 39 to lead Sacred Heart Prep past Pinewood, 207-288, at Shoreline. Panthers' **John Foley** earned medalist honors with an even-par 36. **Megan Chou**, who reached the CCS tournament in the fall as an individual, was next for Pinewood with a 44. ... Menlo defeated The King's Academy, 194-273, at Palo Alto Hills Golf and Country Club. **Seth Pope** was the medalist at 36. **Charlie Hsieh** had three birdies. **Max Ting** (37) had a near perfect round with a birdie on 4.

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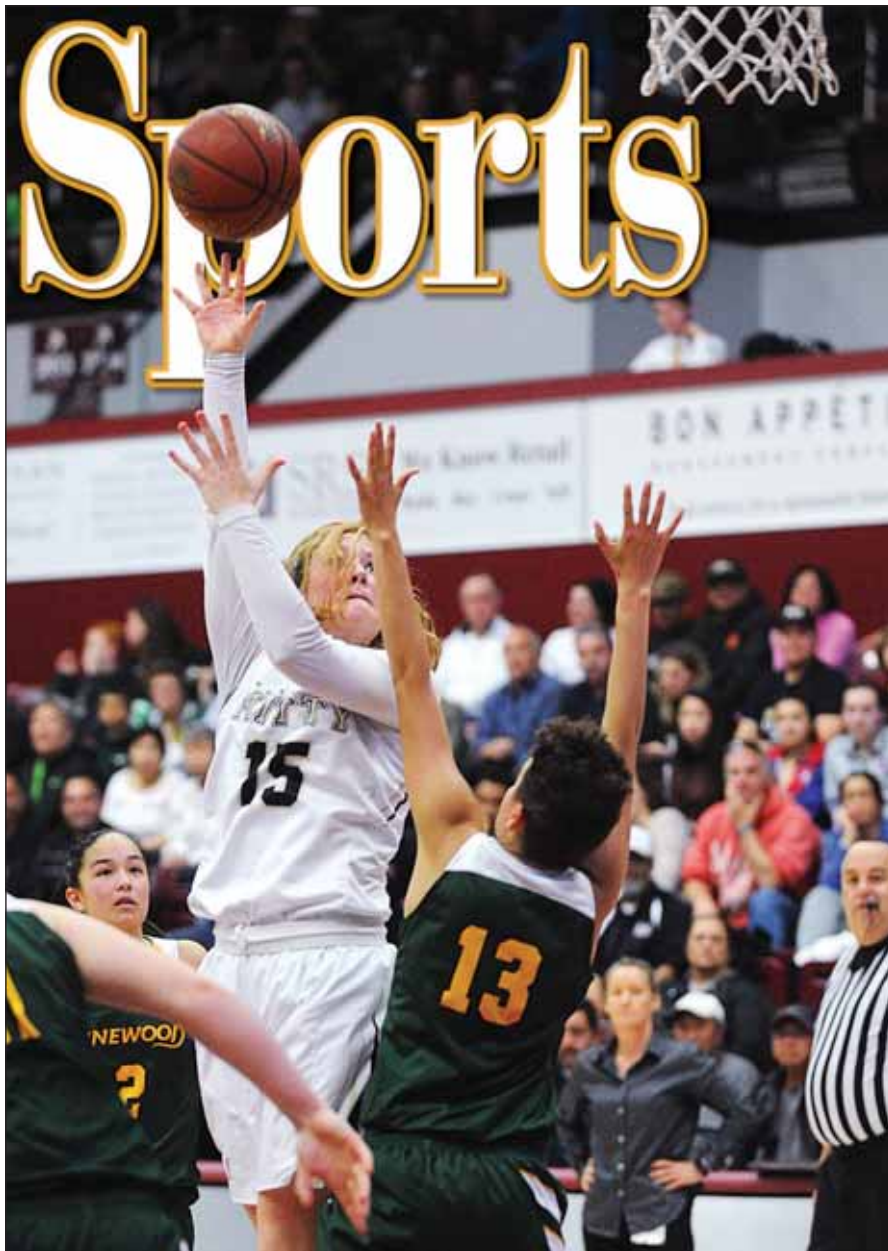
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Pinewood's Akayla Hackson (13) attempts to defend Mitty's Madeline Holland (15) in last weekend's CCS Open Division championship.

STANFORD ROUNDUP

Stanford slams Bears in tennis

Four Cardinal divers set to compete sat NCAA meet

by Rick Eyrer

Now that the Stanford men's tennis team knows it can beat a top 10 program, can it happen again? The Cardinal gets that chance Friday.

Stanford's Michael Genender turned hero as if he were written by a veteran Hollywood scriptwriter. Instead of riding off into the sunset, though, he went toe-to-toe with Cal's Filip Bergevi at No. 3 singles, eventually overcoming adversity to clinch the Cardinal's 4-3 over the sixth-ranked Bears with a dramatic 6-2, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (9) victory.

Former Menlo School player J.T. Nishimura helped Cal wrap up the doubles point. He also won at No. 6 singles for the Bears.

Sameer Kumar dominated 30th-ranked Andre Goransso, 6-3, 6-1 to tie it. The Bears came back to take a win at the No. 4 spot, but David Wilczynski immediately tied the score again at No. 5, topping Bjorn Hoffman in straight sets 6-2, 6-1.

Tom Fawcett came in next with a huge win against No. 14 Florian Lakat after surging back to win the first set in a tiebreak before ripping to a 6-4 second set win to put the Cardinal on the edge of an upset.

No. 8 Texas strolls into town for a 3 p.m. showdown on Friday.



Michael Genender's victory at No. 3 singles clinched Stanford's 4-3 victory over California.

The Cardinal (7-3) lead the all-time series, 12-3, with the Longhorns though Texas won, 4-3 at home in last year's match.

TCU, also ranked ahead of Stanford, comes to Stanford for a 2 p.m. match on Saturday.

The Cardinal is coming off a successful weekend at the Pacific Coast Doubles tournament. Jack Barber, playing his first match in nearly two years, paired with William Genesen for the first time and the duo proceeded to win six straight matches and advance to the final.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Pinewood and O'Dowd equal prime matchup

Five local girls teams remain afloat in NorCal tournaments

by Glenn Reeves

Pinewood and Bishop O'Dowd might be located on different sides of the Bay and play in different sections of the CIF but they have plenty of history in the sport of girls basketball.

No. 3 seed Pinewood (24-3) hosts No. 6 O'Dowd (26-4) on Friday at 7 p.m. in the opening round of the eight-team Northern California Open Division playoffs.

"It's great to have it in our gym," Pinewood coach Doc Scheppler said. "The girls are excited. They play well at home."

This matchup is a repeat of last year's opening round, a game that Pinewood won 50-45.

Pinewood went 2-0 against O'Dowd last season. But the two girls basketball powers also met early this season at O'Dowd, with Pinewood suffering a 62-49 defeat.

"We didn't shoot well in that game," Scheppler said. "We didn't prepare for them. They had a 3-point shooter who wasn't on the team last year."

Scheppler expects to have point guard Brianna Claros back. She suffered a concussion in the CCS semifinal win over Sacred Heart Cathedral and sat out the CCS final against Mitty.

"We had a spirited practice and Bri came out of it with no symptoms," Scheppler said Tuesday. "It will be an interesting matchup with O'Dowd. A key will be if Klara (Astrom) can neutralize the inside and stay out of foul trouble. We need to contain their best player, (Myah) Pace, and force them into situations where they're not getting easy shots."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Making good in the clutch

Four local teams advance in NorCal play

by Glenn Reeves

Menlo-Atherton, Palo Alto and Priory each survived nail-biters to survive for another day in NorCal boys basketball playoffs. Menlo had an easier time of it, reversing a regular-season loss to keep state tournament hopes alive.

Menlo-Atherton was struggling to stay in the game Wednesday with visiting Oakland Tech when Kai Winterling found the touch from long distance.

Winterling connected on three 3-pointers on three consecutive possessions, turning a 40-38 deficit into a 47-41 lead, and host M-A hung on for a 53-51 victory in a Northern California Division I boys basketball first-round game.

"For me it started earlier in the game when I made a good layup," Winterling said. "Just seeing the ball go through the hoop helped me out. Then after one 3 goes down the green light comes on."

No. 7 seed Menlo-Atherton (23-7) advances to play at No. 2 Heritage (26-4) on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Oakland Tech (26-5) led for most of the game, but was never able to break away. A 36-29 advantage in the third quarter was its

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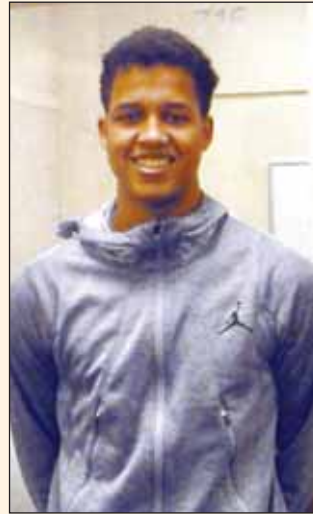
ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Lauren Koyama, Maya Lathi

PALO ALTO BASKETBALL

Koyama was Palo Alto's leading scorer in each the CCS semifinal and championship games while Lathi was the Vikings leading rebounder in both games. She also recorded a double-double in the title contest.



Miles Tention

PALO ALTO BASKETBALL

The senior point guard scored a combined 40 points in two CCS games last week to help the Vikings win the section title. He recorded a career-best 29 points in the semifinal and delivered the key assist in the championship.

Honorable mention

Klara Astrom

Pinewood basketball

Greer Hoyem*

Menlo-Atherton basketball

Hannah Jump

Pinewood basketball

Ila Lane*

Priory basketball

Charlotte Levison

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PREP ROUNDUP

Big swimming meet on tap this weekend

Defending CCS boys champion Gunn will be on hand at SHP

by Rick Eyrer

Saturday's big high school swim meet at Sacred Heart Prep, which features Menlo-Atherton, Gunn and the host Gators, could best be described as a mini version of the CCS meet.

After all, the competing teams represent three of the top eight girls teams from last year's Central Coast Section finals, the defending boys champion and two others among the top 22.

"The meet this should fun," Sacred Heart Prep coach Kevin Morris wrote in an e-mail. "We've never swam against Gunn. Like all early season meets, we're hoping some swimmers earn some CCS cuts, and it is always fun to have a meet with three teams from different leagues."

None of the teams are likely to be at full strength, as it is an SAT day and even a coach or two might be missing.

No matter who shows up, there will be plenty of talented swimmers, including M-A's Faith Dunn, who signed with UCLA in November.

M-A junior Izzi Henig is the reigning CCS champion in both the 50 free and 100 free. Gunn sophomore Milan Hilde-Jones was seventh in the event and SHP's Matte Snow raced in the A final of the 100 free.

SHP's Kathryn Bower and Gaby Ma, Gunn's Ashley Stahmer, Grace Tramack, and Clara Schultz and M-A's Haley Arrington and Nicole Dundas are also among the top girls.

Gunn's Michael Lincoln and Max Pokutta return from helping the Titans win last year's CCS crown. SHP's Luke Rohlen is among the top returning sprinters.

Track and field

One of the first big invitationals is Saturday's Kiwanis-Belarmine Classic at Los Gatos High. The meet begins at 8 a.m. with the girls discus and boys triple jump.

Following the frosh-soph 3,200 meters, varsity races start with the 4x100 relays at 8:30 a.m.

Menlo-Atherton's Jordan Mims, who signed to play football at Fresno State, is one of the top 200 meter runners back. He finished fifth in last year's meet. Fellow sprinter and football teammate Marquise Reid, who also long jumps, is also back.

M-A's Rohan Depuy raced fifth in the 400 and Menlo School's Robert Miranda placed fourth in the 3,200, following three seniors. ■

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Stanford roundup

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Men's diving

All four of No. 5 Stanford's men's divers qualified for the NCAA championships at the NCAA Zone E Diving Championships at the Northern Arizona Aquatic Complex in competition that ended Wednesday.

For the second consecutive season, Stanford sends a full contingent, led by recently named Pac-12 Diver of the Month Bradley Christensen.

The senior finished atop 3-meter qualifying (748.60) on Tuesday after finishing second in 1-meter qualifying (713.90) on Monday.

Ted Miclau (634.05) and Cameron Thatcher (621.50) joined Christensen in securing NCAA A-cuts in the 1-meter, finishing sixth and ninth, respectively. Thatcher needed a big score on the final dive to finish top-nine, executing his final leap to make the A-standard. Tarek Abdelghany (619.35) finished 11th to secure a B-cut in the 1-meter.

Women's water polo

No. 2 Stanford (11-1) opens its Mountain Pacific Sports Federation schedule at No. 7 Arizona State (12-3) on Saturday at 11 a.m.

The Cardinal stick around for two more games as part of the ASU Invitational, playing La Verne (6-3) on Saturday at 2:30

p.m. and No. 23 Marist (6-8) on Sunday at 8 a.m.

Stanford boasts a pair of 100-goal scorers in Maggie Steffens (194) and Jamie Neushul (119). Steffens is currently fifth in Cardinal history, 20 behind Olympian Ellen Estes (214). Dani Jackovich has 96 career goals, four shy of joining Steffens and Neushul in triple digits. Gabby Stone is 26 saves away from becoming the fourth player in Stanford history with 500 stops.

Men's golf

No. 10 Stanford finished tied for fourth among 15 teams Wednesday at the Southern Highlands Collegiate. The Cardinal fell two spots from its standing after 36 holes.

The three-day event at the par-72 Southern Highlands Golf Course yielded scores of 281-294-298 for the Cardinal, nine strokes over par and matching the output of Pepperdine.

Stanford gets back on the course when it plays host to The Goodwin (March 30-April 1).

Lacrosse

Elizabeth Cusick's career-tying four goals combined with hat tricks from Kelsey Murray and Dillon Schoen powered the 17th-ranked Cardinal to a 17-13 win over William & Mary Wednesday night to push Stanford's win streak to four.

Stanford returns to action Saturday with a 1 p.m. home match against Connecticut. ■

Girls basketball

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The Panthers will be looking for a return to form by leading scorer Hannah Jump. She had a career-high 36 in a CCS Open Division opener against St. Ignatius, but then was held to seven points in the loss to Mitty while being guarded by an athletic 6-1 player on the perimeter.

"Hannah let a couple shot blocks affect her mentality," Scheppler said. "We've got to be better defensively and be strong with the ball. Without Bri against Mitty we lacked our systemic flow."

Pinewood, like in most matchups against other elite teams, will be at a disadvantage in terms of size.

"They killed us on the boards in that first game," Scheppler said. "We've got to rebound and minimize second shots. They're a physical team. They don't have 25 set out of bounds plays like Mitty. Most of what they do relies on their strength, length and athleticism."

In comparing how the two teams did against common opponents, O'Dowd lost to Mitty twice, by 26 and 18 points. Pinewood lost once by eight, and that was without Claros. O'Dowd also lost to Salesian twice, by one and by four. Pinewood beat Salesian by 12. O'Dowd beat Valley Christian by 16, a team Pinewood beat by

13. But O'Dowd beat Highlands Ranch of Colorado by seven. Pinewood lost by one to that team in a season-opening tournament in San Diego.

CCS Division I

Top-seeded Menlo-Atherton (29-2) hosts No. 9 Folsom, a 68-50 winner over No. 8 Castro Valley, on Saturday at 6 p.m.

M-A's twin towers -- Greer Hoyem and Ofa Sili -- had their way against McClymonds. The Bears jumped out to a 15-2 lead to start the game with Hoyem scoring 12 of those points and Sili hitting a 3-pointer.

Folsom (26-4) was the No. 5 seed in the Sac-Joquin Section, losing to No. 4 Lincoln-Stockton in the quarterfinals. The Bulldogs are 18-4 against teams that reached the postseason. M-A is 23-2 in such games.

Palo Alto (22-3) went to Stockton without leading scorer Carly Leong, who took a blow to the head in Saturday's CCS championship game and started experiencing concussion symptoms on Sunday.

The Vikings, who were also without backup guard Jackie Moore, had their season come to an end in a 48-41 defeat.

"The girls played as hard as they could, they just ran out of gas," Palo Alto coach Scott Peters said. "(Lincoln) box-and-one'd Lauren (Koyama). We did the best we could under the circumstances."

The Vikings end the season

Boys basketball

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biggest lead.

The Bears trailed 38-33 at the end of the third quarter. James Beckwith hit a 3-pointer to start the fourth quarter. Then, after a basket by Oakland Tech standout Souley Bourn made it 40-36, M-A's game-turning run started with a fastbreak basket by Eric Norton.

"We're a team of runs, whether it's one person or a team effort," Winterling said.

Once M-A took that six-point lead the Bulldogs never got closer than two points behind the rest of the way.

"(Winterling) will be the first to admit that he's been struggling with his 3-point shot," Molieri said. "Tonight he stepped up. He was the guy we fed off last year in NorCals."

CCS Division I

Palo Alto advanced to the quarterfinal round, defeating host Fremont-Oakland, 59-56, at Merritt College in Oakland on Wednesday night.

Junior Will Schlemmer scored 14 points to lead the Vikings (24-4), who play top-seeded Dublin on Saturday at 6 p.m.

The Gaels (29-4) finished second to De La Salle in the East Bay Athletic League and beat Lowell-San Francisco, 72-54, on Wednesday.

Schlemmer sank a pair of

third-quarter 3-pointers to help Palo Alto recover from a 12-point halftime deficit. He also grabbed six rebounds.

Junior Max Dorward scored 10 of his 12 points in the fourth quarter, allowing the Vikings to nurture its lead. He also pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds, and added three assists.

Senior point guard Miles Tention scored 10, including two 3-pointers, and contributed seven assists.



Joe Foley

CCS Division IV

Menlo turned the tables on University-San Francisco, coasting to a 63-35 NorCal Division IV first-round victory at historic Kezar Pavilion.

The ninth-seeded Knights improve to 20-7, and face top seed Palma (23-4) on Saturday at 6 p.m. in Salinas. Palma defeated West Valley, 77-34, in another NorCal opener.

Menlo is familiar with Salinas, having played at Hartnell College during the CCS tournament.

University and Menlo met earlier in the season, with the Red Devils defeating the Knights, 74-70, at their gym on Jackson Street.

This time, the Knights were firing on all cylinders with a much more open floor in which to run their offense.

"This time we were able to push the break and get up the court

quicker," Menlo's Thomas Brown said.

The Knights got a 21-point performance from Brown, who also had four rebounds and four assists. Junior guard Joe Foley poured in 21 points via many methods: three-point shots, ankle-turning drives, and short jumpers.

He also added six assists while fellow junior Riley Woodson had 10 of his 15 points in the first quarter and finished with 14 rebounds.

"If we keep playing our game, keep defending, working the ball around, and not take shots too early, I think we're going to continue playing well," Brown said. "We've just been focusing on each game, focusing on the fundamentals."

CCS Division V

Priory boys basketball coach David Moseley went with a coat and tie for a first-round NorCal Division V game with visiting No. 11 Brookside Christian of Stockton.

Showing tremendous discipline, Moseley kept coat and non-loosened tie on for the entire 32 minutes as the Panthers held off the Knights, 52-50, to advance to Saturday's quarterfinals.

The sixth-seeded Panthers (22-6) take on No. 3 Branson (25-8) in Ross at 6 p.m. on Saturday. ■

ranked fifth in the state in 3-pointers made, second in 3-pointers attempted, and third in the state in 3-pointers per game (9.5). That's also sixth in the nation.

CCS Division IV

On the surface, No. 6 seed Sacred Heart Prep (15-13) appears to be the underdog against No. 3 seed Foothill of Sacramento (27-5).

The Gators, though, may be feeling a little better about themselves after rebounding from an ugly loss to Half Moon Bay in the CCS Division IV final to beat Union Mine, 51-30.

Foothill also played Union Mine, beating the Diamondbacks, 70-49, in early January.

If they gain some momentum in this one, the Gators can surprise people. A lot of that momentum will be dictated by freshmen Denise Stine, who can ramp up a stagnant offense just by setting foot on the court, and Charlotte Levison, who could carry the scoring load should she happen to get into a rhythm.

The key with Levison, 13 points in the win over the Diamondbacks, is how she responds to her first shot. If it's good, she's probably locked in. If it's not, she tends to fight herself.

There are three other players to watch, who can all be hot or cold: juniors Tatum Angotti and Grace Battles, who scored 16 against Union Mine, and sophomore Zoe Zaharias.

CCS Division V

Eastside College Prep junior point guard Kayla Tahaafe can walk on a basketball court and instantly set the tone for a particular game.

Panthers' coach Donovan Blythe said she's one of the top guards in the state regardless of division and he has the evidence.

Tahaafe, who was limited to six points in about 16 minutes of Eastside's 73-15 NorCal victory over Ripon Christian on Wednesday night, is the team leader in scoring, rebounding, assists and steals.

How many other point guards, especially at the elite level, can make the same claim?

"If I'm a Division I (college) coach I'd be knocking down the door to get a look at the kid," Blythe said. "She's a winner."

Blythe has coached at the junior college level and sent other players to NCAA Division I programs, so he has credibility in talking about Tahaafe, one of two juniors on an Eastside roster that lacks seniors.

Tahaafe and Ra'Anaa Bey (17 points against Ripon) are making their third trip through the CCS and NorCal playoffs, ending up in the state final on both occasions.

"We're going up the hill again but we have a different path to pave," Blythe said. "We can't rely on the same path. It's a new year and it starts all over again."

One nice thing is having Tahaafe leading the way.

"She's my leader," Blythe said of the 5-7 guard. "She's an

extension of me on the floor. She's a point guard who has to rebound, play defense, score and distribute the ball. It's a big job and she does it well."

The top-seeded Panthers (19-8) host Urban-San Francisco on Saturday at 6 p.m. The Blues (14-17) advanced after upsetting 20-game winner Durham on Wednesday.

Urban and Eastside have four common opponents. Urban lost to Redwood, Windsor, South San Francisco, by 30, and Sacred Heart Prep. Eastside beat Redwood, Windsor, Sacred Heart Prep (twice) and fell to South San Francisco by three.

No. 2 seed Priory (19-9) humbled Hamilton, 67-19, in a first-round contest on Wednesday and hosts No. 7 Capital Christian (22-9) at 6 p.m. Saturday.

The Braves (16-12) committed 15 turnovers in the first period, 32 for the game, as the Panthers' defense had itself a night.

Guard Tatiana Reese led the charge, scoring 15 points and registering seven steals. Reese also shined as a passer, peeling off some nice assists.

"I'm excited to be playing in NorCals," Reese said. "Our dream is to make it to state."

The Panthers are finally at full-strength, having had Lane, Reese and Ruiz injured at different periods of the season.

"We played a tough schedule," Reese said. "We were happy to play in higher leagues. That got us ready for NorCals." ■



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