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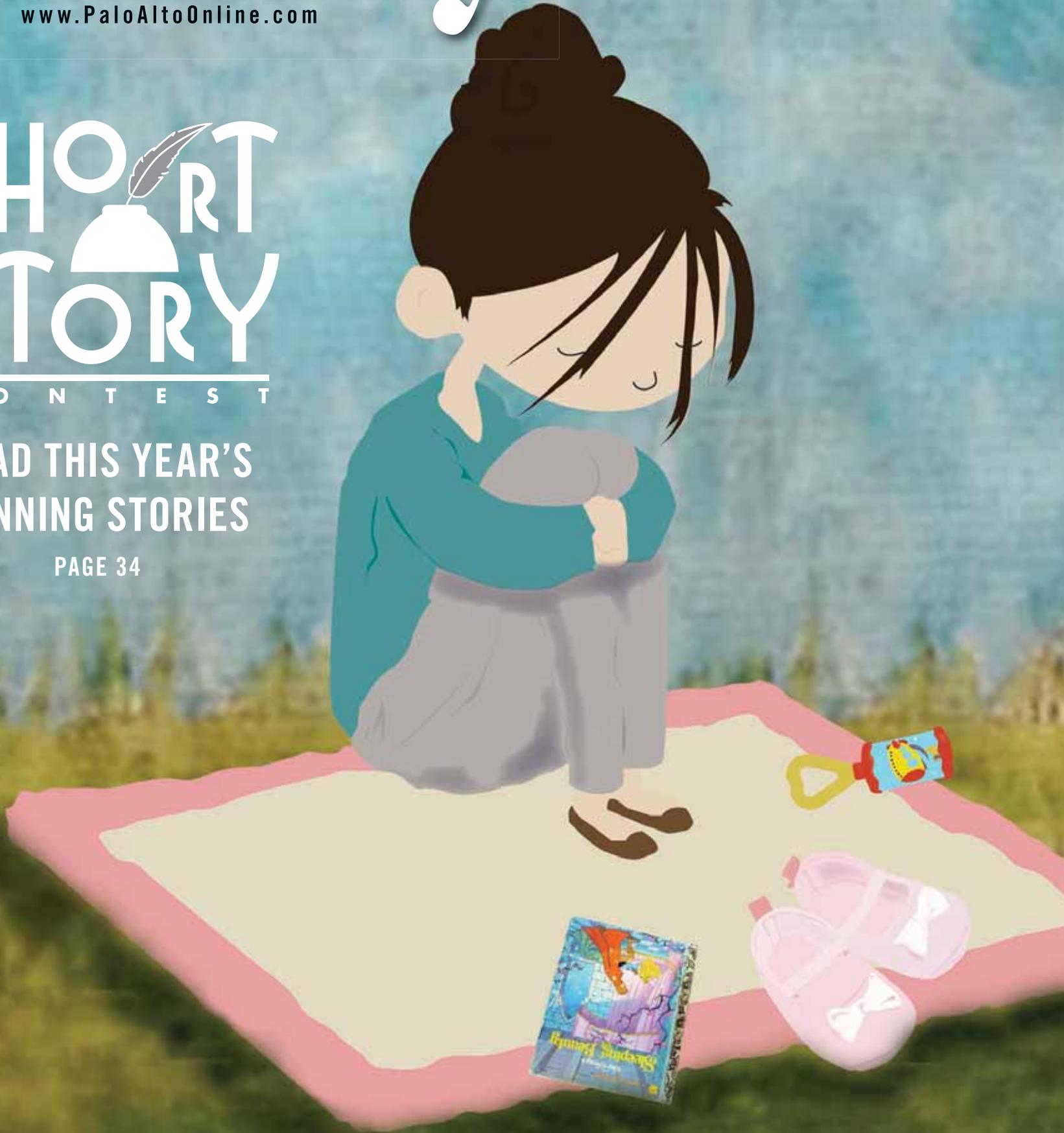
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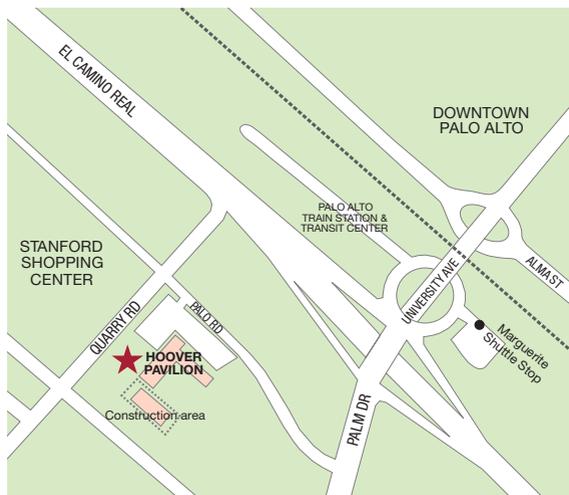
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Local news, information and analysis

Park Boulevard accidents concern workers, residents

Driving, biking, walking to become increasingly hazardous as city plans dense development, they fear

by Sue Dremann

The broadsiding of a sedan that pushed the vehicle through a plate-glass window on March 15 is just the latest accident that residents and workers say happens with frequency on Park Boulevard in Palo Alto. And the city's plans to turn the California Avenue area into a densely inhabited tech hub will

only increase the problem, they said.

The street is a busy conduit to the California Avenue retail district and Oregon Expressway. The planned new tech corridor along the boulevard parallels the Caltrain tracks and is already home to Groupon, AOL and other tech companies.

But some residents and employees said the busy street is already dangerous, and they are hoping the city will address the issue soon rather than piecemeal as the area is redeveloped.

The city's California Avenue Area Concept Plan has earmarked Park Boulevard for offices and multiple-story housing. The city would encourage this growth by pushing allowances for intense development to the maximum, according to the concept plan.

Some residents said they accept that denser development will come. But blind spots, speeding and a lack of crosswalks present accidents waiting to happen, and injury accidents are already happening, they said.

Police traffic records show there were seven accidents along a five-block stretch between Sherman and Olive avenues between January 2013 and March 21, 2014. Five resulted in injuries, two of which involved bicyclists. Three of the

accidents occurred near Sherman Avenue, according to the Palo Alto Police Department.

But Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System data does not show a higher rate of collisions than in other parts of town, the city maintained in the concept plan. Residents said that data doesn't record the number of near-misses. On March 17, two days after the collision that injured the driver whose

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Veronica Weber

Group protests Supreme Court ruling

John Van Horne, second from left, Millie Chetnik and Carol Cross listen to speakers during a rally at City Hall on April 2 against the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission*. The decision allows donors to give money to as many candidates, parties and committees as they wish.

COMMUNITY

With funding in place, Magical Bridge moves forward

Designs evolve for Palo Alto's first 'inclusive playground'

by Gennady Sheyner

When a group of Palo Alto parents first approached city leaders in 2008 with a proposal to build the city's first truly inclusive playground, the project was based on little more than hopes, dreams and a plot of city-owned land at Mitchell Park.

Now, what is known as the Magical Bridge Playground has two more crucial factors going in its favor: a refined design and the necessary funding to make the dream a reality.

The latest plans for the new

playground near the Mitchell Park tennis courts were scaled back slightly to accommodate the project's refined budget of \$3.2 million (before, the budget ranged from \$1.3 to \$4 million, as plans evolved). The group Friends of the Magical Bridge has already raised the bulk of the funds, with donors such as the Peery Foundation and Enlight Foundation making sizable contributions. With the fundraising campaign edging toward its goal, the city's landscape architect, Peter Jensen, said work could begin

as early as this summer.

The biggest change between prior and current plans is the decision not to replace an existing bridge that crosses Adobe Creek, as was originally intended, but merely renovate it to make sure the ramps can comfortably accommodate wheelchairs. Aside from that, the playground will include just about all the features that parents of children with disabilities had hoped to see when the project was first proposed: an

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EDUCATION

Setting aside time for 'dissolving' stereotypes

Palo Alto high schools, middle schools, observe 'Not in Our Schools Week'

by Chris Kenrick

In the social and ethnic stew of Palo Alto schools, students work and play on a daily basis with kids from an array of nationalities, races, religions, ability levels and income levels.

A program used in both high schools and all three middle schools promotes open discussion of those differences in an effort to train students to recognize and refute stereotypes and discrimination.

Next week, for the 12th year, Gunn High School will observe "Not in Our Schools Week," filled with in-class and out-of-class activities to "build awareness and empathy" and to "celebrate and appreciate differences." The theme of the week is, "We're all in this together."

Freshmen will participate in a simulation of what it's like to have a learning disability.

Students from Gunn's ROCK group (Reach Out, Care and Know) — formed in response to a series of student deaths by suicide in 2009 and 2010 — will post "gratitude displays" around campus.

Students will identify and jot down stereotypes on rice paper, then "dissolve" them in a wading pool or "bury" them in a coffin borrowed from the school theater.

Among the stereotypes recognized and dissolved by Palo Alto middle school students in a similar exercise a few years ago were the observations that, "Not everyone is smart" and "Not all Jewish people are rich."

With enrollment from all over the world — and an Asian/Caucasian mix of 45.7 percent and 43.1

percent, respectively — Gunn has many teens who say they've felt the sting of stereotypes.

In a posting of anonymous, personal recollections of feeling stereotyped during 2011 Not in Our Schools Week, one student said she'd felt devastated after being called a "half-breed" because of her mixed Chinese and European heritage.

A Muslim student said, "The thing I want is for everyone to stop judging us all based on what only a fraction of our population did."

In a class discussion, a Christian student said he felt like he was a "loner" until discovering that "half my friends are actually Christian."

In response to that discussion, math teacher Gopi Tantod urged students to resist pressure to be anyone but themselves at school. "We are in the United States, and we should be comfortable expressing whoever we are, whatever we are in whatever way we're comfortable with," she said.

Tantod urged students to make a point of speaking to students who are eating lunch by themselves. "Just say 'hi,' because not everybody has been through Palo Alto Unified all their life, and not everybody knows everybody around them."

Thursday of Not in Our Schools week at Gunn focuses on raising awareness about the "silencing that several lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students feel due to fear from name-calling, bullying and harassment" that often occurs in schools. On that day, some

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



I would not let him ride through the parking lot.

— **Randy Popp**, vice chair of the Architectural Review Board, on why locating bicycle or pedestrian paths at the back of a housing development parking lot is a bad idea. See story on page 8.

Around Town

THE SAGA CONTINUES ... More than six months of deliberation have done little to resolve Palo Alto's epic debate over what to call the **Main Library** once the renovated Newell Road facility reopens for business. With library commissioners and staff lobbying for "**Rinconada Library**" to connote the building's location, some City Council members (most notably **Larry Klein, Gail Price** and **Pat Burt**) favoring naming the building after a famous Palo Alto (see **Bill Hewlett? David Packard? Russell Lee? Birge Clark?**), and others (**Liz Kniss** and **Karen Holman**) fine with just leaving the name the way it is, the debate remains at a stalemate. At its last discussion in December, the council's Policy and Services Committee split 2-2, with Price and Klein taking one side and Kniss and Holman another. The subject will return to the full council on Monday for a possible decision. To get the conversation rolling, Price and Klein issued the shortest colleagues memo in recent history. "The Policy and Services Committee deadlocked in attempting to fulfill the Council's direction to find an appropriate person in Palo Alto's history to honor by using that person's name as the new name for Main Library," states the memo (which is quoted here in its entirety). "In order to move this matter forward at Monday's council meeting we will move that Main Library be re-named in honor of Palo Alto's most beloved architect Birge Clark."

LET THERE BE SUNLIGHT! ...

As Palo Alto continues to explore building new garages to address a parking shortage in downtown and around California Avenue, officials are also looking at existing garages for a completely different purpose: electricity. The city hopes to attract companies that would build solar panels on local garages and then sell the energy to the city's Utilities Department. In late March, staff began testing the waters by sending out a request for proposals to 133 companies that might participate in the recently created program, known as **Palo Alto CLEAN** (Clean Local Energy Accessible Now). The program allows solar-panel companies to sell energy to the city at a fixed price over a 20-year rate. The city has also identified five places where solar panels can

be installed: the two garages on Cambridge Avenue; the Cowper/Webster garage and the parking structures at 528 High St. and 445 Bryant St.

H2O MONTH ... April may or may not actually bring more showers, but it does coincide with the launch of two water-conservation events, one national and one local. Palo Alto Mayor **Nancy Shepherd** has jumped on the train for the **3rd Annual Nationwide Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation**, a month-long contest during which residents across the nation can pledge their commitment online to conserve water, with a chance to win prizes (like an energy-conserving Toyota Prius hybrid, of course). The city with the highest numbers of pledges wins (last year, Palo Alto made the top 20). The challenge is sponsored by the nonprofit Wyland Foundation. For more details and to make a pledge, go to wylandfoundation.org/my-waterpledge. Locally, there's the **Great Race for Saving Water**, a 5K run or walk that aims to raise awareness about water conservation. The event will take place Saturday, April 19, at 9 a.m. at the **Baylands Athletic Center** (1900 Geng Road) and will feature food, live music, informational booths, arts and crafts, giveaways — and even free compost bins. The run is being sponsored by **Palo Alto Utilities Department** and the **Tuolumne River Trust** for the second year in a row. For more information and to register, go to cityofpaloalto.org/GreatRace.

A STIMULATING OFFER ... Get your tax break this month — at dinner. Downtown restaurant **Palo Alto Grill** has decided to celebrate the sometimes wallet-emptying tax season by offering deals on dinner through **Thursday, April 17**. "We know that tax season feels like the time to tighten the budget, so we've decided to help alleviate your burden," the restaurant's website reads. This means every Monday and Tuesday, take 50 percent off the check, and on Wednesday and Thursday, 25 percent. The only catch? In order to save, diners have to be eating on the early side — seated and ordering before 5:45 p.m. The discount applies to all food and drinks and is only offered for dinner at the 140 University Ave. restaurant. ■

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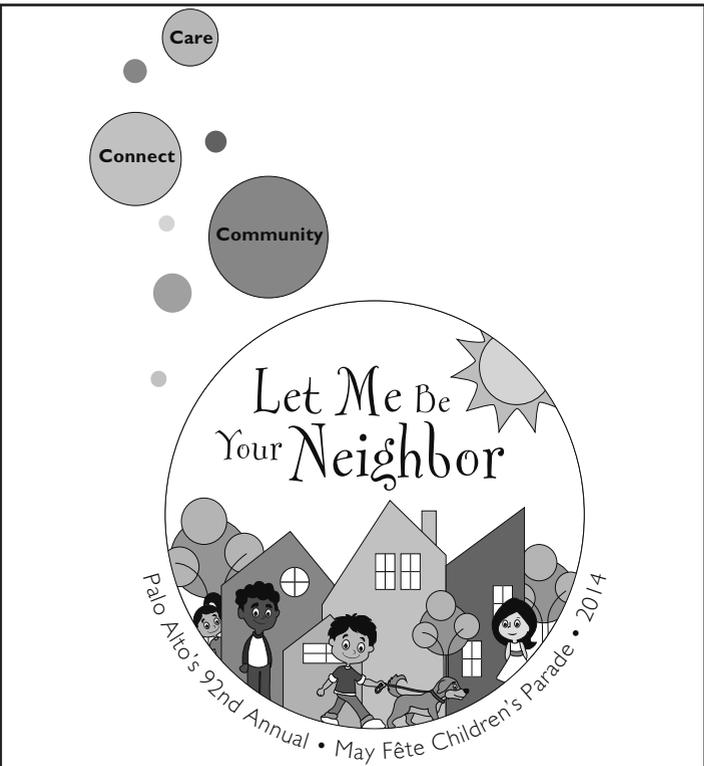
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The 92nd Annual May Fête Parade theme encourages participants to showcase good neighborly behavior. What can we do, how does it look and who can we help? Show us that fun neighborly activity, let us see how to help and let us all know how we can be a good neighbor in our community. Let's make all our communities fun, happy and supportive groups of individuals caring for each other.

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County looks to revamp Palo Alto's expressways

New plan to consider grade separation on Foothill, add lanes on Page Mill

by Gennady Sheyner

Some of Palo Alto's most congested thoroughfares could see dramatic modifications, including added lanes, advanced traffic signals and grade separations, under an ambitious, long-term plan spearheaded by Santa Clara County.

The County of Santa Clara Expressway Plan 2040 focuses on improving traffic flow on some of the busiest stretches in the county, from Almaden Expressway in the southern part of the county to Oregon Expressway in the northern. In addition to Oregon, Palo Alto roads that could see major changes include Foothill Expressway and the Page Mill Road segment between El Camino Real and Interstate 280. County and local officials will also explore possible changes to Central Expressway in Mountain View, which becomes Alma Street when it hits Palo Alto, though specific proposals have not yet been formulated.

The plan's purpose is to take a "fresh look" at expressways throughout the county based on "city land use plans, projected 2040 traffic growth and Complete Streets planning." According to the county's website, the plan will also "identify new challenges and positive developments or opportunities, recommend any necessary policy changes, and revise funding requirements and implementation strategies."

In some cases, the changes would be costly and dramatic. One proposal, which is summarized in a new report from Palo Alto's planning staff, would grade separate Palo Alto's busy intersection of Foothill Expressway and Arastradero Road. The proposal would leave Arastradero at its current grade and place Foothill underneath. Existing traffic signals at Foothill and Miranda Avenue would be removed and replaced with roundabouts, according to a new report from Palo Alto's Chief Transportation Official Jaime Rodriguez.

The Foothill Expressway proposal would also extend the existing path along the north side of Arastradero to Miranda Avenue, creating better pedestrian and bicycle connections to Gunn High School, according to the new report.

Another project proposed in the county's long-term plan is adding lanes on the busy stretch of Page Mill Road between El Camino Real and Interstate 280, raising the number from four to six. Yet another would grade separate Page Mill at Foothill Expressway, which is one of the busiest intersections in Palo Alto. The county is also considering installing an eight-phase



LOS = Levels of Service
 LOS D: Some Delays
 LOS E: Major Delays
 LOS F: Severe Delays

Santa Clara County has identified segments of Page Mill Road that have experienced worsening traffic delays between 2003 and 2013.

traffic-signal system on Page Mill and Hanover Street, in Stanford Research Park, to address an expected influx of cars in 2025.

The county identified these road segments both because of existing congestion levels and projected ones. The Page Mill Road-Oregon Expressway roadway is particularly busy, accommodating an estimated 134,000 daily vehicle trips, which makes it the sixth busiest expressway in the county.

The stretch of Page Mill Road between Foothill Expressway and Interstate 280 is particularly irksome for drivers. According to county studies, it currently operates at Level E (which, in traffic speak, denotes "major delays") during the morning rush hour and at Level F ("severe delays," the lowest possible score) during the evening rush hour. The intersection of Page Mill and Foothill, which is one of the most congested in Palo Alto, currently operates at Level F during both peak-traffic periods. Meanwhile, the stretch of Page Mill between Foothill and El Camino Real operates at the slightly less onerous Level E.

Rodriguez said the county proposals for improving the situation are in the very early stages and have yet to undergo full analysis, which he said will include input from cities. The proposals emerged after numerous meetings and workshops involving policy makers and traffic experts from cities and transportation agen-

cies along the traffic corridors. A Policy Advisory Group, which consists of elected officials from each city (including Palo Alto Councilman Greg Scharff), the county's Board of Supervisors and the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), has met twice since the update of the Expressway Plan kicked off in August 2013. So has the Technical Working Group, which includes public works directors and transportation officials from each city (Rodriguez is part of this group).

City and county officials aren't the only ones planning major changes along Page Mill. The state Department of Transportation has recently agreed to install traffic signals at the interchange of Page Mill Road and Interstate 280, where long caravans of southbound cars often spill over beyond the ramp and onto the highway during peak-commute hours. The Caltrans project includes new traffic signals on both northbound and southbound ramps and new sidewalk and bicycle improvements near the interchange.

Rodriguez told the Weekly that Palo Alto was one of the first agencies to request the new traffic signals at the busy interchange. Then-Mayor Sid Espinosa had asked Caltrans in 2011 to consider installing the new signals after receiving numerous complaints from companies in Stanford Research Park about increasing delays at the southbound ramp of Interstate 280. Caltrans then conducted its own "warrant study" and concluded that the busy intersection meets its criteria for traffic signals.

In recent weeks, however, this proposal has generated intense opposition in Los Altos Hills, where the interchange is located and where more than 500 residents have signed a petition opposing the Caltrans project. At a March 20 meeting of the City Council, council members acknowledged that they have been discussing the project with Caltrans for the past two years and that they have convinced the state agency to add pedestrian and bicycle improvements to the busy area around Page Mill and Arastradero roads. But after hearing from more than a dozen residents, council members also emphasized that they haven't formally approved any plans to add traffic signals.

"This council is not supporting Caltrans putting in lights right now," Mayor John Radford said at that meeting. "We're waiting to see the plans, and we all have major reservations about that."

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REAL ESTATE TRENDS

by Samia Cullen

What if My Home Doesn't Appraise?

In sellers' markets, high demand can generate multiple offer situations that often drive up the purchase price higher than any comparable sales in the area.

If the buyers are relying on financing from a bank to purchase a home, a low appraisal can scuttle a deal. Banks require appraisals to verify that a home's sale price is supported by its market value.

What can a buyer and seller do if a home does not appraise?

- a) **Buyer can make up the difference in cash.** The lender cares about the appraisal only to the extent it affects the loan-to-value ratio. A low appraisal does not mean the lender won't lend. It means the lender will make a loan limited to a specified percentage of the appraised value.
- b) **Dispute the appraisal.** Either the seller or the buyer can pay for a second appraisal. If the parties find out that the appraiser is not familiar with the local market, or an appraiser made mistakes they

have the right to contact the lender to demand a second appraisal.

c) **Appraisal review.** The buyer or seller can ask their agent to put together a list of recent comparable sales that justify the agreed-to sales price including the pending sales and submit that list to the underwriter and ask for a review of the appraisal.

d) **The seller can offer to carry a second mortgage for the difference.** If the seller wants the deal to go through but the buyer cannot come up with the difference in cash, the seller may agree to carry a second mortgage.

e) **Cancel the transaction.** If checked, the purchase contract gives the buyer the option of having an appraisal contingency that allows the buyer to cancel the contract and requires the seller to release the buyer's earnest money deposit if the appraisal comes in low.

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This is to notify the general public and other interested parties that a **30-day public review** period of the Draft Annual Action Plan for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, began on March 17, 2014 and will end on April 15, 2014. The Draft Annual Action Plan describes the activities the City may fund under the 2015 CDBG Program. Collectively these activities are intended to meet Palo Alto's affordable housing and community development objectives described in the 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan.

Copies of the Draft Annual Action Plan will be available at the Department of Planning and Community Environment, 250 Hamilton Avenue, 5th Floor, Palo Alto, CA 94301, on the City's website http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/depts/pln/advance_planning/cdbg.asp or by calling Consuelo Hernandez, Planner - CDBG, at (650) 329-2428. Interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments on the proposed Draft Annual Action Plan during the public review period, or to comment at the public hearings and meetings described below.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The **City of Palo Alto Finance Committee** will hold a **Public Hearing** on **April 15, 2014** to review the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 CDBG funding allocations identified in the Draft Annual Action Plan. The Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, in City Hall Council Conference Room, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto.

The **Palo Alto City Council** will hold a **Public Hearing** on **May 5, 2014** to adopt the Annual Action Plan and the associated Fiscal Year 2015 CDBG allocations. The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, in City Hall Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto.

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Eshoo opens inquiry into Silicon Valley toxic cleanup

Sites included are in Palo Alto and Mountain View

by Sue Dremann

U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Palo Alto, has opened an inquiry with the Environmental Protection Agency into shortfalls in the federal government's Superfund toxic cleanup program, including sites it operates in Palo Alto and Mountain View.

Eshoo made the inquiry after a report by the nonprofit Center for Investigative Reporting and The Guardian exposed details of associated pollution that is created by treatment and transportation of toxic pollutants from Superfund sites. The report followed a toxic trail from a site in Mountain View across the country and back to Silicon Valley.

The Mountain View Voice also published a series of stories on the issue in 2003, when community members first began to discuss the environmental consequences for an Indian reservation in Arizona. That was where carbon filters used

to clean contaminated groundwater at Mountain View Superfund sites were being burned, emitting dioxin into the air and affecting Native-American residents there.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), there are 21 Superfund sites located in Silicon Valley, with 11 in Eshoo's 18th Congressional District, including one at the former Hewlett-Packard site at 620-640 Page Mill Road in Palo Alto.

In a March 28 letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, Eshoo asked for more information regarding the extent to which the agency monitors the interstate transport and treatment of the hazardous waste, alternative cleanup methods and if the agency has adequate regulatory authority to monitor and control toxic materials after removal from Superfund sites.

"What I'm concerned about is that the Environmental Protection

Agency is failing to properly monitor and regulate the emissions associated with remediating the toxic pollutants recovered from Superfund sites," Eshoo wrote.

"Of particular concern are the emissions of dioxin, which is on the EPA's 'Dirty Dozen' list of dangerous chemicals and is a known carcinogen. The carbon emissions associated with collecting, transporting and treating hazardous waste from Superfund sites are deeply troubling. I also understand that in some cases the traditional 'pump and treat' method for decontaminating groundwater may not be as effective as alternative treatment methods," she wrote. The Hewlett-Packard site uses pump-and-treat methods.

When residents of Mountain View first discussed the issue 11 years ago, they worked with the EPA to fix the problem.

"Though I was among the com-

munity members who raised the issue of carbon 'regeneration' a decade ago, I believe it's important to put it into perspective," Lenny Siegel, director of Mountain View's Center for Public Environmental Oversight, told the Voice in an email. "I believe that Superfund cleanups represent a small portion of the carbon filters thermally treated in the U.S., and carbon filter disposal represents a small portion of the waste shipped from Superfund sites."

"The transfer of waste from one medium to another is one of the reasons we have been promoting in-situ treatment at MEW and Moffett Field (Mountain View's major Superfund sites), and we believe the adoption of new remedies here may serve as a national model," Siegel said.

Alternatives to carbon filtering of contaminated groundwater include the injection of special bacteria into the water table to

break down toxics.

"But it's an area where we all need to tread carefully," he said. "Federal and private responsible parties are looking for excuses to reduce cleanup activity, and no active cleanup (monitored natural attenuation) generates less waste and costs less than both conventional remedies (pump and treat) and in-situ treatment."

A map of all Silicon Valley Superfund sites can be found at epa.gov/superfund/sites/query/queryhtm/nplmapsg.htm.

Nearby sites include Hewlett-Packard in Palo Alto; and Spectra-Physics, Inc., Teledyne Semiconductor, CTS Printex, Inc., Jasco Chemical Corp., Moffett Naval Air Station, Fairchild Semiconductor, Raytheon Corp. and Intel Corp. in Mountain View. ■

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HOUSING

Stanford wins approval for El Camino project

Palo Alto's architecture panel clears the way for 70-unit development

by Gennady Sheyner

Stanford University's plan to build 250 housing units for its faculty in the College Terrace neighborhood scored another victory Thursday, when Palo Alto's architecture panel unanimously approved a new affordable-housing development along one of the busiest stretches of El Camino Real.

The 70-unit development is the second major housing project proposed by Stanford and approved by the city in the past month. On March 20, the Architectural Review Board approved the construction of 180 housing units on California Avenue, which includes a mix of single-family homes and multi-family units.

Both projects are part of the city's 2005 agreement with Stanford, under which the university constructed soccer fields on the corner of El Camino and Page Mill Road and leased them to the city for 51 years for \$1 per year. In exchange, the city agreed to grant Stanford the right to build 250 units on the two sites.

The 2500 El Camino Real development drew much praise and little criticism from the board, which voted 5-0 to give Stanford the go-ahead. The development, located just north of Page Mill, will consist of two wings: a four-story brick west wing with a curved design intended to resem-

ble a "swoosh" and a three-story east wing, known as "cube," with a rectangular shape and cement fiber panels. The two wings would be connected by a transparent breezeway at the upper levels.

Apartments in the new development will range from one to three bedrooms. The taller west wing would include 54 units: 24 with one bedroom, 12 with two bedrooms and 18 with three bedrooms. This wing will also include commercial spaces on the ground floor that would be used by the current tenant, the Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The east wing will include the remaining 16 units, 12 with two bedrooms and four with three bedrooms. It would also include a small cafe on the ground floor.

Despite tiny quibbles about colors and what some saw as excessive simplicity of the cube wing, the board was generally enthusiastic about the development. Even residents from the adjacent College Terrace neighborhood had good things to say about Stanford's housing proposal, noting that the university had agreed to reduce its construction hours in the evening and offer Eco Passes for VTA buses to building residents.

The one area of contention had to do with bike paths. Several members of the College Terrace Residents Association requested

that Stanford build bike and pedestrian amenities in the back of the property, where the project's parking lot would be located. Travis Giggy, who has two sons who attend Escondido Elementary School, argued that many students will use the back route to avoid the busier streets and crosswalks on El Camino and California Avenue.

"I would humbly request for Stanford or the architects to take a second look at building some safe walkways behind the projects so the tenants of this building and the children could have a safe way to walk to school."

Brent Barker, president of the resident association's board of directors, said he and the board "basically like this project" but made a similar plea for pedestrian amenities in the back of the property. Adding a bike path at the 24-foot easement behind the building would make commuting easier and safer for students, Barker said.

Stanford has resisted this approach, arguing that the area next to the parking lot is intended to be primarily for cars and that directing bicyclists to the area would do more harm than good. Christopher Wuthman of Stanford Real Estate said the plan specifically placed amenities for bicyclists and pedestrians on well-used corridors and destinations. This includes El Camino, where the building's set-



Palo Alto's architecture panel approved Stanford University's new 70-unit affordable-housing project, which includes a four-story brick west wing with a curved design.

back will create wider sidewalks (consistent with a city objective) and near the soccer fields on the Page Mill corner.

"We are opposed to directing and facilitating bicyclists and pedestrians toward the unsafe vehicle driveway that is patently for vehicles," Wuthman told the board.

The board concurred, with Vice Chair Randy Popp agreeing that directing pedestrians and bicyclists toward the parking lot would be dangerous.

"If my son was riding to school out of this project, I would not let him ride through the parking lot," Popp said.

Though Popp suggested that the evolved design for the project may now be too simple, he joined his colleagues in giving the development a green light. Chair Lee Lippert called it a "terrific project" and board member Clare

Malone Prichard said Stanford's team has "done everything we asked them to do." She said she was "very much in support of the project as it is presented." She also lauded its treatment of El Camino sidewalks, which are currently about 8 feet wide but which would vary from 13 to 18 feet once the existing commercial buildings are demolished and the new development is constructed.

"The width of sidewalks, with setting the building back, is absolutely matching up with what we've been asking for with all of our zoning changes," Malone Prichard said, referring to a proposed sidewalk ordinance that is now being reviewed by local boards and commission. "I appreciate that." ■

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Expressways

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Other council members stressed the need to consider improvements for the entire stretch of Page Mill and Oregon Expressway, rather than just the highway interchange. According to Rodriguez, the county's new expressway plan will do exactly that. In addition to exploring the specific segments, Expressway 2040 will also include a focused study on the interchange, which will evaluate significant, long-term improvements.

Palo Alto residents and city officials will have plenty of opportunities to opine on the county proposals. The proposed expressway improvements will be included in the county's new General Plan, which will have to undergo a detailed environmental analysis. The county plans to release its "notice of preparation" for the plan next month and the Palo Alto council is scheduled to hold its first discussion on the projects in Expressway Plan 2040 on May 12. ■

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Corrections

The March 28 story about psychiatrist Peter Lucy's planned battered women's center incorrectly stated his age. Lucy was 64. The report card found was from 1926, not 1928. The Weekly regrets the error. To request a correction, contact Editor Jocelyn Dong at 650-223-6514, jdong@paweekly.com or P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto, CA 94302.

Online This Week

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

Man who fought cops charged with murder

A 34-year-old man who was arrested in February after a violent altercation with Palo Alto officers has been charged with a murder that took place in San Jose just hours earlier. (Posted April 3, 1:14 p.m.)

Fallen tree injures sleeping man in shed

A transient man sleeping inside a community garden shed on Newell Road Tuesday evening was trapped inside after a large oak tree fell on the building, crushing his leg. (Posted April 2, 11:49 a.m.)

East Palo Alto backs new tenant-protection law

East Palo Alto City Council Tuesday night unanimously threw its support behind a new tenant-protection ordinance after hearing more than a dozen residents urge city officials to protect tenants against displacement, a decline in affordable housing and an imbalance between tenants and landlords. (Posted April 2, 9:16 a.m.)

Texas felon busted after riding a motorcycle

A Texas man who was pulled over in Palo Alto for riding without a helmet was arrested after a brief foot chase late Sunday night after officers learned that he is a wanted felon in his home state. (Posted April 1, 4:45 p.m.)

Serious crash barely misses church

A car crash along Palo Alto's "church row" on Middlefield Road barely missed hitting The Father's House on Monday afternoon. (Posted March 31, 5:16 p.m.)

Chevy Suburban flips on Palo Alto on-ramp

The driver of a black Chevrolet Suburban lost control of his vehicle in Palo Alto and flipped the car onto its roof on Monday morning. (Posted March 31, 1:06 p.m.)

Stanford admits 2,138 to Class of 2018

Stanford University sent acceptance and rejection notifications Friday, March 28, to more than 40,000 high school students from around the world who applied for admission to the undergraduate Class of 2018. (Posted March 31, 9:41 a.m.)

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Plan to widen El Camino Real sidewalks meets resistance

Property owners criticize proposed ordinance as misguided, overly restrictive

by Gennady Sheyner

A regional drive to turn El Camino Real into a pedestrian-friendly boulevard clashed with thorny reality Tuesday night as property owners in Palo Alto lashed out at the city's effort to encourage wider sidewalks along the prominent commuter thoroughfare.

About 15 property owners attended a public hearing at Creekside Inn on Tuesday to hear city staff explain the city's proposed sidewalk ordinance and offer input. The ordinance, which was prompted by a memo from City Council members, seeks to expand the distance between curbs and buildings beyond the 12 feet that the zoning code currently calls for. It would maintain the 12-foot minimum width while also requiring an average building setback of 15 to 18 feet along El Camino.

The ordinance provides flexibility based on context, which includes such factors as "land use, adjacent properties' existing building setbacks, proposed or adjacent building design, and lot size." The city's Architectural Review Board, which issues recommendations on new developments, would consider these factors in issuing its decisions on particular projects.

In addition, the proposed ordinance would modify the existing "build to line" standard, which requires the front of the building to be 12 feet away from the curb. Under the new rules, the ground floor would be allowed to be set further back from the curb, to create more space for pedestrians, while the top floor could extend closer to the street. Features such as columns or arcades could also be brought closer to the sidewalk.

Chief Planning Official Amy French said developers currently have to request a "design enhancement exception" if they want to set their building back farther than 12 feet. The rule change would give them more flexibility in setting the buildings away from the sidewalk.

The movement to change rules along El Camino is rooted in both a regional effort to enliven the corridor and a local effort to reduce the mass of new developments. Recent developments on El Camino, including the Arbor Real townhouses near Charleston Road and the new hotel at the former Palo Alto Bowl site, have attracted criticism from residents about their large mass and proximity to the curb. In a memo last April, council members Greg Scharff, Karen Holman, Gail Price and Greg Schmid argued that the new projects have "generated consternation in the community and a strong negative reaction by members of the public as to how close the buildings are to the street and how the buildings turn their backs



A pedestrian walks along the sidewalk lining El Camino Real near the Olive Garden restaurant on April 2. Street trees further narrow the sidewalk.

on the public right of way due to inadequate setbacks and building articulation and openings to reduce the building mass."

The council members pointed to the Grand Boulevard Initiative, a regional effort that calls for a minimum sidewalk width of 18 feet, significantly larger than the city's existing 12-foot standard.

"The idea of El Camino improvements is to provide vitality along the street," French said.

In addition to adjusting sidewalk widths, the proposed ordinance would also reduce the building density allowed at the 32 properties on El Camino zoned "neighborhood commercial." This provision was drafted in response to a recent change in state law that allows these properties to increase density from 15 housing units per acre to 20 units. In response, the City Council directed staff to consider reducing the "floor area ratio," which would effectively ensure that the additional units are small.

"One of the goals is (to have) smaller units to meet that segment of the housing need," French said.

Though planning staff stressed Tuesday that the new rules would only apply to new projects and not existing buildings, the caveat did little to assuage the concerns of the property owners. Many argued that the sidewalk ordinance would further limit their abilities to redevelop. Others dismissed the regional vision of turning El Camino into a "grand boulevard" as deeply misguided, noting that the car-heavy thoroughfare more closely resembles a highway than a promenade. Joe Rizza, whose property is at the corner of El Camino and Fernando Avenue, was one of many to question whether the city really needs to encourage more pedestrian use on the thoroughfare. A pedestrian who tries to cross El Camino at the crosswalk near this property effectively takes his life in his hands, Rizza said.

"I don't see people sitting on El Camino, with buses going

by, enjoying their coffee," Rizza said. "I don't see bicycles using El Camino."

"El Camino Real is not a great place to attract foot traffic," he later added. "It's dangerous. It's a highway."

His was one of many skeptical voices at Tuesday's meeting. Property owner Sal Giovanotto lashed out against the city's effort to imitate European boulevards and argued that the movement will accomplish nothing aside from restricting residents' rights.

"This thing is not helping anybody," Giovanotto said. "There is not a drop of advantage to anybody. No matter what you do, you have to pay a price."

Ken Weng, who also owns properties on El Camino, said the new adjustments would have a particularly negative impact on small properties, which already face heavy restrictions when it comes to redevelopment.

"We want to see a nice El Camino Real," Weng said. "The problem is, all the rules when you add them up together don't make sense with small properties."

Several speakers argued that if the city imposes new restrictions on properties, it should relax other rules, including height limits for buildings next to residential properties. Because they would no longer be allowed to be built close to the sidewalk, property owners should have the ability to build higher, they said.

Staff's response that the height issue could be considered separately but is not part of the current ordinance did little to assuage their concerns.

"You're taking something away, but you're not allowing some sort of modifications to compensate for that," said Ben Cintz, who owns property on El Camino and Stanford Avenue.

The city's Planning and Transportation Commission is scheduled to discuss the rule changes on April 9. ■



CITY OF PALO ALTO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Palo Alto City Council will hold a public hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or as near thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, to consider Council Adoption of an Ordinance Modifying: (1) Chapter 18.16 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code (PAMC) to: (a) Address Sidewalk Width and Building Setbacks (Setback and "build-to" Line Standards, and Context Based Design Criteria) Along El Camino Real, and (b) Reduce the Allowable Floor Area Ratio on CN Zoned Sites Where Dwelling Units are Permitted at 20 Units Per Acre; and (2) PAMC Chapter 18.04 to Adjust the Definition of Lot Area and Add a Definition for "Effective Sidewalk". Environmental Assessment: Exempt from the provisions of CEQA per section 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations).

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News Digest



Veronica Weber

Grocery Outlet opens at Alma Village

Discount food store Grocery Outlet opened its first Palo Alto store on April 3 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. A grand-opening celebration is set for Saturday, April 5. The retailer has filled the 18,000-square-foot vacancy left by Miki's Farm Fresh Market in Alma Village. Grocery Outlet will fill a niche not previously available in Palo Alto by offering name-brand products at a 40 to 70 percent price reduction, owner-operator Tony Tenaglia said. The store, at 3445 Alma St., offers items from manufacturers' overstocks, canceled orders and discontinued packaging. It also sells fresh produce. ■

— Sue Dremann

Palo Alto looks to shield two nonprofits

As senior and youth populations continue to grow in Palo Alto, the city is looking to change the long-standing relationship between City Hall and the two nonprofits that are most involved in serving these two demographics.

The change is meant to shield the organizations — Avenidas and Palo Alto Community Child Care — from the year-to-year fluctuations in funding that local nonprofits receive from the city as part of the Human Services Resource Allocation Process, a city-funded grant program. The organizations are by far the biggest nonprofit recipients of city dollars. In the current fiscal year, they received \$868,014 in grant funding (\$431,184 for Avenidas and \$436,830 for Palo Alto Community Child Care), which comprised 76 percent of the total program budget.

Under a proposal that the City Council's Policy and Services Committee backed by a 2-1 vote March 25, the nonprofits would be funded separately rather than vying with dozens of other organizations for city dollars.

The grant program has been in place since 1984. In addition to consistently awarding Avenidas and PACCC more than \$400,000 each in annual grants, the program provides much smaller contributions to more than a dozen other nonprofits, including Adolescent Counseling Services, InnVision and the Downtown Streets Team.

The change, which still has to get the approval of the full City Council, was made at the request of Avenidas and PACCC and with full support of Councilman Larry Klein, who noted that the two agencies have long had a special relationship with the city because they offer critical services that would otherwise have to be provided directly by the city. ■

— Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto selects new city auditor

Palo Alto has concluded its search for a new city auditor, selecting a veteran from the City of Berkeley to fill the vacancy.

The City Council will consider on Monday appointing Harriet Richardson to serve as the new city auditor, which is one of four positions that is selected directly by the council (the other three are city manager, city attorney and city clerk). Richardson will take over a position that has been vacant since Jim Pelletier resigned in September to lead the American Center of Government Auditing.

Senior Performance Auditor Houman Boussina has been leading the department as an acting city auditor since Pelletier's departure.

If the council approves at its April 7 meeting a recommendation from its Council Appointed Officers Committee, Richardson will start her new job on April 15. She will receive a salary of \$167,500, according to a report the city released Wednesday afternoon.

The report notes that Richardson was selected after a "national search" and interviews with numerous finalists. It cites Richardson's "extensive experience" in government auditing, including in Berkeley, Washington state, Atlanta and San Francisco. Her most recent position is with Berkeley, where she has been serving as audit manager.

The Office of the City Auditor is charged with conducting performance audits and annual reviews of city departments and releasing the annual Service Efforts and Accomplishments report, which looks at performance results of each department over a five-year period. ■

— Gennady Sheyner



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Park Boulevard

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car ended up in the plate-glass window, an almost identical incident nearly occurred at that location. As a pedestrian watched, a driver turning left from Sherman Avenue almost collided with a pickup truck driving south on Park. The sedan had turned in front of the truck without hesitating.

Todd Burke, president of the homeowners association for the nearby Palo Alto Central condominium complex, said such close calls are routine. Residents of the 141-unit complex use Sherman on the east side of Park Boulevard to exit the complex, but for whatever reason, northbound traffic on Park often speeds, he said. There is often a blind spot on the corner when a vehicle parks there, he said.

"If there is a truck parked on Sherman and there's a bicyclist or a speeding car and I can't see them coming, it's a bit of a leap of faith," he said.

From Page Mill Road to California Avenue, "there's nothing slowing traffic down," he said.

Alice Jacobs, a mother who lives nearby on Sherman Avenue, was home when the March 15 accident occurred. She and her husband heard the loud crash between 9:30 and 10 p.m.

"Someone was going south on Park and was crossing the intersection, and they T-boned a person crossing from Sherman. The car was thrown into the law building. It makes me nervous walking around. We stand on that corner. If someone was walking there when that accident occurred, they could have been wiped out if it occurred during the day," she said.

Jacobs' husband witnessed a collision between a car and a bicyclist on Oct. 30 just north of the same intersection, she said.

"The cyclist was heading southbound on Park Boulevard, and a parked driver opened his car door across the bike lane without looking first. The cyclist was seriously injured and needed medical atten-



Park Boulevard has been the scene of vehicle-vehicle, vehicle-bicycle and vehicle-pedestrian accidents, seven between January 2013 and March 21 this year.

tion," she said.

Burke said the street is dangerous for pedestrians.

"Have you ever seen how many people are walking on that street when people are getting off the train to go to the AOL building? There is significant traffic," he said.

Several employees at tech firms said they are fearful of crossing the street, which has only one crosswalk at Page Mill Road.

"I wish there were more crosswalks. It's a death trap for pedestrians," a Groupon employee said on his way to lunch.

The city has made some im-

provements, Chief Transportation Official Jaime Rodriguez said. It resurfaced Park Boulevard south of California Avenue last summer and added wider bicycle lanes with green bike-lane markings and intersection improvements at Page Mill Road, he said.

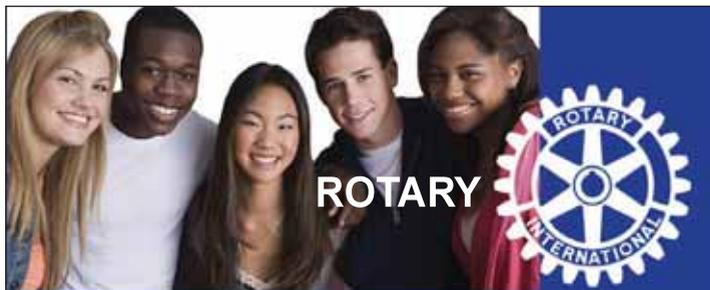
The City Council approved additional studies as part of the Park Boulevard Bicycle Boulevard project on March 17. The improvements would be decided upon after the traffic studies and bicycle/pedestrian counts and community outreach, he said.

Burke said his vision for a safer boulevard would include

additional crosswalks and speed-reduction devices — perhaps in the form of raised crosswalks and flashing beacons to alert drivers when pedestrians are crossing, he said. He wouldn't mind a speed hump or two, although that would be controversial, he said.

A study by Fehr & Peers Transportation Consultants for planning and preliminary environmental assessments is scheduled to take 18 months, with public outreach in about one year, according to a Planning Department report. ■

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Not in Our Schools

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Gunn students join in a "National Day of Silence" to call attention to that issue, with teachers notified ahead of time about which students are participating.

Not in Our Schools is a project of the Oakland-based nonprofit media company The Working Group. The group, which produced the PBS series "Not in Our Town," says it combines media and outreach efforts to "battle against intolerance" and encourage democracy and citizen participation.

The group's director, Becki Cohn-Vargas, formerly an administrator with the Palo Alto school district, said Gunn has become a model campus in the national Not in Our Schools effort.

"The kind of acceptance and inclusion we focus on has become part of the daily fabric of their school," Cohn-Vargas said. "They have created a model where teachers in all departments take responsibility for opening dialogue on issues of ending bullying and of creating identity-safe classrooms where all students belong."

Also observing Not in Our Schools next week will be Jordan Middle School. Terman Middle School held Not in Our Schools week March 3 to 7. Palo Alto High School and JLS Middle School will observe it April 21 to 25. ■

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CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council

The council did not meet this week.

Architectural Review Board (April 3)

2500 El Camino Real: The board approved a proposal by Stanford University for a 70-unit affordable-housing development at 2500 El Camino Real. **Yes:** Unanimous

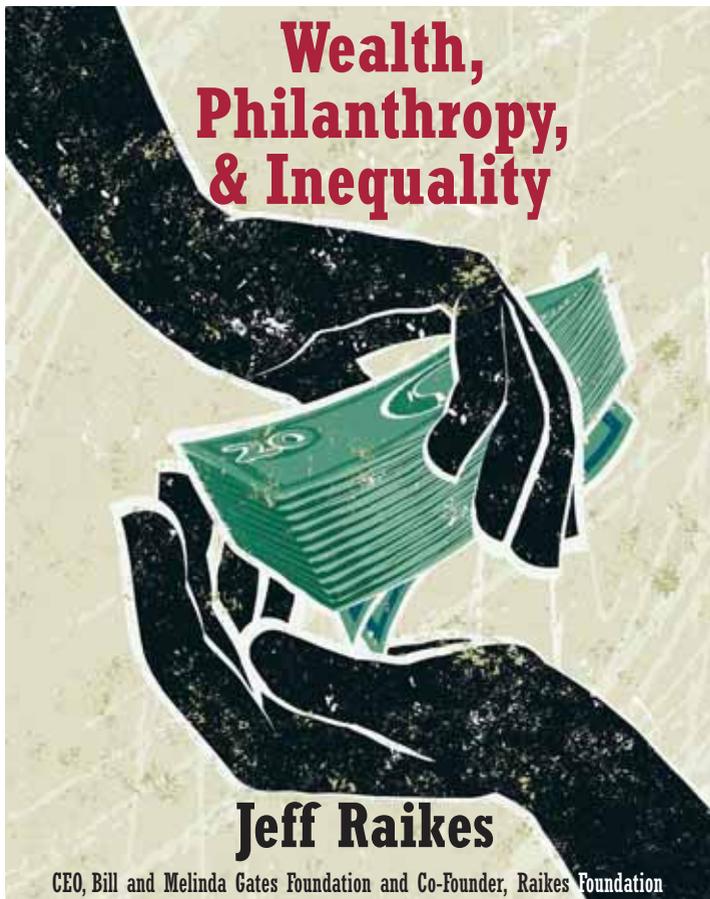
Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to hold a study session with the Public Arts Commission. The council then plans to consider renaming the Main Library and discuss the long-term financial forecast for fiscal years 2015 to 2024. The meeting with the arts commission will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 7, in the Council Conference Room at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.). The rest of the meeting will follow in the Council Chambers.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ... The commission will discuss the proposed sidewalk ordinance, which includes a requirement for an average sidewalk width of 15 to 18 feet, a modification of the "build to line" provision and a reduction of allowed floor-area-ratio at "neighborhood commercial" zones by El Camino Real. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, in the Council Chambers at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).

COUNCIL REGIONAL HOUSING MANDATE COMMITTEE ... The council plans to consider housing-inventory sites for the the 2015-23 Housing Element and review the Housing Element goals, policies and programs. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, in the Council Conference Room at City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.).



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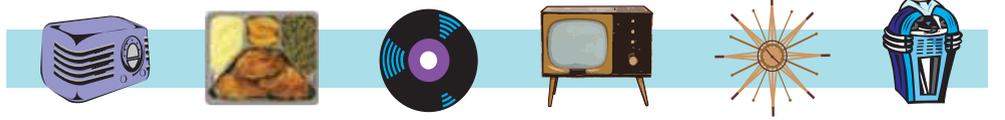
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Designs have recently been finalized for the inclusive Magical Bridge Playground, which will be constructed at Mitchell Park.

Magical

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array of play features and landscape elements that will accommodate children both with and without disabilities.

The playground will be composed of seven play zones, each centered around a different type of play activity. The design was created by Royston Hamamoto, Alley and Abey, the same architecture firm that designed Mitchell Park in the 1950s.

The largest of these is the "swing zone," which will include a swing set with six harness chairs, a two-dish swing that can accommodate two children, a sway boat that allows wheelchair access, a roller table with pull up bars and an exercise area for adults.

The "spinning zone" will include five play elements, including a wheelchair-accessible merry-go-round and various spinning apparatuses, each accommodating multiple users. A "tot-a-lot zone" will be geared toward children ages 2 through 5 and will include a double slide, a climbing wall and a spinning bowl. A "slide and

climb zone" will have four different slides (including one with a curve and one with a banister) and a climbing area with "spiral tube climbers" that will help children scale that slide mound.

The "music zone" will feature musical equipment such as stacked bells, drums, chimes, a "metal-laphone" (several metal poles that create a tone when hit) and a "laser harp," that uses laser lights that, when disrupted, make sounds such as musical notes and rustling leaves, according to a staff report.

The "natural play" zone, located near two oak trees, will include a two-story playhouse, a stage and an elevated tree walk offering views of Mitchell Park. The tree walk, according to the report, "creates the sense of being up in the trees, which a majority of those with limited mobility do not have a chance to experience."

Cordry Hill, the architect who created the design, said one of the key feelings that the firm tried to capture in this play area is that of being the "king of the mountain" or on the "top of the fort."

The final zone is the "open play zone," a turf section near

the existing areas that offers open space for groups to play in and creates a "retreat" area for children looking for a break from the rest of the playground.

Hill said the playground will include other elements aimed at attracting children with disabilities, including "tactile domes" and a fiberglass map of the playground that will allow visually impaired children to orient themselves.

Jensen said the city will continue to look at replacing the bridge over Adobe Creek and will look for grant opportunities to make this project possible. The proposed design, he said, will not prevent the future replacement of the structure.

The city's Parks and Recreation Commission had nothing but praise for the playground during a brief March 25 discussion, with Deirdre Crommie calling it "beautiful" and saying she "can't wait to see it." Chair Jennifer Hetterley agreed.

"This is exciting," Hetterley said. "(I) can't wait for it to come to life." ■

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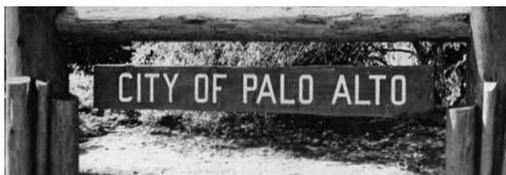
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POLICE CALLS

Palo Alto

March 25-31

Violence related

Battery 2
Domestic violence 1
Family violence 1
Strong arm robbery 1

Theft related

Commercial burglaries 2
Identity theft 1
Petty theft 2
Residential burglaries 5

Vehicle related

Abandoned auto 1
Abandoned bicycle 1
Auto theft 2
Bicycle theft 1
Driving w/ suspended license 1
Hit and run 1
Misc. traffic 4
Theft from auto 2
Vehicle accident/minor injury 2
Vehicle accident/property damage ... 4
Auto recovery 1

Alcohol or drug related

Drunk in public 3
Possession of drugs 2
Drinking in public 1

Miscellaneous

Animal call 1
False info to police 1
Found property 2
Lost property 2
Psych subject 1
Suspicious circumstances 2
Terrorist threat 1
Vandalism 4
Warrant/other agency 3

Menlo Park

March 25-30

Violence related

Battery 2

Child abuse 1

Theft related

Attempted burglary 1
Fraud 3
Grand theft 1
Identity theft 2
Petty theft 2
Residential burglary 1

Vehicle related

Auto recovery 1
Bicycle theft 1
Driving w/ suspended license 4
Hit and run 3
Theft from auto 3
Vehicle accident/minor injury 2
Vehicle accident/no injury 2
Vehicle tow 3

Alcohol or drug related

Defraud of an innkeeper 1
Drunken driving 1
H&S investigation 1
Possession of drugs 1
Under influence of drugs 1
Narcotics info call 1

Miscellaneous

Disturbing phone calls 1
Embezzlement 1
Found property 2
Info. case 1
Lost property 1
Medical aid 1
Missing person 1
Outside assist 2
Property for destruction 1
Psych subject 1
Suspicious circumstances 1
Vandalism 2
Violation of restraining order 1
Warrant arrest 8

VIOLENT CRIMES

Palo Alto

El Camino Real, 3/25, 9:35 p.m.; family violence.

Park Boulevard, 3/26, 4:30 p.m.; battery/verbal argument.

El Camino Real, 3/27, 3:58 p.m.; robbery/strong arm robbery.

El Camino Real, 3/30, 10:40 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.

Menlo Park

Location withheld, 3/26, 4:32 p.m.; child abuse/assault.

700 block Laurel St., 3/27, 4:35 p.m.; battery.

600 block Hamilton Ave., 3/29, 8:14 p.m.; battery/physical altercation.

North County Open House

Updates on Local VTA Projects

VTA is hosting two Open Houses to update the public on current transportation projects in North Santa Clara County. The event offers an opportunity for members of the public to directly discuss with key project staff the latest information regarding the following VTA projects:

- **Light Rail Efficiency Project/Mountain View Double Tracking Project**
- **SR 85 and US 101 Express Lanes**
- **Bus Rapid Transit on El Camino Real**
- **Bus and Light Rail Service in North County**

Two Open House sessions are scheduled on April 9, 2014

Mountain View City Hall Council Chambers
500 Castro Street, Mountain View
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 am, and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Transit Options:

VTA Bus Line 35 serves this location during the hours of both meetings, with additional bus service available two blocks away on El Camino Real and VTA Light Rail and Caltrain service available four blocks away at the Mountain View Transit Center. Additionally, during the earlier meeting, VTA Bus Lines 34, 51 and 52 also serve this location.

Your Active Participation is Valued

These projects will add significant benefits to the public transit experience while also fulfilling VTA's congestion management goals. Your comments, observations, suggestions and input will help shape them to best serve the community.

There are other ways to learn about projects and offer input. If you visit VTA's website, vta.org, you will find multiple project pages to explore. You can sign up for e-mail updates by clicking the blue envelope icon found in the upper right hand corner of most web pages.

Please direct your comments to community.outreach@vta.org or (408) 321-7575, TTY only (408) 321-2330.



Transitions

Births, marriages and deaths

Lawrence Johnson

Lawrence "Larry" Johnson, a Hewlett-Packard materials engineer, died on March 22 in his Los Altos home, with his children by his side. He was 89.

Born in 1924, he grew up in Washington, D.C., the son of Aaron G. Johnson and Ruth M. (Westcott) Johnson. He went to school at Alice Deal Jr. High and then Woodrow Wilson High School. He also joined the cadets and played cello before graduating in 1942.

In 1942, he received a scholarship enabling him to attend Carnegie Institute of Technology. WWII interrupted; after basic training in Florida, he spent two quarters at Stanford University as part of the Army Special Training Program. He served at Oceanside, San Luis Obispo, Monterey and the Presidio in San Francisco. He was discharged in 1946 and returned to college. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in physics in 1948 and a master's degree in electrical engineering in 1949.

While in Pennsylvania, he met Isabel Beck. They grew close and married in 1947. She died in 1955.

In 1956, he started working for Hewlett-Packard. He first worked in oscilloscopes before focusing on materials management and semi-conductors. After 30 years, he retired.

While at HP, he met Esther (Wilson) Hanson, a young widow herself with a son, Brad. They married in 1957 and soon built their first of three Los Altos houses. Their marriage lasted 54 years, until Esther died in 2011.

He lived in Los Altos for 57 years. Among other hobbies, he loved listening to and collecting jazz music in LP, CD and other formats.

He is predeceased by brother Lewis R. Johnson and sisters Elizabeth W. Johnson and Marian Chase. He is survived by son Douglas S. Johnson of Mountain View; daughter Elizabeth R. J. M. Mamer (and her husband Phillip)

of Caldwell, Idaho; stepson Bradley W. Hanson of Cobb, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on April 27 at 2 p.m. at the family home in Los Altos.

SUBMITTING TRANSITIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Palo Alto Weekly's Transitions page is devoted to births, weddings, anniversaries and deaths of local residents.

Obituaries for local residents are a free editorial service. Send information to Obituaries, Palo Alto Weekly, P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto, CA 94302, or fax to 650-326-3928, or email to editor@pawebweekly.com. Please include the name and telephone number of a person who might provide additional information about the deceased. Photos are accepted and printed on a space-available basis. The Weekly reserves the right to edit obituaries for space and format considerations.

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Harold "Hal" Curry

March 31, 1931 – March 31, 2014

Harold "Hal" Curry, a 20 year resident of Menlo Park and East Palo Alto, died on his 83rd birthday, March 31. He always enjoyed having his birth date read 3-31-1931! A retired accomplished teacher, counselor, and vice principal over a long career with the San Jose Unified District, his final illness came on suddenly after a 3 year decline due to Parkinson's disease and cognitive complications.

He lived his life with a Joie de Vivre that started from his Hoosier roots in Anderson, then Ft. Wayne, Indiana. After earning his Master of Science in Education from Indiana University he began his teaching career. Hal's love of all things French began at the same time after an extended stay in Paris when the mode of transport to the continent was by ocean voyage.

During his professional life in Education he also began an over 3 decade's long love affair with the study and appreciation of wine. Hal developed his expertise when he worked on weekends as a tasting room manager for Weibel wineries from 1976 to 1994. After retiring he continued teaching classes on wines and wine appreciation at West Valley College, Foothill College and other places. He also enjoyed working at Printer's Inc. in Palo Alto, the Menlo Park Library, and conducting weekly wine tastings at BevMo in Mountain View. Hal thoroughly enjoyed and was also much appreciated for his volunteer work with the Palo Alto Police Dept. He was a dependable, knowledgeable tour guide to many groups of scouts, school groups and other organizations. Always a favorite of his tours was a chance for the children to see a Police dog in a patrol car!

He is survived by his wife Janet Curry, daughter Elise Curry, son Timothy Curry, and grandchildren Grant and Helena Curry.

A memorial service, open to the public, will be held at 12 noon, Friday, April 11, in the chapel at Alta Mesa Funeral Home, 695 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto, CA, 94306. Officiating will be the Rev. Bethany Hannon of Unity Palo Alto.

Donations may be made in Hal's memory to KCEA Memories, 89.1 FM, 555 Middlefield Rd., Atherton, CA 94027, (650) 306-8823.

In addition, please listen to a Frank Sinatra song that speaks to you and especially, "My Way", a song that Hal said contained his favorite quotation, "I did it my way". Also, any Herb Caen column you can find!

PAID OBITUARY

Doris Loraine Shumate Salabert

Doris Loraine Shumate Salabert was born August 8, 1929 in Wheeler, Arkansas and passed away peacefully on March 20, 2014 in Spanish Fork, Utah.

Doris was a long time resident of Palo Alto, CA before moving to Utah in 2012. Doris moved to Palo Alto in 1946 with her parents Alfred and Lena Shumate. Doris was a senior in high school and attended Palo Alto High School (Paly), where she met her future husband John Salabert. They



both graduated from Paly in 1947 and were married soon after. Both John and Doris worked at the Salabert family laundry, then Liddicoats market and finally they both retired from Palo Alto School District. Doris loved Paly and working around the kids as the manager for the Paly snack/lunch bar. You could always see her and John at the sporting events, especially football, and basketball games. Doris and John were married 57 years at the time of John's passing in 2005.

Doris is survived by her children, Thomas Salabert of Spanish Fork, Utah, Denise Hochscheid of Severn, MD, Steven (wife Rae) Salabert of Livermore, CA, Kenneth (wife Desiree) of Menlo Park, CA, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. In addition Doris is survived by her sister, Lee Canderle, of Sunnyvale, CA, and her brother Alfred Shumate, of Paradise, CA, sister-in-law, Jacqueline Salabert, of Asheville, NC. She also has many nieces and nephews in California and Arkansas.

Doris was a loving wife, friend, sister, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who touched the lives of so many. The door at the Salabert family house on Lincoln Ave. Was always open to all, especially on Saturday nights for her famous steak, homemade fries and garlic bread dinners.

Celebration of life will be sometime in August in Palo Alto.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.walkerobits.com

PAID OBITUARY



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

8:00 A.M., Wednesday, April 16, 2014 Palo Alto Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Civic Center, 250 Hamilton Avenue. Plans may be reviewed at the Development Center at 285 Hamilton Avenue or online at: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/planningprojects>; contact Diana Tamale for additional information during business hours at 650.329.2144.

261 Hamilton Avenue [13PLN-00267]: Application by Cody Anderson Wasney Architects for Architectural Review and Historic Resources Board review of a proposed reclassification of the 261 Hamilton Building, designed by Birge Clark in 1927 and located in the Ramona Street Historic District, from Category 3 on the City's Historic Inventory to Category 2. The application includes a request for Architectural Review and Historic Resources Board review of a Historic Rehabilitation of the building and review of a 5,907 square-foot addition at the rear of the building allowed by relocating square footage from the existing basement for a net zero gain in floor area; the approved Historic Rehabilitation would generate 15,000 square feet of Transferable Development Rights. Zone District: CD-C(GF) (P). Environmental Assessment: Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act per Sections 15331 Historical Resource Rehabilitation and 15301 Existing Facilities.

Steven Turner, Advance Planning Manager

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Editorial

What's in a name?

Is coming up with a name for the new 'main' library really worth all this fuss?

Every so often, the Palo Alto City Council gets itself into a self-inflicted mess that creates frustration and cynicism about government and just makes everyone look silly.

The debate over whether a new name is needed for what is now known as the Main Library when it re-opens after its renovation is such an issue, and is resurfacing for even more discussion at next Monday's City Council meeting.

We suggest the council recognize the folly of its earlier efforts to micromanage this process, adopt the harmless and appropriate "Rinconada Library" name recommended by both the Library Advisory Commission and the Palo Alto Historical Association and declare victory.

Spare yourselves the ridicule that is sure to come if you repeat the tortured discussion from last time and prevent another unneeded community debate.

For inexplicable reasons, the naming of the library seems really important to some members of the council.

Councilmember Larry Klein has had a strong and persistent desire to name the library after a famous, deceased Palo Alto person. Back in September, when this first came to the City Council, surely with the staff expecting a simple adoption of the recommended name, Klein was able to get just enough votes for a crafty motion directing the council's policy committee, on which Klein serves, to either propose the name of a person or recommend retaining the name "Main" Library. The name "Rinconada" or any other name based on geography or history was not off the table, given the wording of the motion.

The vote was 4-3, with Gail Price, Karen Holman and Pat Burt joining Klein, and Greg Scharff, Nancy Shepherd and Greg Schmid dissenting. Liz Kniss, who then chaired the Policy and Services Committee, and Marc Berman were absent.

Then when the policy committee took up the issue last December, with it being obvious that the committee was evenly split, Klein and Price moved to return the matter to the City Council with a recommendation for a new directive back to the committee to come up with the name of a "distinguished person in Palo Alto history" as the new name for the library. That motion failed on a 2-2 vote, with Kniss and Holman voting "no."

So now back to the full council the library-naming issue comes, right back where it started seven months ago and no closer to resolution.

This is hardly what citizens of Palo Alto want our City Council or staff spending its time on.

The council-adopted process for naming city facilities was followed. The Library Advisory Commission, which is appointed by the council, met twice in 2012 to review possible names and to ensure that they met the renaming criteria. It decided to recommend the name "Rinconada," based on the proximity of the park, the fact it is the name of the original land grant for that portion of the city, and due to the name "Main" no longer seeming appropriate since it will not be the largest library, nor will it house the library administrative staff.

The Palo Alto Historical Association gave its blessing in June 2013, believing it to be a historically appropriate name.

While there is nothing inherently wrong with considering the names of individuals, no one has been able to come up with any person who had a major role in developing the city's library system that might make an appropriate option. So instead, some have suggested naming the library simply after famous people who made important contributions to our region, such as David Packard, William Hewlett, Steve Jobs and the like.

Now Klein and Price, "in order to move this matter forward," have sent a memorandum to their colleagues stating they will make a motion Monday night that the library be named after "Palo Alto's most beloved architect" Birge Clark.

This suggestion, seemingly out of nowhere, sets the stage for another long and awkward discussion over what deceased former Palo Alto community leader is more deserving than another for the honor of having a library named after them.

This is the wrong path for naming the new "Main" library and unworthy of any more time. Absent a clear consensus around a person, which clearly does not exist, the Council would be smart to adopt "Rinconada" and be done with it.

Spectrum

Editorials, letters and opinions

Jobs housing ratio

Editor,

Mr. Thorwaldson's article "Palo Alto's highest-anywhere jobs/housing imbalance causing real problems" was excellent — Palo Alto has over three jobs for each housing unit, by far the highest imbalance in the region. Where is Palo Alto's Review Process? Example: CEQA, the State Environmental Quality Process, requires an Initial Study (basically a checklist) for each project for the "responsible agency" (city) to complete. Questions include: Will the project conflict with Comprehensive Plan policies? Is it likely to cause cumulative impacts? Does it negatively impact the Jobs/Housing imbalance? While I cannot speak to all of the 40-plus reports prepared for recent commercial projects, those that I have reviewed all say "No" to each of those questions — no potential impact or cumulative impacts on jobs/housing or traffic and (really hard to believe) no conflicts with the Comprehensive Plan. And, they say parking is a "social" impact, not an environmental impact — so they don't ever mention parking.

CEQA is intended to inform the public and the decision makers about possible problems, not gloss over potential issues. But this Council can say: "Well no, I never knew there would be a problem, staff never told me." But they know. Members of the residential public have told them time and again. Commercial forces — not so much.

Ken Alsman

Addison Avenue, Palo Alto

Let's teach Latin

Editor,

I think Latin should be offered as a foreign language in public schools. Latin is a very useful language for several reasons.

First, words in English have many roots in Latin. Though English is a Germanic language, it has been influenced by Latin in many ways. An example of this is the English word "egotistical," meaning "self-centered." It comes from the Latin word for "I," "ego." Many other words in Latin have influenced those in English just like this one. Therefore, learning Latin will give us a deeper understanding of English.

Second, the Romance languages are Italian, French, Portuguese, Spanish and Romanian. 13.7 percent of the people in California speak only Spanish. Because Spanish came from Latin, learning Latin makes comprehending Spanish easier and also helps us understand four other languages.

Third, Latin is extremely useful

in medicine. Many medical terms are directly taken from Latin. This is because the Romans were one of the first peoples to practice medicine. With Latin, we can facilitate the learning of medical terms. Latin would also help in the study of historical literature.

Because of these reasons, I would encourage our school boards to consider offering Latin as a foreign language.

Jaydev Bhateja
La Cresta Drive,
Los Altos Hills

Tracking works

Editor,

This letter is in response to a guest opinion recommending abolishing lanes for English classes in our local public schools. The author cited the case of Finland, which does not have tracking. Finland has a largely homogeneous, stationary population. The Peninsula and Palo Alto do not. We have a highly mobile population with a sizable number of immigrants who often arrive with little or no formal education.

Putting everyone in the same English class would be like having everyone who is learning French in the same class, whether

they are just beginning or have been studying the language for five years. We all recognize that French 1 students need very different instruction than do the students in French 5. Students who do not know their alphabet or are functionally illiterate in English have very different needs than students reading and writing fluently at a college level. Grouping them together either gives the teacher an impossible job, or else they teach to the middle and ignore the students at both ends of the spectrum. We track our foreign language instruction by level for a very good reason, and track English for the exact same reason.

Sue Kayton

Doris Drive, Menlo Park

Vegetation will win

Editor,

"Don't fight lost battles" is an important phrase and concept when one is involved in political and ethical battles like trying to prevent a beautiful, wooded waterway being turned into a cement walled storm drain in the name of flood control. It is gratifying when

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Off Deadline

Local jobs/housing gap creates insoluble social, environmental dilemma

by Jay Thorwaldson

Sometimes the best intentions can create the worst results.

That in a nutshell describes the so far insurmountable imbalance between jobs and housing in Palo Alto — now about 3.13 jobs for every household — far worse than it was 40 years ago.

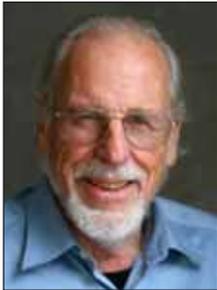
That figure, by far the highest in the region if not all of Northern California, was reported recently by the San Jose Business Journal.

It's not news that Palo Alto leads the pack in the so-called jobs/housing imbalance. In 1973, I wrote a detailed article for the Cry California magazine, the journal of the California Tomorrow organization — a strong advocate for regional and statewide planning from 1961 to its dissolution in 1983.

In a column in the March 14 Weekly I noted that the imbalance in the late 1960s and early 1970s was 2.5 jobs per household, even then one of the worst anywhere. (See www.paloaltoonline.com/square/2014/03/14/off-deadline-palo-altos-highest-anywhere-jobshousing-imbalance-causing-real-problems.)

The imbalance already was pushing up housing prices in Palo Alto, along with the "lighthouse" school district and being a great place to live and work.

And that was at a time when the predominant family pattern was one worker



per household. Two-worker households emerged with the liberation of women and the need simply to pay bills in a tighter world, led by rents and mortgages.

With that many more jobs than houses, a huge number of Palo Alto employees were forced to look for housing outside of Palo Alto, initially in nearby communities but increasingly further afield. Most of us have known or worked with someone commuting from Morgan Hill or Gilroy, or the East Bay, or even Stockton and Manteca in the Central Valley.

Has anyone qualified as the longest daily commuter? In 1973, the average was 18 miles one way. It's now estimated at 20-something miles. That's average, not the range, and is offset by those who hardly commute at all. Hours on the road don't seem to even be measured.

The environmental impact became significant: Some commutes began exceeding one or even two hours, with the consequent burning of gasoline and air pollution, made worse with inevitable traffic backups.

There was a social cost: Long-distance commuters lost their after-work hours, from community softball teams to volunteer time to simple relaxation and family time. Their "home" communities never got those activities either, because some barely get home in time for family dinners, or to hug their kids goodnight.

Meanwhile, a continuing citizen rebellion against overdevelopment of Palo Alto and the Peninsula was well underway. In the late 1960s Palo Alto rejected higher-density housing plans proposed for its vast foothills region, as large an area as the city's developed flatlands. One early study suggested 50,000 people could be housed in the hills up to Skyline Ridge.

Open-space advocates succeeded in creating the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, which to date has acquired and permanently dedicated more than 60,000 acres of land from south of Los Gatos to San Carlos and from San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean. (Disclosure: I drafted the 1970 Palo Alto Times' editorial suggesting that such a district be created.)

But open space is not an end-all. There are vast areas of America that have lots of wide open spaces but which have no economy.

Then, in parallel with the slow-growth/open space movements, a bitterly cruel thing happened to family budgets: Gasoline prices skyrocketed. Those who couldn't afford housing in or near Palo Alto suddenly discovered they were hard-pressed to fill their tanks — a double economic whammy.

Use of available transit systems increased, but still lags — in part because the Bay Area is notoriously poor in linking its independent transit systems. A Palo Altan returning from a trip to Europe observed it was easier getting around Paris on public transportation not speaking French than getting around the Bay Area as a native English speaker.

And there is no relief in sight.

Palo Alto neighborhoods are in revolt against overflow parking and overdevelopment of commercial/office buildings. Even a low-income senior-housing project was rejected by voters last year because too many market-priced houses (12) were also included in a small court in Palo Alto's Barron Park area.

But even a full-steam-ahead housing push could not tame the jobs/housing imbalance — if sites were available and local residents decided to allow major housing developments.

Even including surrounding communities in

a sub-regional housing push would fall short of getting the imbalance down, and resistance to increased density would quickly wake up the so-called bedroom communities.

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) has attempted to assign housing goals to individual communities, but the hundreds of units assigned to Palo Alto and other communities have generated serious resistance. So far the goals have had no "teeth" — as in penalties or firm requirements. Some baby teeth are in the latest round, such as losing state or federal grants if communities fail to meet standards.

Alternatives to cars seem ineffectual. There is no active region-wide move to streamline transit services and improve schedule "articulation" between counties and BART or Caltrain. There is vigorous opposition to the proposed high-speed rail service that would run up the Peninsula. Electrification of Caltrain is on the table, but with many hurdles ahead and few if any plans to add grade separations at cross streets.

The bottom line is that there is simply no overall solution to the economic, social and environmental catastrophe that has been created by our citizens and leadership over the past half century, beyond some small mitigating actions.

It's hard to assign blame to well-meaning people struggling to preserve a "liveable" community and neighborhood, or to preserve the priceless open-space backdrop of the Skyline Ridge and Santa Cruz Mountains.

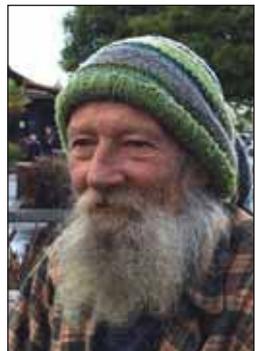
But we still need to acknowledge the insoluble dilemma we have created out of all those years of good intentions. ■

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Streetwise

What local art have you taken in lately? What were your thoughts?

Asked in Town & Country Village. Question and interviews by Lena Pressesky.



Anson Averell
Green Street, East Palo Alto
Semi-retired machinist

"I take in the public sculpture ... but it all seems a little abstract to me. ... My idea of good art ... is you can perceive some sort of sacrifice on the part of the artist. It has to tell a real story."



Avi Shabtai
Georgia Street, Palo Alto
CEO, MultiPhy

"We're new to the area, but we did recently go to the Montalvo Arts Center in Saratoga ... and Allied Arts in Menlo Park."



Hilary Donahue
Bret Harte Street, Palo Alto
Mother

"I haven't taken in any lately ... but I do watercolor at the Palo Alto Art Center. ... I think people often overlook it. It's got a beautiful gallery that's open to the public."



Phil Maskiewicz
Glenloch Way, Emerald Hills
Banker

"In Woodside ... they have two very nice bronze horse statues right across from Robert's Market. Not only are they aesthetically pleasing, they speak to the culture of the area as well."



Lucie Fleming
Escondido Road, Stanford
Undergraduate student

"We have the Cantor Arts Center, which is an amazing resource for students. ... I stayed there for two hours studying Manuel Neri's 'Carriona Figure No. 1' for my creative writing class."

Letters

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one "wins" ... as described in my self-published 1975 book "A P/U History of Menlo Park," which is still in the Menlo Park Library and others. But if one lives long enough, the same battles may be fought again by conscientious people in the next generation.

Upstream land use and previous political decisions may cause downstream flooding. East Palo Alto and bayside parts of many communities were built before we had a more thorough understanding of drainage patterns,

flood plains and the properties of saturated soils. And these days we are forced to change our thinking on climate itself when we see high cement structures being drowned as water levels rise around the world. The so-called "Hundred year Flood" is now not an adequate basis for planning our surroundings.

One of the first things done in building or upgrading communities is tending to the landscaping. In many communities, wiser politicians and planners are even replacing parking space with trees. There is a difference in what happens to person's mind/brain/soul/heart or whatever you want to call

it when looking at a cement wall or even a rock-lined creek bed versus beautiful trees. When it comes to cement vs. vegetation, vegetation will ultimately win.

Marth B. Hopkins
Tuscon, Ariz.

What about the west?

Editor,

You missed another aspect of the city "feel good" survey. The Palo Alto City Council does surveys so they get the supportive approval they want.

Suppose the survey separated south Palo Alto from southwest. South Palo Alto has supermar-

kets, hardware stores, library, community centers, etc. The southwest quadrant has only motels and fast lube places. We do our major shopping in Los Altos or Mountain View.

Why won't they zone El Camino from Page Mill Road south to bring services to our quadrant?

Would the City Council have the courage to survey the citizenry west of Alma for satisfaction?

John Elman
Hubbart Drive, Palo Alto

Don't limit top students

Editor,

I just read the editorial about English lanes in Palo Alto high schools. The author says that the lower-performing students benefit greatly from being in a mixed ability class with higher-performing students.

I'm sure that the writer is correct. However, this model exists already in the current lane system. As any teacher can validate, even within a lane there are heterogeneous learners. Within the

advanced lane, there are students who are ready to advance, along with those who need additional support. Similarly, within the regular lane, there are students who are ready to advance, along with those who need additional support. The academic heterogeneity that the author wants already exists, though she seems to be advocating for a more extreme version of this, in which the lowest performing students are assisted by the highest performing students.

In addition, the author seems to be advocating for the lower-performing students, while ignoring the needs of the students who are ready for more enrichment. Sure, it's good for lower-performing students to be taught by the high-performing students. But, while this is happening, who is teaching the higher-performing students? Who is engaging their critical thinking skills, guiding them into deep analysis, activating their brains? While it may provide value for the high performing students to occasionally help the lower-performing students, these high performers are in school to be engaged and enriched and to learn, not to help their teachers support the lower-performing students.

Perhaps the solution is systemic, in which students are assessed regularly during the school year to see if their lane placement should be adjusted, and which lane "transfer" is more common than it is now. But the solution isn't to limit the growth and learning of the highest performers. They, too, are in school so that they can grow to the best of their abilities. They, too, deserve an environment focused on their attention, learning, and enrichment.

Lori Meyers

Loma Verde Avenue, Palo Alto

An offensive trend

Editor,

Thanks for your article ("El Camino property owners irked by plans for wider sidewalks," March 28).

My take adds another aspect. I hated what they did to the old Rickey's property (not the only example). Regardless of sidewalk width, the lack of even 5 more feet of setback makes these street-side "walls" of condos appear to almost "hang" over poor, previously not-unattractive El Camino Real. Of all the changes along the "Kings Way" in the past 50 years, this is the most offensive trend. I wish the city councils of our localities had the (guts) to stand up to developers on this issue.

John Stahler

Runningwood Circle,
Mountain View



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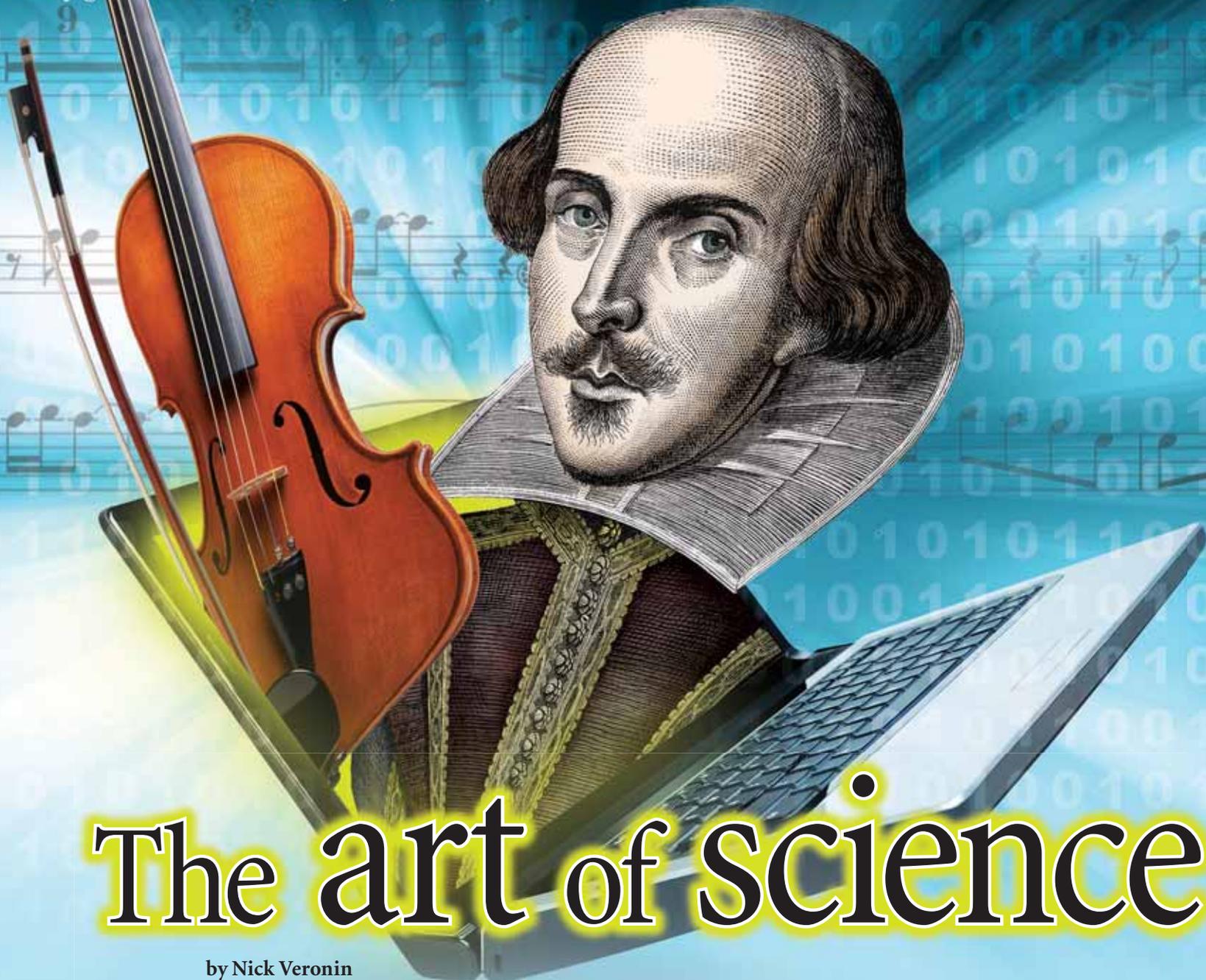
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The art of science

by Nick Veronin

In newspapers and magazines all over the country, think pieces on the subject abound: Students are abandoning the humanities — choosing to pursue degrees in the hard sciences and the decidedly more lucrative careers in high tech they promise.

Professors of English, history, music and the arts are bemoaning this shift, we are told. In an article last October in the *New York Times*, it was reported that humanities professors and lecturers account for 45 percent of Stanford's faculty, but only 15 percent of

Stanford announces new 'joint majors' combining computer science, English, music

the university's students are taking their courses.

However, according to Nicholas Jenkins, professor of English at Stanford, there is nothing to worry about. The humanities aren't going anywhere, Jenkins says, they're just changing.

Last month, in what Jenkins called a "re-imagining of the humanities," the university announced the creation of two brand new "joint majors," which will allow students to earn a bachelor of arts and science in one of two combinations — computer science and English, or computer science and music.

"I'm really excited about it," says Jenkins, who was tapped by Stanford's Office of the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education to head up the initiative, dubbed "CS+X" (computer science plus an unknown variable).

The way Jenkins sees it, while it may seem that the humanities and computer science are two distinct disciplines, they both have much to gain from each other — especially in the 21st century, where humans are interacting with computers on a daily basis. And he is not alone in this view.

Two novelists and Stanford faculty members, Richard Powers and Scott Hutchins, both lead courses on the intersection of the humanities and technology and have each recently published works that examine the interesting ways in which the squishy world of art and human emotion are constantly colliding with the hard-wired world of science and circuit boards.

Powers, who joined the English department this year, recently published "Orfeo" a book that explores music, biotechnology and government surveillance. He says he's long maintained an interest in technology and art, and believes that many students will jump at the chance to study the humanities and computer science simultaneously.

"There is a tremendous interest at the undergraduate level in finding ways to cross what has sometimes seemed like an insurmountable boundary or border," Powers says, alluding to the separation of the disciplines, which have a history that has been marked by fits of antagonism.

In the past, Powers notes, tensions have arisen as

science and humanities departments have competed for limited resources. Humanist professors have sought to trump their scientist colleagues, and scientists have fired back.

By way of example, Powers points to the so-called "science wars" of the 1990s: a series of highly publicized arguments between a group of well-known scientists and postmodern philosophers — with the philosophers arguing that science, just like all other human pursuits, must be viewed through the lens of culture and is therefore subjective, and scientists vehemently rejecting the position.

Yet, even as academics on either side of the fence have squabbled, both Powers and Hutchins agree that, in a way, the sciences and the humanities have always been exchanging ideas (even as they exchanged barbs).

"The humanities," Powers notes, "asks the question of who we are and where we find ourselves and what we want to do in this world." Technology — whether it be the microscope, the electric guitar or the computer, allows us to explore who we are and express who we are. "These questions of self exploration and social exploration are necessarily functions of and products of developments in the sciences."

Hutchins agrees, pointing out that as technology advances and the capacity of computers and machines grows, they produce more complex humanistic questions that artists then take on and attempt to answer. As such, Hutchins says he is in favor of the joint ma-

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(TENTATIVE) AGENDA – SPECIAL MEETING –
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM AT 6:00 PM

STUDY SESSION

1. Joint Study Session with the Public Art Commission
CHAMBERS 7:00 PM

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

2. Proclamation National Crime Victims Week
3. Selection of applicants to interview on April 16, 2014 for the Public Art Commission, Library Advisory Commission and the Human Relations Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Policy and Services Committee Recommendation to Accept the Auditor's Office Quarterly Report as of December 31, 2013
5. Approval of a Five-Year Contract with Oracle America, Inc., in the Amount not to Exceed \$563,600
6. Approval of Wastewater Treatment Enterprise Fund Contract with Anderson Pacific in the Total Amount of \$2,077,000 for the DMF Optimization & Secondary Clarifiers Improvements Project at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant - Capital Improvement Program Project WQ-80021
7. Finance Committee Recommendation to Accept the Inventory Management Audit
8. Approval of Extension of Contract Through 2017 with Bibliotheca, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$300,000 for the Ongoing Purchase of a Radio Frequency Identification System (RFID) for the Palo Alto City Library - Capital Improvement Program Project TE-06001
9. Approval of Wastewater Treatment Enterprise Fund Contract with Monterey Mechanical Co. in the Total Amount of \$374,100 for the Secondary Clarifier Number 1 Replacement Project at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant - Capital Improvement Program Project WQ-80021
10. Adoption of a Resolution Approving Amendment No. 1 to the 2009 California Oregon Transmission Project Long-term Layoff Agreement to Authorize the City of Roseville's Withdrawal and Provide the City of Palo Alto with Voting Rights on Project Improvements and Financing
11. Adoption of a Budget Amendment Ordinance in the Amount of \$880,320 to CIP SD-10101 and Approval of a Contract with Ranger Pipelines, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,516,610 for the Southgate Neighborhood Storm Drain Improvement and Green Street Project, Capital Improvement Program Project SD-10101
12. Consider an Appeal of Director's Individual Review Approval of a Two-Story, Single Family Home at 4055 Second Street
13. Approval of a Contract Amendment to S13148916 with AECOM for Consulting Services in the Amount of \$21,500 to Complete a Risk Assessment for Hazardous Materials at Communications and Power Industries (CPI) located at 607-611 Hansen Way
14. Sherry Lund Contract
15. Approval of Purchase Order for Annual Computer Replacement Equipment with Golden Gate Systems, LLC in the Amount of \$422,230.31
16. Approval of Amendment No. 1 To Compucom Contract No. C12144913 In An Amount of \$50,000 plus a 10% contingency for unforeseen expenses for Microsoft Azure Services Until June 2014 for additional disaster recovery for file services
17. SECOND READING: Park Improvement Ordinance for the Design of the Scott Park Capital Improvement Project.
18. Approval of a Water Enterprise fund contract with URS Corporation in the Total Amount of \$1,009,854 for Professional Engineering Services for the Design and Construction Management Services for Coating and Seismic Upgrades of Four Existing City Reservoirs and Rehabilitation of Three Receiving Stations Project WS-07000, WS-08001 and WS-09000
19. City Auditor Contract Agreement

ACTION ITEMS

20. PUBLIC HEARING: TEFRA Hearing Regarding Conduit Financing for the Stevenson House Project Located at 455 East Charleston Road Palo Alto, and Approving the Issuance of Revenue Bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority for the Purpose of Financing the Acquisition and Rehabilitation of a Multifamily Rental Housing Facility
21. PUBLIC HEARING: TEFRA Hearing Regarding Conduit Financing for the Stanford Affordable Apartments Project Located at 2450, 2470 AND 2500 El Camino Real Palo Alto, and Approving the Issuance of Revenue Bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority for the Purpose of Financing the Acquisition, Construction and Development of a Multifamily Rental Housing (Staff requests this item be continued to a date uncertain)
22. From Policy & Services Committee Staff Requests Direction from Council on the Naming of the Main Library
23. Finance Committee Recommendation of Fiscal Years 2015 to 2024 General Fund Long Range Financial Forecast

CLOSED SESSION

24. City of Palo Alto appeal of Regional Water Quality Control Board Notice of Incomplete Application for Clean Water Act section 401 Certification for Golf Course Reconfiguration Project and San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority appeal of Regional Water Quality Control Board Denial of Clean Water Act section 401 Certification for Creek Flood Control Project
25. United States Post Office

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Policy and Services Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss: 1) Recommendation to Council an Expenditure Plan for Teen Programs From the Net Revenue Collected From 455 Bryant Street Rent.

The Regional Housing Mandate Committee will meet on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 4:00 PM to discuss: 1) Housing Element Update Workplan, 2) Site Selection Recommendation, and 3) Draft Housing Element Revisions.

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gor. "I think its a good concept," he says, noting he sees no reason why the humanities should be cordoned off from the sciences, and vice versa.

In his book, "A Working Theory of Love," Hutchins imagines a protagonist who attempts to recreate his father in a computer by inputting data pulled from his dad's former journals. The novel raises questions around the concept of the "technological singularity" (the hypothetical moment at which artificial intelligence exceeds human intelligence) and whether sentient beings can exist on a hard drive.

At Stanford, cross pollination between science and art has been going on for a long time. For example, the university's Center for Computer Research in Music and Acoustics, founded by the inventor of the technology that makes musical synthesizers possible, has been at the cutting edge of computer-based music for decades.

So why is Stanford initiating these joint majors now? Powers thinks it is likely just a sign of the times. We're living in a world where people are walking around with computers in their pockets, and, in some cases strapped to their faces. "We're increasingly

aware that our technologies and tools are changing what it means to be human," Powers says. "Individuals and all of these marvelous prosthetic extensions that we've invented in recent years, are all interconnected. It's not humans against the machines. Humans and machines are one thing combined."

And just as artists and humanists are finding inspiration and big questions in the work of computer scientists, programmers are increasingly aware of their human end-users and the importance of injecting their creations with art and aesthetic appeal. Powers notes that one of Palo Alto's most famous residents — the late Steve Jobs — may have understood this better than anyone.

"He knew how to appeal to the desires of people and the dreams of people," Powers says, noting that phrases like, "It just works," and Apple's longtime slogan, "Think Different," had little to do with the computers themselves. That language "was not about machines, it was about human beings."

Jenkins says he is hopeful the new joint majors will help define what it means to experience a "broad liberal education" in the 21st century, which he described as covering "creative expression,

ethical inquiry, aesthetic inquiry," as well as "coding and an introduction to technology and the sciences."

Hutchins thinks that the joint major might be able to bridge the "cultural gaps" he sees between the "techies" and the "fuzzies" — the names that Stanford students use to self-identify as either a science major or a humanities major.

In his experience teaching at Stanford, Hutchins says he's noticed many "techies" don't like uncertainty. "They don't feel comfortable talking about something that might have four correct answers," he says. And, as for "fuzzies," he says, "I also think there are humanities people who don't feel confident talking about the sciences," though he is increasingly seeing students from both groups reaching across the aisle.

That's a good thing, according to Powers. "It's going to be tremendously exciting to work with students and to collaborate with students who understand that these aren't two separate disciplines," he says. "There are things that can only be addressed and answered as a combined exploration." ■

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Worth a Look

Sculpture

The science of Rodin's hands

Pondering great works of art can teach us plenty about the human condition. In some cases, it can even give clues to a person's medical condition. When Dr. James Chang first encountered Stanford University's Rodin Sculpture Garden he was merely an undergraduate enjoying the work of the famous French sculptor, Auguste Rodin.

Later, as he studied reconstructive and plastic surgery at the university, he began noticing that some of the hands in the garden displayed symptoms of specific medical conditions. Today, as chief of plastic and reconstructive surgery at Stanford, Chang uses the hands in the undergraduate seminar he leads, called "Surgical Anatomy of the Hand: From Rodin to Reconstruction."

The Cantor Arts Center, in an unprecedented collaboration with Chang, has turned the seminar into an exhibit: "Inside Rodin's Hands: Art, Technology and Surgery."

"I wanted to participate in this exhibition for the same reason I introduced Rodin into my seminar: to get students in the humanities excited about the sciences, and to get doctors to step out of the hospital to appreciate art," Chang said. "I have found that artists and surgeons appreciate human anatomy with equal passion. Hopefully this will engage more students of art and students of surgery to cross fertilize."

Chang said that he looks forward to continuing to work with the Rodin collection even after this exhibit. He plans to continue teaching his seminar and said he has more Rodin hands to catalog and analyze.

The exhibit begins April 9 and runs through Aug. 3 at the Cantor Center for Visual Arts, located at 328 Lomita Drive on the Stanford campus. Admission is free. The center is open Wednesday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 650-723-4177, or visit the Cantor Center's website at museum.stanford.edu.



Point near Marshall, Calif., by Marty Ricks.

Art

Your own private Idaho (and California)

Working with a palate of toasty golden brown, deep greens and light, sky blues, landscape painter Marty Ricks has captured the essence of the rolling hills and gnarled oaks of California's wine country in his latest collection of works, currently on display at the Atherton Fine Art Gallery.

The Idaho native will be displaying his recent works at the Menlo Park gallery and framing shop through May 1. Collectors interested in impressionistic landscapes will find Ricks has a way of bottling the feeling of a moment, with his eye for color and his ability to convey movement — in the bend of a river, in the flitting about of wind-blown grass, or the lack of movement on a snowy, gray day in the Midwest (half of the collection at the gallery depict scenes from his home state).

The Atherton Fine Art Gallery is located at 700 E. El Camino Real #165, in Menlo Park. The exhibit is free and open to the public during the gallery's hours — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday to Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. ■

— Nick Veronin

Eating Out

Around the world, one plate at a time

Castro Street's Cijjo has something for everyone

by Sheila Himmel

If you Google the word "Cijjo" you get the restaurant in Mountain View, and only the restaurant in Mountain View. That is by design. The three-month-old Cijjo Cosmopolitan Tapas Lounge is one of a kind.

The owners are Silicon Valley finance and technology buddies who have traveled and eaten all over the world, and wanted a place to eat that way at home. One of them came upon a little store in Spain called Cijjo and liked the sound of it, which is: "SHAI-jo."

Many restaurants take liberties with the tapas concept, calling anything on a small plate a tapa. Cijjo pays respect to the Spanish origin of tapas, which range from bar snacks to omelets that go particularly well with cocktails and wine.

For co-owner and general manager Trisha Pham, the idea is: "Everyone can get what they want and be happy."

Another common tapas misconception is that they are somehow related to fusion. At Cijjo, each dish reflects its country of origin, with accommodation for California ingredients.

Food, wine and even beers on draft (such as wood-aged Gentlemen's Club ale) change often. Small producers populate the international wine list. Advice and tastes are freely given, and you get to choose from a refreshingly large selection of wines by the glass.

Customer-friendly, gluten-free, vegetarian and vegan items are also starred. Ninety-percent of the menu gets a star.

The international charcuterie



Cijjo's dinner menu includes an international charcuterie plate, jamon iberico bellota, duck prosciutto and Italian bresaola.

plate (\$15) glistens with ribbons of French-style duck prosciutto, Italian bresaola (air-dried beef) and fabulous jamon Iberico de bellota, the cured leg of Spanish acorn-fed pig on display at the bar. All are delicious in their own way, and this platter is enough for four people to share. On the down side, all this lovely meat came with a couple of cornichons and wimpy bread. Better bread and a little mustard might be nice.

Westphalia pork belly (\$15) was also very tasty. Rubbed in spice and braised, the meat was

rich but not too fatty. Cantaloupe puree adds color but will be better when cantaloupe is in season.

Three medium-size scallops (\$14), possibly bigger scallops cut in half, were dull, despite their accompaniments of red onion, green chili and lime.

Piedmont truffle fries (\$6) were thin, crispy and not drowning in white truffle butter. Served in a wax-paper lined cone, they were flecked with Parmesan and chives.

The Lyonnaise salad (\$9) married a creamy warm poached egg

with salty, chewy diced lardons, but the curly leaves of frisee, on which they made their bed, lacked oomph. Maybe the dressing was a little dull.

Our server, snappy in a tie and vest, was uncommonly helpful, knowledgeable and enthusiastic. When asked, he made good suggestions about both wine and food.

He recommended the Bahamian bread pudding (\$8), a swirl of coconut milk, currants and caramel rum sauce, easily shared by two.

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Like the servers, the restaurant is dressed up. There are purple curtains, dramatic lights and each white table gets a vase of bright flowers.

Things are evolving for the 80-seat restaurant, which opened Dec. 26. Some dishes feel like too much ado. The owners found that the all-small-plates menu didn't appeal to everyone, so added some larger dishes such as squid ink pasta, chorizo and mussels, fish and chips and tarte flambé. They started with dinner only, then added lunch and Sunday brunch, and soon will have a Saturday brunch. ■

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Captain America: The Winter Soldier ★★1/2

(Century 20) Give this to the films of the “Marvel Cinematic Universe”: they have a consistency of quality. By treating their comic-book-derived films more as regular “issues” than film events, Marvel may never produce a film as great as “The Dark Knight,” but it’ll never sink to a low like “Batman and Robin” either. And there we have “Captain America: The Winter Soldier,” a perfectly creditable comic-book adventure that likewise feels naggingly rote, stitched together from a mess of old plot parts.

Sequel to both 2011’s “Captain America: The First Avenger” and 2012’s “The Avengers,” “The Winter Soldier” follows thawed-out WWII-era hero Steve Rogers (stalwart Chris Evans) as he deals with 21st-century breakdowns of all varieties. On the surface, this sequel — scripted by the first film’s Christopher Markus & Stephen McFeely, and directed by franchise newcomers Anthony and Joe Russo — takes a bold approach by playing that old spy-movie game “Who Do You Trust?” with the players in espionage agency S.H.I.E.L.D.

When (too-)mysterious assassin the Winter Soldier (Sebastian Stan) targets S.H.I.E.L.D. director Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson), Captain America finds himself a fugitive from his government masters, including World Security Council insider Alexander Pierce (Robert Redford). Cap’s only orders? Trust no one. Somewhat reluctantly, Rogers teams up with kick-ass S.H.I.E.L.D. operative Natasha Romanoff (Scarlett Johansson), a.k.a. Black Widow, and their new Army vet buddy Sam Wilson (Anthony Mackie), known to comics fans as the Falcon. Together, they’ll get to the bottom of the conspiracy, take down the Winter Soldier, and restore order.

That matters don’t go according to plan occasionally, if disingenuously, resembles a tear-down of S.H.I.E.L.D., which makes for short-term excitement despite serving long-term plot service. Since this is a Marvel movie, it’s full of close combat and big-scale action, the heavy-metal mayhem culminating in a climactic action sequence involving the latest wave of S.H.I.E.L.D. helicopters. At least for its first half, “The First Avenger” did a brilliant job of grounding its story in character beats. The sequel proves considerably less adept in this regard, other than kicking around Cap’s Rip van Winkle awkwardness a bit (the business involving the titular “Soldier” has a chewy, undercooked texture).

“The Winter Soldier” fares better with its zeitgeist-y theme of secrecy versus transparency, which obliquely (and somewhat miraculously) speaks not only to the “liberties” taken post-Patriot Act, but also to extrajudicial targeted assassination via drone strikes and how the Snowden affair has pressed the point of accountability. Of course, none of these issues are examined in anything like depth; this isn’t an Errol Morris film. But it’s nevertheless clever to give ultimate patriotic idealist Captain America something of a dark (k)night of the soul in tussling with these modern conflicts.

Casting liberal lion Redford against type as a hawk with his finger on the button works out nicely, and implicitly nods to one of this film’s inspirations, the superior “Three Days of the Condor.” Pierce and Fury both pour out justifications for allowing righteous men to play God (in a program ironically dubbed Project Insight), but Rogers is having none of it: “This isn’t freedom. It’s fear.” Though “Captain America: The Winter Soldier”

never strays far from preposterousness, the picture’s real-world implications give its high-flying action at least a tug of gravity.

Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence, gunplay and action throughout. Two hours, sixteen minutes.

— Peter Canavese

The Raid 2 ★★1/2

(Century 16) There’s a moment in “The Raid 2” when a goon begs, “Please have mercy,” and his assailant responds by raising his pickax. It’s that kind of movie. And I’m half-joking when I say that if you gleefully identify with the assailant in that scene, this is the movie for you. Others may feel more like the goon.

That’s because this stylish sequel to 2012’s “The Raid: Redemption” clocks in at 150 minutes, many of them devoted to orgiastic violence. The picture reunites writer-director Gareth Evans and his impressive Indonesian Martial Arts star Iko Uwais for a new story that picks up just where they left off: having fought his way through and out of a fifteen-story apartment building full of gangsters, Jakarta cop Rama (Uwais) isn’t offered a vacation. Instead, he’s told, by the head of the department’s anti-corruption task force, “If we don’t act fast, you’ll be gone within a week. Your family too.”

Rama commits to a deep-cover infiltration of a crime family’s organization, starting with a prison term that stretches to four years as he proves his bona fides to the family’s prodigal son Uco (Arifin Putra). Once on the outside, life doesn’t get any less dangerous for Rama as he lives a lie in pursuit of the truth about corrupt cops. Evans paints a dark and brutal picture of an ugly, lowlife world topped with clean, spacious offices, the austerity punctuated with terrible violence.

In a literally riotous melee, Rama has to get down in the mud with criminals, who may well become indistinguishable from the guards (elsewhere, a character remarks, “There’s no such thing as a clean war in this world”). But this is not one of those movies about an undercover cop who becomes what he pretends to be. As counterpoint to this pitch-black worldview, Rama offers incorruptible vocation and heroic martyrdom (of which we’re reminded by Rama’s fleeting, secret calls to his long-unseen wife and child).

Even as he stretches his canvas to something approaching a crime epic, Evans is more comfortable playing with old tropes than finding something of substance to say with them. It’s all about the visual language, and “The Raid 2” has style to spare in its bone-crunching, close-up and at times close-quarter fights, and its high-octane urban demolition derbies, many of which reach a jaw-dropping graphic intensity.

In plot and character terms, Evans can’t compete with more or less obvious influences like “Oldboy” and “Infernal Affairs,” but he’s certainly no slouch in the sadism department, making his films in some ways exhilarating but also wearying, for better and worse. When it’s in pure-action mode, “The Raid 2” can be quite a thrill, but when it lingers on merciless impalings or introduces a character named, for obvious reasons, “Hammer Girl,” you wouldn’t be blamed for wondering, “That’s entertainment?”

Rated R for crude and sexual content, language and brief nudity. Two hours, thirty minutes.

— Peter Canavese

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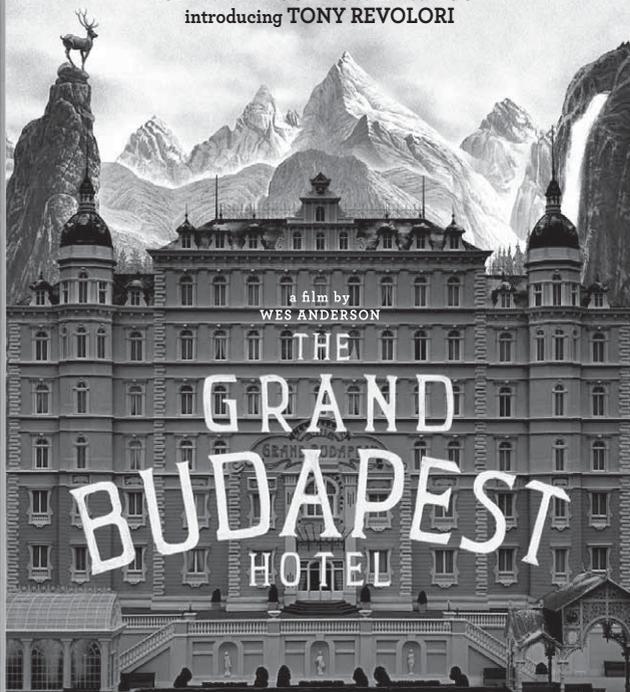
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- Bad Words (R) **1/2** Century 20: Fri 10:35 a.m., 1, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10 & 10:30 p.m. Sat 10:35 a.m., 1, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10 & 10:30 p.m. Sun 10:35 a.m., 1, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10 & 10:30 p.m. Mon 10:35 a.m., 1, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10 & 10:30 p.m. Tue 10:35 a.m., 1, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10 & 10:30 p.m. Wed 10:35 a.m., 1, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10 & 10:30 p.m. Thu 10:35 a.m., 1, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10 & 10:30 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:30 & 7:20 p.m.
- Captain America: The Winter Soldier (PG-13) **1/2** Century 16: 10:40 a.m., 1:10, 2, 5:20, 7:50, 8:40 & 11 p.m. In 3D at 9, 9:50, 11:30 a.m., 12:20, 2:50, 3:40, 4:30, 6:10, 7, 9:30 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: Fri 10:20, 11:50 a.m., 1:35, 3:05, 4:50, 6:20, 8:05, 9:35 p.m. In 3D at 11:05 a.m., 1:05, 2:20, 4:25, 5:35, 7:40 & 8:50 p.m. In XD at 12:35, 3:55, 7:15 & 10:35 p.m.
- Cesar Chavez (PG-13)** Century 16: 9:10, 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 5, 7:40 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 11 a.m., 12:15, 1:35, 4:10, 5:25, 6:45, 8, 9:20 p.m. In Spanish at 2:50 & 10:35 p.m.
- Divergent (PG-13)** Century 16: 9:05, 10:35 a.m., 12:15, 1:55, 3:35, 5:10, 7, 8:35, 10:10 p.m. Century 20: 11 a.m., 12:40, 2:20, 4, 5:40, 7:20, 9, 10:35 p.m.
- The Grand Budapest Hotel (R) ***** Aquarius Theatre: 12:30, 1:30, 3, 4:15, 5:30, 7, 8 & 9:30 p.m. Century 20: 10:55 a.m., 12:10, 1:25, 2:45, 4:15, 5:25, 6:50, 8:05, 9:25, 10:40 p.m.
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- Le Week-End (R)** Guild Theatre: Fri 3:30, 6, 8:30 p.m. Sat-Sun 1, 3:30, 6, 8:30 p.m.
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- The Raid 2: Berandal (R) **1/2** Century 16: 9:05 a.m., 12:25, 3:45, 7:05 & 10:25 p.m.
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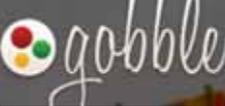
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600 East Meadow Drive [14PLN-00078]: Request by Peter Jenson on behalf of the City of Palo Alto for Architectural Review of the Magical Bridge playground project and the replacement of the bridge over Adobe Creek, located at the southern end of Mitchell Park. Zone District: Public Facilities (PF). Environmental Assessment: A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

261 Hamilton Avenue [13PLN-00267]: Request by Cody Anderson Wasney Architects for Architectural Review and Historic Resources Board review of a Historic Rehabilitation that includes the relocation of floor area from the existing basement to allow a 5,910 square foot addition at the rear of the building and establishment of a 1,196 square foot Mezzanine floor for a net zero gain in floor area for a Historic Resource located within the Ramona Street Historic District. The project also includes a request for reclassification from a Category 3 Historic Resource to a Category 2 Historic Resource to allow the approved Rehabilitation to generate 15,000 square feet of Transferable Development Rights. Zone District: Downtown Commercial with Ground Floor and Pedestrian Overlay (CD-C(GF)(P)). Environmental Assessment: Exempt from CEQA per CEQA Guidelines Sections 15331 Historical Resource Rehabilitation and 15301 Existing Facilities.

1213 Newell Road [14PLN-00040]: Request by the City of Palo Alto Public Works Department for Architectural Review of new signage at the Main Library. Zone: Public Facilities (PF). Environmental Assessment: Exempt from CEQA per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities.

2555 Park Boulevard [13PLN-00381]: Scoping session for preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the redevelopment of 2555 Park Boulevard with a new three-story, 23,269 square foot office building in the Community Commercial (CC(2)) zone district.

**Amy French
Chief Planning Official**

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Groundwater Production and Surface Water Charges



Topic: 2014/2015 Groundwater Production and Surface Water Charges
Who: Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors
What: Public hearings on proposed 2014-2015 Groundwater Production and Surface Water Charges
When: April 10, 2014 at 6 p.m. — open house; 7:00 p.m. open public hearing in South County
 April 22, 2014 at 6 p.m. — continued public hearing; hearing closes at conclusion
Place: April 10, 2014
 Gilroy City Council Chambers
 7351 Rosanna Street, Gilroy, CA
 April 22, 2014
 Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Room
 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118

The Santa Clara Valley Water District has prepared an annual report on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies documenting financial and water supply information which provides the basis for recommended groundwater production and surface water charges for fiscal year 2014/2015.

The report includes financial analyses of the water district's water utility system; supply and demand forecasts; future capital improvement, maintenance and operating requirements; and the method to finance such requirements.

The water district will hold a public hearing to obtain comments on the report which will be available at the hearing.

Based upon findings and determinations from the public hearing, including the results of any protest procedure, the water district board of directors will decide whether or not groundwater production and surface water charges should be levied, and if so, at what level, in which zone or zones for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014.

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Veronica Weber

Folk tale storyteller Enid Davis poses with a cow puppet she will be using to tell the story “Two Cows for a Melody” — one of the many Yiddish folk tales she’s adapted for a staged reading in June.

A passion for storytelling

Retired librarian produces staged readings of Jewish folk and fairy tales

by Chris Kenrick

Enid Davis has long had a love for bringing old folk tales to life.

In nearly four decades as a children’s librarian, she produced fairy tale plays with students at The Harker School and told stories at public libraries.

Now retired, Davis has transferred her zest for witches, puppets and magic spells to an

adult — mostly senior — population, producing staged readings of Jewish folk and fairy tales.

She’s putting out a call to the public — “you don’t have to be Jewish,” she said — to audition in May for “A Bite of Joy,” folktales about love and marriage, to be read on stage June 10 at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center.

“Just like kids, adults love these folk tales too,” Davis said in a recent interview in her Los Altos home library, sitting across from a huge bookcase filled with folk tales.

“Some of the stories are somber, some are funny — they really like the funny ones. Everybody loves seeing people in witches’ hats. These stories are universal, for all ages.”

The June production at the JCC will include

a range of stories about love and marriage “all gone bad, or doing very well,” Davis said. It will end with a mock wedding — and real wedding cake — to be shared by all.

The nice thing about staged readings is that people don’t have to memorize their lines — they can “act while reading the script,” she said. If there aren’t enough actors, “you can have the same people do more stories.” If there are too many, “they can do fewer stories.”

Mostly, Davis is just excited about the material, which she has gleaned and adapted from the collection on her own bookshelf or the collections of others.

“These are not the Bible stories we grew up knowing,” she said. “These are folk and fairy tales from around the world in every country where Jews have lived. It’s a body of literature most Jewish people have no idea exists.”

Davis said she was shy as a child, but loved hearing stories told by others. She came out in public as a storyteller early in her library career: In 1970, she recited, from memory, Isaac Bashevis Singer’s “The First Schlemiel” at a Christmas party at the Los Altos Library, where she’d just been hired.

“It was like throwing me into the shark pond,” she recalls.

“Finally they have a Jewish librarian, so I could be the Hanukkah act. I was new at that point and I didn’t know that much about folk tales. But it was a big hit — everybody thought my New York accent sounded just like an Eastern European accent, which of course is totally different — and I was hooked.

“I was telling stories in all the jobs I had — that’s what I was known for.”

Storytelling can be a way to bring out shy people, Davis has found.

In her annual fairy tale productions with Harker School students, Davis said, teachers were sometimes surprised by which children would audition for the major parts. “They’d say, ‘She doesn’t say a word in the classroom.’”

“But when you have a character to stand behind, it’s not you — you’re in a role. Often, shy children enjoy very much telling stories while being part of a play. I found that over and over again.”

Among the favorite stories of Harker students, she said, were Spanish tale “Water of Life,” “Tsarevich Ivan and Grey Wolf” from Russia; “Lazy Jack” from England; an Irish version of “Molly Whuppie” and “The Tiger, the Brahman and the Jackal” from India.

About 10 years ago Davis worked with friends Caryn Huberman Yacowitz and Diane Claerbout to produce “Jeans! The Musical,” the story of blue jeans creators Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis, at Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills.

More recently, Davis revived “Jeans!” as a staged reading for the JCC’s “Community Tuesday”

seniors program, leading to a request for more staged readings.

In March, Davis recruited a cast of 17 — mostly seniors — for “A Slice of Wry,” adapted tales of dancing demons, witches, fallen agents and Old Testament stories of Miriam’s tambourine, King Solomon and Elijah.

Irene Weinberg was a cast member.

“I thought it would be fun to do some acting, and I was right,” Weinberg said in an email about the experience.

“Enid tried to make her participants comfortable. For example, I find it hard to walk without my walker. So I was given the part of the announcer, sitting on the stage, merely having to rise to the mike.”

Weinberg said she plans to re-audition for the upcoming “Bite of Joy” production.

Following the May 13 audition, the cast will meet for three re-



Enid Davis sits beside her fireplace in her Los Altos home.

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AT THE MOVIES ... Watch the heroic story of a doctor and mother of three who boldly runs for president of Afghanistan in "Front Runner," a presentation of the **United Nations Association Film Festival for Seniors**. The free screening is Monday, April 7, at 2 p.m. at Avenidas. Also showing this month at Avenidas' Thursday movie club are the 1998 comedy-musical-romance **Little Voice** on April 10 at 1:30 p.m. and the 2013 documentary musical **Twenty Feet from Stardom** on April 24 at 1:30 p.m. Movie club is free for Avenidas members, \$2 for nonmembers.

SKIN CANCER SCREENING ... Palo Alto Medical Foundation dermatologist **Renata Mullen** will check moles, sun-exposed areas and other spots of concern for people age 50 and up Wednesday, April 9, in a free monthly

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LEARNING AND LIFE ... Reimagining "learning and the life course" will be the theme of a public panel Tuesday, April 15, at the **Stanford Graduate School of Education**. Lengthening life spans, extension of adolescence and demands of parenting and paid work are "obliging Americans to rethink every phase of adulthood," said organizers. At the same time, digital media are making it possible to reorganize learning. Among the panelists will be **Susan Hoffman, director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Center** at the University of California, Berkeley, which offers community and classes for adults 50 and above. Other panelists are **former Stanford School of Medicine Dean Philip Pizzo, Stanford d.school Managing Director Sarah Stein Greenberg** and **human development researcher Richard Settersten of Oregon State University**. The panel is organized by the Ed School's program on **Education's Digital Future**. The event is open to the public but seating is limited. To register, go to edf.stanford.edu/events/learning-and-life-course.

GETTING AROUND ... Wondering how you or a loved one can get around the Bay Area without a car? Presenters will describe the options at a Thursday, April 17 **Transportation Forum** at Avenidas. Topics that will be covered include older adult driving issues, free city shuttles, transportation offered by Avenidas and public transportation. To regis-

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Items for Senior Focus may be emailed to Palo Alto Weekly Staff Writer Chris Kenrick at ckenrick@paweekly.com.

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Tues. April 8
Successful Sleep Workshop
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Storytelling

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hearsals before the staged reading performance June 10, Davis said. "You don't have to be Jewish. Last time, we had a Chinese Red Riding Hood."

For more information, contact Davis at eahdavis@yahoo.com. ■ Staff Writer Chris Kenrick can be emailed at ckenrick@paweekly.com.

Storytelling workshops planned

Enid Davis will hold a free workshop for adults titled "How to Tell Stories" on Wednesday, April 30, at 7 p.m. at the Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. On Sunday, April 27, Davis will hold a similar storytelling workshop for children ages 7 and up, at 4 p.m. at the library. A member of the Los Altos Library Commission, Davis is planning a Festival of Storytelling in Los Altos this November. ■

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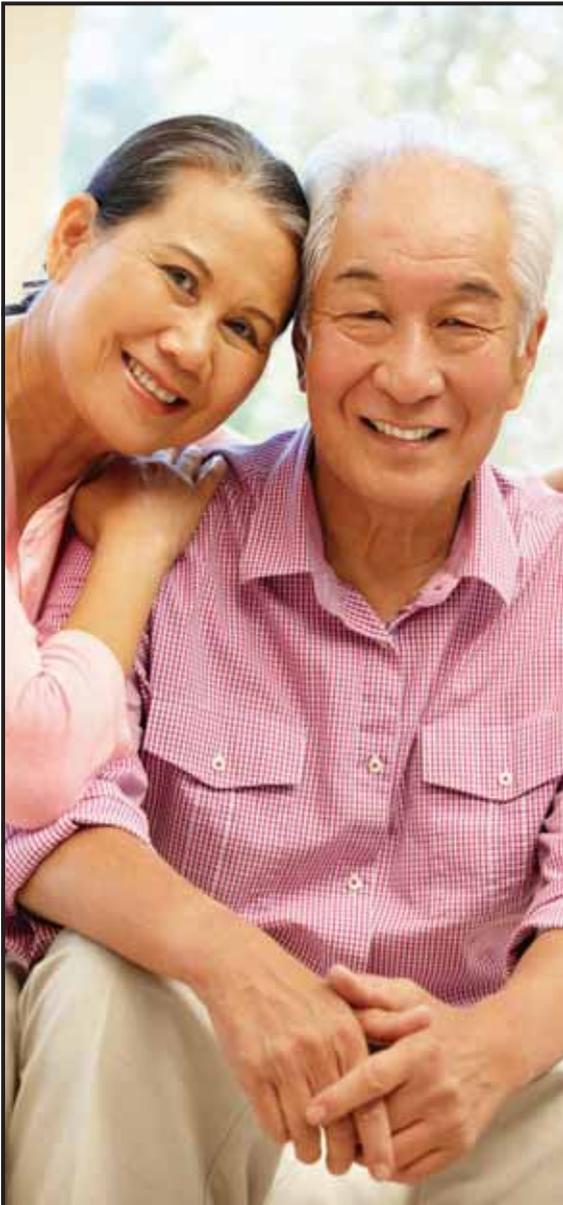
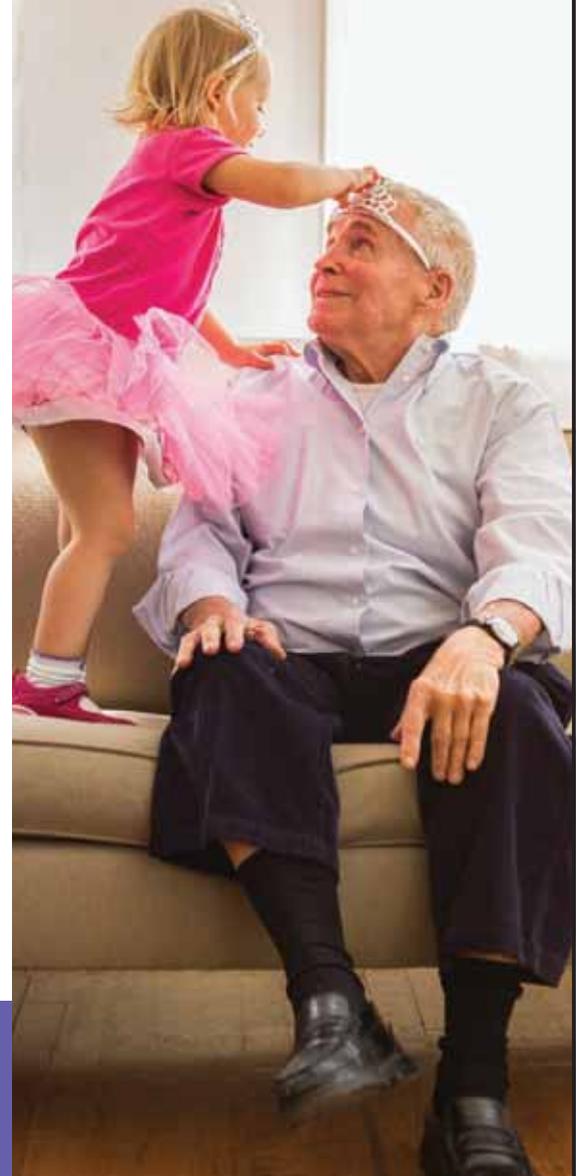
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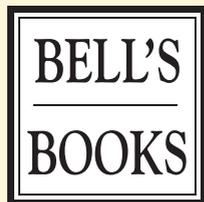
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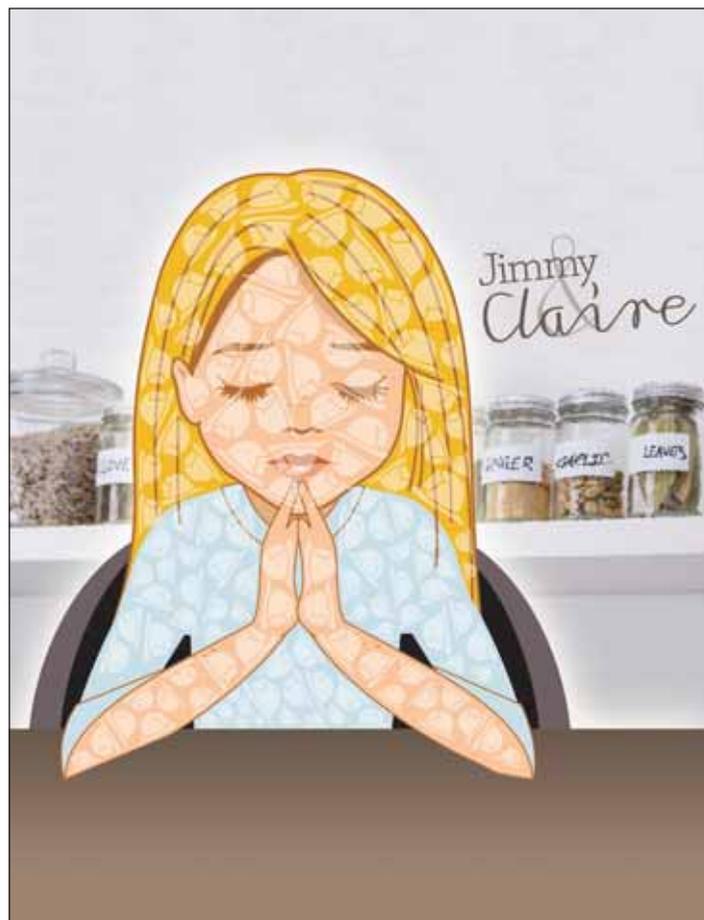


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Jimmy and Claire

by Ateret Haselkorn

"Jimmy?"
 Jimmy rolled over. The clock said 3:43 a.m. "Jimmy?"
 Now her tiny hands tugged at his shirt and her nails scratched his skin. He didn't answer. He knew it wouldn't matter.
 "Jimmy the spices are out of order and the mirror wasn't wiped right so there are streaks."
 "Go back to bed, Claire."

Silence.
 He'd been alone with his stepdaughter for just over three years. Claire had been two years old when he'd become her dad, four when her mom had died, and

seven when the behavior had started.

Jimmy could hear Claire walk away. When the sound of her steps ended, he knew she was standing in front of the spice rack reciting the alphabet quietly and placing caraway before cinnamon.

Jimmy had met Claire's mom through his work as a firefighter / EMT. Stacy had been a nurse in the emergency room at General. Jimmy had been waiting in line in the hospital cafeteria and gazing out the window when the reflection of a red-headed blur moved across his line of vision.

Stacy had never strolled, never

meandered. She had a speedy walk that forced her hips to rapidly salsa from side to side and caused her ID badges to click like maracas. Jimmy had never been so attracted to scrubs in his life. She was pale and hazel-eyed. Her hair was cut in a slanted bob, her neck was graceful, her jaw defined. And she had the physical shape of an infinity symbol placed upright.

At first they'd tip-toed around their new love, holding it like a glass egg, not wanting to smudge the surface with the residue of old mistakes and battle scars. But then she had introduced him to

Claire and he'd found himself in love again, this time with a two-and-a-half foot tall blond monster. Two months later he and Stacy were married. They gave Claire a ring too. Hers was pink.

"Jimmy?"
He woke up again. This time, Claire was lying next to him. She fit into the dent between his shoulder blades. Stacy had called her daughter a string bean because she was long and narrow.

"Jimmy, I'm sorry I woke you up. Also, I'm sorry I sorted your sock drawer."

Jimmy wasn't sorry. Of all the regrets he had, marrying Stacy was not one of them. The hardest part of being a widower, though, was not the loneliness, not the absence of physical love, not the gaping hole where companionship had once been. It was that he missed hearing his name come from the mouth of a woman who loved him. There was something special about the intonation that he craved. He searched for that softness in conversations with friends, but the closest thing was Claire. She had it, not in the same way as Stacy, but it was there and it fit into his life like the missing piece.

Jimmy moved his arm behind him and wrapped his hand around Claire's calf. "Don't worry, sweetheart," he said. "We'll put everything back as it should be."

Claire remembered the Scary Day. It was three years after her mom died. The teacher had said to stay under their desks. Claire had crouched under hers and counted the screws in the wood. There were four on each of the longer sides and two on each of the shorter sides. That made her desk a rectangle. Each screw had a washer underneath it, except for one. Claire had touched the bare screw with her right index finger, then her left index finger, then the right middle finger, then the left, and so on. The boy next to Claire had cried quietly. She had seen his nose run; green goop dripped onto his Cars T-shirt and hit the red car on the eyes. Gross.

When they had heard the shots being fired near the big kids' classroom, the teacher had shoved all their desks into the corner and told them to get underneath. Claire had liked Ms. Best because she reminded her of Prairie Dawn from Sesame Street. Ms. Best had also gone under a desk. She had held a boy named Timmy in her arms and rocked him. Claire had put eight of her fingers on the screws on the long ends of her desk and circled the washers. It had bothered her that one screw didn't have a washer. Now she'd have to put that finger somewhere else to balance it all out.

Someone far away had screamed.

A man wearing a glass mask had come into the room and stepped on the blue and green stripes of the rainbow rug. Claire usually sat on the yellow.

Ms. Best had looked at him and he had motioned to her. She stood up. Claire had hoped the man in

the mask and Ms. Best wouldn't get married. She had wanted Jimmy to marry her teacher. Claire thought they would ask her to be the flower girl. She would wear a yellow dress. She would keep her pink ring.

When Ms. Best signaled for the class to stand, it had been the same gesture as during the sit-stand-jump game they played during PE. Claire had wondered if they would jump now.

Jimmy had been at the station house when the call came in. He had recognized the name of the school but not why it sounded so familiar until he turned and saw the station chief looking at him with a somber face. "Just go."

Claire. Jimmy had sped towards the school trying to convince himself it had been a field trip day. The campus had been roped off but a police officer let Jimmy in. When Claire had seen Jimmy, she had broken away from the class and run past her teacher, a plain young girl who was wiping a boy's T-shirt with a tissue. Claire had hugged Jimmy tightly, leaned into his shoulder, and sobbed something about someone getting married.

Claire lay in Jimmy's bed and waited until the clock had all even numbers. It had once been her mom and Jimmy's bed but after her mom died from cancer Jimmy had hauled their mattress out to the sidewalk and left it there with a sign marked, "Free." The mattress had been gone the next morning and Claire had seen Jimmy looking out the window at where it had been. The wrinkle between his brows had been there. Claire had thought she could put a penny in it and it would stick.

She got up when the time was 6:48 a.m. Jimmy was in the kitchen, sitting in his chair and sipping coffee. Claire climbed into his lap, rested her head on his upper body, and held fistfuls of his chest hair between her fingers.

"Jimmy,"
She had a way of saying his name as an introduction to a dramatic reading.

"Jimmy, do you think Mommy was thinking of me when she died?"

"Yes."
"And, Jimmy. What do you think happened to her thoughts?"

"Huh?"
"Where do thoughts go when people die?"

Moments like these always confused Jimmy. He'd developed a good response, though.

"What do you think, Claire? Where do thoughts go?"

"I think they float."
"Hum."

That afternoon they were supposed to visit Dr. Zimmer. It had taken two months to get the appointment. Jimmy had always been strong when it came to emergencies, short-term problems, or acute issues. If the person had a laceration, he put a bandage on it. If the building was on fire, he took the people out. But things like "behavioral therapy" and "medication management" were new. Recently, he had begun to

wonder about the people who he had saved. Were they suffering post-trauma? Had his role been nothing more than a mechanical conveyor belt, removing bodies from harm's way, thinking they could take it from there? Stacy had once mentioned wanting to visit all of her former patients to see where they were and how they were doing. Now Jimmy understood the desire.

"Claire," he said.
"Yes, Jimmy."

"I think your mom's thoughts are spread around you like an invisible cloak."

"Like Harry Potter's?"
"Yes, sort of, but they help me see you better."

"Huh?"
"Like a highlighter, Claire, or like the light from my fire truck when I need to see someone in a building." Jimmy paused for a moment. "I think your mom's thoughts about you make you brighter and easier to see. To really see."

Claire was silent. She pictured herself painted over with a dazzling yellow stripe.

"Do you know what I see?" Jimmy continued. "I see a bright and shiny Claire who is made up of a million strong pieces."

"Strong like your helmet?" she asked.

"Like a million of my helmets melted into one girl. I can't believe I didn't see it before."

In Claire's mind, she stood under a bright spotlight surrounded by a fort of helmets.

"Can you see yourself?" Jimmy asked. He wrapped his arms around her more tightly and rocked back and forth. "My strong girl."

Claire nodded. She looked at the spice rack. Ginger was placed before garlic. She didn't move. ■



Ateret Haselkorn

When she first began her short story, "Jimmy and Claire," which won first place in the Adult category this year, writer Ateret Haselkorn had only the simple image of a girl organizing spices in an alphabetical order on a rack. Then she pondered why a girl would start showing such behavior and let her thoughts flow freely.

"I tried to sit back and let her tell me her story," Haselkorn said.

From there, "Jimmy and Claire" grew into a thoughtful exploration of how a girl and her stepfather cope with the death of a woman — her mother and his wife.

The story is Haselkorn's first piece of published fiction, but she has been writing stories since her days at Gunn High School. She has continued to refine her craft, both on her own and by taking writing courses with the Writing Salon in San Francisco. Most recently, she participated in a "round robin"-

style online class, where she receives feedback from fellow aspiring writers.

After studying as an undergraduate at University of California at Berkeley, Haselkorn pursued an interest in health care and received dual masters degrees in Public Health and Business Administration from Johns Hopkins University. Today she works for a medical tech company and often visits hospitals to speak with doctors and patients.

Her experience in health care has made an impact on her fictional worlds, though she said she enjoys writing about other subjects, such as travel and relationships. In addition to explicit references to hospitals and public safety, "Jimmy and Claire" reflects Haselkorn's interest in psychological healing. Both characters are dealing with their own reactions to loss. Haselkorn pointed to the importance of their relationship in aiding them on the way to recovery.

"I think that anyone has a choice of being open or closed. Claire and Jimmy are both at that decision point," Haselkorn said. "They're both heroic in their own way. I think because of that, they'll be OK."

—Sam Sciolla

Judge's comment: Ellen Sussman on "Jimmy and Claire"

"Jimmy and Claire" gives us an intimate peek at the life of a man and his deceased wife's troubled daughter. It's written with great sensitivity and insight into complicated lives and relationships.

Judges for the Adult category



Tom Parker

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1ST PLACE – YOUNG ADULTS



Botany for Beginners

by Hannah Knowles

On the day leading up to my sister's birth, I carried around a glossy paperback called *Botany for Beginners*. At the time I was ten years old and obsessed with plants. An orderly child, I loved the study of life, the way it fell into a beautiful tree of categories. The prokaryotes and the eukaryotes, the animal kingdom, the different families of mushrooms. Phylum. Species. Latin names like incantations.

A few months before in January our class had studied plant life. Up until then I had taken only as much interest in science as school demanded; I didn't care much for invertebrates or the rock cycle, and found our "physics" projects involving dominoes and a blow dryer stupid. But plants enchanted me.

Our teacher, Ms. Holston, was an avid collector of ferns, and she showed us a National Geographic article called "The Glory of Leaves." "If there is magic in the world," Ms. Holston read aloud with the classroom lights dimmed, "surely this is it: the descendants of tiny creatures in leaves, capable of ingesting the sun." The processes behind it were beyond our ten-year-old comprehension, and so Ms. Holston settled for a basic explanation: Sun went in. Sugar came out. This was the allure of photosynthesis — the transformation of sunlight into glucose, through some prehistoric alchemy I didn't understand.

There was one interruption during Ms. Holston's Plant Lesson. In the middle of her Read-Aloud, the door (which never shut properly after someone stuck bubble

gum in the lock) lurched open in a breeze. For a few glorious seconds the dark classroom flooded with dizzy white daylight, and I saw the world around me as it was: a million billion pieces of light, bouncing around a giant pinball machine. But then the door swung shut and our little room seemed even smaller, even darker than before.

So there you have it. Plants. Determined to further my botanical education, I made my mother test me with *Botany for Beginners* as she lay swollen in bed.

"Alright," she said the day before my sister was born, flipping through shiny pages that somehow still smelled of decay. It took her a while to find something. "What does — No. Okay. What kind of tree will lose its leaves seasonally?"

"Deciduous," I said. *Deciduous*. *Deciduous*. Adults who witnessed my information-spouting often told my parents that I was a "very smart girl"; my mother said I had a head for facts, and my father called me obsessive.

"How many types of transport tissue are there in vascular plants?" my mother asked. We both knew the answer to this question, as she had asked it before.

"Two," I recited. "The xylem carries water, and the phloem carries plant food."

"Nutrients," my mother said. "It says here it carries the nutrients."

"Yeah," I said. "The plant food."

She looked up and sighed, rubbing her melon of a belly. "I ask the questions, I decide the an-

swers."

I reached out to touch the belly, which stuck out from the blankets. It was hot as a fever. Her belly: a fruit so sweet it was splitting its skin. I imagined ancient people worshiping it the way they might worship the pointy-breasted fertility goddess that I once examined with fascination in an Egyptian museum.

I was still clutching *Botany for Beginners* that evening when my taut-faced father rushed my mother out the door, yelling into the phone, and I gathered just enough to know that things were happening — my baby sister was on her way. My parents had planned for a babysitter when the time came, but the time had come early; Anisha, the Indian girl next door, was out of town with her family, and my friend Lynn Castellanos' mom had to drive over from her errands at the grocery store to pick me up. Mrs. Castellanos let me ride shotgun on the way back to Lynn's house, having forgotten in the baby excitement that I wasn't allowed.

"So," she said as we drove. "Tomorrow you will be a big sister, yes?"

I nodded yes.

"I'm a little sister," she said. "I think big sisters have it hardest. Big brothers, too. Little sisters get off easy."

"One time," she told me, "I knocked my big sister over on my bike. She was wearing roller skates and I was just learning to pedal, and I crashed right into her. I felt terrible because she was bleeding, all over the sidewalk, but when my Papa came out — we were just outside the house —



Hannah Knowles

With favorite books like Isabella Allende's "The House of the Spirits" and the Harry Potter series, Hannah Knowles finds it puzzling that the stories she writes end up taking place in the real world, as in "Botany for Beginners."

Yet the language of the story — the Young Adult first place winner in this year's contest — lends a magic to her character's experiences. In one scene, a door blows open in a school's dim classroom, and the young narrator reflects: "I saw the world around me as it was: a million billion pieces of light, bouncing around a giant pinball machine." Other metaphors abound: a pregnant "belly" is "a fruit so sweet it was splitting its skin," and a man at church is likened to a "walrus."

The story follows an unnamed narrator remembering her 10-year-old self — a precocious girl with an obsession for botany and a new sister on the way, along with all change and responsibility that entails.

Knowles said that the idea for the interest in botany came from her own liking for fungi as a young child.

"Not really anymore," she said when asked if she liked studying fungi. "I still think they are cool, but that was kind of my fourth-grade thing."

A resident of San Jose, Knowles currently studies at Castilleja High School as a junior. She writes creatively whenever she can and has a handful of stories in a writing folder on her computer, some of which she has submitted to other contests. To come up with story ideas, she likes to take notes on what she sees, often during her train ride to school.

Though it's easy to think of the narrator as Knowles herself, the author said that almost none of the story comes from her own life. She doesn't have a younger sister, but she does have a twin brother. However, she said that there were undoubtedly traces of herself throughout the story.

"I feel like everything you write is in ways very autobiographical because it's all coming out of you," she said.

—Sam Sciolla

Judge's comment: Tom Parker on "Botany for Beginners"

What a wise and touching story. Thoughtfully narrated and perfectly pitched, "Botany for Beginners" transports its young narrator from the tidy rigors of science to the messy marvel of human life — and takes us along for the ride. Insightful and delightful!

he told her she should have been taking better care of me, keeping an eye out. He asked her why she wasn't wearing knee pads."

Mrs. Castellanos watched the road as she spoke. "That's why you always wear your knee pads," she said.

Once, for a week in second grade, I thought a tapeworm was growing inside me. Lynn had told me that some people went on diets with them, that they were long stringy leaches that fed off the things you ate. She told me they started out your stomach and then curled up in your intestines when they needed more room.

I grew paranoid. At night I thought I could feel something slimy moving inside me. As I imagined the worm growing bigger, a quiet, gnawing terror nested itself in my chest, until at last one afternoon my mother found me in tears.

After I had explained myself, she stared, bewildered, then barked a quick laugh. Tapeworms didn't just grow inside of people, she told me. There was absolutely no reason that I would have one and if there really was a tapeworm we would know it and who had told me about tapeworms anyways?

I remember, vividly: clinging to my mother in shame while she told Father Jeremy about the tapeworm incident, laughing again. It was Sunday. We were at church. When she finished, the Father couldn't stop laughing over the story — a big mustached laugh, haw haw haw. It made me think of a walrus, or of some strange uncle that I didn't have.

"A tapeworm!" he boomed, peering down at me. "That's the funniest thing I've heard all week." I remember him winking and then waving himself away.

Three years later, my mother's stomach began to balloon with my sister. I developed a habit of asking her sly questions when she least expected them, in the hopes of extracting new information about the baby.

"How do you know it's a girl?" I'd say at breakfast over my Frosted Flakes.

"Where did it come from?" I'd ask in the car after she picked me up from school. "How is it going to get out? Where will we put it?"

At one point, I asked her how exactly it was able to grow. How did it eat? How did it drink? Did

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1ST PLACE – TEENS



Illustration by Rosanna Leung

Bella held the little pink shoes in her hand, balancing each one in either palm. She examined the soft lining and the dainty bow in the top. She slipped each of her fingers into them and played with them. Little shoes for little feet.

Bella Leanne Shortridge frequented yard sales. With her small salary and sizable rent, she sought after used items. She would always remind herself that every used article she bought would bring a little home with it.

In one hand she gingerly held the little sandals, in the other she ran her thumb over the crumpled bills and icy coins. She counted the nickels and quarters that were tossed on the table at the local coffee shop. Every evening when she departed her job she would just listen to the sound of the coins and bills that rustled in her apron pocket as she walked to the bus stop. She spent a few quarters at the bus stop, and she placed the rest in a simple aluminum tin that rested above the cabinet in her apartment. Most days she would pour out the contents and count them, even if it remained the same for days. On

weekends, if she had enough, she would dump the coins into her pocket and walk around the neighborhood. She mostly saw eviction notices on doors and lying on the pavement, but every so often she would come across a yard sale sign.

Bella proudly put the coins on the little fold-up table and pushed them towards the tired woman holding the little pink shoes. She looked up at Bella's beaming face and counted the coins spread on the splintered surface. Bella remembered every face of every person who sold her something at a yard sale. There was the eager young boy who sold her the rattle, the dark elderly man that she bought the children's book from. The corners were tearing and chewed a little bit, but she held the book close to her body. So many faces and so many things, full of stories longer and happier than hers.

Shoes

by Rachel Roberts

As she walked away from the yard sale she counted the steps back to her home.

Eighty-seven steps and she passed a broken chain fence. Four hundred-forty three and she strolled by the familiar bus stop. After eight hundred-sixty-five she climbed the icy steps and fumbled for the key to open her door. The keys were new but the lock was so old she could open it with a bobby pin that held her hair. The apartment was almost as chilled as the air outside, but to Bella it was a haven. The warmth of being wrapped in the familiar smell of her kitchen and home is enough to keep her skin warm.

She moved the uneven stool and pulled down the rattling tin from her cabinet and put the remaining coins and bills into it, letting each coin fall separately and hit the metal. She set the little pink shoes on the small corner table and grabbed her ancient dispos-



Rachel Roberts

A freshman at Menlo-Atherton High School, Rachel Roberts was inspired to write her story "Shoes," winner of this year's Teen category, after seeing an episode of the show "30 Days," in which creator Morgan Spurlock tries to live on minimum wage earnings for a month. Roberts challenged herself to write about something beyond her experience — a story about a character living in poverty.

Roberts began writing the summer before going to sixth grade, when she began to realize how much she enjoyed reading and analyzing literature. She likes to read poetry — including work from such masters as Emily Dickinson and Jorge Luis Borges — but she has been happier with her own literary results when writing prose.

Thus far, her writing has mostly taken the form of brief stories (usually only a few pages) that focus on characters in personal struggles, whether it be against depression, anxiety or alcohol-

ism. Often she uses first person to try to capture their psychology, but with "Shoes" she chose to go a different route.

"I wanted to write something where I could try to convey emotion without first person," she said. "I wanted to stray a little bit off my normal style."

The main character of the story is Bella Leanne Shortridge, a woman who uses the little money she makes as a waitress to buy small items at yard sales. It is written in an ambiguous, understated style that leaves Bella's true motivations hidden from readers until the final paragraph.

The story trudges along through Bella's day, not sparing any details. The narrator counts the number of steps on the way home with Bella and takes notice of fellow passengers and passing sights while on the bus. Roberts said she often takes this observant approach in her writing, focusing on the beauty of small details in order to address larger issues beneath.

Rather than showcasing dramatic action, Roberts said her stories often center on "little events that kind of sum up the character's struggle."

—Sam Sciolla

Judges' comments on "Shoes"

The details of this dark story are so well-chosen that they provide a complete picture of the protagonist and her entire world in very few words. "Shoes" is written with real flair and is a truly chilling tale.

to an open seat beside the elderly women. During the ride, she passed the local thrift shop, a broken street light, and all the landmarks that Bella saw every Saturday morning. The bus braked and she lurched into the seat in front of her. Her stop, the corner of 12th Street and San Andreas. She stepped off the bus and tightened her scarf again to greet the cold city air. She walked a couple hundred more steps and stepped inside the familiar wrought iron gates.

She walked by the frosty flowers, pictures, and flags. The thick stones reflected the late morning sunlight that dripped through the clouds. She walked along the gravel path, then into the wet green grass. She took in a sharp breath of chilly air and knelt next to a familiar stone. Bella carefully brushed some dirt of the top of the stone, as if caressing a child's cheek. She reached into her warm pocket and pulled out the little pink shoes. She slowly set them down next to the book and the rattle, the blanket she had laid down a few Saturdays ago was covered in a layer of ice and dirt. Above the shoes, read "Anna Bridget Shortridge — Age 2." ■

She kept her head low and slid the coins into the slot and plodded



Illustration by Kameron Sawyer

1ST PLACE – TWEENS

Angel

by Sela Dingpontsawa

2:35 p.m.
11/20/12
I tried to. Tried to listen to Daddy. Mother made me. I cried. I felt my soft, smooth head. Soft, smooth, head. Warm tears formed in my eyes. Fell down my smooth cheeks. Mother pressed her worn out hands on my tired face. She kissed my bald head. Kissed it. Wet. Felt something wet. Tears crawled down my bald head. Ran down my tired face. Formed a crooked line that outlined my lips. Lips.

—Rose

4:44 p.m.
11/23/12
Make a wish. I know you can't tell. Do not tell wishes. Write? Can you write wishes? The lady who gave me this book said I could write anything. Mom had smiled down at me. She doesn't smile anymore.

I wish that I didn't have cancer. None of this would have happened. Mom would have never lost her job. I would have friends. I would be normal. I would be happy. Daddy would love me. Mommy would smile. I would go to college. I would have a life. I would... No. Too many wishes. I buried my face in my pale, slim fingers, and cried.

—Rose

4:34
12/08/12
I was walking. Down a musty road covered with dust. Flies flew everywhere. "Zip, Zoom!" I was free! Sort of. I will never be free. I will never "Zip, Zoom!" Like a fly. Never see the light of heavens. Never see the eyes of freedom welcome me and I will never feel the trails of gratitude wash over my pale, pale face. My spirit will never rest in peace. Until I am free. My flame is bright. But, the light is slowly fading.

—Rose

2:30 a.m.
12/11/12
I was bored. I took out a flower book I made when we all went camping I flipped pages till I got to the end. The end. Taped to the back cover of the book was a picture of us. I was sitting in Dad's lap and Mom was next to us. I had a crown of daisies in my hair. My Hair!! I was pretty with my wavy brunette hair. We were all smiling.

—Rose

2:44 a.m.
12/11/12
I forced myself to look at the picture. I ripped out the picture of us and jammed it into the back of my closet. Back. Safe. Locked.

2:45 p.m.
12/13/12
I had ruined everything!
—Do I have to write my name?

1:30 p.m.
12/15/12
The doctor came today. His name is Sam. When he walks in I would say,
"Sam?"
And he would say,
"Sam I am."

This is a ritual. Sam noted on my "problems" and checked on the medicine. He said that I was looking alright and that I would be fine, but, by looking at his furred brow, I know things aren't going well. By clarifying that, Dr. Sam took my parents out of the room. I heard them whispering. Then Sam came in, took his things and left.
"Sam won't be coming anymore," Dad says.

—Rose

12/17/12
2:45 p.m.
I feel so feverish. My forehead feels like I've got a huge sunburn and my skin in peeling off. Dad brought me a cup of hot water.
I need a friend

—Rose

4:56 p.m.
12/20/12
Mommy's friend's daughter came over today. She is my age, 11, and she was wearing jeans, a tie-dye rainbow peace shirt and she had rainbow beads in



Sela Dingpontsawa

When her grandfather died recently, 10-year-old Sela Dingpontsawa decided to write a story about how a little girl diagnosed with cancer spends her final days with her friends and family. Writing the story "Angel" allowed her to explore how death affects an entire family and community.

"I wanted to write about how other characters in the story feel about somebody they loved dying," she said.

When finished, she shared the story with her parents, and her mother encouraged her to submit the story to the Weekly's Short Story Contest, where it took first place in the Tween category.

At Addison Elementary School, where she is in fifth grade, Dingpontsawa has done some creative writing before. However, she said school projects can sometimes be difficult

when she can't think of a subject. She prefers to write when she already has an idea to kick things off, as with "Angel."

She enjoys reading fantasy and mystery books, but recently she was struck by a book called "Kira-Kira" by Cynthia Kadohata, which she said had an influence on her story. The young-adult book focuses on a Japanese-American family, in which one daughter contracts lymphoma.

"Angel" is organized into short chronological journal entries written by Rose, the terminally ill girl, as she cycles through some days of despair and some of happiness. She finds solace when she befriends another young girl — who wears tie-dyed shirts, has beads in her hair and changes her name everyday. Her parents stay by her side, doing what they can to make her happy. The story ends with an intense mix of emotions.

"It was kind of hard (to write) about when she died because I've never witnessed anything like that happening," she said. "But I just tried to make it like the best I could."

—Sam Sciolla

Judges' comments on "Angel"

In this beautiful story about a difficult subject — death and dying — we see how much the journal format can add when used well. The young writer skillfully creates a believable character with a believable voice. Extremely well done. Bravo!

her black hair and was wearing a straw hat with a ribbon.

"Hi," I said my voice prim and neat.

"Sup." She answered. Then she glanced at my peace sign hanging over my bed.

"Hey," She said "I really like that sign of yours."

"Thank you. By the way, my name is Rose," I informed her.

"Hey, that's pretty. My name is... Red."

"Really? I have never met someone named Red." I said.

"I know," Red answered, twirling her finger around a lock of her hair.

"I change my name every day."

Then Red and I discussed animal cruelty and peace.

I think I found a friend.

—Rose

12/21/12
3:00 a.m.

My head is killing me. I feel like I just plunged in to mom's hot chai mug. I invited Red over today to get my mind off my sickness. She didn't seem bothered that I requested her to come over at 3:00 in the morning. Turns out today Red's name is Allie Jo. We talked about peace to the world and we also watched "Parental

Guidance" one of my all time favorite movies ever. The thing is, when I'm with Allie Jo, I finally feel like a real person.

—Rose

12/22/12
5:45 p.m.

I felt so sick that I didn't even invite Ali. I retched five times today. I don't even feel like looking out the window. I feel dead.

—Rose

2:45 a.m.
12/27/12

Happy Birthday to me, Happy Birthday to me,
Happy Birthday dear Ro-o-o-se, Happy Birthday to me.

8:00 a.m.
12/27/12

I got a digital camera and my own photo album.
Thank you Dad, Mom. I ate most of Ali's candies. I left five pieces for tonight.

6:00 p.m.
12/27/12

I am feeling horrible. I invited Ali, (Bess) over.

Mom and Dad are here too.
Mom is stroking my forehead and Bess was telling me that she

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thinks I am amazing. Dad was sitting on a chair with his head in his hands.

Bess gave everyone a piece of her candy. I told them that I wanted for us to eat the candy at the same time. My forehead cloudy, I started unwrapping the candy.

"I love you Mom," I said.

"I love you Bess," I said.

"I love you Dad," I said.

Mom started sobbing saying she loved me so much.

Bess took my hand and squeezed it.

Dad came over and kissed my forehead.

"Can you take a picture?" Mom asked through her sobs.

"Gladly," Bess answered.

We posed and Bess flashed a picture. She dashed to the printing store and returned with it in her hand. She filed it in the first space in my photo album.

"We love you, Rose," Dad said.

"I love you all," I said.

The connection burned through my body. The fiery burst of air that I breathed washed over everyone in the room. I cannot lose my parents, my friend.

I held it in. That power had never shown its face to me. I saw silver linings intertwine with all the things that I love.

"On the count of three we all eat our candies," I choked.

"1...2...3..." We all popped the candy in our mouths. The sweet taste comforted me. It erased all the pain I thought I would have. I quickly jotted down how it would feel. It was the feeling that guided me to heaven, silky trails of gold and gratitude wash over my pale face. The power bursted. Then, my flame died out. My angel slowly guided me, her pale face matching my feelings. I was distraught, happy, sad. But most of all, I was free. ■

Botany for beginners

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it even have a mouth?

"I give the baby nutrients," my mother said, "through a tube. It's called an umbilical cord."

"So it's like phloem," I said. I was constantly doing this — making odd comparisons in order to gauge my mother's reactions. Usually she frowned and said, *Well, sort of.*

"Well, sort of," she said. "That's why I have to be careful about what I eat. Because whatever I eat, the baby eats too."

"Like a tapeworm," I said.

To my surprise, instead of giving her usual ambiguous answer, she thought for a few seconds and said "Yes, exactly."

In the car, Mrs. Castellanos glanced over at the book in my lap.

"Is that the new Harry Potter book?" she asked. "Lynn has been reading it, with Mr. Castellanos. They've been reading it together. The Half Blood Prince?"

I shook my head No and held up *Botany for Beginners*. "It's about plants," I said.

Mrs. Castellanos laughed with delight — "Ah, yes, I forgot that you are the young botanist" — but afterward I saw her scrutinizing me from the driver's seat.

"You're a sharp one, aren't you?" she said. Embarrassed, I did not reply, but somewhere inside me something aching and warm was blooming. *A sharp one. A smart girl. A very smart girl.*

"Tell me," she said suddenly. "What do plants need, besides sunlight and water? We have a potted plant that I keep by the window, because they told me it likes the warmth. I give it a bit of water every few days, not too little, not too much, I never drown it. But the plant doesn't do well. It always looks sick."

I waited, confused.

"I was wondering," she continued, "is there something else that I should be doing?"

I saw that she wasn't just humoring a child; she truly wanted to know. She asked me, "What do people usually do, to take care of a house plant?"

All of my botanical knowledge! All the beautiful, precise words I knew — *xylem, phloem, chlorophyll, pteridophyte*, the kind of words you want to hang up on a Christmas tree like origami — they were useless here, I realized.

How to take care of something? A simple question. I had no idea. ■

Judges for the Young Adult, Teen and Tween categories



Katy Obringer

Katy Obringer spent 22 years with the City of Palo Alto library system, which included serving as the supervisor of the Children's Library. Obringer also worked as an elementary school teacher for 10 years and an elementary school librarian for five years. Her love of introducing children to books continues in her retirement.



Nancy Etchemendy

Nancy Etchemendy's novels, short fiction and poetry have appeared regularly for the past 25 years, both in the United States and abroad. Her work has earned three Bram Stoker Awards (two for children's horror), a Golden Duck Award for excellence in children's science fiction, and most recently, an International Horror Guild Award for her YA horror story, "Honey in the Wound." She lives and works in Menlo Park, where she leads an interesting life, alternating between introverted writer of weird tales and gracious (she hopes) wife of Stanford University's Provost.



Caryn Huberman Yacowitz

Caryn Huberman Yacowitz writes fiction and non-fiction books for children as well as plays for both children and adults. Her long-awaited picture book, "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Dreidel," will be published in September. Wearing forty pounds of Victorian clothing and a wig, Caryn occasionally appears at The Farm as Jane Lathrop Stanford. Her website is www.carynyacowitz.com.



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explore.stanford.edu explore-series@stanford.edu

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Home Front

IRRIGATION BASICS ... The City of Palo Alto is offering a free workshop with Lori Palmquist, "Irrigation Basics for Homeowners," from 9 a.m. to noon on **Saturday, April 5**, at Cubberley Community Center, Room H-1, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. The workshop will cover the components and layout of the irrigation system, common problems, basic maintenance and how to maintain appropriate irrigation of trees without using a lot of water. Information: Reservations are required (tinyurl.com/l3n7std); 650-329-2241.

GROWING BLUEBERRIES ... UC Master Gardeners will offer a free workshop on growing blueberries from 10 to 11 a.m. on **Saturday, April 5**, at the Palo Alto Demonstration Garden, 851 Center Drive, Palo Alto. Information: Master Gardeners at 408-282-3105, between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or mastergardeners.org

MORE BEAUTY/LESS WATER ... Landscaper/designer Deva Luna will offer advice on how to garden using the least amount of water, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on **Saturday, April 5**, at Common Ground, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Luna will cover reducing the size of a lawn, sheet mulching and improving soil, as well as show pictures of successful water-wise gardens. Cost is \$31. Information: 650-493-6072 or www.commongroundin-paloalto.org

EASY PEASY DINNERS ... Yvette Edwards will teach a class on "Easy Peasy Spring Dinners" from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 8**, at Palo Alto High School, Room 103, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Spring dishes include Pan Seared Perfect Chicken with mango salsa; Tuna Capri Style with pistachios and capers; Grape and Cantaloupe Soup; and Lime, Cilantro and Tomato Pasta. Plan to watch, participate and sample. Cost is \$50. Information: 650-329-3752 or www.paadultschool.org

WE'RE #2 ... Palo Alto was second only to Los Gatos in "luxury" home sales in February, according to Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Silicon Valley Luxury Housing Market Report. Palo Alto had 18 sales of homes for more than \$1.5 million (Los Gatos had 19), followed by

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James Leasure/Modern Home Tours

Light streams into the living room in the "loft" space through windows and Liftslide doors.

No cookie-cutter homes here

Self-guided tour showcases new, renovated modern houses

by Carol Blitzer

"A 3-story tower and roof deck emerges among vibrant evergreens, providing a unique vantage point of the surrounding townscape."

That's how architect Dan Spiegel of Spiegel Aihara Workshop (SAW), San Francisco, describes part of the home he designed for his parents in the heart of Menlo Park. It's a far cry from the home where he grew up, which was de-

signed by Cliff May and lived in for years by a Sunset editor.

"This was an opportunity to imagine something different," Spiegel said. "It's all about patterns of living. The way people are building houses is so cookie-cutter."

"Our family works in a particular way, so we started with an organizational diagram," he added.

Form quickly followed function



James Leasure/Modern Home Tours

The original pool was retained and renovated, located at the back of the lot.

in Spiegel's unusual construct, which hinges on three distinct pieces: a one-story "ranch," a three-story "urban farm" tower and a loft, referring to the main social spaces.

But those interested in modern architecture can come and see for themselves as the home of Helen Blau and David Spiegel is opened to the public as part of the Modern Home Tour in conjunction with Silicon Valley Contemporary on April 12. Three other homes in Palo Alto and one in Saratoga will also be featured on the self-guided tour.

Set diagonally on a half-acre lot, the house embraces an indoor/outdoor sensibility: From nearly every room one can look out to the natural landscape, designed by Spiegel's wife, landscaper Megumi Aihara.

One thing kept from the May design is the central location of the kitchen, which is separated from David Spiegel's office and the living room by chimney stacks.

"They hide the fireplaces, but they are also organizational objects," Spiegel said.

Although they did not seek LEED certification, the home is built to be low-maintenance and energy-efficient. The exterior siding is made of red Western cedar. Today it boasts just one coat of stain, but they could let it gray out to silver over time, he said. "It'll last 50 years. We wanted everything to require little maintenance over time."

The flooring in the public spaces is a medium gray Vermont slate, which segues into a medi-

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A concrete wall on the outside mirrors a wooden half-wall on the inside.



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Indoor/outdoor spaces flow easily in this modern home, designed by Dan Spiegel.

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Modern Home tour

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um-plank white oak in the downstairs master-bedroom suite.

Exposed huge steel beams hold up the structure, but also serve as a sort of “crown molding” at the top of the walls. The cleanest of the structural-grade beams were selected for the living-room ceiling; the others are covered by Douglas fir in the master bedroom.

Sliding glass walls, made of Liftslide doors that “insulate like walls,” lead to the back yard, where “something is always blooming — all natives, low water.”

At one end of the kitchen is a large pivot door, suspended from a steel beam, which really looks like an extension of the cabinetry. It’s made of the same curly maple veneer spun off one tree as the rest of the kitchen cabinets.

Behind the door is “Mom’s office,” with a wall of glass and Liftslide doors. “You feel like you’re suspended between landscapes,” Spiegel said.

A pocket door separates the office from the master-bedroom suite, which consists of a bathroom, dressing area with closet and not-huge bedroom that is glassed on three walls overlooking a maple and fern garden.

Even the master closet is situated between the landscape, Spiegel pointed out, with a long horizon window next to a bench where one can put on one’s shoes.

On the other side of the kitchen is a powder room, with a distinctive sink made from marine-grade plywood. Small rooms for laundry and storing the hot-water heater are off the garage.

The three-story tower, with a convenient second entrance, functions as a guest wing, beginning with a sitting room and kitchenette on the ground floor. Each floor has one bedroom and one bathroom, ending on a rooftop patio with a lookout perch and solid walls.

“With parties, you can have a drink and watch the sunset.

There are no more front porches, but people walk along and wave,” Spiegel said.

He spoke to the efficiency of the stacked bedrooms in the lesser-used space.

“If building vertically, you have a whole different view available to you,” he added.

Today one can see the rows of solar panels only from the tower — not from the street. Future plans could include a green roof.

The three bedroom, 3.5-bath, 4,500-square-foot home was completed last spring, just in time for Spiegel and Aihara’s wedding.

Other homes on the tour include:

- a 1951 Eichler, 3-bedroom, 3-bathroom, 1,800-square-foot, re-purposed space without adding floor area (M110 Architecture, San Francisco);

- a 1950 mid-century modern, 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom, 2,630-square-foot with bookend additions front and back, restored wood ceilings, retrofitted radiant-heating system and other energy-saving features (M110 Architecture, San Francisco);

- a 1950 Green Gables Eichler, 4-bedroom, 3-bathroom, 2,700-square-foot expanded and remodeled in 2012, with new kitchen, entry and master suite (Design for Living, Palo Alto);

- a 2009 Saratoga home in a large woodland site, 4+ bedroom, 4-bathroom, 7,000-square-foot set of smaller structures interconnected by glassed-in walks and vaulted roof (WA Design, Berkeley).

All homes can be visited at one’s own pace.

The house tour will end with a “meet and greet” at the Silicon Valley Contemporary fine-arts fair, which will be held at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center in San Jose. The fair, from April 10 to 13, is a benefit for the San Jose Museum of Art. ■

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What: Modern Home Tour in conjunction with Silicon Valley Contemporary

When: Tour 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, April 12; post-tour Meet and Greet 4:15-5:30 p.m.

Where: Three homes in Palo Alto, one in Menlo Park, one in Saratoga

Cost: \$50 online through 8 p.m., April 11; \$60 at a tour home on day of; children 12 and under free

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Total sales reported: **3**
 Lowest sales price: **\$515,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$725,000**

Los Altos

Total sales reported: **7**
 Lowest sales price: **\$1,800,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$2,800,000**

Los Altos Hills

Total sales reported: **1**
 Lowest sales price: **\$2,500,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$2,500,000**

Mountain View

Total sales reported: **10**
 Lowest sales price: **\$375,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$2,200,000**

Palo Alto

Total sales reported: **3**
 Lowest sales price: **\$675,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$2,005,000**

Redwood City

Total sales reported: **5**
 Lowest sales price: **\$625,000**
 Highest sales price: **\$1,315,000**

Source: California REsource

440 Cesano Court #311 Enberg Trust to M. Buie for \$675,000 on 3/18/14; previous sale 7/07, \$534,000

Redwood City

1744 Hempstead Place Bingham Trust to Lee Trust for \$925,000 on 2/21/14

3049 Hoover St. Working Dirt to M. & M. Matsuda for \$625,000 on 2/21/14; previous sale 1/04, \$550,000

210 Newcastle Court Trautmann Trust to Crandon & Beauchamp Trust for \$1,212,000 on 2/21/14; previous sale 7/06, \$1,044,000

159 Positano Circle M. Adibmajlesi to J. Pang for \$900,000 on 2/25/14; previous sale 6/97, \$324,500

500 Rivermist Lane D. & K. Bagby to H. & J. Ruparel for \$1,315,000 on 2/21/14

530 Georgia Ave. relocate gas meter, install tankless water heater, \$n/a

2334 Santa Ana St. structural changes to reflect vaulted ceiling at dormer, \$n/a

3786 Corina Way install PV system, \$n/a

40 Kent Place convert wood-burning fireplace with gas insert, relocate gas meter, \$n/a

1534 Walnut Drive remodel bathroom, add bay window at front of house, \$n/a

4264 Manuela Way remodel pool, resurface, install in-ground spa, replace equipment, \$54,000

910 Matadero Ave. revise location of window at bath, remove sink, add shower, remove two posts, \$n/a

2628 Kipling St. remodel, including relocating kitchen, \$40,729

401 Lytton Ave. replace commercial HVAC equipment, \$n/a

1100 Clark Way Stanford West Apartments: Blvd. 33, replace windows, increase size on first floor, \$20,000

1116 Forest Ave. re-roof pool house, \$2,450

4160 Hubbard Drive re-roof, \$18,000

3520 La Mata Way new support beam in kitchen, \$n/a

958 Lawrence Lane replace sliding door, \$n/a

1430 Harker Ave. replace beam and hardy wall in garage, \$8,140

3768 La Donna Ave. remodel kitchen, family room, including refacing fireplace, \$95,800

1103 Forest Ave. re-roof, \$65,000

3195 Alexis Drive bring to compliance illegally installed sub-panel, \$n/a

2491 Middlefield Road add gas fireplace insert, \$n/a

440 Cesano Court, Unit 308 remodel kitchen, \$24,435

3000 El Camino Real PlaceIQ: revise tenant improvement to show building not sprinklered, submit unreasonable hardship paperwork for accessible park-

ing, \$n/a; replace electrical fixtures in break room, \$n/a; Bldg. 2, 10th floor: interior demo for Bain and Company, \$30,000
448 University Ave. non-structural demo on first floor, \$n/a
239 Homer Ave. remove deck tile, replace stucco along perimeter of deck to wall, \$25,000
3788 Fabian Way tenant improvement for Southwall Technologies, create future tenant space, \$41,400
2070 Waverley St. remodel kitchen, bath, also replace windows, \$150,000
1525 Webster St. re-roof detached garage, \$n/a

Home Front

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Los Altos with 14, Saratoga with 12, San Jose and Mountain View with nine each, and Cupertino with eight. Homes sold on average in less than 29 days and sellers received an average of 106 percent of asking price, according to the report. The most expensive house sold in February was a 7,500-square-foot wonder in Los Altos that went for \$9,888,000.

FREE FABRIC ... The next FabMo free fabric distribution event is **Thursday, April 10**, 4:30 to 8 p.m.; **Friday, April 11**, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and **Saturday, April 12**, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are required, to help manage the crowds (Email gather.fabrix@me.com with preferred date and time), but some drop-in hours are included. The distribution, with a requested donation, takes place at 2423 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Volunteer greeters and sorters are also needed. Information: www.fabmo.org

USE LESS WATER ... Master gardener Roberta Barnes will offer a free workshop on "Making the most of your irrigation system" from 1 to 2 p.m. on **Friday, April 11**, at Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Tips, component upgrades, mulching and composting will be discussed. Information: Master Gardeners at 408-282-3105, between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or mastergardeners.org ■

BUILDING PERMITS

Palo Alto

417 College Ave. convert patio to laundry space, \$7,000

4100 Donald Drive remodel kitchen, replace tile in family room, remove non-load-bearing wall between kitchen and family room, add pocket door, \$55,000

160 Nevada Ave. install rooftop PV system, \$n/a

830 Los Trancos Road install rooftop PV system on main house, \$n/a

650 San Antonio Ave., Bldg. 644 multi-family solar hot water system on roof and tanks on slab in mechanical room, \$n/a

611 Tennyson Ave. remodel kitchen, remodel 3/4 bath, \$61,125

3770 El Camino Real repair car damage to wall and stair, \$10,000

978 Addison Ave. replace 22 windows, \$80,000

686 Matadero Ave. remove part of attic floor framing and resupport existing roof to allow for headroom at stair landing to adjacent pantry, \$n/a

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HOME SALES

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East Palo Alto

2567 Emmett Way Burnside Trust to S. Hou for \$525,000 on 2/25/14

232 Green St. Shoreline Assets Group to D. Vandyke for \$725,000 on 2/21/14; previous sale 5/13, \$510,500

121 Mission Drive Knight Trust to S. Mitra for \$515,000 on 2/25/14

Los Altos

1305 Carvo Court Frascino Trust to T. To for \$2,635,000 on 3/14/14

340 Hacienda Way Meridian Financial Services to Williams & Cameron Trust for \$2,800,000 on 3/14/14

421 Hacienda Way Putz Trust to C. Chen for \$2,310,000 on 3/14/14; previous sale 12/90, \$575,000

530 Hawthorne Ave. Stephens Trust to V. & M. Gandhi for \$1,800,000 on 3/14/14

885 Highlands Circle A. Robinson to M. & S. Shenoy for \$1,860,000 on 3/17/14

926 Lundy Lane Brassington Trust to Blackburn Trust for \$2,800,000 on 3/14/14; previous sale 8/11, \$2,100,000

144 Sunkist Lane Klein Trust to T. & J. Hahn for \$2,495,000 on 3/13/14; previous sale 1/01, \$1,950,000

Los Altos Hills

10490 Albertsworth Lane Bronstein Trust to X. Dong for \$2,500,000 on 3/11/14; previous sale 5/05, \$2,250,000

Mountain View

763 Bryn Mawr Court #46 M. & P. Nizam to J. Phillips for \$775,000 on 3/13/14; previous sale 6/04, \$474,000

938 Clark Ave. #39 A. & C. Kobrin to P. Yu for \$780,000 on 3/12/14

62 Eldora Drive D. & A. Bolton to J. Hwang for \$1,160,000 on 3/11/14

201 Flynn Ave. #22 S. & M. Eakin to W. Gu for \$700,000 on 3/12/14; previous sale 12/05,

\$530,000

725 Mariposa Ave. #305 N. Kirilcuk to H. Ong for \$438,000 on 3/11/14; previous sale 1/08, \$385,000

274 Pamela Drive #7 L. Bieber to E. Evans for \$375,000 on 3/11/14

2255 Showers Drive #225 Goldblum Trust to W. & D. Brice for \$575,000 on 3/11/14; previous sale 11/04, \$365,000

49 Showers Drive #N359 E. Ortega to CB Home Development for \$600,000 on 3/17/14; previous sale 9/06, \$495,000

722 Sonia Way Dorado Properties to W. Liu for \$2,200,000 on 3/13/14; previous sale 5/13, \$1,000,000

2447 Tamalpais St. Ma & Thai Trust to J. Pu for \$1,150,000 on 3/12/14; previous sale 4/10, \$717,000

Palo Alto

407 Alder Lane Chan Trust to Fischl & Mooney Trust for \$2,005,000 on 3/13/14; previous sale 6/12, \$1,521,000

101 Alma St. #203 Chang Trust to D. Cardwell for \$1,250,000 on 3/14/14; previous sale 9/88, \$306,000

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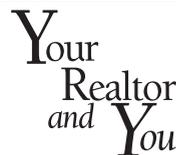
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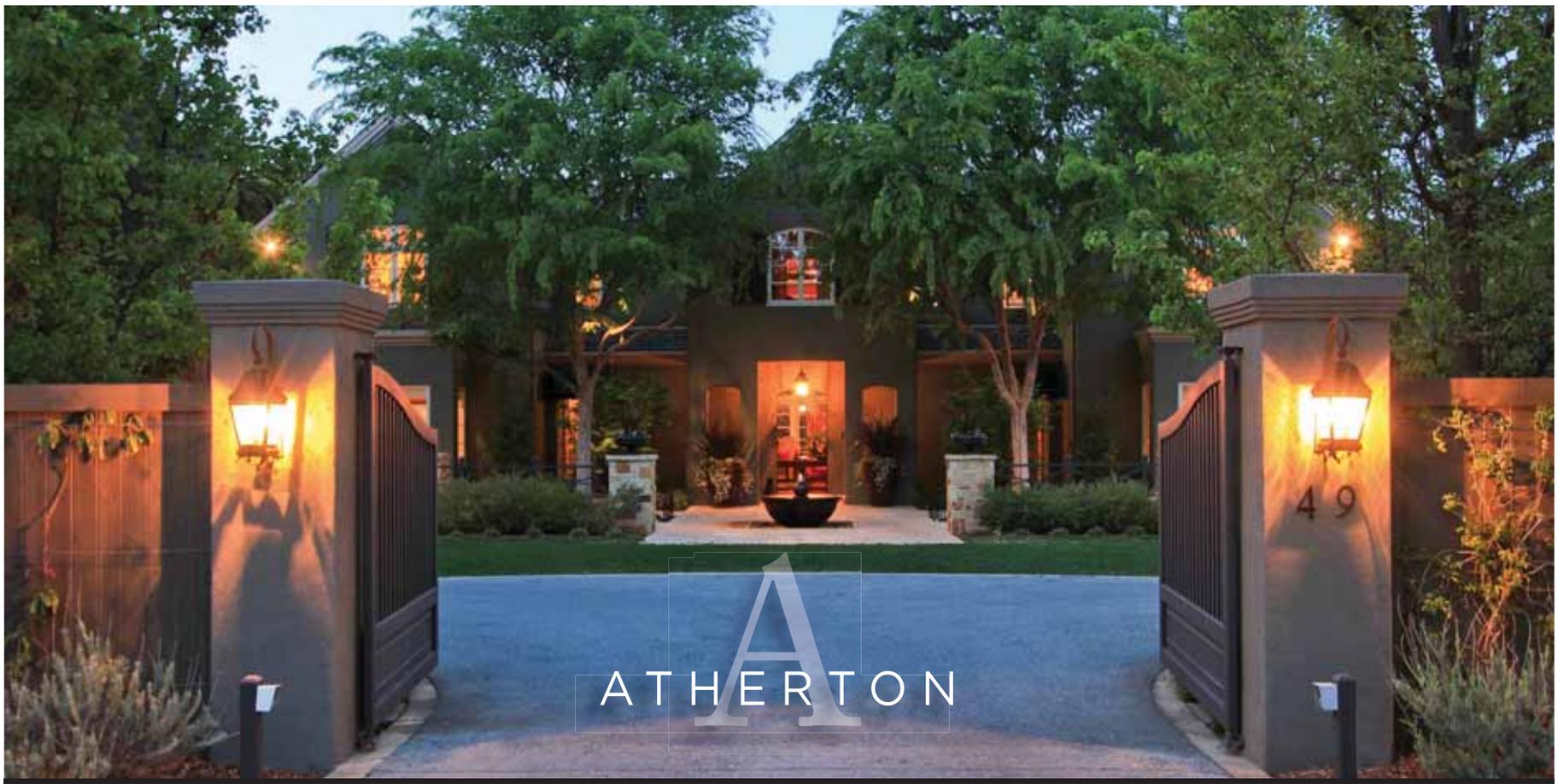


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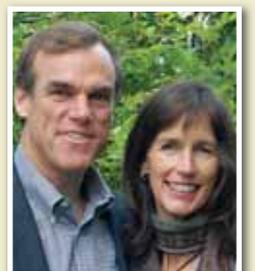
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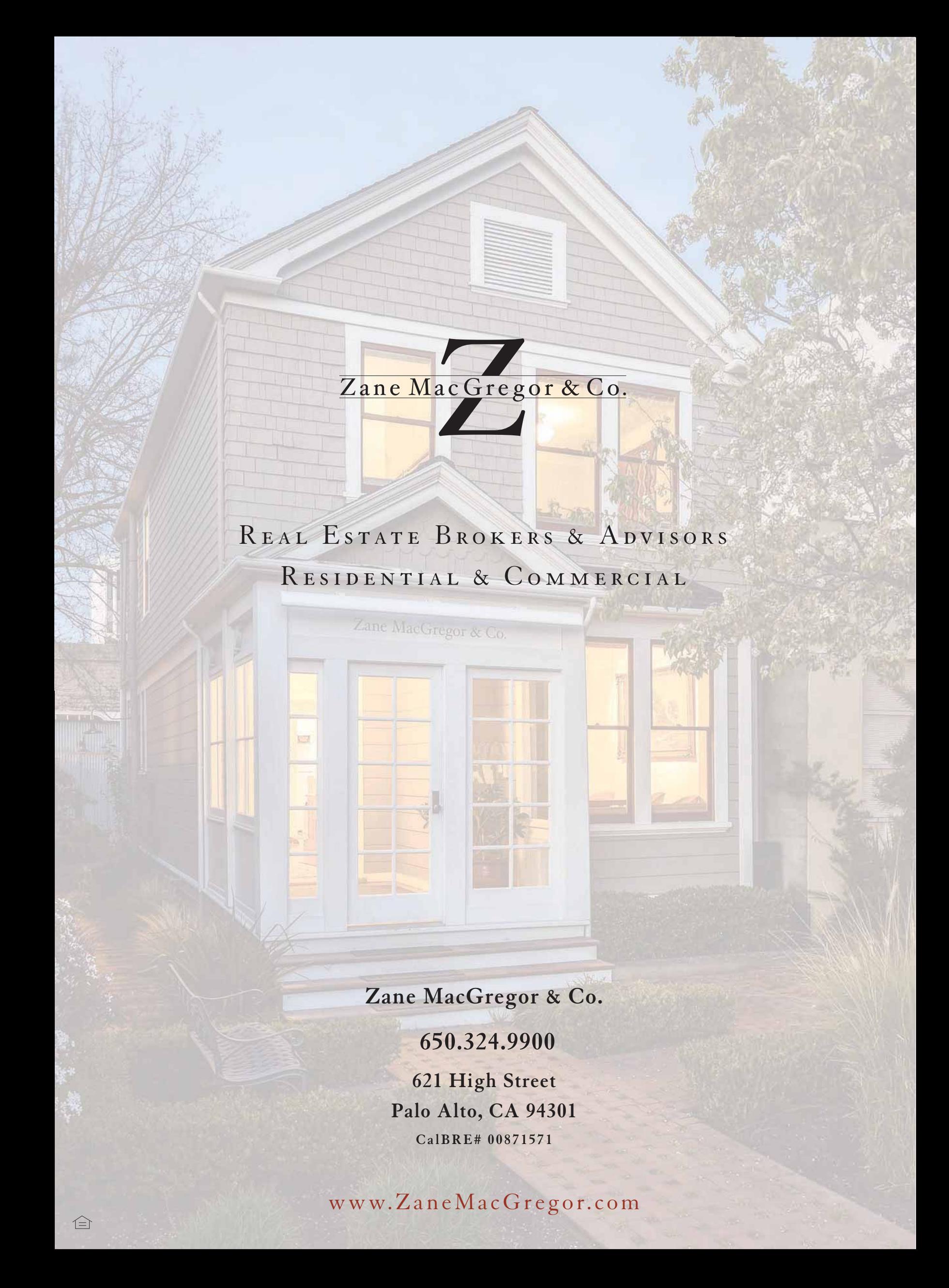
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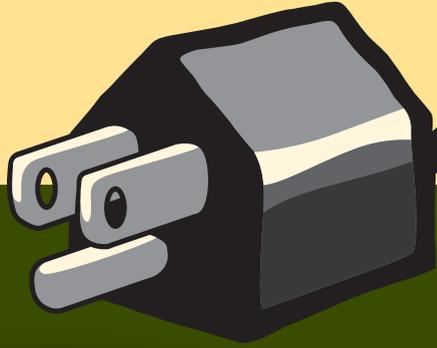
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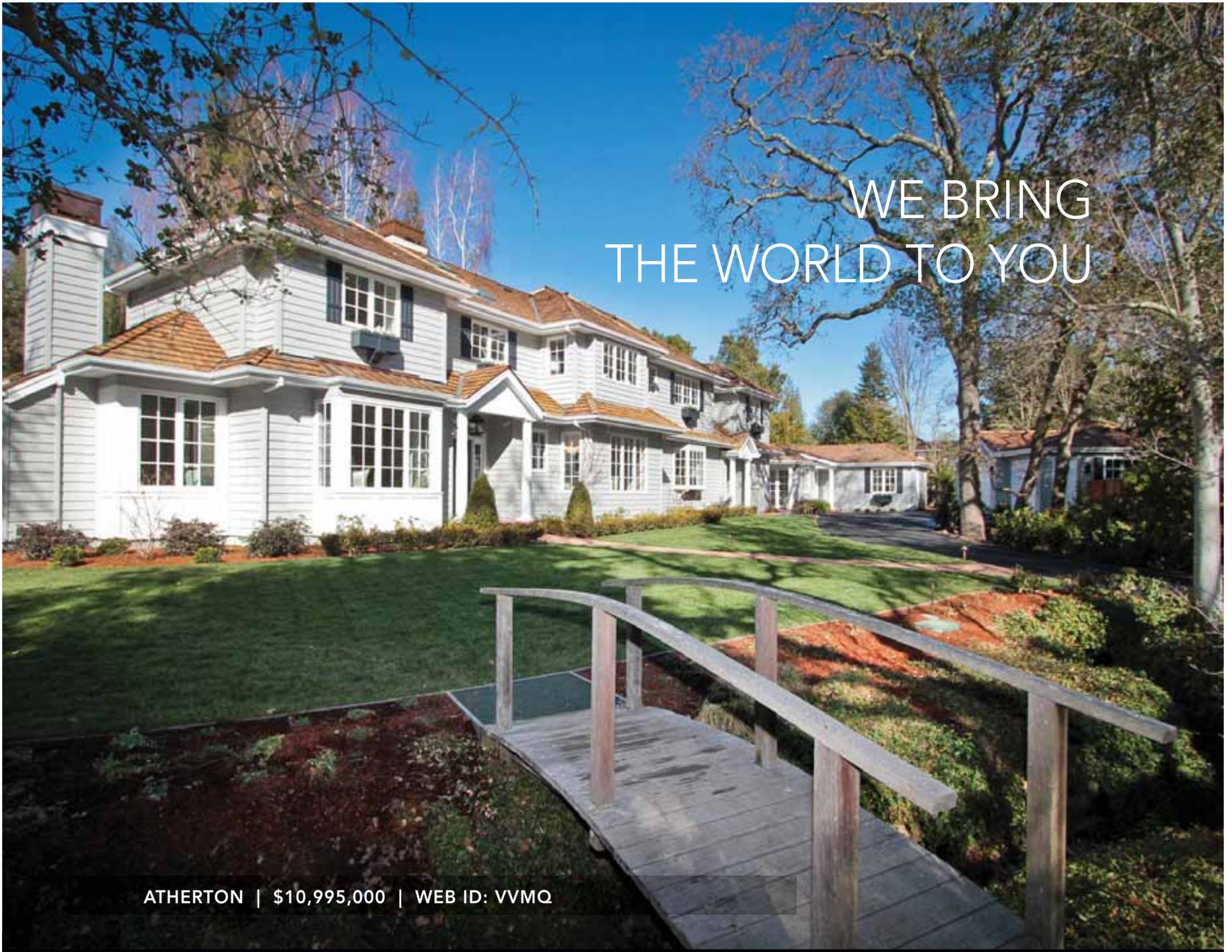
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Portola Valley **\$5,100,000**
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Menlo Park **\$3,950,000**
Tuscan Villa bordered by Stanford Open Space; 3-levels. Las Lomitas schools. 5 BR/5.5 BA
Tom LeMieux CalBRE #01066910 650.323.7751



Atherton **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$3,895,000**
1 Flood Cir Prestigious Lindenwood. Country English home located on historic Flood Circle. Co-listed with Linda Bibbler. 4 BR/3.5 BA
Janet Dore & John Spiller
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Atherton **Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$3,795,000**
180 Heather Dr Updated Ranch 4 bd/4ba in Lindenwood on .92 acre w/ pool & spa, 3 car garage, MP Schools.
Tom LeMieux CalBRE #01066910 650.329.6645



Los Altos Hills **Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$3,150,000**
27791 Edgerton Rd Privately located, stunning views, High vaulted ceilings, 5 BR/3.5 BA, Palo Alto Schools!
Alexandra von der Groeben
CalBRE #00857515 650.325.6161



Palo Alto **Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$2,895,000**
4285 Miranda Av Beautiful, traditional, colonial home on a generous ±12480SF lot Private South PA location 5 BR/4 BA
Zach Trailer CalBRE #01371338 650.325.6161



Los Altos **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$2,195,000**
1801 Dalehurst Av Entertainers dream house. Spacious approx 3600sqft of living space, functional floor plan. 4 BR/3 BA
Tim Trailer CalBRE #00426209 650.325.6161



Portola Valley **Sat/Sun 1 - 4** **\$2,175,000**
4 Indian Crossing New price! Fabulous PV Ranch home w/ gorgeous western views, light & bright. 3rd BR used as office. 3 BR/2.5 BA
Tory Fratt CalBRE #01441654 650.324.4456



Portola Valley **Sat/Sun 1 - 4** **\$1,595,000**
230 S. Balsamina Wy New listing! Charming 3BR/2BA Ladera home on centrally located cul-de-sac. Minutes from shopping, dining, trails & school bus stop. A must see!
Kristin Gray CalBRE #01930068 650.324.4456



Menlo Park **Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$1,595,000**
2121 Santa Cruz Ave Just listed! Contemporary home in desirable University Heights. Acclaimed Las Lomitas schools. 3 BR/2.5 BA
Karen Fryling/Rebecca Johnson
CalBRE #01326725/01332193 650.324.4456



Redwood City **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$1,495,000**
3914 Peppertree Ct Farm Hill cul-de-sac location on lg lot! Incredible space in this approx. 2630 sq ft home.
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Woodside **Sun 1 - 4** **\$1,449,000**
410 Star Hill Rd Lovingly cared for home boasts a stunning ocean view, cottage charm & historical origins. 3 BR/2 BA
Valerie Trenter CalBRE #01367578 650.323.7751



Mountain View **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$1,149,000**
2381 Adele 3BR & 2BA Elegant, Bright and Spacious Mackay home with open floor plan.
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Mountain View **Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **Call for Price**
38 Devonshire #7 Steps from Google on Fairchild. Spacious 3/2.5 TH, detached garage, Original, good shape 3 BR/2.5 BA
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ATHERTON

3 Bedrooms		
76 Southgate St	\$1,795,000	
Sun	Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111
4 Bedrooms		
187 Atherton Av	\$6,895,000	
Sun	Intero-Woodside	206-6200
180 Heather Dr	\$3,795,000	
Sun	Coldwell Banker	323-7751
1 Flood Cir	\$3,895,000	
Sat/Sun	Coldwell Banker	324-4456
5 Bedrooms		
49 Lowery Dr	\$7,495,000	
Sun	Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111
6 Bedrooms		
2 Serrano Dr	Call for price	
Sun	Coldwell Banker	324-4456
6+ Bedrooms		
1 Callado Wy	\$9,480,000	
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7 Faxon Fr	\$13,900,000	
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HALF MOON BAY

3 Bedrooms		
1250 Miramontes Rd	\$3,698,000	
Sun 1-4	Intero-Woodside	206-6200

LOS ALTOS

3 Bedrooms		
495 Panchita Wy	\$1,898,000	
Sat/Sun 12-5	Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111
966 Leonello Av	\$1,799,000	
Sat/Sun	Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111
1108 Russell Ave	\$1,799,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	851-2666
4 Bedrooms		
1801 Dalehurst Av	\$2,195,000	
Sat/Sun	Coldwell Banker	325-6161
665 Belden Ct	\$2,495,000	
Sun 2-4:30	Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111
5 Bedrooms		
344 Alvarado Ave	\$2,298,000	
Sat/Sun	Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111
240 Stratford Pl	\$2,498,000	
Sat/Sun	Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111
607 Nandell Ln	\$6,495,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111

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3 Bedrooms		
10465 Berkshire Dr	\$2,695,000	
Sun	Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111
5 Bedrooms		
12900 Atherton Ct	\$3,888,000	
Sat/Sun	Deleon Realty	543-8500
27791 Edgerton	\$3,150,000	
Sun	Coldwell Banker	325-6161

MENLO PARK

3 Bedrooms		
2101 Clayton Dr	\$2,295,000	
Sun	Coldwell Banker	324-4456
1275 Carlton Av	\$559,990	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	941-7040
1800 Oakdell Dr	\$2,499,000	
Sat/Sun	Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111
2121 Santa Cruz Av	\$1,595,000	
Sun	Coldwell Banker	324-4456

6 Bedrooms		
380 Claire Place	\$4,985,000	
Sun	Pacific Union	394-7271

MOUNTAIN VIEW

3 Bedrooms		
2412 Laura Lane	\$998,000	
Sat/Sun 1-5	Deleon Realty	543-8500
2381 Adele Ave	\$1,149,000	
Sat/Sun	Coldwell Banker	325-6161
3 Bedrooms - Townhouse		
38 Devonshire Ave # 7	Call for price	
Sun	Coldwell Banker	325-6161

5 Bedrooms		
3376 Shady Spring Ln	\$2,095,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Keller Williams Palo Alto	454-8500

PALO ALTO

3 Bedrooms		
514 Santa Rita Av	\$3,500,000	
Sun	Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111
345 Parkside Dr	\$1,795,000	
Sat/Sun	Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111
350 Miramonte Ave	\$2,495,000	
Sat/Sun	Keller Williams - Palo Alto	454-8500

4 Bedrooms		
3170 Cowper St	\$2,898,000	
Sat/Sun 1-5	Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

5 Bedrooms		
4285 Miranda Av	\$2,895,000	
Sun	Coldwell Banker	325-6161
890 Lincoln Av	\$4,250,000	
Sat/Sun	Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111

PORTOLA VALLEY

3 Bedrooms		
4 Indian Xg	\$2,175,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	324-4456
230 S Balsamina Wy	\$1,595,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	324-4456

4 Bedrooms		
385 Golden Oak Dr	\$5,100,000	
Sun	Coldwell Banker	851-1961

5 Bedrooms		
188 Georgia Ln	\$7,250,000	
Sun	Coldwell Banker	851-1961

6+ Bedrooms		
316 Golden Hills Dr	\$5,400,000	
Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	941-7040

REDWOOD CITY

2 Bedrooms		
47 Murray Ct	\$599,000	
Sat/Sun	Coldwell Banker	324-4456

3 Bedrooms		
301 Nimitz Av	\$749,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	323-7751

1140 Truman St		
\$1,195,000		
Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	851-2666

1839 Hull Av		
\$799,000		
Sat/Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	323-7751

2532 Hampton Av		
\$1,179,000		
Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	324-4456

2016 Redwood Av		
\$855,000		
Sat/Sun 11-5	Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111

1260 Foothill St		
\$995,000		
Sun	Coldwell Banker	851-2666

880 Chesterton		
Call for price		
Sat/Sun	Coldwell Banker	324-4456

5 Bedrooms		
3914 Pepper Tree	\$1,495,000	
Sat/Sun	Coldwell Banker	325-6161

SARATOGA

4 Bedrooms		
13800 Pierce Rd	\$2,199,800	
Sat/Sun	Intero Real Estate Services	266-6200

SUNNYVALE

3 Bedrooms		
1350 S Bernardo Av	\$1,288,000	
Sat/Sun	Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111

1036 Fig Av		
\$1,149,000		
Sat/Sun 1-5	Alain Pinel Realtors	941-1111

WOODSIDE

4 Bedrooms		
2 Bridle Ln	\$4,850,000	
Sun	Coldwell Banker	851-2666

410 Star Hill Rd		
\$1,449,000		
Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	323-7751

35 Woodview Ln		
\$4,998,000		
Sat/Sun	Deleon Realty	543-8500

560 Moore Rd		
\$4,995,000		
Sun	Coldwell Banker	851-2666

1485 La Honda		
\$1,098,000		
Sat/Sun	Coldwell Banker	851-1961

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

GIANT LEAP MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS
GIANT LEAP MANAGEMENT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 588877
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Giant Leap Management Solutions, 2.) Giant Leap Management, located at 2707 Louis Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
GEORGE NOROIAN
2707 Louis Rd.
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on January 1, 2010.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 3, 2014.
(PAW Mar. 14, 21, 28, Apr. 4, 2014)

MATCHED CAREGIVERS CONTINUOUS CARE
MATCHED CAREGIVERS CONTINUOUS CARE, INC.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 589042
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) Matched Caregivers Continuous Care, 2.) Matched Caregivers Continuous Care, Inc., located at 1800 El Camino Real, Suite B, Menlo Park, CA 94025, San Mateo County.

The principal place of business is in San Mateo County and a current fictitious business name statement is on file at the County Clerk-Recorder office of said County.

This business is owned by: A Corporation.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
MATCHED CAREGIVERS, INC.
1800 El Camino Real, #B
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/17/2013.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 6, 2014.
(PAW Mar. 14, 21, 28, Apr. 4, 2014)

PIZZERIA DELFINA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 588252
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Pizzeria Delfina, located at 651 Emerson Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
PANNIA, LLC
3621 18th Street
San Francisco, CA 94110

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 13, 2014.
(PAW Mar. 14, 21, 28, Apr. 4, 2014)

BALANCING RESONANCE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 588940
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Balancing Resonance, located at 1112 Embarcadero Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
MELISSA CHEE
1112 Embarcadero Rd.
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 4, 2014.
(PAW Mar. 21, 28, Apr. 4, 11, 2014)

MATSUI & ASSOCIATES, A PRIVATE WEALTH ADVISORY PRACTICE OF AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 589512
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Matsui & Associates, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, located at 50 W. San Fernando St., Suite 900, San Jose, CA 95113, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
RONALD A. MATSUI
303 Sheridan Drive
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/2/2011.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 17, 2014.
(PAW Mar. 21, 28, Apr. 4, 11, 2014)

GORILLA PLAY DAY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 589580
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Gorilla Play Day, located at 1505 De Rose Way, Apt. 61, San Jose, CA 95126, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
CHRISTOPHER ORTEZ
1505 De Rose Way #61
San Jose, CA 95126-4132

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 18, 2014.
(PAW Mar. 28, Apr. 4, 11, 18, 2014)

ADIANT SPORTSMEDICINE AND REHABILITATION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 589623
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Adiant Sportsmedicine and Rehabilitation, located at 3441 Alma St., #200, Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A Corporation.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
ADIANT PHYSICAL THERAPY, INC.
4215 Tierra Rejada Rd., #236
Moorpark, CA 93021

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/21/2004.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 18, 2014.
(PAW Mar. 28, Apr. 4, 11, 18, 2014)

LeVett Properties
Strutz LeVett Management Company
Strutz LeVett Investment & Holding Company

Strutz LeVett Management
Strutz LeVett Company
Strutz LeVett Investments
LeVett LeVett Investments
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 589585
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

1.) LeVett Properties, 2.) Strutz LeVett Management Company, 3.) Strutz LeVett Investment & Holding Company, 4.) Strutz LeVett Management, 5.) Strutz LeVett Company, 6.) Strutz LeVett Investments, 7.) LeVett LeVett Investments, located at 502 Waverley Street, Suite 304, Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
Dennis A. LeVett
502 Waverley Street
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/1962.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 18, 2014.
(PAW Mar. 28, Apr. 4, 11, 18, 2014)

MUDCAKE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 588777
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Mudcake, located at 801 High St., Palo Alto, CA 94301, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A Corporation.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
SPARK FACTOR DESIGN
801 High St.
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 27, 2014.
(PAW Mar. 28, Apr. 4, 11, 18, 2014)

Tutoring Done Right
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 589777
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Tutoring Done Right, located at 4461 Renaissance Dr. Apt., 622, San Jose, CA 95134, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
IRMA SMITH
4461 Renaissance Dr. Apt. 622
San Jose, CA 95134

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/01/2014.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 20, 2014.
(PAW Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014)

PLEY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 590058
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

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San Jose, CA 95131

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 27, 2014.
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997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
JOHN STANLEY TRAYNOR, JOHN S. TRAYNOR, JOHN TRAYNOR
Case No.: 114PR174189

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHN STANLEY TRAYNOR aka JOHN S. TRAYNOR, JOHN TRAYNOR.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: THOMAS A. GAEBE in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that: THOMAS A. GAEBE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 5, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.: 12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the

California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ Jerome Galli/Deborah G. Kramer Radin
Kramer Radin, LLP
280 Second St. #100
Los Altos, CA 94022
(650)941-8600
(PAW Apr. 4, 11, 18, 2014)

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Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ David L. Rauber, Esq.
1007 N. Demaree Street
Visalia, CA 93291
(559)741-1800
(PAW Mar. 28, Apr. 4, 11, 2014)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
Case No.: 114CV262653

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner MARIA SAINZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
CLARA DEGOIS to CLARA DEGOIS SAINZ.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: June 17, 2014, at 8:45 a.m., Dept.: 12, Room: Probate, of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
PALO ALTO WEEKLY
Date: March 24, 2014
/s/ Aaron Persky
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(PAW Mar. 28, Apr. 4, 11, 18, 2014)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
Case No.: 114CV262648

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner VJUNAN SHASTRI & RANIA BRATBERG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
GEMMA BRATBERG SHASTRI to GEMMA ROSE BRATBERG SHASTRI.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee Sale No. 745246CA Loan No. 3014777654 Title Order No. 100726105-CA-MAI ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY. PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11-30-2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY,

IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 04-28-2014 at 9:00 AM, ALAW as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 12-06-2007, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 19674605, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of SANTA CLARA County, California, executed by: MANAR ZARROUG, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust.

The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA 95054 Legal Description: PARCEL C, OF "PARCEL MAP OF LOT 1 AND PORTION OF LOT 2, BLOCK 3, TRACT NO. 3307 (MAP BOOK 189, PAGE 20) AND PORTION OF EL CORTE DE MADERA RANCHO", RECORDED APRIL 16, 1970 IN BOOK 266 OF MAPS, PAGE 49, SANTA CLARA COUNTY RECORDS. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$6,033,019.58 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 996 LAUREL GLEN DRIVE PALO ALTO, CA 94304 APN Number: 182-43-037-00 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is".

In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 03-27-2014 ALAW, as Trustee REGINA CANTRELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ALAW 9200 OAKDALE AVE. - 3RD FLOOR CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 (818)435-3661 For Sales Information: www.lpsasap.com or 1-714-730-2727 www.priorityposting.com or 1-714-573-1965 www.auction.com or 1-800-280-2832 ALAW IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
PATRICIA J. VAN HORN aka PATRICIA JEAN VAN HORN, aka PATRICIA VAN HORN
Case No.: 1-14-PR-174202

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PATRICIA J. VAN HORN, aka PATRICIA JEAN VAN HORN, aka PATRICIA VAN HORN.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: ALEXANDER E. GEBALA in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that: ALEXANDER E. GEBALA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 5, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.: 12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ Jerome Galli/Deborah G. Kramer Radin
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280 Second St. #100
Los Altos, CA 94022
(650)941-8600
(PAW Apr. 4, 11, 18, 2014)

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Case No.: 114CV262653

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
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- 14 Coffee ice cream flavor
- 15 Mr. Peanut accessory
- 16 Bubbly popper
- 17 Stick with Mario (and not that dreadful hedgehog instead?)
- 19 First name in talks
- 20 Dangling place
- 21 Wilder's "Silver Streak" costar
- 22 Carries out orders
- 24 Without exception
- 26 Ford or Rollins
- 28 Put forth
- 29 Draw upon
- 30 Still able to stay awake for a few more minutes?
- 34 Disposition
- 35 Kolkata currency
- 36 Boy in "Toy Story"
- 40 Why there's now only a huge pile of banana peels left?
- 43 Tree gunk
- 46 "Dear" advice giver
- 47 Some winds
- 48 Not quite in the majors
- 50 "Do me a ___"
- 52 Tank buildup
- 53 Be slack-jawed
- 54 Column's counterpart
- 57 Robot dance caller's instruction to folk dance?
- 60 Cake laced with rum
- 61 Lewd look
- 62 Despotic
- 63 Roswell sightings
- 64 Bread heels
- 65 Meets a bet
- 66 Recipe part

Down

- 1 Accord
- 2 Sunblock ingredient
- 3 "Sorry about that"
- 4 Ballpoint fluid
- 5 Bench wear
- 6 Feel sore
- 7 P, on a frat house
- 8 Musical knack
- 9 Contempt
- 10 Favor asker's opening
- 11 Labor forces
- 12 Order from above
- 14 Loads
- 18 Bender
- 20 Janitor's pocketful
- 23 Bucking beast
- 24 Dice
- 25 Lopsided
- 26 It may be cured
- 27 Bulldog, schoolwise
- 28 Opium origin
- 31 A ___ Called Quest
- 32 Fitness program based on Latin dancing
- 33 ___ Lama
- 37 Annual non-athletic sports event
- 38 Billy ___ Williams
- 39 QB gains
- 41 Van trailer?
- 42 Eye up
- 43 Not wobbly
- 44 Sorkin who voiced Harley Quinn in the Batman animated series to folk dance?
- 45 Overate, with "out"
- 49 Figure skating event
- 50 "___ alive!"
- 51 National gemstone of Australia
- 53 School supplies list item
- 55 Double reed instrument
- 56 Nesting insect
- 58 Some notebooks
- 59 Miner's quarry
- 60 Student driver?

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
JAY THEODORE GREENFIELD
Case No.: 1-14-PR-174208

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JAY THEODORE GREENFIELD, JAY T. GREENFIELD, A Petition for Probate has been filed by: JANE GREENFIELD in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that JANE GREENFIELD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 12, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.: 12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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Sports Shorts

FINAL FOUR BOUND . . . Much has been made about Kentucky's outstanding basketball freshmen class and how many of them are in the 'one and done' category with their next stop being the NBA. One freshman not in that category will enjoy the Wildcats' upcoming trip to the NCAA Final Four and, most likely, look forward to contributing to Kentucky's success in the coming years. That player is **E.J. Floreal**, a freshman walk-on. Floreal is just two years removed from Palo Alto High, where he starred in basketball plus track and field before departing prior to his senior year as his family moved to Lexington, Ky. Floreal, one of nine freshmen, is not among the Kentucky stars this season, which continued with a 75-72 win over Michigan on Sunday in the Midwest Regional final. Far from it. The 6-foot-3 freshman guard from Dunbar High has spent his time during the Wildcats' 28-10 season on the bench. Floreal has played in three games, all of four minutes. He had his only field-goal attempt, has one rebound, one block and one steal. Safe to say Floreal is not declaring early for the NBA draft.

SO LONG MONTY . . . Former Stanford head coach and longtime Menlo Park resident **Mike Montgomery**, one of college basketball's all-time winningest coaches, has announced his retirement this week as head men's basketball coach at the University of California. Montgomery, who directed the Golden Bears' program to postseason appearances during each of his six seasons at the school, enjoyed a storied career that spanned more than four decades and also included head coaching stints at Montana and with the Golden State Warriors. In 32 seasons as a collegiate head coach, Montgomery had 677 career victories and exits the game as the 25th-winningest head men's basketball coach with at least 10 years of experience at the Division I level in NCAA history. He ranks third on the Pac-12's all-time victories list behind Arizona's Lute Olsen and UCLA's John Wooden with 282 league wins between his time at both Cal and Stanford.



Stanford senior Mikaela Ruef helped cut down the nets after helping chop down North Carolina with 17 points in the NCAA Stanford Regional final on Tuesday night.

Net result is a trip to the Final Four

Stanford women get another shot at undefeated Connecticut in the national semifinals

By Rick Eymer

Stanford has been here before: a berth on NCAA women's basketball's biggest stage against a team that seemingly appears unbeatable.

The sixth-ranked Cardinal gets a second chance to make a good first impression this weekend in Nashville, Tenn., getting the honor of sharing the same court with top-ranked and defending nation-

al champion Connecticut.

Stanford earned the right to play the Huskies by beating North Carolina, 74-65, in the Stanford Regional final on Tuesday in Maple Pavilion.

The Cardinal (33-3) knows all about Connecticut (38-0), having



played the Huskies every season for a number of years.

"Four All-Americans," Stanford Tara VanDerveer said Wednesday. "They are big and they are

not a one-trick pony team. (Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis) doesn't just shoot 3's. She puts the ball on the floor and she goes for offen-

sive rebounds. (Stefanie Dolson) does not just post up. That's what you find with great players; they can do it all."

The game is scheduled for Sunday at 6 p.m. (ESPN), with the winner advancing to the championship game. The Huskies beat the Cardinal, 76-57, in the second game of the season in Storrs,

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Pinewood's state title just sets stage for 2015

by Keith Peters

It was only moments after the Pinewood girls had captured their sixth state title in the CIF Division V finale last week that head coach Doc Scheppler was asked the obvious question by a television reporter.

So, what's next for Pinewood?

"I want their goals to be high," Scheppler said of his returning players. "Maybe we'll play in the Open Division next year. I think we're good enough."

Open Division? The Panthers have made two forays into the Open Division of the Central Coast Section playoffs the past two seasons and have come away with 2-3 record and no titles against teams like Mitty, Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Ignatius — the latter of which won this year's section crown over SH Cathedral. Neither CCS finalist, however, made it past the opening round of NorCals.

Scheppler, however, loses only one starter (Leeana Bade) among his three graduating



Pinewood coach Doc Scheppler (right) helped his team celebrate a 60-42 win over La Jolla Country Day in the CIF Division V state finals last week.

seniors and has transfer Nia Craig waiting to step into the lineup next season. If that name sounds familiar it's because it is. She's the daughter of Roger Craig, the former running back with San Francisco 49ers.

Nia, who played her first two years at Mitty

before transferring to Pinewood, is a sturdy 5-foot-10 prospect who will add perhaps a new dimension to the Panthers' program. She averaged eight points and six rebounds her sopho-

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ON THE AIR

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College baseball: Stanford at Oregon St., 5:05 p.m.; KZSU (90.1 FM)

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State basketball
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more season. Mitty won a state title in Craig's freshman year.

"She's not a perimeter-oriented as Leeana," said Scheppler, "but (an) inside presence for us at both ends. We'll have another way to get easy baskets."

That's just what Pinewood opponents don't want to hear, especially after watching the Panthers put on a clinic while routing La Jolla Country Day, 60-42, in the state finals at Sleep Train Arena in



Pinewood's Gabi Bade (left) scored 13 points in the finals.

Sacramento. Pinewood rolled to a 26-point halftime lead while finishing the season 30-3. For the Torreys (20-12), it was their fourth-worst loss of the season.

The crown came on the 15th

anniversary of Pinewood's first state title in 1999.

"Somebody put a coat hanger in my mouth cause I'm gonna be smiling all day long," said an obviously pleased c Scheppler after the game. "(The) goal is always to be the best you can . . . I couldn't be happier . . . it doesn't get old."

La Jolla Country Club came into the finale having not given up more than 35 points in any game this season. Pinewood surpassed that by halftime, setting the tone for the lopsided game that made the school the winningest Division V team in state history.

The Torreys were pressured into 18 turnovers in the first half, during which the Panthers led by as many as 26 points. A 15-0 run in the second quarter gave Pinewood a 32-9 lead. Sisters Gabi



The Pinewood girls captured the sixth state basketball championship in program history by defeating La Jolla Country Day, 60-42, last Friday in the Division V finals at Sleep Train Arena in Sacramento.

and Leeana Bade combined for three 3-pointers during that run with Gabi tallying eight points, including back-to-back treys.

Pinewood pushed its lead to 30 points on three occasions in the third quarter as it spread the court and took the ball to the basket more often than not as La Jolla had no answer defensively.

"There's not a whole lot of teams that can play with us if they go man," said junior point guard Marissa Hing.

Somewhat surprisingly, Pinewood made only four 3-pointers in the game — four of nine in the first half — tying its lowest production of the season. The Panthers came into the game as the No. 2 girls' team in the state with 289 treys made, but didn't need to go to its 3-point game as La Jolla allowed easy penetration with a perimeter defense that focused on stopping Pinewood's 3-point shooting.

"I couldn't be more happy for our girls," said Scheppler. "We work really hard in practice. It's a great testament to our work ethic."

For the past 4-5 years, Pinewood has prepared for early morning championship games — the NorCal and state finals both

started at 10 a.m. — by practicing at that time on non-school days.

"Knowing the early morning start time of D5 NorCal (last two years) and state championship games, we think it's a visionary concept of where we want to be and, when we do get there, knowing we are prepared to be at our very best at that time in all facets."

Pinewood certainly looked ready to play at 10 a.m. last Friday while La Jolla Country Day did not. The game, effectively, was over by halftime.

Hing led Pinewood with 17 points. She made 13 of 16 from the free-throw line, equaling the No. 2 mark in state playoff history for free throws made — sharing the mark with Candice Wiggins, who played at La Jolla Country Day before earning All-American honors at Stanford.

The Bade sisters evenly split 26 points, with Leeana grabbing eight rebounds, and sophomore Chloe Eackles tallied 10 points. Freshman Akayla Hackson contributed seven points in her first state finale.

La Jolla's standout sophomore Mai-Ioni Henson, who came in averaging 15.2 points a game, had no field goals in the first half while scoring just three points. She finished with 12 plus a game-high 16 rebounds. Sophomore Mariana Ecija led the Torreys with 18 points.

La Jolla turned the ball over 26 times to just 11 for Pinewood, which more than made up for last year's loss in the state title game. The Panthers now have won six times in eight appearances in the state finals. Their 6-2 record is tied for No. 3 all-time in girls' state history with Long Beach Poly (6-1) and Bishop Montgomery-Torrance (6-1). They trail only Brea Olinda (9-2) and St. Mary's-Stockton (7-2) for most titles.

Scheppler believes his team's 61-38 victory over Brookside Christian in the NorCal finals really set the stage for another state championship.

"The Brookside game gave us the belief that we were really good," Scheppler said. "We played our best half vs. a good team on both ends. We also knew we could exploit some weaknesses (in the state final). La Jolla Country Day wasn't comfortable handling the ball, had some offensive players we could help off a lot. We identified defensive deficiencies in their half court and that allowed us to attack the basket or have kick-outs for 3s. The girls executed our distinctive style to perfection." ■



Marissa Hing (right) celebrated with fellow junior Monique McDevitt.



Senior Leeana Bade scored 13 points in her final game.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Marissa Hing

PINEWOOD SCHOOL

The junior guard scored a team-high 17 points, tying the No. 2 all-time state playoff mark with 13 three throws, while leading the Panthers to their sixth CIF Division V state title, 60-42 over La Jolla Country Day.



Jack Cleasby

PALO ALTO HIGH

The senior helped the Vikings win three baseball games as he had seven hits in 11 at-bats, scored five runs and drove in nine with four doubles and two home runs as the Vikings topped Menlo and swept league foe Los Altos.

Honorable mention

Gabi Bade*

Pinewood basketball

Leeana Bade*

Pinewood basketball

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Menlo-Atherton track & field

Victoria Nguyen

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Pinewood coach Doc Scheppler gave his team a thumbs up.

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Final Four

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Conn.

"Our team knows their team pretty well," VanDerveer added. "I'm sure they know us too."

Notre Dame (36-0) and Maryland (28-6) play in the other national semifinal at 3:30 p.m.

This will be the sixth meeting between Stanford and the Huskies in NCAA tournament play, the fourth time in the national semifinal, and the first since the 2010 national championship game, in which Connecticut won, 53-47.

Stanford beat the Huskies twice in their previous five meetings, the last time in the 2008 national semifinals.

The Cardinal also ended UConn's historic 90-game win streak in 2010 in a nonleague game.

Thanks to players such as fifth-year senior Mikaela Ruef, who had a career-high 17 points to go with nine rebounds against the Tar Heels, junior point guard Amber Orrange, who kept the Cardinal alive with 12 of her 14 points scored in the first half, junior Bonnie Samuelson, who added 13 points, hitting clutch 3-pointers and free throws, and freshman Lili Thompson, who scored 10 points and was Stanford's defensive MVP in the regional, Stanford is no one-trick pony either.

Cardinal senior Chiney Ogwumike may be the best player in the country, but she still needed help to lead Stanford past North Carolina.

The reason Ruef was named the regional's Most Outstanding Player was because of her ability to change the course of the game with a trio of 3-pointers and forcing the Tar Heels to change their game plan.

"In the NCAA tournament we had five people average double figures," VanDerveer said. "That's not what happened in the regular season. It was a great example of team basketball. Yes, we have a star, an All-American but it was great for Mikaela to be named the Outstanding Player. What a relief for Chiney to know she can trust her teammates and doesn't need to do it all."

In addition to all her other attributes, Ogwumike also helped the Cardinal break North Carolina's press with her ball-handling skills. That should not go unrecognized as Stanford prepares for



Sisters Karlie (left) and Bonnie Samuelson join in the celebration following Stanford's 74-65 victory over North Carolina in the Stanford Regional final.

Connecticut, which is fully capable of applying the pressure on defense.

"I had this weird premonition after we beat Penn State and everybody said it was Mikaela's best game ever," Ogwumike said. "I said I thought her best was yet to happen and then it did happen."

(VanDerveer quickly added she still hopes Ruef has yet to play her best game. "It was a great game in Maples," she said.)

Orrange may not have played her best either, according to VanDerveer.

"When we lost in the Pac-12 tournament, that lit a fire under everybody," she said. "Something got to Amber too. She's played excellently through the tournament. She's energetic and the better the competition, it seems the better Amber plays."

A sentiment echoed by both Ogwumike and Ruef.

"Sometimes when things go wrong Amber comes through for us," Ogwumike said. "She knows when she needs to be aggressive. Sometimes she leads by her actions."

Added Ruef: "She can decisive. During a free throw, I went up to her and asked to run something. She said no, I want to run the triangle. She can take control."

After a season-long search to find the right starting small forward, VanDerveer has settled on senior Sara James.

"We've won every game Sara has started," VanDerveer said. "She's easy to start, too. She cares about the team and she wants to win. Sara hustles and is being physical. I also like what Bonnie can bring off the bench."

Samuelson leads all players with 14 3-pointers in the NCAA tournament. When she's on, it extends defenses and breaks down zones.

"Everybody buys in. They all know their roles," VanDerveer said. "Everybody understands they are part of the production. Some are on stage; some are behind the scenes doing lights or the curtain. Everybody is a part of making it a success. This team gets what it is about playing on this stage."

The scene after the game was nearly as chaotic as the game itself. Chiney Ogwumike ran over to hug her older sister Nnemkadi, a Stanford grad who helped lead the Cardinal to its previous Final

Four trip.

Wearing their championship T-shirts, the Stanford women's basketball team ran a victory lap around the court to thank their fans, all 6,145 of them.

In the middle of it all stood Ruef, who a year ago was resigned to having played her final game at Stanford. She's celebrating her finest year as a player instead, and it's not over.

"When I saw the schedule at the beginning of the year, and saw that one of the regions was at Stanford I was determined to play here, win here, and go to the Final Four," Ruef said. "To be able to have my grandparents here, who were the reason I began playing basketball in the first place, and to play in front of them while they cheered for me, is the most amazing feeling ever. I'm so happy that happy isn't good enough to express it."

Stanford is headed to Nashville for its sixth trip to the NCAA Final Four in the past seven years thanks to something Ogwumike called heart.

"People were making plays because of heart," Ogwumike said. "If there was any way at Maples, in front of our fans and my family, it's with heart."

Ogwumike scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and joined Ruef on the all-tournament team along with Orrange.

"We figured out things that were working and we worked hard together," VanDerveer said. "By far, Mikaela had her best game in a Stanford uniform."

Ruef nailed a pair of 3-pointers early in the second half, helping bring Stanford out a deficit. Her inside pass to Ogwumike resulted in the Cardinal's first lead, at 43-42, since it was 2-0.

"I used to be a three-point shooter back in the day," Ruef said, her voice harsh from screaming and shouting all night. "They were literally standing in the paint so I figured I had to shoot."

Stanford scored 12 unanswered points to eventually pull ahead, 48-42, with 13:04 remaining to play on Samuelson's third 3-pointer.

North Carolina clawed back to take a short-lived lead in the final four minutes, but there was Ruef, Ogwumike, or one of the other many contributors, ready to keep Stanford focused on the big prize.

All the way to Nashville. ■

STANFORD ROUNDUP

Lee wins swimming top award

Cardinal tennis teams take on UCLA and USC in a crucial weekend

Stanford senior Felicia Lee was named the Honda Sports Award winner for swimming & diving on Thursday. With the honor, Lee becomes a finalist for the Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year and the prestigious 2014 Honda Cup.

The Honda Sports Award is presented annually by the CWSA to the top women athletes in 12 NCAA-sanctioned sports and signifies "the best of the best in collegiate athletics." Lee was chosen by a vote of administrators from over 1,000 NCAA member schools. Finalists included Lee's teammate and Pac-12 Swimmer of the Year Maya DiRado, Olympic gold medalist Missy Franklin (California), Olympian Breeja Larson (Texas A&M) and Brittany MacLean (Georgia).

"I'm truly honored to be receiving the Honda Sports Award this year," said Lee. "It has been a special year for Stanford swimming and diving and it's important to recognize that it's not really just an award for me; it's for my coaches, my teammates, my parents, and everyone who has helped me along the way to get here."

Lee (Wayne, N.J./Towson HS (Md.)) earned seven All-America honors at the 2014 NCAA championships while capturing five NCAA titles. She finished first in the 100 fly and with relay teams in the 200 and 400 free and the 200 and 400 medley. Her effort in the 400 medley relay helped the Cardinal to an American record.

Women's Tennis

In what is quickly shaping up as the most important weekend on the Pac-12 women's tennis schedule, the Bay Area schools are scheduled to host the Southern California schools in critical dual matches.

For No. 4 Stanford, that means visits to The Farm from No. 3 UCLA (17-1) on Friday at 1:30 p.m. and No. 13 USC (14-4) on Saturday at noon, weather permitting. No. 12 California hosts the same schools on opposite days.

All four schools enter the upcoming weekend with a 5-0 conference record, providing a golden opportunity for any team that can emerge with a sweep.

Stanford will bring a 13-0 record into the weekend. The Cardinal has notched eight shutouts and boasts quality victories over nationally ranked teams such as Texas, Rice, Florida, California and Arizona State.

Men's tennis

Stanford (9-2, 2-0 Pac-12) has won six in a row, its longest winning streak since a 13-match stretch that spanned from March-May back in 2011.

But the road gets a little tougher this weekend, with Stanford traveling to Southern California for matchups against No. 2 USC (Friday at 1:30 p.m.) and No. 3 UCLA (Saturday at 1 p.m.). Both squads are 2-0 in conference play while the Trojans are 20-2 overall and Bruins 15-2.

Track and field

More than 3,300 athletes, including entrants from 114 four-year college programs, will converge on Cobb Track and Angell Field on Friday and Saturday for the 39th Stanford Track and Field Invitational. Action begins Friday with field events at 9 a.m. The final running event starts at 10:38 p.m. ■



Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer shows off the regional trophy.



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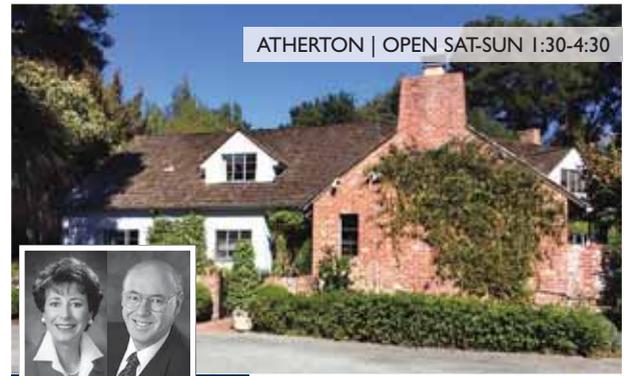


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