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# Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

## City backs funding plan for transportation-tax measure

But coalition of county's northern and western cities looks shaky

by Gennady Sheyner

Seeking to preserve a fragile and fraying coalition of cities, Palo Alto officials on Monday night rallied behind a proposal for divvying up the roughly \$6 billion in transportation funds that would be raised by a proposed November tax measure.

In approving the plan by a unani-

mous vote, members of the Palo Alto City Council acknowledged that the proposal — crafted by mayors from Palo Alto, Mountain View, Campbell, Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Saratoga and Sunnyvale — remains tentative and subject to revisions.

Palo Alto officials hope joining to-

gether will improve their cities' bargaining power in negotiations with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), the agency shepherding the tax measure.

The proposal calls for allocating \$1.2 billion, or about 20 percent of the total funding, for the extension of BART to San Jose and \$1.3 billion to Caltrain — with \$900 million of that devoted to submerging the train tracks under intersecting roads (or vice versa) in the northern part of the county.

In addition, \$1 billion would go to improving expressways; \$500 million for congestion relief, transit and programs to reduce solo commuting; \$500 million for bicycle and pedestrian improvements; and \$1 billion for local cities to take care of their streets.

Though all of the cities in the alliance are trying to keep San Jose from getting the lion's share of the funds (as has been the case with the last two transportation measures), tactical disagreements

abound both between and within the participating cities.

Mayor Pat Burt, who has been representing Palo Alto in the negotiations, said Monday that some officials from the west valley area opted not to endorse the plan because they wanted it more catered to their "parochial" needs, while others seemed content with the VTA process.

In Los Gatos, council members made both arguments last week be-

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TEAM students participate in a trust-building activity during a trip to Yosemite. The annual, week-long trip is both an educational and bonding opportunity.

### EDUCATION

## Paly program makes frosh feel connected

20-year-old TEAM program keeps students together longer

by Elena Kadvany

Imagine a well-established program that eases the transition into high school by providing freshmen with smaller learning environments, closer-than-typical connections with their teachers and peers, field trips that both bond and educate students, an emphasis on the whole child, project-based learning and teachers who pilot innovative ideas.

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gether Everyone Achieves More.

"Our vision is a small community for freshmen where we really get to know them," said Liz Brimhall, who teaches biology for TEAM.

Paly freshmen who sign up for TEAM (there's no application process, just a lottery) have their three core classes — biology, history and English — with the same three teachers and same group of 80 to 100 students. Their schedules are organized so on block days, they are with TEAM teachers

and students the entire day. Other days, they're in both regular and TEAM classes.

The TEAM teachers also serve as the students' teacher advisers, so they also meet together during a weekly advisory period.

The three teachers share a common prep period, which they use to talk about their students, collaborate, meet with guidance counselors, parents or other teachers. The three teachers know exactly what the

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### NEIGHBORHOODS

## Evergreen Park wants 'in' on permit parking

Residents say Caltrain, Stanford campus commuters flood neighborhood with cars

by Sue Dremann

With their neighborhood rapidly becoming a de facto commuter parking zone, residents of Evergreen Park want the Palo Alto City Council to take action by adding the neighborhood to the existing College Terrace Residential Parking Permit Program.

More than 250 residents signed a petition asking for the annexation, which they presented to city officials Feb. 1. The residents say Evergreen Park was originally supposed to be part of the successful parking program that applies to their neighbors to the west, across El Camino Real.

Under that program, drivers must have a resident permit, guest permit or day permit in order to park on College Terrace streets from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Without a permit, cars may be parked for only two hours or risk citation.

Resident Christian Pease told the City Council on Monday that there is precedent for Evergreen Park's inclusion in the College Terrace program: the 2000 Stanford University General Use Permit, which governs expansion of the university.

Stanford gave the City of Palo Alto \$100,000 to develop the College Terrace parking-permit program; any excess money was to be used for a parking study for the Southgate and Evergreen Park neighborhoods, which are bounded by the Caltrain tracks, Churchill Avenue, El Camino and Cambridge Avenue. Evergreen Park lies just north of the California Avenue retail district. The city spent the \$100,000,

plus \$36,000 more to start up the College Terrace program, according to a 2009 city manager's report.

Pease told the council that Stanford's efforts to limit traffic on campus have, ironically, clogged Evergreen Park with cars. Stanford commuters as well as Caltrain riders leave their cars in the neighborhood to avoid Stanford and Caltrain parking fees.

"That leaves Evergreen Park as the only free and convenient all-day and all-night alternative for parking. ... This is out of balance, and it makes no sense," Pease said.

Some residents said the paucity of parking in front of their homes has created hardship for those with disabilities. Irene Au, who has lived in the neighborhood since 1999, said her 70-year-old father lives with her and must contend with parking blocks away.

"Last week he came home from the grocery store in the middle of the day and literally could not find parking until he reached Stanford (Avenue) and Birch (Street). And that's quite far for a 70-year-old who has only one lung that operates, with four bags of groceries," she said. "We literally feel trapped in our own home in the middle of the day because you're scared that when we return home from wherever we go that we can't find parking on the street."

And it isn't only weekday commuters who are taking over the

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### AGENDA-SPECIAL MEETING-COUNCIL CHAMBERS February 16, 2016, 5:00 PM

#### Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY Smadar Kaplan v. City of Palo Alto, et al. Santa Clara County Superior Court, Case No. 114CV274250
2. Tyler Harney v. City of Palo Alto Police Department, et al. United States District Court – Northern District of California – San Jose Division, Case No. 14-CV-03415-LHK
3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Authority: Government Code Section 54956.8 Property: Palo Alto Post Office, 380 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301 Agency Negotiators: United States Postal Service and City of Palo Alto Under Negotiation: Purchase and Leaseback – Price and Terms of Payment.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE

The Regular Finance Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM to discuss: 1) Utilities Advisory Commission Recommendation That the City Council Adopt a Resolution to Approve a Power Purchase Agreement With Hecate Energy Palo Alto LLC for up to 75,000 Megawatt-hours per Year of Energy Over a Maximum of 40 Years for a Total not to Exceed Amount of \$101 Million; 2) Utilities Advisory Commission Recommendation that the City Council Adopt a Resolution to Continue the Palo Alto Clean Local Energy Accessible Now (CLEAN) Program at the Current Contract Price of \$0.165 per kilowatt-hour for Local Solar Resources and at the Avoided Cost Level (\$0.081 to \$0.082 per kilowatt-hour) for Local Non-solar Eligible Renewable Resources; 3) Commercial and Residential Impact Fee Nexus Studies and Recommend Affordable Housing Impact Fees; and 4) Approval of Amendment to Table of Organization by Adding 1.0 Management Analyst in the Development Services Department.

The Special City School Liaison Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 8:00 AM to discuss: 1) Discussion Regarding Purpose of the Committee; and 2) Discussion of 2016 Committee Meeting Agenda Items.

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## Upfront

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK



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—Camille Townsend, Palo Alto school board member, on district committee members signing confidentiality agreements. See story on page 7.

## Around Town

**VIGILANTE JUSTICE ...** Despite working in a relatively safe community, Palo Alto police officers tend to be a busy bunch as they juggle their usual patrolling duties with responses to burglaries, robberies and the occasional groping incident and cybercrime. This leaves little to no time for enforcing laws targeting lesser nuisances, including prohibitions on gas-powered leaf blowers and the city's ever-expanding anti-smoking laws. The issue is becoming more significant these days, as Palo Alto prepares to ban smoking at multi-family complexes and raise the minimum age for tobacco purchases to 21. Thankfully for the department, they have one secret weapon for snuffing out cigarettes in the downtown area, where smoking was recently banned: a Batman-like vigilante who has made it his job in recent years to approach smokers and remind them about the ban.

That man is City Manager **James Keene**, a downtown resident who this week warned the City Council's **Policy and Services Committee** about insufficient resources in the police department to enforce the expanding anti-smoking laws. Keene told the committee that there needs to be a recognition in the community that when it comes to things like smoking and leaf-blowers, police can't always be as responsive as one would hope. "I'm left as the one person myself who in downtown is enforcing it routinely." Unlike the **Dark Knight**, Keene doesn't wear a cape or punch anyone's lights out when he is moonlighting as the city's chief cigarette enforcer. "(It's) with a soft touch, kind of like, 'Hey man, you really can't smoke in downtown Palo Alto. You could get a ticket one of these days. You just might want to think about it.'" Keene also acknowledged that he occasionally gets "sketchy" reactions to his entreaties. Though Keene didn't oppose the new ban, he noted that in some ways it will be up to the community, rather than just the police, to enforce it. "It's a culture change that we're starting to push," Keene said. "For the most part, it's the peer pressure that enforces it."

**ACTIVE ALLEYS ...** As Palo Alto's most vibrant strips, University and California avenues typically get all the attention from city officials and residents. Far less attention is paid to the network of alleys around the two downtown districts, which are

used as alternate walking paths, loading zones, art canvases and settings for recycling bins. Until now. Under to an arrangement between the City of Palo Alto and **Kerry Rohrmeier's** geography class at San Jose State University, a group of students has spent several months last year exploring and mapping out each alleyway, considering ways to improve them and even peeking inside trash bins to make sure there's enough of them. On Wednesday, the group presented its findings to an enthusiastic Planning and Transportation Commission. The group's report highlighted the differences between how the alleyways at the two retail areas are perceived and used. "California Avenue has more frequent alley pedestrian use and therefore merits priority consideration for creative, interesting activation efforts," student **Lisa Ruder** told the planning commission. On University there is lesser use of alleyways. In both areas, alleys are perceived to be generally clean and safe, according to surveys conducted by the students. The overriding theme of the report was how to "activate" alleyways by adding amenities such as lights, furniture, art or seating. The group's recommendations include painting blank walls, naming undesigned alleyways and program regular events like "Meet the Streets" and the Sunday farmers market to generate more support for the effort.

**ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A HISTORIAN? ...** When was the first Nobel Prize in economics awarded? Who was the 32nd president of the United States? Palo Alto teens can put their history smarts to the test at the **History Bowl Tournament** through the City of Palo Alto's **Bryant Street Garage Fund Program**. Teens will be able to meet other Bay Area high school students interested in history and practice for the official National History Bowl Tournament. "I've always had a passion for history, and I am so excited to share this passion with other teens in the Bay Area," organizer and Gunn High School junior **Kevin Ji** said in an announcement. The free event will be at Palo Alto's Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, on March 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The first-place team will receive a trophy and a \$75 Amazon gift card. Registration is free and teens have until Feb. 26 to register online. ■



TRANSPORTATION

# Castilleja School proposes to expand enrollment

*Palo Alto school promises benchmarks, 'rigorous oversight' to neighbors*

by Elena Kadvany

Just over two years since the City of Palo Alto penalized Castilleja School for exceeding its enrollment limit, the school is proposing a new expansion plan, with promises to wary neighbors that the school will keep traffic and parking at the levels they are at now.

School officials presented the plan Wednesday night to about 30 neighbors and community members, some of whom have been deeply involved in a yearslong, often contentious conversation about how to best address the impact of the school's growth on the neighborhood.

Castilleja is proposing to grow to 540 students over four years, adding 25 students annually. The private, all-girls middle and high school currently enrolls 438 students. It is struggling to meet a growing demand, however, with an acceptance rate Head of School Nanci Kauffman said she doesn't like to brag about: The school is now accepting only one in 10 applicants for its freshman class.

"This is a moment where I make a promise to you," Kauff-

man told the crowd gathered at the Bryant Street campus, "that promise being that any future growth that we would propose for approval by the city, we would propose it happening over time; we would propose that there would not be an increase in the impacts that you have become accustomed to and that we would be held accountable for in some very direct ways."

This accountability would come in the form of annual audits conducted by an outside firm, traffic and parking counts conducted twice a year by an independent firm, limits on the number of special events the school hosts and reports on the impact of those events, Kauffman said.

If the city grants Castilleja the conditional-use permit school officials plan to apply for, the city would also monitor the agreement and would likely have in place penalties if certain thresholds are exceeded.

Accountability and monitoring are crucial for Castilleja's neighbors, some of whom are still smarting over the school's

12-year-long violation of the previous enrollment agreement. The city ordered the school to reduce the number of students it admits, pay a \$300,000 fine and cut back on the car traffic it generates.

One longtime neighbor, Vic Bepfer, who has lived in the neighborhood since 1968, put his views succinctly: "Five hundred and forty students over my dead body."

"I don't feel we should be awarding any increase in enrollment for bad behavior," another man said at the meeting. "I don't trust the school can absorb all of the traffic and parking onto the site. I don't trust this proposal. I don't feel this is going to be validated by the city."

Neighbors did acknowledge Wednesday night the efforts Castilleja has made in recent years to ease the traffic and parking problems on neighboring streets. Over the last three years, Castilleja has built a robust transportation-demand management (TDM) program: a bus that brings students to school, a shuttle service to and from the downtown Caltrain station, remote employee park-

ing within walking distance of the school, event parking on a school field and a requirement that all employees participate in the TDM program in some way.

These efforts are paying off, staff said Wednesday night. Peak morning trips have dropped from about 1.18 trips per student in the spring of 2012 to 0.85 in the fall of 2015, according to Robert Eckols, a senior associate at Fehr & Peers, a transportation and engineering firm working with the school. (The school is proposing a goal of 0.80 trips per student in year four of the plan.)

In 2012, only 10 percent of students walked or biked to school, according to Eckols. Last fall, 10 percent of students were walking to school, 11 percent were biking and 14 percent were taking the new shuttle.

But neighbors are not necessarily celebrating the changes.

"The idea that the traffic level now is acceptable is not going to fly with the neighbors," nearby resident Bruce McLeod said.

To accommodate additional students, the school is proposing two additional bus routes, an afternoon shuttle service to accommodate after-school activities, another shuttle to and from a remote parking location, an expanded parking program, a reduction in the number of food-service deliveries and a new underground parking garage that would give the school 66 off-street parking spaces.

All of this would be done with "very stringent sets of bench-

marks" and "pretty rigorous oversight," Kauffman said.

Ken Hirsch, chair of the school's board of trustees, told the crowd, "We think accountability is essential to actually having this work, and we don't think we should grow if we don't meet the metrics."

McLeod, a member of a smaller working group that has been meeting with school officials and a professional facilitator for many months, stressed the importance of the neighbors, school and city to continuing to collaborate — genuinely — as they move forward. He said he hopes the working group "continues to be an important part of the process rather than an afterthought."

Castilleja is currently conducting a study with the City of Palo Alto on the impact on Embarcadero Road from several different scenarios, from creating a "slow-down" lane into the school to providing access from Embarcadero onto Bryant and Emerson streets with immediate access onto campus on each block. Fehr & Peers was hired to conduct the analysis and is aiming to present its findings to the city in March, Hirsch said.

Tom Shannon, who has lived across from the school on Kellogg Avenue since 1989 and is a member of the smaller working group, seemed cautiously optimistic about the school's promise to increase its transportation-management efforts.

But, he told the Weekly after the meeting, "The proof is in the pudding of their promises." ■

EDUCATION

# Palo Alto student-support committee proposed

*Officials ask for more refined focus around purpose of group's work*

by Elena Kadvany

How the school district can best — and better — support student mental health was front and center at Tuesday's school board meeting, from an update on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's forthcoming study of youth suicide in the area to a staff proposal for a new wellness model.

While the CDC prepares to visit Palo Alto to conduct epidemiological field work next week on teen-suicide risk factors, prevention strategies and more, the district is considering the creation of a committee that would take a comprehensive look at how to best deliver mental health services to students.

The board provided feedback on the proposed "Student Support Systems" committee, which as proposed Tuesday would include 24 members — administrators, staff, students and parents from each high school — tasked

with recommending a system that would ensure "students thrive socially, emotionally and academically and are prepared for their futures," according to a staff report.

To most of the board, this charge was too broad, and several members asked for a more refined focus.

"Are we talking about a social-emotional learning plan, curriculum, guidance? Are we talking about academic, social-emotional and college and career counseling?" Board President Heidi Emberling asked. "I'm a little concerned about that in terms of parameters, different expectations that we all have and the whole community will have."

Other board members asked if this committee would consider more academic topics — ones that affect student health and well-being — such as laning, class size, Advanced Placement (AP) classes and small learning communities.

Several board members also asked staff to add more parents and staff to the group's makeup. Board member Melissa Baten Caswell also suggested bringing in community members who might not have children in the district currently as well as recent alumni.

Board member Ken Dauber said parents are observant about how their children are affected by services.

"I think it's important for a committee like this to have what I guess I could call a 'consumer focus,'" Dauber said. "This topic has had a lot of controversy. ... It will be more successful the more focused it is on student outcomes and what students are getting from the system."

While Dauber expressed support for one identified "criteria" of the committee — recommending a single model for student support to be implemented at both Palo

Alto and Gunn high schools — board member Camille Townsend pushed back, calling it "autocratic, plastic (and) brittle."

"I want to respect that things have been done differently, and some parents really like one kind of thing or the other," she said. "I'm not into breaking what's not broke. I do believe we can go faster than evolution, but there is somewhere in between there."

Currently, the high schools operate under different counseling models, with Paly students seeing a teacher-adviser throughout their four years and Gunn students consulting with a group of staff members for guidance counseling, college and career advice and social-emotional support.

Emberling urged the committee's focus be expanded to address K-12 services, not just the high school level.

Research indicates that schools' social-emotional efforts are conducted in a piecemeal and unsystematic way, Emberling said.

"We do bullying prevention. We do substance abuse. We do sex ed. We look at delinquency. We do character development in our elementary schools. We do career prep. We do physical health and then mental health," she said. "We compartmentalize, and we look at very narrow, very specific variables as opposed to a social-emotional learning curriculum

that guides our students' development over time.

"For me, this is an opportunity to look at this in a big way across our district."

Several board members also stressed the importance of transparency throughout the committee's process. Baten Caswell said she heard members of Gunn's creative bell schedule committee last year were asked by the facilitator, Ken Yale (who will also serve as facilitator for this newly proposed group), to sign a confidentiality agreement. Jorge Quintana, the district's new communications coordinator, confirmed to the Weekly that the members did sign such an agreement.

"This is a public school (district). We don't do that," Townsend said Tuesday. "I want people to be able to access the process."

Superintendent Max McGee said he would ask Yale to address these questions at the board's Feb. 23 meeting. Quintana wrote in an email Wednesday morning that a confidentiality agreement would not be part of the proposed student-support committee.

The board also discussed a staff proposal to develop a more coordinated, comprehensive model for providing wellness services to students. Chief Student Services Officer Holly Wade is recommend-

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ZONING

# News Digest

## City looks to raise age for tobacco sales

Seeking to make Palo Alto a regional leader, city officials are preparing to raise the minimum age for buying tobacco to 21 and to ban smoking in local apartment buildings and condominium complexes. The City Council's Policy and Services Committee unanimously agreed on Tuesday night that both proposals are worth pursuing, sending their stamps of approval to the full council.

The idea of banning smoking at multi-family complexes is a familiar one, as the committee held several meetings on the topic in 2015. On Tuesday, the committee voted to approve an ordinance that would establish the ban and provide allowances to property owners to install designated outdoor areas for smoking. The idea is far from radical, given that bans on smoking in multi-tenant housing units are already in place in some Bay Area cities and unincorporated San Mateo and Santa Clara counties.

Raising the minimum buying age would, by contrast, put the city in the lead among local municipalities. While Santa Clara County adopted 21 as the legal buying age this year, it is so far an outlier among public agencies, said Terrence Howzell, principal attorney with the City Attorney's Office.

The plan to raise the age limit ended up in front of the committee as part of a separate proposal to establish a licensing program for tobacco retailers, administered and enforced by the county. However, the city would have to adopt the county's tobacco-licensing ordinance, which includes a minimum age of 21 for tobacco sales, a ban on the sale of flavored tobacco and a prohibition on new retailers within 1,000 feet of a school, 5,000 feet of each other or inside a pharmacy. ■

— Gennady Sheyner

## Feds side with family in DNA lawsuit

The U.S. Departments of Education and Justice have filed an amicus brief in support of a former Palo Alto school district family who allege the district violated their son's First Amendment rights to the privacy of his medical and other personal information and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) when a teacher allegedly divulged that their son carries a genetic marker for cystic fibrosis.

The amicus brief, filed in the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on Jan. 21, urges reversal of a court decision that ruled against the parents' lawsuit. In their brief, the federal agencies argue that the parents alleged sufficient facts to claim the school district intentionally discriminated against their son, violating the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Parents James and Jennifer Chadam filed action seeking damages in September 2013, after their son Colman, who carries the genetic marker for cystic fibrosis (CF) but does not have the disease, was transferred out of his Palo Alto neighborhood school, according to documents filed in the appellate court. The ordeal caused the family embarrassment and humiliation and created medical issues and financial costs, according to the lawsuit.

After the school district moved to dismiss this lawsuit, the Chadams filed an appeal in December 2014, which the amicus brief supports. There are "sufficient facts" to support their claim that by involuntarily transferring Colman from his neighborhood school, the district denied him certain rights to an educational program and discriminated against him because of a "perceived disability," the brief states. ■

— Elena Kadvany

## Palo Alto launches airplane-noise study

With the topic of airplane noise recently soaring toward the top of Palo Alto's priority list, the City Council moved ahead this week with a new study that officials and citizens hope will arm the city with the necessary data to effect change.

The City Council approved on Monday night a \$237,500 contract with the firm Freytag & Associates Inc. to review a recent proposal by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for alternative air traffic routes — a proposal prompted by a growing chorus of complaints from Palo Alto, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and other areas that have seen a radical increase in air traffic as a result of the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen), an initiative requiring aircraft to travel along narrow lanes.

One of Freytag's first tasks will be to assist city staff in responding to the FAA with comments about the initiative. The consulting firm will also conduct an analysis to quantify Palo Alto's increase in air traffic and undertake studies relating to sleep interference, classroom disruption and property valuation. ■

— Gennady Sheyner

# Royal Manor neighbors clash over ban on two-story homes

Plan to enforce one-story limit in Eichler community ekes out approval from Palo Alto commission

by Gennady Sheyner

**R**oyal Manor, a community of more than 200 homes in the Palo Alto's Palo Verde neighborhood, is seeking to become the latest Eichler enclave to ban new two-story homes — an effort that is pitting neighbors against one another in a bitter debate about privacy and property rights.

The neighborhood recently submitted an application for a "single-story overlay," a zoning designation that would prohibit new two-story homes in an area that includes Kenneth Drive, Thomas Drive, Janice Way and sections of Loma Verde Avenue, Louis Road, Greer Road and Stockton Place.

If approved, Royal Manor would be the third Eichler community to obtain the restriction in the past year, following in the footsteps of Los Arboles and Greer Park North.

In this case, however, the stakes are larger and the margins are smaller. Both prior applications easily cleared the threshold for resident approval (generally 70 percent; for neighborhoods like Greer Park North, which have deed restrictions that prohibit two-story homes, it is 60 percent), but the one from Royal Manor is right at the limit.

When the application was submitted last October, it had signatures of support from 71 percent of the homeowners — 144 of 202 properties. Since then, there has been some fluctuation in support, with some homeowners requesting that their names be withdrawn and others adding their signatures.

**'Stealing other people's property rights is stealing. Stealing is not ethical.'**

— Zoe Danielson, resident, Royal Manor

When the Planning and Transportation Commission opened its hearing on the proposal Wednesday night, the level of support was at 69 percent and the Council Chambers was split roughly evenly between those who came in support and those adamantly opposing it.

Despite some reservations and words of sympathy for opponents, the commission voted 4-0 to send the application to the City Council with its stamp of approval. In doing so, however, the four commissioners present — Chair Adrian Fine, Vice Chair Pzemak Gardias, Kate Downing and Asher Waldfoegel — recommended the council remove from the zoning district two peripheral areas in which support for the zone change is particularly low.

The neighborhood crusade against two-story homes began much like prior efforts of this sort: An Eichler home on Louis Road



Royal Manor, an Eichler neighborhood in south Palo Alto, has petitioned for a zoning overlay from the city that would ban two-story homes.

was demolished so that it could be replaced with a two-story home that many neighbors feared would be incompatible, intrusive and damaging to the Mid-century Modern aesthetic of the neighborhood.

In the application, resident Ben Lerner noted that Eichlers were designed to create "a neighborhood with community feeling and backyard privacy."

"We love the low-key, private, single-story character of our Eichler neighborhood and would like it to be preserved," Lerner

was demystified. Joseph Eichler-developed homes, he said, were designed to be uniform in style.

"The reason we and our neighbors signed single-story-overlay applications is because none of us wanted a two-story tear-down next to our house, over the fence from us, or even several houses away," Willits said.

The council paved the way for the recent surge of overlay applications last year when it agreed to scrap the application fee that was previously on the books for the zone change. Within months of this change, Los Arboles and Greer Park North had the new restrictions in place.

In Royal Manor, the desire for the limit is far from unanimous. A dozen residents who oppose the change attended the Wednesday hearing. Zoe Danielson, who lives on Thomas Drive in one of the district's few existing two-story homes, maintained that the change amounts to taking away people's property rights.

"Stealing other people's property rights is stealing. Stealing is not ethical," Danielson said. "It's not OK for a group of people to come together and agree that someone else is going to lose their property rights."

Several speakers testified that they bought their homes in recent years in hopes of raising families

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### Correction

A Feb. 5 story, "Cities join forces to back transportation-funding plan," misstated some of the figures. The plan calls for \$400 million for Cal-train capacity improvements; \$900 million for grade separations; \$500 million for streets and highways; and \$500 million for congestion-relief measures. The Weekly regrets the errors. To request a correction, contact Editor Jocelyn Dong at 650-223-6514, jdong@paweb.com or P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto, CA 94302.



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ECONOMY

# Silicon Valley's year: 'amazing' but with 'perils'

2016 Silicon Valley Index finds phenomenal economic growth but questions if it will last  
by Sue Dremann

Joint Venture Silicon Valley's annual economic study found that 2015 was a year of record-breaking growth and prosperity, but it cautioned that there are perils associated with this kind of break-neck trajectory: A fourth-quarter slowdown could portend the beginning of the burst of a bubble.

The 2016 Silicon Valley Index, a regional study published since 1995, found that employment increased 4.3 percent in 2015, a level unprecedented in any other year except 2000, Russell Hancock, president and CEO of Joint Venture, said during a Wednesday press conference.

The Bay Area created 129,223 new jobs between the second quarter of 2014 and the second quarter of 2015. Job growth has been accelerating since 2010, with the most rapid growth during that time period.

"It's like adding two cities the size of Santa Clara to our region," he said.

What's driving it? Tech, Han-

cock said. More than 37 percent of job growth was in the tech category of innovation and information, which includes products and services, computer software, apps, devices, the cloud and the like.

The next biggest growth occurred in community infrastructure: health care, construction and education — areas that support the tech growth, he said. A full 50 percent of the job growth was in this category, with tech jobs accounting for 25 percent, he said.

Another large-growth area: accommodations and food service, including restaurants, hotels and catering. In 2015, the area had the largest amount of planned and completed hotel development.

Biotech is a small regional employer, but it accounted for 20 percent of the growth, garnering the largest share of IPOs over the last three years, according to the Index.

Jobs in the sector of storage and warehousing (of tech furniture and electronic components) increased by 22 percent.

Few categories had job losses — only eight out of 46 categories. "That has never happened," Hancock said. "Last year (2014) we had losses in half of the categories."

The declines occurred in telecommunications manufacturing, semiconductor and equipment manufacturing, IT repair services, nonprofit organizations, and food and beverage manufacturing. The prosperity also did not translate to government.

In innovation and entrepreneurship, the number of patents were the highest ever recorded — 19,414 — a 14 percent growth over 2014. Six Silicon Valley cities were among the top 10 in the U.S. for patent filings, Hancock said. Most of those were in computers, data processing and information storage.

Venture capitalists also invested \$24.5 billion. Silicon Valley garnered \$11.1 billion of that money, but San Francisco outstripped the area — with \$13.3 billion — for the second year in row. Silicon Valley residents still outstrip San Francisco and all other areas in

income gains. The average annual earning in 2015 was \$122,000, with San Francisco earners making \$111,000 and the Bay Area overall average at \$99,000.

But the phenomenal prosperity has some perils, the Index found. "Growth income is not evenly distributed," Hancock noted. High-wage jobs — more than \$125,000 annually — account for 25 percent of all jobs.

"Thirty-two percent are low wage, making less than \$30,000, which isn't even a living in Silicon Valley," he said.

Forty-three percent of jobs are in the mid-range professions, which are shrinking by 1 percent per year, he said.

"Low-wage earners' wages are stagnating," he added.

Three out of 10 people are not earning enough to meet California Self-Sufficiency Standards, which include food, rent and other basic necessities.

Who gets a slice of the housing pie, or for that matter, the rental housing, is also shrinking.

"The people who are moving into Silicon Valley are those who can afford it," Hancock said.

The houses being built and sold are largely luxury homes with little growth of affordable housing.

The number of homes sold is down. Inventory has declined more than 60 percent since 2011. The median sale price in San Mateo County is \$926,000. In Santa Clara County, it's \$830,000.

Just 27 percent of first-time home buyers can afford a median-price home in San Mateo County; 41 percent in Santa Clara County.

But the rate of residents who are "burdened," meaning they are spending more than 35 percent of their income on housing, is 39 percent for homeowners and 39 percent for renters. The average Silicon Valley rent is \$2,749 per month; the average for condos and homeowners is \$3,500 per month. Between 2011 and 2015, the average rent rose 33 percent.

Silicon Valley is not doing well at building housing, Hancock said. In 2015, only 5,055 residences were approved for permits compared to 11,000 in 2014, he said.

Whether the rapid growth will continue remains what Hancock called the "gorilla in the room." The fourth quarter of 2015 saw a slowdown. In Silicon Valley, venture capital investment saw a 31 percent drop; in San Francisco, the decline was 50 percent.

And IPOs have also slowed. In 2015, there were 16 in Silicon Valley and six out of San Francisco. That's a drop from 2014, when there were 23 in Silicon Valley.

"Three quarters of the IPOs were before late August, before the big stock market drop," Hancock said. "In January 2016, there were no IPOs. It was the first IPO-free month since 2011."

The full report can be found on the Joint Venture site at jointventure.org. ■

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**Request for Proposal for  
 Financial Advisory Services**

The Palo Alto Unified School District ("PAUSD") is requesting the submission of a statement of proposal from firms interested in providing financial advice related to the issuance of General Obligation Bonds and potentially other debt as required. This will require the consultant to recommend financial structures and provide other services leading to the issuance of the debt.

PAUSD is a suburban Silicon Valley school district. The District has two high schools, three middle schools, and twelve K-5 elementary schools. Its fall 2016 enrollment was 12,488. The District is currently rated AAA by both Moodys and Standard & Poors.

To obtain a copy of this request for qualifications ("RFP"), contact Dr. Robert Golton at 650-329-3801 or [rgolton@pausd.org](mailto:rgolton@pausd.org). **All Statements of Qualifications must be received on or before February 26, 2016 no later than 4:00 p.m.**

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fore voting 5-0 not to back the coalition's plan. Los Gatos Councilwoman Marcia Jensen said it's too early to get into specifics about funding.

"I think it's premature for this council to adopt or endorse any allocation of funds, which may or may not be available, depending on whether or not there will be a ballot measure and depending on whether or not it will be successful," Jensen said.

Los Gatos Councilman Steve Leonardis said he was "primarily concerned with what we can do for Los Gatos" and not concerned about BART and other projects "outside the community"

"I'd like the control and the dollars to stay in our community as much as possible," Leonardis said.

Los Gatos is not alone in its skepticism toward the regional approach. Carl Guardino, CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, the business-advocacy group that is helping to spearhead the measure, said Monday that officials from Saratoga and Monte Sereno have sent similar signals about opposing the specific funding plan. These cities and the cities in the north are "not finding common ground in that approach," Guardino told the Palo Alto council on Monday.

But Cupertino and Campbell

councils have agreed to support the coalition's plan, much like Mountain View council, which voted 6-1 in favor last month.

"Our biggest voice is (when) we're heard together," Campbell Councilman Jeffrey Cristina said at the Feb. 2 meeting. "If we start making little changes, that starts fracturing our voice and it starts making it where we don't have any say."

In Cupertino, the council general agreed that the \$500 million allocated for west valley projects is probably insufficient to cover the area's needs. Cupertino Mayor Barry Chang said he supports the proposal "reluctantly" but emphasized that a united voice is needed to ensure the region gets its due.

"This is probably the first time that I know that north county and west valley cities are working together because we know if we don't work together, the southern cities will gobble up most of the money and we won't get anything," Chang said at the Feb. 2 council meeting. "It's been proven in the past, and this is why we will work together."

Both Chang and Mountain View Councilman John McAlister attended Monday's Palo Alto council meeting to urged their backing of the funding plan.

Several Palo Alto council members said they would prefer a few changes to the allocations, whether it be increased funding for transit and mode shifts (as

suggested by Councilman Cory Wolbach) or money shifted from the BART-to-San Jose extension to congestion-relief measures in the north county (as proposed by Councilwoman Karen Holman).

The plan's inclusion of \$900 million for grade separations of tracks and roads made the plan particularly palatable in Palo Alto, where rail crossings are a top transportation priority. And while council members generally agreed that the measure should explicitly cap the spending for BART, they opted not to press the issue during the current period of delicate negotiations.

Vice Mayor Greg Scharff said it's important for Palo Alto to have a "collaborative working relationship" with the coalition cities.

"I don't think this is the time for hard caps," Scharff said. "I don't think this is the time for drawing lines in the sand."

Councilman Greg Schmid concurred and noted that the project list, while imperfect, is relatively aligned with the city's priorities.

"The proposal doesn't have everything we want, but there are things that are important to us that are in there — grade separation and mode sharing — and it seems to me, there is a real, unique opportunity in there," Schmid said. ■

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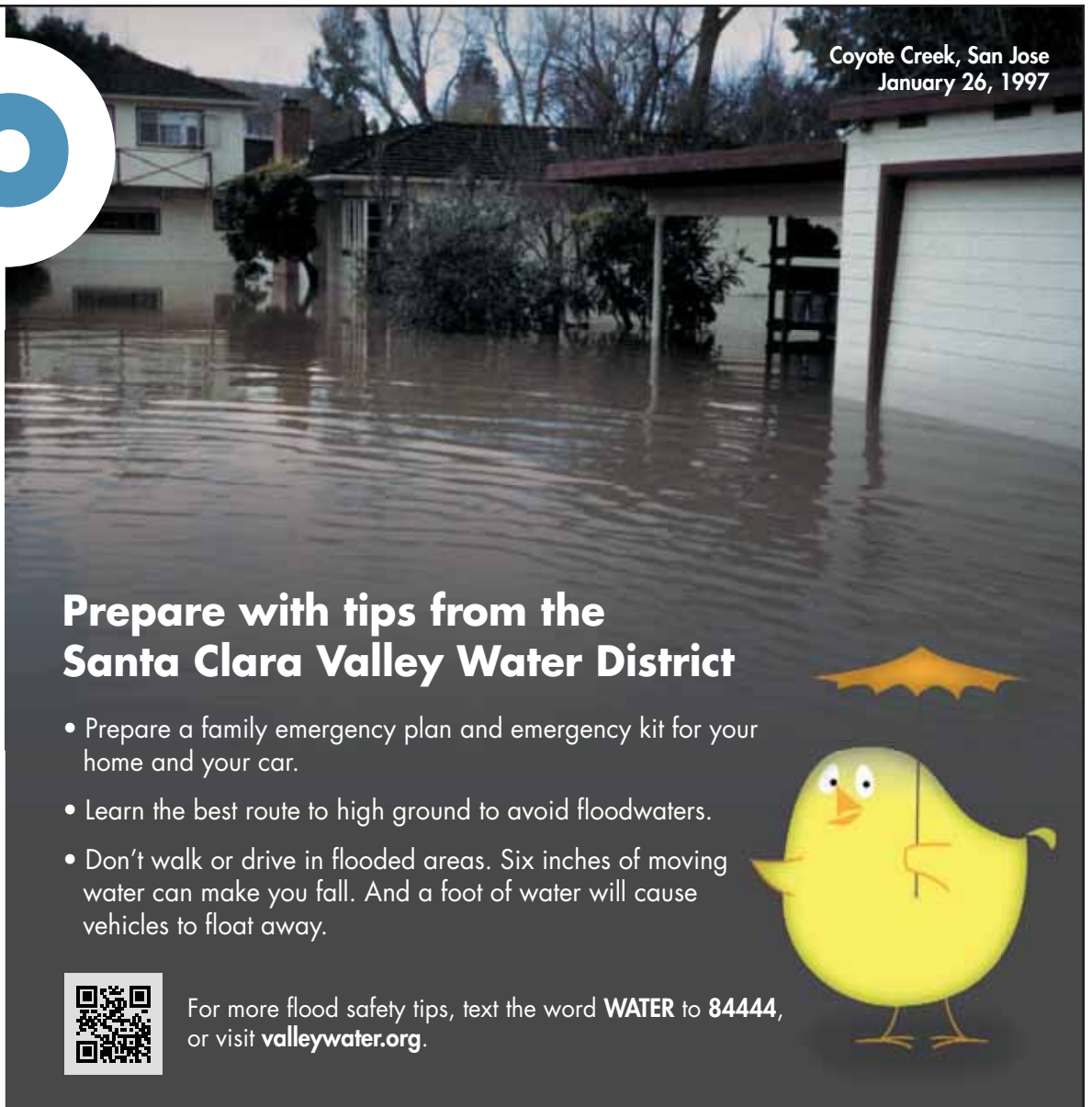
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**TEAM**

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others are doing in their classes so that they can work with and support their students.

They also align much of their homework, grading and late-work policies, the teachers say, adjusting their assignments or test schedules when students are overloaded in another class.

In history teacher Steve Sabbag's TEAM class this week, students taking a quiz got to go through at least two rounds of the quiz — first, taking it as they would any other test, and second, going through with a packet of notes and a pen to correct wrong answers. If they get it right after that, they get a half point back. A potential third round is going through the quiz with the textbook.

Though this practice is one Sabbag uses in his other classes — it's not TEAM-specific — it's a philosophy the teachers in the freshmen program share.

"You didn't do so well on that. Why don't you keep working on it?" Sabbag said. "(There are) second, third chances to help kids."

Greater familiarity between teachers and students is also part of the TEAM experience. Teachers often are involved in after-school activities that create connections outside of the classroom. The TEAM cohort starts the year with an overnight camp-out at Foothills Park, goes on a week-long trip to Yosemite later in the fall and goes to Monterey in the spring, among other trips, service activities and events. And more than the teachers and students are part of these activities: Parents come as chaperones, and past TEAM participants, now upperclassmen, return as student leaders.

The field trips are geared toward both education that applies to all three core subjects (learning about the local environment, nature, history and more) and connectedness. During the Yosemite trip, students in small groups participate in hikes and other guided nature activities. They learn about the geology of the region, the history of Yosemite Valley and the National Park Service; do trust walks (walking through a dark cave depending on the person in front of you to guide you through) and other group-bonding activities; and last year, performed community service by clearing brush around the campsite for fire safety.

"It really was amazing, over the course of week, how much the kids changed and how much they bonded," said Sally Kadifa, a TEAM parent who went on the Yosemite trip this fall. Her fourth child is currently in TEAM, and she's hoping her middle-school aged child will also get to participate.

She said the trip also breaks down typical walls between students and teachers. One of her children in particular, she said, sometimes felt overwhelmed with school and like "the teachers are just there to give us work and hard tests." Hiking with the



Bryan Kagiri, center, talks with Zharit Brand, left, as Cade Raubenheimer, center right, Kevin Cox, right, and fellow classmates work on a genetics lesson in their biology class at Palo Alto High School.

teachers, waking up together for 7 a.m. breakfast calls and realizing "they are just people" changed that, Kadifa said.

"I think it could be the best thing we could do for them (students), honestly," she added. "I wish more kids had some kind of experience like that coming into high school. I think it would be beneficial for all of them, to give them that sense of community and sense of being valued and having a place."

For Sigi Bengston, now a senior and TEAM student leader, it offered exactly that. She attended Ohlone Elementary School but left the district for middle school, attending the private Girls Middle School before returning to go to Paly. She said TEAM offered her a "cushion" back into a larger school environment very different from what she experienced in middle school.

"I was so used to a different way of teaching and a different way of education in general that coming into quote unquote the 'system' again would have been really brutal without teachers that really supported me, really knew me and really knew what I needed," she said. "I just think it would have been a lot more isolating."

A current TEAM freshman, Caity Berry, said she signed up because she moved to the district from North Carolina in eighth grade and hoped it could help with her transition to high school. Her closest friends are now all from TEAM.

Bengston said the main difference for her between her TEAM and regular classes was that she knew everyone. They were more comfortable. She said her other classes felt more "cliquey" and less like a close-knit community.

"When you go from a TEAM class to a regular class, you feel like you've been thrown into room with a bunch of other people," she said.

Sabbag said the same. His TEAM classes just feel different: They're more relaxed, students are more confident, everyone knows each other's names, he said.

"What makes the difference in the education is having this kind of whole-child concept and experien-

tial learning and field trips and the connections they make, the bonds they make — like the quietest kid is all of a sudden raising their hand and joining in on a class conversation," TEAM English teacher Karin Kolb told a standing-room only crowd of eighth-grade parents and students at an informational session for the program in January.

TEAM parents say the program has helped their students advocate for their needs, too. Students feel more comfortable approaching their teachers with questions or for help. The upperclassmen leaders can serve as outlets for the younger students.

"They have someone they can come to with whatever issues they're having with friends or school work and they don't want to go to a teacher necessarily," student-leader Shiv Matta said at the January information session. "We're mentors as well as good friends."

The high attendance at the information session last month — the entire first floor of Paly's Media Arts Center was full of parents and students — illustrates a high interest in the community for programs like TEAM. Typically, there's a waiting list and lottery, meaning that about 10 to 15 students usually don't get in, Brimhall said.

"I think it sends a really clear message to the school and to the district that this is an important way for kids to come into high school, to have some sort of a smaller community," TEAM parent Rachel Weitzman said.

Given the program's popularity and success, Superintendent Max McGee has committed to making a budget request to enable the school to do away with the lottery and accept everyone who applies to TEAM next year. He'll be incorporating this into the budget requests for the 2016-17 school year, he told the Weekly. This comes during a year when the community discussed ways to create smaller learning experiences within the growing high schools, such as creating a house system where smaller groups of students move through their four years together in cohorts.

Bengston said TEAM should be something all freshmen partic-

**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](http://www.PaloAltoOnline.com/news).

**Obama asks Congress for \$125M for Caltrain**

President Barack Obama has asked Congress for \$125 million in the fiscal 2017 budget for the electrification of Caltrain, U.S. Department of Transportation officials announced Wednesday. (Posted Feb. 10, 4:31 p.m.)

**Woman gets eight years for injuring child**

A 30-year-old East Palo Alto woman was sentenced Tuesday to eight years in state prison after pleading no contest to abusing her 11-month-old daughter last year in an East Palo Alto home, prosecutors said Wednesday. (Posted Feb. 10, 4:32 p.m.)

**District committee to review all school names**

Following the tearful testimony of one African-American student and an entire class of Palo Alto High School students who spoke about the importance of renaming Jordan Middle School given its namesake's involvement in eugenics, the school board unanimously approved the creation of a committee that will review the names of all of Palo Alto Unified's schools. (Posted Feb. 10, 9:56 a.m.)

**District moves to dismiss teacher accused of abuse**

The Palo Alto school board unanimously voted Tuesday to initiate dismissal proceedings for an elementary school teacher who has been accused of sexually abusing a former student more than 10 years ago. (Posted Feb. 9, 11:50 p.m.)

**Stanford student's vehicular manslaughter case may hinge on technicality**

The case of a Stanford University student facing charges in the death of one taxi passenger and the injury of another passenger and the taxi driver could hinge on whether his blood was drawn involuntarily, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney's office. (Posted Feb. 9, 8:47 a.m.)

**Palo Alto prepares to test office cap**

When Palo Alto officials agreed last year to institute an annual limit on office development, the goal was to slow down the pace of growth in the city's most congested commercial areas and to ramp up the quality of new developments by subjecting them to "beauty contests." (Posted Feb. 9, 2:26 a.m.)

**Clinton will be in Atherton Feb. 21**

February is proving to be a busy month for high-profile visitors to Atherton: the star-studded Super Bowl party of Feb. 6, a political fundraising visit from President Barack Obama on Thursday, Feb. 11, and, on Feb. 21, a visit by Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton for a campaign fundraiser billed as a "Conversation with Hillary for Young Leaders and Women in Tech." (Posted Feb. 8, 12:23 p.m.)

**Raises approved for top Palo Alto officials**

With all of Palo Alto's labor groups engaged in negotiations over new contracts, the City Council swiftly approved raises this week for four top City Hall officials. (Posted Feb. 6, 10:36 a.m.)

**Police: Man robbed after interrupting burglar**

A Palo Alto man was robbed Friday morning after he walked in on a burglary that was taking place at his home on Edgewood Drive, police said. (Posted Feb. 6, 5:52 a.m.)

**VIDEO: On Behind the Headlines**

On the half-hour webcast, "Behind the Headlines," Palo Alto's Chief Sustainability Officer Gil Friend joins Weekly Editor in Chief Jocelyn Dong and reporters Sue Dremann and Gennady Sheyner to discuss the city's latest plans for dramatically cutting carbon emissions. (Posted Feb. 5, 5:59 p.m.)

ipate in, and it should last longer than one year. She sees it as one vehicle for much-needed change in a district seeking ways to combat student stress, engender deeper connections between youth and adults and build community. "TEAM is the only thing that I

cling to that is different" at Paly, she said. "I think that everyone should do TEAM." ■

More information about TEAM is posted at [team.paly.net](http://team.paly.net).

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### Request for Proposal for Legal Services for Special Education and Student Services

The Palo Alto Unified School District ("District") is requesting the submission of a statement of proposal from firms interested in providing legal advice related to the special education and student services.

The District's expectation is to obtain the services of a firm with the highest quality of knowledge and service in the field of Education law and that our work will be addressed by experienced attorneys.

To obtain a copy of this request for proposal ("RFP"), contact Cathy Mak, Chief Business Officer at 650-329-3980 or [cmak@pausd.org](mailto:cmak@pausd.org). **All Statements of Qualifications must be received on or before February 26, 2016 no later than 4:00 p.m.**

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### 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 special meeting on Monday, February 29, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. or as near thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, to consider Adoption of Two Ordinances: 1) Ordinance amending the Palo Alto Municipal Code Regulations Related to **Hazardous Materials Use, Storage and Handling** in the Office, Research and Manufacturing Zoning Districts and Nonconforming Uses and Facilities; and 2) Ordinance Regarding Amortization of Nonconforming Uses at **Communications & Power Industries LLC (CPI)** located at 607-811 Hansen Way. Amendments to the Municipal Code Affect the Following Sections and can be Reviewed at the Planning Department's Offices During Regular Business Hours at 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, 5th Floor:

- a. Chapter 18.04 (Definitions) Sections 18.04.030 (66) (A) (B) and (127.7);
- b. Chapter 18.20 (Office, Research, and Manufacturing [MOR, ROLM, RP and GM]) Section 18.20.030 (Land Uses) Table 1 (Industrial/Manufacturing District Land Uses); Section 18.20.040 Sub Sections (b) and (c); and Section 18.20.050 (Performance Criteria);
- c. Chapter 18.23 (Performance Criteria for Multiple Family, Commercial, Manufacturing and Planned Community Districts) Section 18.23.100 (Hazardous Materials) Sub Section (B);
- d. Chapter 18.70 (Nonconforming Uses and Noncomplying Facilities) Section 18.70.020 through Section 18.70.100, including Section 18.70.070 (Required Termination) Sub Section (b)(2)(G);
- e. Chapter 17.16 (General Provisions) Section 17.16.010 (Hazardous Materials Management Plan) and Section 17.16.025 (Supplemental Requirements for Emergency Response Plans); and
- f. Chapter 17.20 (Hazardous Materials Inventory) Section 17.20.020 (Information required) Subsection (a).

Environmental Assessment: As a Regulatory Action that Would Modify the List of Permitted Uses in Industrial Zones to Protect the Health and Life Safety of Palo Alto Residents, the Proposed Ordinances Would Be Categorically Exempt From Review Under Section 15308 (Class 8, Actions For Protection Of The Environment) of the State Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act. On January 27, 2016, the Planning And Transportation Commission Recommended Adoption of the Proposed Ordinances.

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 City Clerk

### School

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ing the board commit \$25,000 this year to hire one or two contractors to develop the plan.

Staff said coordination of services, from direct services for students to even hosting parent-education events, is a "challenge" for the district. The new model would bring everything from counseling and psychological services, health education and employee wellness to family engagement and community involvement under one roof.

Staff has visited Tamalpais Union High School District recently to observe their version of the model and plans to also visit San Francisco Unified School District this month, Student Services Coordinator Brenda Carrillo told the board Tuesday night. Tamalpais Union, for example, has a dedicated wellness center, and San Francisco Unified partnered with the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families and the San

Francisco Department of Public Health to open wellness centers throughout its 19 campuses.

Conversation about the model Tuesday led to questions about how well the current model is functioning, and whether or not students are still having difficulty accessing services due to a rising demand.

Carrillo said Tuesday that the waitlists for the campus-based nonprofit Adolescent Counseling Services at Paly and Gunn have been reduced by using short-term, school-based counseling first for a maximum of eight to 12 sessions, then referring students to an external provider for longer-term care. Previously, Adolescent Counseling Services interns would see students for an entire school year or longer, she said, making it difficult for them to take on new students.

Dauber and Board Vice President Terry Godfrey expressed concern that that simply passes the problem onto another overloaded system.

Many parents, students and mental-health clinicians have

said they face the same problem when trying to access external care in the community, with long waitlists to see quality health-care professionals close to home.

"How do we know there's enough capacity in the community to pick up the slack?" Godfrey asked. "Unfortunately, the anecdotal information and stories don't support that there's capacity outside of our walls."

Dauber agreed: "I would like to see a proposal that evaluates what the actual need is, that doesn't assume that there are resources in the community that I don't think are there and that really steps up to the question about how are we going to address our needs for students."

One-time funding requests for exploring new wellness models, as well as money to expand services for Mandarin-, Korean- and Spanish-speaking families in the district for this school year, will return to the board for action at its Feb. 23 meeting. ■

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### Single

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and expanding homes, plans that would have to be aborted if the single-story overlay district is installed.

Robert Tze, who recently bought his home on Loma Verde Avenue, said he and his wife were planning to have children and to eventually build an add-on to meet the family's expanding needs.

"We are very disappointed that we could not plan for this," Tze said. "It kind of caught us by surprise."

Other opponents challenged staff to review the signatures and criti-

cized the petition process. Marjan Aslaghmeyuni said some residents had told her that they signed the petition during a block party, when they were distracted by children. Others complained of pushy signature-gatherers and later admitted that they only signed the petition to avoid confrontation, she said.

After hearing the testimony, Downing said she was troubled by the city's petition process. The restriction, she said, could in some cases mean "hundreds and thousands of dollars in home value in one way or another." A resident probably would not expect to give up this kind of value by signing a piece of paper

presented by a random neighbor who knocks on his or her door.

"If you're going to be making serious decisions about the No. 1 asset that most people in America have, it needs to be on government paper," Downing said. "It needs to be on a letter and a form that the city government sends out."

The commission also proved sympathetic to residents who live on Stockton Place and Loma Verde and who claimed that their blocks aren't actually a part of Royal Manor. Three property owners ended up withdrawing their signatures from the petition, which resulted in only two of nine property owners supporting the overlay.

Siamack Sanaie, who lives on Stockton, said almost every house around his is not an Eichler. He said his lot is smaller than many of the parcels in central Royal Manor. The restriction, he said, would be very costly for his family.

"We are not builders. We are not in the business of flipping houses. ... We came here to raise a family and we bought this place not on the basis of the houses there, but the land and the potential for building," he said, noting that his multi-generation family may require a second-story in the future.

While the commission didn't formally remove Stockton and Loma Verde from the district, it issued a recommendation that the City Council strongly consider doing so.

Fine, who proposed the district change, also included in the motion a recommendation that the petition process be "more efficient and effectively done" for future applications.

The commission also directed planning staff to consider new development standards or "mitigating factors" for homes at the district's boundary. These rules would ostensibly promote designs that ensure privacy for Eichler homes in Royal Manor. ■

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## Public Agenda

### A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

**CITY COUNCIL ...** The council plans to discuss existing litigation in closed session: Smadar Kaplan v. City of Palo Alto; and Tyler Harney v. City of Palo Alto Police Department. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

**COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE ...** The committee will consider approving a power-purchase agreement with Hecate Energy Palo Alto LLC for up to 75,000 megawatt-hours per year; discuss a proposal to continue the Palo Alto Clean Local Energy Available Now (CLEAN) program; and consider nexus studies for commercial and residential impact fees. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the Community Meeting Room, 250 Hamilton Ave.

**CITY/SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE ...** The committee is scheduled to discuss its purpose and consider items for its agendas in 2016. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, in the Council Conference Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD ...** The board will consider 1700 Embarcadero Road, a proposal to demolish Ming's and build a 62,000-square-foot automobile dealership; review a proposed 29,249-square-foot project for 3225 El Camino Real; and discuss 2501 Embarcadero Road, a request by the Public Works Department for a review of a proposed two-story building designed to handle sludge dewatering and truck load-outs. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION ...** The board will discuss public art proposed for 693/689 Arastradero Road as part of a Bowman School project; hear a status update on the Public Art Master Plan; and consider a new logo for the Public Art Program. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave. ■



**Parking**

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neighborhood, Au added.

"We witness people parking their cars in front of our house for weeks at a time, and they bring their luggage and they take Caltrain to the airport. The neighborhood has become a long-term parking lot for SFO," she said.

Samina Faheem, who lives near El Camino, said she has also had to park blocks away, which is a hardship because of an injury she has. Parking in front of her home has also been risky. A hit-and-run incident involving her car caused \$2,500 to \$3,000 in damage that she still cannot afford to fully repair, she said.

She asserted that city leaders should make sure developers are able to deliver on their promises of adequate parking before granting building permits. For example, she said, where there used to be a Foster's Freeze near her home, there are now two large buildings.

"Their parking lot does not support what businesses they have. I think they have fewer parking spots than their own employees (need)," she said.

The problem has led to a scarcity mentality that is causing greater hostility among neighbors as they compete for parking spaces, Au said.

"It's led to people kind of hoarding spaces with their garbage bins," she said.

David Schrom, president of the Evergreen Park Neighborhood Association and a neighborhood resident since the 1970s, said that he and others have expressed their concerns to no fewer than 10 mayors. They have asked the council to alleviate the situation before it became intractable, to

# CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

**City Council (Feb. 8)**

**Office cap:** The council approved the administrative guidelines for the city's annual office cap. **Yes:** Unanimous

**VTA Tax:** The council approved a concept funding plan for the proposed 2016 countywide tax measure to fund transportation. **Yes:** Unanimous

**Board of Education (Feb. 9)**

**Renaming:** The board approved the creation of a citizens advisory committee to research and review all of the names of the district's schools and issue recommendations on renaming one or more. **Yes:** Unanimous

**Gunn lights:** The board waived its two-meeting rule and approved an authorization for staff to seek bids for new external lights at Gunn High School. **Yes:** Unanimous

**Gunn Central Building Project:** The board authorized staff to submit plans for the Gunn Central Building Project to the Division of the State Architect. **Yes:** Unanimous

**Council Policy and Services Committee (Feb. 9)**

**Smoking:** The committee approved a proposed ban on smoking at multi-unit buildings and approved a tobacco-licensing program that would be administered by Santa Clara County and raise the minimum age for tobacco sales to 21. **Yes:** Unanimous

**Planning and Transportation Commission (Feb. 10)**

**Stanford:** The commission heard a presentation from Stanford University about a proposal to add 2,000 beds for graduate students at Escondido Village.

**Action:** None

**Royal Manor:** The commission recommended approving a single-story-overlay application from the Royal Manor tract and recommended that the council strongly consider removing Loma Verde Avenue and Stockton Place from the overlay district. **Yes:** Downing, Fine, Gardias, Waldfoegel **Absent:** Alcheck, Rosenblum, Tanaka

**Historic Resources Board (Feb. 11)**

**1250 Bryant St.:** The board discussed a proposal for new additions and facade alterations at 1250 Bryant St., a home in the Professorville Historic District. The board agreed that some of the proposed alterations do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. **Yes:** Bernstein, Bower, Bunnenberg, DiCicco, Kohler, Wimmer **Absent:** Makinen

no avail.

That the neighborhood has become an auxiliary parking lot is "really nothing short of shameful," he said.

Council members on Monday

could not speak to the residents' concerns because the issue was not on the council's agenda. ■

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# Pulse

A weekly compendium of vital statistics

## POLICE CALLS

### Palo Alto Feb. 3-9

#### Violence related

Domestic violence	2
Elder abuse	1
Robbery	1
Strong arm robbery	1

#### Theft related

Commercial burglaries	1
Credit card fraud	3
Grand theft	4
Identity theft	1
Petty theft	7
Residential burglaries	1
Shoplifting	2

#### Vehicle related

Auto theft	2
Bicycle theft	3
Driving with suspended license	5
Hit and run	1
Lost/stolen plates	1
Texting while driving	1
Theft from auto	7
Vehicle accident/minor injury	7
Vehicle accident/property damage	8
Vehicle impound	1
Vehicle tow	2

#### Alcohol or drug related

Driving under influence	2
Drunk in public	5
Possession of drugs	1
Possession of paraphernalia	2
Under influence of drugs	1

#### Miscellaneous

Brandishing	1
Dog without leash	1
Elder abuse/neglect	1
Evading payment of fare	1
Found property	4
Lost property	2
Outside investigation	1
Psychiatric hold	5
Psychiatric subject	1
Public nuisance	1
Resisting arrest	1
Suspicious circumstances	3
Vandalism	2
Violation of court order	1
Warrant/other agency	3

### Menlo Park Feb. 3-9

#### Violence related

Battery	2
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#### Theft related

Attempted burglary	1
Commercial burglaries	1
Fraud	2
Grand theft	1
Petty theft	4
Residential burglaries	1

#### Vehicle related

Auto theft	1
Bicycle theft	1
Driving with suspended license	8
Hit and run	3
Theft from auto	3
Vehicle accident/minor injury	3
Vehicle accident/no injury	2
Vehicle tow	4

#### Alcohol or drug related

Driving under influence	1
Drug activity	1
Drunk in public	1
Possession of drugs	6
Possession of paraphernalia	1
Under influence of drugs	2

#### Miscellaneous

Contributing to delinquency of minor	1
Coroner case	1
Disturbance	1
Disturbing/annoying phone calls	2
Domestic dispute	1
Found property	3
Gang validations	1
Info case	8
Lost property	2
Outside assistance	1
Possession of burglary tools	1
Psychiatric evaluation	4
Tree down	1
Vandalism	1
Warrant arrest	1
Warrant undefined	2
Warrant/other agency	4

## VIOLENT CRIMES

### Palo Alto

<b>Encina Avenue</b> , 2/3, 7:09 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.
<b>2129 Edgewood Drive</b> , 2/5, 11:18 a.m.; robbery/strong arm.
<b>352 University Ave.</b> , 2/5, 1:14 p.m.; robbery/misc.
<b>El Camino Real</b> , 2/6, 7:23 p.m.; elder abuse/physical.
<b>San Antonio Avenue</b> , 2/7, 4:46 p.m.; domestic violence/battery.
<b>Menlo Park</b>
<b>1100 block Willow Road</b> , 2/3, 6:58 p.m.; battery.
<b>700 block El Camino Real</b> , 2/6, 8:22 p.m.; battery.

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# Transitions

*Births, marriages and deaths*

## Herbert Abrams

Herbert Leroy Abrams, a renowned Stanford University radiologist and anti-nuclear activist, died on Jan. 20 at his home in Palo Alto. He was 95.

He was born in 1920 in New York to immigrant parents. He went on to study at Cornell University, graduating in 1941, and then received a medical degree from Long Island College of Medicine in 1946. He had an initial interest in psychiatry but soon became fascinated by radiological imaging and its usefulness for surgical and medical therapies.

He moved with wife, Marilyn, and his growing family to the West Coast in 1948, and he completed his residency in radiology at Stanford in 1952, joining the department two years later as an assistant professor. He rose to become Stanford's director of diagnostic radiology and a global authority on cardiovascular radiology. He wrote over 190 articles and seven books on cardiovascular disease and health policy.

In 1967, he and his wife relocated to Boston, and he became a professor of radiology at Harvard Medical School and radiologist-in-chief at Brigham and Women's Hospital and at the Dana Farber Cancer Center. While in Boston, he and Marilyn also became enamored with Martha's Vineyard and built a home there in 1975.

In the early '80s, Abrams found a new passion in studying the effects of ionizing radiation and nuclear weapons and the possibility of accidental or inadvertent nuclear war. According to colleagues, he became an expert on low-dose radiation and its health effects.

A high point in his anti-nuclear activism was serving as founding vice president of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), which in 1985 received the Nobel Peace Prize. He also sat on the national board of directors and was national co-chair for a U.S. affiliate of IPPNW called Physicians for Social Responsibility.

In 1985, he came back to Stanford as a professor of radiology, but he focused his time on doing research with the university's Center for International Security and Cooperation. In the 1990s, he turned his energies to the issue of presidential disability and its influence on decision-making, publishing a 1992 book on the subject. He was also a senior fellow at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies.

Outside of academia and activism, he enjoyed bringing together family to ski, play tennis and celebrate special occasions. He played

doubles tennis three times weekly nearly up until the end of his life.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Marilyn Abrams; his daughter, Nancy (Richard) Eilbert of Lincoln, Massachusetts; his son, John (Christine) Abrams of West Tisbury, Massachusetts; three grandchildren, Pinto, Sophie and Natasha; and three great-grandchildren, Kalib, Silas and Axel.

A memorial service will be held on the Stanford campus on March 19; more details will be announced. Memorial donations can be made to Physicians for Social Responsibility, 1111 14th St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005, or by visiting the organization's website (psr.org).

## George Hogle

George Hollister Hogle, a Stanford University professor and longtime Woodside resident, died on Nov. 28, 2015, at his home surrounded by family. He was 100.

He was born on April 10, 1915, in Salt Lake City, and he attended St. Paul's Boarding School. He went on to study at and graduate from Yale University in 1936, where he majored in engineering but developed an interest in liberal arts and politics.

When World War II broke out in Europe, he joined the Quakers and the War Resisters League and became a conscientious objector. After the war, as a member of the American Friends Service Committee, he did relief work in Koblenz, Germany, and developed an interest in psychiatry after meeting noted psychoanalyst Carl Jung in Switzerland.

Back in the United States, he earned a medical degree from Columbia University and met his future wife, Lois Crozier, with whom he had three children. The family moved to England, where Hogle studied with Jungian analyst Gerhard Adler.

When the family relocated to California, Hogle studied at both the Stanford University Medical School and the C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, where he later served as president. He began a private practice in Palo Alto and, in 1974, became an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at Stanford.

He and Lois divorced in 1965, and in 1966 he married Ann Meilstrup Raymond, a painter. He and Ann traveled the world with their combined family of six children. Hogle was an active skier into his 80s and loved classical music, opera, the written word and dark chocolate.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Hogle of Woodside; his children, Allan Hogle of Gualala, Califor-

nia, Steve Hogle of Healdsburg, California, and Francie Kelley of Los Angeles; stepchildren, T.M. Raymond, Megan Aguilar and Kit Colman; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service may be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Utah's Hogle Zoo (hoglezoo.org) or Commonweal (commonweal.org).

## Lori Luft

Lorraine "Lori" Levinson Luft, a longtime psychotherapist and Palo Alto resident, died on Jan. 16 at her home in Palo Alto, following a struggle with cancer. She was 68.

She was born on June 23, 1947, in Washington, D.C., and grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland. She went on to study at Brandeis University, where she graduated in 1969 and helped to found a volunteer community service group called The Waltham Group. She continued her studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, earning a master's degree in city planning in 1971.

In 1973, she moved with her family to the Bay Area, soon settling in Palo Alto. She became responsible for program evaluation at the Peninsula Hospital Community Mental Health Center, and later she pursued a Ph.D. in psychology, which she received in 1983 from the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology (now Palo Alto University). She had a private psychology practice in San Mateo from 1985 until January 2015, when she was diagnosed with cancer.

Her passions included hiking, being outdoors and travel, and for the last five years, she enjoyed babysitting her grandson, Sol. She was also actively involved with Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills and the nonprofit organization Facing History and Ourselves.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Hal Luft of Palo Alto; her daughters, Shira Gallagher (Ben Graf) of Castro Valley, California, and Jana Luft (Jason Barbose) of San Francisco; her grandson, Solomon; and her stepgrandsons, Arthur and Max. She is also survived by her sister, Barbara (Vic) Levadi of Livingston, New Jersey; her brother, Allen (Leslie) Levinson of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service was held on Jan. 19 at Congregation Beth Am. Memorial donations can be made to Congregation Beth Am, Facing History and Ourselves, or a charity of the donor's choice.

## Robert A. Green

Robert (Bob) Green, a resident of Palo Alto for 49 years, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. Bob was 90 years old.

Bob was born in Springfield, Massachusetts. At age 7, his family moved to Trenton, New Jersey. Bob was active in the band and other musical activities at Trenton High School. He went to Julliard School of Music in New York City on a full scholarship.

After his first year at Julliard, he was drafted into the Army Combat Engineers during World War II. He spent time in the European theatre including fighting in "The Battle of the Bulge", as a liberator, and on the transition team in Berlin.

After Bob's Army service, he went to Nichols College of Business and graduated in 1948.

In 1951, Bob met his wife, Rose, and they were married in 1952. Daughter Ellen was born in 1953. Bob entered the insurance business that same year. In 1959, the family moved to San Mateo, California just in time for his daughter Sharon to be born. In 1966, Bob joined State Farm Insurance and moved to Palo Alto, California. Bob was one of State Farm's top agents until he retired in 1986.

In retirement, Bob started playing music again and formed several jazz bands including the Jazz Engineers. Bob had a music program on the Mountain View Community TV for six years that was very popular. Bob also played racquetball and tennis regularly. Rose and Bob traveled often throughout the United States and abroad, with Hawaii being one of his favorite places.

Bob is survived by his wife, Rose; daughters Ellen and Sharon; son-in-law Alan, and granddaughters Beatrice and Julia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Community School of Music and Arts or the Stanford Jazz Workshop.



PAID OBITUARY

## Ian A. Halliday

June 17, 1969 – December 15, 2015

Ian A. Halliday entered into his rest on December 15 at Stanford Hospital at the age of 46. He died of complications from hemophilia. Ian was born June 17, 1969 in Boston, Massachusetts and moved to Palo Alto with his family in 1975.

He attended Palo Alto High School, graduating in 1987. He continued his education at Foothill Junior College and studied political science at Cal State Long Beach where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

An avid athlete, Ian taught swimming and lifesaving and managed the adult recreation swim program at Rinconada Park. He later was a bank teller for Bank of America in Palo Alto.

As many of his friends can attest, Ian had a life long passion for cinema. He studied the artistry of filming, followed the works of several of his favorite directors, and developed an almost encyclopedic knowledge of the business. Movie reviews meant little to him. Instead he wanted to see what a favorite actor or performer did in a new film. Over time he assembled a library of DVD's of the best performers and directors whose work he admired. That library of more than 800 titles has been donated to the Opportunity Center in Palo Alto for the enjoyment of its residents.

Despite the lifelong struggles with hemophilia and acquired HIV and Hepatitis C, Ian always was a fighter and survivor, never giving in and always looking at the bright side of life.

His requiem was celebrated at St. Ann Chapel in Palo Alto followed later by a Committal service at Alta Mesa Cemetery.

Ian is survived by his parents, Katherine and Jack Halliday, his brother Hank (Karen) of San Marcos, California, and six first cousins.

Donations in Ian's memory may be made to Project Open Hand, 730 Polk Street, San Francisco, California 94109

PAID OBITUARY



# Growing up undocumented

Local youth speak of the challenges they've faced

by Terri Lobdell

*Editor's note: Pseudonyms are being used by three of the undocumented youth interviewed for this story, at their request for privacy. Those using a pseudonym are clearly identified in the article.*



Angelica, who grew up in East Palo Alto and graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz, studies for the LSAT at a Starbucks.

**L**ike many undocumented youth who grow up in East Palo Alto and neighboring communities, Paula remembers the moment she discovered she had no Social Security number and felt the force of that blow.

A top student at East Palo Alto Academy, Paula (not her real name) had plans to pursue college — plans that had been nourished and encouraged by the adults in her life, at home and at school. Her future appeared bright as long as she worked hard and did well.

But when Paula tried to register in her junior year for the SAT, the form asked for a Social Security number, which she assumed she had until her parents told her otherwise.

They also told her that she would not be able to get one, due to her undocumented status.

“But I need it to go to college!” she protested.

“It was an emotional moment, full of frustration,” she said.

Her mother told her “to make the best of it.” Her father sat silent, his eyes welling with tears.

“I had seen my parents work so hard and sacrifice so much. They had emphasized education as the way to a better life, a better job, better opportunities,” she said. “But they had no experience to be able to understand the challenges of this.”

Before this moment, Paula had not “connected the dots” about the limitations of her immigration sta-

tus. But without a Social Security number, the many barriers started coming into focus, she said.

In the years that followed, Paula learned a lot more about the challenges posed by her status, and what it took to navigate them, as she traveled a long, often-lonely and obstacle-filled road to obtain her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

Paula is glad now to have reached that pinnacle of success and enjoys her current work in education, enabled by President Barack Obama's 2012 executive action program called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) that permits her, for now, to work legally without fear of deportation. (*See online story “Federal and state laws expand opportunities.”*)

But even so, the tough experiences Paula has endured, combined with anti-immigrant sentiment pervading media and politics today, stoke her chronic stress and fears about an uncertain future, not only for her but for her family, friends and young students with whom she now works.

“It's like playing a game that I could win or lose,” Paula said. “Right now I'm on the winning

side (with a college degree and DACA), but that could change anytime. It sucks. What good is a college degree if I'm not legal to work? A flip of the (political) coin, and it's over.”

## A different set of rules

**W**hat Paula and other undocumented youth learn, typically as teenagers, is that their lives are subject to a different, harsher set of rules than their classmates, and in many instances, their younger siblings born here.

These rules — enacted by Congress as part of the nation's immigration laws — create numerous significant obstacles for these young people in pursuing higher education, legal work and protection from deportation, as well as other barriers to full participation in American society.

“Undocumented” refers to the fact that these youth entered the U.S. without legal documentation or, having entered with lawful visas, overstayed without permission. No practical means exists for them to alter their unlawful status — no path to permanent legal status, much less citizenship, is offered to them within the current immigration system with very few exceptions, such as for certain victims of violent crime and their family members.

While DACA and recent California legislative changes have brought many of these youth a

measure of increased legitimacy and practical benefits, these legal reforms remain under attack politically — and could be revoked depending on who is elected president or to Congress, or what a court may decide. Also, according to most undocumented youth and their allies, recent reforms, while of great benefit to many, are not nearly enough to level the legal playing field.

“The youth community feels this unfairness deeply,” said Irving Rodriguez, a Stanford University senior who grew up undocumented, from age 8, in Chicago. “It's a result of politics, but it's also about racism and social xenophobia.”

The wounds inflicted by stereotyping and discrimination are often what hurt youth most, according to Irving and other local undocumented young people interviewed by the Weekly. (*See online story “A safe haven to dream.”*)

While some youth, like Irving and Paula, manage to achieve at high levels despite challenges arising from their immigration status, many more do not thrive under this system and become marginalized in schools and the economy as a result, according to experts.

“I saw many talented young people giving up, sidelined, because of hurdles created by immigration status,” said Mary Hofstedt, who has worked with undocumented youth in East Palo Alto and Redwood City for Stanford University's John W. Gard-

ner Center for Youth and Their Communities.

Not only is this unfair, many experts say, but it is a loss of human capital that could otherwise benefit the communities in which these youth have grown up and been educated.

Regardless of how well they do, undocumented youth share a common yearning: They want to belong where they grew up. They say they do not understand why a different set of rules has been designed for them that make their lives infinitely more difficult or why, in their words, they are denied legitimacy, equality, a voice, a vote. Even the most resilient say they feel the strain of the extra burdens and expectations placed on them.

“I would love to be a citizen. I grew up here, my whole life. I feel more American than Mexican and have done my best to be a good citizen my whole life,” said Edanet, who arrived in East Palo Alto at age 7 and is now attending the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Her perspective was common among undocumented youth interviewed by the Weekly and is reflected in national studies.

“Our data reveal a deep vein of longing for citizenship as a marker of belonging to the only country they truly know,” the authors of a recent UCLA study about undocumented college students concluded.

“At some point, they are ours.”





Jane Slater, an adviser for the Dream Club at Sequoia High School, talks with students interested in joining the club on Jan. 26.



Dream Club members at Sequoia High School work on presentations they will be giving at an upcoming conference, at which they will discuss issues undocumented students face and the opportunities available in higher education.

We raised them; they were shaped here. They don't belong someplace else," U.C. Irvine immigration law professor Jennifer Chacon, now visiting at the Stanford Law School, told the Weekly.

In recent years, these young people have become known as "Dreamers," deriving their name originally from a bill in Congress known as the Dream Act ("Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act"), which was never enacted but would have granted legal status and a path to citizenship to many of these youth.

Meanwhile, these undocumented youth struggle to find their place as emerging adults in a country that remains deeply ambivalent about whether they belong and what conditions to attach to their presence here. While some do better than others, few escape the high toll the current immigration system exacts from them. (See online story "Educators discuss undocumented youths' challenges, resilience.")

Through personal stories told to

the Weekly, local Dreamers provide a window into this legally liminal and emotionally challenging reality — including how their immigration status impacts their identities, daily lives and aspirations and how support from sympathetic peers and adults, schools and community can do much to promote their healthy development, even in the face of extraordinary adversities.

### Difficult beginnings

Local Dreamers often begin their personal stories with descriptions of migration to this country, including tales of painful family separations, physical hardships and other deprivations. Some youth were old enough at the time of migration to have firsthand memories; others recount the familiar stories they have heard others tell since childhood.

The circumstances of their "crossings" vary — from arduous treks across the desert, to scary situations in which children are entrusted to the care of strangers paid to escort them across the border, to less dramatic arrivals by plane on a visa that is then over-

stayed. (See online story "Undocumented youth describe migration to U.S.")

Family migration often occurs in stages, with one or both parents migrating first, resulting in prolonged family separations and added strains, according to local accounts and national studies.

For many, these early trials and traumas provide the initial frame for formation of strong beliefs in the promise of a future secured by hard work and perseverance against odds. Overcoming obstacles, many undocumented youth say, is a large part of who they are, and the seeds for this are often planted in the soil of migration, teeming as it often is with extraordinary risk and sacrifice.

Once in this country, young Dreamers face additional challenges as they begin school, learn a new language, make new friends and adjust to life in a new place, with their parents often working harder than ever to make ends meet in low-paid, physically demanding jobs.

Paula recalled arriving in East Palo Alto with her mother at age 8. Paula's father, who had been in the country for several months already, was working two jobs:

roofer by day, janitor by night. Paula's mother found a job cleaning offices at night and cared for her children and home by day.

Relentless work schedules, stretched finances and constant fears of deportation were significant sources of stress for the entire family, Paula recalled.

Paula had a difficult time starting her new elementary school, given her limited English and bullying classmates. A teacher noticed her struggling and offered to help her learn English, coming in early and staying after school to tutor her. With that extra help, Paula's English improved, and she began to thrive academically.

"This teacher really saved me," Paula said.

According to national studies, schools can play a critical role in supporting young Dreamers' integration into American society. During K-12 years, undocumented youth are granted equal rights to public education under a 1982 Supreme Court decision, along with the protection of student privacy laws that prohibit schools from disclosing information to immigration authorities.

Undocumented children thus are left free to absorb — along-

side their native-born classmates — American culture, values and expectations for the future. Over time, they become more and more closely identified with Americans, according to experts who study this population. While this K-12 "bubble" of legal insulation has its upsides — helping to keep immigration issues at bay during early years of education and social integration — it also contributes to setting older kids up for a fall.

"(These) young people (are left) grossly unprepared for what awaits them in adulthood," Harvard University sociologist and education professor Roberto Gonzales wrote in an article for the American Sociological Review. The inherent contradictions and confusion in trying to progress from their more protected childhood world to a harsher adult reality "make for a turbulent transition," Gonzales and other experts say.

### A rude awakening

The tougher times typically begin when Dreamers start engaging in adolescent rites of passage — like getting a driv-

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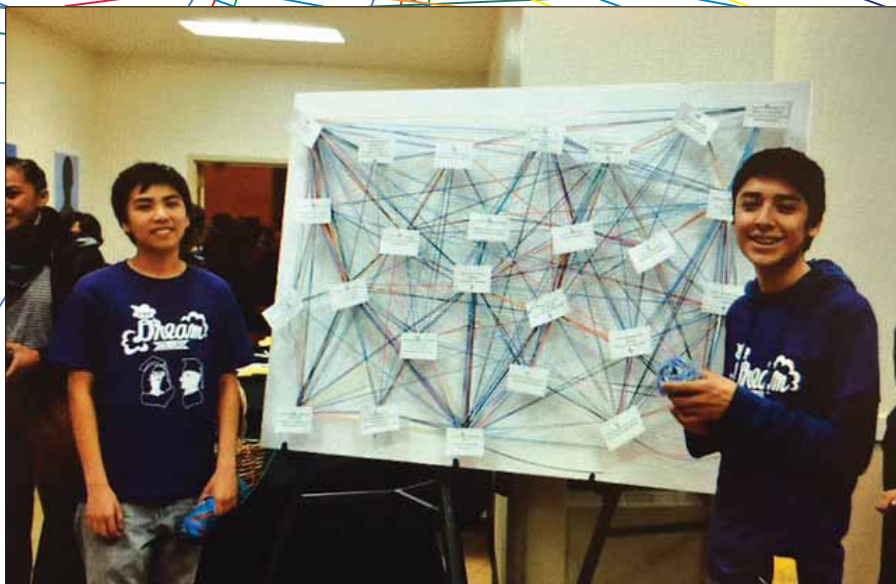


Maria Jose Flockhart, manager of social services at East Palo Alto Academy high school, sits in her home in Menlo Park on Feb. 5.



Sarahi Espinoza Salamanca, who grew up undocumented but now has permanent legal residency, works at the Stanford Latino Entrepreneurship Initiative in Palo Alto on Feb. 9. She plans to launch a mobile app soon that will help undocumented students locate and track college scholarships.





An "identity tapestry" was created by students who attended the Sequoia High School Dream Club conference last year. Youth were asked to take colored yarn and string it behind any white card whose statement is true for them.



Sequoia High School student Juliet works on a presentation with fellow classmates during a lunchtime meeting of the Dream Club on Jan. 26.

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er's license, a part-time job or applying to college — and the different and more difficult rules begin to materialize in concrete ways.

For some the discovery of their status is a total surprise; for others it's more of a gradual coming to awareness of what it means to be undocumented.

Like Paula and many others, what triggered Diana's shocking realization about her undocumented status as a junior at Gunn High School was the need for a Social Security card.

Diana (not her real name) was born in Mexico and arrived in Palo Alto at age 7. She attended Barron Park Elementary and Terman Middle schools before Gunn and now is enrolled at a nearby state university. Until her junior year, she always assumed she had the same legal rights as her class-

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mates; her immigration status had never been mentioned by anyone (not even her family) and hadn't affected her daily life.

While she struggled as a teen with outsider feelings due to her ethnicity and low-income status, she never imagined her presence in the U.S. might not be lawful.

Like the rest of her classmates, Diana couldn't wait to get a driver's license. A Gunn friend, already licensed, offered to drive her to the DMV to apply. Diana showed her friend the paperwork she had collected, including her Social Security card. As soon as her friend saw the card, she burst out laughing.

"She mocked the card as 'fake'

and called me 'illegal,'" Diana said. The friend pulled out her own card to compare; the differences were clear. Diana said this experience was "deeply humiliating" and caused her to become socially fearful, often calling in sick during her remaining days at Gunn.

Diana was also confused because her mother had given her the card so she could apply for an after-school restaurant job.

"I couldn't understand why my mother had given me a fake card," she said. The idea disturbed her, but she didn't feel she could discuss it with her mother.

As the truth began to dawn on her, Diana felt growing concern about her future. Clearly she was not going to get a driver's license. But what about college? How would she be legal to work? What if she were deported? What about her parents and siblings? For months, she wrestled, alone, with these questions.

Not everyone is caught off guard. Rossmeri arrived in East Palo Alto when she was 5 and recalls her uncle being deported when she was in fifth grade, accompanied by much family upset. Her mother took that opportunity to explain to Rossmeri about her immigration status and what it meant.

"My mom reassured me that I'm still a good person, that there's nothing to be ashamed of, but that we still can't tell anyone," Rossmeri said.

As Rossmeri watched her undocumented classmates go through the trials of discovery later in high school, she was grateful she had been told earlier and had been able to adjust to the idea before practical troubles began.

Adults who work with these youth describe a difficult position for parents in knowing when and how to discuss immigration status within the family. Many parents want to protect their children for as long as possible from bad news that might be scary, upsetting or confusing. Some hope immigration reform will occur before their child is grown, mooting the issue.

Still, at some point, one way or

another, young people learn the truth about where they stand. East Palo Alto Academy social worker Maria Jose Flockhart said she talks to many students who are sad and frustrated when they realize the extent to which the legal system blocks their way, asking questions like "why me?" It's very tough, Flockhart said.

"There's a lot of growing that happens in terms of having to understand that this is your reality, and how to cope with it in a healthy way," she said. "It's definitely hard ... and many times I find myself becoming very emotional ... because I know how frustrating it is for them."

### Adjusting to the new reality

Once discovered, undocumented young people must come to terms with their stigmatized, constricting immigration status. According to national studies and Weekly interviews, their reactions cover a range of emotions, and how they adapt evolves over time.

Almost all youth respond, at least initially, with some version of overwhelm, deflation or discouragement, as described by Paula, Diana and other local youth who spoke with the Weekly.

At the same time, some youth manage, like Paula and Diana, to recover their footing; instead of foundering, they find ways to intensify their commitment to high goals and refuse to give up in the face of obstacles.

Paula initially had doubts about whether college would be worth it. But with her parents' encouragement and the support of others at school and in the community, Paula began to frame her situation as a choice: She could finish high school and take a job that paid \$8.50 per hour, or she could strive for a college education, learn and grow as a person, and hope for the best after that. The latter option held more appeal, despite the effort and uncertainty involved. She went for it.

Strong drives to succeed also can find root in the urge to defy

expectations. As one Sequoia High School junior told the Weekly, "At first I was sad (about being undocumented), but then it all just makes me want to prove people wrong. It makes me want to strive and work harder so that I can show that I'm not a statistic, that I can succeed and that even though I'm undocumented, it can't hold me back."

Recent Palo Alto High School graduate and former Latinos Unidos Club president Bianca Aboytes, herself a citizen, described different responses she had observed: "Personally, I have seen both sides of reactions to the burdens of undocumented status. Some teens get mad, which can be good for them in finding their power." But others struggle, she said, because of family issues or just plain discouragement.

Nearly all Dreamers interviewed by the Weekly, including high-achieving ones, expressed tremendous empathy for those among them who struggle with motivation. They recognize the barriers all Dreamers face to succeeding academically and resisting the urge to cope with stress in unhealthy ways — such as drinking, dropping out or delinquent behavior. They know that not everyone — including possibly their siblings, cousins, friends and neighbors — has the capacity or good fortune to pull it off, especially during adolescence, which is already loaded with developmental challenges.

Several local Dreamers also referenced the deep irony of a society that saddles its youth with these burdens and then turns to celebrate those who manage, against odds, to navigate the obstacles successfully. They believe it is unfair to expect them to "do everything right" as a condition of proving worth for inclusion.

"The odds are stacked against you, and then you're asked to be a model citizen — or face deportation. You're asking a 17-year-old to deal with all these complicated issues. How fair is that?" Irving asked.

He recalled several undocumented friends who made youthful mistakes, with school or the

law, and paid high prices, including deportation — the type of high-stakes consequences inconceivable for anyone born here.

Flockhart and other adult allies of youth struggling with these issues urge compassion.

"I think it's important to make sure that people can empathize with those kids that don't make it. ... I think there are a lot of people, not everyone, but a lot who are very judgmental, and they don't understand really the circumstances behind each of these human beings. It's just really tough to overcome the barriers," Flockhart said.

Samuel (not his real name), now in his early 20s, has lived in Palo Alto since age 5 and hit a motivational wall his senior year at Gunn. Though he always planned on college, his grades suffered as he juggled multiple part-time jobs, amounting to 30-40 hours per week, to help with family finances. Approaching senior year, before the launch of DACA, it struck him that even if he found a way to pay for college and obtained a degree, he still would not be legal to work. The question haunted him: What was the point of all this effort?

"I envied my little brother being born here. He has it so easy," he said.

### Finding critical help on the path to college

College-going Dreamers are quick to urge undocumented high school students to keep striving despite the difficulties associated with their status.

"It's hard to be motivated with so many obstacles, but you can do it. You are capable of more than people expect," Edanet, now at UCLA, tells others.

Edanet also emphasizes the importance of seeking help early on from trusted adults: It's key to maintaining motivation and making it to college. She tells her younger siblings this constantly, she said. (See online story "Organizations, resources supporting undocumented youth.")

For Gunn students, one such



trusted adult was Monica Espinoza, a school counselor who left last fall to work at Mountain View High School. Espinoza helped launch Gunn's "College Pathways" program in 2008 to provide college support to low-income, first-generation students, starting their freshman year. Several recent undocumented Gunn graduates spoke of the critical role Espinoza played in their lives: urging them on during low periods, pairing them with adult mentors in the community and providing nuts-and-bolts help during the college-application process.

Espinoza reported that, in 2015, all four undocumented seniors participating in Gunn's College Pathways program were headed to four-year universities with full funding in place, combining state grants and private scholarships. This is a far cry from a few years ago, before DACA and the California Dream Act went into effect, when undocumented seniors faced even more significant barriers to college financing.

In counseling undocumented students at Gunn, Espinoza said she didn't set college goals for them any differently than for other students but did prepare them

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for the fact that they may need to work around obstacles and/or take a different path than others to get to the same destination. Their status may make it harder to accomplish goals, she said, but they can do it, especially given recently expanded opportunities.

"Still, it doesn't really sink in until junior or senior year, and that's when a lot of fear comes out: fear about getting in, paying for it, filling out government forms, exposing themselves to a government agency. It is scary," Espinoza said.

To face and overcome these fears, Espinoza agreed that adult support is critical. (See online story "College adviser to Dreamers.")

The experiences of local Dreamers at other schools also attest to the importance of adult support.

At East Palo Alto Academy, Paula began to think seriously about college when she was invited to participate, as a high school freshman, in an intensive Summer Math and Science Honors program (SMASH) for low-income students of color held on the campus of UC Berkeley during three consecutive summers. SMASH's enthusiastic support of Paula's

academic promise fueled her academic success and motivation to pursue college.

Paula also found academic and social support through East Palo Alto nonprofit Foundation for a College Education (FCE), during high school, college and beyond.

"FCE was my backbone all the way through, even now," she said.

For Magali, who grew up undocumented from age 9 in Redwood City, it was middle school teachers who first pointed her educational path toward college. They recommended her for the nonprofit College Track program in East Palo Alto.

"Before that college was unimaginable," she said. Because her parents had only a grade school education, "There was a big mystery to college, beyond our reach."

"College Track became my breakthrough to everything else," said Magali, who attended Sequoia and recently graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC).

The program provided her with computer access, tutoring and an adviser who kept her on track academically and encouraged her extracurricular activities. She joined Sequoia's nascent Dream Club and also enrolled in AVID ("Advancement Via Individual Determination") at Sequoia, a college-prep class supporting underrepresented minorities nationwide.

"I was lucky and privileged to have a good number of people guiding me," Magali said. "There are many kids who don't have that kind of support, who have to work to support their families, who are losing hope, who get stuck and are not making it out."

Other Dreamers have turned to high school teachers. Angelica, now 25 and a UCSC graduate, grew up in East Palo Alto from when she was 12. When she entered Sequoia, she had hopes of college and a professional career. But her parents told her this was not possible and encouraged her instead to get married after high school.

"They thought I should not aim high in order to avoid pain and failure due to our immigration and economic status," she said.

Unwilling to give up her college dream, Angelica applied to a local college-access program but was not accepted.

"I was very discouraged after that," she said. Still she persisted and began to search within the school for other sources of support.

She eventually found Jane Slater, her English teacher, who became her main adult ally supporting her college goals.

"My resolve would go up and down, but Slater would talk me into sticking with it," Angelica said.

Javier, also a Sequoia graduate and now a San Jose State University senior, only began considering college his junior year, when an English teacher, Stacey Wenzel, encouraged him to go for it.

"She saw the potential in me," he said. "She told me: 'You can go

to college and be somebody.'"

She helped him get into an AVID class and encouraged him to join the recently formed Dream Club.

"The Dream Club is where I found my sacred place, a place where I belonged, with other undocumented students and allies," he said. Club members had "big dreams," he said, which inspired him to dream big too.

"No one can take your education from you," Javier now tells younger students in presentations throughout the Bay Area as a volunteer outreach ambassador for the nonprofit Educators for Fair Consideration. But, without an education, Javier tells them, there is almost no chance of improving your life's circumstances, whatever the future might hold.

"When I was a senior in high school, there was no DACA, no California Dream Act, no nothing. But I still had hope that things might change. It turned out the changes came, and I was ready," Javier tells his young audiences.

"I see many students who are discouraged," he said. "But once they hear what I have to say, they perk up."

### A new test of mettle

As a high school senior, Angelica was excited to be accepted to several four-year colleges but soon realized she couldn't afford any of them. Though she had money from two private scholarships and savings from her part-time jobs cleaning houses and working in a restaurant, it was not nearly enough.

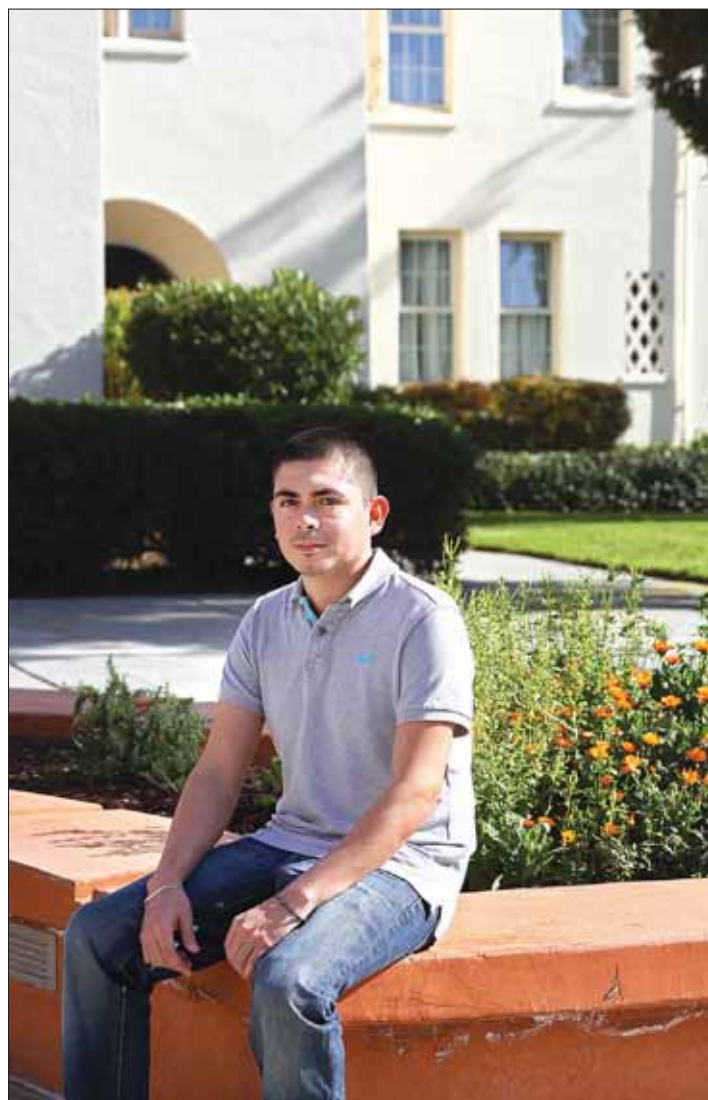
For Angelica and other Dreamers, many traditional college funding sources are off-limits (including all federal aid, some state aid and many scholarships). Available private scholarships can be competitive, favoring top students and leaving students who must work to help their family at a disadvantage.

Angelica was disappointed at her situation — especially as compared to her citizen classmates who were planning to go to four-year colleges with federal aid and other assistance inaccessible to her — but remained determined to reach her goals. She adapted her plans to enroll in more affordable community college instead.

Once again Angelica's mettle was tested, a common experience for Dreamers entering college. Even as they have achieved the dream of college admission, many find themselves with yet a new set of hurdles, from financial to academic to emotional. They learn, as Angelica did, that succeeding in this environment requires grit, flexibility and willingness to seek help. Occasional good fortune is also a plus. (See online story "Pursuing the rocky path to college.")

At Foothill College for three years, Angelica took a full academic load while juggling 30 to

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Javier, a student at San Jose State University, sits outside classrooms on Feb. 3. He received encouragement to go to college from a high school teacher in his junior year.

Veronica Weber



Angelica was able to finance college through a combination of work, internships and privately funded scholarships. She is now studying for the LSAT.

Veronica Weber





At the 2015 Dream Club conference, “identity tapestry” cards captured truths and feelings of undocumented youth.

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40 hours of work per week. It was a stressful time, with much uncertainty about the future. Her grades were not great, given her workload, but she hoped they would be good enough; it turned out they were.

In 2011, Angelica was admitted to UCSC as a junior majoring in sociology. She had saved enough money to cover one quarter’s tuition, about \$5,000. She also had a car, which she had to drive without a license so she could return home on weekends to continue cleaning houses to cover living expenses. Her parents contributed \$200 per month. She had no scholarships, as they were very difficult to obtain as a transfer student.

At the end of fall quarter, she was out of money. Her plan was to stop out winter quarter to earn spring quarter tuition; it was her only choice and one that undocumented students often must make.

But instead the holiday break brought a letter with good news. Part I of the California Dream Act had just passed, granting her eligibility for an award, which she received, from UCSC’s privately funded scholarships, enough to cover the next quarter’s tuition. In addition, in February, she was granted an Educational Opportunities Program (EOP) award,

which required community-service hours in exchange for spring tuition aid.

With these supports, Angelica completed her junior year uninterrupted. During the summer, she moved back home to work full-time with her mom and aunt cleaning houses.

More welcome news arrived senior year. Angelica was awarded a Chancellor’s Internship, allowing her to continue her EOP work in exchange for \$2,733 tuition credit per quarter for the academic year. Angelica had also applied for a number of private scholarships, receiving one for \$8,000. This scholarship, along with the EOP work, weekend house-cleaning and summer savings, enabled Angelica to graduate on time in June 2013.

Paula, too, faced difficulties finding college funding, but as a top East Palo Alto Academy student she eventually was awarded, just after high school graduation, a private scholarship covering four years at UC Berkeley, where she had been admitted earlier that spring.

Paula described the process of applying to private scholarships as “very scary,” mainly because she had to disclose her undocumented status to complete strangers, both on the applications and during interviews. She didn’t know if she could trust them, but

she felt she had no choice: “This was the only chance I had to fund my college education,” she said.

“I would come out of the interviews crying and shaking, afraid someone from ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) would be there in the parking lot waiting for me,” she said.

Even with a full scholarship, Paula still had to return home weekends to work at a grocery store, using false identification in those pre-DACA days, to help with extra school and family expenses. She also stopped out of college more than once to work full-time for the same reasons. But for Paula, even with constant work demands, the struggle to get through college, six years in all, was as much emotional as it was financial.

Attending Berkeley, Paula had trouble fitting in. She noticed ICE agents walking around campus, feared discovery of her status and shied away from socializing. She didn’t know any other undocumented students.

“I felt like I was the only one,” she said.

She struggled with motivation and fought depression, questioning the point of it all.

“What if I can’t put my college education to use? Even if I get my degree, then what? Who is going to hire me?” she recalled in a Weekly interview.

Many Dreamers experience similar difficulties. According to a recent UCLA study, “Undocumented college students report disproportionately high levels of stress, anxiety and fear due to their undocumented status.”

The UCLA report also noted frequent feelings of shame, uncertainty and perceived discrimination, as well as feelings of isolation on campus due to fear of disclosure, fears of deportation and lack of community.

Paula’s lowest point came during sophomore year, when she was rear-ended while driving in Mountain View. Police arrived and asked for identification. She had no driver’s license, only a Berkeley student ID. For someone who is undocumented, this is



These statement cards were used at the Sequoia High School Dream Club conference.

the kind of police encounter that can easily spiral into an economic and legal disaster — the type of situation Paula and others who are undocumented greatly fear.

Paula was handcuffed and booked on misdemeanor charges related to driving without a license. Police took mug shots, fingerprinted her and administered an alcohol test, which was negative. She was the only one at the accident scene arrested, even though not allegedly at fault. The officer treated her disrespectfully, she said, accusing her of being “illegal.” She was terrified he would call ICE.

To her relief, ICE didn’t come. Instead her brother arrived and arranged her release. But even then, she was horrified to learn that the family’s car had been impounded for a month and would incur about \$3,000 in fees. The timing was terrible as Paula’s father had just lost his job. Paula also was fined \$1,246, a sum she later convinced a judge to reduce to \$420.

The accident and its aftermath became a lasting trauma.

“I relive it constantly; I see the whole thing in my mind over and over,” she said. Her experience drove home what thin ice she was on due to her status.

After her arrest, Paula said, “I didn’t want to be at college anymore. I was so tired of school

and didn’t know how to get motivated.”

She saw her classmates enjoying privileges she knew she would never have, like studying abroad and preparing for professional careers, and the contrasts stung.

She stuck it out, though — dragging herself through her classes — only because she couldn’t bear to tell her parents that she didn’t want to go to school any longer. Eventually she graduated.

“They will never understand how hard it is, the difficulties, socially and academically,” she said.

Paula now is glad she persevered but not without feeling that it shouldn’t have been so difficult.

Magali and others agree. College is “not the time of our lives,” Magali said. “The pressure is always there, to prove to myself, my family and my scholarship funders that I’m doing well. It’s a lot of work. There is no room to mess up.”

Magali also describes the high expectations, common within the undocumented community, for college graduates to help their families financially, and act as role models for younger siblings and cousins to follow.

“Everybody is looking at you,” Magali said.

As a student mentor working at EOP, Magali saw many Dreamers

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struggling with these pressures.

"I saw them break down. They feel like a failure. 'How will I tell my parents?' they ask. They think something is wrong with them."

Empowering students to advocate for themselves in seeking resources is a large part of EOP's mission, Magali said, and can make a world of difference in boosting motivation, self-confidence and helping Dreamers find strength in community with others who are facing similar struggles.

### Choosing to speak out

**F**eeding the isolation many Dreamers feel, and the toll it takes, is the fear of discovery.

Undocumented status traditionally has been kept secret as the most effective way to avoid risks of added stigma, discrimination and especially deportation. Sensing that anti-immigrant sentiment exists — below the surface, if not above — many local Dreamers do not share their secret with others, except for family and a trusted adult at school or in their college-access program.

Several Dreamers and their allies expressed specific fears, especially in Palo Alto, that disclosure of their status to classmates could lead to ICE being called.

Yet, the costs of silence are also high, and depending on circumstances, require constant recalculation of trade-offs, which is stressful and wearing on undocumented youth, experts say.

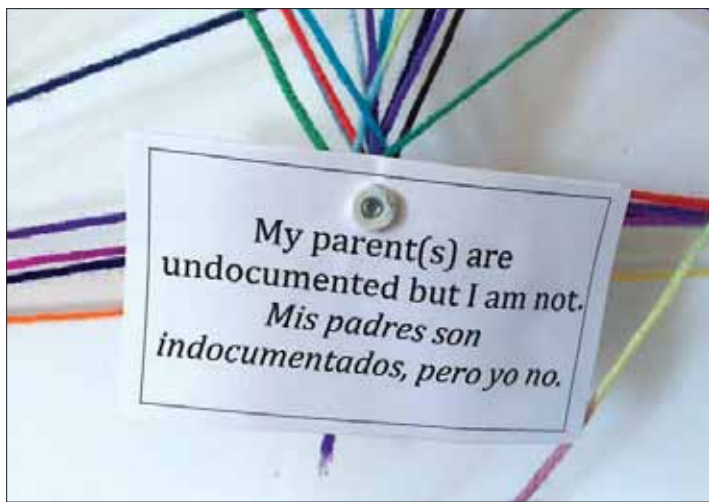
Carrying this large secret also impacts a youth's sense of agency and worth. As one Dreamer put it: "You go from having a secret to being a secret." Hearing slurs, remaining silent and ashamed, is difficult socially and emotionally, according to local Dreamers and national experts. Many find this affects their ability to trust adults or peers at school and can inhibit close friendships with classmates.

For these reasons, a growing number of Dreamers — especially college students like Irving at Stanford, political activists, and Sequoia's student Dream Club members — are making the decision to "come out" on social media and before public audiences, large and small.

In so doing, many Dreamers report discovering new pride in their identities and power in speaking the truth. When Irving posted his undocumented status on Facebook freshman year, he said: "It felt good — oh yeah. It helped me come to terms with who I am. A big part of my life has been overcoming obstacles."

Once out, Irving (one of a handful of Dreamers at Stanford) became involved in "The Dream Is Now" campaign for immigration reform, founded by Laurene Powell Jobs. His classmates were initially shocked when they learned he was undocumented but began to see, he said, "how an abstract notion translated into a personal story" with a human face.

"It was a light-bulb moment for



Dream Club conference attendees looped yarn around each statement with which they identified.

many," he said. "It's important for people to connect with the real person" and not just the label.

In a recent article about Dreamer activists in California, University of San Francisco education professor Genevieve Negron-Gonzales wrote, "Every participant in this study identified 'coming out' as undocumented as one of the most important decisions of their lives because of pragmatic reasons but also because of the power of shared collective identity."

Personal stories also can be powerful politics, Dreamers have discovered, inspiring increased favorable media attention and building grassroots support for recent policy reforms like DACA and the California Dream Act. (See online story "The Dreamer social movement.")

Negron-Gonzales concluded: "These 'coming out' campaigns (from YouTube videos to local news outlet appearances to testifying before Congress) have not only increased the visibility of the plight and struggles of a talented group of young people condemned to a marginal existence" but have served to re-frame the legal situation faced by Dreamers as a civil-rights issue.

Also, she said, these Dreamer advocates "are shifting the terrain of vulnerability, casting silence as the dangerous choice," an obser-

vation shared by other experts nationwide.

The local experience of Sequoia's Dream Club illustrates how this shift can happen. With Latinos making up nearly 60 percent of Sequoia's student population, Dream Club adviser Slater said that school and district administrators are "very publicly supportive" of the Dream Club's activities to raise awareness and scholarship funds. It is common to see posters in Sequoia's classrooms and hallways with messages like "United We Dream" and "Undocumented, Unafraid and Unapologetic" as well as other ways of showing support for Latino students generally.

Fueled by this support, the Dream Club "keeps a pretty public face," Slater said. Dream Club students tell their personal stories at conferences, local churches and school fundraisers and create videos, poems and visual art to get their message across. Personal story-telling has been one of the biggest keys to the club's fundraising and to increased community awareness and education about immigration issues, Slater said. As a result, "there has been less and less fear" over time.

One reason for less fear is that Dream Club members have learned in concrete ways how disclosure can expand rather

than contract opportunities. Slater offered this example: A Dream Club student was telling her story on KQED radio a few years ago when a Sequoia alumnus heard the broadcast, called the school and offered to sponsor the student's Berkeley tuition for four years. The alumnus has since sponsored other Sequoia graduates' educations as well.

"That (first) student (graduated from Berkeley) and is now in grad school," Slater said. "It was another lesson in how you just have to be public. The more you get out there, who knows what can happen. ... There are many people who want to be supportive."

Andres Connell, executive director of East Palo Alto nonprofit Nuestra Casa, sounded a cautionary note, however: "(Telling your story) can be a very powerful thing in the right environment, or it can be very counter-productive in the wrong environment. I think in the theory I'm for it, but what are the social and environmental factors ... that will then determine whether or not that concept will be fruitful for you and your family? ... I just don't think there's one model that fits all communities."

For every young person who can "own their position and not be afraid," he asked: "How many more are on the other side?"

Irving agrees that formidable barriers still exist for many Dreamers to feel and be safe in publicly disclosing their status.

"It's hard to picture the annual Dream Club conference occurring in most other places. It requires inspired and fearless youth. The power of numbers is key."

Regardless of numbers, a supportive environment, especially at school, can and should be achieved, many believe. According to Negron-Gonzales, local educators and the U.S. Department of Education, schools everywhere should be proactively demonstrating support on campus for immigrant youth, normalizing classroom conversation about immigration issues and promoting feelings of safety and inclusion

for all students, including the undocumented. In Palo Alto, inclusion of Dreamer issues as part of "Not in Our Schools" week was suggested by several local Dreamers and educators.

Local educators also noted the importance of professional teacher development and training in helping to foster more supportive school environments by increasing teacher and administrator knowledge and sensitivity around immigration issues.

### Rising hopes, uncertain future

**S**ince DACA's implementation over the past three years, hundreds of thousands of eligible Dreamers have benefited from a transformed legal landscape. (See online story "Undocumented immigrants: key statistics.")

Angelica is one who has lived through this pivotal change. With her DACA application wending its way through the federal bureaucracy at the time of her college graduation, she had new hope for her future but still lacked a Social Security number, work authorization, driver's license and protection from deportation. Fortunately for Angelica, it was only a few months later that her DACA papers arrived and she could seek legal employment, get her driver's license and feel safe from deportation for the first time in her life.

Paula received her DACA approval mid-way through college.

"It was such a relief to get DACA — unbelievable to have a driver's license and Social Security number and not fear getting pulled over," Paula said. The new legal status also gave her a much-needed boost in making a final push toward graduation.

Even with its welcome benefits, DACA's significant limits still trouble many youth. The biggest concern is that many Dreamers — often including the siblings, cousins, friends and neighbors of DACA recipients — are not eligible for a variety of reasons that often seem arbitrary or unfairly harsh, such as the applicant is too old, dropped out of school or has a minor criminal record. Still more are left out because they can't afford DACA's \$465 fee or are afraid to register with the government.

Paula's older brother, for example, narrowly missed DACA's age cutoff; she feels the unfairness and worries for him. Paula also has friends eligible for DACA but who are afraid to apply for it, not wanting the information used down the road to deport them if DACA is revoked.

Another local DACA beneficiary told the Weekly she feels terrible that her older sister, who dropped out of high school to work to help the family send her younger siblings to college, does not qualify for DACA.

Many Dreamers also object to parents being left out of the equa-



Posters at Sequoia High School demonstrate support for undocumented immigrants.

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tion. Dreamers interviewed by the Weekly consistently expressed unbridled appreciation for the extraordinary sacrifices their parents have made so they could pursue their education and a better life. These now-grown children, many with DACA, don't feel right about being treated as somehow more "deserving" than their parents.

Many worry constantly that their parents will be deported.

"Every time my dad goes to work, I'm afraid," one Sequoia senior with DACA approval said.

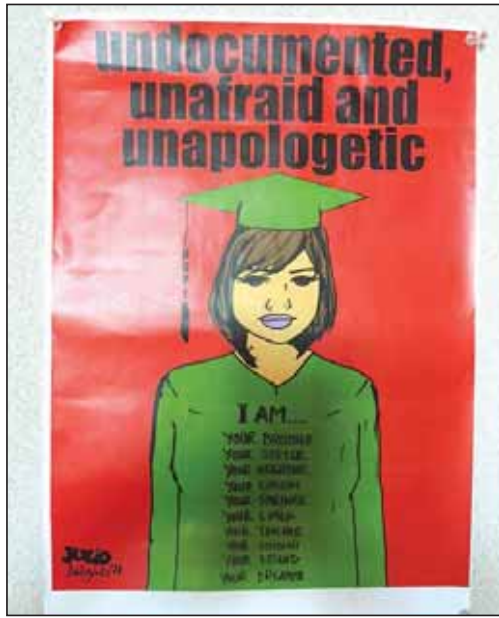
This dilemma, where the child is protected but the parent is not, applies as well to the many U.S.-born children with undocumented parents (an estimated 4.5 million young citizens, according to national estimates).

One recent Sequoia graduate, born at Stanford Hospital, spoke of the fear that infects his family.

"My (undocumented) mom is the one who is really scared, all the time," he said.

Sequoia graduate Luis, who came to the U.S. at age 7, describes the difficult legal space he occupies within his family: "My younger brother and sister were born here. They are Americans, but I feel just as American as they are."

And while he now has DACA and attends the University of the Pacific on a full scholarship, his



Terri Lobdell

Increasingly, undocumented youth are speaking out about their legal status in order to influence the political discussion nationwide.

that would extend DACA-like coverage to other undocumented populations, including eligible parents of citizen children, potentially affecting an estimated 5.5 million immigrants. However, federal courts in a lawsuit brought by politically conservative states, led by Texas, enjoined implementation of these measures. (See online story "Federal and state laws expand opportunities.")

Last month the Supreme Court agreed to hear an appeal of this case with its decision expected in June.

One way or the other, the result will not only impact the lives of millions but may also influence the politics of the upcoming national elections and/or later actions by a new Congress and/or president in ways that are difficult to predict, according to news reports.

In the meantime, Dreamers often describe getting a college degree as one of the most impactful acts within their power to advance

the cause of immigration reform.

As educated young people seeking professional jobs — and with more and more willing to say out loud, "I am undocumented" — many college-going Dreamers hope to move the political needle by changing public perceptions about undocumented immigrants and motivating younger Dreamers to follow in their footsteps.

Angelica exemplifies this: For the past two-plus years, she has worked at Sequoia, encouraging students to make college plans and modeling her own experience as inspiration. During this time, she also has formulated her own plans to go to law school to become an immigrant-rights lawyer; as part of this plan, last month she left her job at Sequoia to study full-time for the LSAT. Through her ongoing volunteer work with Sequoia's Dream Club, Angelica is still an active presence in her former students' lives, as she continues to motivate them to reach for high goals.

Paula also has been working as a para-educator at a nearby high school and hopes to pursue a graduate degree in educational policy, possibly at Stanford, if she can find financial support. She, too, speaks of the positive influence she has on her younger nieces and nephews, as well as the teens she now works with, to set their sights on college.

What sustains Angelica, Diana, Irving, Javier, Luis, Magali, Paula

and many other local Dreamers as they move forward with all the uncertainties through college and beyond is an abiding faith, reinforced by supportive allies including their parents, in the concept that opportunities for a more promising future will follow if they can summon the resilience to persevere whatever comes.

Still, Dreamers' highest hope remains federal immigration reform creating permanent legal residency and a path to citizenship for them and their families, and with it, a chance for them to live, for the first time, on solid ground, with equal rights and official recognition that they belong here, with their families, in the place that is their home. ■

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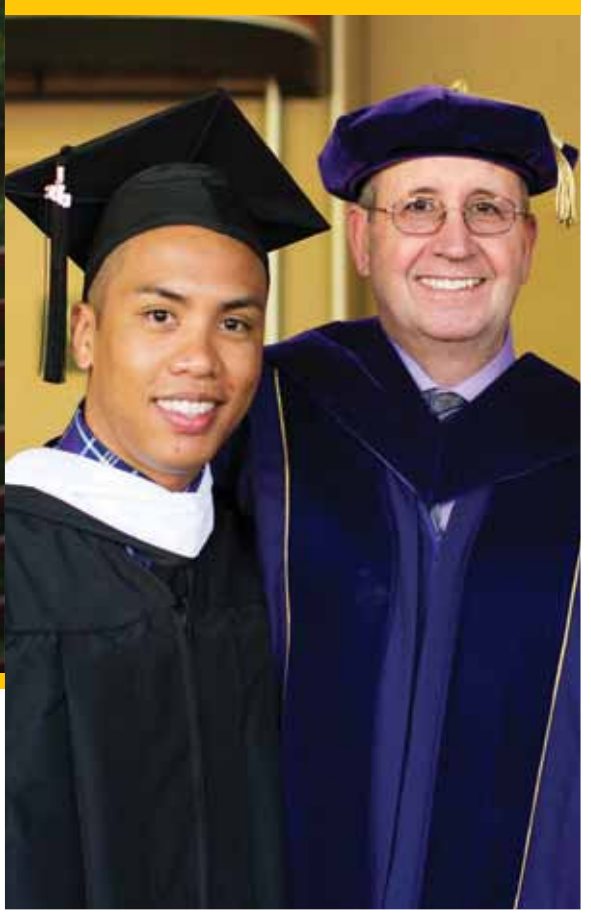
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Irving Rodriguez, a Stanford University senior who grew up undocumented, will be the guest on this week's "Behind the Headlines," a news discussion webcast by Palo Alto Weekly news team. The half-hour conversation about the challenges facing undocumented youth will be posted Friday evening, Feb. 12. To watch it, go to the Palo Alto Weekly's YouTube channel at [youtube.com/paweekly](http://youtube.com/paweekly).



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## INSIDE THE LINES

COLORING IS MORE THAN CHILD'S PLAY

Colored pencils, markers and coloring sheets are provided at the Palo Alto Library's "Colorful Afternoons for Adults" program.

by Karla Kane

Most kids are familiar with the simple pleasures of coloring — choosing a palette, filling in an outline and making the images sparkle. Now, grown-ups are getting in touch with their inner children and finding out coloring is just as much fun in adulthood. Visit any bookshop and you'll see displays of grown-up coloring books in a range of styles. Local libraries have embraced the coloring craze, holding events that allow adults to unwind and dust off their Crayolas.

Palo Alto Library Services Manager RuthAnn Garcia finds coloring an easy way to add something artistic to her busy life.

"I don't have as much time and patience for knitting or sewing as I used to, but I still feel nearly as productive when I color. I feel like I did create something," she said.

Since November, Garcia — who oversees library programming for adults — has headed a monthly drop-in program at the Mitchell Park branch. The program, sponsored by Friends of the Palo Alto Library, provides the coloring sheets, pens and pencils. Patrons are also welcome to take sheets home to color later.

At the January event, regular attendee Joan Rudloff selected an abstract mandala design, then a scene with teacups, out of the

wide variety offered. She started with markers, then used pencils on the second sheet.

"I call it therapy," she said, choosing her colors as soft piano music played in the background. She plans to use one of her favorite colored designs as next year's Christmas card. She said she appreciates the library program because it forces her to fully immerse herself in the activity.

"It's too busy at home; I'd feel like I was wasting my time," she said. At the library, "I just get into it and space out."

The Mountain View Library has had its own flourishing coloring program since October.

"Usually it takes several tries

to build an audience for a program, but this was an immediate success," Librarian Karin Mente said. She was reintroduced to coloring when a friend began holding coloring nights in her home.

"It would just be a bunch of friends sitting around chatting, munching on snacks and listening to music while we color. For very little money or set-up it provided hours of entertainment," she said. "I think it's difficult for adults to make new friends and do things that don't involve spending a decent amount of money. This is an inexpensive activity that can easily be both solitary and social."

Mente counted 32 people, a new record, at January's event. She's received feedback praising the program for allowing participants to relax and let go of the stresses of the work day.

"It's creative and meditative," she said. "You can experiment with different colors and media, and even if you're not happy with the results, the process itself was fun."

The Menlo Park Library recently held its first coloring program, with 16 attending. John Weaver, outreach coordinator, said there had been discussion about starting an adult-coloring night for a while. But the decision was clinched when he observed something interesting at a different event, for which he had laid out crayons and coloring pages for children.

"The couple of times I peered over into the coloring area, who was it I saw taking coloring breaks

but the grown-ups!" he said.

Based on the inaugural coloring session's popularity, Weaver said he expects Menlo Park Library to hold similar gatherings in the future. Other local coloring events have been organized by the East Palo Alto Library at the EPA Senior Center and the Stanford University Women's Club.

Feb. 1-5 was declared #ColorOurCollections week by The New York Academy of Medicine, and many libraries worldwide followed suit, inviting the public to download and color pages from their collections, then share them on Twitter with the #ColorOurCollections hashtag. Stanford University Libraries Department of Special Collections joined in, offering up images from its recently digitized José Guadalupe Posada collection (the images are still downloadable online at [goo.gl/eWyZ3y](http://goo.gl/eWyZ3y)).

"One person even emailed me to ensure she got all of the coloring pages we had made," Stanford librarian Michelle Paquette said. "It's a fun way to get people interested in what we have to offer and might inspire them to research more and learn something new."

Another appealing aspect of coloring is that it allows everyone to be an artist. As Garcia said, "While I might not be super talented at one particular form, coloring has allowed me to be expressive and creative. There are

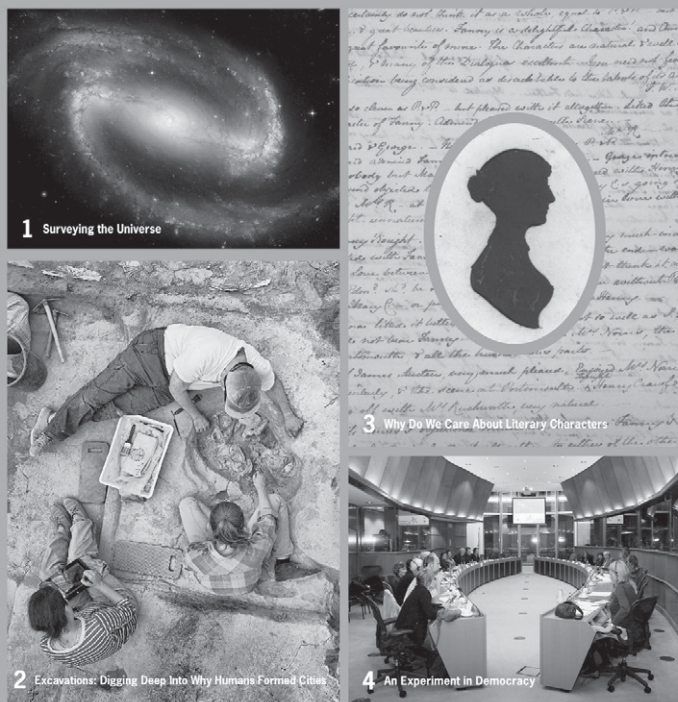
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The Menlo Park Library's inaugural coloring event drew 16 participants.



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some beautiful coloring sheets that are so well-conceived and intricate — you can really create some magnificent color schemes. It reminds me of all the drawings I did as a kid, daydreaming during class.”

East West Bookshop in Mountain View held a coloring workshop for adults at the end of January. The New Age store’s book buyer, Diane Holcomb, said that while there’ve always been a few coloring books in stock during her 10 years there, in the past six to eight months, demand has exploded.

“Now we don’t have room on the shelves for any more,” she said. “We have everything from Earth-art designs to animals, mandalas. ... The big craze now is ‘stress-free coloring,’” she said, including titles such as “Color Me Calm” and books that include affirmations.

“It’s that theme of the Zen state through coloring. There are no side effects, just a little investment of pencil or pens and time,” she said of using coloring as a relaxation technique.

Garcia and Mente both enjoy the wide variety of coloring books on the market now, from beautiful landscapes, Paris street scenes and Day of the Dead imagery, to books based on the “Harry Potter” and

“Outlander” series and more — “like an all ‘80s coloring book my colleague gave me, full of pictures of high-top Reebok sneakers and portraits of Madonna and Molly Ringwald,” Mente said.

The appeal of coloring seems to be a mix of the stress-reduction benefits, the nostalgia factor, and the simple joy of creating beauty.

“I think about the Pablo Picasso quote, ‘Every child is an artist; the problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up,’” Mente said. “Coloring allows us to connect back to those artists we were as children.” ■

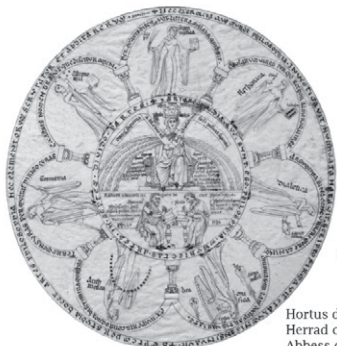
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**Info:** Palo Alto’s Mitchell Park Library and the Mountain View Library hold coloring events on the third Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. and the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., respectively. For more information on these events, or for future coloring events hosted by the other venues mentioned, check online at: [goo.gl/bTBQrC](http://goo.gl/bTBQrC); [goo.gl/2HOnHF](http://goo.gl/2HOnHF); [menlopark.org/389/Library](http://menlopark.org/389/Library); [eastwest.com](http://eastwest.com); [library.stanford.edu/libraries](http://library.stanford.edu/libraries); and [smcl.org/en/content/east-palo-alto](http://smcl.org/en/content/east-palo-alto).

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THEATER REVIEW

# Fear and loathing in Manhattan

'U.S. Drag' is edgy but shallow

by Karla Kane

In Dragon Theatre's new production of Gina Gionfriddo's black comedy "U.S. Drag," the world is a dark and desperate place, full of narcissists, sociopaths, fools and cynics. Gionfriddo's original production notes accurately call the piece "a play about fear and terror."

Lead characters Allison (Olivia Haas) and Angela (Liz Frederick) could have stepped out of a looking-glass version of the TV show "Girls." Best friends since college, they're scraping by in Manhattan, trying to manage the crushing disappointment that is post-graduate life in the real world. Though they purportedly graduated from Vassar College with honors, they put on ditzy, party-girl personas and spend most of their time clubbing, looking for potential sugar daddies.

Allison refuses to get a job, thinking herself deserving of better things than the ordinary, the entry level, minimum wage. She wants, she says, to have the elusive "it," without having to do anything to earn it; to be well-known and well off by virtue of being in the right place at the right time — or, rather, the wrong place (she's like an Internet rant about Millennials and spoiled "kids these days" incarnate). She fetishizes crime and tragedy victims and their associates, seeing their pain as opportunities to

cash in. Haas is rubber-faced and skilled in comic reactions, playing Allison as vapid and emotionally overwrought.

Angela, the de facto leader of the two, is cool-headed, pragmatic and quick to find a potential lucrative scam in every situation, and Frederick's shrewdly vicious performance is a standout. Her Angela is cold and calculating, and yet, with the clueless loonies that surround her, one can't help but partially relate to her exasperation.

The duo have a horrible roommate, Ned (a shrill and hammy William Gaorin), a Wall Street worker who is socially inept and prone to insults, temper tantrums and fits of weeping. He allows the girls to live with him on the unfulfilled promise that they'll bring friends, parties and a future wife to him. He is the worst sort of "beta male" — hating and judging women because he fears them.

Allison and Angela become members of a community advocacy group called "Stay Away From Ed" (SAFE), hoping to earn the reward for information leading to the capture of "Ed," a mysterious perpetrator attacking people around the city. There they meet group organizer Evan (Peter Ray Juarez), whose entire identity is wrapped up in his role as a "helper." He's a familiar type, full of therapeutic buzzwords and ear-



Angela (Liz Frederick, center left) and Allison (Olivia Haas, far right) toy with would-be suitors Christopher (Josiah Frampton, far left) and James (Jeremy Ryan, center right).

nestness but little tangible skill.

The girls also meet Christopher (the excellent Josiah Frampton), an author of a sort-of memoir (he says it's true, just not exactly literally). A recovering addict, he's a wannabe martyr and an emotional mess who quivers with needs and neuroses and tries to turn every conversation into a self-pity party. However, he also proves insightful on the damaged psyches of the others.

The concept of "help" is a recurring theme in the play, but in this paranoid world, "help" is something to be avoided and indifference cultivated instead. "Ed" preys upon his lonely victims by asking them for help, which is why SAFE encourages its members to avoid involvement (sample slogan: "A Good Samaritan is a dead Samaritan").

Most of "U.S. Drag"'s characters are unpleasant. Its two most likeable figures are murder-ob-

sessed, sweetly creepy (or creepily sweet?) oddball James (Jeremy Ryan) and chirpy Mary (Lauren Hayes), a recent "Ed" victim who sees her attack as a life-defining event.

The title "U.S. Drag" comes from a William Burroughs reference to a sense of creeping doom and malaise in modern America, a mood definitely captured by the script and production. Fear and terror aside, the play is a comedy, and its barbed satirical pokes at ineffective community-support groups, creative nonfiction and the cult of celebrity crime hit their targets, although it all wears thin after a while. The writing grows heavy-handed and obvious at times, such as when Evan literally declares, "I have to help! I'm a helper!" This, combined with the one-dimensional characterizations, lends the production an amateurish air.

Though it has its funny and

thought-provoking moments, "U.S. Drag" seems to be, like its characters, unable to rise above its basic shallowness and inflated sense of self-importance. As when waking after an unsettling dream, one leaves the theater happy to break the mean-spirited spell, ready to return to the possibility of a kinder, gentler world. ■

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**What:** "U.S. Drag" by Gina Gionfriddo  
**Where:** Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City  
**When:** Until Feb. 28, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.  
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### Dazzling display

Get a dose of animation, colors and music during the Magic Lantern 3-D light show at Redwood City's Courthouse Square on Tuesday evenings through April 26. Images are projected directly onto the San Mateo County History Museum facade in a custom installation. The new show is again designed by light artist Bart Kresa and will feature seasonal images, including nods to Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Cinco de Mayo and the San Francisco Giants Opening Day. The free, 15-minute light shows takes place at 7 and 8 p.m. for the first few weeks, starting later as daylight increases. Go to [visitrwc.org/](http://visitrwc.org/)

## Music

### Valentine's Day sing-along

Celebrate love and friendship with Schola Cantorum's Valentine's Day Sing-Along on Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. The giant karaoke event will be led by assistant conductor and piano accompanist Dawn Reyen. The words for each song, including Broadway and movie tunes, and hits by the Beatles and Elvis, will be projected on a large screen so everyone can sing along. The event starts at 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$15. Go to [scholacantorum.org/home](http://scholacantorum.org/home).

## Stand-up show

### Coffee and comedy

Get caffeinated and catch a free comedy show on Sunday, Feb. 14, at Red Rock Coffee in downtown Mountain View. Bay Area comic Kevin Wong will host the stand-up show featuring Bay Area comedians who have appeared at the Punch Line, Cobbs, San Jose Improv, Tommy T's and the SF International Comedy Competition, including Matt Curry, Matt Gubser, Saul Trujillo, Sam Meeker and Shea NaNee Shea. Show starts at 8 p.m. Red Rock Coffee is located at 201 Castro St. Go to [redrockcoffee.org](http://redrockcoffee.org).

## Talk

### 'Nature Spirituality from the Ground Up'

How can people connect more deeply with the ecosystem in a spiritual manner? Lupa, a neoshaman, artist and author of "Nature Spirituality from the Ground Up," will provide an answer to that question during a

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See video footage of previous Magic Lantern 3-D light shows linked in the story at [goo.gl/JNP547](http://goo.gl/JNP547)

talk at Mountain View's East West Bookstore, 324 Castro St., Monday, Feb. 15. The event is free, but call 650-988-9800 to reserve a seat. Go to [eastwest.com](http://eastwest.com).

## Music

### Trends in percussion

See what's hot in percussion during a free performance from Austin-based Line Upon Line percussion trio at Stanford University's CCRMA Stage, 660 Lomita Court, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7:30-9 p.m. The trio — Adam Bedell, Cullen Faulk and Matthew Teodori — uses Mapex drums, Remo drumheads, Sabian cymbals, Vic Firth sticks and Grover Pro Percussion to enhance contemporary art music by performing newly-commissioned works alongside existent masterpieces. Go to [events.stanford.edu/events/576/57627/](http://events.stanford.edu/events/576/57627/).

## Theater

### 'Judy Moody Gets Famous'

Take the kids to see the Peninsula Youth Theatre's original stage adaptation of "Judy Moody Gets Famous" by Megan McDonald and Dexter Fidler. Judy Moody knows she is destined for fame, but which of her many talents will make her a shining star? The performance, directed by Loryn Hatten, will take place at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. Feb. 12-13. Cost is \$8. Go to [pytnet.org](http://pytnet.org).

Above: 3-D "Magic Lantern" light shows return to downtown Redwood City on Tuesday evenings.



# Eating Out



Instructkional participant Elizabeth Miranda preps potatoes for the next day's meal in Off the Grid's commissary kitchen.

Four months ago, Elizabeth Miranda was just another aspiring baker, working her way through the management ranks at Kara's Cupcakes after graduating from Le Cordon Bleu culinary college in Sacramento.

But a new, perhaps one-of-a-kind program aimed at teaching people like Miranda how to build a food-truck business from the ground up is putting her career on the fast track.

Instructkional is a new program from Bay Area food-truck giant Off the Grid, which since 2010 has steadily taken over the Bay Area with its popular markets, including ones in Palo Alto, Mountain View and Menlo Park.

The two-year program puts participants through all of the necessary training, from cooking to marketing to operations, to run a successful mobile-food business. They don't even need to have any culinary experience to qualify.

Off the Grid founder Matt Cohen said the idea came from the many passionate, entrepreneurial people who apply for a spot at one of the company's markets but lack the level of culinary or business skills necessary to make it.

"This was a real opportunity for us to bring those two needs together — a passion (for) entrepreneurship, but also, at the same time, the business structure and training to give people a real launching pad to be able to learn the skills necessary to run a really successful food business," Cohen said.

Off the Grid partnered with Google to launch Instructkional in December. The two companies had already worked together to build Google's mobile catering program, The Whole Cart, which aims to "use mobile food as an innovative way to change corporate dining," Cohen said. Appropriately, Instructkional is described as an incubator program that provides a "supportive, creative environment for aspiring entrepreneurs in the food industry to develop and test their concepts, along with the tools needed to be successful in the public market" in a press release from Off the Grid.

Instructkional's 24-month curriculum

## FOOD TRUCK 101

INSTRUCTKIONAL OFFERS TRAINING, EXPERTISE TO WOULD-BE FOOD-TRUCK ENTREPRENEURS

BY ELENA KADVANY



Courtesy Instructkional/The Whole Cart

is carefully mapped out, week by week, touching on everything from taking inventory, ordering and kitchen skills to financial planning, business strategy, branding and design, marketing strategy, personnel management and overall business operations. The entire process is guided by Off the Grid employees, like its executive chef and operations people, who function as expert mentors for the participants.

To top it off, participants get paid as full-time Whole Cart employees with full benefits, Cohen said.

People like Miranda start the program with basic culinary training at Off the Grid's commissary kitchen in San Francisco, then move to working as line cooks on food trucks serving meals at Google's campus in Mountain View. They're expected to prepare the trucks at another commissary in Hayward, picking up whatever food is needed for that day's menu, and then drive them to Mountain View each day. At the end of the day, it's back to Hayward, where they take inventory of the food, refill water and propane tanks, clean the trucks and restock for another day of service.

Participants progress to taking on leadership roles on the trucks. Miranda is currently working as a supervisor, managing the other employees, keeping track of inventory and overseeing service. She rotates trucks depending on where she's needed each day.

The real fun comes next: planning and testing Miranda's own food-truck concept.

Growing up in Modesto, Miranda said she was always baking at home. For family parties, she and her cousin tested recipes from a "Fundamentals of Baking" cookbook her mother bought her.

When it came time to go to college, she decided to attend a culinary program at a junior college in Modesto. It was a test of her commitment to the profession — her parents wanted her to pursue a "more financially steady route" but said if she completed that program and still wanted to move forward, they would help her go to culinary school.

Miranda ended up studying baking and pastry at Le Cordon Bleu. She did her "ex-

ternship" at Thomas Keller's well-regarded Ad Hoc in Yountville, then moved to Kara's Cupcakes in Palo Alto. She soon progressed from baker to assistant manager and then manager, and helped open a new Kara's location in Burlingame.

Drawing on her Mexican background, Miranda's truck will be a Mexican-French dessert concept. She just started testing out recipes, which she does each Friday at the commissary kitchen. Last week, she started working on a twist on the classic Mexican breakfast dish, chilaquiles — topping them with a sweet, rather than savory, sauce.

She'll soon start working on the identity, branding and physical look of the truck. Off the Grid will help her design it all, and when she completes the program, it's hers to keep.

Miranda said the most valuable aspect of the program has been the business side.

"Just getting to learn how to open a business, a food truck from the bottom up — I never had experience in that," she said. "I've always known I wanted to own a business, but if I wanted to do it on my own, I'd have to go elsewhere and pay for it and take out a loan probably and do who knows what else."

Once her truck is ready, she'll spend the second year of the program running it at Google. She'll also have opportunities to do pop-ups at Off the Grid markets, and learn more about financing, insurance and the legal requirements of running a business, Cohen said.

"By the time they leave, they have a business plan, they own the branding and identity they worked on, and they take that and hopefully start a food truck or a quick service (establishment) and get involved in the food industry," he added. "We think it's a really a first-of-its-kind program for how to start people in the food business or let people who are passionate about something really explore the food business as what they want to do."

Cohen said he's heard of other food-incubator programs, but they're mostly nonprofits, aren't paid and focus more on launching a business rather than developing one.

Instructkional accepts applications on a rolling basis, and no previous culinary experience is required to apply. Acceptance criteria is also "not solely based on applicants' concept ideas but on innovation, potential for growth and ambition as an entrepreneur," according to a press release. Off the Grid is aiming to enroll eight participants in its first year of operation. By the end of that year, five of those participants will have completed training and received the approvals necessary to launch their food trucks.

"My hope is that in two years from now, when the first graduates start graduating from this program, it's going to have a rising-tide, raising-all-boats effect for the mobile food industry in the Bay Area to really improve the already excellent food that we have," Cohen said.

For more information and to apply, go to [instructkional.com](http://instructkional.com) or email [info@instructkional.com](mailto:info@instructkional.com).

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# Movies

OPENINGS



Courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp./Marvel

Ryan Reynolds and Stefan Kapicic star in the superhero feature "Deadpool."

## Leaping into the shallow end

'Deadpool' pokes fun at itself: another Marvel movie

★★★ (Century 16 and 20)

The new Marvel superhero (sorta) movie is obnoxious, snarky, gruntingly sexual and violent. And it knows it. It's everything the American Family Association and the Parents Television Council rail against. It's also a helluva lot of fun, at least for the Comic-Con set. In giving the fans what they want, "Deadpool" is pretty much on point, especially in light of the misbegotten "X-Men Origins: Wolverine," which gave the fast-healing mutant mercenary Deadpool his big-screen debut.

Oddly enough, Ryan Reynolds played Deadpool both in that

2009 film and in the coming-out-party retake hitting theaters now. Conventional wisdom said that Reynolds — who plays the part like a stand-up comic with a compulsion to be funny to blunt his pain — was the right guy for the role, just in the wrong movie. Rumors percolated persistently until 20th Century Fox confirmed the project five years later, basically by popular demand stoked by Reynolds himself and visual effects artist Tim Miller, who was developing the material.

At last, the film from director Miller, star Reynolds and screenwriters Paul Wernick and Rhett

Reese arrives, determined to waste no more time. The opening credits sequence stages action with next-level special effects reminiscent of "The Matrix" and, in place of actors' names, cheeky acknowledgments of blockbuster superhero-movie formula ("A Hot Chick ... The British Villain ..."). Shortly, the wisecracking "Merc with a Mouth," a.k.a. Wade Wilson, assures the audience, "I may be super, but I'm noooo hero," promising more fourth-wall-breaking acknowledgments of the audience: he's Bugs Bunny with a face full of scars, an automatic pistol, and a pair of katanas.

He's also psychopathic, thanks largely to the aforementioned British Villain (Ed Skrein's mutant Ajax) and Wade's loss of the "Hot Chick," girlfriend Vanessa Carlyle (Morena Baccarin of "Homeland"). Casual superhero fans may be surprised by the dynamic that emerges as Deadpool goes after his target: a couple of heroes show up to try to wrangle the antihero, and they're X-Men: steel-bound Colossus (voice of Stefan Kapicic) and the sullen, aptly named Negasonic Teenage Warhead (Brianna Hildebrand). In fact, the flick stocks up on fun supporting characters, including T.J. Miller as Wade's witty bartender buddy and Leslie Uggams as Wade's elderly blind roommate.

Any movie that's sassy from here to eternity like this one isn't going to please every crowd (think "Kick-Ass"). Deadpool's irreverent attitude amounts to an elaborate pose distracting from another comic-book-vigilante origin story. "Deadpool" may not be wildly fresh, but it does wriggle against its genre straitjacket, and if it doesn't quite escape, it puts on a great show in the process.

Rated R for language, some violent images, drug use and brief graphic nudity. One hour, 48 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



Courtesy of Dog Eat Dog Films/IMG Films

Michael Moore "invades" other nations to see what the U.S. can learn from them.

## Moore to see

Comic documentary

'Where To Invade Next' says 'yes we can'

★★★ (CineArts @Palo Alto Square and Century 20)

The American political climate of the last decade has largely been defined by the tension between "Yes We Can" and "No We Can't," and as our current election cycle heats up, the Democratic debate has become one of Hillary Clinton's stay-the-party-course practicality versus Bernie Sanders' progressive idealism. Liberal media icon Michael Moore has officially endorsed Sanders, but even if he hadn't, we could've guessed where his sympathies lie on the basis of his latest film, "Where We Invade Next."

Setting a spritely tone, Moore's first feature film in six years refutes American exceptionalism by suggesting that we've exported our best ideas and misspent our plenty, throwing trillions of dollars at lost war after lost war instead of taking care of our own. The director, producer and on-camera personality frames his documentary picaresque by giving the U.S. military-industrial complex a sidelong glance, then

setting off on his own to scout for the best countries to "invade." As he tools around Western Europe and, for a spell, Tunisia, Moore beams and plants an American flag wherever he finds an inspiring idea to plunder and bring home.

Italy boasts its weeks of paid vacation, five-month maternity leave, and two-hour lunches. Finland shows off its No. 1 education, Norway displays its humane prison conditions, and Portugal touts its abandonment of a war on drugs in favor of free universal health care, a policeman explaining, "Human dignity is the backbone of our society." And in a funny and jaw-dropping tour de France, Moore finds healthy, locally sourced four-course meals being served in an elementary school cafeteria, at a lesser cost than the typically unhealthy American fare. Where he finds dedicated women's rights and economic jus-

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**45 Years (R) \*\*\*1/2**  
**Aquarius Theatre:** 1:45, 4, 7 & 9:15 p.m.

**The 5th Wave (PG-13)**  
**Century 20:** 1:45 & 7:35 p.m.

**Anomalisa (R) \*\*\*1/2**  
**Aquarius Theatre:** 2:25, 4:35, 7:40 & 9:50 p.m.

**The Big Short (R) \*\*\*1/2**  
**Century 16:** 10:20 a.m., 1:25, 4:40, 7:40 & 10:40 p.m.  
**Century 20:** 10:20 a.m., 1:40, 4:45, 7:45 & 10:45 p.m.

**The Boy (PG-13) Century 20:** 10:55 a.m., 4:35 & 10:25 p.m.

**Brooklyn (PG-13) \*\*\*1/2**  
**Century 16:** Fri. 10 a.m., 4 p.m. Sat. & Sun. 10:15 a.m. Sat. 1:20 & 4:30 p.m. Sun. 4:50 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:40 a.m.

**The Choice (PG-13)**  
**Century 16:** 9:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:10 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 10:45 a.m., 4:15 p.m. Sun. 10:40 a.m.

**Deadpool (R) \*\*\*** **Century 16:** 5:10, 5:55, 6:40, 7:20, 7:55, 8:40, 9:25, 10:05 & 10:40 p.m. Fri. & Sun. 4:35 p.m. Sun. 10:10, 10:55 & 11:40 a.m., 12:25, 1:05, 1:55, 2:25, 3:10 & 3:55 p.m. **Century 20:** 10, 10:40 & 11:20 a.m., 12:40, 1:20, 2, 3:20, 4, 4:40, 5:55, 6:40, 7:20, 8:40, 9:20 & 10 p.m. In X-D at 11:55 a.m., 2:35, 5:15, 8 & 10:45 p.m. In D-BOX at 10:40 & 11:20 a.m., 1:20, 2, 4, 4:40, 6:40, 7:20, 9:20 & 10 p.m.

**Dirty Grandpa (R) Century 20:** Fri. & Sat. 1:40 & 7:25 p.m.

**The Finest Hours (PG-13) \*\*1/2**  
**Century 20:** 10:05 a.m., 1:10, 7:30 & 10:35 p.m.

**Fitoor (Not Rated) Century 16:** 12:05, 6:30 & 10 p.m.

**Hail, Caesar! (PG-13)**  
**Century 20:** 10:35 a.m., 1:15, 2:50, 4:20, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:50 & 10:45 p.m. Fri. & Sun. 12:10 p.m. Sat. 12:15 p.m.  
**Palo Alto Square:** 1:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 9:55 p.m.

**How to Be Single (R) Century 16:** 10 & 10:45 a.m., 12:40, 1:35, 4:25, 6:05, 7:15 & 10:05 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:10 & 11:30 a.m., 12:55, 2:15, 3:40, 5, 6:25, 7:45, 9:10 & 10:35 p.m.

**Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG)**  
**Century 16:** 11:45 a.m., 12:55, 2:15, 4:45, 5:55, 7:10, 8:20 & 9:45 p.m. In 3-D at 10:30 a.m., 3:30 & 10:45 p.m.  
**Century 20:** 10:15 & 11:25 a.m., 1:55, 3:15, 4:30, 7:05, 8:15 & 9:40 p.m. In 3-D at 12:45, 5:45 & 10:40 p.m.

**The Lady in the Van (PG-13) \*\*\***  
**Century 16:** 11:15 a.m., 1:50, 4:25 & 7 p.m.

**Laura (1944) (Not Rated)**  
**Stanford Theatre:** 7:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun. 3:45 p.m.

**Oscar Nominated Short Films 2016: Animation (Not Rated) \*\*\* Guild Theatre:** 2:30, 4:45, 7:15 & 9:30 p.m.

**The Philadelphia Story (1940) (Not Rated)**  
**Stanford Theatre:** 5:25 & 9:10 p.m.

**Pretty in Pink (1986) (PG-13) Century 16:** Sun. 2 p.m.  
**Century 20:** Sun 2 & 7 p.m.

**Pride and Prejudice and Zombies (PG-13)**  
**Century 16:** 10:05 a.m., 1, 4:05, 7:25 & 10:10 p.m.  
**Century 20:** 11:35 a.m., 2:20, 5, 7:40 & 10:25 p.m.

**The Revenant (R) \*\*1/2**  
**Century 16:** 11:55 a.m., 3:25, 7:05 & 10:35 p.m.  
**Century 20:** 11:40 a.m., 3:15, 6:55 & 10:20 p.m.

**Room (R) Century 16:** 3:35 p.m.

**Spotlight (R) \*\*\*1/2**  
**Century 16:** 7:30 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 4:10 p.m.

**Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens (PG-13) \*\*\*** **Century 16:** 10 a.m., 1:10, 4:20, 7:35 & 10:45 p.m.  
**Century 20:** 11 a.m., 2:30, 7:15 & 10:30 p.m.

**Where to Invade Next (R) \*\*\***  
**Century 20:** 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 & 10:30 p.m.  
**Palo Alto Square:** 1, 4, 7 & 9:50 p.m.

**Zoolander 2 (PG-13) Century 16:** 11 a.m., 1:40, 3:20, 4:15, 7, 8:45 & 9:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:15 a.m., 1:50, 2:50, 4:25, 5:25, 7, 8:05, 9:45 & 10:45 p.m.

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tice (prosecutions included), they look pretty attractive too.

Moore's entertaining shtick can play like a super-sized episode of one of his TV series ("TV Nation" and "The Awful Truth"), but that's not a bad thing. Yes, looking too closely at "Where to Invade Next" reveals that it's a bit haphazard and a whole lot simplistic in its anecdotal approach to appealing

social programs and government practices abroad, but Moore finds a galvanizing climax by rallying around the notion that idealism trumps, if you'll pardon the word, defeatism. Maybe we can't have it all, but we can live a little longer, feel a little better, and expand human rights instead of withholding them. We can have Moore instead of settling for less.

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## Home Front

### CHANGE OF SEASONS ...

Local gardeners can gear up for spring with the help of UCCE Master Gardeners during a drop-in Winter to Spring Plant Clinic on **Saturday, Feb. 13**, 9-11 a.m. at Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Master Gardeners will supply tips on coping with frost damage, utilizing compost, timing for plantings, handling diseases and pests, soil types, plant nutrition, cultivation practices, pruning roses, selecting bare-root roses and more. A rose expert will be available, and handouts will be provided. Admission is free. Info: [mastergardeners.org/scc](http://mastergardeners.org/scc) or 408-282-3110

### SHARING TIME ...

Transition Palo Alto invites community members to bring something to share while picking up helpful knowledge and items at its latest Share Faire on **Sunday, Feb. 14**, 1-3 p.m., in rooms A3 and A7 at the Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. There will be garden produce, arts and crafts supplies, books, toys and clothes — as well as demonstrations on subjects such as music, bike repair and video storytelling. This February event has a theme of “The Fabric of our Community.” Info: [transitionpaloalto.org/sharing-expos/](http://transitionpaloalto.org/sharing-expos/)

### KEEP IT GOING ...

Rather than condemning favorite items to the landfill, local residents can enlist the help of a volunteer in getting goods back into working condition at the next Repair Café on **Saturday, Feb. 20**, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. Volunteers can assist in fixing bicycles, clothing, computers, jewelry, lamps, mechanical items, small appliances, furniture and more. There is no cost for repairs, though visitors may be asked to pay for some supplied parts. Info: [repaircafe-paloalto.org](http://repaircafe-paloalto.org)

### PUTTING DOWN ROOTS ...

Arborist Tom Cronin will share knowledge about the selection and care of fruit trees during a hands-on workshop called “Homesteading 101: All About Bare Root Trees” on **Saturday, Feb. 20**, 2-4 p.m., at Common Ground Garden, 687 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Among other topics, he will cover the definition of bare root, tree and plant selection, timing, hole size, planting depth and tree fertilization. The class costs \$36.87. Info: [commongroundgarden.org](http://commongroundgarden.org)

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Master gardener Roberta Barnes stands in the water-wise garden beds at the UC Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden on Center Drive in Palo Alto. Barnes will be leading a free seminar on low-water gardening at Rinconada Library on Feb. 18.

## Saving water and blooming all year round

Water-wise gardens offer plenty of color options, says gardening teacher

by Crystal Tai | photos by Veronica Weber

Water-wise gardens, popular during the drought, do not have to be a colorless compromise, according to Roberta Barnes, who teaches science-based gardening in Palo Alto. Planned right, they can be a great source of year-round blooms.

California native plants and others from similar climates beautify a water-wise garden at different times throughout the year, said Barnes who will be leading a seminar, “Success with Low-water Ornamentals,” at Rinconada Library in Palo Alto on Feb. 18, starting at 7 p.m.

“Low-water plants from Australia usually bloom in winter,” she said. “Then it’s Mediterranean rosemary in late winter through early spring, naturalized tulips in spring, water-wise roses from late spring through summer, lavender in summer, California fuchsia in late summer through early fall, and correa from October all the way through next spring.”

The seminar will cover how to design a water-saving garden with plants that bloom all year round and how to add low-water plants to a regular garden by hydro-zoning, the practice of clustering plants with similar water requirements in an effort to conserve water. The free presentation is part of a series sponsored by the Palo Alto Library and the nonprofit University of California Master Gardeners of Santa Clara County.

Water-smart gardening has already caught on in Palo Alto. Resident Jane Foglesong said she and her husband are adding native

plants to their garden because they are attractive, require less water and chemical fertilizers, encourage beneficial insects and aid in the pollination of fruit trees.

“At present the native plants are integrated with other plants that need more regular watering, but over time we will add more natives, replacing those that need more water,” Foglesong said.

To grow low-water plants, Barnes said it’s best to start when the soil is damp, before the end of winter rains, which means there is still a little time left this year.

“One thing to keep in mind is that these plants still need a little water especially in their first year. ‘Low water’ doesn’t mean no water,” Barnes said.

As for how often one should water these natives, Barnes said, it varies from plant to plant.

Palo Alto resident Sue Luttner said her family changed their landscaping to eliminate the need for irrigation.

“When our first son was born in July of 1988 and I found myself with no time to shower, let alone water the yard, I let the lawn die,” Luttner said. “We replaced it with native plants or plants native to similar climates.”

Luttner called columbines and zauschneria “big winners” among the low-water plants at her house because they keep reseeding themselves. She also has plenty of herbs in her garden, including lavender and rosemary.

Palo Alto resident Pamela Chesavage said her family has a mix of natives and edibles in their front

yard. The native plants needed very minimal hand watering after the initial installation and no additional water after the third year.

“I’d encourage folks to try to design their gardens themselves,” Chesavage said. “Going to the class on the 18th would be a good start, but then I’d encourage folks to check out some books on California native plants, figure out which ones they like, measure their yards, and then start figuring out how to do the installation themselves.”

Chesavage added that installation is by far the costliest part of changing a landscape, but it’s not hard for amateurs to do.

Walking in the Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden on Center Road in Palo Alto recently, Barnes passed by a variety of low-water plants: bell-shaped correa flowers in blush pink, periwinkle rosemary flowers, yellow cone-flowers and coral-pink grevilleas. In the distance, a hardenbergia vine covered the fence with pinkish purple blooms.

“In my view, a water-wise garden is more interesting than a regular one,” Barnes said. “It’s amazing how low-water plants conserve water with either small or fuzzy leaves. It’s also fascinating to observe the differences between regular and water-wise roses.”

Gardeners who aim to save water don’t have to replace their entire yards.

Callie Elliston, a master gardener who lives in Palo Alto, said her family replaced the lawns with native plants that only need water once a month. But they retained lemon, apple, persimmon and pineapple guava trees, along with blueberry bushes, for screening purposes and to save on re-landscaping costs.

“Now we have a glorious spring and enjoy a sustainable garden that provides shelter to native pollinators and small birds,” she said.

Elliston added a plug for fellow



From top to bottom, a purple vine lilac, a *Cotyledon orbiculata* ‘Macrantha’ succulent and white daffodils bloom in the UC Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden.

master gardener Barnes’ seminar: “Roberta is one of my favorite speakers — an excellent teacher, knowledgeable, with a keen sense of design.” ■

Freelance writer Crystal Tai can be emailed at [crystal2@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:crystal2@stanfordalumni.org).

**What:** Success with Low-water Ornamentals with master gardener Roberta Barnes  
**Date:** Thursday, Feb. 18  
**Time:** 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Embarcadero Program Room, Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Road, Palo Alto  
**Cost:** Free, no preregistration is required  
**Info:** [mastergardeners.org/2016-02-18/Success-With-Low-Water-Ornamentals](http://mastergardeners.org/2016-02-18/Success-With-Low-Water-Ornamentals)



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### HOME SALES

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#### East Palo Alto

**2265 Cooley Ave.** Working Dirt to S. & F. Nawar for \$770,000 on 01/13/16; built 1947, 2bd, 1180 sq. ft.; previous sale 09/27/2011, \$235,000

**2712 Fordham St.** C. Lombera to S. Mora for \$400,000 on 01/08/16; built 1952, 3bd, 1010 sq. ft.; previous sale 03/13/2003, \$375,000

**148 Gardenia Way** O. & M. Cerda to J. Yu for \$670,000 on 01/12/16; built 1950, 2bd, 1360 sq. ft.; previous sale 03/01/2013, \$380,000

**2447 Illinois St.** M. Reid to D. & R. Castaneda for \$600,000 on 01/12/16; built 1951, 3bd, 1270 sq. ft.

**2115 Myrtle Place** M. Gonzalez to D. Li for \$850,000 on 01/08/16; built 2001, 4bd, 2000 sq. ft.; previous sale 05/10/2001, \$579,000

**1245 Jervis Ave.** C. Chien to T. Zaytseva for \$632,000 on 12/31/15; previous sale 10/02/2015, \$510,000

**1163 Westminster Ave.** G. & V. Kunkle to D. & L. Tseng for \$615,000 on 01/07/16; previous sale 11/15/2010, \$250,000

#### Los Altos

**1070 Mercedes Ave. #6** S. Chen to G. & A. Barry for \$900,000 on 01/22/16; built 1972, 2bd, 960 sq. ft.; previous sale 08/07/2012, \$516,000

**569 Orange Ave.** Dodds Trust to W. & C. Hoffenberg for \$2,300,000 on 01/21/16; built 1945, 3bd, 1518 sq. ft.

**50 West Edith Ave. #5** B. Ta to P. Joy for \$1,400,000 on 01/20/16; built 1979, 2bd, 1562 sq. ft.; previous sale 07/23/2013, \$870,100

### SALES AT A GLANCE

#### East Palo Alto

Total sales reported: **7**  
Lowest sales price: **\$400,000**  
Highest sales price: **\$850,000**

#### Los Altos

Total sales reported: **3**  
Lowest sales price: **\$900,000**  
Highest sales price: **\$2,300,000**

#### Los Altos Hills

Total sales reported: **1**  
Lowest sales price: **\$4,175,000**  
Highest sales price: **\$4,175,000**

#### Menlo Park

Total sales reported: **8**  
Lowest sales price: **\$805,000**  
Highest sales price: **\$3,425,000**

#### Mountain View

Total sales reported: **18**  
Lowest sales price: **\$528,000**  
Highest sales price: **\$3,600,000**

#### Palo Alto

Total sales reported: **8**  
Lowest sales price: **\$650,000**  
Highest sales price: **\$3,775,000**

#### Portola Valley

Total sales reported: **2**  
Lowest sales price: **\$2,400,000**  
Highest sales price: **\$2,700,000**

Source: California REsource

#### Los Altos Hills

**14195 Wild Plum Lane** Steiner Trust to Wild Plum Lane Limited for \$4,175,000 on 01/25/16; built 1983, 5bd, 3924 sq. ft.; previous sale 10/01/1982, \$285,000

#### Menlo Park

**839 Marsh Road** K. Edwards to C. Hill for \$805,000 on 01/08/16; built 1949, 3bd, 1070 sq. ft.

**457 7th Ave.** S. Brown to R. & J. Schoelerman for \$900,000 on 01/07/16; previous sale 07/30/1996, \$261,500

**1161 Cloud Ave.** Camp Trust to S. Satvatmanesh for \$1,760,000 on 01/04/16

**1170 Cloud Ave.** V. & J. Pucetti to E. Maples for \$2,800,000 on 01/04/16; previous sale 09/08/1995, \$349,000

**2044 Gordon Ave.** A. & M. Croushore to P. & J. Ha for \$3,000,000 on 01/04/16; previous sale 02/20/2008, \$2,235,000

**117 O'Keefe St.** Wise Trust to A. & K. Grewal for \$1,200,000 on 12/31/15

#### 505 Sandlewood St.

J. Villalba to D. & D. Chen for \$1,130,000 on 01/05/16; previous sale 05/31/2007, \$785,000

#### 7 Vasilakos Court

Baugh Trust to A. & M. Croushore for \$3,425,000 on 01/04/16; previous sale 11/05/2004, \$1,895,000

#### Mountain View

**1951 Colony St.** William Lyon Homes to R. Zhou for \$1,522,500 on 01/22/16; built 1977, 21539 sq. ft.; previous sale 01/20/2016, \$1,330,000

**680 Emily Drive** H. Tsatsos to P. McDougall for \$750,000 on 01/21/16; built 1954, 3bd, 1047 sq. ft.; previous sale 12/17/2013, \$380,000

**472 Kasra Drive** J. & K. Zhang to M. Seztos for \$800,000 on 01/21/16; built 2007, 2bd, 1236 sq. ft.; previous sale 09/30/2008, \$621,500

**2525 Katrina Way** Guest Trust to R. & P. Nalumasu for \$2,165,000 on 01/21/16; built 1967, 4bd, 2120 sq. ft.

**1910 Mt. Vernon Court #16**

National Residential to C. Su for \$528,000 on 01/22/16; built 1963, 1bd, 818 sq. ft.; previous sale 01/22/2016, \$528,000

**818 Sevely Drive** Williams Trust to N. Ashouri for \$1,650,000 on 01/22/16; built 1964, 2246 sq. ft.

**732 Borello Way** L. Rogers to A. Mobasher for \$1,755,000 on 01/14/16; previous sale 06/13/1986, \$82,500

**938 Clark Ave. #48** E. Lundberg to D. & P. Wadors for \$925,000 on 01/19/16; previous sale 10/25/2013, \$672,000

**505 Cypress Point Drive #18** R. Barron to D. Summerhays for \$766,000 on 01/13/16; previous sale 06/07/2005, \$495,000

**1796 Elsie Ave.** Collins Trust to Y. Liu for \$1,250,000 on 01/15/16

**636 Hope St. #5** Malek Legacy to Y. Zhou for \$2,099,000 on 01/15/16

**612 Hope St.** Malek Legacy to O. Baror for \$2,205,000 on 01/15/16

**2211 Latham St. #122** K. Lyon to Chen Trust for \$837,500 on 01/15/16; previous sale 04/16/2012, \$415,000

**1660 Lee Drive** D. Gorzynski to C. & D. Wang for \$1,830,000 on 01/15/16

**349 Martens Ave.** Grandquist Trust to C. Koo for \$3,600,000 on 01/13/16; previous sale 08/17/1984, \$330,000

**1915 Mt. Vernon Court #18** H. Li to M. & A. Hsieh for \$720,000 on 01/14/16; previous sale 01/06/2015, \$600,000

**777 San Carrizo Way** Fremstad Trust to B. & S. Kiang for \$1,570,000 on 01/19/16; previous sale 06/07/2006, \$525,000

**285 Santa Rosa Ave.** Nakano Trust to C. Ulpindo for \$1,500,000 on 01/14/16

**3330 Vernon Terrace** J. Zhuang to Y. Tsin for \$2,302,000 on 01/20/16; built 1952, 4bd, 1480 sq. ft.

**580 Washington Ave.** CS Holdings to R. & A. Maynard for \$3,100,000 on 01/21/16; built 1936, 2bd, 1763 sq. ft.; previous sale 07/02/2013, \$2,375,000

**440 Cesano Court #212** Devasto Trust to C. Wu for \$1,251,000 on 01/14/16; previous sale 09/30/1988, \$229,500

**1437 Dana Ave.** Radtke Trust to Hu Trust for \$3,775,000 on 01/14/16; previous sale 06/15/2012, \$2,750,000

**4250 El Camino Real #322** J. & M. Soberg to M. Fathi for \$650,000 on 01/19/16; previous sale 01/31/2008, \$450,000

**4114 Park Boulevard** Cutler Trust to S. & K. Ceresnak for \$2,020,000 on 01/19/16

**3650 Ross Road** G. Wesley to E. Zhao for \$2,037,000 on 01/19/16; previous sale 04/19/1991, \$320,000

**153 South California Ave. #F205** A. Michels to A. & T. Tsao for \$1,025,000 on 01/14/16; previous sale 05/31/1990, \$255,000

**Portola Valley**

**130 Fawn Lane** Moon Trust to J. & J. Blascovich for \$2,700,000 on 01/12/16; built 1961, 3bd, 2330

sq. ft.; previous sale 02/15/1985, \$427,500

**5 Valley Oak St.** Katz Trust to T. Katz for \$2,400,000 on 12/31/15

### BUILDING PERMITS

#### Palo Alto

**4248 Noble St.** 50-gallon water heater replacement, \$n/a

**183 Everett Ave.** emergency gas leak repair, \$n/a

**2775 Middlefield Road** Starbucks: tenant improvement for existing tenant, includes new exterior rail, no mechanical, no plumbing, \$94,874

**135 Hamilton Ave.** build out of the fourth floor, includes new HVAC equipment on the roof, utilities under shell permit, \$900,000

**930 Forest Ave.** temporary power, \$n/a

**835 Page Mill Road** use and occupancy and office tenant improvement for State Farm insurance regional office to occupy on second floor, \$12,000

**795 El Camino Real** voluntary accessibility improvements, including restriping ADA parking stalls, adding access aisles and truncated domes, adding ADA parking signs, eliminating and re-locating noncompliant ADA parking stalls, and regarding ADA stalls and ramps, \$130,000

**1651 Page Mill Road** deferred submittal for lab equipment seismic anchorage, \$n/a

**970 Colorado Ave.** relocate kitchen and tear down wall between living room and kitchen, relocate washer and dryer, service upgrade, remove existing glass panel window in kitchen and replace with new dual-pane window, \$28,944

**550 N. California Ave.** install NEMA 14-50 outlet and new 100-amp subpanel on interior wall of detached garage, \$n/a

**540 Bryant St.** tenant improvement and use and occupancy for



## Real Estate Matters

## Timing the market for local sellers

by Adam M. Touni



Just after sunset in mid-January, my colleague and I were seated at a square, maple-colored table located near the entrance of the Starbucks on California Avenue, waiting to meet with a potential client.

As we sipped bottled water and coffee, we prepared our talking points on recent market activity. Going through the colorful charts, graphs and comps before us, we tossed out market data. To that point, the statistics revealing the past three-year run-up of 51.2 percent for a median-priced Palo Alto single-family home left us both a bit stunned. Essentially, a home worth \$2 million three years ago is now worth \$3 million.

When our potential client arrived, we opened by asking for his goals and objectives, which might seem like obvious questions. We're meeting to sell his house, and thus the goal is to get the job done. However, every time I've asked a potential client this question, I have received nuanced responses. The goal often is to sell, but there are myriad factors that go into that decision, and it's critical to consider the

details in order to best craft a winning strategy.

This particular potential client wants to sell his home in Palo Alto, as he moved to San Francisco a few years back. As a rental property, the current stream of income from the Palo Alto property is excellent, but the current owner is considering doing a 1031 exchange to diversify his portfolio and avoid huge capital gains.

Additionally, he shared that he has been following the local real estate market closely. He has a good understanding of the value of his home and he has positioned himself to sell in what he thinks to be peak season: spring.

We shared with him Pacific Union's forecast for the next three years of the Bay Area residential real estate market, which was developed with the help of John Burns Real Estate Consulting (JBREC). In the past couple of years, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties have experienced double-digit, year-over-year home price appreciation, meaning that a home worth \$1 million in 2014 was likely worth more than \$1.1 million in 2015. This uptick in value can be attributed to increased demand. Specifically, San Mateo and Santa Clara employers produced more than 60,000 new jobs in 2014. This in turn outpaced the current housing inventory in a region plagued by supply constraints.

Looking forward, JBREC prognosticates that the phe-

nomenal job growth that Santa Clara and Santa Mateo counties have experienced of late will taper, which should result in a "balancing" of the local market.

The multimillion-dollar question for the potential seller: When will this occur?

One key factor in the forecast is that Bay Area venture-capital firms, which fund startups and drive job growth, are being more selective in the companies they invest in and are less bullish on their valuations, which will likely result in fewer jobs created over time. Fewer jobs means fewer employees and ultimately less demand for housing. That said, the panel anticipates that Santa Clara and San Mateo counties will experience continued appreciation in the single digits in 2016 and likely in 2017, but growth will flatten by 2018.

In the end, my colleague and I recommended that the potential client consider selling this year with a preference for the spring market, as seasonally it is the most lucrative time to sell and the huge appreciation seen recently may begin to moderate.

The Real Estate Economic Forecast is posted at [pacificunion.com/jazz](http://pacificunion.com/jazz). ■

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new tenant ShareTea, includes food preparation area, new electrical and plumbing, Nov. 13, 2015, scope of work now includes electric service upgrade to 125 amps, \$50,000

**221 Kingsley Ave.** structural revision, revise shear wall locations, revise beam at main stairs, trellis attachment details, and fireplace hold downs, \$n/a  
**1031 Channing Ave.** window changes: in bedroom No. 1, shift the location of the window and adding a window, in master bathroom change the window type, in the master bedroom reduce the size of the window and relocate the window, in the pantry remove one window and change a window to a door, \$n/a

**870 Quarry Road** Stanford School of Medicine: interior renovation of existing conference room and break room, \$143,000  
**3529 Ramona St.** roof-mounted PV system, \$n/a  
**410 Adobe Place** single-story addition and remodel, includes changing roof slope and height over a portion of the living space and master bedroom, relocate and upgrade electrical service, \$274,285

**739 Colorado Ave.** revision to grading and drainage, add new light well drain, revisions shown on job and office sets of plans, \$n/a

**1029 Ramona St.** replace furnace, AC and duct outlets, \$n/a  
**323 High St.** kitchen and laundry room remodel, includes filling in wall between office and bedroom, \$20,617

**300 Pasteur Drive** office tenant improvement for Stanford Health Care on top floor of new garage permitted under 12-2715, includes new structure for rooftop restroom, \$5,000,000

**3655 Middlefield Road** temporary power, \$n/a

**1440 Hamilton Ave.** install Level 2 Tesla charger on exterior wall of the house and install new 50-amp subpanel next to main service panel, \$n/a

**585 Ashton Ave.** install Level 2 charger on exterior wall of house, \$n/a

**301 Bryant St.** new gas insert for wood-burning fireplace, \$n/a  
**1491 Pitman Ave.** replace water heater, \$n/a

**478 Dymond Court** kitchen and bathroom within existing footprint, replace lighting and ducts

throughout house, \$24,000  
**235 Hamilton Ave.** replacement boiler, \$n/a

**350 W. Meadow Drive** roof-mounted PV system, \$n/a  
**1146 Stanley Way** replace six windows, \$7,076

**3825 Fabian Way, Unit# Ms** Space Systems/Loral (SSL): install empty conduit raceways and Christy box for future EVSE, \$n/a

**2350 Amherst St.** temporary power, \$n/a

**125 University Ave.** landlord improvement in basement, includes demolition of offices, adding glass walls, expanding two offices and minor electrical work, \$30,000

**3955 El Cerrito Road** master bathroom remodel within existing footprint, replace lighting in kitchen and entry way with led lights, \$8,000

**1933 Ivy Lane** install Level 2 EVSE on exterior wall of house, \$n/a

**180 El Camino Real, Space #1165** use and occupancy and retail tenant improvement for Everything For Water to occupy, \$280,000

**412 Everett Ave.** new sewer line, \$n/a

**135 Hamilton Ave.** residential build out of the fourth floor (4831 sf); new HVAC on roof, \$900,000  
**1651 Page Mill Road** deferred submittal for lab equipment seismic anchorage

**835 Page Mill Road** 500 sf tenant improvement for State Farm Insurance, \$12,000

**183 Everett Ave.** emergency gas leak repair  
**930 Forest Ave.** demolish 2,000 sf

**4161 El Camino Way** interior non-structural demolition to determine source of water intrusion, \$4,352

**461 Nevada Ave.** residential gas line replacement

**930 Forest Ave.** new 2-story single-family residence, 4818 sf, with 3293 sf basement and 431 sf attached garage, \$1,485,934

**700 Welch Road** new bubbler box associated plumbing

**2417 Park Blvd., Unit C100** revised plumbing and electrical; removing tint from storefront

**1449 University Ave.** revised landscape/ hardscape and motorize driveway gate

**930 Forest Ave.** demo detached 400 sf garage

**1095 Channing Ave.** install roof-mounted solar system

**2140 Hanover St.** residential furnace replacement

**2100 Geng Road, #102** tenant improvement for Jun He law firm: 2,651sf on ground floor, \$67,800

**410 Oxford Ave.** deferred submittal for stair details

**432 Ruthven Ave.** revised plans to sheet c2 includes new (2) dry well 0

**609 Forest Ave.** HVAC replacement on roof

**571 Hamilton Ave.** red tag gas leak repair

**3075 Louis Road** revision to downsize the main breaker

**1520 Page Mill Road** tenant improvement of 43,595 sf for Stanford School of Medicine, \$3,100,000

**935 Ramona St.** demo 183 sf accessory structure slab foundation; structure demolished without permit prior to current owner

**180 El Camino Real, #359** install two illuminated exterior signs

**855 El Camino Real, #405** use and occupancy for Cape Analytics Inc. on second floor, 1172 sf

**1444 Edgewood Drive** install roof-mounted solar system

**935 Ramona St.** new 200 sf detached carport, \$8,000

**451 Channing Ave.** Category 4 historic renovation: re-roof, \$18,000

**755 Page Mill Road, B** structural deferred submittal for sliding glass doors

**3400 Hillview Ave., B5** Equipment install: test chambers for corrosion, \$30,000

**445 Sherman Ave.** 500 sf tenant improvement for BitGo, to occupy 3370 sf on second floor, \$92,000

**522 Colorado Ave.** replace water heater

**180 El Camino Real, #1130** clarification insulation in walls

**410 Alger Drive** replace window and door, \$12,000

**1351 Byron St.** new cooling coil in attic

**1211 College Ave.** residential sewer line replacement

**249 Matadero Ave.** relocate furnace to attic

**2491 Bryant St.** new one-story factory-built 2132 sf home, \$139,700

**2491 Bryant St.** demolish house and attached garage

**4115 El Camino Way** Pizza Chicago: upgrades to path of travel,

parking and restrooms, \$86,000  
**765 San Antonio Ave., #21** gas leak repair (red tag)

**250 Lowell Ave.** revision to expand vault to include HVAC equipment in addition to pool equipment

**130 Fulton St.** new furnace in the basement, with outlets

**2411 Middlefield Road** field clarification: trench gas run from meter to boiler

**240 Hamilton Ave.** revised location of roof maintenance access ladder

**262 Kingsley Ave.** garage demolition

**3500 W Bayshore Road** interior non-structural demolition

**1730 Embarcadero Road** revised plans include a new data closet, associated electrical and mechanical

**425 Margarita Ave.** replace 100 amp panel damaged by fallen tree

**262 Kingsley Ave.** residential addition of 1,620 sf and 2,909 sf remodel with covered porch; includes new basement, re-roofing, tankless water heater, \$587,785

**3961 Bibbits Drive** residential sewer line replacement, 35-foot, trenchless

**180 El Camino Real, #1090** Tommy Bahama: 3,750 sf tenant improvement, including new storefront, \$250,000

**1024 Ramona St.** install roof-mounted solar system

**3120 Hansen Way** 885 sf tenant improvement for Varian Medical Systems Inc.: remodel office lobby including new lights and electrical outlets, \$98,000

**2720 Waverley St.** emergency gas-leak repair

**204 Washington Ave.** 250 sf residential remodel of three bathrooms, \$30,320

**733 Loma Verde Ave., #B252** sf kitchen and bath remodel, \$40,000

**710 Palo Alto Ave.** replace wall furnace

**2508 Waverley St.** replace water heater

**2175 Bryant St.** install roof-mounted solar system

**378 Everett Ave.** replace front and rear gates for six-unit condo building, \$10,000

**3264 Kipling St.** residential re-roof, \$8,800

**2690 Emerson St.** replace existing furnace

**435 Portage Ave.** tenant im-

provement for DJI drone-development firm, to occupy 9548 sf, \$36,000

**2815 South Court** revision to kitchen and master bathroom layout and associated electrical

**320 Poe St.** 60 sf residential master bedroom remodel, \$10,000

**150 Southwood Drive** add outdoor BBQ, relocate brick wall and add new step and landing

**284 Charleston Road** replace radiant-heating boiler

**3000 El Camino Real, Bldg. 4, suite 200** Regus: interior non-structural demolition permit

**3878 Magnolia Drive South** new 2,954 sf two-story single family dwelling with covered porch: includes two tankless water heaters, \$488,785

**3878 Magnolia Drive South** demolish 2,419 sf house

**3878 Magnolia Drive South** temp power

**705 Cowper St.** furnace replacement

**1810 Embarcadero Road** add exhaust fans in the bathroom as required by building inspector

**410 Adobe Place** temporary power

**213 Quarry Road** install three illuminated signs for Hoover Medical Campus

**412 Everett Ave.** install gray water system

**116 Monroe Drive** furnace and duct replacement

**3489 Cowper St.** furnace replacement

**3878 Magnolia Drive South** demolish detached garage

**982 Elsinore Drive** remove/replace water heater

**704 Maplewood Ave.** sewer line replacement

**180 El Camino Real, #1240** use and occupancy and 6500 sf tenant improvement for The North Face, \$250,000

**2590 Ross Road** replace sewer line and water line

**2491 Ross Road** re-pipe water lines

**1421 Emerson St.** install roof-mounted solar system

**1584 Mariposa Ave.** re-roof, \$12,163

**650 Towle Place** red tagged gas repair, whole house gas test

**250 Lowell Ave.** install roof-mounted solar system

**4131 Park Blvd.** add a property line cleanout

**180 El Camino Real, #1150** tenant improvement for Solstice

retailer to occupy 800 sf suite, \$200,000

**1716 Fulton St.** remove existing wood burning fireplace and replace with direct vent fireplace and two new electrical outlets, \$18,000

**171 Heather Lane** water heater replacement

**974 Commercial St.** revise downspouts to route rain water to the front of the property, \$1,000

**724 Matadero Ave.** remodel 500sf guesthouse and replace all windows and install new air conditioning, \$35,000

**3125 Alexis Drive** 1920 sf residential addition to connect main dwelling to existing detached garage; 60 sf garage addition; 600 sf kitchen remodel; new retaining walls, \$386,148

**180 El Camino Real, #1115** tenant improvement for Luisa Spagnoli to occupy 1490 sf, \$250,000

**3500 W. Bayshore Road** tenant improvement for Liveaction, Inc. to occupy 8,544 single-story space: add new walkway, combine suites 3500 and 3510, \$268,100

**3125 Morris Drive** replace existing furnace, a/c with all new ducting up in attic

**359 Monroe Drive** water heater replacement

**3500 Deer Creek Road** revised plans include additional scope relocation

**805 Los Trancos Road** structural modifications to concrete fireplace and concrete wall at yoga room

**655 Hale St.** install Level 2 electrical-vehicle wall charger

**1331 Hamilton Ave.** install temporary 50x60 tent in rear yard, \$6,000

**333 High St.** install outlet in exterior wall

**744 Los Robles Ave.** install 40 amp circuit for new electric stove and cap existing gas line

**4015 Miranda Ave.** Nest: install seven Level 2 chargers and four dual Level 2 chargers, new transformer on exterior wall of building and new 400a subpanel

**105 Churchill Ave.** new 120 sf shed to be attached to existing detached garage, \$14,300

**3880 Magnolia Drive South** new 2954 sf two-story single family dwelling with covered 254 sf porch and trellis: includes two tankless water heaters, \$489,151



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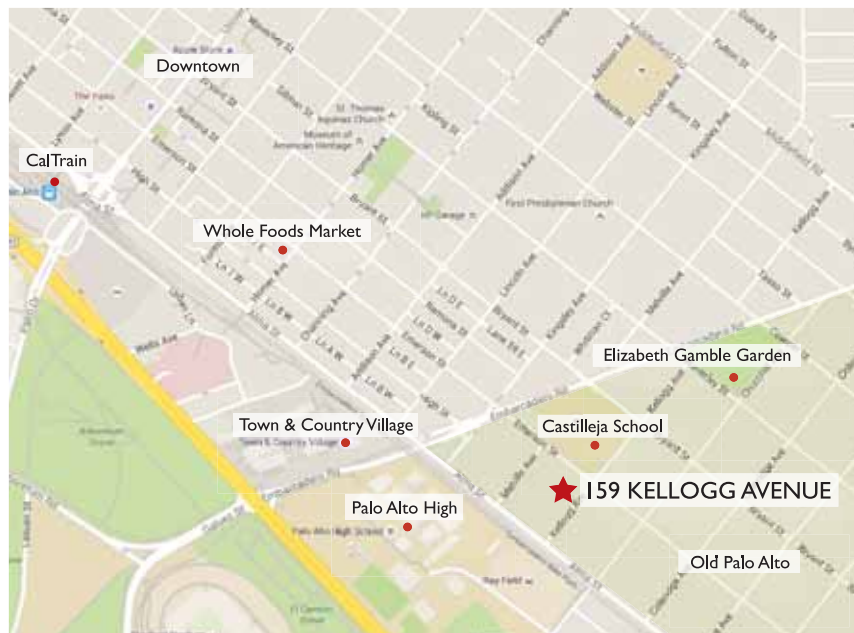
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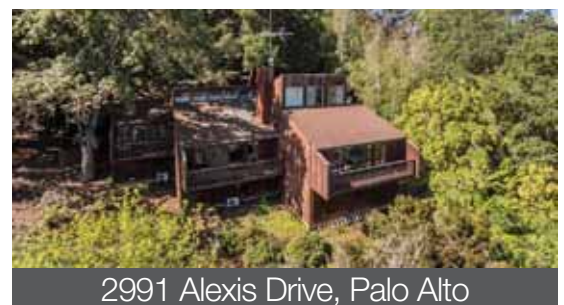
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<b>2 Bedrooms - Condominium</b>	
<b>50 W Edith Ave 6</b>	<b>\$1,298,000</b>
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors	323-1111
<b>4 Bedrooms</b>	
<b>23991 Spalding Av</b>	<b>\$1,998,000</b>
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<b>4 Bedrooms</b>	
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<b>6 Bedrooms</b>	
<b>11860 Francemont Dr</b>	<b>\$4,888,000</b>
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<b>1054 Pine St</b>	<b>\$1,295,000</b>
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker	324-4456
<b>1056 Pine St</b>	<b>\$1,295,000</b>
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker	324-4456

<b>27 Nancy Way</b>	<b>\$2,295,000</b>
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<b>2 Bedrooms - Condominium</b>	
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<b>3 Bedrooms</b>	
<b>159 Kellogg Av</b>	<b>\$3,375,000</b>
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<b>536 Lincoln</b>	<b>\$3,998,000</b>
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<b>161 Lundy Ln</b>	<b>\$2,350,000</b>
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<b>5 Bedrooms</b>	
<b>725 Center Dr</b>	<b>\$4,775,000</b>
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<b>2350 Tasso</b>	<b>\$5,180,000</b>
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<b>3644 Ramona Cir</b>	<b>\$3,498,000</b>
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<b>6 Bedrooms</b>	
<b>2979 Alexis Dr</b>	<b>\$5,895,000</b>
Sat/Sun Alain Pinel Realtors	462-1111

<b>405 Marlowe St</b>	<b>\$8,995,000</b>
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<b>3 Bedrooms</b>	
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<b>4 Bedrooms</b>	
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<b>5 Colton Ct</b>	<b>\$3,795,000</b>
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### The Foundation's Approach

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2016	Terman PTA parents	\$384
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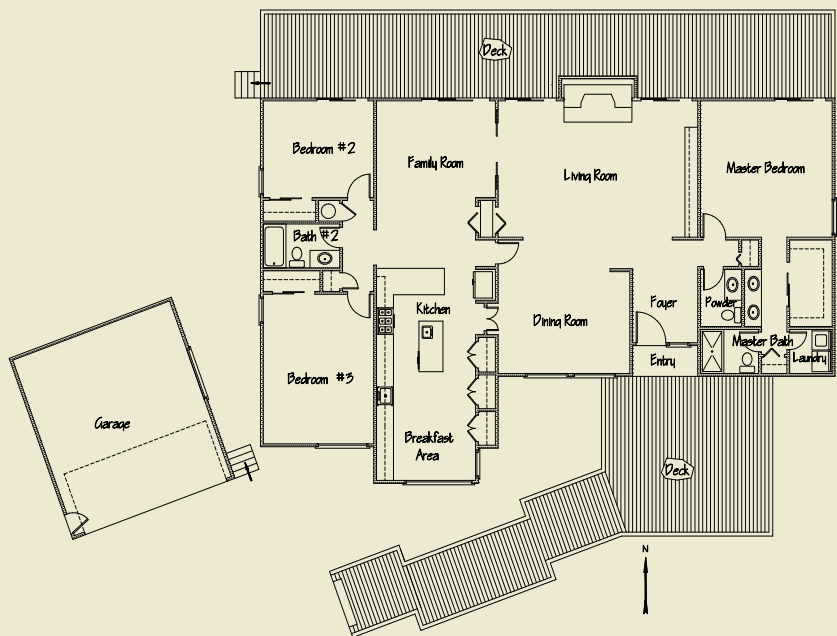


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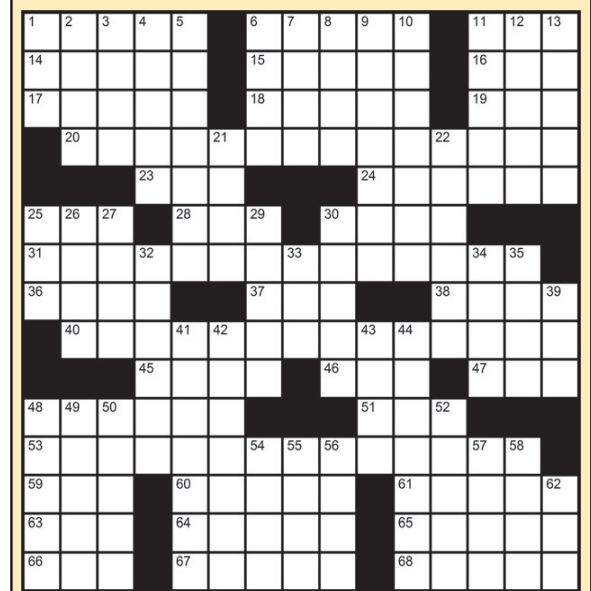
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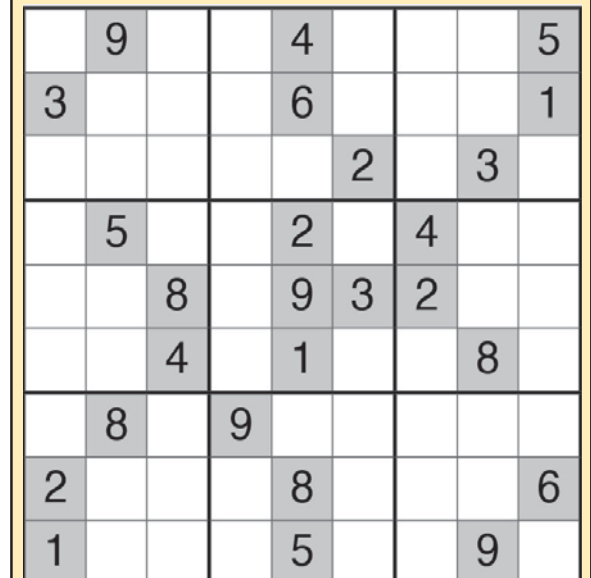
**Across**

- 1 Humor, casually
- 6 Build \_\_\_ (bird's job)
- 11 Tree stuff
- 14 Sans-serif Windows typeface
- 15 Wild card
- 16 Prepare to feather
- 17 Ernest or Julio of winemaking
- 18 Stadium
- 19 Undivided
- 20 Workweek closers that are a hit with everyone?
- 23 Green beginning
- 24 Some journalism
- 25 Concert souvenir
- 28 Just fine
- 30 Opportunity, in metaphor
- 31 Particle from a weekend coffee server?
- 36 Conservatory focus
- 37 Snooze
- 38 Shoot the breeze
- 40 Jennings sends packages when there's no mail service?
- 45 One of five lakes
- 46 Wouldn't stand for it?
- 47 Mighty tree
- 48 \_\_\_-Lytton Fiction Contest (competition to write terrible prose)
- 51 \_\_\_ Vegans (some Nevada residents)
- 53 Door opener that only works when the weekend's over?
- 59 Ashcroft and Holder, for short
- 60 Cedars-\_\_\_ Medical Center
- 61 "Hand over the money!"
- 63 "Chi-Raq" director
- 64 Say "prob'ly," for instance
- 65 Wombs
- 66 Drug for Hunter S. Thompson
- 67 Coup \_\_\_
- 68 Labwork

**Down**

- 1 Fall behind
- 2 Part of UAE
- 3 Organizer
- 4 Not genuine
- 5 Hobbyist's racer
- 6 Not quite shut
- 7 Seaweed, or a phrase of denial
- 8 \_\_\_ out a living
- 9 Elizabeth Warren, e.g.
- 10 Martin killed in 2012
- 11 Rock
- 12 Root beer brand
- 13 Weightlifting exercise
- 21 Word after fast or (more recently) slow
- 22 Fortify
- 25 Bag-screening gp.
- 26 Dumbo's claim to fame
- 27 Part of Caesar's last question
- 29 West of award show antics
- 30 Tricks
- 32 \_\_\_ & World Report (defunct print magazine)
- 33 Himalayan beast
- 34 Where Buckeyes hail from
- 35 "Sideways" valley
- 39 Vowelless reproach
- 41 Decent, so to speak
- 42 Unit for a frequent flier
- 43 "The Lion King" role
- 44 Remain in place
- 48 Hoops
- 49 Pushes
- 50 Exposed to light
- 52 Take to the rink
- 54 "I'll get right \_\_\_!"
- 55 Nothin'
- 56 Nonfiction bestseller topic, often
- 57 "\_\_\_ Wide Shut"
- 58 Nomad's tent
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## 997 All Other Legals

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# Sports Shorts

**HE'S AN OLYMPIAN . . .** Stanford fencer **Alex Massialas** has qualified for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. A senior from San Francisco, Massialas, will compete for the U.S. in men's foil in team and individual competition after finishing 17th last week at the World Cup in Bonn, Germany. "Having Alex represent our country and Stanford is a huge honor for the program," said Cardinal head coach **Lisa Posthumus**. "To be able to train with, and be inspired by the best the sport has to offer, is a privilege for our student-athletes and coaches. We couldn't be prouder." This will be the second Olympics for Massialas. At the 2012 Olympic Games in London, he finished 13th individually and fourth in team competition.

**CARDINAL NOTES . . .** Stanford's **Akash Modi** was named the College Gymnastics Association Gymnast of the Week for the second time this year, as announced by the organization this week. The honor is Modi's 12th of his career, increasing his lead as the all-time leader in NCAA Division I Gymnast of the Week honors. Modi claimed his third all-around title on Saturday and accumulated three individual event titles at a tri-meet against No. 8 California and No. 11 Michigan to lead Stanford to its 9-0 record on the year. Modi has earned 13 individual event victories against NCAA teams this season: all-around (3), parallel bars (3), floor (3), pommel horse (2) and high bar (2). With his 12 honors, Modi leads the all-time list of Division I CGA Gymnast of the Week awards, besting Jake Dalton of Oklahoma and Sam Mikulak of Michigan, each of whom have nine. . . . Stanford junior **Maverick McNealy** was named to the Ben Hogan Award watch list, as announced Wednesday. This is the 11th consecutive year that Stanford has had a player named to the watch list, the longest active streak by any school. McNealy was a finalist for the award last year. . . . **Randy Hart**, one of the nation's premier defensive line coaches and a protege of Woody Hayes, has announced his retirement. The 2015 season was Hart's sixth at Stanford and 46th as a full-time college football coach.

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## PREP SOCCER

# Good reason to celebrate

*Paly boys overcome injuries to win second straight title*

by Keith Peters

It was Senior Day for the Palo Alto boys and they gave themselves reason to celebrate with a 4-0 victory over visiting Fremont to wrap up the SCVAL De Anza Division soccer championship on Wednesday.

The Vikings, who waited until the final match of the 2015 season to clinch the division crown, took care of business a match earlier as Roberto Sotelo and fellow senior Dami Bolarinwa took turns scoring to give Paly its second straight crown.

Sotelo got the game-winner in the 26th minute unassisted and Bolarinwa scored 12 minutes later with senior Cole Tierney assisting. In the second

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## PREP BASKETBALL

# Title is just the first step for M-A boys

*Bears take aim at the postseason after winning the PAL Bay Division crown*

by Ari Kaye

With a league basketball championship on the line, the Menlo-Atherton boys stuck to the same formula that has them undefeated in PAL South Division play — space the floor on offense, pressure the ball on defense and quicken the overall pace of the game.

The result on Tuesday night was a dominating victory over the second-place team in the league.

On their home court, the Bears (11-0, 21-2) clinched the division crown with a 68-41 win over Burlingame (8-3, 16-7), giving head coach Mike Molieri his first league title at Menlo-Atherton and the Bears their 13th straight triumph.

"This is a group of kids that challenged themselves," Molieri said. "This is reaping the reward of their hard work over the summer and fall."

The division title meant a lot for a Bears squad that returned several key pieces from last season, when the team finished fourth in the PAL South.

"Coming into the season we knew our senior and junior class were really talented," senior Blake Henry said. "We knew we could do big things. We knew we could go undefeated in league."

Two seniors, Henry and Christian Fioretti, led a balanced Bears' scoring attack against the Panthers with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Henry also had 10 rebounds. Overall, nine players scored for Menlo-Atherton and four players finished with double-digit points. Lucas Fioretti added 13 and Eric Norton 11.

Perhaps more impressive was the Menlo-Atherton defensive effort, as Burlingame was held 22 points under its season average. Vinny Ferrari led the Panthers with 19 points, but made just three field goals, while second-leading scorer Tyler Garlitos was held to four points.

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## COLLEGE SWIMMING

# Great things ahead for Stanford women

*But losses to Olympic training not changing their title hopes*

Rick Eymmer

Sarah Haase, Lia Neal, Janet Hu and Ella Eastin may not have the name recognition of, say, world recordholder Katie Ledecky or American recordholder Simone Manuel in the world of swimming, even though the foursome owns some of the top times in the nation this college season.

Ledecky, who deferred her admission to Stanford for a year to train full time for the 2016 Rio Olympics, and the redshirting Manuel, who won two individual NCAA titles and swam on two NCAA championship relay teams, would have made the Cardinal heavy favorites to win a national title this season.

Thanks in large part to Haase, Neal, Hu and Eastin, along with Lindsey Engel and Sacred Heart Prep grad Ally Howe among others, the Stanford women remain in the national conversation.

The second-ranked Cardinal (6-0 in dual meets) hosts Bay Area rival and defending national champion California (6-1) in the final dual meet of the season at noon Saturday in a meet that promises to provide a glimpse into the championship season that follows.

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Dami Bolarinwa (top left) and Roberto Sotelo (above left) each scored two goals in Palo Alto's 4-0 title-clinching win on Wednesday.



## STANFORD SOFTBALL

# Cardinal is looking for a fresh start

After suffering through a tumultuous 17-37 season, a talented roster just needs experience to bounce back

**Rick Eymer**

**S**eniors Kayla Bonstrom, Jessica Plaza and Kaitlin Schaberg understand the national softball landscape. They were part of it as members of the 2013 Stanford squad that qualified for the NCAA tournament.

After missing out the past two years, the seniors are ready to take charge of a 16-player roster that has plenty of talent but lacks experience.

The Cardinal (17-37 last year) opens its season with five games at the Kajikawa Classic in Tempe this weekend in Arizona, beginning with Portland State on Friday night.

Stanford shoved its first losing season in 19 years into the back of the closet, taking the lessons learned of an injury-plagued, tumultuous year, and moved forward in the new year under completely different — optimistic — circumstances.

Junior shortstop Kylie Sorenson can concentrate on her position after serving as an emergency pitcher for the Cardinal following an unfortunate series of injuries, transfers and off-field commotion.

Second-year coach Rachel Hanson seems to have stabilized the situation after dealing with adversity that normally fills a career, let alone a season.

"It's a special team this year," Hanson said. "They are committed. I haven't been this excited for an Opening Day in a long time. This team gets it. They're all in it together. It's team first, being selfless and being ready to compete."

Bonstrom, who set a single-season school record with her .806 slugging percentage in an All-American season last year, returns as one of the best hitters in the nation.

"She's a spectacular player," Hanson said. "She's had a lot to do with getting the team into a great place, culture-wise. You can learn something from anything. When you go through trials and tribulations together, it can completely drive you away or it can draw you closer. From all they've been through, they know what kind of team they want to be."

Bonstrom, already the owner of several of the best offensive years in program history, likely will finish her career among the top five all-time in several categories, including home runs, batting average, RBI and doubles.

If there were records kept for being hit by a pitch, Bonstrom probably would be at the top of the list, reaching base the painful way 33 times.

If Bonstrom is the ideal offensive player, Plaza is the ideal de-

fensive player. She's at the top of the depth chart as a catcher, one of the more demanding positions. She does her job so well, she went over two years before making an error and her career fielding percentage is .997.

"She does a tremendous job of being the field general," Hanson said. "She's like a coach out there. She knows what pitchers need, whether it's a pat on the back or a kick in the rear. She also has a gun for an arm. She has a lot of strengths."

Schaberg, who started 33 games last year, is in the mix for a spot in the infield. Like her fellow seniors, she's been a remarkable example of consistency.

Sorenson was not alone in volunteering to pitch last year, though she threw 99 innings, second on the team, when both of Stanford's starting pitchers had to miss time.

"There will be far less shuffling this year," Hanson said. "Kylie is a tremendous ballplayer. She has to be careful not to over think the game and allow her athleticism to shine through. She has a great arm and she's swinging the bat with confidence. She's in a great place."

Juniors Bessie Noll and Lauren Bertoy also return as valuable contributors. Bertoy hit .281 with a home run and 16 RBI last year, while Noll added five home runs and matched Bonstrom for the team lead with 23 walks.

Pitcher Haley Snyder, catcher-infielder Arden Pettit, pitcher-infielder Kaitlyn Lagattuta, catcher Victoria Molina, outfielder Savannah Schulze and infielder Lauren Wegner comprise a sophomore class that made progress throughout the season.

Snyder led Stanford in innings pitched (112 2/3) and wins (8) last year. Slowed by injury, she returns in good health.

Pitcher Carolyn Lee heads the list of freshmen who come in with a ton of potential. Lee pitched all but two innings as a senior at Dougherty Valley in San Ramon. She was 17-9 with an 0.99 ERA. She averaged 11.8 strikeouts per seven innings. Lee also led the Wildcats with a .416 batting average and 25 RBI.

Redshirt Whitney Burks was a star hitter in high school. Freshman Lauren Frost grew up playing baseball in Alaska and freshman Molly Fowkes continues a family legacy by attending Stanford. Her father, Dan, played tennis and was part of the 1980 and 1981 national title teams.

Stanford's schedule includes five defending conference champions and 14 teams that reached last year's NCAA tournament. ■



Stanford freshman Ella Eastin, who broke Missy Franklin's 200 IM national high school record, has the nation's top time in the 400 IM (4:01.4) and ranks second in the 200 IM and 200 fly.

## Swimming

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Stanford coach Greg Meehan is all too aware that Stanford is 18 years removed from its last NCAA title while the third-ranked Golden Bears, who count Gunn grads Rachael Acker and Jenna Campbell among their members, have won the title three times in the past five years and four in seven. The Cardinal has four runner-up finishes, including 2014, since winning its eighth NCAA title (and ninth overall) in 1998.

"Everybody is excited about next year, but we want to make sure this current team is recognized," Meehan said. "We don't want to rush through this. The idea is to enjoy what this team has to offer."

Especially considering that Haase, a four-time All-American, is the defending NCAA champion in the 100 breast and Neal, Hu, Howe and Engel have combined for another 18 All-American honors and all four swam on at least one championship relay team.

"Sarah is an amazing swimmer," Meehan said. "She has gone through the full range. She had a strong freshman season, struggled as a sophomore and came back with a vengeance last year. She's

so good every day and has set herself up for great success."

Another missing Stanford competitor is diver Cassidy Cook, also concentrating on the Olympics. Manuel and Cook scored 90 of Stanford's 363 points in last year's NCAA meet, where the Cardinal finished third overall.

Neal has the fastest time in the nation in the 100 free (47.20) this season and ranks among the leaders in the 50 free and 200 free.

Neal finished second to Manuel in the 100 free last year and placed third in the 200 free. Only Manuel has swum a faster 100 free for Stanford.

Eastin, who broke Missy Franklin's 200 individual medley national high school record, has the top time in the 400 IM (4:01.4) and ranks second in the 200 IM and 200 fly.

"We look for versatility in the recruiting process and she is versatile," Meehan said. "Her strength is the IM, but she can also swim the 200 fly and 200 free."

Hu ranks among the top seven in five different events, including fourth in the 100 back (51.45), just behind Cal senior and Olympian Rachel Bootsma (51.39).

"Janet struggled a little last year," Meehan said. "It took her time to learn how to train. She's

been our fastest, most consistent swimmer since September. She's huge on the relays."

Three of the five Stanford relay teams rank second in the nation while the 200 medley relay is No. 3 and the 800 free relay is No. 5.

Engel ranks No. 10 nationally in the 100 fly and Howe has been a major contributor.

Stanford's roster is filled with talented swimmers and divers who add to the depth and excitement of the team. Junior Nicole Stafford is a two-time All-American, senior Allison Brown, junior Tara Halsted, sophomore diver Grace Leydon-Mahoney, sophomore Heidi Poppe and freshman Leah Stevens have won multiple events this year.

"Depth will determine how well we do at the Pac-12 and NCAA tournaments," Meehan said. "We've won six relays over the last two NAAs and it's been different people. The idea is the next person up. Even without Simone, our relays are in a good place."

Saturday's meet also serves as Senior Day and a fund raiser (#ForTheKids) for the Lucile Packard Stanford Children's Hospital. Fans can make donations at the entrance as the Cardinal hopes to out-do last year's collection of \$2,500. ■

## Stanford has seven men on All-Century team

**S**tanford placed seven of its greatest aquatic athletes on the Pac-12 Men's Swimming and Diving All-Century Team, as announced recently by the conference.

Jeff Rouse (backstroke), John Hencken (breaststroke), John Moffet (breaststroke) Pablo Morales (butterfly, individual medley), Mike Bruner (butterfly), Tom Wilkens (IMs), and Kristian Ipsen (diving) were all named to the select team.

A panel of 20 coaches, swimmers, administrators and members of the media selected the team consisting of 26 swimmers and six divers.

The top four vote-earners in each of the six disciplines made the All-Century Team, with two

additional "wildcard" swimmers selected by a second vote of the remaining fifth-, sixth- and seventh-place finishers. The top two divers in each of the three events also made the All-Century Team. Swimmers and divers could be nominated in more than one event, with three earning roster spots in multiple events.

Jeff Rouse (1988-92), an Olympian in 1992 and 1996, went on to win four Olympic medals. He is a former world recordholder in the 100 back. Hencken (1972-76) won five medals in two Olympics. Moffet (1982-86), an Olympian in 1984, captured four conference 200-yard breast titles and three national championships in the same event. Morales (1983-87),

a two-time Olympian, won silver medals in the 100 fly and 200-meter IM in 1984 before winning the gold medal in the 100 fly eight years later.

Bruner (1974-79) competed at the 1976 Olympics, winning the gold medal in the 200-meter fly and a gold medal with the USA 800-meter free relay team. Wilkens (1994-98) was a participant at the 2000 Olympics, winning the bronze medal in the 200-meter IM. Ipsen (2011-15) is the most recent of Stanford's all-century selections. Ipsen was a three-time Pac-12 champion in the 1-meter, a two-time 3-meter champion, and platform champion. In the 2012 Olympics, Ipsen was a 3-meter synchronized diving bronze medalist. ■



## Soccer

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half, it was Sotelo scoring again with Tierney assisting. Some 20 minutes later, Bolarinwa wrapped things up following an assist from junior Brian Tracy.

Paly improved to 8-0-3 (27 points) and 14-0-3 overall with just one match remaining. Second-place Homestead (5-1-4, 19 points) was idle Wednesday, but can't catch the Vikings.

Paly coach Don Briggs didn't set any goals this season, but knew this team was special.

"I actually never do that, although I knew in the beginning if we stayed healthy and progressed as a team that it was possible," he said. "So many things can happen with injuries and team dynamics that my first goal is to be competitive in every match and see where we end up in the end."

Palo Alto actually is ahead of the pace set by the standout 2009 team that finished 21-1-3 with a CCS co-championship. That squad was 14-1-2 after 17 matches.

"This is the fastest and most well-rounded team since 09," explained Briggs.

Paly played well against Fremont in nearly all aspects of the game. Goalie Eli Friedlander had no saves and essentially no shots take on him. The Vikings, meanwhile, controlled most of the midfield with Xander Scherer and Sidd Srinivasan in the center and Sotelo and Tierney on the flanks.

In the West Bay Athletic League, Menlo School settled for a 2-2 tie with visiting Eastside Prep, but the deadlock did little to hurt the Knights' postseason plans. Menlo moved to 6-2-2 in league (20 points) and 10-4-2 overall and remained in second place with a pair of league matches remaining.

King's Academy (9-0-1, 28 points) sits in first while Sacred Heart Prep (5-4-1, 16 points) is in third. Only the top two teams automatically qualify for the Central Coast Section playoffs.

The Knights started quickly against the Panthers when senior Will Chisholm scored on an assist from freshman Ben Lasky a minute into the game. Eastside countered with a pair of first-half goals to take the lead. Lasky opened the second half with a goal on an assist from Chisholm.

Just up the street, host Sacred Heart Prep kept its very slim hopes alive for a CCS playoff berth with a 7-0 rout of Priory. The Gators (8-7-3 overall) got the eventual winning goal from Trevor Peay off an assist from Matthew MacFarquhar. Daniel Sanchez scored off an assist from Sash Novitsky and Nikhil Goel took a pass from MacFarquhar and scored to close a 3-0 half-time lead.

In the PAL Bay Division, Menlo-Atherton got a break and moved into a three-way tie for first place following a 7-1 romp

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



**Alexis Harris**

PALO ALTO HIGH

The senior scored 39 points, grabbed 27 rebounds, blocked five shots and was a defensive standout as the Vikings won three hoop games and moved to within a half game of first in the SCVAL De Anza Division race.



**Nathan Beak**

PINEWOOD SCHOOL

The senior guard scored 66 points -- including a career-high 40 against Menlo -- with 13 assists, four rebounds and three steals in three basketball wins as the Panthers took over first place in the WBAL race.

## Honorable mention

**Sam Erisman**

Menlo basketball

**Katie Guenin**

Menlo-Atherton soccer

**Riley Hemm\***

Sacred Heart Prep basketball

**Cleo King**

Menlo soccer

**Carly Leong**

Palo Alto basketball

**Ofa Sili**

Menlo-Atherton basketball

**Will Chisholm**

Menlo soccer

**Max Dorward**

Palo Alto basketball

**Christian Fioretti\***

Menlo-Atherton basketball

**Matthew Peery**

Pinewood basketball

**JH Tevis**

Menlo basketball

**Dylan Williams**

Menlo soccer

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over visiting South San Francisco on Senior Day for the Bears. M-A improved to 7-2-2 in league (11-3-2 overall) and joined Aragon and Sequoia atop the standings. Aragon suffered a tie with Burlingame on Wednesday, forcing the three-way deadlock.

The Bears made quick work of South City by taking a 4-0 half-time lead on goals by Jean Claverie, Ethan Oro, Riu Sakaguchi and Kyle Bryan. In the second half, Kyle Smith scored twice, sandwiched by a goal from Axel Brenner. Smith finished with two goals and two assists while Oro had one of each and Patrick Quinn provided two assists.

M-A, which was coming off two ties and a loss, has three matches remaining on the road -- Burlingame, Aragon and Carlmont. The match at Aragon on Feb. 17 now looms as a possible title-decider because Aragon will host Sequoia on Friday.

**Girls soccer**

Palo Alto kept its title hopes alive in the SCVAL De Anza Division following a 1-0 victory over host Saratoga on Wednesday. Senior Alison Lu scored in

the eighth minute off a double assist by Nika Woodfill and Ansley Queen that held up throughout the game.

The Vikings improved to 9-1-1 in league (15-1-1 overall) and remain in first place with 28 points. Mountain View, which handed Santa Clara a 4-0 loss Wednesday, is still in second place at 8-0-2 (26 points). The Spartans, however, have two matches remaining while the Vikings have just one.

Palo Alto's defense held the Falcons at bay as keeper Linnea Carlstrom had to make only one save for Paly's 10th shutout in league play and 13th shutout for the season.

In the SCVAL El Camino Division, Gunn celebrated its Senior Night with a 2-0 victory over visiting Cupertino. The Titans improved to 7-3-1 in league and 9-6-1 overall and still have hopes of catching first-place Fremont and securing a CCS berth.

Gunn scored a goal in each half as sophomore Natalie Hill scored in the first half with an assist from freshman Hailey Leclerc while senior Annie Vesey scored an unassisted goal in the second half. ■

## Basketball

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"We've got our three guards, Eric (Norton), Lucas (Fioretti) and Christian (Fioretti) that are so good at shutting out the key players every game," Henry said. "A lot of our defensive intensity comes from them."

Christian Fioretti gave the Bears a spark midway through the second quarter, scoring six straight points to break open a tie game. Overall, the Bears went on a 15-2 run to close the second quarter and took a 33-20 lead at halftime.

Henry opened up the third quarter with a quick run of his own, knocking down two jumpers and feeding Christian Fioretti for a layup to give the Bears a 20-point advantage.

Later in the quarter, Ferrari tried to single-handedly bring the Panthers back into the ball-game, scoring eight straight points to cut the deficit to 11.

But, the Bears responded with a 10-4 run to close the quarter, and Lucas Fioretti knocked down a big 3-pointer with five seconds remaining that put Menlo-Atherton back up 17.

In the West Bay Athletic League, Sacred Heart Prep retook sole possession of first place with a 70-57 victory over visiting Menlo School on Tuesday. The Gators improved to 10-1 in league (12-9 overall) and moved ahead of erstwhile leader Pinewood (10-2, 14-8), which suffered a 72-59 upset loss to visiting King's Academy.

SHP was coming off an upset loss to King's Academy last Friday.

"It helps to have a rivalry game follow a loss because you do not have to worry about the team being focused and ready to play," explained SHP coach Tony Martinelli.

The Menlo-SHP game was a two-point contest until the fourth period, which the Gators outscored the Knights, 19-8, to secure the important victory.

Senior Mason Randall poured in a season-high 30 points, 18 coming on six 3-pointers. Justin Harmon added 14 points while Jared Lucian led Menlo (6-6, 8-14) with 16 points.

"Mason really bailed us out a few times in the first half with some late-clock 3's, and Justin Harmon seemed to get a big offensive rebound and put back when we needed it most," said Martinelli.

"Mason did a good job of letting the game come to him. He had 20 in the first half and, in the second, he did not force the issue and stayed away from bad shots. Thirty points on 13 shots is an efficient night, and he also filled up the stat sheet with five rebounds, four steals, four assists and a block. It was an MVP type of performance."

Sacred Heart Prep will host Pinewood on Friday at 7 p.m., with a chance to claim no worse than a tie for the title with two

games remaining.

In Los Altos Hills, Pinewood saw its Senior Night ruined as the Panthers fell behind by 28-9 after one quarter.

King's Academy jumped to a 13-0 lead and shot 64.5 percent on 31-of-48 shooting. Senior Jaden Carson had 21 first-half points for the visitors and finished with 29. Pinewood was led by Matthew Peery's 19 points and 15 from Nathan Beak. Kyle Murphy added 12 points for Pinewood.

In Portola Valley, host Priory played without scoring leader Scotty Harris but still had enough depth to topple last-place Crystal Springs, 56-39. Zach Weiss led the Panthers (6-5, 10-6) with 17 points with Emmanuel Ajanaku-Makun adding 11.

In East Palo Alto, host Eastside Prep (4-7, 12-8) held on for a 61-59 victory over Harker.

**Girls basketball**

Menlo-Atherton clinched no worse than a tie for the PAL South Division regular-season title with a 68-34 romp over host Burlingame. The Bears improved to 11-0 in league (21-2 overall) with their 18th straight triumph while staying in front of Hillsdale (10-1, 14-9) with one game remaining — last night at Woodside (2-9, 6-13).

The Bears found themselves in a 9-9 deadlock with 90 seconds left in the first quarter, but Megan Sparrow and Greer Hoyem combined to score eight straight points and M-A never looked back. Hoyem led all scorers with 15. Ofa Sili, Ilana Baer, Sparrow and Mele Kailahi all scored eight and Sally Carlson added five.

In the WBAL Foothill Division, Menlo School held on to sole possession of second place following a hard-fought 56-53 victory over host Sacred Heart Prep. The Knights moved to 7-1 in league (18-4 overall) while the Gators fell to 4-4 and 16-5.

Sam Erisman led Menlo with 21 points and Hannah Paye added 16, while Kenzie Duffner pulled down 14 rebounds. While the Knights missed 10 free throws, they still outscored the Gators from the charity stripe, 22-7.

Senior guard Riley Hemm led SHP with 21 points as she drained five 3-pointers. Ma'ata Makoni added 10 points and Tatum Angotti nine.

In East Palo Alto, Pinewood swept its season series with host Eastside Prep with a 63-38 rout and remained atop the WBAL Foothill Division standings at 8-0 (17-3 overall). Eastside Prep dropped to 3-5 (11-11). Erin Poindexter-McHan led Pinewood with 18 points with fellow juniors Akayla Hackson and Mikaela Topper adding 12 and 10, respectively. Kayla Tahaafe tallied 10 points for Eastside Prep.

In the WBAL Skyline Division, Priory held on to a share of first place with a 52-34 victory over visiting Mercy-Burlingame in Portola Valley. The Panthers (7-1, 13-5) got a season-high 16 points plus four rebound and four steals from Sam McCabe. ■





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