

Caruso Project Will Open September 22nd

Palisades Village by Caruso is well under construction with plans to open September 22 (See story, page 4).

Drone photo: Matthew Kadenacy

Rec Center Loses \$90K in Quimby Funds

By SUE PASCOE
Editor

In February, the Palisades Recreation Center made a plea for residents to help raise \$75,000 to refurbish the small gym.

While researching another story, the *News* discovered that money for this project was in place—last year—but is now gone.

On June 21, 2017, L.A. City's Recreation and Parks Board of Commissioners quietly reallocated Quimby funds slated for the Palisades Recreation Center to the Venice Beach-Pier Refurbishment Project.

The Board minutes reported that \$19,207.18 dedicated to the Palisades Rec Center for building improvements and \$73,390.60 that was reserved for indoor and

outdoor park improvements at the center was being allocated to the Venice project. (Visit: laparks.org/commissioners/agendas-minutes-reports/2017)

Not only were Palisades Rec Center funds reallocated, so were Quimby funds from 13 other recreation centers, including Rustic Canyon, Barrington, Stoner, Penmar, Mar Vista and Westchester.

The total amount of money that was moved from funding for local parks to the Venice Pier fund was \$5,367,241.45.

Rustic Canyon lost \$50,404.39 that was slated for facility enhancement, and Barrington lost about \$914,041 for a new center, about \$102,741 for a play-area renovation and about \$54,436 for a basketball court renovation.

Why did the Board of Commissioners vote to move the money and why was the document signed by Michael Shull, general manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks?

According to Quimby guidelines, the money was supposed to stay local.

Quimby Funds come from new construction fees. Under Sec.12.33 Park Fees (amended April 15, 2016): "New residential dwelling units increase demand on existing park and recreational facilities and creates a need for additional facilities. The purpose of this section is to enable the acquisition of land and fees which are to be used for the purpose of developing new or rehabilitating existing recreational facilities in order to create a healthy and sustainable city."

The law states that all new residential dwelling units shall pay a fee and that the money acquired should be used within the 2-mile radius specified for Neighborhood Parks unless the Board of RAP Commissioners find there is no park gap, or existing park need.

The *News* contacted Councilman Mike Bonin's office on February 28 and asked Bonin why money was being taken away from local parks. He responded in a March 1 email: "When I learned from the *Palisades News* that Quimby funds allocated to neighbor-

hood parks around the district, including those in Pacific Palisades, had been reallocated to help renovate the Venice Pier, I immediately asked the Department of Recreation and Parks to reverse that action. Each neighborhood in my district has a need for improvements to its parks, and I want to ensure use of those funds for projects benefiting those neighborhoods.

"The Department has agreed to refund the money," Bonin continued. "The Venice Pier—which is a regional asset benefiting an area much larger than the community of Venice—has a real and urgent need for repairs, and I am happy to help the department identify funds to do that without de-funding other neighborhood parks in my district."

The *News* contacted the Rec and Parks Board of Commissioners. According to the Commission's Executive Assistant Iris Davis, in order to "undo" a signed document from the Commission, a new report would have to be presented to the board and it would have to be voted on.

She was asked if that had been done and she replied, "Not yet, but maybe one has been given to an analyst."

The *News* sent General Manager Shull a March 1 email asking, "How does something like this happen? How can all of these
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Girl Scouts Work With Heal the Bay

During Heal the Bay's beach clean-up day in 2014, local Girl Scouts Charlotte Drummond and sisters Abigail and Madeline Brown organized and completed a project called "Reclaim the Beach."

The Troop 12815 members took photos during the trash collection at Topanga State Beach and created an educational poster about beach clean-ups and storm drains. Then they collected used T-shirts and sewed/repurposed them into 100 reusable bags. They gave these to visitors at the Heal the Bay aquarium in October 2014.

In exchange for a free bag, the Girl Scouts asked each family to do their own beach

clean-up using the reusable bags. They educated the children (and parents) about the importance of keeping beaches clean (to help protect ocean wildlife) and not to use plastic bags. They also let the kids decorate these bags with markers.

In recognition of their work, the three young women earned a coveted Silver Award.

Three years later, Drummond and the Brown sisters participated in the California Coastal Commission's beach clean-up at Topanga in September.

There were about 50 people at the site on a partly cloudy day, and they all spent about two hours picking up trash. The Scouts re-



(Left to right) Abigail Brown, Charlotte Drummond and Madeline Brown participated in a Beach Clean up at Topanga in 2014 and compared the results in 2017.

ported that all ages participated, from young children and teens to grandparents in their 70s and older.

"The first time I did this was while I was completing the Silver Award for Girl Scouts," Drummond said. "This time our project focused on how plastic pollutes the ocean and how we could help out through different types of activities."

The volunteers found lots of little pieces of Styrofoam, cigarette butts and bottle caps scattered from the waterline to the hillside flanking Pacific Coast Highway.

"It was good to see so many people helping out and how passionate the volunteers are about their work," said Drummond, who attends Malibu High School; the Browns attend Palisades High School. "The atmosphere was peaceful and you could tell that everyone wanted to be there."

Abigail and Madeline have finished their Girl Scout Gold Award (highest achievement in Girl Scouts and available only to high school students) and Charlotte is working on hers.

The three Scouts urge anyone who has never participated in a cleanup to attend one. Visit: healthebay.org.



Girl Scout Cookies Are Still Available

In its debut last year, the Girl Scout S'mores, a crispy graham cookie double dipped in crème icing and finished with a chocolate coating, made it the most popular flavor launched in the 100 years of Girl Scouts selling cookies.

The S'mores are back this year, along with the perennial favorites: Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs (peanut-butter patties), Trefoils (shortbread), Lemonades, Thanks-A-Lot, Do-si-dos (peanut-butter sandwich), Trios, Savana Smiles and Toffee-tastic. Buy a box and support the Girl Scouts.

Three Girl Scouts from Troop 565, Claire Sibson, Darby Rhastager and Sage Denham, have cookies for sale (through March 11).

Photo: Bart Bartholomew

TP Youth's *Lion King Jr.* Provides Family Fun



The cast of *The Lion King Jr.* performs this weekend.

The Theatre Palisades Youth production of Disney's *The Lion King Jr.* opened to favorable reviews on March 2 at the Pierson Playhouse, 941 Temescal Canyon Rd.

The TPY cast includes 36 youth, 8 to 14 years old, with director Lara Ganz and musical director Caitlin Tortorici.

The musical is based on the Broadway production and the 1994 Disney animated film. It tells the story of the lion cub Simba as he struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood, and his destiny as king as he confronts his wicked Uncle Scar. Along the way, he encounters a colorful cast of characters, including the lioness Nala, the charismatic meerkat Timon and the lovable warthog Pumbaa.

The Lion King Jr. features classic songs from the 1994 film such as "Hakuna Matata" and the Academy Award-winning "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?"

Performances will take place on Friday, March 9 at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 10 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; and Sunday, March 11 at 2 p.m.

General admission is \$15 per person. Call: (310) 454-1970 or visit: theatrepalisades.org/tickets.

Photo: Bart Bartholomew

We Have a Winner!

In our *Palisades News* prediction contest last October, New York resident Michael Talariski guessed that the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Caruso's Palisades Village would be September 22.

Last week, Caruso announced that its opening day would indeed be September 22, the last day of the summer solstice. The development company had consistently vowed that the retail/entertainment/residential complex would open this summer.

As our contest winner, Talariski will be treated to lunch at the restaurant of his choice in Palisades Village, joined by our owner/publisher Scott Wagenseller, editor Sue Pascoe and advertising director Luke Fair.

Talariski's prediction was a winner by 15 days. James Michal, a resident on Radcliffe, guessed September 7, and Peggy Shapiro said "Carusoville" would open October 7.

Most of our 47 contestants predicted an opening in June, July and August. Only four had a September date, and six were in October and November.

Max Dorband, 10, is already wary of developers and contractors who make promises about their completion date. He picked November 15.

We're sorry that Madeline Hyman (Au-



The view from Monument towards the north side of Swarthmore. Photo: Bart Bartholomew

gust 24) didn't win. She wrote with her prediction, "It's my anniversary, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed."

When we contacted Talariski in Ithaca to congratulate him on his victory, we thought he might be a college student from Pacific Palisades.

Turns out he has been a lifelong resident of Ithaca, but with an interesting Palisades connection: his mother-in-law, Carol Serling, now lives in the Highlands. And Carol is the widow of Rod Serling, the writer who created and produced the legendary *Twilight Zone* TV series in the 1950s.

The Serlings lived in the Palisades Riviera and their daughters, Jodi and Anne, both

attended local public schools.

Talariski, who retired last July as an electrician and business manager, married Jodi in 2003, and they come out every two months to visit her mother.

"I read about the contest in October," said Talariski, who couldn't remember just why he predicted September 22. "Maybe a WAG (Wild Ass Guess)? Or maybe it's from my over 30 years of dealing with construction deadlines."

He noted that he has another local connection: he attended the same high school as actress Mary McDonnell (*Dances with Wolves*), who lives in the Palisades.

—BILL BRUNS

Quimby

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funds be reallocated in CD 11 without letting local parks know?"

Shull had not responded by our Saturday deadline, but that answer can be found on page 70 of a 380-page project document (Reports—Package 1), prepared for the last June 21 meeting. It was one of many supplemental handouts given to commissioners.

According to that document, a little more than \$2 million in Quimby fees had been assigned to the Venice Pier project, but "RAP staff had determined that additional project funding for the Venice Beach-Pier Refurbishment (PRJ20587) Project will ultimately be necessary."

So, "In order to fund the Venice [Project] . . . RAP staff needs to reallocate Quimby and Zone Change Fees from other Capital Improvement Projects that need to be accepted as final or canceled by the Board and active projects from which funding can be reallocated to the Venice Beach-Pier Refurbishment (PRJ20587) Project, as the project is a high priority to RAP."

The Board of Commissioners, five volunteers who are appointed by the Mayor, were told that "The following projects are complete and have Quimby and Zone Change Fees available for reallocation to the Venice [Project]."

The list included a major project in almost every park in Council District 11.

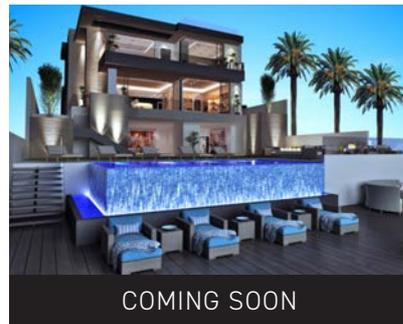


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How to Help Keep Homeless on the Streets

By SUE PASCOE
Editor

My greatest regret is that early on, the simple acts of giving money and donations to Margaret have now prolonged her situation and caused her decline over two decades," said a Pacific Palisades resident to the *News*.

Margaret, a well-known homeless woman who has lived on the streets of the Palisades for more than 20 years, recently told a man that her car (an aging Jaguar) had been damaged.

The man reported on Nextdoor Palisades, "Margaret, the homeless gal who lives at Gelson's, needs expensive work done on her car. A hit-and-run driver has damaged her Jaguar that she sleeps in. Gelson's has agreed to match dollar for dollar any donations you can offer. Please drop off at the manager's desk. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in looking after our own!"

Nice gesture it seemed, but the story had important elements that were not true.

The *News* contacted Gelson's to see if they had offered to match donated money to help repair her car. The answer was no. Some employees at Gelson's, who spoke to the *News* off the record, said they didn't appreciate how Margaret would go into the upstairs restroom to wash her hair and body, tying up the restroom for employees.



Margaret, a homeless woman in Pacific Palisades, asks residents for money.

When asked why the practice was allowed, employees said that Gelson's was worried that if the store tried to ban Margaret from using the bathroom, Palisades residents would be upset with the store, but clerks also wondered why this outside woman mattered more than those working there.

One employee told about watching how Margaret would hang out by the outside tables, then approach people as they got

out of the car, follow them into the store and ask them for money. Often it was the elderly she approached.

The *News* contacted Donna Tyndall, Senior VP of Operations for Gelson's, who responded in a February 23 email: "Many Gelson's stores have homeless customers who have been in their communities for years. While our customers are welcome to use our facilities, Gelson's does not know-

ingly allow them to bathe in our restrooms, and customers who see such activity may notify a manager.

"We do not condone individuals soliciting in front of our stores or in the parking lot," Tyndall continued. "While we have never provided direct financial aid to individuals, Gelson's does regularly donate to organizations assisting the homeless."

Tyndall was asked what a customer should do if approached by a panhandler. Report it to "the store director at the front desk," she said.

Another woman wrote about Margaret on Nextdoor:

"She used to come into Bay Pharmacy and ask to use our telephone. We allowed it until she 'outwore her welcome' by using it for long stretches on a daily basis. She then asked employees to use their cell phones. Eventually, we had to ask her to go as it was disruptive. This was probably 20 years ago. I know many Palisades business owners who help her [today]."

One long-time resident remembers that Margaret used to hang out in Village Books on Swarthmore. Back then, she was told that Margaret was down on her luck.

So, the resident had some expensive clothes that no longer fit and brought them for Margaret, who turned them down because they weren't the "right" brand.

The woman also heard that Margaret's
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I'd like to know who my lead is on Nextdoor Palisades and how they're chosen.

(Editor's note: If you go to their website, click on "your neighborhood," click on "about" and then go to "maintained by" and you can click on your leads. We asked several leads how they were selected, and they had no idea, they just received notification. They also receive no training.)

Palisades Village Park

What happened to the green park that was going to be the center of Caruso's Palisades Village? With all that wood and steel framing going up, it doesn't look like there's much room for the park they showed in the slide shows.

(Editor's note: We contacted Caruso to ask about the park, and a spokesperson said that it will still be located along Monument. "The restaurant patios fronting the park will spill into the park area which will allow for more al fresco dining, which the community wanted. For comparison, the Palisades Village park area will be larger than the park at The Grove.")

Repair the Street

I saw that Radcliffe Avenue is on list for City repairs (from Woman's Club down to Bowdoin). What about also including Haverford, from Temescal Canyon Road to the Woman's Club? Lots of people turn off Temescal onto Haverford and drive up into the Village to avoid the "No Right Turn on Red" at Sunset.

Making the Deadline

Caruso has long promised that his Palisades Village will open in "late summer 2018," which gave him a three-month window. The announced date is September 22, and the summer solstice ends on—September 22! Whew.

Senior Living Advocate

I'm all for the proposed assisted-living facility in the Highlands. They say it's for those older than 62. My mom turns 62 next year and I plan to convince her to live there. A win-win situation. She has friends and someone to cook for her, I take over the house.

Coyotes Also Do Good

In defense of urban coyotes, I read a story in the *New York Times* which stated "Moreover, biologists say that urban coyotes actually benefit humans by eating rodents like rats, which can spread disease, and by culling feral cats, which prey on songbirds." The article also quoted a conservationist who noted that "we need to learn how to minimize conflicts [with coyotes] in our cities instead of making things worse." She pointed to measures like securing garbage cans and keeping dogs on leashes in areas where coyotes may roam.

ANN CLEAVES



VIEWPOINT

Drinking to Get Drunk? Not in Spain

By DAVID GRINSFELDER
UC Berkeley Junior

You'd miss it if you didn't know where to look. Sandwiched between a *peluquería* (hair salon) and a *carnicería* (butcher shop), the Obsoleto Rock Bar from the outside looks more like a storage closet.

Its street sign, white cursive writing with a trombone attached to the first "O," hangs only a few inches above my head. I duck inside to escape the howling winter wind that races down Calle San Vicente Ferrer.

Inside, the musical theme suggested by the street sign becomes clear—banjos and guitars adorning the walls and little coffee tables shaped like pianos. I order a pitcher of Mahou beer and pick out a corner table with my mix of Spanish and American friends.

It's 10 p.m. on a Thursday, quite early by Spanish standards. After 10 minutes of small talk about classes, I notice a difference between my drinking buddies.

Carlos and Andres, native *Madrileños*, have hardly made a dent in their *harras* (a Spanish term for a beer typically half a liter when full).

My American friend, Eddie, has already downed his first drink and poured himself another. Over the course of the next three hours we laugh and trade stories about our upbringings and generally have a good time.

I've been told about the differences between drinking styles of Spanish and American college students, but to see representatives of both contingents side by side really puts the problem of U.S. college binge drinking in perspective.

If I had to quantify how much everyone at the table had consumed, Eddie had roughly as much

to drink as Carlos, Andres and I put together.

The biggest difference between college drinking in Spain and the United States is its purpose. From my experiences in the U.S., students often drink simply to achieve the sensation of being drunk. Perhaps it is to lessen their inhibitions. Perhaps it's to de-stress after a long day or week of school. Whatever the case, a group mentality exists that idolizes heavy drinking.

Drinking is primarily a "party" activity, and those who choose not to imbibe must have an extraordinary sense of self-confidence to endure the barrage of questions and sideways glances they will inevitably attract.

On the other hand, drinking by Spanish students (and Spanish life in general) is a primarily social activity and serves an important communal function.

It's common to find 18-year-olds having a drink at noon between classes to catch up with an old friend. Spanish university students would be just as happy to meet and not even consume alcohol. A bar or restaurant just gives them a physical place to do so, and a *caña* (small beer) is usually the cheapest item one can order, ranging from 50 cents to one euro.

Even on the weekends, when university students flock to the nightclubs and *discotecas*, there is no pressure to consume copious amount of alcohol. By the time they turn 21, university students in Spain have already been drinking for three years. That taboo experience that accompanies underage drinking in the United States simply does not exist.

Binge drinking on college campuses across America is a problem. However, college students in the United States would be well-served to take a page out of the Spanish playbook.

Thought to Ponder

"Demagogue: one who preaches doctrines he knows to be untrue to men he knows to be idiots."

— H.L. Mencken

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VIEWPOINT

PaliHi's 'Off to College Fund' Seeks Donations

By SUE PASCOE
Editor

My favorite days in the fall are when I read college application essays by seniors at Palisades High School. I often help students brainstorm about topics that will allow a college to get to know them better, which is really the point of the essay.

Most of the kids I work with come from families that can't afford a writing coach or a personal college counselor and try to write what they think a college will want to hear: usually about some sort of community-service project.

But colleges want to know what makes this teenager unique, and so we start talking.

For example, a kid who got up at 5 a.m. to take a train and then two buses to get to Pali on time didn't at first think that was worthy of writing about. His assumption was that everyone would work that hard to go to school—that the 90 minutes of travel time was nothing special.

Or the kid who came to this country as an elementary school student, speaking only Farsi, yet gradually not only learned to speak fluent English, but served as an interpreter for her family. She also found a part-time job to help support the family when her father lost his job.

Another student was raising his sibling. Why? His single mother worked as a nanny for a family in the Palisades, and the hours she worked were at the family's whim.

Why didn't the mother quit? According to the student, his mom wanted her kids to be in a good school and was able to use the address for her kids. There was no bitterness that his mom was sometime gone on weekends.

He understood that his mother thought that an education was the most important thing in the world.

There was the kid whose father was in jail, and I wondered, Do you write about it for a college essay? (Yes.) Do you talk about the trips to see your dad? (Yes.) And how many more household responsibilities did this kid have than your average senior?

For numerous kids I have worked with, English was a second language, but some of them spoke three or four fluently. Yet because that skill was just part of their day-to-day life, they never realized how unique it is in the United States; they just assumed everyone was like them.

Almost all parents in Pacific Palisades expect their kids to attend college, and that expectation is shared at PaliHi, where 91 percent of last year's graduating seniors pursued higher education.

About one-third of this year's seniors are on free and reduced lunch plans, which means that the annual income for a family of four is less than \$31,590, which brings us to the "Off to College" fund.

Three years ago, four girls were accepted to a private college in Minnesota. All were the first in their family to go to college, but even though their tuition and board were paid for, their families couldn't afford winter clothes or the transportation cost to get them to and from the school.

I wrote about their plight in the *Palisades News* and residents came forward with donations.

Two years ago, one student I helped with an essay received a four-year full ride to M.I.T. and had the same problem. The College Center gave me a list of 11 kids with the greatest needs, who would be attending Long

Beach State, M.I.T., Morehouse College, UC Riverside, Sonoma State, UC Merced, San Jose State, Columbia College Chicago, International Fashion Academy in Paris, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and UC Santa Cruz.

I asked residents to "treat" these kids to a gift card as an "Off to College" mini-scholarship, and all 11 students received some help.

Now, Palisades Optimist Club member Don Scott has more formally organized an "Off to College Fund," in which Palisadians can aid a low-income college-bound senior.

Last year, 44 donors gave a total of \$5,950. This allowed for one \$2,000 scholarship and 16 Target gift cards that could be used to purchase dorm items, such as sheets and pillows.

It's that time of year, and once again we're appealing to good-hearted people in the Palisades.

"We are asking residents to help support our community asset [PaliHi and its students]," said Scott. "By giving a hand to more graduating students, we make Pali an even more attractive school to attend."

College Counselor Diana Hurst said, "Many of our top students are offered scholarships for merit or need, but there is always a gap between the actual out-of-pocket cost and the scholarships or grants they receive. Some low-income graduates will take a bus to college because their families can't afford to drive them or pay for airline tickets."

Contributions can be made to the Palisades Optimist Foundation (tax ID # 95-4706527), with checks sent to P.O. Box 242, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272, or left with Arnie Wishnick at the Chamber of Commerce office, 15330 Antioch St., or contact the College Center (310) 230-6643.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Revere Parking Needs Action

Regarding the illegal parking problems at Paul Revere Middle School ("Revere Traffic Puts Children at Risk," February 21), Pacific Palisades has a large senior population and emergency trips to St. John's and UCLA Santa Monica via Allenford happen every day.

In my view, an emergency patient attempting to go via Allenford either to St. John's or Santa Monica Hospital could DIE because the ambulance is NOT going to get thru the street with double/tripled illegally parked cars. Parents and housekeepers are parked illegally on both sides of the street.

I propose the following solution:

- 1.) Put "No Parking Tow Away" signs (7 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays) on both sides of Allenford from Sunset to Brinkley Drive. Repaint the curbs red and ENFORCE it.
- 2.) Send notices before towing starts to all student homes, warning of the change.
- 3.) For at least 10 days, put someone from the school out there to tell illegally parked cars to move or get towed.

Jacques Soiret

Focus on the Predators

Yes. Yes. Yes! Sue Pascoe hit it smack on with her Viewpoint ("#Me Too' Should Focus on Predators," February 21). The more trivial complaints made by women ("He emailed, 'I'm thinking of you'" comes to

mind) tend to belittle the serious nature of the true crimes of violence involving force and physical harm. The latter rightfully deserve society's attention and remedy.

Sue's right about the unpleasant stuff that goes on when men decide that a "move" is in order. Increase the physical distance, (move off). Look him straight in the eye and say, "I don't think that's funny." But leave the high-road indignation to what matters.

Julia Whitcombe

Regarding the Eldercare Project

The Community Council's Land Use Committee (LUC) and the PPCC itself voted on February 22 to reconsider the PPCC's previous description of the proposed Eldercare project as an "appropriate use" for the Highlands site, after project opponents pointed out that the LUC and PPCC's earlier decisions on the matter failed to consider applicable Coastal Act requirements. When the Coastal Act requirements are considered, the LUC and PPCC should find that the proposed Eldercare use is NOT appropriate for the Highlands site.

State and local maps and the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades Community Plan make crystal clear that the Highlands is in the Coastal Zone and is governed by all Coastal Act requirements, which include not only the Coastal Act itself but also the protections of the California Coastline Preservation and Recreation Plan for the Santa

Monica Mountains, the Coastal Regional Interpretive Guidelines (RIGS) and the Palisades Community Plan land use policies. Here are just a few examples of restrictions from those protections that render the use and the project NOT appropriate:

Palisades Community Plan Policy Guideline 2-3.1 states that "senior citizen housing projects [must be located] in neighborhoods within reasonable walking distance of health and community facilities, services and public transportation." The Highlands area lacks any medical or community services, and is situated miles from any public transportation, so the project fails this guideline.

Palisades Regional Guideline B-1 requires that, "Commercial establishments should be public recreation and recreation supportive or otherwise coastally related facilities" (interpreting Public Resources Code Secs. 30222 and 30255). The Eldercare project, which is a commercial facility, does not meet this guideline requirement.

PRC Sec. 30251 requires development to be visually compatible with the character of the surrounding areas. The proposed huge four-story building, which would rise over 60 feet above Palisades Drive with only a 10-foot

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setback, would greatly exceed the visual impact of any other building in the Highlands by a wide margin.

The developer has continually asserted that because the L.A. Municipal Code includes eldercare within the current zoning classification of the site, eldercare use is allowed "by right." To the contrary, City zoning does NOT supersede the protections afforded by the Coastal Act and related provisions. The fundamental purpose of the Coastal Act is to ensure that state policies prevail over contrary harmful local government policies. If Coastal Act requirements are properly considered, the Eldercare project cannot be allowed to proceed.

Robert T. Flick,
Highlands Resident

(Editor's note: The News contacted the project applicant about the Highlands letter. He replied in a February 27 email: "Mr. Flick's citations and interpretations are inaccurate and/or not applicable." The applicant pointed out that L.A. Zoning had reviewed the application and determined that the project was in full compliance with all applicable regulations, including the Coastal Act and CEQA.)

Curfew on Local Beaches

(Editor's note: Several readers said that after reading the February 21 article about the possibility of the overnight curfew being lifted on five local beaches, they wrote letters to the public officials, including Councilman Mike Bonin, and received the following reply from Bonin.)

Thanks for your email. I apologize if you were misinformed by a story in the Palisades News. Had the newspaper bothered to contact my office, they would have learned that the January 25 [mitigated] negative

declaration [from the L.A. City Recreation and Parks], which sought to remove the curfew for parts of several beaches in Los Angeles, was done at the urging of the office of the City Attorney, absent consultation with or notification of any of the elected officials who represent the coastal area. When my office was notified, we contacted the Department of Recreation & Parks and asked them to withdraw the negative declaration, which I understand they have done. If the department has any intention to reissue the negative declaration, I will oppose it.

Mike Bonin,
Councilmember, 11th District

(Editor's note: The News replied to Bonin by email on February 24, reminding the Councilman that we never wrote that he supported the curfew being repealed. Instead, the News told Bonin that we had learned that the City was going to refile and thought he might like support for his position from residents, especially if they provided feedback to the Coastal Commission.)

Wishnick Remembers

Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Arnie Wishnick told the News about the time that former Honorary Mayor Nanette Fabray corrected him.

"I introduced Nanette at an AARP meeting. She was our guest speaker," Wishnick said.

"After my introduction she immediately said, 'Arnie, where did you get that information about me?'"

I answered, 'Nanette, I got it all off the internet.'

"She said, 'More than half the things you said about me were wrong. The next time you introduce me, talk to me first. I know more about my life than the internet does.'"

Wishnick said "She was someone very special."

Woman's Club Seeks Items for Rummage Sale

The Pacific Palisades Woman's Club is accepting donations in good condition for its annual rummage sale from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, March 9, at the clubhouse on Haverford Avenue.

Time to clean out your closets, drawers and garages and put unused objects towards a charitable cause. Proceeds from the sale will support the philanthropic efforts of the Pacific Palisades Woman's Club and the PPWC Clubhouse restoration.

The giant rummage sale will be held at the clubhouse from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 10.

Positive Aging Group to Meet

Anyone over the age of 55 who would like to optimize the aging experience is invited to join a new group led by Palisadian psychotherapist, Kane Phelps.

The six-week "Harvesting the Fruits of Our Lives," life-review structured-storytelling group will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings, starting March 28, at the Palisades Lutheran Church, 15905 Sunset Blvd.

The cost is \$150 for the six sessions and space is limited.

"The intention of the group is to provide a warm and welcoming environment for people to explore life stories and to feel validated and seen," Phelps said. He plans to explore themes such as hopes and dreams, legacy, ageism, spirituality, grief and loss, relationships, life purpose, health/pain and fun/laughter.

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Kurt Toppel, 85; Community Activist

Long-time Palisadian and community activist Kurt Toppel, who earned Citizen of the Year honors in 1998, passed away on February 9 after battling a series of illnesses.

Kurt was born in Cologne, Germany to Kurt and Maria Toppel on May 14, 1932. He was drafted into the German Army in the winter of 1944-45 as a 12-year-old carrying a rifle and wearing a military armband (for lack of uniforms) to fight the Russian Army on the Eastern Front. He miraculously survived physically but suffered flashbacks throughout his life.

Kurt studied economics and law at the University of Würzburg. He was also No. 3 on the West German track team in the 1,500-meter run as it prepared for the 1952 Olympics in Oslo. However, when the East and West German teams were combined into one team (for the only time until reunification), Kurt was unable to qualify.

After graduating, he worked at a government-controlled Co-op in England, where he learned English. He then immigrated to the U.S. in 1954 to continue his studies in economics. When he reached Los Angeles, he landed a job at General Telephone (GTE) in market research—one of 10 people picked from 3,000 applicants.

Kurt was in the National Guard in 1958 when his unit was recalled for active duty during the Berlin crisis and ordered to San

Francisco. He had just purchased his first house on Marquette in Pacific Palisades for \$25,000, and the \$76 a month he received from the Guard didn't cover the monthly payment. So he took an off-base job with Wells Fargo, working as a soldier by day and at the bank at night. When this was discovered, Kurt was court-martialed and demoted to permanent latrine orderly. Eventually, he worked his way back, was promoted and an Army superior helped Kurt get his American citizenship. He received his Army discharge in 1961.

After returning to the Palisades in 1960, Kurt purchased his beloved home on Enchanted Way for \$56,000. He started his own data-processing company (which succumbed to competition from Bank of America) and then was hired at TRW Systems, where his job expanded to overseeing 300 people in Redondo Beach and Washington, D.C.

After endless travel, and a bout with colon cancer, Kurt quit and formed a business-consulting firm that assisted mid-sized European businesses relocating to the U.S.

In 1977, Kurt opened and operated Gourmenauts, a successful gourmet restaurant in Santa Monica for three years. He soon joined the Santa Monica Red Cross chapter and became its president for nearly eight years.

Kurt was also a community leader, serving as president of the Marquez Knolls Property Owners Association intermittently for more than 10 years, president of Palisades P.R.I.D.E.

(2015-16) and president of the Community Council (2005-06), where he helped draft and implement the organization's Guiding Principles, which remain unchanged to this day.

In the mid-1990s, Prop. A money (\$1 million) that had been allocated for a new gym at the Palisades Recreation Center was about to be returned because the projected cost had risen to \$2 million. Getting wind of the plan, Kurt told Councilman Marvin Braude, "Over my dead body, you are not returning those funds!!" Marvin, already committed to the move, challenged Kurt that he could never raise the extra \$1 million.

Kurt, who had never led any fundraising efforts, headed a committee that ultimately raised the money to complete the gym. In recognition of his leadership, Toppel received Citizen of the Year honors.

Always an avid sportsman, Kurt was a member of the Enzian Ski Club for about 50 years and served on the Palisades Park Advisory Board.

Kurt was also a member of the Community Police Advisory Board for about 10 years, a member of American Legion Post 283 and an AYSO volunteer.

In 1973, Kurt met his future wife, Haldis, through friends and the two married in 1976 in the Cathedral of Aachen in Germany.

They had a son, Curt, who played on the for professional volleyball teams in eight countries, including Turkey, Qatar, South



Kurt Toppel

Korea and Indonesia. Kurt and Haldis enjoyed traveling to watch him play.

Tall and handsome, Kurt had a love of life and people. He brought joy and laughter with his many poems and jokes.

In addition to his wife and son, he leaves behind his daughter-in-law (Nicole Violani), his sister (Lislore Ernesti) and many cousins.

A private family service was held at the American Martyrs Catholic Church in Manhattan Beach on March 3.

This Sunday, March 11, from 4 p.m. until the late evening (with presentations at 5 p.m.) at the Palisades Woman's Club, friends and family will celebrate Kurt's life with memories, dinner and dance, just as Kurt would have loved.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations towards the Clubhouse restoration at the Woman's Club.



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Mark W. Gibello, 71; Father, Husband, Executive

Mark W. Gibello tragically passed away on February 13 in Pacific Palisades.

He was born on March 10, 1946, in New York City, and grew up in Woodland Hills, where he attended Taft High School. He moved to the Palisades in 1969.

Mark graduated from USC, where he received a bachelor's and master's degree in finance. While at USC, he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and after graduation remained very active in the USC Associates. As a lifelong loyal Trojan, Mark rarely missed a USC football game.

He was executive vice president and a director of Trust Company of the West, where he held senior management positions for more than 25 years.

He served as a director for the Association of Investment Management Sales Executives and was a former chairman of the National Association of State Retirement Administrators.

Mark joined the Saint John's Health Center Foundation board of trustees in 1999. He was serving on the Executive Committee and the Affiliation Fund Advisory Committee. He previously served as chair of the Board Affairs Committee and co-chaired two capital campaigns.

In addition, he was currently serving on the Providence Saint John's Health Center Board of Directors and was a trustee of the Children's Bureau Foundation. Mark considered every opportunity to serve others a true privilege.

Golf was one of Mark's passions. The hours he spent walking the fairways of Eldorado County Club, Loch Lomond County Club and Los Angeles County Club were some of his fondest moments. He was very proud of the role he played in bringing the Walker Cup to the L.A. Country Club and Los Angeles.

When not playing golf, Mark loved his beach time at the Bel-Air Bay Club, The Beach Club and his favorite retreat, Punta Mita Golf and Beach Club in Puerto Vallarta.

Mark enjoyed traveling with friends and family, planning every detail with careful



Mark W. Gibello

consideration of others. Because of his infectious personality and genuine charm, he was often referred to as the "Mayor," making it a priority to take a personal interest in everyone he met. He never forgot a name or missed an opportunity to let you know how much he cared. Mark was the consummate gentleman.

Above all else, family was everything to Mark. He cherished every moment spent together, especially the holidays surrounded by the family he loved so much.

He will be missed by all and be remembered for the many happy days spent together "living the dream."

He leaves behind his loving wife of 29 years, Kris Gibello; his children, Mark Gibello (Jennifer), Lisa Gibello-Khoury (Brian), Brian Kirch and Megan Kobata (Randy); and his grandchildren, Tyler, Ben and Kate Gibello, Louie Khoury and Aidan, Caroline and Jackson Kobata. He is also survived by his sister Barbara Dickinson (Edward) and his many nieces and nephews.

Services were held March 2 at St. Monica's Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Mark's memory to St. John's Health Center Foundation or Children's Bureau.

Martha Shaw, 93; Longtime Resident

Martha Louise Shaw was born April 28, 1924, to parents Bessie Lee and Ira Kerr in Texas.

The 52-year Pacific Palisades resident passed away on December 20, 2017 at Providence St. John's Health Center in Santa Monica.

Martha attended grammar and high school in Dallas, Texas, before attending the University of Texas in Austin. She joined Delta Gamma sorority and graduated with a major in journalism.

She was introduced to her future husband Donald Shaw at a relative's home in Dallas. Donald asked Martha to wait for him until he returned from WWII from Okinawa, Japan, where he was serving in the U.S. Army. She agreed. On June 15, 1945, they were married in Texas.

The couple moved to Los Angeles, where they had two children, Marguerite and Don. After five years, they moved to Santa Monica and lived in Donald's father's home, which he had built, for five years.

In 1960, Martha and Don moved to Pacific Palisades, where the new Palisades High School had just opened. By 1969, both children had graduated.

When Donald had a terrible accident while appraising real estate, Martha started working to help with the family finances.

She worked as an executive secretary at Harriscop Broadcasting in Brentwood. She was also employed at California Federal Bank.

From the time she was 3 years old, Martha enjoyed dancing, and along with her husband Don, performed in many local charity shows.

She enjoyed playing Scrabble, knitting, crocheting and crafting for most of her life. For the past 15 years, she suffered with Alzheimer's disease and was cared for by her daughter, son and healthcare workers until she had to move to nursing homes in Mar Vista and Santa Monica.

Martha was preceded in death by her



Martha Shaw

husband in 1980. She is survived by her two children, Marguerite and Don, and two grandchildren, James and Jordan Shaw.

Graveside services were held at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City, followed by a small reception with family and close friends.

Donations may be made to University of Texas in Martha's name.

Task Force Meeting To Discuss 'Enablers'

The Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness will host a meeting on Monday, March 19, about how people enable not only alcoholics or drug users, but also the homeless.

Dr. Aaron Fisher, who is affiliated with the La Vie Counseling Center of Santa Monica and Pasadena, will discuss how to recognize and understand why acts of intended help in our own families and other relationships may actually hinder those we care about.

Fisher will speak about how decisions related to homelessness and how our efforts to "help" may be counterintuitive. He has experience working with homeless men at the Union Rescue Mission on Skid Row and the Lazarus Homeless Shelter.

The free public meeting will start at 7 p.m. in the Palisades Library community room, 861 Alma Real.

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Former Pacific Palisades Honorary Mayors Nanette Fabray, Steve Guttenberg, Anthony Hopkins and John Raitt with Shelley Long.

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Nanette Fabray, 97; Actress

Nanette Fabray, the honorary mayor of Pacific Palisades from 1967 to 1969, died on February 22 at her home in Palos Verdes Estates. She was 97.

The award-winning musical comedy star was born Ruby Nanette Bernadette Theresa on October 27, 1920 in San Diego. Her father, Raoul, was a train conductor, and her mother, Lily, took in boarders.

The family lived in Los Angeles and as a child Nanette studied tap dance, making her debut at the Million Dollar Theater when she was three.

After graduating from Hollywood High School in 1939, Nanette entered Los Angeles Junior College, but withdrew a few months later. She had trouble learning because of an undiagnosed hearing impairment.

After being diagnosed with otosclerosis, a disorder of the middle ear, Fabray later said: "It was a revelation to me. All these years I had thought I was stupid, but in reality, I had a hearing problem."

She made her film debut with Bette Davis in *The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex* (1939). Although she studied opera at Juilliard for a short time, she preferred musical theater and became well known on the Broadway stage in the 1940s and early 1950s.

In 1949, Fabray won a Tony Award for her portrayal of Susan Cooper in the musical

Love Life. Four years later she co-starred in the movie *The Band Wagon* with Fred Astaire and Jack Buchanan. The three of them performed the classic stage number "Triplets."

Fabray appeared on *Your Show of Shows* as a guest star opposite Sid Caesar and as a regular on *Caesar's Hour* (1954-56), winning three Emmys. In 1961, she starred in a half-hour sitcom, *Westinghouse Playhouse starring Nanette Fabray and Wendell Corey*.

After an 11-year absence from the New York stage, she received a Tony nomination for her role as Nell Henderson in *Mr. President* in 1963. She continued to tour in musicals for many years, appearing in *Wonderful Town* and *No, No, Nanette*.

Fabray played Bonnie Franklin's mother in the hit 1980s sitcom *One Day at a Time*, Mary Tyler Moore's mother on that sitcom and the mother of Shelley Fabares, her real-life niece, in the 1990s series *Coach*.

She married David Tebet in 1947, but they divorced four years later. She married screenwriter Ranald MacDougall in 1951 and they remained married until his death in 1973. They had a son, Dr. Jamie MacDougall.

Fabray campaigned for fellow Pacific Palisades resident Ronald Reagan when he ran for governor in 1966. She also performed *Love Letters* with John Raitt when he was the town's honorary mayor.

Orchid Society Auction

Orchid growers and hybridizers in Southern California and from abroad will participate in the Malibu Orchid Society's annual auction on Tuesday, March 20 at the Palisades Woman's Club, 901 Haverford Ave.

The auction will include a selection of unique and unusual orchids for both beginners and advanced growers.

The orchids may be previewed at 6:30 p.m.; the auction begins at 7 p.m.

Orchid expert Doug Overstreet will conduct the auction and provide culture tips on all auctioned plants.

This year's fundraiser will also feature a Sales Table, with orchids and other plants, in-



cluding succulents, cacti and other unusual plants from donors, members and residents.

Light refreshments will be served. Attendance is free. Contact: malibuorchid-society.org

Homeless

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car needed to be replaced and gave \$500 along with several other donors. According to the resident, the car found "was not to her liking and she rejected it."

Others remember seeing Margaret sleeping in her car overnight on Swarthmore and then running into Mort's Deli as soon as it opened to use the bathroom.

There are also reports that people invited her to stay in their homes for brief periods, but that it always ended badly. One woman gave her a room next to the laundry and Margaret told her she would "not live in a maid's room."

Saheed Kohanoff, former owner of the Mobil station at Sunset and Swarthmore, told the *News* on February 26 that Margaret used to come in during "the very early hours and use the facility [station] for washing." He remembers that she slept in a BMW in the U.S. Bank parking lot. "She would buy a hot chocolate [from a machine]," he said. "She would drink it half way down and then fill it up, again," [without paying for the second cup.]

Heather Draper, a spokesperson for U.S. Bank, told the *News* in a February 21 email that the homeless woman in question is not a U.S. Bank customer.

"The branch manager has called to have her car towed several times, and it has been towed away before," Draper said. "We have

posted no trespassing signs in the parking lot, and we have talked with the police about the situation."

The *News* has learned through sources that Margaret has received several cars as gifts from residents over the year. Another resident gave her a membership to Spectrum.

According to a reliable source, Margaret attended Smith College and worked in New York City in publishing. She has family in Southern California, but chooses to live in her car and occasionally in local residences.

In a posting on Nextdoor regarding Margaret, people were told to contact the Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness.

Residents asked if Margaret, who appears to be in her 50s, could be linked to social services for shelter and psychological assistance. "Has anyone tried to take her to job training programs? It seems she needs help with larger issues than getting her car fixed. What can we do?"

One PPTFH member wrote the *News*, "People don't get it!! We have offered her services multiple times and she refuses."

"We have a community of enablers that are actually standing in our way of getting Margaret the help she really needs," the PPTFH member said. "We need to educate business owners and the community that helping Margaret is a bad thing and is not helping her at all."

The next PPTFH community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 19 in the Palisades Library community room. The topic is enabling.



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Sadrieh Attends Las Vegas Show

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Ramis Sadrieh

and wireless systems.

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, Sadrieh updated the Palisades Optimist Club about the future of technology after attending the annual Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

"This was my 17th year attending the show," Sadrieh said. "It was one of the most mind-boggling I've ever been to."

He described how more than 2.7 million sq. ft. of show room was devoted to electronic and digital gadgets—some practical, some in the design stage and some that may never make it to the consumer market.

Sadrieh, a PaliHi grad who obtained a degree in math and computer science from UCLA in 1997, said one of the oddest booths belonged to Netflix, which was promoting its upcoming *Altered Carbon* series they are producing, in which a "sleeve" (a spare body) is available to transfer your consciousness into—because "nobody lives forever."

Psychasec, a fictional tech company in the series, was on display, and conventiongoers learned it's a radical new technology that would allow one to take on the life of someone else, any age, any gender or any height.



Lifelike mannequins were part of Netflix's booth at the Las Vegas Technology Show.

On a more realistic side, a device from Razer won for best innovation. "It's a shell that looks like a laptop," Sadrieh said. "There's a place to put your cell phone (Android) and it turns into a laptop." Called Project Linda, this is the first smartphone pitched to gamers. The phone screen's con-

tents are shown on the laptop screen.

Sadrieh said that the Photozone holograms were amazing. "Images were coming out of the wall. It's basically designed for advertising."

One of his favorite experiences was at
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Escrow Challenges and Solutions

By MICHAEL EDLEN
Special to the Palisades News

We are frequently asked what kinds of things can come up during transactions that might result in an escrow falling apart, how often it occurs, and what the agents need do to keep the escrow together.

Considering the length and complexity of any real estate transaction, there are numerous opportunities for things to go wrong. Even in a robust market such as we have had for four years, escrow falls out 20-25 percent of the time.

If the seller does not have a solid backup buyer lined up, it can be costly to have to start the marketing process all over. This is due to the difficulties in generating "new-listing energy" weeks after having already begun the process.

Real estate agents work with a wide variety of issues to keep escrows intact. Those with a long-term perspective have the added benefit of wisdom that comes through experience, and their perspective is invaluable.

There are several skills agents must have developed to accomplish long-term perspective, consistently and successfully, with-

out being attached to the outcome.

These include being clear and honest thinkers, resourceful problem solvers, emotional buffers and supportive therapists. Communication skills required include being detailed, focused on all issues, patient and keeping a sense of humor.

Any experienced agent knows that marketing or locating properties is probably less than 25 percent of the work. The majority of effort during a transaction is making sure it closes: the agent is responsible for coordinating a complex series of events in order to succeed.

This involves working with many service providers: escrow officers, title company people, pest control inspectors, retrofitters, building inspectors and supplemental inspectors of sewer lines or chimneys.

Of course, the agent also handles federal, state, county and city disclosures, plus other required documents. There are more than 30 pages of contract and disclosure forms.

Incorrect or inept handling of any aspect of the transaction can cost the client thousands of dollars in the negotiation process, or far worse, later court action.

Agents who use detailed checklists and someone to monitor all of the steps required to close the escrow are best able to

prevent problems.

Below are examples of unexpected escrow issues:

1. Non-disclosed, non-permitted additions to a home.
2. Boundary lines not being where seller claimed (it is far too easy to assume that a fence or wall is on the property line).
3. Seller "forgot" to mention periodic underground water below the house.
4. Seller's insurance claim a few years ago for water damage (such as from an overflowing toilet) is revealed.
5. Seller not disclosing that they knew someone died in the home (as required by law).
6. Seller camouflaged musty smell with candles and air fresheners and buyer subsequently discovered mold.
7. Seller not mentioning that the house next door is soon-to-be a new home construction site.
8. Seller reacts defensively to some opinions of the buyer's inspector.
9. Buyer's resentment after seller's denial of access to the property during requested times.
10. Buyer or seller reactions to incomplete or inaccurately communicated information by one of the agents.

11. Unstated assumption by buyer that termite removal is seller's responsibility, or that seller must correct defects, alter unsafe conditions, replace missing or broken fixtures, etc.

12. Agent does not explain existence and potential significance of CC&R's, which may prevent an addition to the house that buyer intended.

13. Well-meaning relatives cannot believe the price tag.

The list of possible reasons for an escrow falling apart is endless. The loss of an escrow after two or more weeks may be disappointing to a seller. There is also a significant loss of marketing momentum during the escrow period. And even if the issue or situation does not become a "deal breaker," the result almost always includes an increase in stress levels for all concerned!

When you decide to put your home up for sale, don't let your transaction become the one of every four that falls out. Be sure to consider selecting an agent who has been "seasoned" by successfully closing many escrows.

Michael Edlen and his team have sold more than 1,300 properties using time-tested systems and checklists to minimize the "fall-out ratio." Visit: TheEdlenTeam.com, or call (310) 230-7373.

Tech Update

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the NASA booth. He wore virtual-reality glasses and was shown real data of being on the red planet. "It was one of the most amazing experiences," Sadrieh said. "It was like being on Mars."

"There was a whole section devoted to drones," said Sadrieh, who speculated that as soon as the FAA finalizes various regulations, "Amazon will deliver to our homes via drones: the product will be there in 30 minutes."

Last year, he recalled, he saw a drone that could carry two people. "Once automatic driving is perfected, people may [travel] in drones," Sadrieh said.

For those looking to lighten their laundry tasks, there was Steven Dreamers' Laundroid, a laundry folding machine. "It uses artificial intelligence to analyze the object, how to hold it up to fold and who it belongs to," Sadrieh said, noting that the company plans to start taking orders next year. The current cost is about \$16,000, but the company hopes to get the price under \$2,000.

"Intel 5G is just around the corner," Sadrieh said. "The next level of cellular is faster than cable modem speed. I can't see anything better than 5G. But . . ."

Regarding self-driving cars, "Intel bought Mobileye because they want to be part of autonomous driving," and there are five stages in the development of the technology.

Level 1: car controls either the steering or the vehicle speed, but not both simultane-

ously. Tesla is at Level 2: car can steer, accelerate and brake, but driver may have to keep hand on the wheel as a proxy. The BMW from Mobileye is Level 3: car can manage most aspects of driving, but driver must keep eyes on the road. Level 4: car can operate without human input, but under select conditions. Level 5: car can operate on any road and in any conditions a human driver could negotiate.

"There is a 2019 Audi coming out that will be at Level 3," he said.

Optimist Club members wondered if Sadrieh saw anything practical at the show—or in their price range.

"Polaroid is coming out with a camera for \$100," he said. The camera uses an ink-free Zink printing technology that produces a full-color image in under a minute.

Sadrieh, who charges \$125/hour, addresses a wildly diverse range of technology issues. Contact: (310) 597-5984 or visit technologyforyou.com

Rain Report

Pacific Palisades received 1.80 inches of rain on March 2 and .18 inches on March 3. This brings the season total (since July 1) to just 4.08 inches, according to rainmeister Carol Leacock, who has an official county rain gauge at her home on Bienveneda Avenue. The normal year to date is 11.50 inches of rain; in 2014 at this time, the Palisades had 1.49 inches, before ending the season with 6.13 inches.

Hunziker's Art on Display in Topanga

"Pigments of Our Imagination," an art show featuring four local artists, opened on March 1 and runs through March 25 at the recently redesigned Topanga Canyon Gallery, 120 Topanga Canyon Blvd.

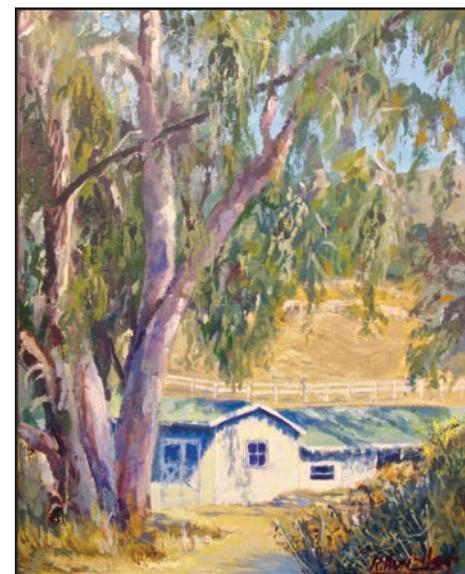
Artists include Russell Hunziker (Pacific Palisades), Kit Plumridge (Malibu), Toby Salkin (Woodland Hills) and Sari Scheer (San Fernando Valley).

Hunziker uses watercolor and acrylic paint in plein-air and studio paintings.

Topanga Canyon Gallery is an artist-owned gallery, which now provides the Gallery's 22 artists a space that makes art accessible to art lovers and collectors in the greater Los Angeles area.

"Pigments of Our Imagination" is the first small-group show to use the entire gallery space to showcase four artists.

A reception will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 10. Gallery hours are



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Library Speaker to Discuss Financial Decision Making

USC Professor Dr. Duke Han will speak on "Financial Decision Making in Older Age: A Cognitive Neuroscience Perspective," at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 12, in the Palisades Library community room.

Older adults are often faced with important decisions in financial and health matters, and these decisions often have signif-

icant consequences on independence. Han's research strives to understand why some older adults may make less optimal choices, by taking a neuroeconomics approach and considering cognition function.

His free talk will be hosted by the Palisades Alliance for Seniors. Visit: palisadesalliance.org.

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Palisadians Address Women's Heart Health

By LILA SEIDMAN
Staff Writer

A diverse group of nurses, community members and doctors met in February for an annual conference conceived by female cardiologists to tackle women's unique heart-health issues—the leading cause of fatalities of women in the U.S.

The Women's Heart Symposium was held at the upscale Casa del Mar hotel. Panels varied from overviews of advances in heart-related medicine and cutting-edge technologies to instructive discussions on the best practices to maintain a healthy heart.

Cardiologist Dr. Peter Pelikan, a Marquez Bluffs resident, capped the day with a talk to celebrate the 40th anniversary of angiography, the medical imaging technique used to visualize the inside of blood vessels and organs.

In his talk, racingly titled "Blood Lust, Hubris, Racism, Anti-Semitism and Misogyny: A History of Cardiac Cath and Intervention," Pelikan cited anecdotes from his decades-long practice to discuss the history of heart catheterization, which included some social and cultural blights, as well as exotic origins in pagan rituals.

Pelikan, the medical director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at St. John's Hospital, also highlighted some inspiring historical moments. He detailed how the pioneering scientist Marie Curie drove a



(Left to right) Attendees included Palisadian Yvette Richardson; Gina Rivera, founder of Phenix Salon Suites; two unidentified guests and Dr. Nicole Weinberg. Photo: Lauren Lewow

mobile radiology lab during World War I to treat soldiers who were dying because medics in the field could not diagnose their injuries properly without the then-new imaging technology. (Pelikan's parents were friends of Curie's daughter.)

Because of the eclectic audience, the discussions were composed to be comprehensible to nonmedical professionals, but also

compelling for anyone interested in heart health, including doctors. Medical studies from the past year were broken down and explained by informed practitioners.

Though the heart is not an intuitively "gendered" organ, Women's Heart Symposium co-founder Dr. Nicole Weinberg said she's learned through experience and via studies that men and women have distinct heart needs.

"Just hormonally speaking, with pregnancy, how we nourish our babies, there's so many different things that make us different," said Weinberg, who lives in Marquez Knolls.

She launched the symposium five years ago with Dr. Sarina A. van der Zee and Dr. Alexandra LaJoie, who met as fellow practitioners at the Pacific Heart Institute in Santa Monica. Female cardiologists are somewhat hard to find, and three at one practice is downright rare, according to Weinberg.

"We feel like we've kind of cornered the market on how to take care of women with heart disease," Weinberg said.

When she joined the Pacific Heart Institute, she was a "one-woman show," Wein-

berg recalled. After van der Zee joined, they started seeing patients together, with clients seeing one and then the other or vice versa over one-hour sessions.

The positive feedback was surprising: their patients kept telling them that no one had ever addressed their issues in such a sensitive, nuanced way. Mothers accompanying their pregnant daughters would tell them stories of their doctors not believing their symptoms and telling them to "take a Xanax and go away."

Realizing they had "something very, very special," Weinberg said, they launched the Women's Heart Center at the Pacific Heart Institute. Before long, they started doing small lectures around the community and at St. John's. Realizing that a wider audience would benefit from the information, they launched the symposium to host presentations by leading doctors and researchers in the field.

Using the case of hormone replacement therapy, typically used to treat symptoms associated with menopause, Weinberg stressed that there is a clinical logic to focusing on women only for certain issues, rather than how women compare to men or lumping them together.

Women receiving hormone replacement therapy started to experience higher levels of stroke and heart attack. "We realized that's not good. That's not something that our male counterparts know what to do with," Weinberg said. "Now there's a lot of research as it relates to the right threshold of hormone replacement therapy for [each person]."

A New Jersey native, Weinberg said she believes the patient population in the Palisades and surrounding areas are particularly inquisitive and health-conscious, which makes her and other doctors' jobs easier. Patients will frequently prepare thoughtful questions or educate themselves on new medical and technological advancements.

She also noted that, as mentioned in many of the symposium talks, exercise is one of the most significant means to combat heart disease—and that the local culture's dedication to fitness and access to miles of hiking trails are just what the doctor ordered.

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Experience Aids in Selecting Colleges

By LAUREL BUSBY
Staff Writer

The Palisades High College Center encourages students to take ownership of their college searches, but also to relax through this sometimes hectic time.

“We try to make it an adventure for them and not an anxiety-ridden process,” said head college adviser Ruth Grubb. “There is a school out there for everybody. We tell them ‘Aim high if you want to, but it’s also perfectly okay to go to a community college.’ A student might not be ready to move far away or might want to save money or might need time, while other students are happy to move 3,000 miles away. Everyone is different.”

Grubb noted that researchers have found only 3 percent of teens take a direct path through a chosen college major to planned career goals, such as majoring in pre-med and becoming a doctor.

Instead, the vast majority take a more circuitous route that includes exploring various opportunities and eventually finding their paths in often unanticipated ways.

The choice of a college is a beginning to venturing into the world as an adult, and the College Center works to support students as they navigate this sometimes confusing path.

As counselors, “We are training them to have ownership of this process,” said Grubb, a Palisadian who grew up in Wales and was introduced to the American college application process when her three children went through PaliHi. “It’s the move to adulthood, because once they go to college, they have to do this. The parents cannot do it for them, and we want them to be engaged in their futures.”

Pali’s process begins in freshman year, when students are assigned guidance counselors who work to enroll teens in the appropriate classes based on their skills and college or career goals.

Then in late January, freshmen are encouraged to create accounts on the website Naviance, which allows them to input information about themselves, ranging from interests to grade point average, so they can begin to increase their awareness and knowledge of potential colleges.

The site makes suggestions and also shows each student how s/he might compare with other Pali students who have been accepted into particular colleges. In addition, the Center’s four counselors encourage students to explore colleges both locally and when traveling out of town to get a feel for some potential schools.

As sophomores, most students are advised to take the PSAT and may wander into the Center to ask various questions or browse through the Center’s offerings.

Midway through junior year, the college application process becomes much more focused. Juniors schedule appointments at the Center, and the counselors make presentations to all of the English classes to intro-



(Left to right) Diana Hurst, Ruth Grubb, Melissa Rangel and Karen Ellis are college counselors at Palisades High School.

Photo: Bart Bartholomew

duce themselves and provide guidance on aspects of the college selection process.

These presentations encourage students, who vary widely in experience with the college application process, to create college folders for themselves, schedule college planning appointments with the Center, set up Naviance accounts if they haven’t already done so, create an appropriate email address for the process, plan their SAT/ACT testing, review PSAT results, take practice SAT/ACT tests, and look into test prep options.

In addition, the counselors recommend that students review the requirements for admission to UC/CSU schools, make sure their Facebook pages look appropriate, and consider which teachers they might like to ask for letters of recommendation, private colleges generally require.

Summer choices also gain importance, and students are encouraged to find work (either paid or volunteer), perhaps enroll in a summer program or class, visit colleges and read challenging books.

In the fall of senior year, the college application process has even more facets. A college fair, open for all students and parents, is held with about 130 college representatives attending, and even more colleges send representatives throughout the year. Behind the scenes, the counselors also educate these reps about PaliHi and find out further information about the colleges and what they are seeking.

“The college reps enjoy the school because of its diversity,” Grubb said. “They tell me they are looking for this sort of student, who is used to diversity in every sense of the word. . . . These students can bring a lot to the college community.”

In the fall, counselors also spend large chunks of their time writing recommendation letters. To do so, counselors first gather information, not only via school records, but also by meeting with each student. Students and parents complete questionnaires to help the counselors learn even more,

and this information allows the counselors to write personal letters advocating for the strengths of each student.

“We do not use a template at all,” Grubb said. “Every single letter is different, and we work really hard on doing that.”

This past fall, in addition to their other duties, each counselor wrote about four letters per day to provide one for about 730 seniors—98.9 percent of whom are graduating this June. About 94 percent of this year’s seniors also plan to go directly to college, while about four percent have instead chosen to work, take a gap year or join the military.

Scholarships and financial-aid information are also developed, in part through using Naviance. Also, each weekday, the College Center

is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. from August through June to provide not only access to the counselors, but also two computers and printers for students to use, plus varied leaflets, calendars and information on testing.

On average, students apply to about eight colleges, with some only applying to one or two, while others might apply to 15 or more. The applications can get expensive, often costing around \$70 each.

PaliHi has a varied student body, ranging from students who may be the first in their families to attend college to athletes working to get a scholarship, so each student’s college application process is unique.

Advanced Placement exams also become part of the process each spring, with about 50 percent of seniors taking the AP English exam last year. For the last several years, about 5 to 10 percent more students are choosing to take AP exams in one or more subjects each year.

The spring also includes most acceptance and rejection letters from colleges and universities. Last year, more than half of Pali’s seniors were admitted to four-year colleges. Together, UC and Cal State University schools admitted about one-fourth of this group, and other admissions ranged from the University of Hawaii to Yale.

Many students tell the counselors the process “is nerve-wracking,” Grubb said. “They don’t know where to start, and they hit this brick wall. Then they go slowly. They get the confidence to proceed with their college search.”

The process can be trying, but Grubb tries to assure them “Expect some bumps along the road, and it will be okay. You’ll come out fine.”

Advice to Students and Parents from PaliHi College Counselors:

Diana Hurst, a UCLA graduate with a master’s degree in organizational psychology from San Jose State University, previously worked as a human resources manager for advertising/public relations and law firms. She has advised students for four years.

Hurst tells students: “Relax and stay organized! Get used to the fact that one of the biggest decisions of your life will be out of your hands after you send in your applications, but it usually works out better than you can possibly imagine.”

For parents: “Be positive and supportive and keep it in perspective. If at all possible, do not add stress to your student’s college process.”

Melissa Rangel, a first-generation collegian who holds a philosophy degree from Cal State L.A., previously worked at Theodore Roosevelt High School’s College Corner for nine years. Rangel is also a college essay admissions reader at UC Irvine and has been at PaliHi for six years.

“We are firm believers that there is a college out there for everyone. Finding the right fit is more than just a ‘name brand,’ it’s a personal experience. We try to urge students to take classes that will be engaging, enjoyable and still rigorous.

They should challenge themselves in different ways, be involved in activities they enjoy, to learn independently of what’s taught in the classroom . . . not just because it ‘looks good’ but because it’s important to them. Students will come in to see us and say they regretted letting the stress get in the way of enjoying the last few months of high school, and that shouldn’t be the case.”

Karen Ellis, who earned a degree in English from UCLA, has been advising PaliHi students for three years. An active UCLA alum, she has participated in the freshman application reading process and represents UCLA at college fairs.

“If I had one piece of advice it would be: When choosing a college, remember the ‘right fit’ is much more important than the ‘right name.’”

Girls Soccer Falls, 2-1, in City Finals

It was 45 degrees at game time for the girls City Section soccer finals at Valley College on Saturday. Both teams had scored overtime victories in the semifinals, but El Camino Real had earned 13 City titles over the years, while Palisades High had never won a championship.

The two teams had fought to a 0-0 tie in January, but there was now a key difference: one of Pali's key defenders, junior Frankie Van Norden, had received two yellow cards in the semifinal game and was required to sit out the championship game.

El Camino scored in the 15th minute, when Audrey Cabrera outran her defender and placed the ball in the top of the net over goalie Rachel Phillips' head.

Palisades had a beautiful goal in the 23rd minute when Jordan Darrow's kick from the left side rebounded off a bar and Bailey Ball converted to tie the game 1-1.

In the 33rd minute, El Camino scored on a corner kick. The ball landed just in front of the goal and, in the scrum, it was kicked into the net, and that proved to be the winning goal. Neither team scored in the second half.

After the 2-1 loss, Pali Head Coach Christian Chambers said, "There was a little bit of nerves tonight. This was the first time these girls have been in a final. [The last time the Dolphins reached the finals was 2013.] We were missing Frankie."

Chambers told the team, "Next year when we come back, we're going to take home the other plaque [first place]."

The Dolphins played Sunny Hill on Tuesday in the the CIF regional playoffs.

Semifinals: Palisades 5, South East 4

The semifinal lived up to the term "nail biter"—and everyone knew it was going to be a battle at the Stadium by the Sea on February 27.



The Palisades Dolphins finished second in the City Section playoffs last Saturday.

South East, seeded 10th, upset Cleveland 2-0 and then shocked No. 2 seed Sotomayer 4-1 to reach the semis against third-seeded Palisades.

It took 80 minutes of regulation time and 20 minutes of overtime to decide a winner, which was determined midway through the second 10-minute overtime, when senior Jordan Darrow scored from about 10 yards out with 4:30 left.

Oh—and the goal happened when the Dolphins were down a player after Frankie Van Norden, who has seven goals this season, received a second yellow card five minutes into the first overtime. (A second yellow card becomes an automatic red, the player is out, and the team must play with 10 players.)

South East scored the game's first goal in the 21st minute from about 30 yards out, when Ashlynn Gonzalez kicked a ball that hit the high corner of the net.

The Dolphins tied the score in the 28th minute, when junior Bailey Ball scored on an assist from Darrow.

Just two minutes later, South East put the

ball near the goal and when it rebounded off Pali's senior goalie, Rachel Phillips, Jessica Rivera capitalized to make the score 2-1.

Ten minutes into the second half, Van Norden took a kick from near the 20 and put it inside the corner under the upper bar. The Dolphins went ahead in the 53rd minute when senior Meghan Jones sent the ball to Darrow, who scored.

With less than two minutes left in regulation, South East's Ana Gutierrez scored with a strong 30-yard kick that tied the score 3-3, and sent the game into overtime.

The Jaguars scored in the second minute, and Van Norden received her second yellow card three minutes later, forcing the Dolphins to play short-handed the remaining 15 minutes.

Still, Pali tied the score minutes later, 4-4, when Georgia Calvert scored after a cross from Darrow. And then Darrow kicked her dramatic game-winner.

Goalie Rachel Phillips also played a key role by making seven saves.

"This means everything to me," Darrow

said afterwards. "I've never played in a finals for Pali. We haven't been to finals in five years."

"I'm so excited. This is my favorite team ever. I hoped we were going to do it and we did."

Van Norden, a key player for the Dolphins, was joyful about the victory ("This game meant so much," she said), but understandably anxious as she waited to hear if the two yellows would keep her out of the finals.

Coach Chambers, who has a good passing team, was asked about South East, which tended to kick "field goals."

"We struggled with it," he said. "They [Jaguars] booted it in. It's tough to play against that, but the girls adjusted to it in the second half."

He was also proud of the way his team responded when Van Norden was ousted. "With 10 players they had to play with just a little more inspiration and determination," he said.

Quarterfinals: Pali 1, Chatsworth 0

PaliHi girls often have trouble with Valley rivals in City Section playoff action, and they now had to play longtime rival Chatsworth in the quarterfinals.

The ball barely left Chatsworth's side of the field as the Dolphins made shot after shot on goal, until finally they scored in the 67th minute, when a kick by Jordan Darrow bounced off the bar towards Sadie Holt, whose back was to the goal. She took a back swing with her leg and sent the ball backwards towards the goal. The surprise shot caught everyone by surprise as it rolled into the net.

Pali goaltender Rachel Phillips was credited with two saves.

According to Chambers, the Dolphins hadn't beaten Chatsworth since 2013. "We dominated possession today," he said. "Anytime the game is played on the opponents' defensive half, it's a good game."



Sophomore midfielder Sophie Holt



Freshman forward Kayden Graves



Senior forward Nicole Paul



Junior defender Frankie Van Norden (2) and junior forward Bailey Ball. Photos: Kim Holland

Dolphins Lose Title Game, 9-8

Seeded No. 1 in the City Section playoffs, the Palisades High School girls water polo team traveled to Valley College on February 15, hoping to win their first championship.

The game was scheduled to start at 6 p.m., but Eagle Rock arrived after 6 and was given 15 minutes to warm up.

That might have worked to Pali's advantage against a team that had defeated them four years in the finals. But just as the game was set to begin, the lights went out at the pool, leaving the area in complete darkness. They didn't come back on until 45 minutes later, and the game finally got underway.

"We had to warm up three times," Coach Kirk Lazaruk noted afterwards.

Pali's top scorer, Leighanne Estabrook, gave the Dolphins an early lead with two quick goals. Eagle Rock rebounded with six goals, and Pali didn't score again until senior captain Elena Saab found the net near the end of the half.

Estabrook scored her third goal in the third quarter to narrow the gap to 6-4, but Eagle Rock went up 8-4 early in the fourth quarter and the game seemed out of reach for Pali.

But the Dolphins didn't give up and rallied to score four goals (two by Sydney Brouwer), tying the game 8-8 with less than three minutes left.

Then Eagle Rock scored with a minute left, and with 30 seconds remaining, Estabrook had the ball and had a chance to shoot but was foiled by an Eagle Rock defender.

"We had plenty of opportunities to win the game," Lazaruk told the *News*.

The Dolphins qualified for the inaugural CIF SoCal Division II playoffs on March 2, which meant they were one of the top 16 teams in Southern California. Seeded seventh they faced second-seeded Corona del Mar (which is ranked tenth nationally) and lost, 21-1.

Lazaruk, who had only one senior, said his team will come back strong next year, especially if several club players transfer to Pali or enroll as freshmen.

He summed up the season in one word: "journey."

"From where we started to where we are now, it's been a journey about camaraderie, self-confidence, teamwork and an understanding of the game," Lazaruk said. At the beginning of the season, his players didn't understand "pick" plays, but now, "Everything is a moving pick-oriented offense."

He said his focus is "to create a passion for the sport and to have the team be a conduit to assist the girls with skills for a healthy and successful life."

—SUE PASCOE



Palihi's Girls Water Polo team qualified for the inaugural CIF SoCal Division II playoffs.

PaliHi Boys Look to Next Season

The Palisades High boys basketball team, seeded ninth, upset eight-seeded Dorsey in the first round of the City Section Division I playoffs, 70-63.

Captain Nick Kerkorian led the Dolphins in scoring with 25 points (nailing seven three-pointers) and sophomore guard Anthony Spencer tallied 16.

Pali advanced to play No. 1-seeded View Park in the quarterfinals, and led 22-14 at halftime, only to ultimately succumb 44-39.

The Dolphins finished the season with a 9-19 record, but Coach Donzell Hayes had a young team (seven sophomores and three juniors) that will be more competitive next season.

Palisades has to compete in the Western League, the fiercest basketball league in the City Section, and one of the toughest in the state. Westchester (ranked 41 nationally) and Fairfax (ranked 89 nationally) tied for first this year, losing only once in league play, to each other. They played for the Open Division title last Saturday, with Westchester winning, 63-53.



Nick Kerkorian. Photo: Lesly Hall Photography

Meanwhile, University, which finished third in the league, beat View Park, 67-62, in the semifinals and played George Washington Prep for the Division I championship, losing 60-58.



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Wrestler Al-Saudi Makes PaliHi History

Senior Hamzah Al-Saudi became the first Palisades High wrestler to place at the California state wrestling championships on March 3, when he finished fifth at the Rabobank Arena in Bakersfield.

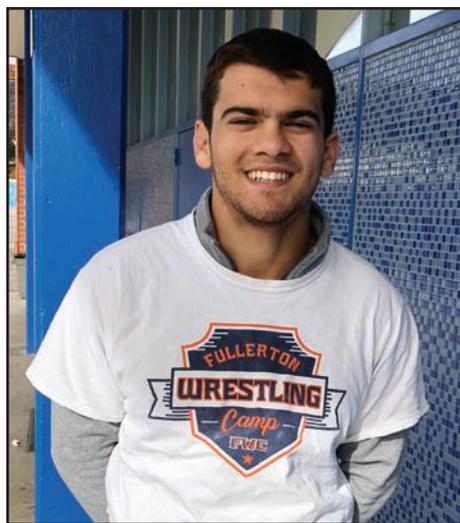
Al-Saudi, fourth-seeded in state, beat David Barela from Northview and Brendan Tallent of Pittman. He then lost 11-2 to fifth-seed Jacob Good from Clovis, which bumped him into the consolation round, where he fought back to medal.

The weight-class winner was Tony Andrade (Gilroy), a returning state medalist, who beat Stanford-commit Colbey Harlan. Ryan Reyes was third and Jacob Good was fourth.

Al-Saudi, who started wrestling as a freshman, said he barely won a match his first year. Then he started winning—and winning big. He earned three City Section titles, went to the state tournament three times, and this year at City won the Upper Weights Most Valuable Player award.

He wrestled most of the season at 220 pounds but dropped to 195 for the state tournament. He earlier told the *News* he would like to wrestle at a Division I college.

Unlike most states, which have multi-division format wrestling tournaments, California has a single-division wrestling meet.



Hamzah Al-Saudi

The wrestling season starts with 27,000 competitors, but to qualify for the state meet, athletes have to win their individual weight class at regional tournaments, paring the final tournament to 560 wrestlers (from 243 schools) across 14 weight classes.

Each weight class at State starts with 64 wrestlers, and matches go on simultaneously on 10 mats.

This year Palisades had four athletes qualify for the state meet. In addition to Al-Saudi, junior Aaron Galef (132 pounds) and



Wrestlers warm up on Friday before the California State Championships.

Photo: Nick Ellis/For the *Californian*

seniors Jake Carpenter (152) and Chance Chapman (160) also competed.

Just missing a chance to compete in Bakersfield were Dolphins Joseph Velado (170) and Emilio Albir (182), who took second at the City Section finals. Freshman Lily Topputo captured third in the girls 130-pound division at City.

PaliHi coach Aldo Juliano was thrilled with his wrestlers. "They are a great bunch of kids," he said. "I want this team to be remembered!"

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Curry Thinks Multiple Sports Good for Kids

Stephen Curry is among numerous pro athletes who believe that children should play multiple sports. The two-time NBA MVP spoke on the topic at a sports panel with the Jr. NBA and the Positive Coaching Alliance.

"I think I was 8 or 9, and I was playing football, baseball and basketball—kinda all at the same time," Curry said. "My ex-

perience with playing different sports is it taught me a little bit more about myself. I knew I was better at basketball (than the other sports).

"I loved to play baseball; my dad played it a little bit growing up, too. And football was just something my friends did so I wanted to try it with them. Knowing that I wasn't as good at baseball or football (as basketball), it challenged me to gain that confidence and gain that work ethic to get better.

"(I went) through some mistakes, failed a couple times, got knocked down. It was really cool exposure just to be challenged," Curry said. "Because sometimes at a young age, you might be better (than your peers) at a certain sport, you might feel comfortable in that space, in that zone. But you don't really get to push yourself, you don't really get to test yourself and how you deal with failure and success."

He joins fellow pros J.J. Watt and Drew Brees, who have also been outspoken in their belief that children and adolescents shouldn't specialize in a single sport too soon. To see the full interview, visit: devzone.positivecoach.org/resource/video/steph-curry-play-multiple-sports-get-outside-your-comfort-zone pcadevzone.org.

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If your family or teenager is a member of the Palisades-Malibu YMCA, free personal training is available Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and on Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. Youth will receive high-level training from top trainers at the Y facility, at 821 Via de la Paz.

Included in the program are functional movement exercises, weight and cardio training, and TRX training. All levels and abilities are welcome. Call (310) 454-5591 or email alisheaffer@ymcala.org.



Ian DeHaan and sister Gabby both enjoyed the pancake breakfast last year at the Palisades Recreation Center.

Photo: Bart Bartholomew

PPBA Pancake Breakfast Saturday

The Pacific Palisades Baseball Association (PPBA) Pancake Breakfast and Opening Day Ceremonies will be held from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. this Saturday, March 10, at the Palisades Recreation Center.

Tickets are \$5 and include pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, coffee and juice—a great breakfast for the cost of a latte!

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Thousands of king penguins congregate along the shores of St. Andrews Bay, a small curve in the coastline of South Georgia.

Photo: Ray Juncosa

Photographer's Patience Reveals Penguins' World

By LIBBY MOTIKA
Palisades News Contributor

For Ray Juncosa, who was open to sharing a cabin on his month-long photographic expedition to Antarctica, the ideal roommate would be someone with a passionate interest, who had the wherewithal to

afford such a trip, and could “elbow aside” a whole month.

A not-so-subtle description for Ray himself, who has the stamina for such a challenging adventure, a “good eye,” and most important, the temperament for the patient, quiet observation necessary to capture the landscape and wildlife, in particular the penguins and their extraordinary behavior.

No stranger to adventurous, off-the-beaten path excursions, the Pacific Palisades resident has documented his travels throughout most of the continents, with one special trip a 10-week journey from Istanbul through Central Asia to Beijing by Land Rover.

After a 42-year career in institutional and construction management for the public sector, Juncosa has found an exhilarating new freedom to focus on the many adventures that await.

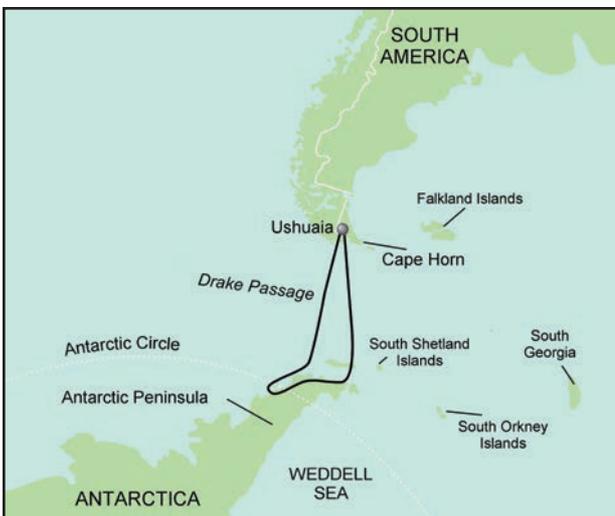
The photographic journey to Antarctica began as a kind of answer to the “call of the wild.”

He was perusing a pamphlet put out by Joseph Van Os, whose photo safaris have been the world leader in innovative photography tours and workshops since 1980. He signed on.

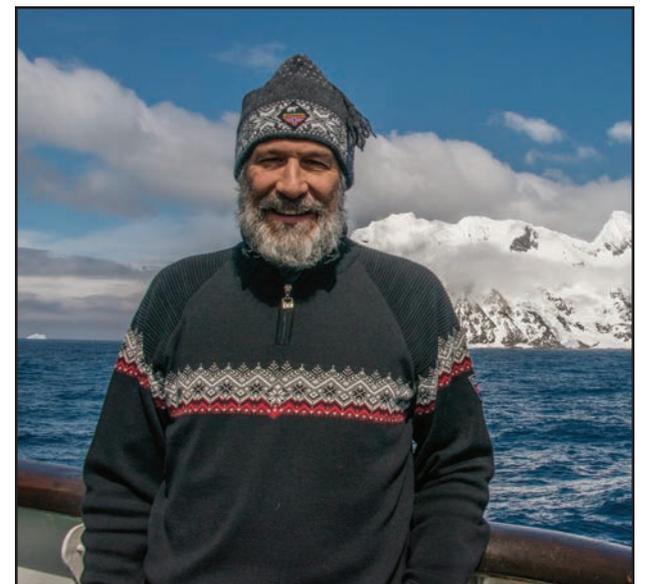
The scope of the trip was the wide swath of sea and ice in the South Atlantic, including stops at South Georgia Island, the Falklands and Antarctica.

In November 2013, Juncosa and 70 other passengers boarded the ship in Ushuaia, the capital of Tierra del Fuego, commonly regarded as the southernmost city in the world.

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Map illustrating Ray Juncosa's month-long journey.



Palisadian Ray Juncosa poses with ice-covered Elephant Island off the coast of Antarctica as backdrop.

Penguins

(Continued from Page 22)

The early stops were brief, a day and a half in Tierra del Fuego, then two to three days on the Falkland Islands, visiting penguin and albatross colonies. They continued steaming for another few days to reach South Georgia, where the group spent a week going in and out of various bays and harbors.

The "Ushuaia" often moored offshore and dispatched small inflatable boats, Zodiacs, to navigate the inlets.

Noting that Van Os tours are meticulously well planned, Juncosa understood that the inlets and bays for landings might very well be inaccessible, as the ship could be blocked by dense pack ice or because some beaches were engulfed by windblown ice that rubber Zodiacs could not penetrate. But there were always alternative plans providing for good photography subjects.

"South Georgia is way out in the middle of nowhere, one-third of the way from the tip of South America to the tip of Africa," Juncosa says. "It's 130 miles long, so if you think about Catalina, it would be the distance from Huntington Beach to Santa Barbara."

Juncosa was beguiled by what he called the geologic feel, with mountains 10,000 ft. above sea level. "It felt like going to the Himalayas."

The adventurers then proceeded to Antarctica, both the east side and the west side, before returning to Ushuaia by crossing the infamous Drake's Passage, so named for its propensity for high winds and rough seas, referred to as the "Drake Shake." Juncosa was not able to report on his passage, given that he slept through it all.

Tall and fit with a neat, adventurer's gray beard, Juncosa likes to embark on excursions with no preconceptions, and not too much research. While on board, the ship's professional specialists offered talks and films on aspects of the journey.

"I hadn't studied penguins," he says. "I take pictures; I like the way they come out. Let's call it an artistic expression, without having to train my hands like a Dali or Michelangelo."

Equipped with a "ton" of camera equipment, Juncosa took thousands of photos, often closely recording the behavior of pelagic birds, which he began to compare to some very human patterns. They are a pacific bird, perhaps due to the fact they have few predators. They seem to tolerate both other species and curious large birds like the albatross or the vulture-like caracara that



A pair of gentoo penguins ignore the "elephant" in the room at Brown Bluff off northern Antarctica.

Photos on this page: Ray Juncosa

inhabit the Falkland Islands and Tierra del Fuego.

He doesn't use a tripod, preferring to adjust the speed of the film. "The tripod is useful for nighttime shots, but if you're on a boat, what are you going to do with a tripod?"

Of the 11 different penguin species, Juncosa saw seven. While the emperor penguin is most familiar to us, thanks to the 2005 movie *The March of the Penguins*, they live in the interior of Antarctica, where Juncosa's voyage did not penetrate.

Perhaps the closest species to the emperors are the king penguins, whose plumage is similar but who have a broad bright orange cheek patch contrasting with surrounding dark feathers and yellow-orange color at the top of the chest.

The kings lay only one egg at a time, which they carry around on their feet covered with a flap of abdominal skin. Similar to the emperors, incubating duties are shared between dad and mom, allowing the off-duty parent to go off to sea on an extended food foraging trip.

Despite the king penguins being popular with tourists, mainly on the Falklands and South Georgia, so far the impact of tourism is very low. In fact, Juncosa was able to approach his subject (as long as he didn't enter a colony) with no reaction. He did find that the click of the camera shutter caused the curious bird to turn and look at him.

The rockhopper penguins are the smallest species, distinct from others by the black spiky feathers on their head. Rockhoppers usually find their habitat in rocky shorelines, where they make nests and burrows in tall grasses. Because of the harsh rocky environment, they cannot slide on their bellies like most penguins, so they hop to get from one place to another.

Like so many advanced photographers, Juncosa was smitten as a young boy. He was an adventuresome child, spending afternoons in the Palisades romping in the outdoors.

His parents moved to El Medio in 1955, and apart from 14 years in the Bay Area, Ray has always lived here. He and his wife Liz have a son, Mark, who is vice president of vehicle engineering at SpaceX.

Ray obtained his first camera, a \$2 Brownie, at age 12 by redeeming Lipton teabags.

"I remember a trip we took to Mesa Verde," he says, amused by his innocence. "I was lining up a picture of cliff dwellings, when all of a sudden I bumped into something: 'Kodak Spot.'"

He uses Nikon almost exclusively, "because my father gave me a vintage 1960 Nikon. But as the American photographer and conservationist Art Wolfe says, 'They never ask what camera you use.' They ask 'what picture you got. It's the photographer who matters.'"

So impressed with the Van Os organization, Juncosa joined an expedition to Patagonia soon after, photographing the vast windswept semi-arid plateau that encompasses over one-third of Argentina and Chile.



Rockhopper colonies find their habitat on the rocky shorelines on the Falkland Islands. They make nests and burrows in tall grasses called tussocks.

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Jeff Lorber Wins Grammy Award

By SARAH STOCKMAN
Staff Writer

On January 28, longtime Palisadian Jeff Lorber won a Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Instrumental Album for his 26th album, *Prototype*. This was Lorber's seventh nomination and first win.

Lorber, who was born and raised in Philadelphia, is a multifaceted musician who plays both piano and guitar. "I'm basically an all-around musician who does various kinds of work that I can get," he told the *News*.

At age 4, Lorber started his musical career with piano lessons. "I grew up in a musical family," he said. "My mom played [the piano] ... and I went to bed every night listening to her play Debussy or Rachmaninoff."

During Lorber's childhood, Bob Dylan rose to prominence, bringing folk music into the mainstream. Lorber, however, found jazz more to his taste.

"One of my cousins was into jazz, so while all my other cousins were playing 'Blowing in the Wind,' I'd be down in the basement with him playing the drums."

Lorber continued to gravitate towards jazz, choosing to study it at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

"When I went to Berklee it was very jazz-oriented. Unlike a lot of music schools, they're really a vocational school ... The education I got there was great because it was perfectly designed for problem-solving."

After spending a year at Berklee, Lorber moved to Portland, Oregon, where he founded the Jeff Lorber Fusion band. Their first album came out in 1977.

"The original band was a pretty tight unit," Lorber said. "Kenny G was my sax player for five or six years. I helped him get his record deal."

Today, Lorber works with different musicians on each of his albums. "Everybody's kind of got their own schedules and projects and stuff," he said, "so it becomes who-

ever I can get."

In 1980 Lorber moved to Pacific Palisades and his career moved away from jazz. "During the late '80s to early '90s I was very, very involved in the recording studio scene here in L.A. I was part of a group that did a lot of dance remixes for a number of years."

For almost 10 years Lorber focused on studio recording. "I didn't pick up making my own records until about a decade after that."

In 1993, he released his first album in seven years, *Worth Waiting For*, after finding he couldn't stay away from jazz. "The jazz thing is just how I got started and then I went back to that," Lorber said. "I wanted to be more in creative control and express myself."

Prototype was released last March. On this album he collaborated with saxophonist Andy Snitzer, drummer Gary Novack and bassist Jimmy Haslip, formerly part of the jazz quartet Yellowjackets.

The album was praised by reviewers.

"Too many records front-load the best material in the first three or four tracks and drop in the filler in the middle to the end," Jeff Winbush of *All About Jazz* wrote. "Not here. There is not a moment on *Prototype* which seems phoned in."

Lorber continues to play and tour with Jeff Lorber Fusion and with another band called Jazz Funk Soul. In March he's heading to Jakarta to play at the Java Jazz Festival.

"The Java Jazz will be a special group featuring myself and Elan Trotman on sax, but after that we travel to China as Jeff Lorber Fusion," he said.

Lorber and his wife, Mink, reside in the Highlands. They have two daughters, Nica and Jessica, who both attended Palisades Charter High School and graduated in 1993 and 1991, respectively.

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Pacific Palisades jazz musician Jeff Lorber.

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Stepping Back in Time at Rae's

By BOB VICKREY
Special to the Palisades News

You've driven by it numerous times on Pico Boulevard, but like most Westsiders, you've probably never considered stopping for a meal at this old-fashioned diner.

Rae's restaurant has been around since the days when you could actually find a parking spot in Santa Monica. Rae's turns 60 this year and is still plugging along for those locals who don't mind a little grit and authenticity with their meals.

As our monthly lunch group entered the restaurant, we were convinced Rae's must have been where they shot the movie *Time Stood Still*. The modest menu prices also underscored the apparent time-warp that has occurred here since 1958.

But after recent trips to the glitzy Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in Beverly Hills and Madeo's in West Hollywood, our group welcomed a meal that cost less than a down payment on our last automobile. However, Barry said he was leaning toward ordering five hamburgers in an effort to match the tabs we encountered at those upscale spots.

Our special guest this trip was I.C. "Chuck" Rapoport, a longtime Palisadian who has enjoyed two successful creative careers. He began working as a photojour-



The monthly lunch group's special guest Chuck Rapoport poses with Rae's server Lupita and cook Manito.

Photo: Barry Stein

nalist for *Paris Match*, the French weekly picture magazine, and photographed notable world figures including Fidel Castro, shortly after the Cuban revolution.

He also took classic shots of Francois Truffaut, Marilyn Monroe and President

John F. Kennedy. His photo of a grief-stricken Jackie Kennedy, taken after the President's assassination in 1963, appeared on the cover of *Paris Match* and became an iconic image of the First Lady.

Chuck also photographed fitness master Joseph Pilates for *Time* magazine, and many of these rare photos are displayed in studios throughout the world. His career at *Life* magazine was highlighted by his award-winning photo essay in the aftermath of the 1966 mining-related disaster in Aberfan, Wales, that killed 116 children and 28 adults.

After moving to Los Angeles in the early 1970s, Chuck began a long career as a television scriptwriter on movies and mini-series, including *Cook and Peary: The Race to the Pole*. He won the Edgar Allan Poe Mystery Writers Award, and was nominated for a Writers Guild Award for one of his *Law and Order* teleplays. He wrote *Kapinsky's Still Dead* and is now working on an autobiographical novel entitled *Flight of the Doves*.

I hadn't eaten at Rae's in many years and had forgotten how small the petite-sized booths were, especially for four "generously

proportioned" men. I was worried that two of us might be required to stand next to the table while eating our lunch. (Elton John must have been considerably thinner in 2000, when he posed in a Rae's booth for the album cover of *Songs from the West Coast*.)

Our timing was perfect because the two customers who were hogging a much larger booth in the back room were just leaving to pay their bill. Perhaps it was the menacing stares we had given them that prompted their sudden exit.

Since Rae's is pretty much a steak and potatoes kind of place, Chuck ordered the hamburger steak with mashed potatoes and salad (iceberg lettuce—of course—with a bowl of blue-cheese dressing on the side). Arnie had the tuna melt with French fries and Barry chose the patty melt and fries, but as usual—no tomato. And he means NO tomato anywhere near his plate! The man has strong convictions about certain matters.

I had Rae's version of huevos rancheros with pinto beans on the side and smoking-hot corn tortillas. No one commented on their meals, but my huevos rancheros dish was terrific.

Arnie, who loves his desserts, ordered a slice of pumpkin pie, while the rest of us shared a piece of apple pie à la mode. Our group scarfed down the desserts quickly—and did offer comments on this portion of the meal.

On our way home, our day was made even brighter when we stopped by to visit Josh Greenfeld on his 90th birthday. We brought hamentashen from Victor Benès Bakery, which put a smile on his face.

You may remember that Josh was really the founding member of our group three years ago when he asked us to go to Langer's Delicatessen for a pastrami sandwich. This was a lunch of celebration after his prolonged stay in a local rehab center. We had such a great time at Langer's that he asked on the way out of the restaurant, "Where are we going next month?"

And 32 restaurants later, our monthly lunch club forges ahead with our sights set on our next quest.

Bob Vickrey, a longtime Palisadian, is a regular contributor to the News. He also writes for the Houston Chronicle and the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Station 69 Gains a 'New' Fire Truck

In early February, Fire Station 69 received a new fire truck. Well, not exactly new, but it's an upgrade from the truck it replaces.

The newcomer is one of four vehicles at Station 69 (Sunset at Carey) and is sometimes called a "hook and ladder," according to Captain Tom Kitahata, because it carries the ladders. The station also has two engines and an ambulance.

"Some of the busier stations get new rigs," said Kitahata, "and then we get their hand-me-downs." The "hand-me-down" is a 2006 fire truck from MacArthur Park-area Station 11, which in turn got a new truck.

Station 69's previous fire truck was from 1996 and has been "retired" to the reserves as a replacement for trucks that break down, Kitahata said.

The "new" truck doesn't look significantly different than the last one, Kitahata noted. "The layman will just see a fire truck."

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