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High salaries in college district to face scrutiny

BY EMILY MIBACH
Daily Post Staff Writer

The San Mateo County Community College District pays its chancellor 30% more than other college districts in the Bay Area, according to a report the district's board will review on Wednesday.

With the recent ousting of longtime chancellor Ron Galatolo, the board "expressed an interest in reassessing the compensation for the po- [See SALARIES, page 22]

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City falling behind on pensions

BY ELAINE GOODMAN
Daily Post Correspondent

The city of Palo Alto is falling further behind in saving money to cover employee pensions, according to a new report that shows the city's pension shortfall growing to \$455 million.

That amount, calculated as of June 30, 2018, was up from \$415 million a year earlier — a 9.8% increase, according to the report prepared by the Cal-

Shortfall grows to \$455 million

ifornia Public Employees' Retirement System, or CalPERS.

Looked at another way, Palo Alto has set aside only 62% of the estimated amount needed to cover police and firefighter pensions, and only 66% of what will be needed for other city workers' pensions, CalPERS' calculations show.

The CalPERS figures don't include \$22 million that the city has set aside in a special account for pensions. When that money is included, the city's pension gap is \$433 million, which is a 4.5% increase from the June 2017 amount.

The City Council Finance Commit-

tee will discuss the CalPERS report tomorrow. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. in the community meeting room at City Hall.

Palo Alto's pension gap has ballooned from \$250 million in June 2014 to \$405 million in June 2016 and to \$415 million as of June 2017.

In a report to the Finance Committee for tomorrow's meeting, City Manager [See PENSIONS, page 22]

THE UPDATE

In the past five sessions

Dow -284.45	Nasdaq -59.04	Oil +3.24
26,935.07	8,117.67	58.09
Gold 1,507.30	+16.40	NY COMEX close
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National Debt: \$22,584,431,647,029	Trillion Billion Million	
Debt's growth in one week:	\$18,570,499,591	

TRUMP ADMITS UKRAINE CALL:

President Trump confirmed yesterday that he spoke to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in July about investigating Joe Biden and his son, Hunter. It's not clear if this conversation is at the heart of a whistleblower complaint the administration is refusing to give to Congress, but the Washington Post and others have reported that the complaint does involve Ukraine. (See related story on page 11.)

WARREN TAKES LEAD:

Elizabeth Warren has surged to first place in a poll of Iowa Democratic caucus-goers. The Des Moines Register-CNN poll has her at 22%, followed by previous front-runner Joe Biden at 20%. Bernie Sanders has fallen to third at 11%. Nobody else is in double digits.

TRAIN HITS CAR:

A Caltrain hit a car on the tracks at Charleston Road in Palo Alto. No injuries were reported from the incident on Saturday night, [See THE UPDATE, page 4]



49ERS ARE NOW 3-0

Niners tight end George Kittle celebrates with fans at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara after his team defeated the Steelers yesterday to go 3-0 for the first time in 21 years. Story on page 10. AP photo.

Proposal limits RV parking

BY SARA TABIN
Daily Post Staff Writer

Mountain View's City Council is trying to move overnight RV dwellers away from city streets and into designated parking lots.

Council on Tuesday will introduce a new ordinance that would ban RV parking on narrow city streets. They will separately consider putting \$100,000 toward an overnight parking program, where car campers would park in city [See RV, page 22]

Critic takes aim at parcel tax

BY JEN NOWELL
Daily Post Correspondent

The Redwood City School District is asking voters this November to approve a \$149 parcel tax to help its schools, but an opponent is questioning the need for the money given that the district just closed four schools.

Measure H, which needs at least 66.7% of the votes to pass, would be

He asks: Why pay more if there are fewer schools?

in place for 12 years, raising an estimated \$3.4 million dollars per year. If approved, this would be the district's second parcel tax. In 2016, voters

approved an \$85-per-parcel tax that brings in about \$1.9 million a year.

"The district closed four campuses in response to a drastic decline in enrollment," wrote Jack Hickey in his argument opposing the parcel tax. "The economies from those closures should have balanced their budget."

Last November, the school board de- [See TAX, page 22]

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