State laws will create more housing in Palo Alto

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State housing laws could increase development

Gennady Sheyner

For Palo Alto’s housing advocates, the broad package of bills that Sacramento lawmakers signed into law this fall are exactly the type of disruption that the city needs after years of sluggish residential construction and a deepening crisis of affordable housing.

The 15 bills, which sailed through the state Legislature in September and then signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown, create a streamlined approval process for residential developments; make it harder for municipalities to reject housing proposals on subjective grounds; and pave the way for a $3 billion housing bond that will go to the voters in 2018.

They also require cities to approve accessory-dwelling units in all single-family residential zones; ensure that inclusionary-zoning requirements apply to residential developments, including rental properties; and make it harder for cities to dance around their regional housing requirements.

But for the Palo Alto City Council, which has made housing one of its top priorities this year, the Sacramento-administered medicine comes with a host of unpredictable side effects. The new laws could upend the city’s policies on everything from parking requirements to architectural reviews. And with the new laws kicking in on Jan. 1, City Hall staff are scrambling to understand the implications and come up with new procedures and policies to address them.

Perhaps the most transformative bill in the bunch is Senate Bill 35, known as the “by right” housing bill. Authored by state Sen. Scott Weiner, D-San Francisco, SB 35 would create a state law codifying the requirement that jurisdictions throughout the state create a “streamlined and efficient process” for obtaining permits, and additionally require that municipalities create a pipeline of accessory dwelling units — which can be built within or attached to single-family homes and used as rental units.

The bill was signed into law on Sept. 28, and the city of Palo Alto will have to come up with new standards and procedures to comply with the new requirements. But for housing advocates like Andrew Holmgren, the director of the Palo Alto Housing Rights Project, SB 35 holds great promise.

One of the major problems with the city’s housing law is that it requires a 22-foot buffer zone around a single-family home and a 12-foot buffer around an accessory dwelling, Holmgren said.

“Right now, you can’t even build a driveway in that zone, let alone an accessory dwelling,” he added.

SB 35 eliminates that requirement, thus allowing housing proponents to focus more on improving affordability and accessibility, Holmgren said.

Council members have already discussed the new rules with their counterparts in neighboring cities, and many are preparing to propose modifications to Palo Alto’s current law.

“We’ve already had conversations with other cities in the region on whether we can do something a little different,” Councilmember7c

Kim flatscher said.

In other news, Palo Alto Mayor Scott Wiener, D-San Francisco, introduced a bill last week that would allow for new construction of accessory dwelling units that can be built on a property if the owner(s) lives in the property and the property is zoned for single-family housing.

Wiener’s legislation would allow for accessory dwelling units to be constructed on properties within the following areas:

- City of Palo Alto’s Single Family Residential Zone
- City of Palo Alto’s Optional Planning Area
- City of Palo Alto’s Opt-In Single Family Residential Zone
- City of Palo Alto’s Optional Planning Area for Infill

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Holmgren said that Wiener’s legislation would help the city achieve its goal of providing more affordable housing and increasing the supply of homes for sale. He added that the bill would also help the city achieve its goal of providing more affordable housing and increasing the supply of homes for sale.

“Wiener’s bill is a good start, but we need to go further,” Holmgren said. “We need to make it easier for people to build accessory dwelling units, and we need to ensure that these units are affordable.”

HOLIDAY FUND

Holiday Fund grant provides students with much-needed new science textbooks

by Alexandra Cavallaro

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

All I can see is a recipe for drivers getting frustrated and having road rage.

— Maryann Hinden, Palo Verde resident, on Ross Road street redesign. See story page 5.

## Around Town

### PRICEY LANDSCAPING... In what might be one of the most expensive bills for a grass-terrning job, the Palo Alto school district paid close to $11,000 in two claims filed by people whose parked cars were damaged by rocks and debris kicked up by school landscapers. In one claim filed last month, $6,205 was requested to pay for damage caused by a landscaper of Jordan Middile School in 2016. Stones were “hurled at the car, shattering the front passenger window, damaging the windshield and chipping paint” on the front and hood of the car, the claim reads. The claim was increased to $9,621 for “loss of use” of the car. A second claim asked for $1,174 for damage also caused by rocks and debris from crews cutting the grass at Jordan. The district ultimately paid $10,795 in indemnity and $250 in expense payments, according a letter from an insurance broker provided by the district.

### NEW ADDITIONS... On Tuesday, the Palo Alto City Library celebrated a donation of 100 Korean language books from the Korean Language and Culture Foundation. The gift included a facsimile of “The Jikji,” an ancient Buddhist text that was the first book printed using movable metal type. Published in 1377, 78 years prior to the printing of the Gutenberg Bible, it was “rediscovered” and honored as a valuable piece of international human heritage by the UNESCO’s “Memory of the World” program in 2001. Though the first half of the original printing is now lost, the second half is currently books from the National Library of France in Paris. The original woodcut version, which maintains both volumes of the text, is kept, perhaps more fittingly, by the National Library of Korea and the Academy of Korean Studies. The copy newly received in a facsimile created to commemorate the book’s status. Though it is a facsimile, it is apparently a very nice one. “It’s actually bound with a sewn binding,” said Library Director Monique le Conge Ziesenhenne, who added it was a very believable replica. She was joined by Consul General of Korea Sungdo Lee, who traveled in from San Francisco, and Foundation Director Eun-Hoo Koo for the book transfer ceremony. “It is significant to create a close relationship with the City of Palo Alto since many famous IT companies started in Palo Alto,” Lee said in a press release. The 99 other books donated to the city, which has about 1,500 Korean-speaking residents, were carefully selected and include many Korean translations of English books for adults and children. “These organizations chose to partner with the Palo Alto City Library to make the Korean books available because of Palo Alto’s popularity among the Korean speaking community,” le Conge Ziesenhenne said in a press release. The donated books, which will each have a special bookplate marking, will be divided between the Mitchell Park and Children’s libraries. Patrons can find the books by searching “Korean language and Culture Foundation donation” in the library’s online catalog, the facsimile of “The Jikji” will likely join one of the two locations. “We haven’t figured out what to do with it yet,” le Conge Ziesenhenne said. “It’s a little tricky.”

A PERFECT MATCH... Tinder, the dating app where users swipe through profiles to find potential dates, is taking its relationship with Palo Alto to the next level by expanding its operations downtown. The Hollywood-based company is relocating its Palo Alto office, planned to double its Silicon Valley staff to 40 within the first year of opening, Rad said. The company is currently looking to fill 10 engineering positions, according to job listings posted in late October.

##体育

在什么可能是最昂贵的草坪修剪工作单中，帕洛阿尔托学区为两起损害人们的停车车辆的案件支付了近11,000美元。在另一起案件中，$6,205被要求支付赔偿，该起案件由乔丹中学一名园丁在2016年工作时引起。石头“撞击在车前挡风玻璃和前部，破坏了车辆的前挡风玻璃和前部”，该起案件声称。该起案件被增加为$9,621的“损坏使用”赔偿。另一起案件要求赔偿$1,174，也由石头和碎石引起。该区最终支付了$10,795的赔偿金和$250的费用支付，该信函由保险公司提供。

###新补充...

周二，帕洛阿尔托市图书馆在庆祝一项捐赠100本韩语书籍的活动，以纪念韩国语言和文化基金会。礼物包括了一份1377年出版的“Jikji”的复印件，它是我们了解国际人文遗产的重要出版物。联合国教科文组织在2001年正式将其纳入“世界记忆计划”。尽管原版的一半已经被丢失，但剩下的另一半目前保存在韩国国立图书馆和巴黎国立图书馆。原始的木版版本，同时保留了两版的内容，被保存在韩国国立图书馆和科学院。最近收到的副本是一个复制版。尽管它是一个复制品，但它显然很像原版。“它实际上是用线缝合的，”图书馆馆长Monique le Conge Ziesenhenne说道。她还与韩国驻旧金山总领事馆的代表Sungdo Lee一起参加了赠送仪式。Lee说，“我们还没有想好如何处理它。”le Conge Ziesenhenne说，“它有点奇怪。”

###完美匹配...

Tinder，一款让用户通过滑动应用找到潜在约会对象的应用程序，正在将业务扩展到帕洛阿尔托市中心。这家好莱坞公司计划将它在帕洛阿尔托的分公司扩大到40名工人，这是公司首次在硅谷设立的分公司。公司目前正寻找10名工程师，根据发布的工作岗位，可以联系到分公司。

*注：本文中“$”代表美元。*
A new report from Palo Alto Unified School District has revealed a concerning trend of harassment and discrimination across the district. The report, covering the period from Dec. 1 to Dec. 7, showed nearly 100 complaints related to sexual and racial misconduct, with incidents ranging from unwanted sexual contact to physical harm on the basis of race.

The report highlights the overarching nature of this problem, with most incidents occurring on school campuses, particularly at the elementary level. Elementary schools have logged the most reports, with 77 of the total 96 complaints coming from this group. The district has determined that out of the reported incidents, most are sexual in nature, with approximately 81 complaints, including a dozen cases of sexual assault.

The vast majority of incidents took place on school campuses, with the majority of reports originating at Palo Alto High School. Jordan and Terman high schools also reported significant numbers of complaints, with 24 and 21 reports respectively. The district’s three middle schools—Ohlone, Walter Hays, and Jordan—reported 10, 7, and 6 cases respectively.

The report also includes a focus on student behavior, with 65 cases involving student-student incidents, 16 involving student-employee incidents, and 15 involving parent-student incidents. Of the 96 cases, 41 were reported at Ohlone Elementary School, followed by 30 at Jordan Middle School, and 24 at Gunn High School.

District leaders are responding to the findings by implementing a Title IX coordinator, a new position established in response to the recent Title IX guidance from the Department of Education. The coordinator will focus on addressing and preventing harassment and discrimination, ensuring that students and staff have a safe and respectful learning environment.

The district is committed to transparency and accountability, and as a result, the district plans to update the public regularly with these findings. The district is also in the process of hiring a law firm to investigate teacher behavior and conduct an audit of the district’s Title IX office. This move is part of a larger initiative to enhance the district’s efforts to prevent and address harassment and discrimination.

The district is also working on implementing a comprehensive Title IX policy and training programs for staff and students to ensure that everyone understands their rights and responsibilities under the law. The district is committed to creating a culture of respect and inclusion, and the Title IX coordinator will play a crucial role in this effort.

In conclusion, while the findings of the report are concerning, the district is taking proactive steps to address the issues identified and create a safer and more inclusive learning environment for all students. The district remains committed to ensuring that every student feels safe, respected, and empowered to reach their full potential.
News Digest

Brock Turner files appeal in sex-assault case
A year and a half after a jury found Brock Turner guilty of sexually assaulting an unconscious woman on campus, the former Stanford University student is appealing his conviction.

Court records show that Mill Valley attorney Eric Multhaup filed an opening brief in the 6th District Court of Appeal on Turner’s behalf on Friday, Dec. 1.

The 172-page appeal describes Turner’s trial as “fundamentally unfair” and requests a new one.

A Santa Clara County jury last March found Turner guilty on three charges, among them with the intent to commit rape, sexual penetration with a foreign object of an intoxicated person and sexual penetration with a foreign object of an unconscious person. Two graduate students testified that they had found Turner on top of the young woman, referred to anonymously as Emily Doe, outside a fraternity party they had both attended.

Turner was sentenced to six months in county jail, a sentence that sparked wide outrage and has led to a high-profile campaign to recall the judge who oversaw the case, Aaron Persky.

Turner was also sentenced to three years of probation and to register as a sex offender for life. He served half of his jail time before being released.

Turner originally filed a notice to appeal in July 2016, shortly after his release from jail, according to court records.

The appeal states that evidence of key character traits — namely, Turner’s credibility and honesty — was “erroneously” excluded and the jury was not told about his “extensive ‘behind-the-dumpster’ propaganda” by the prosecution, who described the assault as taking place behind a dumpster outside the fraternity house where Turner and Doe met.

Multhaup also argues that there was insufficient evidence for each conviction. For the most serious felony, assault with intent to commit rape, the appeal argues that “weight of the evidence,” the appeal states, shows that Turner “did not (intend) to have sexual intercourse with Ms. Doe but rather to engage in sexual contact short of sexual intercourse.”

In a statement, Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen said that Turner’s conviction will be upheld.

— Elena Kadvany

City approves Junior Museum and Zoo expansion
One of Palo Alto’s most popular family attractions received a big boost Monday night, when the City Council gleefully backed an ambitious plan to rebuild and expand the Junior Museum and Zoo.

By a unanimous vote, the council voted to advance the long-planned reconstruction of the Rinconada Park museum and zoo — a project that will be predominantly funded through private donations. The Friends of Junior Museum and Zoo had completed a $25 million fundraising plan for the project (with the Peery Foundation providing $15 million).

The council voted 8-0, with Adrian Fine absent, to approve the environmental clearance for the project, pass a park-improvement ordinance (which would allow development on park space) and approve a $270,124 budget appropriation for a new museum and zoo at 1451 Middlefield Road.

The project is being funded by the Friends group and effectively donated to the city, making approval a formality.

The council’s vote Monday allows construction to commence in 2018, with the goal of completing it in the summer of 2019.

— Gennady Sheyner

School board approves new donation policy
The need to strike a balance between welcoming anonymous donations and providing transparency as a public agency divided the Palo Alto school board on Tuesday night, with its members ultimately approving in a 3-2 vote a new requirement for internally disclosing donors’ identities.

People or organizations who give the district more than $50,000 and wish to remain publicly anonymous will now have to disclose their identity to the superintendent, who would then inform each board member verbally, one by one. The board can waive this requirement in public session.

Newly elected President Ken Dauber, Vice President Jennifer DiBrienza and board member Terry Godfrey supported the new policy, arguing that the board should now know who donates in case there is any reputational or financial risk to the district. The waiver, they said, provides public account- ability to the board’s decision to accept or reject an anonymous donation.

Board members Melissa Baten Caswell and Todd Collins cast the dissenting votes, saying they were uncomfortable with the proposal’s potential to make board members feel “behelders” to someone who gives a large sum of money to the district.

The policy was spurred by a significant anonymous donation made to Addison Elementary School last year.

— Elena Kadvany

Long-awaited Edgewood Plaza grocery store makes its debut
The Market at Edgewood in Palo Alto’s Edgewood Plaza Shopping Center held its soft opening on Dec. 1, filling a void left after The Fresh Market abruptly closed in March 2015. Residents from Duveneck/St. Francis and other neighborhoods flocked to the new store, located at 2080 Channing Ave. Inside, they found five kinds of eggplant, bins of potatoes, tomatoes, Asian and Indian greens and squash, a variety of pears, apples, grapes, mushrooms and specialty produce, from Buddha’s hand fingered citrus to cherimoya. The store also features an olive bar, full-service deli, bakery and meat and fish departments. In June, the owners of Crystal Springs Produce in San Mateo signed on as the new grocer, with developer Sand Hill Property Company putting up $300,000 in financing to seal the deal. To read more about the store, go to PaloAltoOnline.com and search for “Edgewood market” or go to tinyurl.com/EdgewoodMarket.

Holiday Fund (continued from page 3)
from The Thomas Merton Center, St. Elizabeth Seton School was able to provide new Glencoe Series science textbook software and additional LearnSmart software for all 90 of its sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders.

The textbooks fulfill the requirements for sixth-grade Earth and Science, seventh-grade Life Science and eighth-grade Physical Science curricula. Bell noted, however, that the Life Science books are also a great supplemental resource for his fifth-grade students.

The new books’ detailed diagrams and the accompanying interactive software are especially helpful for English-as-a-second-language learners like Ashley, Aaron and their classmates, school staff said. The interactive software provides videos, review questions calibrated to the learning needs of students and the opportunity for teachers to include their own notes for their students.

Though students arrive at the school speaking English, the majority come from low-income homes in East Palo Alto and east Menlo Park, where English is not the first spoken language. The adaptive and concept-based, presenting the core

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Upfront

A familiarization with the structure of the new textbooks make it easier for her to study.

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concept and then breaking the material down into smaller, more digestible components.

After familiarizing students with the structure of the new textbooks, Bell said, “The next step will be to integrate the software (continued on page 11)
Ross Road
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he rides in dedicated bike lanes. He expects traffic on Ross will lessen because the more aggressive drivers will take another route, just as many have to avoid Bryant, which was the city’s first bicycle boulevard.

“I don’t think it can hurt the cycling or the driving communities. We just need for everyone to be patient,” he said.

Regarding his neighbors’ concerns about the new configuration, Pietrofesa believes that putting the bike lane in the middle of the road might force drivers to go a little slower. It also makes bicyclists more visible. Kids will be better off because drivers will be able to see them, he said. Also, cyclists won’t have to swerve around parked cars and into the road.

The center bike lane will eliminate another problem: drivers passing cyclists and making right turns in front of them, imperiling the riders who end up in the drivers’ blind spots, he added.

But Sunita Verma, who lives on Ross Road, has concerns. She’s observed that bicyclists and drivers don’t know what to do, especially when they come upon a narrower roadway. She’s seen cars force students from Palo Verde Elementary and Jane Lathrop Stanford Middle schools to stop at the new concrete curb extensions and wait for the cars to go through, she said.

“I wish they had just put a bike lane in. There’s no space. Kids have to go on the sidewalk or in the middle of the road,” she said.

City Senior Transportation Planner Chris Corrao defended the project in an interview with the Weekly. He maintained the project will be much safer once it’s completed and the road markings are in place. The narrower lanes are still legally wide enough for two cars to go through — at least 10 feet — and double yellow markings will mark the road’s center.

The combination of speed humps and curb extensions, which will be installed throughout the length of Ross Road, have been shown to be the most effective method for slowing traffic, he said.

City staff is working on a campaign for the schools on how to safely use traffic circles and the other street structures. They also are developing a user’s guide for residents regarding the new corridor. A FAQ will be posted on the project website at cityofpaloalto.org/bikepedsafety.

The road project has lit up the Palo Verde neighborhood, whose residents have posted more than 200 comments ranging from dismay to approval on the website Nextdoor.com. Residents also claimed they didn’t receive notification from the city about the project, which led to surprise when the street fixtures started to appear.

Ross Road resident Alison Corr inack said neighbors got only a postcard about a workshop in March 2016, a notification of a pre-construction meeting in January and a door hanger this fall as construction began with pictures of what was happening.

“I’m not a traffic engineer or a bicycle commuter. When I heard ‘bike boulevard,' I thought bike lanes, like Louis Road. When I heard ‘traffic calming,' I thought speed bumps, like the rest of Ross Road,” she said.

The planning department should have mailed a FAQ “in plain English, not traffic jargon” and a document with a map on one side with pictures on the other.

“The city requires other projects to provide physical visual notice before final approval — cell towers, home additions, construction, etc. But this significant change to our street did not do that,” she said.

The project might turn out well, she added, “but I promise you that if you aren’t a traffic engineer or a bicycle commuter, it doesn’t look that way when it shows up unannounced in front of your house.”

Penny Ellison, a Greenmeadow resident who bikes and drives on Ross and has been a leader in creating safe bicycle routes to schools, supports taking a wait-and-see perspective until the work is completed. The project’s effectiveness can’t be fairly assessed by conflicts created in part by ongoing construction, she said.

She also implored for people not to divide into “us” and “them” camps of motorists and bicyclists but to work together and see the project as a benefit for all users.

The greatest danger to pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists is speed, she said, and this project addresses that. A pedestrian struck by a vehicle at 35 mph has a 68 percent chance of survival; at 25 mph, the survival rate is 85 percent, according to the California State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Corrao said that city staff has heard “loud and clear” residents concerns about the lack of outreach about the project. The city did hold multiple bike-along events, conduct outreach at a farmers market and hold four rounds of community meetings regarding the city’s planned bike and pedestrian boulevards (not specifically for Ross Road, though it was included) between 2014 and 2016. Staff held a public meeting regarding the final Ross Road draft concept plans at Ohlone Elementary School on March 29, 2016, and 61 people attended. The City Council approved the plans in May 2016, and the contract was awarded by the council on June 27, 2017.

Assistant City Manager Ed Shikada said in an email that the public can contact the construction contractor’s public-information officer through the project website. The city is now making sure that person contacts residents living near soon-to-be-added fixtures prior to the construction. The city is also asking the contractor to add project information signs earlier as construction proceeds.

For future projects, Shikada said, city staff and consultants will do more door-to-door outreach during the concept-planning stage, in addition to posting public notices and holding workshops. The outreach will include posting signs along the route and making direct contact with residents who live adjacent to proposed traffic features prior to project approval.

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Francisco, the bill would apply to jurisdictions that have not been issuing enough building permits to satisfy their regional housing allocations for various income categories. Though the state Department of Housing and Community Development hasn’t yet determined which agencies will be subject to the bill, city officials are expecting Palo Alto to be among them, a memorandum from Planning Director Hillary Gitelman and City Attorney Molly Stump indicates.

That’s because based on data through 2016 (which covers the first two years of the 2014-2022 planning cycle), the city has only issued permits for 16 percent of its allocation for market-rate units (310 total units) and 8 percent of its allocation for affordable-housing units (121 total).

In cities that fall short of the housing goals, as determined by Regional Housing Needs Assessment, Senate Bill 35 creates a streamlined approval process for multifamily residential projects that meet certain criteria. The projects must be located in zones that allow residences, have at least two units and be consistent with “all objective zoning standards.” The bill also bars cities from adopting laws to prevent a project’s eligibility for the streamlined review.

Under SB 35, cities have 60 days to determine whether a project is eligible for streamlining and then an additional 30 days to review the project, with a focus only on “objective criteria.”

“In some ways, SB 35 is a game-changer for multifamily housing development in Palo Alto because of its potential to influence the size and location of multifamily housing applications that the city receives,” the memo from Gitelman and Stump states. The memo notes that large projects requiring local legislative action (e.g. rezoning) or design exceptions will still have to go through the city’s regular process, which gives council members wide discretion to approve or deny them. But more than 13 percent of the land in Palo Alto has zoning designations that could accommodate housing, and “property owners in these areas could choose to shape their proposals to be eligible for streamlined review,” the memo states.

As an example, staff considered a scenario in which a developer seeks to build a mixed-use project on El Camino Real, with housing over ground-floor retail. As long as residential use makes up 75 percent of the project, it would qualify for a streamlined review. One project of this sort was recently approved at 3877 El Camino Real, the former site of the Compadres Bar and Grill. The new three-story development will include 11 townhouses and six condominiums, along with about 4,000 feet of commercial space. The law could also have major implications for other housing projects in the city.

To the left, the front page of the Palo Alto Weekly’s Christmas celebration issue.

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Peninsula Christmas Services

Please join us for our 48th annual Santa Lucia Fest
December 10, 2017
5:30 pm - International Smorgasbord
If you like, bring food to share.
7:00 pm - Traditional Pageant in Costume
Children reenact the story of Santa Lucia through traditional music.
Free will offering for Eucumenical Hunger Program
First Lutheran Church
600 Homer Avenue, Palo Alto
650-322-4669
www.flcpa.org

Christmas Services
Stanford Memorial Church
Sunday, December 24, 2017 - Christmas Eve
4:00 pm Family service (Doors open at 3:00 pm)
Please bring new, unwrapped toys which will be given to children in need.
8:00 pm Christmas Eve Festival Communion service
(Doors open at 7:00 pm)
Owing to the popularity of our Christmas Eve services, saving seats will not be allowed.
Monday, December 25, 2017 - Christmas Day
12:00 am Catholic Christmas Eve Midnight Mass
12:00 pm Catholic Christmas Day Mass
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Covenant Presbyterian Church
December 9, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Alternative Gift Market
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Rev. Dr. Margaret Boles
www.covenantpresbyterian.net
670 E. Meadow Dr., Palo Alto
(650) 494-1760

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish, Palo Alto
Our Lady of the Rosary, 3233 Cowper Street
St. Albert the Great, 1095 Channing Avenue
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Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24TH
5:00 pm Family Mass – Our Lady of the Rosary
5:00 pm Family Mass – St. Albert the Great
6:00 pm – St. Thomas Aquinas
7:00 pm – Our Lady of the Rosary (Spanish)
Midnight Mass – St. Thomas Aquinas (Latin)

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25TH
7:30 am – St. Thomas Aquinas; 9:00 am – St. Albert the Great;
10:30 am – Our Lady of the Rosary;
10:30 am – St. Thomas Aquinas; 12:00 Noon – St. Thomas Aquinas (Latin)
ramifications for Stanford Research Park, where zoning allows some residential space. Even though the density of residential development is capped by a floor-area ratio of 0.4 to 1 (the built square footage can only be 40 percent of the site’s area), the large size of the parcels in the Research Park could lead to many new units getting approved “by right.”

Currently, the city requires developers to receive use permits for residential projects in the Research Park. The new law, Gitelman said, would prevent the city from requiring these permits, provided the project meets the bill’s qualifications.

Another significant change is an update to the Housing Accountability Act, which limits a city’s ability to deny a zone-compliant housing project or to require less density even though it falls under the zoning maximum. Two bills, Assembly Bill 678 and Senate Bill 167, both raise the burden of proof for local agencies that reject housing projects. Another, Assembly Bill 1515, requires courts to give less deference to cities in rulings on zoning consistency.

“All three of these bills would strengthen existing provisions in the law and increase penalties for non-compliance, making it much more difficult for the city to disapprove or reduce the number of units in a housing project,” the memo states.

For the City Council, the new bills could significantly shift the community conversation about housing, Mayor Greg Scharff said at Monday night’s council meeting. The council’s recent debates as to whether the city should plan for 3,000 or 10,000 housing units in the new Comprehensive Plan could become moot under the new rules, which could force the city to approve more housing units than it planned to.

“If you’re talking about changing the community, this has the potential to do it,” Scharff said.

Some of these changes can be very positive, he said. The new laws, for instance, can spur a housing boom in downtown, California and El Camino Real — areas that the council believes are particularly suitable for the development. At the same time, the pace of development could be faster than what residents are accustomed to, he predicted.

“When you talk about changing the character of the community and having rapid change — this is the kind of thing that can actually achieve it in a way that could be very different from the kind of stuff we talk about,” Scharff said.

Several council members, including Cory Wolbach and Tom DuBois, lamented the diminishment of local control under the new state bills even as they praised the new legislation for addressing a problem that council members have been struggling to solve. DuBois said the focus on “affordable housing” is particularly positive.

Council members have been “wishy-washy” in defining what the term means, he noted. Under the new state requirements, devising a single definition is moot, as the new laws are designed to preempt the council establishing its own specific target for the percentage of new housing units that should be designated for low-income residents.

“I think it’s going to take that kind of focus in our area if we’re seriously about affordable housing,” DuBois said.

His proposal did not, however, sway the majority. Some council members, including Scharff and Vice Mayor Liz Kniss, suggested that creating new local requirements would be premature at this point. City staff are already drafting a new work plan for possible code revisions to encourage more housing development — an effort that was sparked by a recent colleagues’ memo from Councilman Adrian Fine, Kniss and Wolbach.

Kniss noted that for all the talk about encouraging the construction of affordable housing in recent years, there has been little action on that front. Until the council actually votes to approve an affordable-housing project, Kniss said, she does not believe that her colleagues are serious about providing affordable housing.

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City of Palo Alto

Architectural Review Board Regular Meeting
250 Hamilton Avenue, Council Chambers
December 21, 2017 at 8:30am

**Action Items**

**PUBLIC HEARING / QUASI-JUDICIAL. 380 Cambridge [15PLN-00249]: Consideration of Major Architectural Review to Allow Demolition of Three Existing Commercial Buildings Totaling 32,083 Square Feet and to Construct a New Three-Story Commercial Building Totaling 35,000 Square Feet. The Request Includes a Design Enhancement Exception to Allow the Project to Exceed the Height Limit 8 Feet. In Addition There is a Request to Waive an Off-Street Loading Space. Environmental Assessment: Exempt From the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in Accordance With Guideline Section 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects). Zoning District: CC(2)(R) (Community Commercial with Retail Shopping Combining District). For More Information Contact the Project Planner Braden S. Ah Sing at sasking@cityofpaloalto.org.**

**PUBLIC HEARING / QUASI-JUDICIAL. 2370 Watson Court [17PLN-00306]: Recommendation on Applicant’s Request for Approval of a Major Architectural Review and a Master Sign Program That Would Allow for Changes to Donate and Tenant Names That are Consistent With the Master Sign Program Without Subsequent Planning Review. Environmental Assessment: Exempt From the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in Accordance With Guideline Section 15311 (Accessory Structures). Zoning District: ROLM (E)ID(AD) (Research Office and Limited Manufacturing Subdistrict-Embarcadero With a Site and Design and Automobile Dealership Combining District). For More Information Contact the Project Planner Claire Hodgkins at claire.hodgkins@cityofpaloalto.org.**


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**Holiday Fund**

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without diluting the reading process we’ve established.”

Bell said that the vocabulary of the books is slightly above students’ reading level, but he isn’t concerned. He prefers to “teach up,” he said.

“It’s above,” he said, “but it’s accessible.”

To help students grasp the concepts and language, teachers take the time to work with students in small groups so that each can have individualized attention when working through more difficult grammatical concepts.

The population of students at Seton School is 80 percent Hispanic, with just under 10 percent of students from the Pacific Islands, and, according to Carmel Caligaris, the school’s advancement director, the majority of students will be first generation high school and college students.

“The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that, in 2015, about 50 percent of Hispanic East Palo Alto teens graduated high school and a mere 10 percent continued to higher education. In contrast, 95 percent of Hispas who are alumni are a source of pride, not just for the accompanied students, but for their parents and the whole Seton community.

“We want to prepare our students to share in the prosperity that Silicon Valley offers,” Caligaris wrote in the school’s application to the Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund earlier this year.

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Ruth V. Wick

On November 17th Ruth V. Wick passed away in her Los Altos home where she had lived for more than 70 years. In that home she shared with her husband Bradford Wick, she raised four daughters. When the daughters were in school, Ruth became very active in the local chapter of the AAUW and the Friends of the Library. In later years she worked with Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Ruth is survived by her daughters—Kristen Wick, Janis Wick, Claudia Bonnet, and Laurel Wick-Langill and three grandchildren—Amanda Langill and Brian and John Bonnet.

Eleanor Jane Doty

Eleanor Doty died of natural causes surrounded by loving family in her home at the Vi in Palo Alto. She was 91. She was born Eleanor Jane Baker on Sept. 3, 1926, in Hudson Falls, New York, the daughter of Harry and Charlotte Baker. She graduated from Hudson Falls High School in 1944. She was captain of the cheer-leading team, was active in numerous organizations, and was voted the “most popular girl” in her class. She became engaged to her high school sweetheart, Andy Doty, and corresponded with him throughout his service in World War II and their college years. They married on July 29, 1950, and raised three daughters. The family lived in New York, Baltimore, Maryland, and Ann Arbor, Michigan before settling in Palo Alto, California in 1963.

Eleanor will be remembered for her great zest for life, her deep love of family and friends, and her adventurous spirit leading to treasured hikes and explorations in Yosemite and the Sierras, Point Reyes Seashore, the Italian Dolomites, England’s hill and dale, Oregon’s Three Sisters Wilderness and the Colorado Rocky Mountains. She and Andy held season tickets to theater companies in San Francisco, Berkeley, Palo Alto and Ashland (Oregon). She was an avid Stanford sports fan alongside her husband and many friends.

She savored creating scrumptious meals and gathering her circle around the table, with a bottle of wine, for spirited conversation and much laughter well into the wee hours; she was an avid reader of books and poetry classes, monthly book clubs and author readings. And she played a wicked game of tennis well into her 70s.

At the age of 57, Eleanor returned to work in client services at the former Career Action Center in Palo Alto. She savored the opportunity to work with a team of strong, compassionate, wonderful women committed to providing first-in-class resources for clients exploring career opportunities in the Silicon Valley. She remembered her years at the Center among her happiest.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, a brother and his wife, three daughters and sons in law and six grandchildren.

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POLICE CALLS

Palo Alto

Nov. 29-Dec. 5

 Violence related

 Domestic violence

 Fraud

 Grand theft

 Identity theft

 Petty theft

 Shoplifting

 Vehicle related

 Auto theft

 Bicycle theft

 Parking/driving violation

 Theft from auto

 Vehicle accident/prop. damage

 Vehicle impound

 Alcohol or drug related

 Drinking in public

 Driving under the influence

 Drunk in public

 Possession of drugs

 Miscellaneous

 Found property

 Lost property

 Misc penal code violation

 Psychiatric hold

 Suspicious circumstances

 Vandalism

 Warrant/other agency

 Unattended death

 Misc. sex crime

 Menlo Park

 Nov. 29-Dec. 5

 Theft related

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 Info case

 Lost property

 Missing person

 Psychiatric subject

 Suspicious circumstances

 Vandalism

 Warrant/other agency

 Violation of court order

 Verbal domestic dispute

 Property for destruction

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Robert “Bob” Knight

Robert “Bob” Knight, a 66-year resident of the Barron Park neighborhood in Palo Alto, passed away peacefully at home with his wife by his side on Nov. 18, 2017.

Born in the small town of Randall, Minnesota, on Dec. 4, 1922, Knight took an early interest in engineering. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering. He then served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps as a captain from July 12, 1943, to March 1, 1946. Once home, he had a 30-year career with Bechtel Corporation, traveling the world with his wife of more than 71 years, Therese, his granddaughter Brandy Faulkner said.

Knight enjoyed collecting stamps and coins, golfing, traveling, building furniture and camping with family and friends. He was an involved neighbor, never short of good advice or the energy to help build new additions or rewire their homes in his spare time, according Faulkner.

But more than anything Knight was a devoted family man, she added. He and Therese raised six children and built a family cabin at Donner Lake, which served as the site for many gatherings during the summer and winter. All six children and their families live a short distance away from his Palo Alto home, which was a hub of activity, with countless gatherings to welcome family through the decades, she said.

Knight is survived by his six children and their spouses: Bob Knight, Dennis (Lonnie) Knight, Rick (Carol) Knight, Margaret Olivier, Terry Knight and Mary Dandrige; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by three grandchildren: Ken Knight, Christine Dandrige and Caro-line Dandrige.

Instead of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Snowline Hospice, 6520 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs, CA 95619 or visit snowlinehospice.org.

Robert J. Saldich
(1933 – 2017)

Bob Saldich, retired CEO of Raychem Corporation and former Chairman of The Commonwealth Club of California and the American Electronics Association, has died in Palo Alto.

Bob's leadership abilities surfaced early. His mother said that he was president of his class every year through elementary school, a claim he modestly neither confirmed nor denied.

He was born in New York City in 1933, into a prosperous Russian Jewish family, the son of Bertha and Alexander Saldich, the youngest of 26 first cousins. His grandfather emigrated in 1896 and formed the Royal Table Company, pieces of whose furniture still exist. Bob’s mother was the first child of the family born in America.

When in 1948, Bob’s father followed a job to Shreveport, Louisiana, Bob was not at all sorry to leave New York, because in Louisiana you could drive at 15! He quickly established himself at Byrd High School on the debate team and was selected for Boys’ State. His unbending integrity made him stand out and he was sent from there as a delegate to Boys’ Nation, the highlight of his young life being meeting President Truman in the Rose Garden.

He went on to Rice University in Houston, Texas, filling leadership roles in almost every organization he joined, a circumstance that would repeat itself for the rest of his life, and graduated in 1955 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. He was chosen as a Distinguished Alumnus of Rice University in 2006 “For his leadership in business and commitment to public service.”

After a brief stint at Proctor & Gamble, using his Chemical Engineering background to supervise the manufacture of Pink Dreyf, Bob went on to Harvard Business School, Class of 1961, where he finished as a Baker Scholar, and stayed for a year after graduation, having been selected as an assistant to the legendary professor, General Georges Doriot, who started the first American venture capital firm, American Research and Development.

It was that background that got him a career at General Electric, where he learned to leave New York, because in Louisiana you could drive at 15! He quickly established himself at Byrd High School on the debate team and was selected for Boys’ State. His unbending integrity made him stand out and he was sent from there as a delegate to Boys’ Nation, the highlight of his young life being meeting President Truman in the Rose Garden.

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In 1963 he met and married Anne Rawley and in 1964 their son Alan was born. That same year he was recruited by a small materials science firm in Menlo Park, CA, Raychem, founded by Paul Cook. Then in 1966 he was sent to England to start up their European operations and he, with a lot of other very talented people, helped Raychem grow to be a Fortune 500 company, and in 1990 he succeeded Paul as CEO and Robert Halperin as President, helping to grow revenues by 50 percent by the time he retired in 1995. Besides his leadership, he infused the company culture with his memorable humor, and everybody remembers Raychem as a fun place to work.

In 1993 it was listed in the book, The 100 Best Companies to Work for in America, by Robert Levering and Milton Moskowitz. His interest in business education led him to be appointed to the Visiting Committee for the Harvard Business School, and the advisory boards for Cal Poly and the University of Santa Clara Business School. In retirement his social policy interests led him to invest his energies in The American Leadership Forum, the State of the World Forum, and the Silicon Valley Center for Community and Justice, now FACES.

Bob leaves his wife, Virginia, his son, Alan (Nancy), and his devoted step-children, Tad (Eleanor) and Stan (Heather) Thomas, Melinda Thomas (Michael Fabozzi), and Meg Thomas Dudley (Scott). He always said, “They are my child and your children, but they are our grandchildren”; Emily and Ben Saldich; Elizabeth, Andrew and Bronwyn Thomas; Clare, Paige, and Will Thomas; Drew and Lindsey Dudley, along with step-grandchildren Elizabeth and Madeline Fabozzi. All of whom adored him and miss him intensely.

Bob’s Memorial Service will take place at 2 pm December 27 in Skylawn Memorial Park at the intersection of Routes 35 (Skyline) and 92 in San Mateo. Donations in his name that would please the company culture are being collected. Or by mail to the San Mateo County Historical Association, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City, CA 94063, Designate in Honor of Robert J. Saldich.
Closed Session

17. CONFERENCE WITH CITY ATTORNEY- EXISTING LITIGATION Subject: James Judge Luckey v. City of Palo Alto, Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 16CV303728

Special Orders of the Day

1. Adoption of a Resolution Expressing Appreciation to Dave Dockter for Outstanding Public Service Upon his Retirement

2. Acceptance of Santa Clara County Healthy Cities Initiative Awards

3. Resolution Approving Annette Glanckopf for Outstanding Public Service Consent Calendar

4. Approval and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute Amendment Number 1 to the Mills Act Consent Calendar

5. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.11 of Title 2 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code to Reauthorize Public, Education, and Government (PEG) Access Fees That Will Apply to Comcast as it Provides Service Under its State Video Franchise

6. Adoption of Three Resolutions: 1) Resolution Amending Evergreen Park-Mayfield Residential Preferential Parking Program Resolution 9683; 2) Resolution Amending Southside Residential Preferential Parking Program Resolution 9688, Both to Adjust the Number and Allocation of Employee Parking Permits; and 3) Resolution Establishing a Two-hour Parking Restriction on the East Side of El Camino Real Between College Avenue and Park Boulevard and in the Commercial Zones Adjacent to 1515 El Camino Real and 1638 El Camino Real

7. Approval of a Three Year Contract With Downtown Streets, Inc. in a Total Amount Not-to-Exceed $410,616 for Maintenance Services for the City’s Five Downtown Parking Garages, Downtown Sidewalks and Alleys, Lytton and Cogswell Plaza, the Stanford/Palo Alto Playing Fields, City Hall and the old Community Garden, and Provide Outreach Case Management Services to the Downtown Core With the Intent of Linking Homeless Individuals to Community and Housing Services

8. Approval of the Appointment of Robert A. Jonsen as Police Chief and Approval of Employment Agreement


10. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 16.25 of Title 16 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code to Revise the Requirements for Dewatering During Construction of Below Ground Structures

11. Staff Recommendation That Council Adopt a Resolution Extending the Net Energy Metering (NEM) Program to all Customer-Generators Until the City’s Total Distributed Generation Demand Exceeds 10.8MW, or Until December 31, 2017, Whichever Occurs Later

12. Adoption of the Letter to the Director of the California Energy Commission to Appeal the City’s Dismissal as a Petitioner in the Medium Power Producer Program

13. SECOND READING: Adoption of an Ordinance of the Council of the City Of Palo Alto Approving and Adopting Plans for Park Improvements to the Baylands Related to the 101 Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge. (FIRST READING: November 27, 2017 PASSED: 9-0)

14. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapters 2.16 (Boards and Commissions Generally), 2.18 (Public Art Commission), 2.20 (Planning and Transportation Commission), 2.21 (Architectural Review Board), 2.22 (Human Relations Commission), 2.24 (Library Advisory Commission) and 2.25 (Parks and Recreation Commission) of Title 2 (Administrative Code) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code to Modify the Start of Terms on the Boards and Commissions, and accompanying Code Cleanup in Chapters 2.22 and 2.25

ACTION ITEMS

15. Discuss and Accept the Draft 2018-2020 Sustainability Implementation Plan (SIP) Key Actions as a Work Program for 2018-2020 and Direct Staff on Next Steps

16. Status Update and Discussion of the Roth Building Rehabilitation, 300 Homer Avenue; and Recommendation to Approve a One–year Extension of the Option to Lease the Roth Building Between the City of Palo Alto and the Palo Alto History Museum

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Sp. Policy and Services Committee Meeting will be held in the Community Meeting Room on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:00 PM to discuss: 1) Review and Recommendation to the City Council of an Ordinance Amending Sections 4.42.190 (Taxi Meters) and 4.42.200 (Schedule of Rates, Display) of Chapter 4.42 of Title 4 (Business and License Regulations) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code to Allow Taxicab Service to be Prearranged by Mobile Device Application and Internet Online Service. This Action is Exempt Under Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act; and 2) Discussion and Recommendations for 2018 City Council Priority Setting Process; and 3) Discussion and Recommendation to Council Regarding Anti-idling Ordinance.

The Sp. Council Appointed Officer Committee Meeting will be held in the Community Meeting Room on Friday, December 15, 2017 at 10:30 AM to discuss a Debrief of the 2016-17 Council Appointed Officers Performance Evaluation and Review of Performance Goals Process; Look Ahead to the 2017-18 Process and Direction on Next Steps.
Letters

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I was never a great fan of either piece. Point the first interesting but the stuff of nightmares and the second pretty but rather obvious in its point-making. Still, both were art. Perhaps not great but not fakes, neither hackneyed nor full of pretension. Both were trying. They didn’t seem boondoggles.

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Chana Feinstein
Midtown Court Palo Alto

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The cost of elevating tracks or building a bridge/tunnel interface is excessive. Palo Alto might be wise to consider the economic alternative of simply blocking off the roadways where they cross the tracks.

This could be done for under $10,000. Simply place concrete barricades and remove the crossing signals/arms. Ultimately, fencing could be extended to eliminate pedestrian/bicycle crossings. Provide space so that uneducated drivers could easily make a U-turn. Automobile drivers will find a way to get to their destination; they always do.

In terms of safety this is a mixed bag. Many suicides occur not at rail crossings but in stations where trains don’t stop, frequently passing through the station at 60 mph or more. Even the European rail system, with 100 percent separation of vehicles/trains has to deal with “pass-through” trains that frequently are exceeding 100 miles per hour as they roll through a station.

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It’s very probable that Jules Verne, French author and one of the fathers of science fiction, never anticipated that his “Around the World in 80 Days” would be playing as a madcap farce on stages in 2017. Yet TheatreWorks Silicon Valley has pulled it out of the time capsule, bringing the 2001 adaptation by playwright Mark Brown to Palo Alto this holiday season. “Around the World in 80 Days” follows the story of a British gentleman named Phileas Fogg, whose life has been completely predictable, punctual and devoid of friendship or family. He’s driven out several servants with his finicky and exacting behavior, and the gentlesman at his club think he’s a bit of an odd duck. When a new servant, a Frenchman named Passepartout, arrives, he sees this as the perfect assignment: After a wild and unpredictable life, he’s ready to settle down and have some stability.

On the day Passepartout arrives, the men at the gentlemen’s club read an article announcing the completion of a transcontinental railroad in British-held India — making it technically feasible for a person to complete a round-the-world trip by train and steamship for the first time. Fogg wagers that he can make it in 80 days and the men take him up on it, to the tune of $2,000. This begins an adventure that takes Fogg, Passepartout and the friends, enemies and unexpected allies they make along the way around the world. Throw into the mix a bumbling detective bent on arresting Fogg for a suspected robbery, an Indian princess rescued from certain death and several natural disasters, you should have the recipe for a good time.

From a purely technical perspective, TheatreWorks puts on a fantastic show. The conceit of Brown’s adaptation of the book has five actors playing all of the parts, switching costume, accent, gait and facial hair at the drop of a hat. As with any good farce, there are pratfalls, mistaken identities and silly sound effects galore. Under the direction of Robert Kelley, the cast handles this script admirably, with comedic timing so precise they’d make the “real” Phileas Fogg proud.

As far as the acting goes, every actor is a standout, so the fact that they can work together without upstaging one another is another feat. Both Jason Kuykendall (as Fogg) and Ajna Jai (as the princess Aouda) do an admirable job of playing the “straight man” to the character work going on around them. Ron Campbell, whose ability to shapeshift into just about any character with the application of a fake mustache or a hat is absolutely stunning (and is often the source of the audience’s loud guffaws), Michael Gene Sullivan, as well, is a master at hammering up the bit parts; in addition, his ability to give Detective Fix a palpable character arc and emotional growth while also doing pratfalls is commendable. It’s Tristan Cunningham, however, who carries the show as the hapless Passepartout. Her character work, acrobatic skills and energy are unparalleled.

But for all of its merits from the technical perspective, there is one very large painted elephant in the room: the racism inherent in the text to comment on the problematic nature of the stereotyping and othering in Verne’s book, it might have been a better production. As a farce that celebrates the source material without a critical eye, “Around the World in 80 Days” falls flat. Freelance writer Kaila Prins can be emailed at kailaprins@gmail.com.

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Where: Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.
When: Through Dec 31 (see online for specific showtimes).
Cost: $40-$100.
Info: Go to TheatreWorks.org.
Eating Out

By Monica Schreiber

Despite big expectations and bigger prices, Nobu Palo Alto doesn’t quite deliver

The answer might depend on when you go. Many of Nobu’s signature dishes and cocktails have stood the test of time, especially if you’re celebrating an IPO or dining on the tab of a venture capitalist. Four months into operations, though, with the small dining room jam-packed every night, Nobu Palo Alto is still uneven and unpredictable. The black-clad servers are young and eager, but often in over their heads.

The minimalist decor by Los Angeles-based Montalba Architects is sleek but all too obvious: white onyx bar, black wood, shoji screen walls. The tables are so tightly configured you could well find yourself privy to a hot tip about a new start-up. “Trashyafmase!’’ might be shouted in your general direction upon entry, but the traditional greeting feels hokey coming from the 20-something servers.

“You guys all set?” is what you might expect to hear across the street at the Peninsula Creamery. But when you’re deciding if you want to dip into your kid’s college tuition fund for the 16-ounce prime New York strip with sea-salmon mushrooms ($76), a bit more formality would be in order.

During one Saturday evening dinner, no one in our party of four could understand much of anything our young server relayed in her rapid-fire patter. Another meal, taken early on the bar side of the restaurant, was better paced and more clearly narrated. Hilariously, our waitress told us that our inquiry about the provenance of the ocean trout inspired a staff debate about whether Tasmania was “a real place.”

Luckily, Tasmania is home not just to cartoon devils, but to some succulent ocean-going trout ($35). Served with crispy spinach and swimming in a decadent sea of butter and chilies, this silky hunk of blushed-colored fish is more delicate than salmon, with some intense, peppery heat. “Melt in your mouth” are the cliché words one could employ in a restaurant review, but I will use them in this case without shame.

Similarly, the black cod with miso ($36) still holds up as one of Nobu’s cult favorites: a wedge of cod is said to be marinated for two days in sake and miso, which coalesces into a sweet and savory glaze once the fish is roasted. The more understated Chilean sea bass with dry miso ($38) was deeply flavorful and perfectly salted with a rich umami finish. The fish is topped with crispy onions and a few delicate pieces of flash-fried asparagus.

Decadent rock shrimp tempura ($26) can be ordered with ponzu or a “creamy spicy sauce.” We received a nice-sized serving of crisp, delicately fried shrimp topped with the latter. Plump, fried shrimp in a chili-infused sauce seasoned liberally with garlic and some rice vinegar for tang: perfection.

From the “hot” side of the menu, we also tried a few of the side dishes, including a disappointing roasted cauliflower ($14). A few undercooked, forlorn-looking florets rolled around on a small plate and were so slightly seasoned we were hard-pressed to taste much of anything except oil. The eggplant spicy miso ($12) was five bite-sized chunks of eggplant coated with a sweetish chili sauce and served on a banana leaf.

In the “cold” menu section is another Nobu classic, the new style of musubi ($29). Salmon is sliced a smidgen thicker than sashimi, quickly bathed in hot sesame and olive oil and seasoned with garlic, ginger, chives, sesame and yuzu sauce. The quick pass through hot oil teases the flavorful fats from the fish, making for succulent, bitey bites.

Crisy rice with spicy tuna ($10 per piece) was a little tower of mushy toro tartare, served on a crisp rice cake and topped with avocado. Yellowtail sashimi jalapeño ($29), another of Nobu’s widely imitated standards, is six diamond-shaped slices of raw hamachi, served in the shape of a pinwheel, each piece topped with a smidgen of jalapeño. The dish offers a nice interplay of heat and citrus from the yuzu sauce, but at about $5 per nibble, it got my vote as the most overpriced—and perhaps over-hyped —dish we experienced.

At dessert, the banana soy tobun ($16) was a standout: delicately caramelized bananas topped with crunchy candied pecans and a side of run-raised flavored mal-agu gelato.

Over one lunch and two dinners, a number of other dishes distinguished themselves and a few fell short. With a typical dinner for two easily hitting $300, the expectation is that every aspect of the meal—ambiance, service, food—should hit the mark every single time. The challenge right now with the Palo Alto Nobu is that no matter how good the food might be on a given visit, the ambiance is a yawner and the service needs polish. As the servers grow into their roles, and the planned expansion improves the ambiance, these issues could be forgotten as quickly as we devoured our black cod miso.

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James Franco plays the eccentric Tommy Wiseau, known for making what’s been dubbed “the worst film ever made,” in the biographical comedy “The Disaster Artist.”

If it’s true that nothing succeeds like success, it stands to reason that something succeeds like failure. The movies have produced some truly terrible specimens, but perhaps none so successful as “The Room,” Tommy Wiseau’s 2003 independent film that swiftly became notorious as one of the worst films ever made and, thereby, a cult “midnight movie” sensation.


“The Disaster Artist” takes the perspective of aspiring young actor Greg Sestero (Dave Franco, James’ brother) on the weirdness that is Wiseau (James Franco). Working from Sestero’s memoir (with Tom Bisell) “The Disaster Artist: My Life Inside ‘The Room,’” the greatest Bad Movie Ever Made,” screenwriters Scott Neustader and Michael H. Weber (“500 Days of Summer”) lean into the bromance of Greg and Tommy, beginning with a “meet cute” in a San Francisco acting class. Drawn to Wiseau’s fearless ambition and exotic cluelessness, Sestero hits his star to Wiseau’s, and the two move to L.A. together as roomies pursuing the same dream.
The holiday season is often a time to introduce new books to children as special gifts or in front of the fire, shared with family during winter evenings. We’ve put together a list of books for children that include stories about family, friends, pets and other classic components that make up good children’s literature. These books celebrate everything from loyal pets and schoolyard friends to cultural diversity and family bonds.

“A guide to children’s books about classic life lessons

“Stay: A Girl, a Dog, a Bucket List” by Kate Klise, illustrated by M. Sarah Klise; $18; Feiwel and Friends (ages 4-8).

There was never a time when Eli the dog wasn’t in Astrid’s life. These best friends do everything together. Yet dogs age faster than girls, and Astrid wishes, “If only we could STAY like this forever.” Since that isn’t possible, Astrid makes a bucket list for things to do with Eli before he gets “too old”: bike ride; library (check out books about dogs); movie (Lassie); sleep outside and under the covers; and eat spaghetti with meatballs at a restaurant (echoes of “Lady and the Tramp”). In the end, and all along, really, Eli simply wants to spend time with his Astrid. That is his bucket list.

With cheerful paintings of dogs, people, and Astrid’s little world, Berkeley illustrator Sarah Klise adds depth and humor to her sister Kate’s thoughtful story about the end of a dog’s life.

“Charlie & Mouse & Grumpy” by Laurel Snyder, illustrated by Emily Hughes; $15; Chronicle Books (ages 6-9).

Charlie and Mouse’s grandfather, Grumpy, comes to stay for the weekend in this charming chapter book for early readers, the second in a series. Charlie, who is getting big, and Mouse, who decides he is “getting medium,” delight in having Grumpy around to pounce on, watch a not-too-scary movie inside a blanket fort, and fix hot dogs and pizza. They’re sad when Grumpy has to pack his bag to go, which is actually one of the best things about this book. It’s okay for kids to be sad, and I applaud author Laurel Snyder and illustrator Emily Hughes for showing that beautifully. And for leaving the door open for Grumpy to come back.

“Real Friends” by Shannon Hale, artwork by LeUyen Pham; $13 paperback; First Second (ages 8-12).

Young readers who loved the best-selling graphic novel memoirs “Smile” and “El Deafo” will be instant fans of “Real Friends.” Though white, Mormon, 1980s Salt Lake City is very different from multicultural, high-tech, contemporary Silicon Valley, Shannon’s experience finding and keeping a best friend, and dealing with the ins and outs of “The Group” are easily identifiable for anyone who’s been a schoolkid in oh, about the last 100 years. Shannon deals with anxiety, as well as bullying from peers and an older sister. She doesn’t always do the right thing and she’s not the popular leader her friends Adrienne and Jen are. Not everyone can be! Shannon does, however, have the imagination of a budding writer: she devises elaborate stories to play with her friends. LeUyen Phan’s stunning artwork in “Best Friends” helps the reader feel what Shannon is going through. A helpful Author’s Note explains more about Shannon’s elementary school years, and encourages kids to “hang in there.”

“Slider” by Pete Hautman; $17; Candlewick Press (ages 10-14).

David Miller says he has a boring name and an ordinary existence as the middle child stuck between a straight-A older sister and an autistic younger brother. David does acknowledge that he is good at eating massive quantities of food — especially pizza — fast. His hero is San Jose’s Joey Chestnut, the perennial Nathan’s Hot Dog champion. There’s money to be earned in competitive eating contests, and David needs to win one because he accidentally put $2,000 on his mom’s credit card. Oops.

David trains for the Pigorino Bowl, held at the Iowa State Fair, for a month: eating heads of cabbage, bowls of spaghetti, and lots and lots of
“You Bring the Distant Near” by Mitali Perkins; $18; Farrar Straus Giroux (ages 12 and up).

Three generations, six women—each a unique blend of Bengali and American cultures, and all with stories to tell. “You Bring the Distant Near” is a special novel of the American experience, one with much to say about families, immigration, prejudice, fitting in, growing up, learning, loving.

The book begins in 1973, just before the Das family immigrates to the U.S., to a primarily black New York neighborhood that Tara and Sonia’s Ma, Ranee, considers an unsafe stepping stone in their American journey. The girls make friends and learn to code-switch between languages and cultures with help from TV (for Tara, aka Marcia Brady) and books from the library (Sonia). Ranee badgers her husband, whom Tara and Sonia adore, to make enough money so the family can move to New Jersey. They do make it out. Then tragedy hits, and all with stories to tell. “You Bring the Distant Near” should find a wide audience among teens and adults in Silicon Valley and beyond. (Disclosure: I am proud to consider myself a friend of Mitali Perkins.)

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It is no surprise that this young adult novel by East Bay author and Stanford alumna Perkins was longlisted for the National Book Award. “You Bring the Distant Near” should find a wide audience among teens and adults in Silicon Valley and beyond. (Disclosure: I am proud to consider myself a friend of Mitali Perkins.)

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Her daughters grow up, find partners and careers, and have daughters of their own. The family now includes black in-laws. Gradually Ranee eases back into her daughter’s and thus granddaughters’ lives. Some of the biggest changes (and laughs) come when Ranee becomes an American citizen. She wants to “look more American,” too, and that to her means wearing muumuus. Then she returns to her old New York neighborhood, not the same person she had been decades before.

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With no kids at home have few housing options by David Goll

Lucy Berman has a unique perspective, experiencing firsthand both sides of the empty-nester conundrum having a major impact on the tight Midpeninsula housing market.

A real estate agent since 2004, she sees potential homebuyers struggling to find homes they can afford in one of the nation’s most expensive housing markets. With the expense comes the fact that available home inventory continues to shrink.

At the same time, Berman and her husband, Palo Alto homeowners since 1984, whose children have left the nest, are among those acknowledging that they are living in more house than they need in a city where property values have increased enormously in recent years.

Like many other local empty nesters, the Bermans considered downsizing to a smaller home on a smaller lot a few years ago. But they decided such a move just didn’t make sense financially.

“We found once we paid all of the taxes (resulting from a sale), there would be no money left,” Berman said. “We have a lot of friends in the same position. Most of them have owned their houses anywhere from 20 to 40 years.

And most are staying put, Berman said, thinking about remodeling projects that will allow them to age in place. Those would include things like relocating their master bedroom downstairs or finding where in the house they could build an elevator to the second floor. Those individual decisions to stay, multiplied hundreds or thousands of times, combined with the continuing large number of overseas investors sinking cash into pricey Midpeninsula real estate, is having major consequences for Berman’s clients.

“It’s very difficult for people to find places to live here, whether they’re now renting locally or moving here from elsewhere,” she said. “There’s a very limited stock of houses for sale and the prices are astronomical compared to other parts of the country. I have had clients who ended up not taking jobs here after seeing the cost of living. It’s a huge problem for local employers.”

Getting socked with taxes on a house sale is indeed a deterrent for many empty-nester homeowners, said Michael Dreyfus, a residential real estate broker and president of Silicon Valley for Golden Gate Sotheby’s International Realty.

“They look at taxes and capital gains and blanch, because they might have 40 percent going to state and local taxes,” Dreyfus said.

For homeowners who benefited from 1978’s Proposition 13, paying higher property taxes on a new dwelling is another drawback when they consider selling and relocating.

Dreyfus said those negatives are especially true for older members of the baby-boom generation — the 77 million Americans born from 1946 to 1964. This is not as much of an issue however, for empty nesters on the younger side of the scale, or the late boomers, the youngest of whom are still more than a decade away from traditional retirement age. They no longer need the amenity of top-rated schools for their children and may even be wearying of the region’s infamous traffic congestion.

“A move for them is more likely not connected to retirement,” he said. “They have lots of time left and have the attitude they’re not going to let taxes get in the way of their lives. They’re enthusiastic about the possibilities for the second half of their lives.”

Most of his clients in that category move to another part of the Bay Area, often San Francisco, or to a less expensive part of California or a neighboring state, Dreyfus said.

“Psychologically, it’s an easier thing for them to do if they’re worried about leaving friends or a favorite yoga class,” he said.

“They still feel they’re a part of the Bay Area community. And some have second homes in places like Tahoe or Montana or Carmel, and they want to spend more time there.”

Brian Chancellor, sales manager in the Palo Alto office of the Sereno Group, agrees that younger baby boomers tend to be more willing to sell their homes than their older counterparts, move to new communities and become active members. “And I think they’re less concerned about their children inheriting their property,” he said. “They want them to earn their own way in the world.”

Chancellor said despite the area’s incredibly tight housing market, common-sense measures could be taken to help ease the availability of existing homes and help create more affordable housing.

He advocates more California counties adopt existing state laws allowing homeowners ages 55 and older to retain their Prop. 13-created lower property taxes on new properties they purchase, Chancellor also supports area cities building more densely developed, transit-oriented housing suited to empty nesters so they can sell large houses they no longer need.

People’s attitudes toward living with less space, possessions and automobiles are changing, Chancellor contends, even in Silicon Valley. But the region hasn’t really caught up with the idea of building more, denser housing, exacerbating the area’s housing problems.

“As people get older, they’re not getting into their cars as much,” he said. “If we had more of the right (dense, transit-oriented) type of development on the Peninsula, and public transit was clean, cheap, safe and convenient, people would be more likely to sell their homes. I’ve had the opportunity to see more livable communities when I lived in Italy and Scandinavia. My wife is Danish, so I’ve spent lots of time in Europe. I’ve only had to rent a car once when there.”

Whether empty nesters are considering a sale of their property, renting it out, or just staying put, the strength of the Midpeninsula housing market is stoking lots of activity, said real estate agent Karen Trojan of Alain Pinel, who is a past president of the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors. She said there are lots of advantages to selling in the current hot market and she’s seen many empty-nester clients move to less expensive markets like Auburn (in the Sierra Nevada foothills) or Arizona. Others decide to rent out their properties if they want to keep their options open to return to the Bay Area or plan to eventually bequeath their homes to heirs.

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Stanford women win second national title
Cardinal men prepare for a possible third straight title this weekend

by Rick Eymer

Women

When Menlo School grad Jaye Boissiere is healthy, she’s a game changer. Last weekend she showed she can be a season changer too.

Playing with more celebrated Stanford women’s soccer teammates like Sacred Heart Prep grad Tierna Davidson and Team USA mates like Sacred Heart Prep grad Andi Sullivan, Boissiere more than held her own.

Boissiere scored in the 67th minute to snap a tie and lift Stanford past Pac-12 rival UCLA, 3-2, in the championship game of the NCAA tournament on Sunday at the Orlando City Stadium in Orlando, Fla.

She was named the game’s Most Outstanding Offensive Player.

The Stanford women’s soccer team celebrate its second title overall and the first since 2011. Menlo School grad Jaye Boissiere was named the game’s Most Outstanding Offensive Player and Sacred Heart Prep grad Tierna Davidson was named Most Outstanding Defensive Player.

Stanford completed a dominant season in which it set school records for goals (91) and tied the mark for shutouts (19). The Cardinal won its final 22 matches, picking up the last two in the same state it suffered its lone loss (3-2 at Florida).

Freshman Catarina Macario assisted on all three goals. The last was her 17th of the season, breaking the school single-season record set by Christen Press in 2009, when many went to Kelley O’Hara. Davidson was named the Most Outstanding Defensive Player.

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The cause was a mystery until she was diagnosed with small intestine bacterial overgrowth, which had led to nutritional deficiencies and susceptibility to injury. This has been her first fully healthy collegiate season.

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Men

ON THE AIR

Friday

NCAA men’s soccer semifinal: Stanford vs. Akron, 3 p.m., ESPNU WatchESPN

College women’s soccer: Utah vs. Texas at Stanford, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Saturday

College women’s soccer: Stanford regional, 7 p.m., ESPNU

Sunday

College men’s soccer: NCAA Championship Game, 10 a.m., ESPNU

A regional worthy of a Final Four

Four of top 13 teams meet at Maples Pavilion

by Rick Eymer

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different year, different coach, different system, different lineup but same success. That’s Stanford volleyball in its purest form.

The fourth-ranked Cardinal (29-3) continues its journey in the NCAA volleyball tournament this weekend at home, when it has a 13-0 mark. Stanford plays No. 11 ranked and unseeded Wisconsin (22-9) at 8 p.m. ESPNU will air the match.

No. 11 seed Utah (24-9) and No. 6 seed and second-ranked Texas (26-2) play in the earlier regional semifinal at 6 p.m.

Stanford won a dramatic five-set match at Wisconsin last year and beat the Longhorns, who bring a 20-match winning streak into the weekend, in a spirited, competitive match in the national finals.

It’s a regional worthy of a Final Four. All four teams are ranked among the top 15. The Utes were one of the teams that beat Stanford on its own court last winter, Wisconsin is unseeded for the first time in 14 years and Texas has advanced to five consecutive

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**PREP ROUNDUP**

**Familiar foes face off**

**Menlo, Palo Alto meet for Burlingame hoops title**

by Glenn Reeves

**Soccer**

The Menlo School and Palo Alto High boys basketball teams have been playing each other in a scrimmage every year. Not surprising, since Knights coach Keith Larsen and Paly’s Peter Diepener are former high school teammates and lifelong friends.

On Friday, they’ll be meeting as opposing coaches for the first time in 25 years.

The match will be played at 8 p.m. on Jan. 26 at Menlo College, followed by a girls basketball game with Sacred Heart Prep.

**Volleyball**

The senior averaged 19 points a game in helping the Panthers win four games and then made the NCAA tournament.

Jump, who was named tournament MVP, made 16 of her 34-point attempts.

**Hannah Jump**

**PINewood BASKETBALL**

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**Mallory North**

**Sacred Heart Prep volleyball**

**Katie Fearon**

**Loyola basketball**

**Ely Mortz**

**Palo Alto soccer**

Joe Foley scored 20 points Wednesday night.

**of the Bay Area Elite Showcase at Laney College.**

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