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Regional housing plan splits elected leaders

Casa Compact aims to promote new housing while overriding local authority
by Gennady Sheyner

A sweeping plan to preserve and expand the Bay Area’s housing stock by passing new renter protections, loosening zoning restrictions and expediting the approval process for residential developments is making its way to the state Legislature despite a flurry of opposition from local leaders, many of whom decry the proposed policies as unfair, anti-democratic and potentially counterproductive.

Known as the “Casa Compact,” the plan was hashed out over an 18-month period by a committee created by the regional agencies Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), which focus on housing and transportation policies. The Casa Steering Committee, whose roster includes area council members, developers, planners, union leaders and representatives from large employers such as Google, Facebook and Genentech, voted unanimously on Dec. 12 to approve the new document. The MTC board followed suit with its own approval, by an 11-4 vote, on Dec. 19. The ABAG executive board is expected to follow suit shortly.

Proponents of the plan describe it as a 15-year “emergency policy package” for solving the Bay Area’s housing crisis. The preamble to the document notes that since 2010, the Bay Area has added 106,000 housing units, a shortfall that has caused housing prices to go through the roof, spurred more homelessness and exacerbated the transportation crisis by forcing more employees to commute from other regions.

The Casa Compact includes 10 elements that aim to address these challenges but that, in doing so, would impose policies that (continued on page 8)

WeWork eyes former Groupon site
Office-sharing provider seeks to bring services to California Avenue district
by Linda Taaffe

WeWork, a leading provider of coworking space in cities around the world, is looking to expand its reach into Palo Alto. The New York-based company plans on bringing its shared office culture to the three-story brick building at 3101 Park Blvd. that Groupon quietly vacated before the end of 2018.

According to the city’s planning department, WeWork filed a permit on Dec. 19 to occupy the entire 40,140-square-foot building, as well as conduct $1.8 million worth of renovation work that includes upgrades to the building’s exterior and the addition of a coffee bar. The permit is still under review, according to planning records.

The company’s website also lists 16 new job openings in Palo Alto, including positions for researchers and software engineers. The office building is located near the California Avenue Caltrain station.

When contacted by email on Monday, WeWork would not confirm whether it was expanding into Palo Alto.

“We have not signed a lease at that location and have nothing to share at this time,” Gordon Bronson, head of WeWork’s public affairs, told the Weekly.

WeWork’s pending expansion into Palo Alto comes at a time of rapid growth for the company,

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After months of negotiations that temporarily extended their stays, the remaining residents of President Hotel Apartments in Palo Alto will have to move out of the historic building by the end of January, according to a letter they received from the new building owner.

The letter from Timothy Franzen, president of Graduate Hotels, arrived three days after the council’s Dec. 10 decision not to pass an urgency ordinance that would have removed a “grandfather facilities” provision that requires historic buildings undergoing renovations to retain the same use.

Adventurous Journeys Capital Partners, the parent company of Graduate Hotels, is still hoping that the city will scrap the existing ordinance to retain the same use.

City officials had initially signaled their willingness to negotiate by scheduling discussions of both items for Dec. 3, but with the council’s Dec. 10 decision and its deferral of the downtown-cap discussion, the residents’ hopes for a June extension were effectively dashed.

“It appears that the final meeting of the year, to reach out to AJ Capital and try to obtain an extension for the residents,” the eviction, Backlund said, “will come at the height of rainy season.” He said he doesn’t know how he will be able to manage his move given his disability, which requires him to use a walker.

A former historical-preservation planner for the city, Backlund recalled the regular salons that he held in his apartment, where guests would discuss art, literature, philosophy and film.

“When do regret losing our close knit community at the President, we are proud of the activities we did there,” Backlund told the council.

Iqbal Sarang, an architect who has lived at the President for 25 years, said, “It was a surprise, especially with the holiday season, but this deadline was shortened to Jan. 31.

“Many of us hoped and were under the impression that we’d get a little bit of a reprieve at least, at the behest of the City Council.”

In his letter, Franzen said AJ Capital believes that the October agreement was “fair to both parties in that each received considerations that were valuable to them, but neither party received everything they had hoped for.” The agreement prohibited residents from voicing any opposition to the conversion plan in exchange for more relocation assistance and an extension of their leases until the end of January (or mid-June, if the city approved the zone changes AJ Capital was seeking).

Franzen said the company also plans to pay $15,000 to the residents’ attorney, Scott Emblidge, to reimburse residents for the legal expenses they incurred in negotiating the agreement.

“While we do regret losing our activities we did there,” Backlund said.

For more information:
which has 24 sites throughout the Bay Area that are open or set to open soon (including ones in San Mateo and Mountain View). The San Francisco Chronicle reported that WeWork has become San Francisco’s fourth-largest office tenant with 1.43 million square feet leased and owned. The privately held company is valued at $45 billion, making it the second most valuable U.S. startup behind Uber, according to The Wall Street Journal.

As of Jan. 3, the alleged thief has not been arrested, Palo Alto police said. But now he faces three felonies and a misdemeanor after police tracked him down through information he left after paying, according to court records. The woman, who is in her 30s, had been walking on the south side of Everett Avenue toward Alma Street around 4:10 a.m. to her parked car. She was approached by a man who asked her for spare change as she got in her car in downtown Palo Alto early Monday morning, police said.

The company will operate a smaller office on California Avenue in Palo Alto, just a few blocks from the now-vacant Park Boulevard site, until this summer when the lease expires.

Those employees will then transition to the Santa Clara office, he added. “Once the moves are complete, our Bay Area presence will consist of the new Santa Clara location and our S.F. office,” Halliwell said.

WeWork's new 72,160-square-foot site on West San Carlos Street in San Jose offers 1,344 desks, according to the Silicon Valley Business Journal. Based on those ratios, the Park Boulevard building could accommodate around 725 shared desks.

Filseth, who is generally aligned with the council’s slow-growth “residentialist” camp, has established himself in recent years as the council’s most pragmatic and least ideological member. In accepting the nomination, he cited the city’s pressing issues — mounting pension obligations.

“I think it’s really served the city well. I think he brings a strong data-based approach to problem-solving and to his policy decisions,” Cormack explained why she’ll vote for Eric Filseth to be the city’s mayor on Jan. 7.

After being sworn in as a Palo Alto City Council member, Alison Cormack explains why she’ll vote for Eric Filseth to be the city’s mayor on Jan. 7. Filseth said. The election of Fine as vice mayor provided the only moment of mild suspense in the ceremonial meeting. Fine, the council’s youngest member, joined the council in 2016 and has been one of its leaders on pushing housing production.

In November 2017, he was the lead author of a colleagues memo that proposed a wide range of zone changes to promote housing. The memo prompted the city to adopt a Housing Work Plan, which culminated in a series of zone changes that the council approved last month. The council approved Fine’s election as vice mayor by a 6-1 vote, with Fine’s ideological opponent, Lydia Kou, casting the lone vote of dissent.

Kniss, who nominated Fine, lauded him for having “great integrity” and for being “pretty smart.”

“He’s a man of few words,” Kniss said.

Kou had nominated DuBois, a fellow residentalist, but DuBois quickly declined the nomination and signaled his plan to support Fine. Cormack also spoke in favor of Fine’s nomination, calling him “principled and gracious” and “precise with his comments.”

While the election of Fine and Filseth marked a fresh start for the council, the vast majority of the Monday meeting was devoted to celebrating the three council members who concluded their tenures in December: Holman, Scharff and Wolbach.

Each of the departing council members received a proclamation of appreciation and heard testimony from residents and colleagues who thanked them for their service.

Shooter trying to stop thief faces felonies

A Nevada man who admitted he shot at a fleeing vehicle after the occupants left the Midtown Safeway in Palo Alto on Aug. 3 said he was attempting to stop the occupants after they allegedly took several cases of expensive liquor and left without paying, according to court records. But now he faces three felonies and a misdemeanor after police tracked him down through information he left after paying for his groceries.

Christian David Poppe, 37, allegedly pulled a 9 mm pistol out of a holster hidden in his pants and fired four shots at a white Lexus SUV occupied by at least two people as they left the store parking lot at 2811 Middlefield Road.

Poppe is charged with willful discharge of a firearm with gross negligence — discharging an inhabited dwelling or vehicle, assault with a deadly weapon or great bodily injury — all felonies — and misde- meanor carrying a concealed weapon on a person. He is scheduled to appear in Santa Clara County Superior Court in Palo Alto on Jan. 29 to enter a plea.

Police have identified the driver as a prolific liquor thief and, at the time, had a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest and a warrant for an undisclosed felony from Pittsburg stemming from a 2017 case. As of Jan. 3, the alleged thief has not been arrested, Palo Alto police spokesman Janine De La Vega said.

Woman's kindness ends in assault, robbery

A woman was sexually assaulted and robbed by a man who asked for spare change as she got in her car in downtown Palo Alto early Monday morning, police said.

The woman, who is in her 30s, had been walking on the south side of Everett Avenue around 4:10 a.m. to her parked car. She was approached by a man who asked her for spare change, police said in a press release.

She reached into her car to look for the money when he first struck her back, then the back of her head with an unknown object, police said. He then sexually assaulted the woman, who started to scream and fought back. The man was able to reach into her jacket pocket and take her wallet before he fled on foot east on Everett and turned north on Emerson Street.

The woman drove to the police station to report the sexual assault and robbery about 10 minutes later, according to the news release. Officers searched the area but were unable to find the man.

The woman described the attacker as a white man in his late 20s to mid-30s and about 5 feet 11 inches tall with a skinny build, brown or dirty blonde long straight hair and an unkempt beard, police said. He was wearing a black jacket and had his hands on top of his head.

Monday’s sexual assault is not related to two others on Dec. 29 along El Camino Real and on Dec. 20 in the Southgate neighborhood. Detectives have made arrests in those respective cases.

Anyone with information about Monday’s incident is asked to call the department’s 24-hour dispatch center at 650-329-2413.

Shooting hoax triggers massive response

Someone impersonating a Palo Alto resident called police on Tuesday night and falsely reported he’d just shot his wife at his University South home, prompting the police and other emergency responders to surround the home, a police department press release stated on Wednesday.

The caller also said he had tied up his children, had numerous pipe bombs and would harm police if they came to help, the police said. But after more than a dozen officers, including trained cri- sis negotiators, and four Fire Department units arrived at the home in the 900 block of Emerson Street, they eventually discovered the call had been a hoax.

Initially, police surrounded the home and used a public address system and a “swatting” incident, in which someone makes a false report of an emergency that draws a large police response.

The perpetrator could face multiple criminal charges and potential civil liability for the city’s costs related to the law-enforcement response, police said.

Anyone with information about Tuesday night’s hoax is asked to call the department’s 24-hour dispatch center at 650-329-2413.
have already proven to be highly contentious or unpopular at the local level. These include a policy requiring landlords to cite “just causes” for eviction and to provide relocation assistance to tenants who experience no-fault evictions, such as when the property owner wants to move in or the unit is removed from the rental market. Another element calls for capping annual rent increases at 5 percent plus the consumer price index. A third would guarantee free legal counsel and emergency rent assistance to low-income tenants.

Other elements focus on new housing. One calls for requiring automatic approval of accessory-dwelling units (also known as in-law or granny units) in all residential zones. Another would allow residential developments up to 55 feet tall (or 75 feet tall if they own density bonuses) within a quarter mile of rail stations and ferry terminals. In areas within a half mile of bus stops, new legislation would allow for residential buildings up to 36 feet tall. In both cases, the plan makes an exception for “sensitive communities,” those made up predominantly of low-income residents who face a greater threat of displacement from the up-zoning policies. These communities would be granted a three-year deferral period so that they can plan for the proposed growth.

The compact also calls for an expedited approval process for housing projects that comply with zoning, with exemptions from the California Environmental Quality Act and a limit of one year and three hearings before approval. Steve Heminger, executive director of MTC and ABAG, told the Casa Steering Committee last month that these policies are “trying to tune up the housing-pro-duction delivery machine, which I think it’s fair to say is leaking plenty of oil these days and is not producing with sufficient speed, with sufficient certainty, the kind of new housing stock that we need.”

The compact also includes two elements pertaining to funding, one calling for $1.5 billion in annual revenues to support the Casa Compact through some combination of funding by taxpayers, developers, employers, property owners and local governments. Another would establish a new entity called the Regional Housing Enterprise to levy fees, pursue new taxes, disburse funds and oversee new housing programs.

The compact does not, in itself, establish these policies. But by approving it, members of the Casa Committee hope the state Legislature will take the document and pass legislation that implements some, if not all, of its suggestions. The Steering Committee members have characterized the compact as a necessary, if imperfect, compromise. Michael Covarrubias, president of TMG and one of the chairs of the Casa committee, said the elements in the compact reflect proposals that, for the most part, had already been proposed but that failed to advance in the past year.
An effort to strengthen rent control fizzled when voters opted in November not to repeal Costa-Hawkins, the state law that limits cities’ powers to impose rent-control. Legislation pertaining to just-cause evictions and accessory-dwelling units similarly failed to advance in the last session, while Scott Wiener’s proposed Senate Bill 827 got “beat up.”

“All these children have been waylaid by the side of the road,” Covarrubias said. “So what we said was, ‘If we’ll put them all together and we don’t let them break apart and we give them to the Legislature, who is the body that will take it down the freeway, there is a shot.”

Several expressed reservations about particular elements, though none actually opposed the compact. Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese said he was concerned about the prospect of “revenue displacement,” the flow of local revenues to regional sources.

The compact has won the support of some elected leaders, including the mayors of Oakland, San Jose and San Francisco (all three of whom sat on the Casa Steering Committee). Yet the push for more state regulations has also galvanized pockets of opposition, with many mayors of smaller cities and towns submitting letters that bemoan their own lack of involvement in the discussion. By imposing these policies, critics maintain, the package of laws threatens to upend existing efforts by cities to promote housing.

Palo Alto Councilwoman Liz Kniss, a vocal housing advocate who served as mayor in 2018, was concerned about the prospect of “revenue displacement,” the flow of local revenues to regional sources.

“The compact does not appear to take into consideration the local land use laws of each Bay Area city, the plans each city has in place to meet its housing needs in the near future, or the housing needs of the residents in each city,” Kniss’ letter states.

Sunnyvale Mayor Glenn Hendricks slammed the compact’s “one-size-fits-all policy” in his opposition letter and took issue with the document’s proposed funding strategies, particularly its call for diverting 20 percent of property tax growth across the region, a policy that he argued would “result in significant cuts to core services in every Bay Area city.”

In Los Altos, the council took a stand against the compact, arguing that its funding strategies are “not feasible” and that it “overstates the benefits of transit-oriented development and the ability of transit systems to truly accommodate the increased density.”

Anita Enander, a member of the Los Altos City Council, spoke out against the compact at the Dec. 12 meeting of the Casa Steering Committee. “If you think local governments will welcome being relieved of having to deal with housing proposals, if you think we want a mandated ministerial approval process with setbacks and height limits and incentives mandated by law, you are wrong,” Enander said. “The people elected us to make that decision. It’s our job.”

Jeannie Bruins, a Los Altos councilwoman who represents north Santa Clara County cities on the MTC, was part of the dissenting minority. She noted that some of the policies that the Steering Committee has embraced are proving less popular at the local level, as evidenced by the 2018 election in which several council members who supported aggressive pro-housing policies (including Lenny Siegel in Mountain View and Cory Wolbach in Palo Alto) were voted out.

“We all want to be part of the solution, but what we ended up with was that anybody who had any inkling for supporting housing or for supporting trying to deal with and addressing homelessness … those are incumbents who lost their seats,” Bruins said. “The time to engage the cities is today, while you still have people sitting on councils who really want to be part of the solution, before you have those people replaced by people who are more in line with the NIMBYs.”

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He was born in Ketchikan, Alaska as the third of five children to Anna Jean and George Terhar. He passed away, surrounded by his family at home, after a four month battle with a rare and aggressive form of lung cancer.

Joe loved to tell stories of his childhood in Alaska, his adventures with his siblings, his baseball days, and his first job delivering milk for Darigold. He graduated from Ketchikan High in 1963 and then moved to Seattle to attend the University of Washington where he graduated in 1967 with a degree in accounting. He was accepted into the MBA program at Stanford and attended one year before being drafted into the army. After OCS, he served in the Adjutant General Corps and was transferred to Ft. Sheridan, IL and later to Vietnam. After his return, he completed his MBA program and received his degree in 1972.

He was a giant heart and a great love for life and he kept a sense of humor and a smile throughout his battle with lung cancer. In lieu of flowers, his family suggests a donation to the Anderson Collection.

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Editorial

From nine to seven

With two fewer council members, new leaders and a new city manager, an uncertain year awaits

O nly one new face will be on the dais at Palo Alto City Council meetings this year, but that belies the fact that dramatic and unpredictable changes are afoot for our city government and local politics.

Expectations, behavior and outcomes will all be impacted by the reduction of the council from nine to seven members, but how isn’t at all clear. And in spite of having four years to prepare for the changes, there are many undecided governance issues, such as how many council members will be new to be required to initiate proposals or remove items from the consent calendar.

Council committees will now only have three members instead of four and representation on region-wide bodies will be more challenging. On the other hand, fewer members will hopefully mean shorter, more efficient council meetings and less political gamesmanship and posturing.

The size reduction is a result of a measure placed on the 2014 ballot on a 5-4 vote of the council and approved by voters 54 to 46 percent. The proposal emanated from a group of community members who argued the larger size provided few benefits and led to unnecessarily long meetings, excessive deliberations and burdens on staff caused by the need to be responsive to nine bosses. Their effort never gained much momentum or piqued public interest; voters appeared to be as ambivalent as the council that put it before them.

But at nine members, Palo Alto was indeed an anomaly.

In Santa Clara County, only Palo Alto and San Jose (which has 10) had more than seven council members. Nine of the 15 municipalities in the county operate with five-member councils, and just five cities have seven (including Palo Alto). Nothing, of course, compares to the 15-member council that Palo Alto had until the 1960s, when voters approved the gradual reduction over three election cycles to nine members.

Fortunately for stability purposes, the timing of the just-completed reduction means that the new seven-person council will continue to be politically divided almost exactly as was the nine-member council last year. Neither those who support greater limits on growth nor those considered more amenable to new development gained or lost ground as a result of the size reduction.

Monday night’s first meeting of the new council featured warm welcomes to newcomers and top vote-getter Alison Corrigan and the commencement of the second (and last) four-year terms for political allies Eric Filseth and Tom DuBois. Corrigan instantly becomes the potential swing vote on any politically polarizing issues coming before the council, but on Monday night the talk, as it usually is on day one, was about working together to solve city problems.

There was a clear desire expressed by most council members to begin the year on a more congenial and positive note, reflecting a willingness that their interactions in the past few years have created unhelpful divisiveness and avoidable personal animosity. Some council members and local residents praised the leadership of Filseth to mayor or Adrian Fine to vice mayor. The fact the two come from opposite political camps may reduce tensions and improve meetings. While DuBois had seniority over Fine by two years, he knew he didn’t have the needed four votes and wasted no time in supporting Fine. Only Lydia Kou voted against Fine after DuBois declined her nomination for the office.

Fine, who at age 32 is the youngest member of the council, politically has the most at stake in 2019. How he performs in his vice-mayor role, particularly in developing the leadership and communication skills needed to build consensus on a split council, will determine whether he wins support for becoming mayor next January and ultimately wins re-election in next year’s council election, should he choose to run. But more important than council politics in the coming year will be stabilizing and solidifying city operations. Newly appointed City Manager Ed Shikada must fill a large number of senior staff-level positions including the planning director, chief financial officer, chief information officer, chief transportation officer, fire chief and chief communications officer. The council has approved the hiring of two community-based planning staff said was adopted in February.

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Letters

Need southern services

Editor,

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onsider the following: Teens, in the past couple of years, are complaining more and more that they are stressed out and overworked and feel bad whenever they are criticized in any way. At the same time, many of them, especially those in college, object to listening to people they disagree with because what they hear “hurts” them.

Schools and parents are responding to these complaints. For example, some professors are told that they should warn students before a lecture if it may contain topics that students may feel uncomfortable hearing about, and if so, student can skip that class. “Stressed” students can spend time in “safe” rooms — with snuggly couches and with cuddly toys — in high schools and in colleges.

More significant, according to a Dec. 12 article in the Wall Street Journal, “School districts across the country are banning homework, forbidding it on certain days or just not grading it, in response to parents who complain both of overload and some experts who say too much can be detrimental.”

A new policy in Ridgefield Public Schools in Ridgefield, Connecticut, places nightly time limits on homework for most students.” The average number of hours a week spent on homework by high schoolers in 2016 was 7.5; the K-8 level was 4.7. Is this enough? Too much?

Lafayette Parish School System in Louisiana told teachers not to grade homework for grades 2-12, starting this school year.

“The goal of the changes is to give students more time to read, sleep and spend time with family,” superintendents say. Indeed, in Palo Alto we have two school board members who worry about students being overstressed.

The big questions: Will our kids be better and more well-rounded if they don’t do their homework? Or has our society changed so much that we now have a culture of coddling our kids? Is this due to the decades-long practice of helicoptering kids? Is this good or bad?

On Michael Krasny’s “Forum” talk show recently, there was a discussion on the oversensitivity some kids claim they are experiencing. They resent being asked where they come from because that makes them uncomfortable, like they don’t belong. I asked a 12-year-old boy originally from the Middle East but living for a decade in Menlo Park if this was true, and he said “yes.” “It tells me they think I am different,” he said.

Yale protesters formally demanded the removal of two professors because they were upset by an email one of them wrote. U.C. Berkeley students strongly objected to one conservative speaker who was scheduled to talk, so school authorities then decided to cancel the event, fearing a riot. What is happening to free speech in our universities?

There was a fascinating story in The New York Times recently on “The Relentlessness of Modern Parenting.” It was the second most-read article of the week. While it described so well the anxieties many kids today face in growing up, it also stated that because of peer pressure or the need to have one’s kids succeed, parents today spend considerably more time being around their children day in and day out, 24x7, since the time they are born until beyond college graduation — much more than stay-at-home mothers did in the 1970s.

I truly feel sorry for the tremendous self-imposed task parents do have today to try to make sure their kids are growing up the right way. It’s hard. Yet the article concludes there’s no data on whether being with one’s kids all the time, and hovering over them as good helicopter parents do, is better or worse for kids. That’s the sad part about the article. No data.

So is the hovering parental approach all wrong?

My generation did things differently. We got babysitters so we could go out on weekend nights and never thought of bringing our kids to a party except on Thanksgiving and Christmas. We let our kids go out and play whenever.

“Just be home by 5 o’clock” were their instructions. I always thought my role was to love and correct my children; today’s parents are made to feel that something is wrong with them if they’re not with their children all the time, according to The Times article.

Today the peer pressure parents experience is overwhelming. One of my neighbors told me that one day she let her 7-year-old walk a half block alone from the nearby park to her home. A woman across the street called to criticize her asking, “What kind of parent are you letting your child walk home alone?”

Another parent said she allowed her 9-year-old daughter to take the dog for a walk down the block, and she got two calls from her neighbors complaining about the danger she was putting her child in.

I wonder and worry what will happen when these teens get into their thirties. Will they be able to handle the complexities and requirements of their jobs as well as everyday life? Will they be hurt over any criticism about their work or what they are doing? Will they be so self-centered that all that matters are their feelings, not anyone else’s?

I certainly hope not.

Diana Diamond is a lifelong journalist whose blog, “An Alternate View,” can be found at PaloAltoOnline.com/blogs. She can be reached at DianaD.PaloAlto@gmail.com.

Guest Opinion

Are parents coddling their kids too much?

by Diana Diamond

What is the most generous act you’ve experienced?

Asked on California Avenue in Palo Alto. Question, interviews and photographs by Cameron Rebois.

Russ Brown

College Avenue, Palo Alto

Computer scientist

“I’ve saved a couple of people’s lives by giving them emergency aid. One time a woman dropped over in front of me ... and I administered CPR. ... I was still trying my hardest at work. ... I came into work one day, and there was a card with a substantial amount of money in it to pay some bills ... I just started crying.”

Dov Tamler

Los Robles Avenue, Palo Alto

Digital health marketing executive

“I was once offered tickets to a concert. ... I made sure he stayed down, and I administered CPR. ... I was dreaming of being a pediatrician.”

Malay Vader

Jackson Avenue, San Jose

Software engineer

“I would say some donation. ... I’ve been generous.”

Melissa D’ignoti

Sheridan Avenue, Palo Alto

Optician

“Recently a client at my place of work gave me a gift card. ... It was out of the kindness of her heart, which is sometimes the best thing.”

Cheyenne Hulsey

Dowdy Street, Gilroy

Sales coordinator

“My coworkers (performed the most generous act) I’ve had a really rough year and I had been struggling, but I was feeling so much better. ... I had a really rough year and I had been struggling, but I was feeling so much better.”

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**Patricia Margaret (Nagle) Jenkins**  
**August 30, 1925 – December 30, 2018**

Patricia Margaret (Nagle) Jenkins passed away peacefully in her home at age 93 on the 30th of December, 2018, surrounded by her large, loving family. She was living in Linden, Virginia, with her daughter Marilyn and son-in-law Wayne Coffron. Pat was born August 30, 1925, in Sydney, Australia, to Patrick Francis Nagle and Josephine (O’Keefe) Nagle. Pat and her sisters, Eileen and Joan, attended a convent school in Mittagong through elementary school. Pat graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Sydney and completed a secretarial course of study from a local college. She was reared in Sydney by her father and his sister, Mary, who owned a home in a Paddington neighborhood. At age 19, Pat joined the Australian Army Medical Women’s Service, serving as a clerk in the Sydney Hospital during WWII. After the war, Pat met and fell in love with Charles Jenkins in New Caledonia in the South Pacific. They married in Sydney and moved to married housing on the campus of Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA where Charles earned a BS in Electrical Engineering. They had three children: James Sydney, John Patrick, and Marilyn Eugenia. The family lived in San Francisco, South San Francisco, Palo Alto and Los Altos Hills. After the children were grown, Pat earned a degree from Foothill College. Charlie and Pat then moved to Saratoga, CA. Pat worked for the Santa Clara County’s library system for 20 years, was an avid Bridge player and active community volunteer wherever she lived. She moved to Virginia 11 years ago to live with her daughter Marilyn and son-in-law, Wayne. Pat is predeceased by her husband Charlie and her sisters Eileen and Joan. She is survived by her three children: James (Christine) Jenkins, John Jenkins, Marilyn (Wayne) Coffron; four grandchildren: Sean (Erin) Coffron, Sarah (Ryan) Canfield, Andrew (Mukda) Coffron, Charlie (Emily) Jenkins; eleven great grandchildren, nephews and nieces and other friends and family members throughout the world.

A decade of the Rosary and Wake will be held at the home of Marilyn and Wayne Coffron in Linden, Virginia, at 6 PM, Friday, January 18th. A Requiem Mass will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, January 19, at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church, 11 Luray Ave., Front Royal, Virginia. A reception will be held immediately following the service in the church fellowship hall. A private interment will take place in Evergreen Cemetery, Santa Cruz, CA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of Patricia M. Jenkins to: Catholic Charities (http://bit.ly/PatJenkinsCatholic); Samuel’s Public Library (http://bit.ly/PatJenkinsLibrary); St Jude’s Children Hospital (http://bit.ly/PatJenkinsStJude).

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**John Williams**  
**John H. Williams, a longtime resident of Palo Alto and lifelong devotee of railroads, died in mid-December at his home in Palo Alto of complications from Parkinson’s disease. He was 78.

Born in Vermont, his interest in trains began at a young age, and when he would spend his time watching trains going by at the railroad tracks. He went on to attend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in economics and a Master of Business Administration. At the university, he met professor Bill Hay in the Civil Engineering Department, who would become a close friend and help him expand his knowledge on railroads and the transportation industry. In college, he also met his wife Linda, and together they attended the professor’s regular Friday afternoon railroad lectures. They married in the 1960s and first arrived to Palo Alto in 1972 where they stayed for eight years. The couple moved to Philadelphia for two years, then returned for the Bay Area’s warmer temperatures in 1982. He had a long career in researching and designing railroads and worked various roles in the industry as an analyst, trainmaster and transportation specialist. He also oversaw and managed financial plans for many railroad companies. A high point in his career includes his three years with the Department of Transportation’s newly created Federal Railroad Administration in Washington, D.C. in the late 1960s where he helped develop public policies for railroads and its first rail network. In 1993, he became president of The Woodside Consulting Group and in 2006, became president and owner of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad, a regional line operating on the Northern California coast.

In his free time he liked reading and spending time outdoors, particularly at California’s state parks, and enjoyed attending his two children’s extracurricular activities such as soccer matches and swim meets.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Williams of Palo Alto; and sons Don Williams and Rob Williams of Palo Alto.

Memorial donations can be made to the California State Parks Foundation, or to Dr. William Langston’s Parkinson’s disease program. Donors can make checks payable to Stanford University with the accompanying memo, “Bill Langston’s PD Program in honor of John Williams” and send to the attention of Anne Longo, Stanford Medicine, 3172 Porter Drive, Suite 210, Palo Alto, CA 94304.
A school where care is primary

The Primary School integrates education, health care and whole-family support

Story by Elena Kadavny | Photos by Veronica Weber

When 4-year-old Julian DiCarlo started preschool at The Primary School in East Palo Alto, his mother could understand only about half of what he was saying. At first, she attributed this to his speech delay. Before going to school, he would be panicked, scared, nervous and crying, his mother, Erica DiCarlo, said.

At the ambitious, tuition-free private school, he received targeted speech support, and at home his mother practiced speech with him. A year and a half later, he’s happy and proud of where he goes to school — and when he speaks, his mother can understand 90 percent of what he says.

“I can have a conversation with my son now,” the mother of four said.

Julian is one of 243 children from East Palo Alto and Menlo Park’s Belle Haven neighborhood enrolled at The Primary School, which is in its third year of operations. The O’Connor Street School has made waves for both its vision — to provide a new model of preschool to integrate education and health care to better serve low-income children and families — and its famous founder, Priscilla Chan, a pediatrician and the wife of Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg.

Chan, who previously taught for a year at a private school and ran an after-school program, believed that providing education, health, dental, mental health and support services on one campus would dramatically improve outcomes for high-need children like Julian, whose mother also grew up in East Palo Alto but said she did not receive proper support at school for her own speech issues. She now works as a receptionist for Service Connect, a San Mateo County program that provides entry services to former inmates.

“Her two older children, ages 11 and 9, started their education in the Ravenswood City School District, but they later transferred to the Woodside School District to get the support services they needed, she said.

When DiCarlo heard about The Primary School, before it opened, “I immediately told my husband, ‘I wish my other two kids could be able to come to the school.’” She automatically said, “We needed this in the city of East Palo Alto.”

The Primary School is part of an evolving educational ecosystem in East Palo Alto, with new charter schools arriving to meet community demand. About 2,400 students are currently enrolled in the K-8 Ravenswood City School District neighborhood schools, which are losing an increasing number of children to public charter and private schools in East Palo Alto and the surrounding area.

The city is now home to the K-2 Public Access East Palo Alto Charter School and East Palo Alto Phoenix Academy; KIPP Valiant Community Prep, which opened in 2017 and plans to grow to include eighth grade; high schools include Eastside College Preparatory School, East Palo Alto Academy and public charter high school Oxford Day Academy, also opened in 2017.

Hundreds of other East Palo Alto families send their children to neighboring public school districts through the lottery-based Voluntary Transfer Program, or Tinsley program.

The Primary School, which plans to expand to include middle school, states its team is “fuelled by the belief that the current model of school is too limited to close the achievement gap for our nation’s most at risk children.”

Chan chose to launch this model in a community that has historically struggled to provide high-quality preschool and where families are battling poverty, housing unaffordability, food insecurity, violence, immigration fears and other pressures. The Primary School seeks to address this “toxic stress” on young children and their ability to learn and engage at school.

“Existing education, health and social support systems are not set up to help the children most likely to experience trauma, which often goes untreated,” Chan and Meredith Liu, co-founder and chief design officer of The Primary School, wrote in an opinion piece for CNN in 2017.

“This incredibly complex problem cannot be solved by tinkering at the edges. Instead, we have tried to build an entirely new system of care centered around a child’s comprehensive needs. The school was not made available for an interview for this story. In a 2015 Facebook post announcing the school, she wrote that her own experience running an after-school program in a low-income housing project and working as a pediatrician in a public hospital demonstrated to her the need for “a better way of caring for and educating our children.”

At a glance, The Primary School looks like any other elementary school: reading corners in classrooms, drawings tacked to walls, swings and play structures outside. But its structure is dramatically different. The school will admit children at or even before birth. Administrators make a concerted effort to recruit families in high need who might be unaware the school even exists. The school then provides services to parents during those early years and starts students full time at age 3, given that the majority of brain development happens in the first five years of life. DiCarlo’s family had access to parent groups, school-readiness sessions and other programs before Julian started preschool in 2017.

A partnership with the nonprofit Ravenswood Family Health Center allows for on-site health and dental services, including dental, vision and asthma screenings. Students learn to brush their teeth at classroom sinks after they eat lunch every day.

Parents are deeply engaged with the school and are assigned coaches to make sure not only the students but also the families’ needs are met. Through the relationships the coaches develop with families, the school gains a holistic view of what’s going on in the students’ lives.

For example, a 3-year-old girl was arriving late at school due to instability at home, so the school helped the family find a stable living arrangement, said Primary School CEO Courtney Garcia, who was hired last August.

“We get to think through the eyes of a child and the eyes of a family around what their experience can and should be in a school environment,” said Zoe Duskin, who was hired as The Primary School’s new principal last May.

“Duskin is The Primary School’s third principal in as many years. A spokesperson for The Primary School attributed the leadership turnover to the fact that “building a new school (with an innovative new model) is hard work and not a fit for everyone.”

Before opening The Primary School, Chan and the team spent a year talking to East Palo Alto families and organizations to understand what the community wanted in a new school. They recruited parents, including DiCarlo, to form an advisory group, which met once a week and gave input on everything from the schedule to the parent coaching program.

Through that effort, DiCarlo felt the school “let our voices (as parents) to be heard,” rather than acting like well-financed outsiders who were telling the community what it needed — a familiar refrain for East Palo Alto.

It’s a grassroots-level approach that may have come out of Chan and Zuckerberg’s prior effort to radically change the education landscape: Their $100 million donation to reform public schools in Newark, New Jersey in 2010 was later criticized as a failed top-down initiative.

The tone of that reform effort — announced by Zucker-

Zoe Duskin is the principal of The Primary School in East Palo Alto.

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has a waitlist and admits students on a lottery basis when there aren’t enough spaces available.

Rethinking health care

Just before the holidays, The Primary School students were in the midst of a health unit. In each classroom, students had transformed play areas into miniature dentist offices and hospital waiting rooms, hung hand-drawn posters on the walls classifying healthy and unhealthy foods and went on a field trip to the Ravenswood Family Health Center — all evidence of the school’s effort to rethink primary care by making it a natural part of the school experience.

Last fall, the school focused on teeth and gum care because “poor oral health has a huge impact on a child’s ability to attend and focus in school, and it is entirely preventable through basic eating and behavior changes,” the school’s 2017-18 annual report states. The school hosted a community night with dental practitioners and asked parents to set an oral health goal, such as cutting down on sugary snacks or brushing a child’s teeth twice a day.

Students learned good tooth brushing techniques in class and received free dental services from registered dental hygienists from Ravenswood Family Health Center who visit the school bimonthly to offer X-rays, cleaning and fluoride treatment, all optional services. This also means parents typically don’t have to miss work to take children to appointments, unless a child is referred out to a clinic for extra care, like filling a cavity.

A few months ago, DiCarlo took her son Julian out of school for a dental appointment, which would be routine for children at most schools. He protested, she said, telling his mother, “They’re supposed to come to school.”

Asthma is the most common physical health problem among students at The Primary School and children in East Palo Alto more broadly, said Ravenswood Family Health Center pediatric nurse Sandra Nova, who works as a liaison between the clinic and school. Left untreated, asthma can affect a child’s wellness and lead to absenteeism.

After a severe asthma attack, a child may need up to four to five days to recuperate, she said. A student could miss almost half a month of school because of two to three attacks.

Typically asthma is addressed very reactively,” Duskin said. “It’s when they’re too sick to go to school that they get seen by a doctor. We’re trying to flip that model around and take a really proactive stance in noticing and designing action plans with kids and with families.”

As such, The Primary School provides all students with monthly screenings, trains teachers to look for early symptoms and develops individualized action plans with affected students and their families. The action plans identify a student’s asthma triggers, medications he or she is on and steps to take if he or she has an attack.

During peak asthma season in the winter and spring, a Ravenswood health fellow will check in with families once a month, often spending time educating parents about why medication is necessary and the implications of untreated asthma, Nova said.

In addition to asthma care and education, the school last year also provided all students with school vision screenings and followed up to ensure that parents of children who screened positively made appointments at their primary care clinic. As a result, 12 students got glasses for the first time.

Poor social-emotional health, not just physical health, is treated equally as a barrier to student attendance. As a child is in their brain state and not just because you didn’t want to do it, but because you don’t understand the implications of a choice or the consequences of a decision, Nova said. “There’s a lot of research that shows that kids don’t learn well when they don’t feel safe, when they don’t feel that they’re in trusting relationships with adults,” Duskin said. “We also know that, when students have complex trauma histories, that feeling of safety and trust is much harder to establish because students have learned through experience that those things can be taken away quickly and that adults and their peers may not always be predictable. Creating structures through which we establish predictability, routine and trust really allows us to have that foundation of safety.”

For teachers who are often frustrated by the limitations of traditional school boundaries, supporting students in this way is empowering, Duskin said.

Similarly, pediatricians become frustrated with the limitations they have in supporting young patients in need, only seeing them as newborns or when they’re sick — unable to know how symptoms might be manifesting at school. Nova said she sees The Primary School as leveling the playing field for children who would otherwise start school at a disadvantage that will affect their life trajectories.

With the early intervention of The Primary School, “they can actually compete,” Nova said. “It allows children an advantage to succeed eventually (not only) academically but also in communication with each other as a family.”

Connecting family and school

The Primary School’s parent coaches are perhaps the most unusual aspect of The Primary School model. Best friends Lan Chen and Cristina Matthews, connected the family to housing, food and financial support resources, helping them fill out applications and navigate confusing bureaucracies. She reminded DiCarlo and her husband to attend school events and increased their participation in their son’s education.

In their CNN opinion piece, Chan and Liu wrote, “Home life not only provides the primary context in which behaviors are observed and rewarded or punished, it also provides the advantages of loving relationships and the development of social skills that can be transferred to the classroom.”

“Rather than having a big behavior or a big emotion happen in the classroom and respond immediately with rewards or punishment, we instead want to come from an understanding of where a child is in their brain state and help them calm down and re-regulate,” she said.

This approach was on display in a pre-kindergarten classroom on a recent morning, where lead teacher Vosa Cava-Litman turned a read-aloud session with his young students into lessons on mindfulness and how to treat others.

Through the narrative of “Stu-bert’s Helpful Day,” the main character is a bug who decides he’ll be helpful to his peers no matter how they act — the class talked about naming emotions like anger and sadness. Before they could leave story time for a mid-morning snack, they had to answer questions like what to do to help their classmates feel safe or what to do if they feel angry during class. Suggestions from the 4-year-olds ranged from taking a deep breath to going to a safe space in the classroom (a pillow-filled corner with soft lighting).

“There’s a lot of research that shows that kids don’t learn well when they don’t feel safe, when they don’t feel that they’re in trusting relationships with adults,” Duskin said. “We also know that, when students have complex trauma histories, that feeling of achievement and support is equally as important as learning and development.”

DiCarlo, from her own experience as a student in the Ravenwood City School District, understands the implications of a broken connection between home and school.

“I know how it feels to have homework and then you don’t have the support at home because of either the language barrier or whatever it might be. I know how it feels going in the next day with your homework not completed — not because you didn’t want to do it, but because you didn’t have the support.”

Cover Story

A poster created by preschool students in Rosa Cava-Litman’s K4 classroom depicts healthy and unhealthy snacks, a lesson in good eating habits.
it but (because) you need help and you didn’t have that support at home,” she said.

Replicating The Primary School model

It’s hard not to be skeptical that what this privately funded school is working toward could be replicated within a conventional public school setting. But The Primary School leadership, many of whom came from public education, believe it’s possible.

The school’s long-term goal is to open three to five sites in the Bay Area (they’re currently hiring for a new campus in Hayward), partner with early childhood providers and other school systems to share what they learn and then replicate it nationally. The school’s leaders say they don’t want The Primary School to be a “special” school and define “replicable” as sustainable through public funding. (The school declined to disclose its budget.)

As such, they made practical choices around the budget, teacher-student ratios and facilities to align with what a more traditional school would offer. The Primary School, for example, leases classrooms owned by the Ravenswood school district. Last year, the school analyzed public funding streams for education, health care and family support and set cost benchmarks towards which it is working. Leaders believe merging the education and health care systems will cut down on redundant services and close gaps in care.

Duskin, who was previously the founding principal of a public charter school in Washington, D.C., said replicating The Primary School model is not impossible, but “does require some transformation in how we think about the work of a school,” particularly on the part of teachers and administrators to be open and responsive to feedback from parents and partner organizations.

“There’s some humility there that’s required for us as educators, but it’s also where I think the work is becoming really interesting and promising,” she said.

The school’s broader impact on students is not yet clear, at least publicly. School administrators said data on academic and social-emotional gains is not yet available, and they are “still learning about the long-term impact of our model.”

But families like the DiCarlos say they are living out the benefits. Their youngest child, an 11-month-old girl, is already on The Primary School waitlist.

About the cover:
Preschool students at The Primary School in East Palo Alto play during morning recess on Dec. 12. Photo by Veronica Weber.
LISTENING SKILLS

Bernie Krause champions the voice of the natural world

by Karla Kane

The hills are alive,” the old song goes, “with the sound of music.” For soundscape ecologist, musician and author Bernie Krause, discovering, preserving and sharing the music of the earth is the work of a lifetime.

On Jan. 17, Krause will give a presentation at Stanford University on sound, from its earliest earthly evolutions to its impact on human culture, and how nature’s unique soundscapes are under threat in the modern world.

“I don’t see very well. So, my world has been mostly informed by what I hear,” said Krause, who is visually impaired. “When I first became interested in the sonic world nearly eight decades ago, the only outlet and accepted form of expression was through music,” Krause said.

He began studying violin at age 3 1/2, switched to guitar in his early teens, served as Pete Seeger’s replacement in the seminal folk group the Weavers in the early 1960s, then, with his late musical partner Paul Beaver, helped introduce the synthesizer to pop music and film. He’s worked with musical luminaries including Mick Jagger, Peter Gabriel, Van Morrison, George Harrison, David Byrne, Brian Eno and the Doors and contributed to 135 feature films, including “Rosemary’s Baby” and “Apocalypse Now.”

Krause has witnessed this firsthand, be it in the natural world with animals and sound than any other space,” he said. He’s traveled the globe to record, retrieve and archive sounds (his Wild Sanctuary Audio Archive represents more than 5,000 hours of wild soundscapes and 15,000 identified life forms), written several books and released numerous albums. He’s also worked with the U.S. National Parks Service and the U.S. National Parks Service and created symphonies, ballet scores and a sound-led fine art exhibition currently on tour in Europe.

Through his fieldwork, Krause developed the Acoustic Niche Hypothesis (ANH), which posits that “in a healthy environment, organisms vocalize in unique temporal or acoustic relationships to one another, cooperatively and cooperatively, just like instruments in an orchestra.”

This natural organization of sounds, he said, was the inspiration for the way humans organize music around the world. “The structure of music mimics nature. Great apes pounding out rhythms on the buttresses of fig trees, we mimic them. Birds singing melodies in the forest, we mimic them,” he said. “That’s how we got our music. We didn’t learn it at Stanford; we didn’t learn it at Juilliard. When we lived more closely to that natural world experience, we had to live in sync with it,” he said, adding that the movements of animals also inspired the creation of dance.

“My guess is that when we see things that are magical and wondrous we try to emulate them in ways that we can.”

With humans now often disconnected from the natural world, “music today is self-reflected,” he said. “We’re living in different versions of these huge cathedrals we built in the 12th century in Europe. The only thing we hear back is our own echo off of the stone walls. That’s what music is today.”

Krause’s favorite place to record is Alaska, where a low human population density means there are still wild areas unaffected by human noise and a beautiful range of terrestrial and marine environments.

An ecosystem’s soundscapes, he said, are a sign of its health. Distressingly, humankind’s continued negative impact on the natural world, including through pollution, habitat destruction and climate change, means many of the soundscapes he’s recorded in the past are now lost. Many others are endangered.

Krause has witnessed this firsthand, and on a personal level, with global warming touching most parts of California. In 2015, he said, after years of drought, he experienced his first “silent spring” in his Sonoma County neighborhood, in which the animals ceased their normal songs.

“Let me tell you, it’s weird,” he said. Last year, he and his wife lost their home, beloved cats and all their possessions in the devastating fires that plagued the region.

“We are giving new meaning to the term PTSD,” he said, when asked how they are coping with the aftermath. “Badly, and struggling each day with the consequences of the loss.”

The Trump administration’s apparent lack of interest in protecting the environment — and often downright hostility to arts and sciences — has been especially disheartening to Krause and those with whom he works. “It’s like ‘Fahrenheit 451,’” he said. “That’s where we’re at. It’s been pretty daunting.”

What message does he hope others, including his audience at Stanford, will get from his efforts?

“To learn to listen — to each other and the voice of the natural world, which is crying out for us to pay some attention as the wild habitats become more quiet with each passing day. The further we draw away from the natural world, the more pathological we become as a culture.”

Read more online

Erin Ashford’s new installation, “We Build a Home,” is the first in a series of projects to be hosted in downtown Redwood City’s new “Art Kosk.” For a full story on the new exhibition space and more arts and entertainment coverage, go to PaloAltoOnline.com/arts.
T
here's a food truck in Silicon Valley that resembles one of the Bay Area's many trendy mobile restaurants: a vibrant logo on its side, a giant window that opens into the kitchen and people standing outside, eagerly waiting to be served.

This particular truck, however, offers all its food for free, and it's trying to tackle two of the region's most critical issues: food waste and hunger.

Instead of small cardboard plates loaded with fusion food, stacks of big aluminum trays labeled canned rice, lentils, and green beans came out of the truck's side window on a recent afternoon, so packed with food that some of them leaked from the sides.

Joint Venture Silicon Valley, a San Jose-based nonprofit striving to address the region's quality of life and economic issues, launched this truck to collect leftovers from universities and companies to distribute to those in need. It's part of a new initiative called Silicon Valley Food Rescue, a system the organization created in response to studies that pointed to high rates of poverty and waste in Santa Clara County.

The mobile food sector of the initiative, A La Carte, has already distributed over 60,000 pounds of food to elementary schools, low-income apartments, senior centers, and other locations in cities from East Palo Alto to Sunnyvale.

"We're going directly to the drop-off locations, directly to families," said Robin Martin, the executive director of Silicon Valley Food Rescue and A La Carte, after a long day of distributing food in Sunnyvale in December. "Once we get there, we don't ask a lot of questions... We open up a food truck and people come get what they like."

This week, A La Carte made its way to Project WeHope, a homeless shelter in East Palo Alto, to distribute dozens of trays of food that would be served as dinner for 55 people.

"You don't know how much you're helping me," Project WeHope food coordinator Joyce Genevro said to Martin as she unloaded trays from the truck.

The other two parts of the system include one focused on grocery stores and a communications team to provide education for volunteers and distributors.

"We see a very large scale of prepared foods from corporate campuses, huge university campuses... more prepared food than is typical for the number of people that we have here," Martin said. "So much effort goes into preparing it, and it gets thrown away."

More than 70,000 people living in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties are at risk for hunger, according to 2017 income level data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Understanding that there are low-income families in need throughout Santa Clara County, Joint Venture Silicon Valley saw an opportunity to simultaneously reduce food waste in the community while combating hunger, Martin said.

While college campuses and large companies create conditions for food waste, Martin said the plus-side is that since catered and prepared foods are made in massive amounts, excess foods are fresh when distributed. Food is delivered on the same day it's picked up.

Since November, the truck has been picking up leftover food from Stanford University's dining halls and cafes and delivering it five days a week with the help of Stanford student volunteers. Martin said A La Carte worked with organizations including city community services and food banks to carefully select locations in Santa Clara County where there are gaps in resources.

Alicia Garcia, associate director of Project WeHope, said A La Carte's partnerships has been particularly helpful due to the convenience of prepared food and direct delivery. In the past, Project WeHope had to coordinate with other nonprofits to pick up the food.

The program's seed funding for research first came from the county through its Recycling and Waste Reduction Technical Advisory Committee, which addresses waste management and makes policy recommendations to the county’s Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission. Then, Sobrato Philanthropies, a family-owned foundation, helped launch the program with a $150,000 donation.

California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, will provide funding through reimbursements every quarter until May 2020.

A La Carte is still in its beginning stages. Martin plans to sign more contracts for food sources beyond Stanford throughout the spring. In March, she hopes to add a second truck operating in San Jose and nearby areas, for which she already has funding. With more donated food, she hopes to add more delivery locations. With another driver, the program can also run on Saturdays.

"You're giving people food they don't have the luxury of getting," said Lisa Allen, a San Carlos resident who volunteers at Project WeHope every week. "The prepared food is exciting because every week you don't know what's going to be here."

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There’s a reason why the conspicuously picky James Baldwin estate trusted writer-director Barry Jenkins to adapt Baldwin’s 1974 novel “If Beale Street Could Talk.” It wasn’t that Jenkins won an Oscar for co-writing Best Picture “Moonlight” — that hadn’t happened yet. The Baldwin estate looked at Jenkins’ work to date and, most importantly, his screenplay for “Beale Street,” which richly cultivates a novelist’s tone and preserves Baldwin’s voice in narration and dialogue.

The resulting film carries not only a literary heft but an almost Byzantine resonance in telling the story of two true young lovers and the injustice that threatens their life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. The 19-year-old Tish (KiKi Layne in an astonishing feature-film debut) and 22-year-old Fonny (Stephen James of “Race” and TV’s film debut) and 22-year-old Fonny (Michael Beach) and judgmental holy roller mother (Aunjanue Ellis) at odds with each other and Tish’s family over the same news; Joseph and Frank commiserating over a drink; Tish and Fonny sharing the pain of Fonny’s parole friend Daniel (Brian Tyree Henry), and so on.

On the other hand, Jenkins’ film has a dreamy quality that audiences can remember not just for these beautiful, individual gems but as a complete and fully realized experience. It’s a film of intimacy, with its truly extraordinary performances allowed by Jenkins to breathe. It’s also a film of grandeur, a lushly cinematic romance under a sociopolitical cloud (Jenkins took inspiration from Wong Kar-Wai’s similarly lush “In the Mood for Love”).

Nicholas Britell’s lovely, dark score contributes mightily to the film’s moods, as do the cinematography of James Laxton, and the production and costume designs of Mark Friedberg and Caroline Eselin, respectively.

In the wake of Black Lives Matter, “If Beale Street Could Talk” feels present and timely, not merely some leftover of the civil-rights era. In any case, it would be incredibly powerful as a dramatization of the injustices that can strike black citizens at any time and the ruinous-ness of prison on the male psyche, among other socially conscious themes. It speaks explicitly to the black American experience, Baldwin’s story of a couple under duress and, a family at a crossroads of crisis and celebration, remains a universal one, bursting with vivid characters and deeply felt performances.

“Homecoming”) make a couple that, while not idealized, proves something close to ideal. Railroaded by a racist cop and misidentified by a distraught victim (Emily Rios), Fonny languishes in jail on a false rape charge. From behind thick glass, he learns from Tish that he is about to become a father.

What follows unfolds in the present but also slips back into the past, to happier days for Tish and Fonny. On the one hand, there’s a decided-ly episodic quality about “If Beale Street Could Talk,” which unfolds scene after memorable scene: Tish breaking the news to her mother Sharon (Regina King), who in turn makes the announcement to Tish’s father Joseph (Coleman Domingo), and sister Ernestine (Teyonah Parris), Fonny’s father Frank (Michael Beach) and judgmental holy roller mother (Aunjanue Ellis) at odds with each other and Tish’s family over the same news; Joseph and

CineArts at Palo Alto Square: There’s a reason why the connection between the two most recent films of Barry Jenkins — “20th Century Fox” and “If Beale Street Could Talk” — is not immediately apparent. Jenkins’ 2016 Oscar-winning film, “Moonlight,” is a gritty, realistic drama about a young man coming of age in South Central Los Angeles. “If Beale Street Could Talk” is a much lighter, more romantic tale about a young couple facing the challenges of raising a child in the same neighborhood.

But there are some striking similarities between the two films. Both are based on novels by black writers who have been overlooked by Hollywood — James Baldwin’s “If Beale Street Could Talk” and James Baldwin’s “The Fire Next Time.” Both films are directed by black filmmakers who have been underrepresented in the industry — Jenkins and Barry Jenkins. Both films feature strong performances by black actors, including Mahershala Ali and Tarell Alvin McCraney, who also won Oscars for his work on “Moonlight.”

And both films are about the power of love and the challenges of raising a family in a racist society. In “If Beale Street Could Talk,” Tish (KiKi Layne) and Fonny (Stephen James) are just coming of age when they fall in love. But Fonny is arrested for a crime he didn’t commit, and Tish must navigate the legal system while caring for her baby boy.

In “20th Century Fox,” Simon (Ryan Coogler) is a young black man who is arrested for a crime he didn’t commit, but he is released on bond while he awaits trial. He must navigate the streets of South Central Los Angeles while trying to clear his name and keep his family together.

Despite these similarities, “If Beale Street Could Talk” is a much more experimental film than “Moonlight.” Jenkins plays with time and perspective, using flashbacks and montages to tell the story of Tish and Fonny’s relationship. He also explores the themes of family, race, and identity in a way that is more nuanced and complex than in “Moonlight.”

In the end, “If Beale Street Could Talk” is a beautiful, melancholy film that celebrates the power of love and the resilience of its characters in the face of adversity. It is a film that reminds us that, even in the darkest of times, there is always hope for a better future.
Home Front

HOUSEPLANTS 101 ... Horticulture experts will demonstrate how-to repot and care for houseplants during a free 30-minute workshop at 9 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 13, at Summerwinds Nursery, 725 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. To reserve a spot, go to summerwindsnursery.com.

VOLUNTEER AT HIDDEN VILLA ... If your horticulture skills are more advanced, you might want to consider volunteering to maintain Hidden Villa’s ornamental garden spaces in Los Altos Hills. Volunteers will work on organic gardening, plant propagation, identification and garden care. Hands-on work includes weeding, planting, fertilizing and pruning, as well as composting and irrigation. Minimum commitment to volunteer is two times per month. To apply, go to hiddenvilla.org.

BARE-ROOT SEASON ... It’s bare-root season, which means it’s time to head to your local nursery to pick up those dormant rose plants, fruit trees and vines. According to Sunset Magazine’s website, bare-root plants typically cost 30 to 60 percent less than the same plants purchased in containers later in the year. Once planted, they also tend to establish more quickly and grow better initially than containerized plants. Summerwinds Nursery in Palo Alto currently is selling bare-root pre-packaged roses, planting kits and other supplies, including fertilizer and tools. Wegman’s Nursery in Redwood City also is taking orders for bare-root trees and roses and will offer a talk on rose care on Sunday, Jan. 20, as well as a seminar on fruit tree pruning on Sunday, Jan. 27. For more information, go to wegmansnursery.com.

C oved ceilings, double rows of glass blocks, oak floor- ing and arched doorways were among the architectural details that convinced one Palo Alto couple to purchase their 1939 Southgate home in 2005, but by the time their kids came along, the family was bursting at the seams. The wife, who with her husband asked not to be named for privacy reasons, praised the charm of her home, but said, “We wanted additional space — and to save the architectural details.”

Working with architect and neighbor Jim McFall, they found a way to expand while keeping the original core of the home, as well as its footprint on the odd-shaped lot. The small living room with its barrel-vault ceiling, along with two bedrooms, a bathroom and what the family calls its “club room,” remain. Curved arches draw the eye from room to room.

Enlarging the dining area by pushing out the exterior wall a few feet enabled the couple to comfortably entertain. “We’ve done dinner parties for 14 here,” the wife said. One small original steel-framed window was saved, restored and is now used as a pass-through from the new kitchen.

“The sight lines were so well designed. There’s always connection to the outdoors,” she said. The new kitchen exemplifies the remodel goals: a mix of space, util- ity and the convenience of a modern kitchen set in a historical house, she said.

At one end is built-in banquette seating along two walls and a round table and two chairs completing the eating corner. “It’s really a hub to a great extent,” McFall said.

White custom cabinets were created by Precision Cabinets, topped by honed granite counter tops. “Honed granite has durability, but has an echo of (more traditional) soapstone — which is porous and can stain, and we love to cook,” the owner said.

“The pièce de résistance in the new kitchen is the baby blue Lacanche French stove, a dual-fuel gas/electric, six-burner model with a warming cap,” McFall said.

Part of the addition includes a basement, which has two light wells to help cast daylight on the large playroom. About the same size as the living room, the playroom has a large art table, great for puzzles or projects, and a gift-wrapping center. Family movies can be projected directly onto the large white wall.

The basement also contains the laundry room, ample storage and a bathroom with small white hex tiles (with black accents).

“We priced double-pane steel windows,” the wife said, “and compromised and built the basement.” Ultimately, they replaced all the windows in the house, eradicating the original steel-framed windows in an updated, energy-efficient aluminum-framed version. They also completely rewired the home, removing the old knob-and-tube wiring, which enabled the contractor to insulate the walls. Although they added recessed lighting in the new dining room, they saved $10,000 to $15,000 by leaving the living room lighting alone. The second-story addition now includes a study at the top of the stairs as well as a master-bedroom suite. Little touches, including tiled windowsills, echo details of the original house.

The master bedroom resembles an old-fashioned sleeping porch, with casement windows on two walls and phantom screens. The ceiling is similar to the downstairs. A narrow high shelf all around the room hides a strip of LED lights. In addition to the sleeping area, two comfy chairs sit in front of a large window, with double rows of glass blocks at each side.

In the master bathroom are marble hexagonal floor tiles, marble counters and more glass blocks in the shower. “It creates wonderful light and privacy for us and our neighbors,” the wife said.

Very few changes were made to the older part of the house, with the exception of adding fire sprinklers and Solatube skylights in the kids’ bedrooms (what the wife described as an after-market add-on that fits easily between rafters).

The homeowners have few second thoughts. She wishes she had heeded her architect and put the light over the kitchen sink on a separate switch; he wishes he had explored heating options more thoroughly.

But each is happy to have hon- ored the architectural style of their charming home.

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UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL TIMES ARE 1:30-4:30 PM
Big weekend looms for local teams

M-A, Menlo boys are playing for first place

By Rick Eymer

From its best defensive effort of the season, the Menlo-Atherton boys basketball team heads into the weekend on a five-game winning streak and the Bears (9-3, 2-0) will need their best effort to extend that streak.

M-A's Peninsula Athletic League South Division game against Carlmont (12-2, 2-0) on Friday night at 7:45 p.m. and its nonleague game at Menlo School (9-2, 3-0) on Saturday night at 6 p.m. headline an important weekend for several local teams.

Menlo hosts Sacred Heart Prep (5-7, 1-1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday in a West Bay Athletic League rivalry game while (5-8, 0-3) travels to play the King's Academy (8-5, 0-3).

Eastside Prep (4-6, 1-1) hosts Harker at 5 p.m. Friday and Pinebrook (8-5, 0-3) plays at Crystal Springs Uplands at 7:30 p.m.

In the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League De Anza Division, Palo Alto (7-7, 1-1) hosts Los Gatos and Gunn (6-6, 0-1) hosts Homestead, both at 7:45 p.m. On the girls side, Menlo (13-1, 2-0) hosts Sacred Heart Prep (10-5, 1-2) and Pinewood (12-1, 2-0) travels to Notre Dame in San Jose at 6 p.m. Friday in WBLA games.

Praying (7-5, 1-3) goes to Notre Dame Belmont while Eastside Prep (7-6, 2-1) gets the night off.

Palo Alto (11-2, 3-0) hosts Los Gatos at 6 p.m. Friday in a SCVAL De Anza game with title implications.

The Bears hardly overlooked visiting Hillsdale on Wednesday night, beating the Knights 60-31 as James Beckwith scored 15 points. Ten other players reached the scoring column for M-A (9-3, 2-0), which employed a smothering defense to help overcome an early deficit.

The Bears scored 13 straight points to obliterate Hillsdale’s 5-2 edge in the early going. Four different players scored during the run: Beckwith, Skylar Thomas, Justin Anderson and Trevor Wargo, who had two of the Bears’ seven 3-pointers in the game.

M-A’s nonleague schedule included nine teams with current winning records and six of these teams are unbeaten in league play. The Bears three losses are by an average of 5.67.

Carlmont has yet to lose to a Central Coast Section team this season. The Scots lost to

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Avery Lee

MENLO BASKETBALL

The sophomore guard scored 33 points, had 14 rebounds and five assists in helping the Knights beat Menlo-Atherton and Eastside Prep last week. She had 19 points and nine rebounds against ECP.

Honorable mention –

Liz Schremp

Sacred Heart Prep basketball

Ben Lasky

Menlo soccer

Marco Tan

Palo Alto soccer

Timothy Waymouth

Gunn wrestling

Charlie Williams

PALO ALTO WRESTLING

The 160-pound wrestler won an individual title at the Cupertino Bianchini Tournament on Saturday, leading the Vikings to a third-place finish despite bringing in seven wrestlers to the event.

Honorable mention –

Jai Deshpande

Sacred Heart Prep basketball

Dara Heydarpour

Palo Alto wrestling

Colin Kastner

Menlo basketball

Watch video interviews of the Athletes of the Week, go to PASportsOnline.com

Stuart Hill of San Francisco and to Churchill County of Fallon, Nev. Those schools are a combined 21-7,

M-A and Carlmont share the early PAL lead with Burlingame and Mills and they also play each other Friday night.

Menlo is coming off Tuesday’s 60-55 win over Eastside Prep. Cole Kastner, who entered the game averaging 15.3 points and 11.1 rebounds, scored 13 of his game-high 32 points in the second quarter. Kastner added 15 rebounds and Justin Sellers added 13 points and eight rebounds.

Sacred Heart Prep rode 20 points from Brendan Carney to beat host Pinewood 70-34 on Tuesday.

SHP outscored the Panthers, 21-3, in the third quarter to take a 47-25 lead into the final period. While Carney held the hot hand offensively, it was Warren Long who stoked the coals and sent a wave of energy through the Ga tors with his defensive intensity.

Jai Deshpande and Yianni Gardner each added nine points for Sacred Heart Prep.

Girls basketball

Elf Turgut and Carly Martin, both members of the sophomore class at Palo Alto High, each scored 15 points to lead the Vikings past host Cupertino, 56-44, in a Santa Clara Valley Athletic League De Anza Division contest on Wednesday night.

Turgut and Martin may not make anyone forget about sophomore Annika Shah, who was limited to a season low nine points (continued on next page)
points, but they play an important role for the Vikings by showing this is far from a one-woman show.

Ilayda Turget, also a sophomore, added four points. Seniors Ellie Jeffries, Alana Abeyta and Lauren Daniel combined for another 11 points and freshman Thea Enache, who had a big scoring game in Monday’s win over Mountain View, also contributed a couple of points.

Paly recorded four of its nine 3-pointers in the second quarter, with Turget nailing a pair and Jeffries and Daniel also hitting. Los Gatos (9-4, 2-0) has won three straight, including a 38-36 win over Mountain View on Wednesday. Nationally-ranked Pinewood fell to host Carondelet, 67-59, in a nonleague game Wednesday in Concord.

Hannah Jump scored 21 points to lead Pinewood, which went 3 of 22 from 3-point range. Klara Astron added 13 points. Jump and Astron each had six rebounds.

The Panthers led, 21-20, early in the second quarter before the Cougars (13-2) went on a 14-2 run to take control.

Menlo remained atop the WBAL standings, with Pinewood, after knocking off host Notre Dame San Jose, 62-34, Tuesday. Valentina Ross was the defensive star, helping the Knights, on an 11-game winning streak, open a 48-5 halftime lead. She also scored seven points.

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