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City struggles to decide on rail redesign

Leaders, public still want to consider expensive citywide tunnel

by Gennady Sheyner

Despite widespread recognition that Palo Alto urgently needs to reconfigure its four rail crossings to accommodate increasing train traffic, the city’s elected leaders remain paralyzed by indecision when it comes to identifying a set of preferred designs.

The City Council’s paralysis was on full display Tuesday night, when members had their first chance since last summer to winnow down six options for redesigning the rail intersections at Palo Alto Avenue, Churchill Avenue, Meadow Drive and Charleston Road. The council set a goal a year ago of reaching a decision by spring — the reconfiguring of rail crossings so tracks no longer intersect with roads — by the end of 2018. Having failed at that, city staff revised the timeline and is now aiming for a decision by spring.

But as the Tuesday discussion made clear, solving the rail puzzle will take many additional months, if not years. After exhaustive debate, council members agreed that the best way to move forward is to keep all the options on the table, including a citywide tunnel that staff had determined was cost prohibitive and an aerial viaduct that has galvanized significant opposition in south Palo Alto.

By a 5-0 vote, with Mayor Eric Filseth and Councilwoman Liz Kniss recusing themselves, the council chose not to eliminate either the viaduct or the tunnel from consideration. It also agreed that redesign of the northernmost crossing, Palo Alto Avenue, should take place as part of a “comprehensive planning effort” for downtown, which even under the best-case scenario will take

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School board considers future of survey

Low student participation, shift to targeted surveys raise questions

by Elena Kadvany

For years, the Palo Alto school district’s Strategic Plan survey showed a large gap in students’ and parents’ satisfaction with counseling services between Gunn and Palo Alto high schools. The survey results were key indicators of inequity in experience between the two schools, which was eventually addressed by the roll out of a new teacher-advisory program at Gunn.

In recent years, the survey also revealed dissatisfaction among high school students, parents and even faculty with inconsistent curriculum, unfair grading practices and uneven workloads across teachers and courses, which became a top district priority to resolve.

Yet the Strategic Plan survey, which has been administered annually for the last decade, is no longer driving critical district decisions, or even factoring into them, Superintendent Don Austin said at the school board’s Jan. 15 meeting.

“It’s become a reporting of what is, a post-mortem report,” Austin said. “It is not a driving piece of information.”

The board briefly discussed at the meeting the latest survey results, which illustrate how parents feel about issues ranging from teacher quality and grading practices to communication with the school board and their children’s

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— Don Austin, Palo Alto school district superintendent, on the district’s Strategic Plan survey. See story on page 5.
Residents protest approval of Verizon equipment

A group of Palo Alto residents is sounding off against a decision by the city's top planning office to approve the installation of wireless equipment on five downtown streetlight poles — a ruling that is now being challenged by both the project’s sponsors and opponents.

The Jan. 4 decision by interim Planning Director Jonathan Lait to allow Crown Castle/Verizon Wireless to install five new “wireless communication facilities” was less than a month after the city’s Architectural Review Board (ARB) discussed Crown Castle’s plans and recommended that the facilities — which consist of antennas, cabling and radio equipment — be placed underground. Lait rejected two of the seven nodes that Crown Castle previously posited, a new pole structure next to 905 Waverley St. and a streetlight installation near 345 Forest Ave.

Now, Lait’s director’s decision is facing two appeals. One from the citizens group United Neighbors, which is protesting Lait’s approval of the nodes as “faux mailboxes,” and another from Crown Castle, which is objecting to Lait’s denial of the other two nodes in the application.

In approving the five nodes near 275 Forest Ave., 248 Homer Ave., 385 Homer Ave., 845 Ramona St. and 190 Channing Ave., Lait specified that the antenna, cabling and radio equipment not be visible and be “concealed and screened with a custom green painted, cylindrical shroud that is mounted on top of the replacement street pole.”

Lait’s letter acknowledges that his approvals take into consideration but “differ somewhat” from the Architectural Review Board’s recommendation, which was based on a design that featured “faux mailbox”-style installation on streetlights.

At its Dec. 6 meeting, the architecture board largely agreed that the city should make a greater effort in encouraging underground vaults for cellular equipment. Its approval of Crown Castle’s “Cluster 2” application by a 4-1 vote specified that the equipment be underground — an idea that Crown Castle has consistently rejected.

Vice Chair Peter Balyay argued at the time that the board should push to have this equipment “underground or out of sight.”

The board took a similar stance last week, when it rejected by a 3-1 vote (with Chair Wayne Furth recused due to a potential conflict of interest) another proposal from Crown Castle for pole-mounted equipment, known as “Cluster 3.”

Lait agreed with the board that the nodes that were presented to the Architectural Review Board “could not be approved as proposed based on the impacts, inconsistency with development standards and interference with multi-modal circulation in the downtown area where the city has undergrounded utilities at great expense.” In explaining his denial of the two faux mailbox proposals, he wrote that the cabinet under this equipment “creates a false sense of place and clutters the otherwise careful siting of the corner.”

But in approving the four nodes, requiring shrouds that conceal the equipment would mitigate that impact, he suggested.

“The conditions of approval reduce these impacts such that the nodes would be consistent with all required findings,” Lait wrote.

He noted that the Architectural Review Board had considered and approved in prior projects. However, the ARB had not heard the project from United Neighbors, pushed back against his findings and argued that Lait’s approval was improper because neither the architecture board nor the neighbors had have a chance to review the “shroud” design he is requiring.

Lait told the Weekly. “We felt it was a public meeting — his actions denied the public the right under the California Environmental Quality Act to hear —, Fleming wrote in the appeal. Lait said the shroud design he approved is consistent with shrouds that the Architectural Review Board had considered and approved in prior projects. And while the board had recommended placing the equipment underground, Lait said staff had determined that doing so would not be feasible. The city has its own utility infrastructure underground in the downtown area, including equipment that is in close proximity to Crown Castle’s proposed equipment.

“Because his decision was based on a new design — a new design that was never reviewed at a public meeting — his actions publicized his denial of the other two nodes in the application. (continued on page 12)

More zone changes eyed to encourage housing

After approving a host of zoning changes last year to encourage more housing in the downtown area, the Palo Alto City Council is preparing to advance on Monday additional code revisions that will pave the way for denser residential developments on California Avenue and along El Camino Real.

Among the most significant changes that the council will consider is the creation of a “Housing Incentive Program” in the California Avenue area, a program that would largely mirror the one that the council approved for the downtown area on Dec. 3. The program will allow participating developers to build more than triple the density of their residential projects.

The program is intended to be an alternative to the State Density Bonus Act and Senate Bill 35, which creates a streamlining process for project approvals.

A similar program would be instituted along El Camino Real, where the density limit for residential projects would be raised from 30 units per acre to 90 units per acre for the corridor.

Another change that the council is expected to adopt is the abolition of the existing limit on unit density. Under the new rule, there will be no limit on the number of units.

Palo Alto is one of the rare cities in the Bay Area to allow developers to build residential-only projects in both commercial areas, something that current law does not allow.

The zone changes are also intended to help the City Council get closer to reaching its goal of producing more than 300 housing units annually.

—Genny Seynuer
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This is the part of the science of neuropathology that most excites him. As a boy, his favorite TV show was “Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman,” and a 6-year-old child in west Texas, he would look into his physician mother’s microscope, fascinated by the hidden world he saw through the lens: the microscopic hairs and cells of leaves and other bits of nature that he would find outdoors, he said.

Over his career, Vogel has published hundreds of research papers on tumors, muscle diseases, hemorrhages in the brain, congenital disorders, pediatric cancers and the effects of tumor-producing hormones. His book, “Nervous System,” is part of the Cambridge University Press textbook series and is considered the most comprehensive text of methods utilized by pathologists to determine cause and effect of brain diseases.

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Police are searching for a man they believe attempted to rob two pedestrians on Monday, Jan. 28, near the corner of Hamilton Avenue and Heritage Avenue, according to a police report.

A man allegedly caught prowling in a backyard within Palo Alto’s city limits was given a pass. But when he was caught on Sunday, Jan. 27, by a police officer, the man who had been seen loitering, was given a pass. But when he was caught on Sunday, Jan. 27, by a police officer, the man who had been seen loitering, was stopped by a police officer who found him with stolen mail, a 4-inch knife and what appeared to be drugs, police said Wednesday. (Posted Jan. 23, 3:28 p.m.)

Vogel said: “I have a very strong conviction that if I can bring my academic credentials to bear in the criminal justice system to help me do that. Ideally, you offer an accurate and objective diagnosis and let the legal system pursue its objectives,” he said.

Vogel does not only detect crime; there also has been exoneration. The Las Vegas coroner wanted to rule homicide after a deceased, elderly man had feared someone wanted to kill him. Vogel discovered that the man had been a victim of Parkinson’s disease, which causes hallucinations and paranoid ideation — a more likely occurrence than homicide. In one particularly poignant case, an 18-month-old boy was found dead in a bed the morning after his parents had left him with his grandmother so they could enjoy an evening out.

The question surrounding the baby’s death: Had the grandmother accidentally smothered him after turning over in her sleep? Vogel’s meticulous sleuthing uncovered no more probable cause of death.

“I found a malformation in the hippocampus,” he said. The baby had had a suture placed by the underlying condition and died because of it.

Though the parents were devastated because they had lost their child, his finding indicated the condition would very likely not develop in future children they might have.

Pathologists are often seen as socially impaired, distant types, Vogel said.

“But I’m very sensitive in all of these situations. Each brain has a story behind it,” he said.

Burkholder, director of neuropathology at Stanford University Medical Center, sits in front of a microscope displaying brain-tissue cells on Jan. 22. Photo by Veronica Weber.

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Survey
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The Strategic Plan survey took on a new importance over the last two years. Under a resolution agreement with the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights, the results of repeatedly violating law and policy in its handling of sexual misconduct, the district added related questions to the survey.

The responses to those questions were not reported in this batch of main Strategic Plan results, but 55 percent of parents rated positively the district’s response to complaints of bias and discrimination last year, compared to 48 percent in 2017. Among 305 parents of low-income and minority students, a higher percentage — 61 percent — rate positively the district’s response to complaints of bias and discrimination. For this parent group, participation was up significantly in 2018 over the three previous years.

Unlike the parents’ survey answers, the students’ survey results are impossible to evaluate this year given a significant drop-off in participation. Only 825 high school students took the emailed survey in 2018 compared to 2,540 the year prior. In 2018, fewer than 300 Gunn students filled out the survey and a little more than 500 from Paly.

Chris Kolar, the district’s director of Research, Assessment and Evaluation, attributed the decline to low student engagement and low-fatigue. The survey was emailed to students slightly later in 2018 — in late versus early May, a month when high schoolers are consumed by finals, Advanced Placement (AP) tests and other surveys as the year comes to a close. (The district learned this lesson about scheduling surveys or exams during this time period after high rates of students opted out of the state Smarter Balanced assessment in 2015 due to its close proximity to AP and SAT tests.)

Paly’s and Gunn’s student school board representatives said students are inundated with surveys, but there’s little to no communication on how the data will be used or why it’s important to the district.

“They’re just given a survey, and there’s not much outcome on their end,” Paly senior Caroline Furrier said at last week’s board meeting.

Kolar said many people on staff have seen this data before: “They’re just given a survey, and we didn’t spend any time reviewing the data.”

The survey needs major revisions, she told the Weekly, but still has value as a “regular measurement tool.”

Kolar said the Strategic Plan survey has fallen out of favor as the district has tried to shift to more targeted surveys, such as end-of-year course surveys for high school students to give input on specific teachers and classes. (Feedback about this new survey itself was generally positive, but a pilot period negotiated with the teachers’ union has come to an end and hasn’t been renegotiated, so it won’t be administered this year, Kolar said.)

The Strategic Plan survey “had some big general questions but they weren’t linked to anything that in most cases we were specifically doing. It came down to public opinion, and it didn’t really give us guidance on how to better operate our programs and what was and was not working,” he said.

Austin, who is in his first year as superintendent, presented at a May school board retreat his draft, three-year district plan, Kolar said incorporates much more “real-time data collection” to track and measure progress throughout the year — moving “away from the idea of an annual summative evaluation.”

Austin said Thursday that there is no “commitment yet to give the same Strategic Plan survey” this year. But a newly revised “Community survey” is included on a proposed reporting scheduled tied to his new plan.

Baten Caswell lauded the schedule’s intention, regardless of what form the survey takes, to present the results to the board and public a month after its administration.

Vice President Todd Collins suggested last week that the district change its thinking about the Strategic Plan survey “so we can get the kind of benefit we want, or else stop doing it.”

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**Neighborhoods**
A roundup of neighborhood news edited by Sue Dremann

**Around the Block**

**A GOOD SIGN** ... Leadership in the College Terrace Residents Association are taking a proactive stance to expedite permits from the city for signage at the new Khoury’s Market. The association's City Citizen project last year, the board during a meeting this month that she was planning to meet with city planning staff to make sure the permit approvals were fast-tracked. Heath and other board members and the last market to inhabit the site, the College Terrace Market, failed in part because it had no visibility due to a lack of signage. The market shuttled after just six months. The next association board meeting is Feb. 7, 7-8:30 p.m. at College Terrace Library, 2300 Wellesley St., Palo Alto.

**HAPPY HOUR** ... The Barron Park Association Community Happy Hour will take place at Celia’s Mexican Restaurant, 3740 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, on Feb. 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m. The monthly happy hours are an opportunity to meet neighbors, make new friends, discuss topics of importance to the community and bring new ideas to board members. The association's board meeting starts at 7:15 p.m. It is open to residents, but those wishing to attend should contact the board president at president@bpaonline.org.

**NEW NEIGHBORS WELCOME** ... The Ventura Neighborhood Association Annual Social brought together old and new neighbors for a potluck luncheon and to celebrate community on Dec. 2. The annual event, now in its second year, is a way to welcome new residents, association leader Becky Sanders said. Pearlin Yang said: Invented the idea for the welcoming last year, Sanders said, as a way to further reach out to new neighbors. Amid spicy cheese balls, fried chicken and pumpkin pie, new resident Diletta Pozzi said she was enjoying making neighborhood connections. She moved to Ventura only a month prior and didn’t know many people. A post-doctoral researcher at Stanford, she was looking for a room to rent in a home and happened upon a location on Curtner Avenue. The association holds monthly meetings on topics of neighborhood interest on the first Sunday of each month, 1:30-3 p.m. at Ventura School, 5990 Ventura Court, Palo Alto. All Venturans are welcome.

**Got a good neighborhood story, news, upcoming meeting or event? Email Sue Dremann, Neighborhoods editor, at sdremann@paweekly.com. Or talk about your neighborhood news on the discussion forum Town Square at PaloAltoOnline.com/square.**

**Neighborhoods**

**GREENMEADOW**
A new place to gather
by Sue Dremann

It’s well past Christmas and Hanukkah, but twinkling garlands of white lights still adorn the “great room” earlier this week at the new Greenmeadow Community Association clubhouse, located at 303 Parkside Drive.

The lights were supposed to be temporary, but association members liked them so much, they asked for them to remain. Soon, the lights will be replaced or augmented by other colorful decorations: perhaps feather boa, masks and other colorful additions to celebrate Mardi Gras.

Association Social Chairwoman Lisa Knox said the February event is the latest planned for the venue.

On a recent morning, she graciously offered a steaming cup of frothy cappuccino in the adjoining kitchenette. The service area has a dedicated ice maker that can create ice by the pound and a gnomous double-door freezer for storing multiple tubs of ice cream, bags of ice and horns’ d’oeuvres.

Listening closely and with a little imagination, one can almost hear phantoms of laughter, clinking glasses and the camaraderie that has taken place here nearly every day since the clubhouse opened last October. “We’ve had ‘date night’ where parents can drop their kids off for three hours, block parties, football preview parties, quarterly luncheons for seniors and a Santa party,” Knox said, among the many festivities.

Besides the upcoming Mardi Gras party, Knox wants to plan an Oktoberfest party, she said. The new 2,100-square-foot great room and kitchen are the culmination of more than five years of planning and efforts by members of this neighborhood in south Palo Alto. The community saved, fund-raised and secured a loan to renovate the aging center and swimming pool that developer Joseph Eichler built in the 1950s.

Eichler designed the community center — which includes a park with towering redwoods, a 4,350-square-foot six-lane pool and a preschool — with the intention of creating a true community among his tract of 300 homes. But the people living in those homes decided they would go one step in furtherance of that vision for the 21st century.

The $2 million clubhouse (the cost includes the furnishings), designed by Kobza Associates, broke ground in mid-January 2018 and opened about 10 months later. It complements the surrounding Eichler-community architecture, with floor-to-ceiling glass windows that look out on the verdant park on one side and to the renovated, $800,000 sparkling, aquamarine, heated pool that opened in April 2018, on the other.

Inside, members often watch television, read or do work on their laptops while children take swimming lessons or splash in the pool. There are two areas to sit on comfortable sofas or chairs while studying or catching up on the latest neighborhood news. Each member has a key card to get into the building.

When it’s party time, the clubhouse offers a full complement of dinner service for 60 people, Knox said. And there’s a donated upright piano in the corner to accompany residents in song.

Association Vice President Jeff Kmetec pointed to the outside barbecues on the newly constructed patio. Around the back, there’s a fire pit and seating for outdoor fireside chats.

The clubhouse has been a popular gathering spot, he said. The grand opening attracted 400 people; Halloween brought 250. On average, about 50 to 60 people attend the events, Knox said.

“If there’s a party for 300, we just open the doors,” Kmetec added, where people can spill out into the park or onto the deck.

At this point, the clubhouse is only available to Greenmeadow members. But over time it could be rented to outsiders, he said.

“It’s a social experiment. It’s starting to build as sense of community,” Knox added.

So far, people have been good about maintaining that neighborly spirit by cleaning up after themselves. Knox serves as the “de facto” maintenance person, emptying the dishwasher, for example.

The clubhouse offers ADA-accessible showers and disability-compliant bathrooms that can double to accommodate parents who need to accompany a child of the opposite sex, Kmetec says.

Kmetec, who largely oversaw the clubhouse construction, said the city required a fire-sprinkler system that had to have its own water system. That was the most challenging part of the development, since the association had to run an entirely new line to the street for a water hookup.

Looking forward, the clubhouse could soon be used for more than parties and as a place for relaxation, Kmetec said.

“Greenmeadow has always had an emergency-prep committee. We’re thinking the clubhouse should be equipped as the focal point for a disaster.”

To that end, he’s thinking about adding a fighter that could turn the pool’s 175,000 gallons of water into a portable drinking source. They might add a generator so the clubhouse could be turned into a disaster center if needed, he said.

There is one thing people wanted when plans were still on the drawing board: a weight room. Kmetec said that wasn’t affordable. Still, there’s a secure, roomy storage area that can serve as a wine room, he said. It’s a compromise the Greenmeadow community could happily live with, he said.

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The new Greenmeadow Community Association clubhouse has Eichler-style floor-to-ceiling windows that afford a view of the newly renovated pool.

Lisa Knox, left, Greenmeadow Community Association social committee chairwoman, and Jeff Kmetec, association vice president, sit in the great room at the newly built clubhouse.
Wireless
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prior applications, some residents protested his approval of this op-
tion without more public outreach.

“The people of Palo Alto need to be able to see what will be put next to their homes and provide feedback along with the ARB on the design before anything gets approved,” resident Kelly Germa wrote to the council.

“If Planning Director Lait would reject every decision made by ARB that does not please the big telecom companies, why should we have the ARB in place to examine carefully the applica-
tions from the big telecom compa-

ties?” wrote Herc Kwan, a Louis Road resident.

Lait said the shrouded antenna in Crown Castle’s equipment would increase the height of the pole by between 18 and 24 inches. A mock-up, he said, was not nec-

essary in this case. All one needs is “a little imagination” to see the design, as initially submitted, but a few feet higher.

While the residents argued that Lait was too lenient in his approv-

als, Crown Castle is insisting that he was too harsh in his denials. Two days after Fleming filed her appeal, the company filed its own, protest-
ing the city’s rejection of proposed nodes near 375 Forrest Ave. and 4206 Waverly St. That decision, Crown Castle argued in its appeal, is based on insufficient evidence.

“The city presented no analysis of individual nodes and identified no alternatives to the proposed node sites, leaving Crown Castle with no recourse aside from an ap-

peal to the City Council,” Sharon James, Crown Castle’s manager for government relations, wrote. “Moreover, the conditions placed upon the five approved nodes ma-
terially limits the effectiveness of

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years to complete.

The council also reaffirmed its earlier decision not to pursue grade separation at the Churchill Avenue crossing, a project that would require building a new road and tunnel as there were three dozen properties to be acquired. The only option on the table for Churchill is the closure of the crossing to traffic in combina-

tion with making unspecified traf-

fic improvements elsewhere.

And for the two southernmost crossings, the city will continue to study four options: a train viaduct, a trench south of Oregon Expressway in a train tunnel and a “hybrid” design that lowers the road and raises the train tracks.

The council also decided on Tuesday to continue to analyze the idea of a citywide tunnel, which remains popular but which staff had recommended eliminating because of its high costs and sig-
nificant engineering challenges.

According to staff, the city-

wide tunnel option has the biggest downsides, including property sei-

zures in north Palo Alto to accom-

modate construction and the high costs of both digging a tunnel and relocating existing Caltrain sta-
tions underground. Deputy City Manager Rob de Geus said that as staff had evaluated this option further, it has identified “several significant constraints.”

The cost, for instance, is really significant: not millions but bil-

lions of dollars,” de Geus said.

But the council was reluctant to remove any designs from consider-

ation. Vice Mayor Adrian Fine said that while there are several options he would like to see eliminated eventually, it is not the time to do so. Fine also said he believes the city needs to do “a little more exploration” of the citywide tunnel before officially eliminating it.

Councilman Tom DuBois agreed and seconded Fine’s mo-
tion to keep all six options in play, even as he acknowledged that none of them is ideal.

“It does feel like we’ve been in this process of forced reduction in options without having options that we like,” DuBois said.

Councilwoman Lydia Kou proved similarly reluctant to re-

move the citywide tunnel. After watching a video simulation of what a tunnel construction would look like, Kou said, “the assumptions made by city con-

sultant Aecom about the proposed tunnel’s construction and impacts.

‘At the end of the day, I do believe we won’t have a scenario in which folks say, ‘That’s the one we really like.’”

— Ed Shikada, city manager, City of Palo Alto

“I’d have hoped to see there would be more creative and inno-

vative ideas, not just one method of doing it — the citywide tunnel but different scenarios that can come to council for us to look at,” Kou said.

Several residents also spoke out in favor of the tunnel, as they have in past city meetings on the rail re-

design. Seven Rosenblum told the council that the best way to proceed was for a citywide tunnel to be premature, given that the city has scheduled a March meeting to discuss this option.

“This is a broken process, and I think we’re being railroaded. ... I don’t think this is the proper way to treat the most popular option at any of the meetings I’ve attended,” Rosenblum said.

Often referred to as the “largest infrastructure project in the city’s history,” the redesign has been the subject of countless public hear-

ings, numerous community meet-

ings and extensive discussions by a specifically appointed citizen committee. It’s being driven by an expected increase in train traffic as a result of Caltrain’s pending electrification of its system, which would boost the daily number of trains from the current 92 to 114 in 2022 and 128 by 2029, not including high-speed-rail train.

“The impact of traffic conges-

tion alone would be very signifi-

cant if we don’t address the rail crossings,” de Geus said.

While keeping their options open, council members also rec-

ognized that while each design has its benefits, none are ideal. The idea of closing Churchill is facing resistance from Professor-

ville neighbors “but even the most believers believe the move will drive more traffic to Embarcadero and sur-

rounding Professorville streets. walk the project option has a few sup-

porters and many opponents, including the roughly 300 resi-

dents in south Palo Alto who signed a petition stating oppos-

tion to all raised options.

The trench option, while more popular, is also more expensive than the viaduct (its cost is esti-

mated in the $600 million to $800 million range, compared to $400 million to $450 million for the viaduct) and would take longer to build. A viaduct, while it would also obstruct Adobe and Barron creeks, requires the city to build a culvert with a pump/lift station and the Mayor and Charles-

ton crossings. While these impacts could be lesser under the “hybrid” design, that alternative also comes with considerations in-

cluding the need to relocate utili-
ties and pump stations, according to an analysis by Aecom.

The trench option, while more
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Robbery .................................... 1
Sexual assault .............................. 1
Sex crime ................................... 2

Theft related
Commercial burglaries ................... 1
Financial abuse, dependent adult ...... 1
Grand theft .................................. 5
Identity theft................................ 4
Intellectual property....................... 4
Petty theft .................................... 5
Residential burglaries .................... 3
Shoplifting ................................. 7

Vehicle related
Auto recovery ................................ 1
Bicycle theft ................................ 3
Driving w/ suspended license ........... 10
Hit and run ................................... 1
Misc. traffic ................................ 3
Theft from auto, attempted.......... 38
Vehicle accident/injury ........................ 6
Vehicle accident/prop damage .......... 6
Vehicle impound ........................... 1
Vehicle, stolen ............................. 6
Vehicle tow ................................. 1

Alcohol or drug related
Driving under influence .................... 3
Drinking in public ........................... 7
Drunk in public ............................. 3
Possession of drugs ........................ 3
Possession of paraphernalia .......... 3
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Miscellaneous
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Criminal threats ............................ 2
Disposal request ........................... 1
Disturbing the peace ....................... 2
Found property ........................... 1
Located missing person ................... 1
Lost property ............................... 1
Misc. parole code violation .......... 5
Missing person ............................. 1
Outside investigation ..................... 1
Psychiatric evaluation ................. 2
Residential arrest .......................... 2
Soliciting without permit ............... 1
Suspicious circumstances .............. 7
Trespassing ................................ 2
Unattended death ......................... 2
Vehicle impound ......................... 2
Warrant arrest ............................. 3
Warrant other agency ................. 3

VIOLENT CRIMES
Palo Alto
Channing Avenue, 2/15/2018, noon, sex crime.
Webster Street, 7/22/2018, 10:15 p.m.; dependent-adult abuse.
Edgewood Drive, 10/11/2018, 9:15 a.m.; child abuse.
Moffett Circle, 10/23/2018, 5:20 p.m.; child abuse.
San Antonio Road, 1/1, 2:38 a.m.; domestic violence/battery.
900 Quarry Ext., 1/2, 5 p.m.; battery.
Ventura Avenue, 6/5, 6 a.m.; child abuse.
Everett Avenue, 1/7, 4:18 a.m.; robbery.
56 University Ave., 1/14, 7 p.m.; robbery.
Aranzadeo Road, 1/8, 11:34 p.m.; sex assault.
Kenneth Drive, 1/15, noon; sex crime, suspicious circumstance.
403 University Ave., 1/18, 3 p.m.; battery, simple.
Menlo Park
Middlefield Road, 1/17, 2:43 p.m.; child abuse.
500 block El Camino Real, 1/17, 3:38 p.m.; robbery.
700 block El Camino Real, 1/22, 8:12 a.m.; robbery.
Gertrude Dyer Wilks aimed to give black students equal opportunity in the classroom by Linda Taaffe

Gertrude Dyer Wilks, shown here in 1977, pushed to open many educational doors for East Palo Alto youth.

G
terude Dyer Wilks be-
lieved that with enough will and determination, she could change the world. And for most of her life, she tried to do just that.

The longtime East Palo Alto resident became a prominent and powerful figure in the community, leading the charge for political, educational, and social change for more than six decades.

She launched the area’s first private African-American school system in the 1960s, served on the first City Council, and “made a way out of no way.”

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Born on December 16, 1929, Nancy attended Los Cerritos Elementary School, Washington Junior High School, and Long Beach Poly High School. At USC, she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and graduated with a teaching degree.

Nancy taught the fourth grade in the El Segundo Unified School District and lived in Hermosa Beach, where she met her future husband, Robert Charles Lobdell. The couple married in 1952 at the First Congregational Church in Long Beach and remained together until Robert passed away in 2008.

In 1957, the Lobdells moved with their two young children, Terri and John, to Ohio. The couple had two more sons, Bill and Jim, before resettling in Long Beach in 1965.

After more than a decade as a stay-at-home mom, Nancy began her second career in the 1970s as a public relations specialist for California State University, Long Beach and was eventually promoted director of community relations, working for the Office of the President. She retired in 1986.

Nancy played an active role in Long Beach philanthropy, with the Junior League of Long Beach (she served as its president), St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, the Long Beach Museum of Art and Fine Arts Affiliates (which supported the Fine Arts Affiliates at California State University, Long Beach) among her favorite nonprofits.

In her retirement years, Nancy and her husband led annual art tours to Florence and the Tuscan countryside and became dotting grandparents to their 12 grandchildren. In 2004, the couple moved to the Palo Alto area, where two of their children live.

With Robert’s passing, Nancy lived out her years at The Vi in Palo Alto, where she was an active member of the community. She also was a Sunday fixture at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Palo Alto.

Nancy was survived by her brother, Bill; four children, Terri, John, Bill, and Leslie; in-law Bill Johnson; daughters-in-law Leslie MacDonald and Colleen Anderson; twelve grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Donations can be made to Nancy’s favorite charity, the Episcopal Relief & Development Fund, a national nonprofit that provides relief in times of disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering.
In a race against time, solving the grade-separation problem remains elusive

I n Palo Alto, we’re forever in search of perfect solutions to our problems and challenges — ones that satisfy everyone, or at least most people. Unfortunately, that is proving to be impossible. We try to achieve this on particularly complicated and controversial issues by investing tremendous time and energy on the process, believing that if we talk long enough and explore every possible solution, we will wind up with some degree of consensus about a logical decision.

Sometimes this gets us to a good result. An example is the Downtown Residential Parking Program and its less ambitious offshoots. The program was created after years of exhaustive debate, many false starts and some tweaking after implementation actually managed to get us to a good place.

But the challenges facing the community as we prepare for much more frequent Amtrak and Caltrain service through the middle of the city is of an entirely different magnitude and one that, regardless of the selected “solution,” will result in the most significant physical changes and disruption to our city since the construction of Oregon Avenue and Alum Rock in the 1960s. And therein lies the challenge: how to make adjustments once a grade separation solution is implemented. We need to get it right at the outset.

That’s a heavy burden to fall on our newly reduced seven-member City Council, especially with two, Mayor Eric Filseth and Councilwoman Liz Kniss, recusing themselves from the issue because they own property near the tracks. As a result, just five members will be making what may be the most important civic decision in the history of Palo Alto.

So it’s no wonder that the five remaining council members are struggling to narrow the options for what to do with the existing four at-grade road crossings at Palo Alto Avenue, Churchill Avenue, and the intersection of Oregon Drive and Charleston Road. They are proceeding with appropriate caution but must soon act.

Doing nothing is not a viable option, as increased train service, especially during peak commute hours, will create gridlock on local streets, adjacent neighborhoods and on Alma Street and other arterials.

The city staff recommends that the most extreme and expensive option — placing the tracks in a tunnel the length of the city — be eliminated, but the City Council Tuesday night could not bring itself to do so given the appeal and popularity of running the railroad out of sight and eliminating all conflicts between the train and cars, pedestrians and bicyclists. It voted to keep the tunnel option for a bit longer so that it could get one more airing at a March community meeting, but no one seriously expects this billion-dollar alternative to survive the next discussion.

The remaining alternatives are elevating the tracks (the “viaduct” option), lowering the tracks south of Oregon in a trench, or a hybrid that lowers the road and elevates the tracks. These options would allow cars to go under or over the tracks at Meadow and Charleston. The City Council has already decided that the City Council will cross that bridge when it comes and be ready to move forward with a passageway under the tracks for pedestrians and bicyclists, probably similar to the Homer Avenue tunnel.

The council agreed to create a separate planning effort for the northernmost crossing at Palo Alto Avenue, simpler in some ways because there are no traffic signals complicating the design. Closing that crossing entirely is still on the table, but isn’t a good solution in our judgment.

Palo Alto City Council members are doing their best to navigate through this consequential decision-making process and try to explain to the community that there is no perfect or obvious “best” alternative. Each one has benefits and drawbacks that can be persuasively argued.

Predictably, residents living near the tracks are raising specific concerns, ranging from diverted traffic onto Embarcadero as a result of the Churchill closure to noise and visual impact of the viaduct option and construction challenges of a trench. An excellent visual depiction and background presentation on the options and trade-offs can be found at https://bit.ly/2HDe6SK, and more information is posted at a city web site, https://paloalta.org.

For reasons we’ll explain in a future editorial, we believe the “viaduct” option, in which the tracks south of the California University Medical Center are elevated and supported by concrete columns (not a continuous berm) is likely the best solution for the community. But each option has its benefits and problems, and time is running out for residents to have their voices heard and for the City Council to prepare itself to choose a solution that won’t make everyone happy.

by Alexa Russo

The year 2019 will determine the outcome of a crucial issue in Santa Clara County — Stanford University’s development through 2035. Stanford is reaching the end of a lengthy application process for a general-use permit (GUP) that will allow a specific amount and type of growth over this 16-year period. As we enter into the last six months of negotiation, it is worth taking stock of where we are in these negotiations and what is at stake, particularly in light of the near-finalization of the recent Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

On Dec. 12, Santa Clara County released the much-anticipated Final EIR, a detailed assessment of the environmental impacts of Stanford’s future development, which largely centered on increased traffic congestion. Importantly, due to the public’s concerns regarding housing impacts, two impact assessments were made for Alternatives A and B, which include housing provisions for Stanford’s full increase in demand and for 50 percent of the increase, respectively. According to the EIR, under these alternatives the traffic congestion would worsen and air pollutant levels would significantly increase.

If Stanford wishes to further its development, the university must be held accountable and contribute its fair share to mitigate all its developmental impact. The question should not be a question of whether Stanford is responsible for one or the other, but how can we make Stanford responsible for the effects of its growth. Therefore, I believe dismissing Alternatives A and B outright due to the impacts stated in the EIR would be a mistake, as we need to find solutions that effectively consider both socio-economic and environmental effects.

While the EIR is an important document whose creation is mandated under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), it is crucial to note its limitations. For instance, this document is specific to physical environmental impacts. There is no regulatory obligation under CEQA to assess socio-economic concerns. We need to understand these impacts in the totality of the many issues that Stanford’s anticipated development creates. Addressing traffic concerns while contributing to a severe housing shortage and forcing workers to commute as much as six hours a day would not take into full consideration the harmful impacts of Stanford’s development.

There are many assumptions hidden in the details of the report that a) ignore regional emission effects, b) are calculated using unlikely traffic patterns and c) presume minimalist mitigation efforts to Stanford’s development. A significant oversight revolts around the assumption of vehicle miles traveled (VMT). First, it must be noted that VMT calculations are local statistics, which may make them relevant for local air quality, but not for regional or global climate benefits. The options are created and supported by VMT from the baseline project (as proposed by Stanford) to either housing alternative does not take into consideration the decrease in regional VMT that would necessarily come with moving Stanford affiliates to campuses. As the Stanford campus is in a job-rich area, not only would VMT from the Stanford affiliates decrease, but likely from the spouses as well. If not provided campus housing, these families, many which are low-income, could live an upwards of three hours away, thereby increasing regional emissions.

In addition, the very analyses that underlie the County’s estimates of increased VMT, which would then have to air-quality issues, have some serious flaws. Specifically, the VMT analysis assumes that under-graduate students make 1.46 off-campus vehicular trips per day, a seemingly high number considering students, particularly undergraduates, spend the majority of their time on campus. Compared to other universities where students regularly commute off-campus, Stanford is almost entirely self-contained, with accessible markets, dining halls and other facilities. While this does not affect comparisons between Stanford’s baseline and the proposed alternatives, the total commutes and VMT in all scenarios are likely exaggerated, meaning that levels of emissions currently deemed “significant” under Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAMQD) thresholds may actually not be significant at all.

Across all of these issues, the data sourcing is vague — what is required is clarity about missing data and plans for filling in the gaps, particularly with respect to accurate student and spousal data as well as disaggregated across income.

Additionally, many “conservative assumptions” in the alternative scenarios assume a lack of commitment, by Stanford or otherwise, to traffic mitigation goals. Perhaps, instead of assuming failure, next steps could be to come up with practical solutions to support traffic management. One example is to extend transportation benefits to all workers, since, currently, contracted workers are ineligible for these benefits unless they receive sponsorship. Additionally, Stanford’s required commitment to “no-net-new-commutes,” which currently only covers one hour in the morning peak window. But each could be extended a more realistic rush-hour time window (at least two hours). Traffic concerns can be mitigated by Stanford if they are required to invest in better local roads and infrastructure.

Another strategy could be to collaborate across jurisdictions. Many traffic impacts under the alternatives are labelled “significant and unavoidable,” as effective mitigations require actions by jurisdictions outside of Santa Clara County. While this may indeed be a hurdle, it is far from insurmountable if made a priority.

I am a graduate student at Stanford, who, while very grateful for the opportunities the university provides, is also deeply concerned about Stanford’s impact on the surrounding communities. Luckily, Santa Clara County has several mechanisms to ensure that Stanford is a good neighbor. Two important documents will be negotiated in the upcoming months — the Development Agreement and the Conditions of Approval for Stanford’s general-use permit — which will be crucial places for legally binding commitments to impact mitigations, as well as ones unaddressed in the EIR, such as the impact on local schools. Issues of traffic and housing will be pivotal in these negotiations. Let’s find solutions that can be negotiated in good faith and are not only fair but also sustainable.
Guest Opinion

Palo Alto needs to step up its Green New Deal

by David Coale

I t has been exciting to hear about the Green New Deal (GND) talk that has been sweeping across the nation. Here at home, Palo Alto has committed to an 80-percent reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 — the 80-by-50 goal. This goal was adopted in 2016, so you could say Palo Alto has laid the groundwork for its GND already; but even though city staff has been working on this, the overall plan is not widely known. With California’s recent Climate Action Summit in San Francisco last September, a United Nations report, and even the climate report from the White House, all saying that climate change is worsening at a faster pace than we thought, I think the City of Palo Alto needs to step up its efforts to bring our community to seriously address climate change.

The first step is to avoid continued investment in fossil fuel infrastructure and appliances that will likely become obsolete before the end of their useful life. The main opportunity to save relates to transportation mode (walking, biking, skateboarding) sharing in our schools. Most of this money for the garage can be spent much more effectively on expanding the nonprofit Traffic Management Association’s (TMA) alternative commuting program. (The association develops, manages and markets programs aimed at reducing traffic levels in downtown Palo Alto.)

By 2017, the association had reduced the number of single-driver service workers driving downtown by 10 percent by providing alternative commute incentives to their places of work. It plans to reduce driving downtown by 30 percent (from a 2015 baseline of about 5,500 member employees) in the next few years with incentives that increase the use of carpooling, CalTrain, biking and walking. This change is being achieved at a tiny fraction of the cost of building new parking garages and allows for increased flexibility in managing parking demand. Plans are afoot to increase and expand these efforts to the Cal Ave area.

The other good news in transportation is that we have reached a 50-percent active transportation mode (walking, biking, skateboarding) share in our schools. Most of this is bicycle use. This change has reduced auto traffic and parking problems, promoted a healthy lifestyle, and freed up parents from school transportation all while reducing GHG emissions. While some of Palo Alto’s bike infrastructure might not be perfect, continued investment in this area will serve us all well by enabling more of us to use active transportation modes. The success in our schools is an outstanding example of what concerted city-supported efforts can accomplish.

For our energy infrastructure, the time is right to modernize by moving away from natural gas to the city’s carbon neutral electric power to power our homes and buildings. When you factor in the natural gas leakage (2-5 percent for California) from production, distribution and end-use in buildings, natural gas is no better than coal in terms of the GHG pollution that is created. We would never consider using coal to heat our homes, as was the common practice in the 1900s. The resulting pollution choked our cities and shortened our life span. The difference now is that the CO2 and other pollution from natural gas use is visible. What is most visible are the effects of climate change that worsens “natural” disasters worldwide.

Again, here in Palo Alto, there is good news. The city has enjoyed carbon neutral electricity since 2013 at rates lower than our neighbors. Also, a recently completed study commissioned by the city showed that it is cost effective for all of us to replace our older, inefficient appliances with energy efficient ones. The city can help by requiring them with Palo Alto’s carbon neutral electricity also will play a big role in switching away from fossil fuel use.

Since climate change is happening faster than any government can react, we need to make climate change a top city council priority. If we make the right investments now instead of building obsolete infrastructure and equipment, we will save even more in the long run. The sooner we make climate-friendly investments, the more we will save and improve our quality of life.

If you think Palo Alto should be combatting climate change through local actions, then send an email to the City Council (city.council@cityofpaloalto.org) asking them to adopt climate change as one of the top Council priorities for the upcoming year.

David Coale is a board member of Carbon Free Palo Alto, was on the city’s Green Building Technical Advisory Committee and is a former Acterra board member.
One of the most charming, albeit cheesy, entries in the category of “Fakespearian” stories that put the Bard himself front and center, “Shakespeare in Love” (Palo Alto Players’ current production) is a delightful adaptation of the Oscar-winning film of the same name.

In 1593 London, up-and-coming playwright and actor William Shakespeare (Drew Benjamin Jones) is struggling with a bad case of writer’s block. The timing is especially unfortunate, as he’s himself deep in debt to Fennyman (Brad Satterwhite), who gives him worldly advice and writing suggestions. Wealthy Viola de Lesseps (April Culver), a passionate theater lover, longs to be an actor, something that is forbidden to women. 

Shakespeare is mentored by his friend, the esteemed writer and actor Marlowe (a confident and appealing Jeff Blackburn), who owns the Rose Theater, and pompous actor and Curtain Theater honcho Burbage (a confident and appealing Thomas Times). Henslowe himself is deep in debt to Fennyman (Joey McDaniel) and manages to engender a newfound love of theater in the moneykender by bringing him and a ragtag crew of oddballs together to act in Shakespeare’s newest work in progress, the comedy “Romeo and Ethel, the Pirate’s Daughter.”

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‘Frost/Nixon’ is a must-see

History comes alive in TheatreWorks production about disgraced ex-president

by John Orr

“Frost/Nixon,” as staged by TheatreWorks Silicon Valley, is a brilliant, astounding, not-to-be-missed 110 minutes of theater. Everything about this production, directed by Leslie Martinson, is a triumph, from the excellent set and onstage media designed by David Lee Cuthbert to Allen McCullough’s powerfully evocative performance as Richard M. Nixon.

Playwright Peter Morgan doesn’t let history get in the way of a good story, anymore than did Shakespeare. Most of this play is as history recorded it but where Morgan wanders away from the facts, it is, perhaps, to illustrate some deeper truth. Or, maybe, just to make it work better in the theater.

Morgan draws Nixon — who was reviled by liberals, abused the power of the presidency, attempted to punish people on his enemies list and wore a suit and tie to walk on the beach — as a sympathetic character. McCullough’s Nixon often tries to crack a joke, stumbles humbly over some bit of courtesy or another, and gets teary and choked up while recalling his father.

And some, but not all, of Nixon’s accomplishments are mentioned, especially his success in opening dialogue with China. Even those of us who are old enough to have watched the Watergate hearings on television or have read the Woodward/Bernstein books can appreciate Morgan’s alchemy in making Nixon rather sympathetic, at least for the duration of this play.

“Frost/Nixon” is the story of TV host David Frost getting Nixon to sit down for a series of interviews, a couple of years after Nixon had resigned the presidency in disgrace.

Both men needed the exposure. Frost, whose TV career had been reduced to interviewing minor celebrities in Australia, wanted a ticket back to New York. Nixon, who had barely survived serious phobias and depression after leaving the White House for his California estate, was in bad shape financially and wanted a path back to the East Coast and some kind of political meaningfulness.

The first part of this play limns how Frost and his team, which included fiery journalist James Reston Jr., and Nixon and his team, including Col. Jack Brennan and Hollywood dealmaker Swifty Lazar, danced around each other to make a deal. What subjects would be broached — a quarter of the interview time would be about Watergate — and how much Nixon would be paid ($600,000 up front, and 20 percent of any profits).

Jeremy Webb is excellent as Frost, seemingly insouciant but fully aware of what he needs to succeed with this huge project, which would take four weeks of interviews, at considerable cost.

The Revolutionists

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delivered in very modern, casual-American vernacular with some detours into more formal, old-fashioned speechifying. This juxtaposition is jarring but it mostly works well, keeping the audience on their toes between laughter and solemnity. Not all of the humor is successful (repeated “Les Misérables” references and jokes are made, for instance, despite that story taking place many years after “The Revolutionists” events, and quickly grow tired) but on the whole, the structure is well-craft ed, with knowing winks about the dreaded play-within-a-play format, puppets and even throwing in a few detours into more formal, old-fashioned set design. The lead role of de Gouges, Marquis is splendid as well, owning her character’s doubts, fears and, ultimately, heroism.

Dragon’s production boasts comedy costumes by Kae Jenny Spencer and bold, colorful lighting and set design by Nathanael Card. Gunderson is currently one of the most popular, oft-produced playwrights and it’s understandable why when viewing “The Revolutionists.” It’s fresh, funny and irreverent while also educational and moving.

For all its enjoyable screwball humor and self-deprecating awareness, “The Revolutionists” is centered around a serious point. History belongs to a large extent, to the winners, with the voices of others either silenced, erased or misconstrued. The play is one small step toward amplifying a few of these voices.

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What: “The Revolutionists.”
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Eloy Ortiz Oakley

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Frost was considered a light-weight, and the major TV networks weren’t interested in the project, which they disdained as “checkbook journalism.” Frost had to hustle for financing and eventually got a syndication deal. McCullough brings flesh to Nixon’s intelligence, as the former trial lawyer and president easily controls the direction of the interviews early on, as Webb’s Frost becomes more frustrated in his attempts to get Nixon to apologize for Watergate.

It’s a battle, and makes for great theater.

Kenny Toll is solid and impassioned as Reston, who keeps digging for evidence to use against Nixon, whom he hates. He is disgusted with himself when he shakes Nixon’s hand. Toll is one of the onstage narrators, the other being Craig Marker as Brennan. Marker brings solid sincerity to his respect for the former president.

It’s an almost all-male cast, with Nixon’s wife and daughters mentioned but not seen. Alicia Piemme Nelson has a short bit as tennis player Evonne Goolagong, to illustrate how far Frost had fallen; and Elena Wright is on hand as Caroline Cushing, apparently to illustrate that Frost liked beautiful women.

The set is very impressive, switching from the White House to British and American hotel rooms to a seaside home where the interviews took place. Overhead, there is the sort of lighting structure expected to be seen in a TV studio (take a bow, lighting designer Steven B. Mannshardt). Upstage are 35 large TV monitors that are brilliantly used to display backgrounds, to become TV studio direction monitors, and at the key denouement, to focus in on McCullough’s face as Nixon makes his deepest statement, as seen through the live TV cameras on stage.

That is the moment Frost knew he needed, and director Martinson makes it a triumphant note.

The entire cast is very good. But McCullough is transcendentally brilliant. He brings a complete life to Nixon in this play: a performance not to be missed.

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Shop Talk

APPLEWOOD PIZZA CLOSES...

The original Applewood Pizza has closed after decades of business at 1001 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. Amant Padrosa, owner of all four Menlo Park and Northern California, the real estate broker for the space, confirmed the restaurant closed at the end of December and said the owner planned to retire. The owner could not be reached for comment.

For years, Applewood served pizza and pasta next to Hungarian dishes such as goulash and langos (fried garlic bread). Bela Kardos, a native of Hungary, opened what was initially called the Applewood Inn in 1983. According to a 1998 Almanac News story, it took him seven months to develop the perfect pizza crust. In a 1998 interview with the Weekly, Kardos said he had previously worked in real estate and asked the owner of a “beer joint” at the 1001 El Camino Real site if he wanted to sell. The owner apparently agreed, but the man Kardos hired to run the restaurant had a heart attack three months after opening, so he had to take over the pizza making. “I had never even eaten pizza before, so I went around to local pizzerias and went through cookbooks trying to figure out how to make a pizza,” Kardos said.

The most important part of the pizza, in Kardos’ eyes? The crust, always baked in a brick oven, he said in 1998. Amant said there are “multiple people interested” in the 5,200-square-foot space. — E.K.

BARCELONA TAPAS COMING...

The owners of Teleferic Barcelona, who run three well-known restaurants in Barcelona, Spain and a fourth in Walnut Creek, are opening a new location in Palo Alto in the former Calafia Cafe space at Town & Country Village. Calafia closed in August after nine years of business at the El Camino Real shopping center. Xavi Padrosa, who runs the restaurants with his sister, said Palo Alto left an impression on him as an international, food-loving city ever since he lived there from 2005 to 2012. The family decided to expand internationally in 2016 after Brian Hirastra, the developer of a new three-story building in downtown Walnut Creek, dined at one of the family’s Barcelona restaurants and encouraged them to come to the United States, Padrosa said. No two Teleferic locations are exactly the same and things are still in the works for Palo Alto, Padrosa said, but in general, Teleferic serves authentic Spanish tapas, pintxos and paella. The newest Teleferic also will have a next-door market, as Calafia did, with Spanish wines, cheese, cured meats and other imported products for sale. Padrosa hopes to open in May or June. — E.K.

Compiled by the Weekly staff; this week written by Elena Kadvany. Got leads on interesting and news-worthy retail developments? The Weekly will check them out. Email shoptalk@paloaltonews.com.

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Eating Out

When mochi meets cupcake

Petit Bakery Co. melds Asian, American, French traditions for gluten-free treats

by Kate Bradshaw

Melody Hu has infused her baking business with global elements that reflect flavors tied to her own history as a Taiwanese-American woman: mochi cupcakes, cakes and madeleines.

The Mountain View resident and owner of Petit Bakery Co. is planning to open a brick-and-mortar shop in Los Altos later this year. Hu was born in Taiwan and moved to the Peninsula as a teen, graduating from Gunn High School in Palo Alto. As a University of California at San Diego student, she studied abroad in France. She returned to France after graduating and lived there for the next decade, working in the luxury watch and jewelry business in Paris and Shanghai.

Along the way, she worked as a freelance translator, including for her friend, English celebrity chef Rachel Khoo. Working with Khoo, she translated and edited cookbooks and became familiar with the recipe testing process. “I got into the food world through baking,” she said. “It’s a little bit of science and art,” she said.

Baking is a lot like dancing, “It’s a little bit of science and art,” she said. “Being an artist working with perishable ingredients forces the creator to grapple with the critical question: What are people looking for right now?”

So, starting in the summer of 2017, she got to work: Using a spreadsheet to track different variations and outcomes, she began experimenting with sweet rice flour recipes. To date, her recipes have been shared through hundreds of variations, she said. Over the past year, as she’s honed her recipes, showed up at pop-ups and baked wholesale for local cafes, she thinks she’s come up with an answer to her driving question. People are looking for something satisfying about it. “I think that’s very representative of who we are in California, and in the world. We’ve all combinations of different cultures, celebrating coming together at the table,” Hu said.

Her creations, beyond being inclusive of different cultures, are inclusive for another reason — they’re naturally gluten-free, and some variations are also vegan, meaning that people with dietary restrictions can participate in the pleasure of patisserie.

Unlike other gluten-free bases, which she noted can be grainy and crumbly, the rice-based mochi texture gives her cupcakes a satisfying chewiness. They also have less sugar — her Swiss meringue buttercream recipe, she says, has just enough sugar and butter to be silky-smooth, but a lot less sugar than a regular buttercream frosting. All animal-based ingredients in her recipes, she said, are organic.

At the end of 2017, she began to lease space at Studio Cake in Menlo Park on Monday nights and Saturday mornings for her wholesale baking. After teaching classes and wrangling kids during the day, she’d come to the kitchen at night, working through dark hours with only the music from her earbuds to keep her company.

She worked out agreements to sell her mochi creations at Cafe Zoe in Menlo Park and Nourish Cafe at the Palo Alto JCC, and pursued a growing circuit of pop-up opportunities, including at Stanford Shopping Center and at the festivals Facebook hosts at its Menlo Park headquarters. Her ended the lease with Studio Cake at the end of 2018 in preparation to open her brick-and-mortar bakery this year.

Currently, she works out of her home kitchen and accepts orders online or by phone for delivery in the Bay Area. She said she’s setting up her website to enable custom cake orders by the end of the month.

For more information, go to petitbakery.co.

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All’s fair in love and ‘Cold War’  
**Oscar-nominated drama begging but chilly**  

**1/2 (Aquarius)**

As Hollywood awaits the annual presentation of the Academy Awards, two lushly photographed black-and-white foreign-language films have steadily found themselves in competition: Alfonso Cuaron’s “Roma” and Pawel Pawlikowski’s “Cold War,” which picked up three Oscar nominations this week for Best Foreign Language Film, Best Cinematography and a surprise nod for Best Director. And now, as “Cold War” rolls out in theaters across the country, those wondering how the Polish would do “La La Land” have their chance to see for themselves.

I’m kidding, sort of, but “Cold War” is a romantic epic of a troubled couple blessed with musical talent. In battered post-war Poland, a representative (Tomasz Kot) of a folkloric ensemble makes field recordings of folk music, the film beginning with a song of a man pleading a woman to let him in. Beginning with a song of a man seeking to see for themselves.

Unfolding between 1949 and 1964, Pawlikowski’s screenplay tracks the on-and-off couple as a pair and as individuals separated by forces larger than themselves, taking placeholder mates but ever feeling a pull toward unavailable soul mates. The lovers’ endless frustrations, only worsened by sociopolitical and vocational ambitions and obligations and choices, manifest in cruel gestures and devastating arguments. There’s undeniable heat between the two, a flame that won’t die but also leaves painful burns. In a typically bitter exchange, Zula successfully gets a rise out of Wiktor, who hits her. “Now we’re talking,” she answers.

A sweet romance this isn’t, but Pawlikowski (“Klóóta”) balances the flattened realities of maddeningly thwarted love with swoony moments: smoky jazz clubs and songbird reveries. Cinematographer Lukasz Zal’s lush chiaroscuro photography proves equally assured in a sunny field or shadowy streets, while Pawlikowski draws up his documentary background to lend the black and white aesthetic an uneasy realism. He also judiciously places musical touchstones for maximal sensuality and thematic winking: a bar dance to “Is You Is or Is You Ain’t My Baby” and another, with drunken abandon, to “Rock Around the Clock.”

“Cold War” is at its most fascinating when politics directly disrupt the characters’ passions or they must navigate the detritus of recent global events from standpoints in Poland, Germany, Yugoslavia, or France. Wiktor and Zula both suffer artistic compromises that sting as much as their romantic travails, usually at the behest of Communist Party bureaucrats (as concerns folk music, for example, they’d prefer songs about land reform and the leadership, thank you very much).

All of the above help to keep “Cold War” engaging despite a plot and characters that some will find as repellently chilly as they are credible. One doesn’t have to like Wiktor and Zula to sym-pathize with them, but at times the low-key performances and austere script weaken the film’s momentum and capacity for an empathetic connection. “Cold War” is a love story that turns bitter early and often and is rewarding for those hardy enough to handle it.

**Rated R for some sexual content, nudity and language. One hour, 29 minutes.**

— Peter Canavese

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A weekly guide to home, garden and real estate news, edited by Elizabeth Lorenz

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WINTER FRUIT TREE CARE ... On Sunday, Feb. 3, Gamble Garden will host a talk on “Winter Maintenance of Deciduous Fruit Trees” from 9 to 11 a.m. Instructor Jeff Scruggin, who runs his own landscape management business, will talk about the tasks to perform in winter, such as pruning for different tree forms (open, columnar, espalier, fan) and types of pruning cuts. He will also address optimizing fruit production and how to thin fruit to maximize quality and quantity. Cost is $20 for members; $30 for nonmembers. Gamble Garden is located at 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. To register, go to gamblegarden.org.

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Perfect for a Stroll

Old Palo Alto has magnetic charm for new and longtime residents

by Elizabeth Lorenz
photos by Veronica Weber

With its leafy picturesque streets, eclectic mix of architecture and addresses of some of the most famous icons in the tech world, the Old Palo Alto neighborhood is an attractive draw for tourists and residents alike.

Old Palo Alto is bordered by Alma Street (which parallels the railroad tracks), Embarcadero and Middlefield roads and Oregon Expressway. Tenneyson Avenue resident Patty Fisher, who moved to the neighborhood from Redwood City with her husband, Bob Ryan, in 1985, said she was attracted to the area because each street has a different vibe.

“The neighborhood, with the street grid and the old houses and the big trees, reminded us of home,” said Fisher, referring to the couple’s East Coast and Midwest roots. “It’s a wonderful place to walk. Big, old trees, interesting homes. You always see people walking, and they always say ‘hello.’”

At the time the duo moved into the neighborhood 33 years ago, the couple didn’t have children, and “bought a fixer upper that was a mess,” Fisher said. “We didn’t realize kids could walk to school (from our house). We didn’t even think about schools,” she said. “We were the young people on our street. All of our neighbors had children who were in college or grown.”

Fisher was a journalist for the San Jose Mercury News until she retired, while her husband was an executive with the newspaper’s parent company, Knight Ridder.

Fisher said the need for a neighborhood association wasn’t as important when she first moved into Old Palo Alto when residents like Apple founder Steve Jobs and San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young lived there.

“Some of it was, we kind of have influential people living here (so) we didn’t really need a neighborhood association,” she said. These influencers could simply call the city directly to get something taken care of.

Now, with the possibility of a high-speed rail project going by the edge of the neighborhood, Fisher said there’s been more formal activism in the neighborhood and residents have formed a neighborhood association.

Another thing that’s changed, Fisher said, is trick-or-treating on Halloween.

“We used to get hundreds of kids. Now, on Waverley and Santa Rita, they have a huge street party. They set up party-potties, decorations, a carnival. It’s gotten bigger and bigger. Thousands of people come,” she said.

Fisher’s neighbor, Joan Hancock, said the Halloween party is definitely an event for the neighborhood.

Having lived in Old Palo Alto since 1963, Hancock has seen her share of trick-or-treaters, most of whom she described as “polite children” who come to the door, take one candy and say “thank you very much.”

She and her husband, Bill, who was on the faculty of Stanford Medical School, chose their Tenneyson Avenue home — which they bought for $60,000 in 1970 — for its large yard and proximity to schools, Town & Country Village, California Avenue and Gamble Garden.

“It was a comfortable area,” said Hancock, who raised the couple’s three sons there.

She marvels at how her neighborhood has changed.

“The thing that people complain about (in Old Palo Alto) is this,” she said of investors who buy homes but choose to leave them vacant or rent them out. Hancock suggested that the city should consider an ordinance requiring a home be occupied at least six months of the year.

“One thing I don’t like is empty houses around the neighborhood bought as an investment from absentee owners and left unoccupied. It makes holes in the neighborhood,” she said, noting the home next door to her has been vacant for two years.

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CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOLS: Addison Kids’ Club, 665 Addison Ave.; Neighborhood Infant Toddler Center, 311 N. California Ave.; Walter Hays Kids’ Club, 1252 Midfielder Road

FIRE STATION: No. 3, 739 Embarcadero Road

LIBRARY: Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Road

LOCATION: Between Embarcadero Road and Oregon Expressway, Alma Street and Midfielder Road

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: Old Palo Alto Neighborhood Association, Nadia Naka, nadianaka@gmail.com, or to join go to groups.google.com/group/opana_news.

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Menlo-Atherton senior Kailani Napoleon may have been the most surprised player on the field Wednesday night but it’s no surprise the Bears are leading the Peninsula Athletic League Bay Division at the halfway point of the regular season.

Over in the West Bay Athletic League, Sacred Heart Prep has moved to the head of the class following a decisive victory earlier in the week. Staying on top will be no easy matter. Several challenges lie ahead for both the Bears and Gators, who host Crystal Springs Upland at 3:30 p.m. Friday.

Menlo School (9-2-1, 3-1) remains in close contact with Sacred Heart Prep (11-0-1, 5-0) and could make things even more interesting depending on the outcome of Friday night’s 6:15 p.m. match at Harker (9-2, 4-1). The two schools are a game behind Sacred Heart Prep, which beat the Eagles, 4-2, on Wednesday.

M-A (8-3-1, 6-0-1) has a match at San Francisco (9-0-4, 4-0-3) on Friday at 4:30 p.m. that will go a long way in deciding the title race. The teams tied, 1-1, in the league opener.

The girls races are also taking shape, with Menlo School (12-1-1, 3-0-1) at the forefront of the WBAL standings and Menlo-Atherton (5-6-2, 2-1-1) just behind. Aragon (8-3-1, 4-1), a team the Bears, who played Thursday, defeated earlier in the season, in the PAL.

Gunn (7-5-2, 6-0) leads the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League El Camino Division, just ahead of Los Altos (6-6-1, 6-1) heading into Friday’s game at Wilcox (8-6-3, 3-9). Priory (8-3-1, 2-2) continues to keep things interesting and has an important match at Notre Dame Belmont (8-5-3, 1-3) on Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Prep (5-3-5, 0-2-2) also reintroduced itself into the WBAL race after tying Menlo on Tuesday. The Gators and Knights were both in action Thursday.

The Sacred Heart boys have been nothing but consistent this season, led by senior Liam Heart Prep (11-0-1, 5-0-0) and could make things even more interesting depending on the outcome of Friday night’s 6:15 p.m. match at Harker (9-2, 4-1). The two schools are a game behind Sacred Heart Prep, which beat the Eagles, 4-2, on Wednesday.

CCS tournament.

Pinning down top honors

by Rick Eymer

Paly boys, M-A girls are dreaming large

The Palo Alto boys wrestling team heads into Saturday’s Mission San Jose Invitational with plenty of confidence. Dara Heydarpour, one of several Vikings who have turned in impressive performances, is more confident than ever that the Vikings have a good chance at winning a league title.

“I think we can be one of the top three teams in the Central Coast Section,” Heydarpour said after host Palo Alto beat Gunn, 47-25, on Tuesday night. “We’ve had some injuries but now everybody is coming back. Even without some guys, we have been able to beat opponents.”

Palo Alto placed 15th in last year’s CCS tournament, finishing behind three other SCVAL teams.

On the girls’ side, two-time defending Central Coast Section champion Menlo-Atherton reigns supreme over the local scene, though both Paly and Gunn have talented wrestlers capable of reaching the state meet.

The Lady Baler Bash at San Benito High on Saturday is another opportunity for them to hone their skills.

In addition to Heydarpour, Andrew Wang and Charlie Williams are among the top wrestlers in their respective divisions.

Wang, who won his match against Gunn, 20-6, in a former league champion and placed second in last year’s CCS tournament at 126 pounds.

Gunn’s Timothy Waymouth beat Halo Lynch, 10-2, in an entertaining match at 145 pounds. Waymouth, who has won a tournament title this season, placed seventh at last year’s CCS meet.

Menlo-Atherton’s Joshua Meyers is another wrestler to watch at the CCS tournament.
Johnson, one of the more dynamic players in the area. "We've lost Dolinko and Tommy Hogan each scored a goal and recorded an assist as Sacred Heart Prep took sole possession of first place with its win over Harker.

Alexi Stravropoulos, Kyle Nilsen, Kevin Box and Ethan Veghte are also among the Gators who have played at a high level.

Napoleon’s goal, taken from 35 yards out, appeared to be a routine save but the ball took a strange hop and kicked off to the right just as the goalkeeper got into position to short hop it. There were no defenders around for yards.

His reaction? He turned around and shrugged as if he had no idea what just happened. A few teammates came over to congratulate him but there was no wild celebration as one might expect after a goal that helped keep Menlo-Atherton squarely in charge of the league race.

“I’m still surprised,” Napoleon said afterward. “I’m really not known as the scoring type. I usually set up other guys. But I saw a lot of space and figured why not shoot.”

Sophomore defender Cole Trigg gave the Bears a 1-0 lead. Senior midfielder Jude Carabetta-Gonzales chased the ball into the corner and sent a crossing pass to the far post that found Trigg, who headed the ball into the back of the net about 15 minutes into the contest.

After losing to Sacred Heart Prep in the first game back from winter break, M-A owned a 3-3-2 mark, a result of an aggressive schedule that featured five games against teams who made last year’s Central Coast Section tournament, two that eliminated M-A over the past two post-seasons.

“On a bad day we could be caught off guard,” Krupnik said. “We have always been the team that does not shoot but that was not his best option at the time,” he said. “Fortunately it went in.”

Trigg was joined on the back line by Brandon Ortega and Seamus Robinson, who provided several key defensive plays.

Against Harker on Wednesday, Johnson opened the scoring for Sacred Heart Prep, assisted by Hogan; Aidan Basset made it 2-0 with a little help from Dolinko. Harker scored to make it 2-1 at the half.

The Eagles also scored the first goal of the second half to tie the match before the Gators responded with an unassisted goal from Hogan and Dolinko’s goal, with an assist to Johnson.

Menlo scored twice in the first three minutes of added their second Eastside and took a 3-0 lead into halftime.

Senior Jonny Ebrahimian scored four goals into the game on an assist from junior Trevor Perez. Less than two minutes later, senior Ben Lasky took a feed from sophomore Christian Corcoran for the Knights’ second goal. In the 31st minute, Lasky and Corcoran connected for an encore.

After Eastside opened the second half with a goal, junior Nico Monsalve, with an Ebrahimian assist, scored with 25 minutes left. The Panthers added their second goal with 5:55 left. Menlo had an answer, scoring twice in the last minutes. Akinola, ranked first in the CCS, and Paola Ramirez, ranked fifth, each reached the championship match at Jesse Betchel High before falling. Bautista won four of five bouts, three by pin, and Ramirez went 3-1, with a pair of pins.

Anna Smith, Evelyn Calhoon and Abby Ericson are also ranked first in the section. Lauren Fuller is ranked No. 12. Palo Alto’s Ashley Wang (no relation to Andrew) is a prime candidate to qualify for the state meet. She’s had a successful tournament season to date and is ranked second to Calhoon in the CCS.

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"Free Range" — another freestyle puzzle for everyone. Matt Jones

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Anna Smith, Evelyn Calhoon and Abby Ericson are also ranked first in the section. Lauren Fuller is ranked No. 12. Palo Alto’s Ashley Wang (no relation to Andrew) is a prime candidate to qualify for the state meet. She’s had a successful tournament season to date and is ranked second to Calhoon in the CCS.

Zoe Wong-Van Halen, ranked seventh in the CCS, placed fifth in the 111 division of the Ladies Coast Classic at Santa Cruz High.

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