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City to ask Google to expunge data

In bid to woo telecom giant, Palo Alto shared confidential utility data over several years
by Gennady Sheyner

When Google announced in March 2010 its plans to bring ultra-high-speed internet to a few lucky communities, Palo Alto officials literally danced with joy.

The city’s decades-long effort to build Fiber to the Home, a municipal fiber network, had stalled, and officials here, like elsewhere, were pinning their hopes on the Mountain View-based giant to deliver 1-Gigabyte-per-second internet to all residents and businesses. While they didn’t jump into a frozen lake like the mayor of Duluth, Minnesota, Palo Alto’s managers and Utilities employees boogied to the Village People’s “Y-M-C-A” in a video for Google’s amusement.

Its efforts turned out for naught, as Google chose Kansas City, Missouri, in 2011 to showcase its fiber-optic service. But while Palo Alto’s hopes for fiber fizzled once again, its desire to cooperate with Google did not. Even after Google shifted its sights elsewhere, the city provided the search giant with sensitive, confidential information about the city’s transmission systems, manholes, infrastructure-maintenance plans and properties — at least four times, according to newly released documents.

The first “confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement (NDA)” that the city and Google Fiber signed Oct. 17, 2012, and three later non-disclosure agreements, were obtained by the community-organizing group Working Partnerships USA through public-record requests (continued on page 10)

Lunar light show
The Super Snow Moon, the biggest full moon of the year, rises this past Tuesday above Hoover Tower at Stanford University.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Report: Inequality on the rise in Valley

Index of region highlights spiking housing costs, income gap
by Gennady Sheyner

Despite a sizzling economy and an influx of wealth, Silicon Valley remains a bastion of inequality, with more residents now struggling to afford the growing costs of housing, child care and transportation, according to a newly released snapshot of the regional economy.

The 2019 Silicon Valley Index, which was released last week by Joint Venture Silicon Valley, paints a troubling picture of a region where home prices continue to skyrocket, where tech giants are voraciously gobbling up start-ups and where more people are leaving than coming in.

These trends are casting a shadow over the region’s continuous economic expansion, with $50 billion in venture capital flowing to area companies and average annual earnings reaching $140,000, more than double the national average.

In his introduction of the annual report, Joint Venture President and CEO Russell Hancock called this year’s report a “Rorschach test,” with plenty to both cheer and worry about. Hancock noted that some of the challenges, including transportation’s woes, sky-high housing costs, and a “yawning income divide,” remain troubling but are, in a sense, “old news.”

More disquieting, he wrote, are indicators that the region’s “fundamentals” — which have driven the area’s economic vitality — could be changing.

Among the factors, he wrote, large companies are “acquiring smaller ones at a pace we’ve never seen, changing the messy way innovation has typically happened here, perhaps even stifling it.”

“Fewer startups are getting their seed funding,” Hancock (continued on page 12)
I am happy that staff made sure this remained confidential and not public.

— Tom DuBois, Palo Alto City Councilman, on city’s non-disclosure agreement with Google Fiber. See story on page 5.

### Around Town

**Addy Raquel Palacios:**

The issue is heading to the council, where the sentiment has gradually turned in favor of roof-decks since 2017. In late January, the council revised zoning rules to allow new downtown residential developments to meet their open-space requirements by installing roof-decks. And last week, as the council moved to eliminate a long-standing cap on new nonresidential development in downtown, several council members talked about their desire to see more vitality and change in the area. Meanwhile, planning staff have proposed broadening the roof-deck policy further, so that it applies not just to buildings that are too tall to meet code but to those that are too dense as well. And it does offer one concession to those concerned about too much noise:

It would allow amplified music on roof decks but specify that such music not be audible beyond the property boundaries. Despite noise concerns, John Shenk (whose firm, Toths Brothers, owns the building at 285 Hamilton Ave.) argued at a planning commission meeting in October that the “vibrancy of the roof-deck is wholly compatible with such environments, and it’s something we want to have.” On Monday, it’ll be up to the council to decide whether it agrees.

**OH THE PLACES YOU’LL GO!**

The Palo Alto Library has opened three Pop-Up Libraries in the city to help the public dive into a good e-book. The collection includes books from the “Crazy Rich Asians” trilogy by Kevin Kwan, and titles by Apple CEO Steve Jobs’ daughter Lisa Brennan Jones and comedian David Sedaris. The pop-ups can be found at the YMCA of Silicon Valley, Cafe Veneta at the Palo Alto Caltrain station and Ibarra Bakery and wine bar for a more casual lobby. The project, part of a national experiment run by book distributors Baker and Taylor and the online book collection OverDrive, is set to run through April. Users simply connect to the pop-up’s Wi-Fi network and download a title that will be on their electronic devices for up to three weeks.

It’s open to everyone with a smartphone, tablet or computer, regardless of whether they have a library card.
City purchase would add land to Boulware Park

Palo Alto ready to make an offer to AT&T, though property has no listed price

by Gennady Sheyner

A fter coveting it for more than two years, Palo Alto is preparing to make an offer on a Birch Street property that city leaders hope to transform into parkland as part of a broader plan to redevelop Ventura neighborhood.

The City Council will consider on Monday night its options for purchasing a portion of the 1.65-acre property that AT&T owns at 3350 Birch St., adjacent to Boulware Park. The site includes an AT&T building, which the company is not selling, and an undeveloped 0.64-acre section near the intersection of Ash Street and Lambert Avenue. AT&T had put on the market in early January.

If the city buys the property, it would be able to expand the 1.5-acre Boulware Park and add a recreational amenity to a dynamic neighborhood where parkland has been in relatively short supply. The neighborhood barely meets the city’s parkland standard, which encourages having park space within half a mile of all homes. The few parks it does have are either very small (Sarah Wallis Park), relatively hard to get to or both (Boulware). A Comprehensive Plan policy calls for neighborhood parks to be at least 2 acres in size.

The council has been discussing the possible purchase of the AT&T site since fall 2016, when officials first learned that the company was exploring a sale. Last June, when the council was discussing raising the city’s hotel-tax rate to pay for infrastructure and new community amenities, the AT&T site was one of the projects that council members cited in their arguments for the higher rate. Mayor Eric Filseth, who supported raising the hotel-tax rate by 2 percent, pegged the move as a chance for the council “to invest in the community” and add new recreational amenities.

“I really want to buy the AT&T (site) next to Boulware Park, for example, and we have no chance to do that if we don’t do something here,” Filseth said at the June 18 hearing.

Though voters decided to raise the hotel tax rate to 15.5 percent in the November election, rather than the 16 percent for which Filseth and others had lobbied, Palo Alto has other options to pay for the site. The city collects parkland development-impact fees, which will have a balance of $2.7 million after all the other scheduled park-improvement projects are accounted for, according to a new report from the Administrative Service Department.

The city also collects “parkland dedication fees” that are earmarked for development or rehabilitating community parks, and the city may have up to $1.2 million available in this account. Even so, the report notes that

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inconsistent code-enforcement program.

In approving its annual budget last summer, the council agreed to retain all five performance auditor positions (which former Councilman Greg Scharff had previously recommended eliminating). The Finance Committee also recommended by a 3-1 vote, with Lydia Kou dissenting, that the council should revisit the topic of the office’s long-term future later in the year.

Kou stressed the importance of keeping a fully staffed Office of the City Auditor, which was created in 1983 by a city vote. The city auditor is one of four positions — along with city manager, city attorney and city clerk — that is appointed directly by the council.

Now, with Richardson’s departure, the office is preparing for a transition period. A new report from the office of City Manager Ed Shikada recommends hiring the consulting company Management Partners to oversee the office’s ongoing work on an interim basis. The agreement is expected to span between four to six months, with compensation coming from salary savings related to Richardson’s departure. The Human Resources Department will also assign a manager to provide “ongoing personnel supervision” to the auditor’s office, according to the report.

At the same time, the city is preparing to put out a request for proposals for another consultant who will help the council consider broader long-term changes for the office. The consultant would help compare Palo Alto’s city auditor function with those of other government agencies and consider whether some of the office’s responsibilities should be shifted from the auditor’s office to that of the city manager (whose programs are routinely overseen by the auditor).

The report from Shikada’s office notes that the resources needed to staff the city auditor’s office “could be provided in a variety of manners, ranging from entirely in-house staffing to project-specific consultant engagement, or a combination of resources.”

“Given the City Council’s ongoing review of the city’s strategy for fiscal stability, including the costs and funding necessary for city-employee pensions, this is an appropriate time to review organizational options for resourcing the city’s audit function.”

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Google’s real estate deals in San and published in The Washington Post that year. Palo Alto is one of nine municipalities that provided information in response to the requests (San Jose; Boulder, Colorado; Clarksville, Tennessee; Council Bluffs, Iowa; Lenoir, North Carolina; Middlebush, Texas; Lithia, Georgia; and Dailies, bygone days). In surveying the information, the nonprofits focused on Google’s real estate deals in San Jose, where it is planning to build a campus. Working Partnerships had identified as “potential Fiber cities.” The city’s exploration of year of a “co-build” agreement, which called for the city to build a municipal system in parallel with Google’s network, also fizzled.

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With the City Council backing the co-build model, the city and Google signed yet another non-disclosure agreement in June 2016. Signed by Reichental, former City Manager James Keene and current City Manager Ed Shikada (who was at the time serving as assistant city manager and general manager of utilities), the agreement doesn’t specify exactly what type of information the city would be releasing to Google. Though it states that the parties “desire to evaluate, negotiate and possibly enter into a business transaction that would include shared responsibility for construction of a fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) network in Palo Alto” and includes “utilities customer data in its definition of “confidential information.”

The new effort prompted an exchange of emails between the city and Google about a potential Master Encroachment Agreement that the city would sign with Google. The effort did not, however, pan out. By late 2016, Google had pivoted away from fiber, apparently deeming a broad expansion too costly. In early 2017, city utilities staff informed the council in a report that Google had advised staff “that they are exploring more innovative ways to deploy their network, which may include implementing wireless technologies.”

DuBois, who now works at Google (he did not in 2015, when the city was considering the co-build), told the Weekly that the council was not briefed on staff’s non-disclosure agreements with Google. He did not, however, see anything wrong with sharing the information.

“The fact that we were applying to be a Google Fiber city was not a secret or confidential,” DuBois told the Weekly in an email. “When building a network, gas lines, sewer pipes, electrical upgrades, etc., it may require sharing details of the location of utilities, which would fall under FERC and need to be kept confidential. I am happy that staff made sure this remained confidential and not public.”

And while it’s not clear what Palo Alto ultimately got out of the arrangement, DuBois said the city’s intention at the time of the agreement was to build out a network.

“In general, I don’t think it should be shared with private companies, except when hired by the city to perform work for city services and such information is needed for safe construction and planning (to prevent digging through gas lines, power, etc.),” DuBois wrote. “Given the scale of a citywide broadband network, it likely would have been necessary to share this information if the build-out happened.”

When asked about Google’s policies for protecting sensitive utility information, a spokesperson for Google Fiber indicated in a statement that the company has followed its agreement with the Palo Alto. The agreement prohibits the company from using the information in any way not related to the fiber effort.

“We’ve complied with the terms of our agreement with the city, which requires us to treat all confidential information as such,” the spokesperson stated in an email. Even so, the city may soon take action to request that the company actually delete the data it had provided, given that Palo Alto and Google Fiber are no longer in negotiations.

Claudia Keith, chief communications officer for the city of Palo Alto, told the Weekly that it is “standard practice for the city to enter into non-disclosure agreements when providing third parties with utility information, since there can be security reasons to limit public availability of information on our facilities.”

She also indicated in response to the Weekly’s inquiries that the city will ask Google to return or destroy the sensitive utility information.

“And, while we have no reason to believe there has been any compromising of this information, we will be requesting the return/destruction of materials as per the NDA,” Keith told the Weekly.

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wrote. “Our high costs (including salaries) are causing innovative companies to look elsewhere.”

For the third year in a row, Silicon Valley has seen more people move out than move in, the report states. Between July 2017 and July 2018, Santa Clara County had a net “out migration” of domestic residents of about 15,000, trailing only Los Angeles and Orange counties. Strikingly, foreign immigrants are also leaving in greater numbers than coming in. Between July 2015 and July 2018, the region gained 61,977 foreign immigrants but lost 64,318 to other parts of California and the United States. Those who choose to stay within California are heading to regions such as the Sacramento and Stockton/Tracy areas where housing costs are significant lower,” the report states.

The report also notes the region’s slowing population growth, which is due primarily to the region’s slow and declining birth rate.

At the same time, Silicon Valley remains a diverse region. The report showed that in 2017, Asian residents made up 34 percent of the population, marking the first time that they have represented the largest share of the region’s population (in 2007 they accounted for 28 percent of the population). The percentage of white residents has decreased from 40.4 percent in 2007 to 33.5 percent in 2017, the report states.

The report also underscores the region’s failures, despite recent statewide and local efforts, to increase residential development and lower housing costs. Median home prices in Silicon Valley skyrocketed in 2018, going up by a whopping 21 percent and reaching $1.18 million, the report states. And while rental rates in the San Francisco and San Jose metro areas remained steady in 2018, they were significantly higher than in any other metro area in the nation (in these two areas, rental rates are $3.42 and $3.20 per square foot, respectively; New York is a distant third at $2.67 per square foot).

Housing supply has not come anywhere close to keeping up with demand. While the region has produced close to 18,000 new units over the past two years, the new projects have not come close to making up for insufficient building over the prior decade, according to the report. The Index estimates that between 2007 and 2016, Silicon Valley created a housing shortage of about 38,000 units, which would be needed to accommodate the region’s growing population.

Furthermore, new buildings are generally priced for the wealthy. More than half of newly approved residential units in Silicon Valley are affordable to residents who earn less than 80 percent of the area median income. For most potential first-time homebuyers, local prices remain far out of reach. The report shows that only 22 percent of potential-first-time homebuyers in Santa Mateo County — and 30 percent in Santa Clara County — can afford a median-priced home.

The lack of affordable housing, the report notes, “results in longer commutes, diminished productivity, curtailment of family time, and increased traffic congestion.”

“It also restricts the ability of crucial service providers — such as teachers, registered nurses, and police officers — to live near the communities they work,” the report states. “Additionally, high housing costs can limit families’ ability to pay for basic needs, such as food, health care, transportation, child care and clothing. They can push residents to live with one another for economic reasons and can increase homelessness.”

Despite a recent push by traditionally growth-average cities like Palo Alto to encourage more housing, the pace of construction remains sluggish. The number of residential units that were permitted in Silicon Valley in 2018 — 8,400 — was actually lower than in 2017, when more than 9,000 units received the green light. The report underscores the region’s growing income gap, with the number of high-income households (earning $150,000 or more) in Silicon Valley and San Francisco rising by 35 percent in the past four years and 2 percent of households claiming 27 percent of the wealth.

Furthermore, more than a quarter of Silicon Valley households have household incomes above $200,000, compared to 11 percent statewide and 7 percent nationally. But for those at the lower end of the income scale, it has become considerably more difficult to afford basic needs. One of the more startling statistics in the new report is the rising cost of child care, which has gone up by 52 percent since 2012 and now stands at about $200,000 annually for infants. The cost of transportation needs for a family of four has gone up by 18 percent since 2014 and is now about $6,300.

The report points to income disparities that persist between residents of various races and ethnicities, and between men and women at the same level of educational attainment.” The tech industry continues to be dominated by men. Only 18 percent of highly educated women between the ages of 24 and 44 worked in technical occupations in 2017, compared with 43 percent of their male counterparts.

The report also showed that women made up just 28 percent of the workforce at Silicon Valley’s largest tech companies in 2017, and a mere 19 percent of technical roles and leadership positions. One finding that is unlikely to surprise readers is the growing commute times. Even though the average number of miles driven by Silicon Valley residents has declined for three consecutive years (reaching 22 miles in 2017), solo commuting remains the most popular option — one chosen by 72 percent of Silicon Valley workers (down from 75 percent a decade ago). The report notes that the average commute time has gone up by 29 percent over the past decade, adding an additional 43 hours of driving time per commuter annually. In 2017, 6.5 percent of employees spent more than three hours on their daily work commutes.

Likely driven by traffic congestion, the share of commuters taking public transportation rose, from 4.9 percent in 2011 to 6.5 percent in 2016. Ridership on Caltrain, a popular commute option on the Peninsula, rose between 2010 and 2018 by 45 percent. Transportation needs in Silicon Valley went up by 4 percent over the past four years, the report found, even as it decreased statewide by 12 percent over the same period.

“Changing transportation costs affect our residents’ ability to get around and still afford their other basic needs,” the report states. “And the amount of time wasted due to long commutes and traffic delays affects the everyday lives of our residents — taking time away from work, participating in the community, or being with family and friends.”

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Joseph Kott

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The Palo Alto transportation official from 1998 to 2005 dedicated much of his life to pursuing ways to get drivers out of their cars, becoming a prominent thought-leader in the push to create a regional transportation system aimed at reducing traffic congestion.

He co-founded Transportation Choices for Sustainable Communities, which focused on developing transportation systems in cities nationwide; served as a private consultant at local, regional and state levels; taught sustainable transportation professionals how to create and maintain a safe environment for walking, biking, and transit; and served on the board of Visitors starting in 2010.

Kott is survived by his wife of 45 years, Katherine (Kitto) Kott; son Paul Thomas Kott; daughter, Amy Elizabeth Rands; brother-in-law Henry Kaufman; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

William D. Iaculla

Acclaimed Artist / Sculptor — Palo Alto

William D. Iaculla, passed away peacefully on February 11, 2019 at the age of 91.

Bill is survived by his wife, Della Kozy, Long Time Partner Philip Warman and many Beloved Family Members and Friends.


Bill was an Educator and Mentor to all. He taught School in Millbrae for over 30 years. He was a long time member of the Palo Alto / Pacific Art League, where he gave Lectures, Juried Shows and Taught Art and Sculpture until the age of 85.

Art was Bill’s Life Passion. His personal Exhibits and Awards are too numerous to mention, but truly Amazing and Prolific. His Art Works were eclectic, colorful and always avant-garde. His Life Works included Paintings, Wood Sculptures, Metal Sculptures, Ceramics, Resin Geometric Forms, Archival Paper Art, Life Forms and Bronze Castings.

Bill’s Art Themes were derived from his Family Roots, a remote southern town of Ricigliano, Italy, were his Father Joe was born. The town dates back to 1320 B.C., inhabited in turn by Greeks, Etruscans and Romans. The town’s history is filled with classical art, satire, animals, dreams and fetishes, all of which have become part of Bill’s Creations.

Bill always Preached Peace and expressed the importance of being Non-Judgmental to others.

“I am an Artist for justice and peace, my works are influenced greatly by world conflicts, 9-11, violence and revenge in repeated disasters of war.” — William D. Iaculla

May He Rest in Peace.

The Family will be holding a Private Vigil for Bill.

Alan Lawrence Kaganov

December 7, 1938 – February 2, 2019

Alan Kaganov, 80, died in his home in Los Altos Hills on February 2, 2019 after a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis, which he fought with his characteristic combination of optimism, scientific analysis and creativity.

Even two days before he died, he was in discussion with colleagues on ways to improve the oxygen delivery systems that were sustaining his life.

Holder of 15 US patents, Dr. Kaganov was a pioneer in biomedical engineering. He helped to develop treatments for many conditions including heart arrhythmia, internal issues, spinal and circulatory diseases and drug-delivery systems.

In 2017, Alan and his wife, Carol M. Kaganov, established the Kaganov Research Initiative at Duke University. This unique program aims to advance the diagnosis, treatment and outcomes of pulmonary diseases by fostering new collaborations across Engineering, Medicine at Duke, where he earned his BS in 1960 in Mechanical Engineering. He received Duke’s Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award in 2004.

Alan’s undergraduate degree was just the beginning of an amazing training career which focused on the new field of Biomedical Engineering, first at Johnson & Johnson. Along the way he earned an MBA from New York University in 1966 in corporate finance. He also completed his Doctor of Science degree from Columbia University in 1975. Alan and Carol established a Professorship at Columbia as part of their legacy, and he served on its Engineering Board of Visitors starting in 2010.

His varied career focused on developing innovative new technologies at major medical device companies as well as start-ups, moving from R&D roles to general management, first at the Davis and Geck division of Lederle, then part of American Cyanamid.

He moved on to Baxter Healthcare in Illinois, where he was General Manager of the Feinwal Division, and then — recognizing his entrepreneurial spirit as well as R & D skills — he was made Vice President of Technology and New Ventures. A chance to become CEO led to EP Technologies in Palo Alto, CA, a start-up that produced steerable catheters for treating arrhythmias. It was acquired by Boston Scientific, where he became Vice President of Acquisitions and Strategic Planning.

Alan joined U.S. Venture Partners in 1996 where served as a venture partner, partner and senior advisor for over 22 years. He distinguished himself as an inscrutable, passionate and successful investor, and as a mentor to many executives in the firm’s portfolio. It cofounded Aptus Endosystems in 2002 and served as its chairman. Other board positions included NewUro, Neuros Medical, Attiriche, St. Francis, A-Med Systems, Spinal Elements, and Flextronics.

“Alan had an unusual combination of personality, skills and experience that made him a great venture capitalist. He could not only identify and articulate the strategic issues, but based on his strong technical background and experience, he was an unusually valuable resource to entrepreneurs. And he was also a nice guy that everyone loved,” remarked Phil Young, a longtime general partner and current senior advisor.

Alan was especially proud of his contributions to the Stanford University Bio-Science Lab, Ballard, Inc., where he was a healthcare advisor, and the Gladstone Institute, where he was on the Board of an innovative Fellowship. He has been a generous supporter of the San Francisco Symphony and the Smuin Ballet, where he was an avid audience member as well as on its board. Alan was a passionate traveler, gardener, investor, and dedicated fan of the NY Yankees, the NY Giants and the Duke Blue Devils basketball team.

Alan Kaganov was born in Brooklyn, NY, on December 7, 1938, son of Morris and Sally Kaganov, and grew up in Miami Beach, FL, where he attended high school. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Carol Kaufman, from Albany, NY, sister Debby (Gil) Wolfenson, brother-in-law Henry Kaufman and wife, Meryl Unger, nephews Andrew (Jennifer) Wolfenson and Barry Wolfenson, nieces Carin (David) Blatteis and Erica (Dan) Asher, and eight grand-nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Alan Kaganov’s life will be held in late March at Palo Alto. A celebration of life and contributions in honor of Alan L. Kaganov may be sent to: DUKE UNIVERSITY – KAGANOV INITIATIVE, attention “Judge” Carr, Sr. Assoc. Dean for Development and Alumni Affairs, 305 S. Almaden Building, Box 90271 Durham, NC 27708. Or, call (919) 660-5385, or email gifts.Duke.edu

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Editorial

Don't give up on rail
As high-speed rail project is scaled back, leaders should look for new options

It is hard to argue with Gov. Gavin Newsom’s decision to abandon the original vision for a high-speed rail system enabling travel between San Francisco and Los Angeles in just two hours and 40 minutes. The $77 billion project, originally estimated to cost $44 billion, was already on life support when State Auditor Elaine Howle released a blistering report in November entitled “California High-Speed Rail Authority: Its flawed decision-making and poor contract management have contributed to billions in cost overruns and delays in the system’s construction.”

The auditor found that the rail authority rushed the construction-process, didn’t adequately oversee contractors and consultants and began construction before needed land was acquired and agreements with local government and railroad operators completed. The project had become a pipe dream, and even supporters had soured on its prospects for delivering what had been promised.

Newsom had little choice but to scale back the project to a route between Bakersfield and Merced and abandon any pretense that high-speed rail would eventually connect San Francisco and Los Angeles.

When voters approved the high-speed rail proposal in November 2008 through Proposition 1A, California and the rest of the nation were in the midst of the recession and the collapse of financial markets two months earlier. The hugely ambitious infrastructure project had strong support from unions, elected officials, environmentalists, the Obama administration and 53 percent of Californians. As the price tag and bureaucratic missteps skyrocketed and no private investment surfaced, the dream became an albatross.

Back in late 2008 and 2009, local highways flowed at the speed limit during rush hour. Commute times were reasonable. Housing prices beyond the Midpeninsula weren’t anything like what they are today, and employees commuting from places like Tracy or Merced were few and far between. Google, Facebook and other tech companies employed a fraction of the people they do today.

More than 10 years later, the transportation needs of our region are dramatically different and the original vision for a modern rail system needs to be re-invented, not thrown out. The scaling back of high-speed rail is an opportunity to study and build a system that addresses real problems affecting average people instead of providing a service that air travel already handles at a competitive price.

Silicon Valley and the Central Valley desperately need to be better connected, both to serve the thousands of people who are commuting tremendous distances to jobs here and to spread the economic successes of our region to places like Modesto, Merced and Fresno. Making these Central Valley cities more accessible will help them attract companies and employees that we no longer have room for here, and it will allow growth to occur in areas of inexpensive housing and an abundance of available workers.

Fresno’s population is now well over a half million, more than Sacramento. Modesto has more than 215,000 residents; Merced 83,000 and Turlock 74,000. Yet they remain largely detached from our strong California coastal economy.

The quality of life for workers who spend up to five hours or more a day commuting, largely driving alone, to Silicon Valley is intolerable, inhumane and unsustainable. It leads to unhappy employees, families and employers, high turnover and little or no time for community connections, attending school events or coaching kids’ sports teams.

The success of the ACE (Altamont Corridor Express) train that connects Stockton with San Jose over the Altamont Pass shows what is possible even on tracks shared with freight trains and with travel times of almost two hours between Tracy and San Jose.

A modern, dedicated and faster rail system, whether high-speed or not, that connects our region with the Central Valley deserves travel times of almost two hours between Tracy and San Jose. Let’s not let the failure of the original vision for a full north-to-south high-speed-rail project stop us from seeking rail solutions to the transportation crisis we face today.

In response to ‘Former Palo Alto transportation head Joseph Kott dies at 73’
Posted Feb. 20 at 11:30 a.m. by Stuart Berman, a resident of Old Palo Alto

Joe was ahead of the game in seeing the traffic problems that would beset Palo Alto in the future and he tried to offer timely solutions with visionary yet practical plans. I was sorry to see the opposition that he often faced and even sorrier to see him leave his position at the City of Palo Alto. Was it because of the roadblocks to progress that he faced? I don’t know, but I have missed him since he departed Palo Alto. And now he is lost to us forever. I’m sad the he is gone.

Posted Feb. 20 at 2:30 p.m. by Tricia Dolkas, a resident of Downtown North
Joe was an amazing, unique man. No matter what the issue and whether you agreed with Joe or not, he was a man with 100 percent integrity. His passion for getting people into more environment transportation modes coupled with his patience with people’s natural hesitation to change made him a rare person who was humble, gracious, smart and compassionate. He will be missed.

In response to ‘Stanford construction site could be in violation of city law’
Posted Feb. 16 at 10:19 a.m. by R. Davis, a resident of Crescent Park

If Stanford University actually owns these vacant lots, shouldn’t they be allowed to store lumber there even if it is a potential eyesore? Not defending Stanford but ‘back in the day’ if you owned an empty lot and were building right next door, this wasn’t an issue.

On the other hand, Stanford University is getting a bit too big for its britches and their objectives often conflict with the residents of Palo Alto.

Then again, if it wasn’t for Leland Stanford, there probably wouldn’t be the City of Palo Alto as we now know it as the larger town of Mayfield was rejected as a university site.

Pretty ironic to say the least.
A veritable ‘invasion of unicorns’ is hitting Silicon Valley big time this year, according to a new report detailing economic trends and reality in the region.

No, this is not a fantasy, even though unicorns are exceedingly rare this side of myth and imagination, songs and children’s books.

In the real world, of which Palo Alto is usually considered a major part, a “unicorn” is a private company that has amassed a worth of $1 billion or more. That amazing sum has usually been achieved with the help of “angel investors,” defined as individuals or investor groups that have invested $100 million or more in the once-mythical-seeming sci-fi world of high-technology.

The annual “Silicon Valley Index” was unveiled Feb. 15 at an annual “State of the Valley” conference in San Jose — attended by more than 1,300 corporate leaders, government officials, media and citizen observers. The conference is sponsored by the industry-based Joint Venture Silicon Valley, which has published the Index each year since 1995.

The Index is a comprehensive examination of trends and statistics that comprise the economic world of Silicon Valley, a region that encompasses Santa Clara and Alameda counties and a large portion of the San Francisco Bay region generally.

But the report is vastly more than an annual yearbook of trends and statistics. It is candid in its assessments of real-world trends, bolstered by statistics and observations that sum up the actual day-to-day outlook of the region.

Five years ago, the Index detailed a reality affecting many thousands of residents and workers when it reported that the “middle class” in “The Valley” was shrinking as an economic class. Instead, the lower economic end — those struggling to survive in a high-cost area — was growing while the upper end, the vastly wealthy, was also expanding, creating a huge sinkhole gap in between.

The cost of housing is a significant focus of the Index this year, reflecting the fact that housing costs are the highest in the nation. The overall average monthly cost of housing is $2,351 while the average rental cost is $2,911.

“We need more housing. We needed it yesterday,” Joint Venture CEO Russell Hancock said of the crisis. “We need to be building all kinds of housing. It needs to be dense, it needs to be vertical, it needs to be situated in reasonable proximity to mass transit options.

“We need to be strong, forceful advocates for that kind of housing.”

But Hancock is aware of the challenges, including resistance of local communities to a surge in housing development, such as the widespread resistance in the early 2000s when the Association of Bay Area Governments published a housing-allotment report by community, based mostly on where the jobs were.

Palo Alto, which has been job-heavy since the fast-growth 1950s and 1960s, was far up the list. But the city is also known for being environmentally conscious with a citizenry aversive to intensive development anywhere.

Hancock acknowledges that Palo Alto is “already fairly intensely built. There’s not a lot of developable land.

“But we have built more around Califor- nia Avenue and Altered means in the right direction,” he said in a phone interview this week.

Besides, housing is not just a Palo Alto problem, he noted: “It’s a regional issue and everybody has to do their part.” How big a part is yet to be determined, despite literally decades of discussion and debate locally.

One solution is to build more housing in outlying areas, where there is more open (and affordable) land.

But that alternative is dependent on having housing transportation from home to workplace — something better than spending three or more hours on jammed freeways, burning high-priced fuel and polluting the air.

Such outlying areas have yet to be really heard from about a major surge in housing construction, but assuming a better level of acceptance than one might find in Palo Alto and neighboring communities it is worth considering.

If, that is, transportation can be improved.

Enter the challenges of electrifying Cal- Train on the Peninsula and moving forward with the pet project of former Gov. Jerry Brown: high-speed rail.

New Governor Gavin Newsom has already begun to cut back the visionary concept of super-fast trains zipping back and forth from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

His plan at present is to run the line from San Francisco to, say, Fresno or Bakersfield.

Newsom now says a reason for high-speed rail is to promote the economies of the valley areas.

Hancock agrees with the idea of high-speed rail, but with additional elements — namely that getting people back and forth from home to work efficiently will perpetuate the economic miracle of Silicon Valley.

“Unicorns,” say, are the camps of the endangered-species list.

“That’s a better style of living than people spending three hours driving from Liver- more to Stockton, Salinas,” he said of the auto- clogged freeway alternative.

High-speed rail “relates back to housing,” he notes.

“It matters so much to people to locate where housing is affordable because they can hop on a train and still get to jobs in Silicon Valley. They could be living in Merced or even Fresno and still get to work in 45 minutes.”

This year’s Index is compiled and written (except for the cover letter by Hancock) under the supervision of Rachel Massaro, of the spinoff group, Joint Venture Silicon Valley’s Institute for Regional Studies. Her vivid writing illuminates virtually every page.

The Index is available online at https://jointventure.org/download-the-2019-index.

Having reported on Joint Venture Silicon Valley since it was headed by Rebecca Morgan, prior to Hancock’s coming aboard as CEO in 2003, I was not surprised by its excellence.

Anyone who needs or desires to know about the region where they live or work ought to at least peruse this remarkable work. In my view, it should be expected, if not required, reading for every government official from top to bottom.

It also would be a rich source of real-world knowledge for high school, community college, college and even graduate students, with or without unicorns.

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**Letters**

A faulty vision

(*Editor*)

My father, John H. Weakland, a pioneer in modern psychology and development of family therapy and brief therapy, is surely rolling in his grave with the news that his lifelong workplace, the MRI, will cease to exist as a center of psychological research, teaching, and practice.

I’m sure that his long-time colleagues, Paul Watzlawick and Dick Fisch, Dad’s co-founders of the Brief Therapy Center, are doing the same.

Dad’s legacy was an institute with an international reach and reputation that brought visiting therapists from around the world.

It greatly concerns me that your article (“Therapists to lose home at landmark Mental Research Institute,” Feb. 9, Palo Alto Online) reviews the large decline in MRI revenues over the past several years — a timeframe that parallels the tenure of the current executive director. Ms. Suberville was hired in January 2016 and developed a plan to utterly change the MRI: sell its sole financial asset and become director of a new granting foundation.

She describes herself on LinkedIn as a “social entrepreneur.” Her background prior to the MRI was executive director of the American Cultural Society. Can she be knowledgeable enough about the field of psychology to make such significant changes or to lead a foundation that honors MRI’s historic past?

To so utterly change the MRI, and reduce it to a business entity, truly appalls me.

**Brief Therapy Center Director**

Karlin Schlanger, a student and friend of both my father and Dick Fisch, has dedicated her life to the Center. They will be displaced from the sale of the Institute’s building. As one of the fundamental legacies of the MRI and its core therapists, the continuation of the Brief Therapy Center should be a primary concern, and should be very well cared for by this “new MRI.”

If not, Suberville’s vision is truly faulty.

**Joan Weakland**

Manuela Court

Palo Alto

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**Rail at grade is best**

(*Editor*)

We have many priorities to meet in the Palo Alto rail upgrade: Safety is paramount for the local community and rail riders. We also need a cost-effective solution that minimizes noise, improves traffic flow and provides rapid train service. The best option for rail service in Palo Alto is rail at grade, with underpasses for cars and pedestrian bridges over the tracks.

Palo Alto is already using the auto-under-rail approach successfully at Oregon Expressway and Embarcadero. It could be enhanced by building well-camouflaged bike/pedestrian bridges. This solution can be implemented at Palo Alto Avenue, Meadow Drive and Charleston Road at reasonable cost if non-critical turns are eliminated. Traffic flow can be improved because some traffic lights can be removed.

The solution to the complexity of turns at Meadow and Charleston at Aloma Street is to treat these intersections as a unit. The priority for Charleston should be to feed traffic to and from I-101 onto South Palo Alto with straight underground lanes. Minimal turns are needed there. For example, a car that wants to turn left from Charleston onto Alma can be diverted to a left-turn lane built as a tunnel or flyover at Meadow, skipping the need for that turn at Charleston. All the needed turns can be mapped out in a way that saves a lot of space and generally circumscribes the need to take private property.

The citywide tunnel will simply be unaffordable for the city of Palo Alto. It is also incompatible with the existing valuable infrastructure at Oregon and Embarcadero and will disrupt several creeks. A viaduct option will also be very expensive, noisy and unsightly.

Rail at grade with auto underpasses and pedestrian overpasses will be the most cost-effective solution with reasonable noise and excellent safety. It is the most realistic approach.

Adam Brand

Ramona Street

Palo Alto
For more than a decade, internationally celebrated photographer Camille Seaman has documented the rapidly changing landscapes of Earth’s polar regions. Her large format photographs of icebergs that appeared in her prize-winning book, Melting Away, are both sublime and intriguingly intimate because, as she says, “I treat these as portraits of individuals, much like family photos of my ancestors. I seek a moment in their life in which they convey their unique personality.”

This remarkable work was followed by a second book, The Big Cloud, in which Seaman manages to portray immense supercell storms on the Great Plains as spectacular individual “portraits,” each one with a distinct personality. Seaman’s ability to personalize the landscape derives, she believes, from her Shinnecock tribal heritage, which taught her from an early age to recognize all living beings—trees, spiders, fish, and even ice—as individual members of one, enormous family.

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So what would bring JR, who now lives and works in New York City, to San Francisco? In an interview in France Today Magazine, the artist explained, “I want to work in depth on all the layers of the city because there are some very big problems with homeless people there and I want to visualize that by going to different neighborhoods.”

In order to do this, JR and his assistants parked a 53-foot trailer truck, with a photo studio outfitted inside, around 22 locations in the city. Passersby were invited to participate by posing, in any way they chose. Nearly 1,200 people took part in the project, which yielded thousands of black-and-white images.

In a statement about the project the artist explained, “Every person is presented at the same size, captured with the same light. No one is more important than another. It is not a group photo, but rather a group of photos. I work with the individuals as they decide how they want to be represented. The mural aims to be a picture of society, not depicting good and bad, but rather showing that both sides are present in everyone.”

JR’s photo murals, including “The Chronicles of San Francisco, Balloons, Close up, Work in progress, USA, 2018,” attempt to capture the essence of a city through its residents.

In the gallery press release, Pace states that these works are “derived from and inspired by” a large-scale mural project by JR that will be presented in May at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. SFMOMA describes the final project as: “a digital mural that scrolls across a seamless bank of screens, bringing together the faces and untold stories of the people we encounter every day.” The mural will be installed in the Roberts Family Gallery, which is free to the public.

The exhibition reflects JR’s keen interest in people and how they reflect the urban setting in which they live. How well did he manage to capture San Francisco? Quite successfully, I would say. In one print, there is a unicorn in the background. If these mythical creatures did exist, San Francisco would be the logical place to find one.

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How a beloved family recipe inspired Ladera Foods

From pantry to production: the story of a local granola company

**Story by Kate Bradshaw | Photos by Magali Gauthier**

The roots for one of the Peninsula’s most popular granola brands and a growing local business can be traced back to when Brian Tetrud, the CEO of Ladera Foods, was a kid growing up in the community of Ladera.

He was one of three children and the son of two doctors. His health-conscious mother, Karen Butterfield, an internist at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, decided to create her own granola recipe after a local brand raised its prices. After some experimentation, Butterfield arrived at a concoction that quickly became popular with family and friends, Tetrud said. “It was clear we had a winner.”

After graduating from Menlo-Atherton High School, Tetrud attended Ithaca College and then worked in renewable energy. He was in Washington, D.C. in 2010, when his mom came to visit, and in passing, suggested starting a business with their family granola recipe.

Tetrud decided to give it a shot. He spent about a year gathering feedback and learning how to build a food business. He talked to Kevin Bianchini, owner of Bianchini’s Market in Ladera, to figure out how to package the product and sought guidance from the founders of other granola companies, including southern California-based Bear Naked. He obtained the necessary permits and approvals and with the help of a lawyer incorporated the business.

Tetrud had about $100,000 to invest in the company, his mother provided a loan and he took out other loans. He also raised money from friends and family.

Finally, in July 2011, he launched the granola at Bianchini’s Market. Manufacturing started in Redwood City, later moved to San Mateo and is done back in Redwood City, off of Seaport Boulevard.

“It started out as a one-man show,” said Tetrud now 30. He started doing just about everything himself — demonstrations, food production, deliveries, sales and accounting. “It helped me understand every aspect of the business.”

However, to expand the business, he had to enlist the help of people in the community, he said. He’s kept things local, hiring fellow M-A grads Dylan Torres as director of sales and John Eberli as marketing manager and social media guru. Now, about a dozen people are involved in the operation, the equivalent of about seven full-time employees. A number of the employees are also from Ladera. The business has evolved and now generates revenue from three sources: retail, catering and co-packing (packaging other companies’ products). On the retail front, Ladera Foods’ granola is sold in 1,500 stores and through Amazon. The company also supplies local corporate catering entities that feed employees at Stanford University, Twitter and Paypal, among others.

Setting up shop in Silicon Valley brings its own pros and cons — on the positive side, Tetrud said, there have been a number of investors and supporters who have provided helpful business advice. However, retaining talent has been a challenge due to competition in the job market.

Over the years, the company has expanded to sell three types of granola: the original nine-in-ingredient recipe, which contains cinnamon and cardamom; cocoa almond, which Tetrud describes as a healthful version of “Cocoa Puffs”; and a nut-free vanilla-quinua granola, which contains seeds instead of nuts for protein.

Despite the variations, Tetrud said “it’s the same product we grew up with.”

The recipes, he said, are simple, and the granola contains less sugar than other brands.

“It’s just made of stuff you’d find in your pantry,” he said. “That is something we’ve stuck to our guns about.”

Eberli, 28, says that granola is surprisingly versatile. Tasked with marketing a crunchy snack most people associate with breakfast or camping, he said he tries to attract customers who don’t already eat it.

“Don’t think about it as a cereal,” he said. Instead, he suggests, think about it as a topping — add it to yogurt, salads, fruit or oatmeal, or as a supplement for a baking project.

“It is a premium granola, but we like it that way,” Tetrud said. “We want it to be the best.”

For recipes and serving suggestions, see Ladera Foods’ Instagram at @laderafoods.

Almanac News staff writer Kate Bradshaw can be emailed at kbradshaw@almanacnews.com.
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Answers to this week’s puzzles, which can be found on page 43.

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COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2019, REGULAR MEETING
PLACE: ISAC Newton Center Auditorium, County Government Center
70 West Hedding Street, 1st Floor, San Jose, CA 95150

AGENDA

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Brown Act, those requiring accommodations in this meeting should notify the Clerk of the Planning Commission no less than 24 hours prior to the meeting at (408) 299-6774, or TDD (408) 903-8272.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: The Planning Commission may take other actions relating to the issues as may be determined following consideration of the matter and discussion of the recommended actions.

Opening

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment.

This item is reserved for persons desiring to address the Commission on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission that is not on this agenda. Members of the public who wish to address the Commission on any item not listed on the agenda should complete a Request to Speak form and place it in the tray near the podium. The Chairperson will call individuals to the podium in turn. Speakers are limited to the following: three minutes if the Chairperson or designee determines that five or fewer speakers wish to address the Commission; two minutes if the Chairperson or designee determines that between six and fourteen persons wish to address the Commission; and one minute if the Chairperson or designee determines that fifteen or more persons wish to address the Commission. The law does not permit Commission action or extension of discussion of any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Commission action or response is requested, the Commission may place the matter on a future agenda. Statements that require a response may be referred to staff for reply in writing.

Approval of Minutes

4. Approve minutes of the December 20, 2018 Regular Meeting.
5. Approve minutes of the January 24, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Regular Agenda - Items for Discussion

6. Public hearing to consider amendments to County of Santa Clara Zoning Ordinance to expand applicability of size, scale, and intensity regulations (also referred to as local-serving regulations) for certain industrial, commercial, recreational, and institutional uses in rural areas to ensure consistency within regulations. The proposed amendments include rezoning two parcels from A1 (General Use) to Ranchlands (Assessor’s Parcel No. 627-13-008) and from A1 to Hillsides (APN 729-54-006) for consistency with the respective General Plan land use designations. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): Use of prior CEQA document (1994 Santa Clara County General Plan Environmental Impact Report), Location: Countywide (A, AR, HS, and RR Zoning Districts). File No. PLN14-10571.

7. The Planning Commission will have lunch at 70 West Hedding Street, East Wing, 7th Floor, Conference Room A, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. No Planning Commission business items will be discussed during this time.

Time Certain - To Be Heard No Earlier Than 1:30 p.m.


9. Receive report from Chairperson.
10. Receive reports from Commissioners.
12. Receive report from County Counsel.
13. Receive report from Planning Commission Secretary and Planning Manager, Department of Planning and Development.
14. Receive report from Director, Department of Planning and Development.

Announcements

15. Announcements and correspondence:
   a. Reminder: Annual Form 700 Statements of Economic Interests are due April 2, 2019.
   b. There are currently no vacancies on the Commission.
   c. The County of Santa Clara provides reimbursement to appointed Commissioners for family care expenses incurred during the time spent performing their official County duties. For additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (408) 299-5001.
   d. Receive correspondence.

Adjourn

16. Adjourn to the next special meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Isaac Newton Senter Auditorium, County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose.

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In a recent ad published on February 15, 2019 in the Palo Alto Weekly, Alain Pinel Realtors (“APR”) falsely claimed that “[they have] the highest average sales price in the nation.” This is simply untrue. In fact, it is not even close, and they cite no source whatsoever. As reflected above, DeLeon Realty’s average sales price is significantly higher than APR’s.

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Sales Volume of the Top Listing Agent or Team at Palo Alto Top Real Estate Brokerages

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Decades before Ronald McDonald House opened its doors as a residence for families of seriously ill children undergoing treatment at Stanford University Medical Center, there was McDonald Home. Named after Sam McDonald, one of the earliest African-American residents to settle in Mayfield (south of Palo Alto), it was founded in 1919 as the Stanford Convalescent Home for Underprivileged Children but renamed in 1959 to honor the countless hours McDonald devoted to the home and its children.

McDonald, the grandson of freed Louisiana slaves and superintendent of buildings and grounds at Stanford’s stock farm, is among the dozens of early African-American residents in Santa Clara County featured in author Jan Batiste Adkins’ newly released book, “African Americans of San Jose and Santa Clara County.” The book traces the history of local people of African heritage and their roles in every-thing from agriculture and technology to politics and education through 185 photos with accompanying text to tell their stories.

The book, released on Jan. 28, is part of the “Images of America” series by Arcadia Publishing.

Adkins, an adjunct faculty member and English composition and literature professor at San Jose City College who has been researching local black history for more than a decade, said she hopes her book will shed light on the area’s early African-American because many of these stories have never been documented. “This is history that’s not readily available,” she said. The book, she added, will be available online.

Adkins said she began researching the stories of early black settlers after her students started asking about the role African-Americans played in local history. “I didn’t have the answers, and when I went to get information, I couldn’t find anything,” she said. “I didn’t have information about where people lived, what kind of opportunities were available or why they came to the area. That prompted me to do research myself. I wanted to learn and know more and that’s how it started.”

Palo Alto, she said, attracted settlers for many reasons. The first group of African-Americans began settling there just before the turn of the 20th century to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad or on the Stanford campus for the university and its employees. The earliest of these residents were porters who lived on Fife Avenue in Mayfield near the Stanford train station, which served as a stop between San Francisco and Monterey, Adkins said.

According to Adkins’ book, there were nine African-Americans living in the city in 1900, including “Pop Harris,” an escaped slave who opened a shoe repair shop on the Stanford campus with his family in 1892. (His son Fran later opened Fran’s Market, which operated on the corner of Lytton Avenue.)

Adkins said after World War II, Palo Alto, as well as San Jose, became attractive for different reasons—technology and industry. “Employees recruited African-Americans from black colleges from around the country to work here,” she said. Roy L. Clay Sr., founder of Rod-L-E Electronic, who became known as the “Black Godfather of Silicon Valley,” and technologist Frank S. Greene, who developed high-speed semiconductor computer-memory systems at Fairchild Semiconductor R&D Labs, were among those early tech pioneers to settle in Palo Alto.

Adkins said one of the biggest surprises she didn’t expect to find while researching Palo Alto was the story of Eichler Homes.

“I kind of assumed there were restricted covenants because that was the case throughout the Bay Area. That did not surprise me. But what did surprise me were the Joseph Eichler homes.”

The Palo Alto real estate developer did not discriminate. He built homes and established nondiscriminatory policies in the 1950s, she said.

“His feeling was if you had the money and you could afford to buy, he would sell,” she said.

That’s why in the 1950s and ’60s many African-Americans (as well as other ethnic groups) moved from their original communities along Ramona, Homer, Channing, Bryant, Cower and Fulton streets and other neighborhoods once restricted to white residents, she added.

Adkins’ quest for information has taken her from San Francisco, down to Monterey and finally to Santa Clara Valley, where she discovered that five mulatto families settled in San Jose in 1777 as part of the original pueblo established during the Spanish era.

She published her first book “African Americans of San Francisco,” in 2012, followed by “African Americans of Mon- terey County” in 2015. Adkins said she decided to publish a third book on black pioneers in Santa Clara County after discovering that many of San Francisco area early residents had left those areas and migrated to Santa Clara Valley. “I thought this was so intriguing, I wanted to continue finding out about these people who migrated,” she said.

Adkins said she spent countless hours sorting through black newspapers published in San Francisco to piece together details about these early residents. She also found many of their histories on “little sheets of paper” tucked away in boxes stored in libraries and the county archives. For her Santa Clara County research, she tracked down descendants for as many of the area’s original families featured in the book as possible. In some cases, she searched for two or three years to locate ancestors, she said.

Adkins said these African-American families came to Santa Clara County during various migration waves. “Their challenges were about the same, but the reasons for coming were different,” she said.

Adkins said she learned that Santa Clara Valley was a very attractive place for early settlers who came out from the Midwest and south looking for new opportunities prior to 1940.
Hidden histories
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“They wanted to work in agri-
culture or have their own farms
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prime agricultural place.”

Adkins said the number of early African-Americans living in Santa Clara County was small, but those pioneers created oppor-
tunities for the next generation.

“They overcame great odds of
slavery, racial discrimination and
economic struggle,” she wrote in
the book’s introduction. “They ul-
timately developed communities
with churches, businesses, schools
and social and cultural organi-
zations … that still exist through-
out Santa Clara County today.”

Sam McDonald Park, the
967-acre open space preserve in
neighboring San Mateo County
created on a property of that
McDonald bequeathed to Stanford
for use as a park for children,
is among the monuments that
still stand today. □

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Background: In the late 1960s, Annette Glanckopf had a story similar to Baum’s. She was working at IBM in Palo Alto and living in San Francisco. She began to think her commute was a bit too long so she decided to rent a house on Ramona Street in Midtown. In 1972, when all of her friends started buying homes, she started looking too and settled on a fixer upper she said was originally a commune on Bryant Street. After she had the floors fixed and broken windows replaced, she moved in and eventually married.

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Midtown Palo Alto offers neighborhood along with easy walking to shops and parks

by Elizabeth Lorenz
photos by Veronica Weber

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my Lee and her husband moved to Midtown while she was pregnant with their first daughter in the summer of 2012. A friend had prompted her to consider moving from Redwood City to Palo Alto because of the city’s reputable schools.

Lee found a home to rent on a frontage road near Oregon Expressway with only seven homes on it (she asked that the exact street not be named). Their baby, who is now in first grade at El Carmelo School, was born just months after the couple moved into the neighborhood.

One of the things she discovered early about Midtown was its convenient location.

“I pretty much knew that I could walk pretty much everywhere,” she said.

The parks are another perk of the neighborhood.

“The parks are so beautiful,” she said.

The family often spends time at nearby Hoover and Bowden parks, a contrast to her childhood neighborhood in Orange County, where there was only one “big giant park” to which her mother had to drive her.

Midtown, named because it is roughly in the middle of Palo Alto, sits between Oregon Expressway and Loma Verde Avenue, and West Bayshore Road and Alma Street. With about 5,000 families living in a mix of homes from Eichler to Craftsman style, the neighborhood has its own shopping district, including a grocery store.

“Feeling like all of our neighbors are neighborly,” Lee said, often comparing notes on things like smelling a junk in their yards, or how family members are doing after catching the flu.

Unlike Lee, Webster Street resident LeAnn Baum found Midtown accidentally when she

and her husband moved from San Francisco.

“We love Midtown, we didn’t choose our house because it’s in Midtown. It was luck,” said Baum, who has two children, 5 and 6 years old.

“We love the low-key atmosphere of Midtown as compared to the busier downtown area of Palo Alto. We appreciate being off the beaten path,” she said. “Midtown has a nice balance of nice parks, shops, restaurants and other amenities.”

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ON THE LINKS ... Stanford senior Brandon Wu matched his career best finish by placing second on Wednesday at The Prestige Powered by Charles Schwab at the Greg Norman Course at PGA West. He carded three back-nine birdies in cool, pressure-packed conditions and closed with an even-par 71, but came up one short to Victor Hovland of Oklahoma State, who closed with a 66. Wu completed the 54-hole tournament with a score of 7-under 206 to collect the fifth runner-up showing of his Stanford career. Stanford shared sixth in the 16-team event with a total of 24-over 867, combining for a strong last day total of 7-over 291. The Cardinal B squad claimed 13th at 40-over 992, shooting 306 on Wednesday. David Snyder (74) also snagged a top-20 for Stanford, finishing at 5-over 215, Isaiah Salinda (73) tied for 24th at 6-over 219, while Henry Shimp, the team’s best final round with a 69 and tied for 33rd at 5-over 221.

WEEKLY HONORS ... Stanford women’s basketball player Alanna Smith earned this week’s Naismith Trophy National Player of the Week for her performances in the Cardinal’s road sweep of UCLA and USC. Smith, who picked up her third Pac-12 Player of the Week nod, had double-doubles in both games and averaged 22.5 points, 12.5 rebounds and 3.5 blocks in the victories. She had 22 points, 13 rebounds and four blocks in the Cardinal’s 65-51 win over USC. After losing the nail on her right index finger in the opening 23 points, 12 rebounds, three blocks and hit the game-winning layup on 3.1 seconds remaining in a 69-67 win. Smith also surpassed 1,500 career points against the Trojans, becoming the 16th player in program history to hit the mark. Eight of her 16 career double-doubles have come in the last 16 games ... Stanford senior Makenzie Fischer was named Mountain Pacific Sports Federation/KoP Player of the Week on Tuesday. Fischer has won the award in each of her three weeks of eligibility this season. ... Stanford senior Josh Sharma was voted the Pac-12 Men’s Basketball Player of the Week for his efforts in a home sweep of USC and UCLA over the weekend. The Cardinal posted a 79-76 victory over USC on Wednesday and a 104-80 win over UCLA on Saturday at Maples Pavilion.

COCOrnavirus Updates

Another go-around between two good teams

by Glenn Reeves

The Central Coast Section’s Open Division in girls and boys basketball turns seven this year. Pinewood and Mitty have each been included in the girls Open Division all seven years and are both playing in their fifth Open final. Mitty has won all four previous championship game appearances. Pinewood has lost in the final in each of the last four years, the last three years to Mitty and in 2015 to Sacred Heart Cathedral.

The 2019 final is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at Santa Clara University. And Pinewood, which went on to beat an undefeated Mitty team ranked No. 1 in the nation in triple overtime in last year’s NorCal Open Division final, would like to reverse a trend and win its first CCS Open Division title.

“We’re looking to win CCS,” said Pinewood senior Clara Astrom after scoring 25 points in an 80-45 win over Valley Christian after scoring 25 points in an 80-45 win over Valley Christian.

Mitty is led by senior Haley Jones, considered the nation’s top prep female player, a threat to get three or more rebounds every time she steps on the court.

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Menlo-Atherton sends seven girls to the state championships

Palo Alto represented by three wrestlers and Gunn has a pair

**Prep soccer**

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Menlo is joined by three other WBAL teams, including second-place and fifth-seeded Notre Dame Belmont (13-7-3), which plays Leigh (12-6-3) for the Division II title.

In Division IV, third-place Priory (13-4-3) plays fourth-place Sacred Heart Prep (11-5-6) for the championship at Del Mar High with a 5:30 p.m. starting time.

No. 5 Priory, in its second CCS championship game and its first since 2008, took a page out of Menlo’s notebook and traveled to top-seeded Monte Vista Christian (13-3-4), where it earned a 5-1 decision.

Junior Amaya Gray scored four times. She got the Panthers on the board in the 27th minute, with an assist from Vivian Yt chuang, who later added a goal. Gray scored again two minutes later, on an assist from Kate Hooper. Kaela Marchuck also recorded an assist.

Gray also scored four times and had an assist in a first-round victory over Gunderson. Maya Blevins and Hooper also scored.

The Gators advanced with a 3-2 victory over visiting Seaside on Tuesday.

Sacred Heart Prep scored twice in the first half and then底线 off a two-goal rally from Seaside to advance.

Juliana Rosen scored the third goal, on an assist from Elie Lessing. Rosen helped create the first goal with a beautiful crossing pass that found Sasha Bellack wide open in the box.

Megan Tinsley found an opening in the final five minutes of the first half and fired home the second of her two goals.

The Gators last reached the championship game in 2016, losing to Menlo School. They won a CCS title in 2015, SHP championship is seeking its fourth overall title.

Sacred Heart Prep finished fourth in the West Bay Athletic League and won a play-in game to qualify for the CCS. The Ga-
tors missed the tournament after finishing 0-13-1 last season.

This wealth of athletic ability in the WBAL is not restricted to soccer. Entering play Thursday there are no less than six WBAL teams still alive in the various CCS basketball tournaments. Three of them, Pinewood, Menlo and Eastside Prep, all play in the Open Division.

Menlo is the lone WBAL boys soccer team remaining while Eastside, Sacred Heart Prep and The King’s Academy are all play-
ing basketball Thursday.

Boys soccer

Menlo School, which finished second to SHP in the West Bay Athletic League, downed North Salinas 3-1 to reach Saturday’s Division II match. The Knights play Mitty at Fremont at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

The third-seeded Knights (18-2-2) will be looking for their first CCS title since sharing it with Sa-
cred Heart Prep in 2013.

“It feels awesome. To be able to play in the finals is a great hon-
or, but we’re also looking to win it,” senior Max Colowick said. SHP’s Alexia Schlottor dribbles the ball upfield.

“Ideally we’ll have even more games,” Menlo and North Salinas played to a scoreless first half, both teams had chances. Menlo junior goalie Adam Kasser stopped se-
vral shots in the first half.

In the second half, junior Trevor Perez got Menlo on the board with a goal in the 62nd minute.

Seven minutes later, Colowick converted on a senior Connor Nelson’s corner and Menlo led 2-0 with 21 minutes left.

Junior Aaron Morgan delivered the final blow, scoring on a feed from senior Ben Lasky with 11:20 remaining. North Salinas scored on a free kick in stoppage time.

“We came into the game a little nerv-
ous, complacent from our previous game,” Colowick said. “(At halftime), we pointed out our difficulty was in responding to the competition. On our way out, the bench was all,” Calhoon said, pointing to the large contingent of spectators decked out in M-A colors in a section of the stands. “I feel bad they drove the back line also took a lot of balls to various parts of the body that would have reached the net. Bears’ midfielders Jude Carabetta-Goncalves, Emmanuel Preciado and Jose Barillon each cre-
ated scoring opportunities in the second half.

For Sacred Heart Prep, The bad news is losing three seniors: Tommy Hogan, Brian Tinsley and John Carrington. The good news is that the rest of the team will be returning following a champion-
ship season, in which SHP won its first league title in four years and its 16th overall.

Next year’s team will be look-

ing for its first CCS title since 2013. The seniors helped forge a foundation for that pursuit.

The Toreadores scored around in the second half and the Gators spent the remainder of the time working hard for the equalizer. Stavropoulos had a pretty chance in front of the net that got loose from the goalie but was knocked away by a Monterey de-
fender. Liam Johnson had a couple of solid attempts, including a free kick that just went over the net.
Girls basketball
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Jump, also among the top prospects in the nation, has played with Jones on the club level and they will be teammates again next year at Stanford. If Cardinal coach Tara VanDerveer didn’t have to coach her own game Friday night, she’d likely be sitting courtside at Santa Clara, as she was Wednesday for the semifinals at Piedmont Hills.

The CCS girls basketball championships began in 1977, so long ago that Peterson beat Camden -- two schools that long ago ceased to exist -- in the final.

Mitty won its first CCS championship in 1985 with current coach Sue Phillips as the point guard. That started an incredible run of 29 consecutive CCS championship game appearances for the Monarchs.

Pinewood is making its 22nd CCS championship game appearance since Doc Scheppler took over in 1995.

There are other sub-plots scattered throughout the meeting of two of the top basketball minds this side of Steve Kerr (Mike Montgomery has retired). Let’s just say this will be interesting.

That’s because it’s playoff time, the time coaches and players obsessed with attempting to refine their craft have been waiting for.

“We’re just excited this week is finally here,” Scheppler said. “This is why you do all the stuff, why you put in all the work, so you can be at your best when you play these games.”

No. 2 Pinewood played at a very high offensive level in the win over Valley Christian, using a 24-0 run to take a 47-20 lead at halftime.

“That was our best offensive show of the year in terms of efficiency and finishing at the rim,” Scheppler said. “And when we didn’t get a good look at a 3 we’d get the offensive rebound.”

No. 1 Mitty (24-2) took care of No. 4 St. Ignatius, 78-51 in Wednesday’s other semifinal.

Pinewood (24-2) defeated St. Francis 61-39 in the quarterfinals.

“The coaching cliche is always to take one game at a time,” Scheppler said. “But that doesn’t mean you can’t work on the skills your girls will have to have against Mitty and other elite teams, handling the ball, handling pressure, handling double teams. We’ve been preparing all year to play Mitty again.

Jump scored 22 points against Valley Christian and led the team with 11 rebounds. Trinity Copeland had eight rebounds and Astrom six. Pinewood had 15 offensive rebounds.

“We’re going to need that Friday,” Scheppler said. “If we do that against Mitty we’re going to win.”

Jones presents all sorts of problems for every team Mitty plays, Pinewood included.

“It’s not so much their half-court sets that creates issues as it is their offensive rebounds and their style of play that creates easy baskets,” Scheppler said.

The popular perception of Pinewood is, “all they do is shoot 3s.”

Not exactly. Scheppler also spends plenty of time on defense.

Pinewood got very few open looks at 3-pointers against Mitty, in last year’s NorCal Open final, but won the game by hanging around in a defensive slugfest until Mitty ran out of gas in the third overtime period.

“We’re more conservative on defense than many teams we play,” Scheppler said. “We play man. We play good man, fundamentally-sound man, pointing toward getting better and better – usually with our backs against the wall.”

He was still ruminating on how Eastside Prep scored 39 points in the first half on Pinewood’s senior night.

“They gave us everything they had and we had to dig down deep,” Scheppler said. “They hit eight 3s in the first half. It’s not like we were playing terrible, but we weren’t laser-focused like we’ll need to be to beat the top teams.”

Pinewood outscored Eastside 40-13 in the second half and won 79-52. And the theme song for this post-season has defense in the main bar.

“It’s D we’re playing, not 3s we’re raining,” Scheppler rhymed.

It’s been a special four years for Peterson, considered by many to be the highest level of high school girls basketball, the California Open Division.

Jump and Astrom were freshmen starters on the 2016 team that knocked off St. Mary’s of Stockton, another undefeated team ranked No. 1 in the nation, in the NorCal Open semifinals, before losing in the NorCal final to a Miramonte team that featured Sabrina Ionescu, considered the favorite for National Player of the Year with Oregon.

Jump and Astrom were juniors last year when Pinewood took it a step further, outlasting Mitty in that epic triple-overtime NorCal final before losing to Windward in the state Open Division championship game.

And now the clock is ticking down on their final games in a Pinewood uniform. It’s not too difficult to figure how they’d like this season to play out. They’d like to help take Pinewood that one final step, one win further than it’s ever gone before.
Wrestling (continued from page 41)

Ericson won the 160-pound title by default. She isn’t sure where she will attend college, but said none of what I learned the past year,” McDonnell said.

“Akinola placed second at last year’s state meet -- an impressive achievement considering she was coming off an ACL injury. Her goals this year include nothing less than both individual and team state championships.”

“All the girls on our team have a great future ahead of them. None of them are going to let us down,” McDonnell said. “This time I will look to show what I learned the past year,” McDonnell said.

“I wish I would have known earlier,” Ericson said. “We both came on the mat and shook hands and then it was over.”

“In the match with historical significance everyone on hand was waiting for, Akinola took a 12-6 decision over Juliannah Bolli of Silver Creek, joining Gunn’s Cadence Lee as the second four-time CCS champion in the annals of girls wrestling.

Akinola set the tone in introductions when she did a cartwheel after being announced. “I practiced around the corner,” she said, with a laugh. Her athleticism was also on display once the match started.

“When you look back with pride at the legacy she and her teammates created at a women’s wrestling team,” McDonnell said. “We both look forward to the future.”

At times she seemed to be almost playing with her opponent as well as playing to her fans in the crowd. Akinola placed second at last year’s state meet -- an impressive achievement considering she was coming off an ACL injury. Her goals this year include nothing less than both individual and team state championships.

In the boys side of the CCS wrestling championships, Palo Alto took fifth place with 113.5 points. The dynastic program at Gilroy won its 16th consecutive CCS championship.

Andrew Wang, the No. 3 seed at 126, earned a berth at the state meet, advancing to the final where he lost to Victor Jacinto of Gilroy 3-0.

Other Paly wrestlers who made it up on the CCS podium were Peter Graham (fifth at 113) Adar Schwarzbach (sixth at 132), Daray Heydarpour (fourth at 138) and Cade Creighton (fourth at 145).

Gunn’s Timothy Waymouth took sixth at 152 and Dash Lee placed fifth at 182. Lee ends his season with a 26-13 record. Waymouth ends his season with a 28-8 record.

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